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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It has been a busy month for your President. The first part of February is always the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the past, I've had tales of woe, beginning with the flight delays, snow as high as my shoulders, etc. But this year the flights were on time (scary) and the predicted 12 inches of snow forecast for Philly missed us. Attendance was the largest on record. With a new Seminar Director Stacy Zimmerman at the helm, there were many new and exciting programs to dive into. Here's just a few - Dawn of the Automobile Age - The Law and Collector Cars - Chrome Plating & Metal Re-finishing - Estate Planning: Your Cars, Your Estate - Shelby's (and various other individual cars) - Driver Participation - Youth Development - Etc. Twenty-five to choose from on day one, and fifteen on day two. From the responses they were all very informative and interesting.

It would be nice if I could attend as in the early years but there were Director Meetings most of the time and when not attending meetings, I was promoting our Fall National Meet at our booth located right in front of the Trade Show. There was very good response to our offerings. Yes, there is also a large Trade Show that had representatives from many Antique Auto Insurance providers, Restoration Colleges, Auction Houses, Appraisers, Restorers, etc. All automotive for the most part however there was "A Blast from the Past" featuring vintage clothing. Ladies, don't feel left out if you are not that into the cars, there were several programs just for you and daily tours of Philly. I was moderator of the Publications Seminar and Fred Jr. was co-moderator of the HPOF (Historical Preservation of Original Features).

The Annual Meeting was packed; there was standing room only. It is a forum to show our members what's going on with the club. There is a hand out that shows what each Vice President is doing from Publications to Treasury Reports. Of course a hot topic was the Museum and our decision to not continue our funding. It was made very clear that we would work with an outside arbitrator, but as of this writing the Museum has not agreed. Facts were laid out and members were told that everything that has been discussed/negotiated is in writing, from emails to proposals on the National side. Everyone was told to remember that it was the Museum that proposed the merger when all this started.

My last task was to announce the winners of the NAAP (National Awards and Achievement Program) for our Newsletter Editors. It was a little daunting to stand in front of 459 people, tell a bit about the program, and then make the awards to the winners. Although it wasn't as easy as talking with you, I made it through without any hitches. Waiting for me when I got back to my seat was the best Bloody Mary I'd had in a long time!

Now back home, we had our annual Show 'N' Tell. Although our crowd wasn't as large in past years, those that presented were excellent. It's amazing what our members come up with and the history they represent.

Hope to see you at the March Potluck!

Mary B

AACA BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2017
Butterworth Center, Moline Illinois

Present:

Mary Bartemeyer, President
John Brewer, Vice President
Jan Brewer, Secretary
Dick Perry, Past President
Fred Bartemeyer, Board Member
Sharon Hoaglund, Board Member
Gary Smith, Board Member
Jim Smith, Board Member

Absent:

Gary Gleason, Treasurer
LaVonne Gleason, Board Member
Jess Hansen, Board Member
Gary Wright, Autograf Editor

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bartemeyer.

Minutes:

A motion was made and passed to approve the February 2017 minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

There was brief discussion about the budget. A report will be filed by Treasurer Gleason for audit.

Sunshine:

A motion was made and passed to limit cards to members and their parents, children & grandchildren.

Roster:

Nothing to report

Membership:

A motion was made and passed to give membership to Scott & Jennifer Johnson.

Web Master:

Nothing to report

Historian:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

The Annual AACA Meeting in Philadelphia was attended by Mary Bartemeyer and Fred Bartemeyer. They had a busy schedule that

included numerous meetings, attending seminars, etc. Pres. Bartemeyer also gave a seminar.

New Business:

Our club roster was filled out and sent in to National by the deadline of March 1, 2017. Show and Tell Luncheon had a lower attendance than in past years. The food was good and we enjoyed the items that members brought. The Potluck Lunch will be on March 25. See newsletter for details. Look forward to a surprise program on April 25. Still working on details for the Father's Day Breakfast.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Brewer

Secretary



https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/americas-best-selling-cars-and-trucks-are-built-on-lies-the-rise-of-fake-engine-noise/2015/01/21/6db09a10-a0ba-11e4-b146-577832aefcb4_story.html?utm_term=.7adb2308855





MVR March Activity – March 25th

Potluck and tour of the Rock Island County Historical House and Library

We will first have the potluck at the Butterworth Carriage House, (*not the Deere-Wiman Carriage House*). It is at the corner of 12th Avenue and 7th Street. You may park in the lot across from the Butterworth House and walk back or park in the lot across 7th Street where the old hospital was. We will open at 11:30 AM and start eating at noon. Bring your plates and utensils and a dish for the potluck. Drinks will be provided. After the meal we will go to the Historical Society facilities. If you parked over by the carriage house you can drive around and park in the lot between the Butterworth mansion and the Historical Society. We will be given a tour of the house and the library.



