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## President's Column November 2022

Well another year has come to an end and what a year it has been. From tours to picnics, cars and ice cream, and our outstanding meet, it has been a busy year. I hope that each one of you took the time to take part in some way and even more important, helped plan events for others to enjoy. We have a core group that sometimes enjoy what they are planning, but ideas are formed by more than one group and as always we are looking for that person with the great ideas. Don't want to head up an event or committee, then just say so and be part of the planning and execution.

Our Annual Banquet was a prime example of people popping up with new ideas that made us laugh, think, and earn some extra money for the club. If you missed it, you missed a good one. The food was great and you have to understand that because of those who made the National Meet a reality, you got the advantage of their hard work. We didn't pay the restaurant \$10 per meal.

As for my latest travels, Fred and I enjoyed the 1047 vehicles that showed in Hershey in October. After a wet start to the meet, it turned out to be a beautiful last few days. With Fred's retirement and no need to rush home, we took a side trip to Hartford, CT, Niagara Falls, NY, Traverse City, MI and ended at the GM Transportation Museum in Pontiac that is under construction. The fall colors going through the Berkshires was suburb best I've seen in a long time. Sitting with friends on their deck on Torch Lake outside was outstanding. Hard to realize the week after we were there they had 5 inches of snow.

Another busy year is planned for 2023. Enjoy your family during the upcoming holidays, remembering we take the month of December off. For those headed to warmer climates, safe travel. Come back energized for the New Year.

Mary B



## **AACA Board Meeting November 2, 2022**

### **Present:**

M. Bartemeyer, President  
J. Brewer, Vice-President  
G. Gleason, Treasurer  
J. Brewer, Secretary

### **Board Members**

E. Smith  
M. Lousberg  
A. Ford  
C. Pearson  
F. Bartemeyer  
G. Smith - Absent

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7 p.m.

Minutes for October were published in the newsletter and a motion was made and approved to accept them.

The Treasurer read the financial report and it will be filed for audit. The audit will take place after the New Year.

**Sunshine** - Nothing to report

**Roster** - Last chance to get yours at the Fall Banquet

**Membership**

**Webmaster** - the 2022 National is being removed and info on the 2023 Grand National will be updated. National AACA is installing a new website and will be in use in a few months

**Historian** - We are still making history.

### **Old Business:**

Waiting on a few incoming bills from the last Meet to finalize the outcome of our budget. The email ballot for voting did not get a great response, but the results will be read at the Banquet.

### **New Business:**

The Fall Banquet is on target with 37 signed up so far. We discussed a person of interest to come give an interesting presentation during January. The 2023 Rod & Custom Show is Jan. 12, 13, 14 and a motion was made and approved to reserve spots for 2 cars. Updating our banner was discussed to use our updated logo and a QR code to take you to the website. Get thoughts from members at the Fall Banquet on setting up a bus trip shooting for April 2023.

### **Monthly Events:**

Nov. 12 - Year End Banquet / Brewers

Motion made and accepted to adjourn the meeting was at 7:50

Submitted by:

Jan Brewer, Secretary



# Grand National News

In case you haven't heard the MVR is hosting the 2023 AACA Grand National and Zenith Awards next August 10-12.

The event will utilize the Bettendorf Riverfront Convention Center for the Zenith competition and Awards Banquet while the car show will be held on the large parking lots to the East of the Isle of Capri hotel complex. The Isle is the host hotel.

We are in need of volunteers to help run the show. Please contact Mark Lousberg the show chairman to volunteer to work in one of the following areas, Trailer Parking, Event Marketing Team, and Merchandise.

## **GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING WITH VISIT QUAD CITIES**

**Stoney Creek Inn – 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

Present: Mary Bartemeyer, Fred Bartemeyer, Jr., Eric Smith, Sandy Perry, Clair Pearson  
Visit Quad City Staff: Justina, Nikki, Jessica

Mary gave overview of Grand National Meet – dates, expected numbers, schedule of events, etc. Stated the following as needs we have:

Need for local and long distance publicity of our event.

Tourism funding for this large event.

Help with city of Bettendorf staff to assist in traffic control along State Street,

Help with FB outreach.

Securing any additional parking areas around the hotel/convention center.

Security issues with trailers so vulnerable to State Street traffic.

Means to transport visitors to/from Modern Woodmen ballpark for home baseball game on Friday evening, August

11. Clair will look into some transport carriers costs.

Help with printing Program Book

Boat ride is scheduled for Friday evening, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> with boat coming directly to Bettendorf dock. We may need some parking areas for local boat riders coming to board.

Visit Quad Cities Responses to our needs:

Funding is limited for events, but staff will look into any possibilities.

Staff will have brochures and maps of area sites available during the meet.

They will send out press releases to various print media to publicize the meet and will setup T.V. spots to publicize event.

Staff will help Fred with Facebook advertising that will increase the coverage of FB postings. He will meet with staff to pursue this assistance.

