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President's Message

Hi Again To All Ole Car Folks In The CR Area. July was a very busy month. First the club had a great picnic on the 4th at Ely with great food & conversation. It's a shame more club members were not able to attend as those that made it had a Great time including the Famous Ely Parade that has returned! The July meeting was also a success thanks to all who helped.

Lets not forget our busy August with the Lawn Party August 7th, the reg meeting on the 10th, & the tour on the 14-15th. Time for some Ole Iron stories! I hope you remember that ratty ole T touring that has been an important part of the Family for so many years. After many parades (Ely included) she was always ready for more. We planned to drive it in the Norway parade that We had had so much fun in 1963. Sean & Ian were loaded (late 80s) & luckily My Parents followed behind. All went well until We approached Walford when one of those ole S3 synthetic tires surplus from WW2 that we had run since the 60's decided enough is enough & blew out. No problem as I had always carried a spare tire (also a S3) wired to the running board. Well it was low on air (flat). We drove to the gas station for some air, but found that the tube wouldn't hold air! Oh well it wasn't far to Norway & the blown front tire was already ruined so I decided to drive on the flat! Bad mistake because it was very hot & that flat tire pulled so hard and overworked the tired engine so much that we loosened a rod (knock - knock)! Time to pull into a farm yard & ride with my Folks to the parade without the T. Old Reliable is still patiently waiting in the shed for a transplant (I have a correct 26-27 just waiting as well)!

Thanks Again to You All for Your Continued Support! Your president John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. In what year did the phrase In God We Trust become imprinted on all US currency?

2. Who first formed General Motors?

3. Who was the second president of the Ford Motor Company?

Answers Page 11

Club Member Spotlight on Larry Stearns Beatty

Q: How old were you when you got your first car and what was it?

A: 17 years old – 1963 Chevy Bel Air 2 door hardtop

Q: What cars do you own?

A: 1936 Chevrolet 4 door Dlx; 1927 Dodge 4 door; 1916 D45 Buick Touring

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: 1916 – totally unrestored

Q: How & where did you get your car-is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?

A: This was my grandparents car & they bought it new in 1916

Q: What kind of condition was it in-did you have to do much work on it?

A: It is unrestored and needed cleaning & engine repairs to keep it running

Q: What has been the most memorable/interesting thing or trip you've gone on with an antique car?

A: The Buick Club of America held it's 50th anniversary in 2016 in Allentown, PA. The show was at the Bulgari Auto Complex and he personally visited the car.

Q: Have you entered your car in any shows & if so, did you win any awards/trophies?

A: Since 2012 I have entered AACA and Buick Club shows. Received top HPOF in 2014 (AACA); Spirit of Buick National Award in 2015; National Heritage Award in 2016; Elite Archival Preservation from BCA in 2017 and 2018; Buick Heritage Alliance Award from BCA for significant contributions in preserving Buick heritage in July 2021 at Auburn, Indiana National meet-the committee selects only one winner each year from all automobiles across the country.

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: 55 years – since 1965

Q: What do you like best about being a member of the AACA?

A: Helpful and encouraging auto friends. Members were the reason I began showing the Buick and had help with any problems.

Spotlight on Larry Stearns Beatty (cont)

Q: Other than AACA have you joined any other car clubs & if so, which ones?

A: BCA - Buick Club of America

Q: What other collections/hobbies do you have besides antique cars?

A: I play drums and have over the years played with several dance bands-still do occasionally. I like to travel-but use modern transport. Travel in the Buick was an adventure in 1916!



This 1916 Buick was originally purchased by Larry's grandfather, Dana Stearns, of Mt Vernon, Iowa. He was originally a blacksmith, who had moved forward with the times, and became a self-taught automobile mechanic and owned a car dealership on the Lincoln Highway. And, although, his business was on the Lincoln Highway, there were really very few 'highways' – or even graveled roads at that time. Regardless, the car made four trips from Mt. Vernon to California between 1916 – 1921~~4~~ following trails, paths, and what few marked roads there were at that time. Besides having the car, Larry has the original glass plate photographs of these trips west that were taken by his grandfather while traveling with his wife and daughter Opal.

