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President's Message

Hi Again to All You Great Ole Car Folks in the CR Area! I can't believe that it's June already and our Ole Car Season Is Off to a Great start! Quite a few of us had a great time on the Model A Tour to West Branch with so much to see and do around town. We also made it through the spring swap! Despite the bad weather scare there seemed to be a good turn out & I hope they made money? I have great Hopes for our swap in Sep! We had a Good Meeting & are ready to move on to a Great Ole Car Summer!

I think I'll continue on with some Indian adventures. As you probably remember My ole '38 Indian 74 was put together with parts of the Bobber Everett had found for parts for his '47 Indian & that very '47 after the disastrous rod incident! I not only needed the primary case – chain - & sprockets but the whole tranny after Richard had speed shifted too many times with no clutch. It all went together well and I decided it looked a little ruff since it had been built in the late 40s by a WW2 vet. You might ask why didn't I put the engine from the '38 into the '47 & have a goer? Well - We thought that we would find enough parts to put the '47 back on the road again so didn't want to tie it up (we still have not gotten her going again)!

I still did not realize how truly special that Ole '38 was & did not even know that those modified bikes, chiefly done by vets, were called bobbers by the knowledgeable cycle folks! I just did it because that is what I had to work with. I tore it apart and with help from family & friends we painted it the original colors of black frame yellow wheels & blue sheet metal. We even made our own wiring harness using goodies from Collins Radio. The headlight came off of my Dads IH F30 tractor & the tail light was one I found at the 16th Ave Rapoports. All together it looked pretty good & ran very well. I loved driving all over & even drove it to Prairie High. I drove it to Prairie on my bothers graduation night & parked it on the sidewalk while I dashed in for supper with extended family. After supper Dad said I'd better put the Indian away – lord forbid if it had to stay out over night! I went out to start her so i turned on the gas that was not a simple on-off but a valve that required several turns! After I choked her & kicked it over & of course it backfired & caught the carb on fire! This had happened before & I knew what to do. I simply took off the air cleaner to turn over on the ground to snuff the flames. When I looked up I saw that the fire was big time in the carb & growing fast. I could not turn the valve far enough with the flames leaping at me so I ran in the house & shouted that the Indian was on fire. Dad jumped up – ran to the back porch & grabbed the old carpet felt we had just replaced! With the felt plus water buckets Everett & I brought from the barn we got the fire out & only melted the solder on the tank bottom! Oh well – just something else to fix!

See You In June – Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. What automobile did Ransom Olds produce after he left Oldsmobile?

2. In racing what is "dirty air"?

3. Where was the first drive-in theater built?

Answers on page 7

May 9th, 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha.

Meeting called to order by President John Williams. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: Darrell and Pat Sanford. They have a 1957 Chevy and have gone on Motor Iowa at the same time as Neil Rohlena and Sylvia Cople so they decided to check us out thanks to Neil talking with them before.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Ortz, Al Meeker and Karen Rohlena

ANNIVERSARIES: Rich Mishler and Sherry Wilcox have been together for 31 years.

ILLNESSES: None reported

DEATH: None reported

SPEAKER: None.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the April 11th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Jack Harville and seconded by Tom Oliver

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Sam Shannon

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena reported on the June 3rd Twin Rivers Tour to Pontiac Illinois. It will be a 5 day tour with 3 days different than before because the Chamber had more things to do that we have never seen before. Neil said there were 8 cars signed up to go. They are leaving Perkins on 33rd Ave. at 8:00 AM

Sherry Melvin is setting up a one day tour to Wyoming to see a Doctors House, a Museum and an old Hotel with the rooms for guest having different themes. We would leave from Quik Star on Highway 13.

NEW BUSINESS: We will have a Car Show that is open to everyone at the Bass Family farm on July 29th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We will have flyers to hand out for this.