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IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR "CAR SHOW" SEASON!

Here are some upcoming shows within a reasonable distance of the Quad Cities. Did you know that you can receive a list of Iowa and Illinois car shows delivered to your e-mail inbox each week? Just send a quick e-mail to Rick Stauffer at nomader57@yahoo.com to join RICK'S LIST. More information on these and other shows are available on his website: <http://www.rickslist.info/>

- ◆ *April 1 - Tipton Car Show @ Fairgrounds in Tipton, IA*
- ◆ *April 6 - Palo Cruise In @ green space area behind Bank Palo, IA*
- ◆ *April 8 - Twin City Cruisers Cruise In @ 1210 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL*
- ◆ *April 13 - Yogis Cruise In @ 260 Welter Drive Monticello, IA*
- ◆ *April 15 - Mississippi Rat Pak Cruise Night @ Wal-Mart Keokuk, IA*
- ◆ *April 15 - Delavan Cruise Night in downtown Delavan, IL*
- ◆ *April 15 - Nostalgic Indoor Invitational Show in Pekin, IL*
- ◆ *April 20 - Classic Enterprises Cruise-In @ 250 Classic Car Court, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- ◆ *April 21 - Jefferson Street Cruise @ Burlington, IA*
- ◆ *April 22 - Mark Watson Memorial Car Show @ Danville, IA*
- ◆ *April 22 - Carthage VFW Cruise @ 29 North Madison Street, Carthage, IL*
- ◆ *April 22 - Highland High School Car Show @ 1715 Vine Avenue, Riverside, IA*
- ◆ *April 22 - Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise Night @ South Park Mall in Moline, IL*
- ◆ *April 23 - Vettster's Magazine Corvette Show @ Saint Charles, IL*
- ◆ *April 27 - Godfather Pizza Cruise-In @ 2201 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- ◆ *April 28 - Classy Chassy Cruisers Cruise Night @ Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville, IA*
- ◆ *April 29 - The Mill On Route 66 @ 738 South Washington Lincoln, IL*
- ◆ *April 30 - Corvette Show @ Hawk Chevy, Jefferson Street Joliet, IL*
- ◆ *April 30 - Car Show @ 2601 East Lincolnway, Sterling IL*



DID YOU KNOW? The "new car smell" is composed of over 50 volatile organic compounds. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_car_smell)

Correction: In our haste to get the February Autograf out, we mistakenly identified LaVonne Gleason as Linda Lamm in the pictures from the Rod and Custom Show. We apologize to these fine ladies and will endeavor to be more careful next time! —Editor

IT'S A DUESIE! - FRIEDRICH AND AUGUST DUESENBERG by Gary Wright, editor

The Duesenberg brothers, originally born in Germany, were immigrated to America with their mother in 1885 where their name would eventually become associated with vehicles known for luxury, style, and speed.

Friedrich and August Duesenberg were born as the youngest of four siblings to Konrad and Luise Conradine. After losing their father at an early age, the boys immigrated to Rockford, Iowa and became more commonly known as Fred and Augie. The boys picked up on English very quickly



and at the young age of 17, Friedrich left high school and worked on the family farm. From an early age, Fred showed a great aptitude for mechanics and was very successful at repairing broken farm equipment. He further developed his skills by completing a correspondence course in engineering, as well as several apprenticeships in related fields working alongside more experienced mechanics.

Eventually, Fred and Augie both opened their own shops (in different cities) where they repaired, built, and sold parts for bicycles. In order to increase his sales, Friedrich focused on the need for speed and entered his bicycles into several racing competitions. After setting several world records for speed, Fred began to take an interest in the idea of engine powered transportation. The brothers experimented by attaching gasoline

engines to bicycles and creating some of the world's first motorcycles.



Their interest in engines eventually led them to expand into the automotive industry and in 1903 they both moved to Des Moines to open their

own shop. It was here that an Iowa lawyer, Edward Mason, took interest in their company and invested in the brothers to begin manufacturing cars.