The car has now been in the same family for 99 years! It is in good mechanical condition, and has over 123,000 miles on the odometer (yes, it does have one!) It is a true treasure, and with all the wonderful photographs, showing what travel was like in those early years, when the car was new just makes it even more special. We know now, that You Are Only Original Once!!

July 13, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The July meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha. The meeting was called to order by John Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BIRTHDAYS: Carl Ohrt, John Williams, Agnes Williams **ANNIVERSARIES:** John & Agnes Williams

ILLNESSES: Sylvia gave an update on Jane Hawley **DEATHS:** Denise Votroubek's mother

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve June 8th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and seconded by Sherry Melvin.

TREASURER REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Carl Ohrt and seconded by Dan Ortz.

FALL BANQUET: Loren Huffaker reported it would be held at Lake McBride Golf Course. Meat will be Iowa Chop and cost about \$26. Tentative date is November 13th.

TOURS/ACTIVITIES: Sylvia read the information regarding the Keosauqua tour Aug 14-15. Loren Huffaker and Jackie Oliver reported on the good times on the Twin Rivers tour. John Williams & Jon Reynolds reported that the July 4th picnic was a great time with great food and friendship. Larry Beatty mentioned the parade this coming Saturday at Shellsburg at 10:30 am. John Williams received an invitation for the club to show cars at the Bass Farms near Palisades-Kepler State Park on August 22nd from 10 am-2 pm.

MEMBERSHIP: Dan Ortz reported there were two new memberships.

SWAP MEET: Tom Oliver reported that flyers have been mailed to vendors by Copyworks. He received a phone call from Randy Stallman with the Model A Club that they would help at our October swap meet. He reported that Sharon has had some vendors sign up. Will be having a swap meet committee meeting on Tuesday, July 27th at 6pm at Perkins. If you can't make it to a club meeting to sign up to help at the swap meet, call Tom Oliver at (563) 513-7172 after 5pm-we need everyone to make this a success.

Jon Reynolds reported a correction in his talk last month: Charles Glidden purchased a Napier not a Lozier that he brought to the USA. Jon also reported that he was at the meet at Auburn, Indiana as a judge & there were 300 cars (about 100 were Buicks). Larry Beatty showed his 1916 Buick and received a Buick Heritage Alliance national award for his car & significant contributions in preserving Buick history.

John Williams reminded everyone about the National AACA raffle tickets for \$10.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn by Dan Ortz and seconded by Al Meeker

Treats provided by John and Agnes Williams

Submitted by Sylvia Copler

MAY 8TH TOUR TO BELLE PLAINE AND AMANA



Belle Plaine Gas Station



Henry Moore's Barn Museum in South Amana

JUNE 26TH - 29TH TWIN RIVERS TOUR TO OSKALOOSA



Victor Car Show



RS Welding Studio in Victor



Street Rods in Montezuma



Sadie Jane's Ice Cream in New Sharon

JUNE 26TH - 29TH TWIN RIVERS TOUR TO OSKALOOSA CONT'D



Victorian Home near Pella



Debbie's Celebration Barn in Oskaloosa

JULY 4TH PICNIC IN ELY



TREAT SCHEDULE 2021

August 10th - Dan & Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

September 14th - Jeff Fossum

October 12th - Ken & Judy Robertson, Joan Auterman

November 9th - Dean & Joann Kiefer

December 14th - Pete & Pat Bischoff



LAWN PARTY - AUGUST 7TH

TIME: MEET AT 3 PM AND EAT AT 5 PM

PLACE: NEIL ROHLENA'S HOME

7309 SELZER RD, FAIRFAX

MEAT FURNISHED. PLEASE BRING OWN TABLE SERVICE, LAWN CHAIRS, DRINKS, AND 1 SIDE DISH PER PERSON TO SHARE.

Directions to Neil's: Go on Hwy 30 West and at the Exit to Amana & Fairfax turn off onto Hwy 151 towards Fairfax (Amana). Go to the second right turn lane and turn right onto Beverly Rd. At first left turn onto Selzer Rd. At the top of the hill is Neil's home.

Overnight tour August 14-15 to Keosauqua

Meet at Perkins on 33rd Ave SW on August 14th-Leave at 8:00 AM

We will take our lunch for a picnic at noon August 14th.