SPRING BANQUET: Everyone thanked Neil and Loren for the wonderful meal and entertainment for the Banquet. It was a great fun filled night with a lot of singing and wonderful camaraderie also. It was great catching up with each other.

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST: September 9th is the Anamosa Motorcycle Museum Auction.

SWAP MEET: Jack Harville handed out the September Swap Meet Flyers. Jack is going to the Model A Swap meet on Saturday and passing out flyers for our September meet. He said we will have a place at our September Swap Meet with member applications tri-folds and hopes to bring in more new members. There will be sign up work sheets at the next meeting.

4TH OF JULY: John Williams reported that he has the pavilion reserved. Sharon Schminke is in charge of getting the chicken. Everyone needs to bring their own table service, drinks and one or two food items for everyone to enjoy.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Jon Reynolds

Treats were provided by Lavern and Martha Travis

Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10th for the Motor Meter.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events June 2023

June 3-7th Twin Rivers trip to Pontiac, Illinois (registration form in April Moto Meter). Registration due to Neil Rohlena by May 9th. Leave Perkins on 33rd Ave SW at 8 am.

June 11th Knapp Creek Event Center from 11 - 3 at 195 1st St/Walford. Cars,music, food.

June 13th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

June 17th-5th Annual Car, Truck, & Bike Show from 9 am - 1 pm in Alburnett. \$15 entry fee -voting from 11 am-noon. (Rain date June 18th).

June 20th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

June 21st-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Lucky's on 16th-86 16th Ave SW/CR

June 24th-10th Annual Ryan Nationals. Registration 10 am - 12 pm/Awards 3 pm on Main St. in Ryan

June 24th-Anamosa Chamber of Commerce Car Show at Lawrence Community Center from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

CR AREA THURSDAY OUTDOOR CRUISE NIGHTS-MEETING TIME 5:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)

June 1st Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo

June 8th Lutheran Church Resurrection-3500 29th Ave, Marion

June 15th Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR

June 22nd Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, CR

Upcoming Events July 2023

July 4th -Picnic in Ely. Bring 1 side dish per person, drinks, & table service. Social 3 pm-eat at 4 pm

July 4th-Freedom Festival Car Show at Kingston Stadium. Registration 8 - 9 am

July 11th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

July 18th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

July 19th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Starlite-3300 1st Ave NE/CR

July 29th-Bass Farms Car Show from 10 am - 2 pm at 840 Bass Lane/Mt. Vernon (across from Palisades Park)