By 1910, Fred Maytag bought over 60% of the company. It was subsequently named the Maytag-Mason Motor Company, moved to Waterloo, and became known for manufacturing two-cylinder cars. Unfortunately, neither Maytag nor Mason had any experience in the car sales business and the company eventually subsided (and Fred Maytag went on to found the Maytag washing machine and appliance business).

As for the brothers, they continued pursue their interest in the world of auto speed and racing, and in 1913 they moved to Minnesota to open a small plant of their own. Soon after, they also opened manufacturing plants in Chicago and New Jersey, and became known as the "Duesenberg Motor Company". The company built full racing cars, as well as marine and aircraft engines during World War I. The cars excelled in races, so much so that in 1921 seven of the ten Indy 500 finalists were drivers of Duesenberg cars. The brothers were smart enough to capitalize on this success and

began advertising their vehicles as "The World's Champion of Automobiles – Built to outclass, outrun, and outlast any car on the road".

In 1920, the brothers sold their plants in Chicago and New Jersey and relocated to Indianapolis. After the sale of their first car, the Model A, was unsuccessful, the brothers joined forces with E. L.

Cord to design the Model J—a custom-built car known for luxury. During the time, several A-class celebrities drove the model and the vehicles became such a household name that the term "it's

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a Duesie" ("Doozie") came to represent anything extraordinary.

In an ironic twist of fate, Friedrich was badly injured in 1932 after crashing one of his own cars. The injury was so severe that, at the height of his success, Friedrich died from complications. Unfortunately, the Cord Company was eventually forced into bankruptcy and despite a solid attempt; Augie was unsuccessful at reviving the

luxurious Duesenberg name before he died of a heart attack in 1955.

To see some beautiful Duesenbergs along with Auburns and Cords, The Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana makes a nice weekend trip. Also in Auburn is the National Auto And Truck Museum which features mostly post WWII automobiles and trucks.



It's that time of year to renew not only your Region membership but also your National membership. To be a member of the Region per our By-Laws, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER of the National AACA. If you don't remember whether or not you paid your dues, let me know and I can look up both from our roster and the National Roster. You don't want to miss any of the National AACA Magazines or the fun that we plan to have this year, including the National Meet in August.

On another note, we are an aging Region. We need new blood. The National AACA gives us 4 free memberships per year and we have 3 left. As a National Director, I also get 4 free memberships and have 2 left. We all know those who could benefit from being a member. Let's get them interested with the free memberships.

IF YOUR LOCAL AND NATIONAL DUES ARE NOT PAID THIS MONTH, this is the last 'AUTOGRAF' you will receive.

WELCOME SCOTT AND JENNIFER!

Members: Please update your directory and bid a warm welcome to:

Scott and Jennifer Johnson
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Scott and Jennifer bring a 1925 Dodge Brothers Tour, 1946 Mercury Convertible, 1963 MG Midget, 1969 Vespa, and a 195? Crosley TQ Midget



FEBRUARY'S SHOW AND TELL EVENT

On February 18, Mississippi Valley Region members gathered at the Hickory Garden Restaurant in Davenport for our annual Show and Tell lunch meeting. Members brought special items they had acquired, hobby related items and other interesting items to share with those gathered.



Neil West displays antique wooden farm tools. This is an implement to remove grass seeds.



Mike Birmingham brought a hoist in hopes someone could tell what it was used for.



John Brewer brought engine tooling.



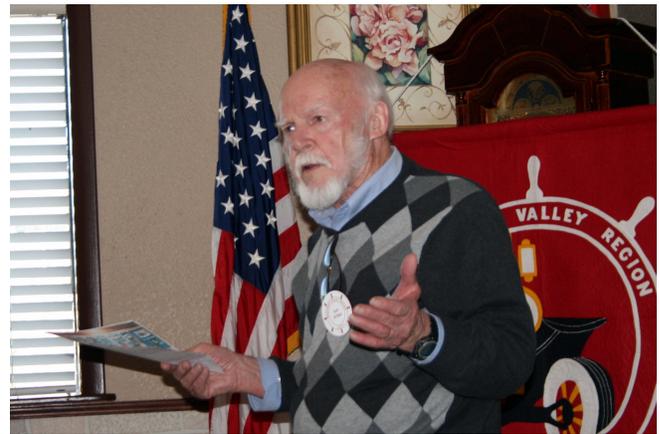
Sandy Perry displayed older gas station signage.



Perinne West brought parts of her doll collection. This is a doll set from her childhood.