We have a tour of the Old Threshers Museum, the Theatre Museum, Des Moines River Indian Art collection, Johnny Clock Museum, Cheese Factory, Bonaparte Retreat, Bonaparte Pottery Factory, Under Ground Railroad, and more.

Register for Aug. 14th at the Hotel Manning for \$89. Phone (319) 293-3232

2021 Cedar Rapids area THURSDAY Cruise Nights

1st Thursday , Palo August 5, September 2

2nd Thursday , Lutheran Church-Resurrection 3500 29th Ave, Marion, IA August 12, September 9

3rd Thursday, Duffy's Collectible Cars 250 Classic Car Ct SW Cedar Rapids August 19, September 16

4th Thursday, Hope Lutheran Church 2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids August 26, September 23

5th Thursday, September 30, TBD

**ALL of these dates are weather permitting. More info. Contact Bill Cejka
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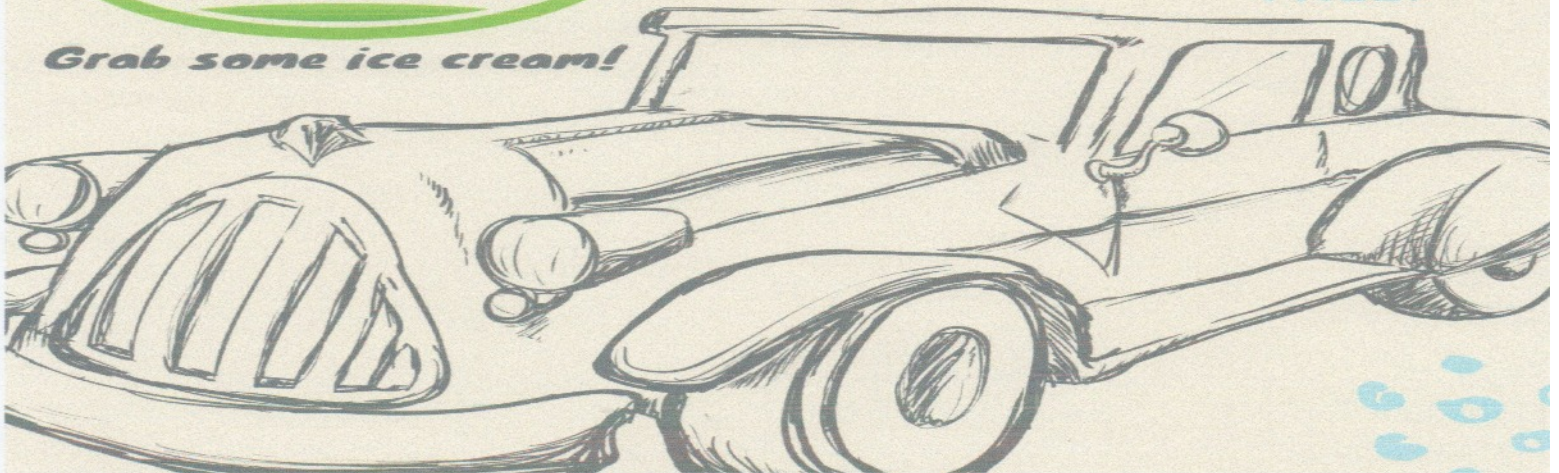
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Public votes!



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Grab some ice cream!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

August 1st - Rockin' Robins Car, Truck, Motorcycle show 10 AM-3 PM
August 8th - Hooligans Car Show-Keystone 1 PM-7 PM
August 14th - Traer's Show & Shine 8 AM-3 PM
August 22nd - Bass Farms Car Show-Mt. Vernon 10 AM-2PM
August 28th - FB & Co-4185 Whittier Rd, Central City 11 AM (no fee, no judging)
September 11th - Vinton Cruise 12 PM-6 PM
September 12-17 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier). Sarasota Springs, NY
September 18th - Swisher Car Show
October 2nd AACA Swap Meet Central City Fairgrounds
October 6-9 - Hershey PA Swap Meet