Staff offered to assist in meetings with Bettendorf staff and police to secure adequate protection for vehicles using Bettendorf streets to/from trailers and show field.

Suggested we consider paying for a shuttle to/from any parking areas on show day for visitors, especially if distance or terrain is difficult.

Same suggestion as above RE shuttle to/from ball field Aug. 11. Shuttle normally costs \$1,000 for a full day for 52 passenger coach. This would need to be shared with all ticketholders. Staff will send out request for bids to several carriers in the area.

They can send out RFP for booklet printing as meet draws closer. Modern Woodmen can print booklets for \$0 cost. We will look into this further.

Additional interaction will help facilitate the meet. We agreed to meet again at a later date.

Submitted by **Sandy Perry, Meet Secretary**

# **GRAND NATIONAL MEET MEETING**

## **Education Center, Moline, IL – October 19, 2022**

Present: Mark Lousberg, Fred Bartemeyer Jr., Mary Bartemeyer, John Brewer, Dick and Sandy Perry, Eric Smith, Clair Pearson, Gary Gleason

The following Grand National Meet positions remain open: Trailer Parking, Event Marketing Team, and Merchandise. Clair Pearson offered to coordinate the Meet book publication.

Hospitality Options during Grand National are as follows: Thursday Evening, Aug. 10- River Bandits baseball game with possibility of renting a private box, with tickets at \$12 ea. If the group is 10-49 people. The requirements are to reserve far in advance with ½ payment required this year and final payment required in February of 2023. Suggestion to rent vans or small bus to transport guests to ballpark.

Option for Friday, August 11- Celebration Belle Riverboat ride

Schedule for Saturday, August 12 – Awards Banquet

Mary Bartemeyer reported that there is no secure room with A/C which is close to the show field for the Judge's Administration people to work. Discussion involved possible renting of trailers with power to provide what is needed. Mark will source some possibilities.

Food trucks will be allowed on the site for meals during Saturday, Aug. 12.

Visit Quad Cities will be asked to provide funding and promotional help to publicize the meet.

The AACA Wisconsin Region is hosting the Spring Midwest Nationals in Racine in 2023, which could increase participation in Grand National from those car owners who win a senior award.

Annette Bartemeyer will help design the dash plaque, judge's chip and the Meet Book Cover.

Possible book cover photo of new bridge taken at night. Fred will contact Ron Browning to see about taking this type of photo. We need a theme for the meet.

Fred has asked Dave Bowman of Charlotte, NC to be the Assistant Chief Judge for this meet. Other judging staff will be added by Fred as the numbers of cars come in.

Gary Gleason will send out an e-mail to those MVR members who showed a car during the August meet that will entitle them to one free year of MVR dues so they can adjust their dues payment.

The trifold needs to be developed and sent to National ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sandy Perry, Meet Secretary



# 2022 MVR End of Year Banquet

Thanks to all that attended the banquet and brought in items for the Silent / Live Auction. The tables were full of various items that brought in a total of \$270.00! Election results returned Mary as president, Gary as Treasurer, Fred and Mark as board members. There were many who wrote in members they felt should be on the board so please consider we need your inputs for your club. There is one 2 year board position and two 1 year positions. Also we have a vacant Past President position so if you are one please consider. As mentioned there is a lot of work by your board and more that are on it lightens the load for all.

Your board resumes the first Wednesday in January and each month thru November. It is open to any member who would like to see how we operate and consider serving. Future considerations to be discussed are day Bus trips, Garage nights, Drive events, Blog page, and more monthly activities. One thing we need for all is member participation. Some drives involve a lot of planning and we need more than just a few showing up to make it worth it. Drive events we try to have a floating weekend that will turn out dry. If you want to see other activities let any board member know so we can consider. January/February we will be setting the club event calendar for local car events and our monthly drive/activity. We subsidize club activities with the earnings from meets.

We also need 2023 Grand National people on Marks planning committee. We always appear to have all our members show up to help the day of the event but need help on the committee so please consider helping out in this capacity also. Contact Mark or just attend the meet meeting on the third Wednesday of each month or contact Mark 309-373-2169.

Special thanks go to Mary, Gary, Mark, Jan, Val and our lively auctioneer Eric Smith along with our ***Members of the Year Stu and Kathy***