Jim Conrad showed his NASCAR Drivers Plaque from his test drive.



Gary Heitman showed his display of all the cars he'd ever owned.



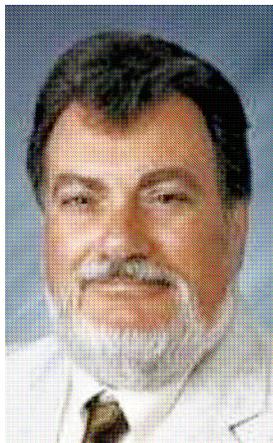
Fred Bartemeyer showed and told about his collaboration to reproduce 1988 Fiero quarter windows. This is a highly sought after part. Fred is in a partnership with another person to produce these.



Ron Gottschalk brought antique tools and demonstrated their use.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

By Don Barlup, 2015 AACA President



Much has been written about the graying of the hobby, not just the vintage vehicle hobby, but all organizations. Our service organizations, Masonic lodges, Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, our places of worship, and the list goes on. Many are now immersed in instant gratification at the touch of a mouse

or simply the wave of a finger.

Many groups lament the lack of younger involvement and suffer from those who have paid their dues and no longer want to take an

active leadership role due to age and/or infirmity.

The real answer lies within us, you and I. Leaders are not always born with those qualities, they are nurtured and cultivated by you and I. We invite them to a meeting, cruise, car show, or just to visit our man cave. At that point, we can continue to get them involved or simply walk away and never see them again.

Fellow hobbyist! We are the answer, we have the responsibility! If we expect everyone else to do our job, it will never get done!

We each have the responsibility, dare I say it, to replace ourselves. Individually we can get the job done. Collectively we can reverse the trend. But, we must start now. Complacency and defeat are not in an AACA member's vocabulary! Let's get started – NOW!



Calendar of Events

- * March 19th - Illinois Region 33rd Annual Winter Car Parts Swap Meet, Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL, formerly Kane County Fairgrounds
- * March 23rd-26th - AACA Western Spring Meet. Palm Springs, CA
- * March 25th - Annual Potluck - Butterworth Center Carriage House. Afterward, we will tour the Rock Island Historical Society (Perry's Host)
- * April 5th - Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM at Butterworth Center, Moline, IL
- * April 25th - Yes it's a Tuesday Night. More on this later. (Sharon Hoaglund Host)
- * May - Spring Tour hosted by the Gleasons
- * May 11-13 - Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN
- * June 15-17 - 10th Annual Heartland Nova Reunion, Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds
- * June 25th - Annual Breakfast (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!). Due to the AACA Grand National in Kansas City, our Breakfast has been moved to the weekend following Father's Day.
- * July 6-8 - Iola Collector Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI
- * July T.B.A. - A meeting at the Isle of Capri to get everyone on the same page for our Central Fall Meet.
- * August 17th – 19th - AACA Central Region AACA Fall Meet in Bettendorf, IA
- * September 9th - Annual Steak fry with something new
- * October 14th and 15th - Annual Fall Tour Hosted by the Gleasons.
- * November T.B.A. - Annual Banquet



GET TO KNOW AN MVR MEMBER

Let's get to know one another better! Please take a moment to give us your answers! PLEASE NOTE: You don't have to answer all the questions. You can even make up some of your own! It would be great to have a mix of both new and long-time MVR members participate. This month's victim is...