Anamosa Motorcycle Museum



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Wyoming Museum



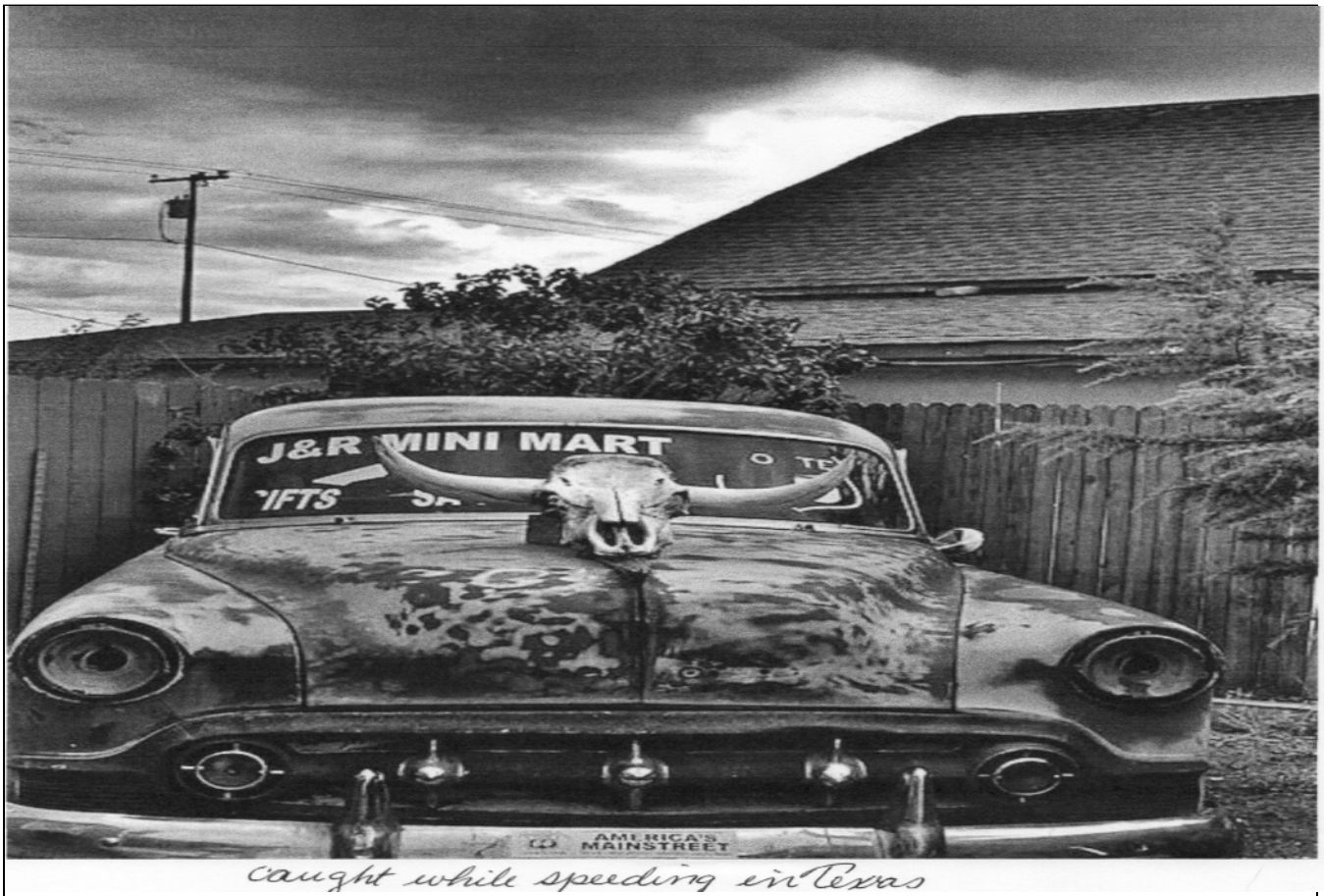
Wyoming Museum



Amana Spring Banquet



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A gynecologist decides to make a career change. He always loved cars and because he made so much money salary really didn't matter to him. He decides to become a mechanic. He approached his local shop and inquired about a job. "You need to get certified first" says the lead mechanic. "I'll give you the test myself in the shop." The doctor studies day and night and finally feels ready for his practical exam. He comes in and is asked to fix the transmission and engine of a beaten down old car. After the test he is seated in the office and the head mechanic comes in.. "Congratulations doctor you scored 150 out of 100 points." "I'm confused" the doctor says "how did I get 150 out of 100?" "Well you fixed the engine perfectly so that's 50, you also fixed the transmission perfectly for another 50." "Great but where did the last 50 come from?" "I gave you a bonus because you did it all through the exhaust pipe."

TREAT SCHEDULE

June - Calvin Reiling

July - John & Agnes Williams

Aug - Jack & Kathi Harville

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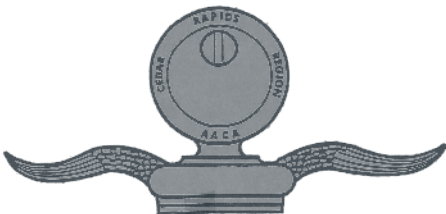
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. Ransom Olds manufactured the REO after leaving Oldsmobile.
2. "Dirty air" is the turbulence caused by the other cars.
3. The first drive-in theater was built in Camden, New Jersey.

Stop worrying about the potholes in the road
and celebrate the journey.

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