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President's Message

Summer is moving right along. Almost faster than I can keep up. Since my last column Fred and I have attended the National Meet in Auburn, IN. Special this year was that it was a joint meet with the Buick Nationals, the Hudson Terraplane Club, and the AMX local. Over 250 cars were on the show field on a beautiful day. Although the flea market was very sparse along with the car coral, it was still a good time. Their afternoon barbeque is out of this world. A trend that I hope continues is the meal starts at 4 p.m. with the awards given immediately afterward. No suits and ties, only good car talk.

Next up for me is the New Ulm, Minnesota Grand Nationals, show day July 24th. The best of the best are the only ones that can show and we shall see how the Midwest handles it. It is a National Board of Directors Meeting so I will be leaving on Wednesday and home after. A bit of a drive, but might be worth your time.

Locally we continue with nice drives coming up and who can't resist Cars 'N' Ice Cream the last Sunday of every month through September. We are the sponsors so let's continue to support this event. We have picked up several new members through this outlet.

A special shout out to our 2022 Fall Meet Committee, who are moving at stellar speed under the direction of Meet Manager Mark Lousberg. If you get a call for assistance PLEASE don't hesitate to say yes. No one person will be tasked more than they can handle. Every minute given counts.

See you soon,

Mary B



MVR AACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 7th 2021

Butterworth Center, Moline, IL.

Members present: Mary and Fred Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Alan Ford, Sharon Hoaglund, Jim Conrad, Clair Pearson, Mark Lousberg, Gary Gleason, Gary Smith

Minutes of Last Meeting Approved Treasurers Report – filed for audit

Reports: Sunshine – no report Roster - Members will be asked via next Autograph to update their current listing in the MVR Directory by August 1st in order to print an updated membership roster.

Membership – 128 +2 new members who were accepted: Cindy Kuhser (sister of Marie Elmore) 2511 – W 46 St., Davenport, IA who owns a 76 Chevy Impala and a 77 Olds Cutlass

Mark Copeland, 1263 – 33 Ave Circle, Silvis, IL., who owns 2 Merkurs

Webmaster – Mark asked members to check out the updated website. A recommendation was made on how to find information on current activities and where to find information

Historian – Perrys donated printed color photo pages of past MVR events. Mary is meeting soon with Jim Sullivan and Jim Anderson to receive many old slides from the past which will be available at a future date.

Old Business -

The Family Day Breakfast and drive at West Lake Park on June 5th was attended by 33 people including 2 children. John Brewer has a reservation form to secure June 11, 2022 for the next Family Day Breakfast and drive. The weather, food and Ranger talk were excellent! Many thanks to Clair Pearson, John and Jan Brewer and all who attended and helped.

June 27 Cars and Ice Cream event not well attended due to large Pt. Byron show same day.

Club Signage –Board approved a motion made by Clair Pearson, seconded by John Brewer to purchase 2 rollup vinyl signs (6' x 36") at \$235 each for use during club events and national meets. Discussion on design of sign, what is needed such as logos, photos, mission statement. Board previously agreed to pay for professional design work. Design ideas may be reviewed at next meet meeting July 21st.

Mary and Fred Bartemeyer and Alan Ford reported on the national meet in Auburn, IN held July 1-3 as having 250 cars.

Sandy Perry attended Coal Valley Days car show July 3rd and distributed numerous MVR trifolds.

New Business

Next Meet Meeting will be July 21 at the Butterworth Education Center on 12th Avenue

Monthly Activities Club Planned

July 10- QC Cruisers Cruise-in at Mills Chevrolet 5-8. Members meet at Davenport Walmart at 4:45 (Elmore & Veterans Parkway) Leader needed for this event.

July 17th - Driving Tour/Car Trivia Contest--Lake Story, Galesburg with Picnic Lunch and private tour of Galesburg Orpheum Theater. Galesburg Tourism gift bags and Illinois National Guard backpacks for first 20 cars. (Perrys and Lamms hosts)

July 25th - Cars and Ice Cream 3-5, maybe a drive ahead of time?