Name: **John Brewer**



- Occupation:** President, CEO, CTE of Douglas Machine & Engineering Co.
- Birth Date:** July 15, 1953
- Family:** Wife/girlfriend Jan; kids: Melanie, Stacey Scott: step kids: Heather, Travis, Zac, Hayley, Chris & 19 grand kids.
- First Job:** Mowing 14 lawns and working at Geifmans
- First Car:** 1964 Dodge Model 440 (golden anniversary year)
- Favorite Food:** Thick Iowa pork chops on the grill, new Kennebec potatoes and peaches and cream sweet corn
- One Food I won't touch:** Any foreign food
- Favorite Color:** Yellow
- Favorite Sport:** Swimming
- Favorite Hobby:** Building, inventing
- Favorite TV Show:** Judge Judy!
- Favorite Movie:** The Help
- Favorite Book or Author:** Automotive history and the people involved
- Favorite Vacation Spot:** Any warm beach
- If I could have one or two things with me on a desert island, it/they would be:** Jan and Iowa pork chops
- Favorite Card Game:** Strip Poker (in my mind anyway)
- Favorite Singer:** Sinatra of course!
- Favorite Quote:** "Engineers have the vision to see that everything in this world can be improved, even ourselves"
- The Person (living or dead) I would Most Like to meet:** Obama so I can punch him in the nose.
- Something You're Good At:** Efficiencies
- Something You're Bad At:** spellin'
- Work You Most Enjoy:** Building or rebuilding anything
- Things I Collect:** Classic, cars, trucks, tractors, guns & tools.
- Fondest Childhood Memories:** Riding bike and fishing
- Peak Experience:** Not robbing Peter to pay lazy Paul (Thanks to Democrats)
- Where is your "happy place?"** Jan and trying to have more kids
- One Thing I Feel Strongly About:** Not robbing Peter to pay lazy Paul (Thanks to Democrats)
- I wish I knew how to:** Play an instrument
- I can't stand:** Democrats
- If I could change one thing I'd:** Change Democrats into Republicans
- Antique/classic cars I own:** 28 Elcar, 28 Nash, 29 Willys-Knight, 33 Nash, 34 Dodge Brothers, 37 Graham, 78 Auburn
- How my spouse feels about this crazy hobby:** She knows that it is an investment that she can drive and enjoy activities to get away.
- Where I found my antique/classic:** Won auction for a very complete 1938 Packard against a hot rodder
- Do you have an interesting story about your car?** Won an auction on eBay in the last seconds for a very rare 1933 Nash from the east coast. Two months later I answered an ad from a movie guy seeking early 30's cars for a movie to shoot in and around Chicago. Sent pictures and a few weeks later he called explaining the movie would be about John Dillinger's final crime spree and would star Johnny Depp, Christian Bale and directed by Michael Mann. He said Depp and Mann HAD to have the Nash for their movie and if it were not for sale they would like to lease it. In the end we got the car back with a bent drive shaft, all new glass, new interior, so it would match the stunt car, and it had a total of two paint jobs. With our damage charges, late fee charge and lease fee, they paid many times the winning bid.

DID YOU KNOW? About 165,000 cars are produced every day. (worldometers.info/cars)



HUGE COLLECTOR CAR & ANTIQUE TRACTOR COLLECTION

We've all watched the Barrett-Jackson auctions on television and drooled over the beautiful cars going for 6 and 7 figures, but here's a chance to attend an auto auction on person only a hour from the Quad Cities on Monday, June 26th through Friday, June 30th at 8:00 AM.

This auction will be held on the Gabeline family farm, located just outside the small town of Yarmouth, IA (population 78). Yarmouth, IA (20 miles northwest of Burlington, IA)

Saturday & Sunday, June 24th & 25th – Pre-Sale Buyer Registration & Open House (we strongly encourage you to register for your bidder number either of these days to beat the rush).

Monday, June 26th at 8:00 AM CST – Selling approximately 250± of the premier “Gabeline” collector cars. These cars will be the rarest and most highly sought after units!

Tuesday, June 27th at 8:00 AM CST – Ring #1: Selling the entire antique tractor collection! Ring #2: Selling the remaining balance of the collector vehicles—approximately 200+! Also, selling other car related items including parts.

Wednesday, June 28th; Thursday, June 29th; & Friday, June 30th, starting at 8:00 A.M, there will be multiple auction rings operating simultaneously. A more detailed listing of the items to be sold each day will be added as we start setting up for the auction; although, it is our plan to start with the car parts, signs, gas pumps and pedal cars (as always, Sullivan Auctioneers typically start with the best items!

This will be one of the largest and most interesting auctions ever held in the Midwest! The auction brochures will hopefully be printed in April and will be mailed to everyone that has either called in

or email requesting a booklet. If you have not requested a booklet, please do so by emailing your mailing address to sold@sullivanauctioneers.com.

This is an absolute unreserved auction...every item positively sells to the highest bidder! No onsite buyer's premium!