## 2023 Rod and Custom Show

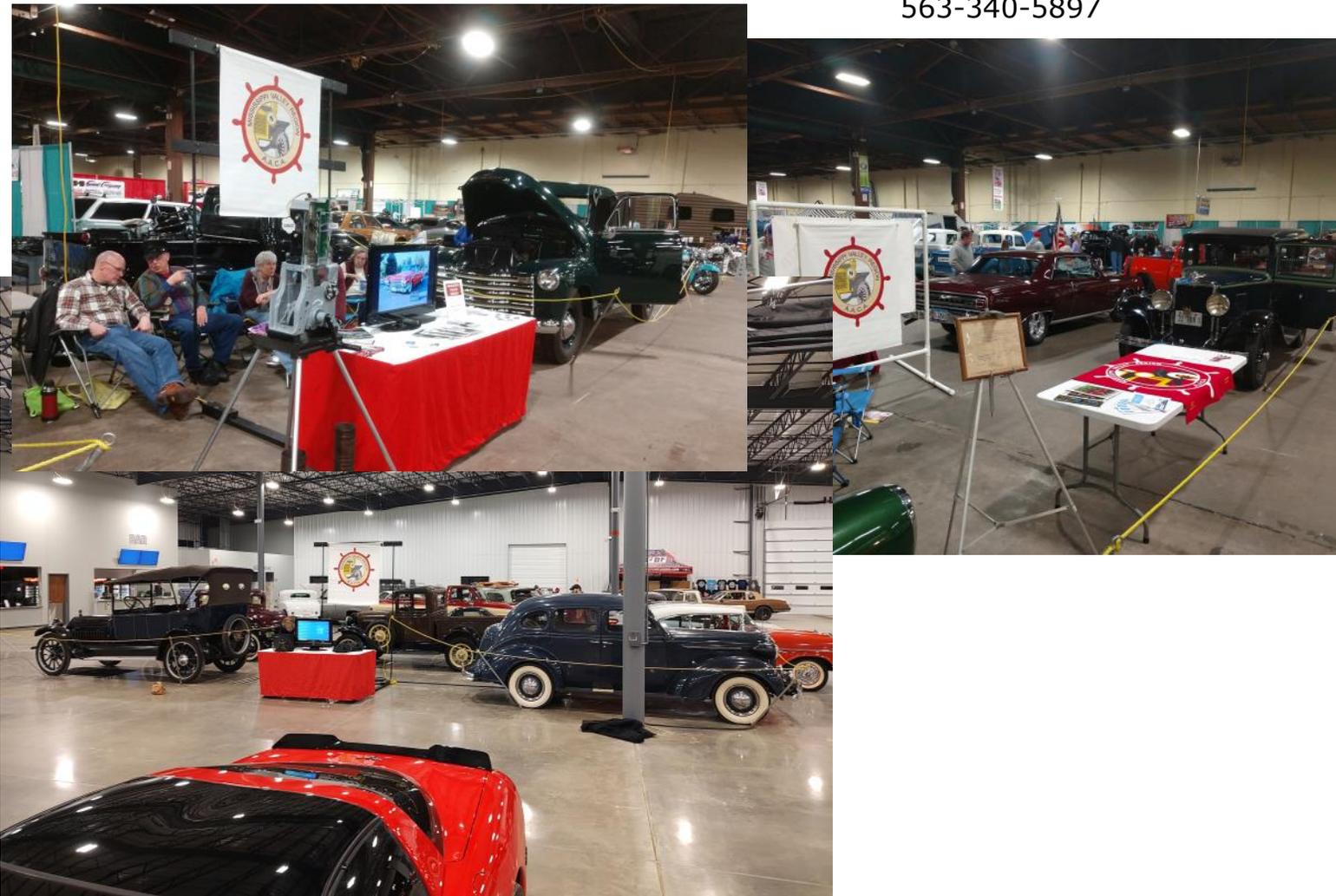
MVR Members: Our club will once again host a club display at the 2023 Rod and Custom Show on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Bend XPO Center, 922 Mississippi Parkway, East Moline IL. This winter indoor venue provides the MVR with one of the biggest public exposures that our club has previously participated in each year. The organizers of the show are very pleased that we will bring our display to the show in 2023 based on the quality of the cars that have been presented at past events. We are seeking two vehicles, one early usually pre-war vehicle and one late vehicle, for display at this years show. Our club would also like to see our membership come on down to the XPO Center and join in with populating our club display with members who are eager to talk to the public about our club and their interests in the antique car hobby. Talking to the public directly has been our best method of attracting new membership in to the MVR. Bring a lawn chair if you like. There are plenty of reasonably priced food and beverage (adult style if preferred) available at the Bend concession stand.

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A CAR AND SPENDING SOME TIME TO PROMOTE OUR CLUB AT THE CLUB DISPLAY.

If anyone should have any questions or have interest in bringing a car, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fred Bartemeyer Jr

563-340-5897



## MVR Members Out and About



**On the fifteenth of October MVR Members Dick & Sandy Perry and Clair Pearson supported the Quad City Symphony's fundraiser "The Great Gatsby". The Figgie was used as the event's location. The cars were positioned along the red carpet entrance.**





**On a chilly but bright October 15th twenty-one members of the MVR cruised to Wildcat Den State park in Iowa and enjoyed a cookout. Several members continued the tour after the meal. Mother Nature provided stunning colors for the cruise.**



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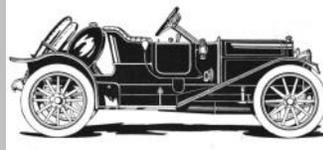


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