August 14th - QC Cruisers Cruise-in at South Park Mall 3-6. Members meet at Southpark Office Max at 2:45 p.m.

August 28th - Tour/Cookout/Garden Tour (Jim Smith & Mrs. Moffit will be providing meat for cookout)

August 29th - Cars and Ice Cream 3-5, maybe a drive ahead of time?

September 11th - Trains/Planes/Automobiles, Geneseo. Picnic after by Scott and Jennifer Johnson. Members meet at Office Max – South Park Mall, Time TBD.

September 26th Cars and Ice Cream 3-5 maybe a drive ahead of time?

October - Date TBD (Mark Lousberg)

November 13th Year End Banquet (Brewers)

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m. – Submitted by Sandy Perry

2022 Central Fall National Meet Minutes – June 23, 2021

Deere/Wyman Carriage House - Moline, IL

Members present: Mark Lousberg, Alan Ford, John Brewer, Jim Conrad, Clair Pearson, Sandy & and Dick Perry, Mary and Fred Bartemeyer **Absent:** Jim Smith
Meet called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mark Lousberg, Chair

Meet Chair positions updated as follows:

Meet Chair – Mark Lousberg

Trailer Parking – Jim Conrad

Finance – Gary Gleason

Sponsor Chair – Eric Smith

Meet Book Chair – unfilled

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Trophy Chair – unfilled

Meals – (Banquet selection) Unfilled

Flea Market – unfilled

Thursday Evening Dessert – Sandy Perry

Field Marshall – John Brewer

Registration – Mary Bartemeyer

Chief Judge – Fred Bartemeyer

Membership – Audrey & Mike Birmingham

Hospitality Chair – (Friday night event) – Clair Pear-

son

Merchandise – Roger and Linda Lamm

Photographer – unfilled

Car Corral – Alan Ford

MEET TIMELINE – Changed date for Chief Judge to establish classes to July 15 – same as regis. deadline

BUDGET – EXPENSES vs. EXPECTED REVENUE: Gary Gleason provided past history budgets, cost analysis, expenses, revenue sources, etc. for Mark and Committee. Event Costs needed ASAP: Meals Thurs, boat tour Friday, banquet Sat.

MEET BOOK - Discussed content as to repeat use of past article on cars made in the Quad Cities. Suggestion to shorten to just Moline, Moline Knight, Willys Knight, Velie automobiles. Also might include articles on John Deere, Buddy L Toys, Effie Afton, Miss. River Bridge, other histories of area. Meet book cover could be photo of Miss. River bend from 9th floor of hotel or aerial photo showing the Bend. Agreed to contract with Annette Wilson to help with design and formatting of the meet book if she is able to add this to her workload.

HOSPITALITY – Clair Pearson - the current group discount price for the Friday night meal/cruise on the Celebration Belle for 2022 would be \$52.95/person. We would need to increase to \$55 minimum. Last cruise had 175 people. Previous meet fee was \$10 more than actual cost with profit of \$1500.

THURSDAY DRIVING TOURS to various locations in and near Quad Cities was discussed. Maps, directions and help from QCVB with brochures, etc. will not require tour buses, vans, etc. Nicki Brus is contact.

ROOM USE OF BEND was discussed as to what rooms could be used, capacity, timing, meals, etc. Will include judges breakfast Sat. morning, Judges training and Roundtable discussions Friday, closing banquet and trophies Sat. afternoon.

BANQUET - Now less formal, less costly, earlier lighter meal and judging results allowing participants to leave afterward.

CHIEF JUDGE – Fred requested we change car parking plan to include HPOF vehicles with restored vehicles of same year together. This newer plan will require slight adjustments, but seemed doable. Room inside for 175 cars max.

THURSDAY EVENING EVENT – Sandy Perry suggested we prepare fruit cobblers at Faith Lutheran Church (Institutional kitchen) served with ice cream vs. asking members for desserts as easier and more acceptable with current health guidelines. This will require a fee to cover the cost of the ingredients. This will be served in the Hotel Hospitality area.