Upcoming Events August 2021

Lawn Party Aug. 7th at Neil Rohlena's. Meet at 3pm & eat at 5pm. Bring 1 side dish per person, drinks, lawn chairs, and table service.
AACA Club meeting Aug. 10th at 7:00 PM . Program: Recap of Twin River Tour by Sharon Schminke
Overnight trip to Keosauqua August 14-15. Hotel reservations at Hotel Manning for \$89 (319) 293-3232 -Leave Perkins (33rd Ave SW-CR) at 8:00 AM on 14th.
Board Meeting Aug. 17th at 6:00 PM at Perkins-Collins Rd, CR
Ladies Luncheon Aug. 18th at 11:30 AM at Okoboji Grill in Independence

Upcoming Events September 2021

AACA Club meeting September 14th at 7:00 PM. Program: Todd Schminke/Powder Coating and making a cab for lawnmower
Board Meeting September 21st at 6:00 PM at TBD
Ladies Luncheon September 22nd at 11:30 AM at Sally's on Broadway in Springville

Upcoming Events October 2021

Swap Meet October 2nd 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
AACA Club meeting Oct. 12th at 7:00 PM . Program "Hot Rods by Havlik" Jes Havlik, owner
Leaf Tour October 16th McGregor area with lunch at Balltown
Board Meeting Oct. 19th at 6:00 PM at Perkins-Collins Rd, CR
Ladies Luncheon Oct. 20th at 11:30 AM at McOtto's in Anamosa

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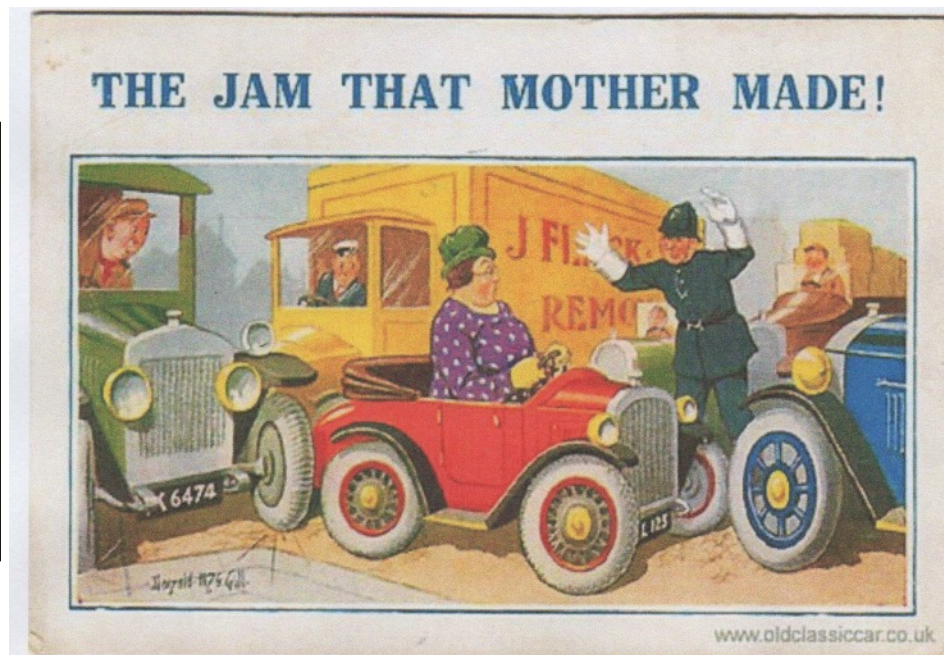
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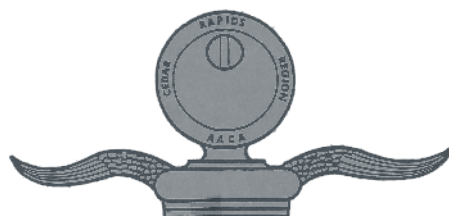
The phone rang at the State Police office one day. The desk sergeant answered and heard an obviously intoxicated Ole saying "Somebody broke into my car an stole everything! Dey took de dashboard, de steering wheel, da brake pedal and even the accelerator. Plez send somebody quick." Before the sergeant had a chance to dispatch a State Trooper the phone rang again. "Dis is Ole. Never mind dat call sir. I just realized I got into da back seat by mistake."

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. The phrase In God We Trust was imprinted in 1957.
2. William C. Durant formed GM.
3. Edsel Ford was the second president of the Ford Motor Company.



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