Brief collector car highlights include: RARE '29 Stutz Black Hawk Sport Roadster, '38 Packard Type A Model 1119 Roadster, '40 Lincoln Zephyr V12 Convertible, '41 Cadillac Sedanette 2 door Fastback, '32 Ford Roadster, “Several” Tri Five

Chevys including Nomad, Sedan Delivery and Concours Restored '56 2 Door Hardtop, '36 Ford Cabriolet Convertible, '36 Ford Phaeton Convertible, '69 Dodge Dart “Swinger” Car Craft Magazine Give Away Car, “Several” Late 50's and Early 60's Impala Convertibles (Restored and Survivors including Tri Power and 4 Speed), '50 Cadillac 2 Door Convertible Deville Beautifully Restored

and Triple Black, Approximately 2 dozen other Cadillacs including '59 Coupe Deville, '56 “Real Pink” Coupe Deville, etc., Tremendous Selection of Vintage Pickups and Carryalls including Chevy, Ford, Willys, REO and others, “Several” Chevrolet and RARE GMC Cameo Pickups, “Several” '59 El Caminos, Other El Caminos including True '69 SS 396, Great Selection of Mid 60's Galaxies and T-Birds, “Dozens” of Early Snub Nose, C.O.E.'s and Fire trucks including Mack, Selection of Motorcycles including '59 Harley with Side Car, '08 Harley Trike, '65 Harley Special Purpose Trike, Show Quality Restored and Survivor Cushmans, BSA and others. As stated above, this is just a sample of what to expect. There will be 100+ convertibles, fantastic custom built and award winning restored vehicles, along with amazing “Survivor” cars. There will also be a large selection of “Fencerow” projects and parts cars.

Early listing of vintage tractors includes... John Deere L's, D's, AR's, MI & MT's, H, A's & B's, 420, 520, 720 & 820's, 430, 730 & 830's, 2010, 3010 & 5010's, 4000 Low Pro, 3020, 4020 & 5020's including FWA and Wheatland, 4WD models to include 4520 & 7520, also selling “numerous” Versatile 4WD tractors including 900, 950's and



1150's, Olivers including 60, 70's and 80, Masseys to include 35, 98, 101, 203 Wheatland, 81, 88, 20's, 74, 555's, 97 FWA, 444's, Super 101, 201, 44's, 102's, Orchard, etc. Allis-Chalmers to include WD45, C's, CA, D10's and others, Minneapolis Moline's including Z, U, GTB, J and others, other vintage tractors such as David Brown, Farmalls, McCormick, Silver King, Hubers, Grahams, Wards, Case, Rock Island and others.

Other highlights include...an enormous selection of vintage car, truck and tractor parts, 200+ childs pedal cars, 100+ childs pedal tractors, 100's of vintage toys, large selection of

vintage automotive and other signs, dozens of very nice and unrestored gas pumps, several restored and unrestored antique pop machines, chest coolers, lidded totes, etc. Also selling farm primitives, vintage lawn mowers, snowmobiles, scooters, mini bikes, early amusement park rides including antique car ride and (2) individual multi car ride on pressed steel train ride! The late Bob Gabeline had an eye for the rare and unusual. You will be amazed with the quantity and the selection. From a full size antique train caboose to a RARE '29 Stutz to a great selection of "Muscle" and other tractors,

See some of the items up for auction here:

<http://www.sullivanauctioneers.com/auction/huge-collector-car-antique-tractor-collection-2/>

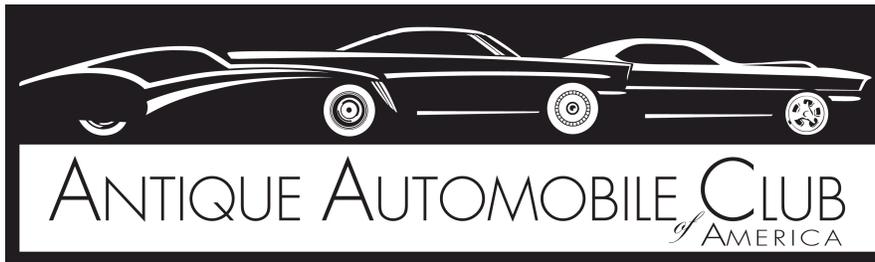
MVR MEMBERS ATTEND THE AACA WINTER MEET IN OCALA, FLORIDA

By Gary Gleason

February 13 thru March 2, LaVonne and I went to Florida. One of the days we went to a wildlife refuge on Sanibel Island. While there we spotted a rare animal only seen in Florida for about 1 week during the winter. It is normally seen along the Mississippi River in Iowa. It is called an Alvin Elmore. It was accompanied by its mate, Marie.

We also attended the AACA Winter Meet in Ocala, Florida. They had 192 judged cars and 68 in Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) and Driver Participation. Friday night we attended an ice cream social at the National Parts Depot where we saw a private collection of 213 cars. The pictures are from that collection. Got to talk to several people about our meet in August. Several are coming and were excited about LeClaire and the Friday river cruise.





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