Car Corral and Flea Market – These 2 areas could draw additional people and provide more revenue but will require more land use/layout and monitoring to oversee by MVR members. Alan Ford will handle Car Corral. Hotel and Bend staff will need to approve additional land use. Auburn meet is not requiring AACA membership for Flea Market vendors.

Submitted by Sandy Perry

INFORMATION ON NEARBY OR MIDWEST CAR EVENTS DURING 2021

July 15 – Sam’s Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
 July 17 – MVR Tour to Lake Story, Galesburg, IL for picnic lunch & historic sites- Hosts Perrys/Lamms
 July 17 – Veterans Car Club of QC – Car Show, NW Bank Lot, Dav. IA (Pre-Reg \$15)
 July 22-24 AACA Grand National Meet- New Ulm, MN
 July 24- Princeton IA Emergency Responders – 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Princeton, IA (Pre-Reg. \$10 by 7/13)
 July 24 – 2Supercarsisterz Show – Devils Glen Fasts & Fresh (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 7/6) see above
 July 25—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
 August 12 - Sam’s Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
 August 14 - QC Cruiser’s Cruise-in – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
 August 21 - Veterans Car Club – Cruise in, NW Bank Lot, Davenport. IA, 3-7 p.m. (no fee)
 August 21 – Hampton Days Car/Motorcycle Show-Cruise In, Hampton, IL 8 a.m – 3 p.m. (Reg \$10)
 August 22 – Galva Freedom Fest, Wiley Park, Galva, 8 – 2 (Reg \$10 early or \$12 same day)
 August 28 (Saturday) – Driving tour and Cookout – Jim Smith and Mrs. Moffit, hosts.
 August 29—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
 Sept. 5 – Orion Fall Festival Car Show – Main St. – 9 – 4 (Reg \$12) – Music & food tent on site
 Sept. 9 - Sam’s Drive in Cruise Night – 705 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
 Sept. 11 - QC Cruiser’s Cruise-in – Southpark Mall, Moline, IL. 3 – 6 p.m. Food vendors on site
 Sept. 11 – Geneseo Trains, Planes and Autos – Downtown Geneseo – all day – no fee Johnson’s picnic after
 Sept. 12 – Clinton Kiwanis Show – Clinton, IA – 9 – 3 (Reg. \$15 by 8/25 to Clinton Kiwanis Club)
 Sept. 18 – 2Supersisterz Show – Northgate Shopping Ctr. – Dav., (Pre-Reg & \$15 by 9/1) see above
 Sept. 25 – Dixon Iowa Fire Dept. Show – D.T. Dixon, 8 – 3 – (Reg. \$10 before 9/25 or \$15 show day)
 Sept. 26—Cars & Ice Cream 3:30-5:00, Country Style Ice Cream, 5264 Utica Ridge Road. Davenport, IA.
 Oct 6-9 – HERSHEY FALL NATIONALS – Hershey, PA – Swap meet and Car show on 10/9
 Oct 8-9 – Iron Invasion – Miss. Valley Fairgrds., Dav. Iowa – more info to follow
 Nov 13 – MVR Fall Banquet – hosted by John and Jan Brewer

ROSTER UPDATE 2021

Every two years we update our Club Roster. Covid has put us behind, but we are trying to get back on track. For our new members, we publish a list of all club members and their vehicles. This helps those of us who are restoring or keeping our old iron on the road the ability to interact with like-minded members. If you are new to the club please provide your vehicle info to Jan Patting at janpatting@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 309-788-6985. Deadline AUGUST 1ST, 2021 For those who have been with us for a while, look at the listing and update as necessary. The last one was printed in 2019.



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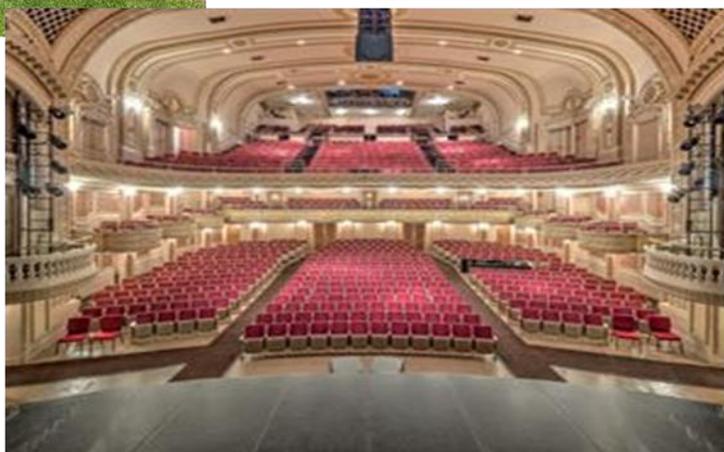
LAKE STOREY DRIVING TOUR, GALESBURG, IL

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m., LEAVE AT 10:15 a.m.

OFFICE MAX, SOUTHPARK MALL, MOLINE

Join us for a drive to Lake Storey (south on Route 150) followed by a picnic lunch in a lake-side pavilion near modern restrooms, the lake, beach and a walking path. You will have some automobile trivia questions to ponder on the way with **prizes for most correct answers**. We will take a quick drive thru adjoining Lincoln Park to see the Veteran's Memorial display before we settle in for lunch. Bottled water will be provided ahead and during the tour. Bring your own picnic lunch and table service. **Free backpack and drink holder courtesy Illinois National Guard plus Galesburg Tourism Goody Bags for 20 participants!!**

After lunch, we will drive around the beautiful lake, catching sight of some wonderful homes, and Carl Sandburg College. Then we will head into town for a 1:00 p.m. private tour of the recently restored Orpheum Theatre with free parking across the street. (Some levels require stair climbing ability.) You are also welcome to tour the Railroad Museum just one block away or return home. Maps and brochures will be provided. Many thanks to Linda and Roger Lamm for assisting in this tour. Call or email Sandy and Dick Perry to confirm your participation: 309-762-6563 or rwppack@aol.com. Mileage to park 35, into town 43.



Cars and Ice Cream!

The June Car's & Ice Cream was notable for two things.

First, there were several cars that we've never seen previously at the monthly event. Proof that we still have room to grow.

Second was the very light attendance which we attribute to the coinciding Port Byron Car Show which drew over 250 cars! Congratulations Port Byron on hosting an incredibly awesome and well attended show!

SPEAKING of the Port Byron Show, one of our own took the Best Original Car Trophy. Congratulations to Robert Chambers! His 1951 Mercury also wowed the crowds at Low Moor where it took Best Ford and at Calumus where it took Best Of Class.

The next Cars & Ice Cream will be on Sunday July 25th at 3:30!



20 Years Ago in the Mississippi Valley Region

By Gary Gleason

140 members, family and guests attended the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Rock Island Arsenal. Ron Gottschalk got the grills from the Bettendorf Loins Club. Cookers this year were Chuck Hoaglund, Mike Fiedler and Bob Strausse. Coffee and juice making duties were handled by Nola Gottschalk, Bernice Amundsen, Marilyn Galley, Sharon Hoaglund, Dawn & Bob Bartel, and Lois Frels. Income was \$227.50 and expenses were 245.25.

Plans were being finalized for the AACA Grand National on Aug 16-18 in Moline. As of July 10 198 vehicles from 34 states had registered.

A \$25 donation was sent to the AACA Library in memory of Barb Benfield, wife of former MVR president Ray Benfield.

For Sale by Harlan Wiss:

1949 Cadillac 7533X Imp Limo 7 passenger, power window, locks and divider window. Restored in 1997, new black leather front seat and mohair upholstery in rear. Good original black paint exterior, no rust, hydromatic. Overall, very good condition. Originally from the Kathryn Deere Butterworth estate. Asking \$22,500.00.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

- The Mississippi Valley Region welcomes **Cindy Kuhser** owner of a 1976 Chevrolet Impala and a 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass.
- We also welcome Mark Coppeland and his Merkur Scorpio and Merkur XR4Ti.
- Welcome back to Alvin & Marie Elmore .



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Members of the club, we are in need of a secretary.

Sandy Perry has been a solid volunteer for this club for many years. Currently she is the secretary for our board meetings and the 2022 Central Fall meet but a conflict has arisen and she must step back. We appreciate all her efforts!

Who can help us? Please contact Mary,

TEC TIPS FROM STEVE. *MVR Member Steve LeMaster has generously offered to write a Tec Tips article for the Autograf which fulfills a goal of mine for this publication. Thank you STEVE! If you have questions please address them to me and I will make sure Steve receives them. — Mark*



Proper battery storage and maintenance procedures.

All batteries gradually lose their charge when stored over long periods of time. Therefore, to ensure the life and maximize battery capacity, batteries need to be properly stored. How to do this is dependent upon a number of considerations, including: battery type, time of year, how the battery is stored and how long the battery will be in storage.

Most of us probably have flooded or wet cell batteries. These traditional lead-acid batteries are available in many size and design options for many different applications. The most common design today is the maintenance-free, flat top, which the end user cannot service. A few older designs may have removable vent plugs to allow water replenishment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are a few guidelines which should be adhered to when storing a battery. These include:

1. Check for damage.

Inspect the battery for damage, such as cracks and corrosion, says Kimbrough of Interstate Batteries. On flooded batteries, check low electrolyte levels.

2. Clean the battery.

Batteries should be cleaned prior to storage to remove any electrolyte deposits or corrosion. If electrolyte deposits and/or dirt/dust are present on batteries, they will often self-discharge quickly, due to transient power loss between the negative and positive terminals. Cleaning the battery terminals with a baking soda/water mix or battery spray cleaner.

It is imperative to properly maintain the entire connection in a flooded battery because corrosion at either end of the connection can cause high-resistance and potential battery failure.

Clean battery terminals and cable lugs regularly with a solution of one cup of baking soda and one gallon of water using a wire brush.

Rinse with water and dry. Thinly coat all connections with anti-corrosion spray or silicone gel to resist corrosion.

Along with cleaning corrosion and electrolyte deposits, cleaning the case according to battery manufacturer's instructions.

3. Decide upon an appropriate storage location.

Flooded lead-acid batteries discharge faster – about 3 percent to 5 percent a month. Higher humidity areas can increase the battery's corrosion, so choose a dry location.

Freezing temperatures are expected during the storage period, these locations should be avoided. The electrolyte in an acid-filled battery may freeze if the battery becomes deeply discharged and is stored in an unheated environment in cold weather. A fully charged lead-acid battery, will not freeze until the temperature falls to -80 degrees F. However, a completely discharged battery can freeze solid at 32 degrees F.

The battery manufacturer's guidelines should be consulted to find the lowest acceptable storing temperature, batteries should always be stored fully charged to protect from deterioration and from freezing solid. A discharged battery can undergo sulfation, a process where the battery's internal components deteriorate because of the lack of charge. Proper charging is the only way to break up internal sulfation and prevent its buildup on the plates within a battery.

Batteries should be stored in places with adequate ventilation and away from flammable liquids as they expel hydrogen and oxygen during recharge. Batteries should also be stored away from areas that are near heat sources, such as radiators or heaters, since hot temperatures accelerate battery self-discharge

4. Monitor and test.

Conducting routine open-circuit voltage and specific gravity readings can be a good indicator on a battery's overall health. But before carrying out battery testing, it is necessary to remove any loads and ensure the battery has been fully charged.

Battery voltage should be monitored every six weeks while in storage. Batteries should be given a boost charge when they are at 70 percent state of charge or less.



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