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President's Message

Greetings Again To All You great Ole Car Folks in the Area! We had another good meeting & still looking for more Of you to join us! The plans for the summer are coming together and it looks like another good time full of activities. We are still looking for more ideas to save money or make money for the club! Please scratch your noggins and let us Know what you come up with!! I've been getting lots of calls about the spring swap and have been telling them to Come to our fall swap if they want to see them continue!

This month's tale is about a car that every ole car guy knows he should have at least ONE of in the garage (big one)! While I was a student at Iowa State I still kept my eyes open for neat stuff & once in a while I was successful! One Morning I was reading the student paper & bingo there it was! A local Ames resident had an ad for a '41 Packard Sedan! I had a hard time keeping my mind on school all day thinking of that potentially nice car. After class I called And was told that their daughter was tired of driving such an old beater and had purchased a newer car! So – Of Course off I went to take a look. Turns out that '41 Packard 110 6 cylinder 4 door was purchased new by one of the Chemistry Profs at ISU. He drove it into the 60's when he sold it to a guy looking for a 2nd car for the family to Enjoy! They were tired of it and were ready for a change. It was very rusty as it had been used every winter from '41 to '66 but it seemed to run very well and drove like any big heavy old sedan. After we visited a bit he said he really needed to sell it & he would be very glad for a car guy like me to enjoy it as he had! He said that he'd take \$75 for it & let me park it there until I wanted to take possession! After all I was needing to go home soon & This would solve my problem for transport!! We checked it over & found that it had several burnt-out head lights That he offered to take care of. I made arrangements to pick it up Friday after class for the 110-mile trip to the farm! That was supposed to be a great old car adventure & it sure started out that way! It had no seat belts & that made me Nervous & no Radio that worked so my friend & I didn't like that! It was a 3 on the tree & I was not used to that Configuration but soon got used to it. At least the brakes seemed to work good and it was toasty warm for the ride! The Bad Thing happened about ½ home when one of the high beams burnt out cutting down on our visibility! We still had 2 lows & 1 high so we just kept rolling along. Most of the trip was pretty uneventful! Still it was a real trip in a real old car that I would never forget! I had dreams of driving it to school regularly, but my Dad Who, was a real mechanic, pointed out that there was excess valve noise that was probably a broken valve Spring & would need to be fixed before any more long trips! Dam! Foiled Again! Oh Well that is the way things Sometimes go when you are playing with OLD Cars!

Thanks For Listening! See You in May!

Your President John Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. What was Frederic Maytag's original name & what did it mean?

2. What was the car that used compression shocks?

3. Who was the founder of Cadillac automobiles?

Answers on page 7

April 8th 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The April meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

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

VISITORS: Rich Blattler. He also took advantage of one of our free memberships.

BIRTHDAYS: Loren Huffaker and Judy Ortz

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack and Kathi Harville. Their 50th

ILLNESSES: Sam Shannon is blind in his left eye and says that his right eye is considered legally blind but he can see light and some things. They may have an online auction of his things in late June It may be handled by Wears Auction House. Agnes Williams had a mammogram with her annual checkup & they found a lump that was stage I cancer. She had surgery today & is doing well.

DEATHS: Karen Rohlena

NEW MEMBERS: Rich Blattler is joining tonight.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the March 11th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Larry Beatty.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Sue Melvin and 2nd by Carl Ohrt.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil reported on the Twin Rivers tour set for June 1st -June 5th. He reported that most of the places are confirmed but there are 2 left to talk to. Neil also reminded us about Houby Days and we are encouraged to bring our cars for the Parade and show them off later. We line up at Newbo at 9:00am. Some members have signed up to participate and more are encouraged to come also.

NEW BUSINESS: The Spring Banquet is at the Ronneburg. The sign up sheet was in your Moto Meter. The Social hour starts at 4:00 PM and eat at 5:00 PM. It is Ham and Beef with Amana style salads and vegetables plus pie for \$30.00 a person. We will have the guitar player we had the last time there that was such a great hit. We will have a free will donation to pay Harold for the entertainment. Neil is giving the meal that was for Karen to him because it is already paid for.

SWAP MEET: Jack Harville told us about a meeting at the Hiawatha Library on May 7th and everyone is encouraged to come and bring your great ideas for making a great meet in September. We will have a newly designed flyer that Jack and Sylvia are working on. The Swap Meet is September 21st so mark your calendar because we will need all the help we can get.

OTHER: The Teddy Bear auction will be held at our May 13th meeting. Be sure to bring your items and bring your money to buy lots of great things because this is a charitable donation from our group. Returning to Youngville this year on July 17th was mentioned and Larry Beatty said they will discuss it at Youngville's next meeting to see if it is alright. It was also discussed returning to Bass Family Farms and John Williams will look into it. Next month there will be a 50/50 raffle to raise money for our treasury. We have new business cards to give out with the correct place and time of our meetings.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Carl Ohrt and 2nd by Laverne Travis

Treats were provided by Jack and Kathi Harville

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

2024 TREAT SCHEDULE

May - Jack & Kathi Harville

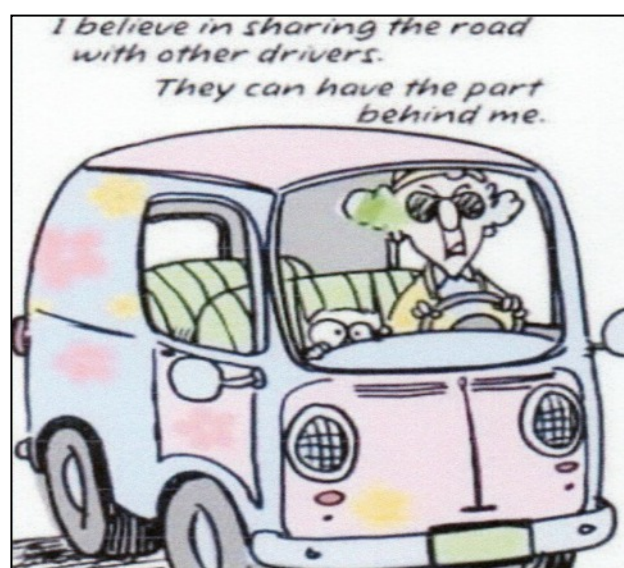
June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

July - Barb Waterhouse

Aug - Dick & Pat Semelroth

Club fundraiser

At the May club meeting there will be a 50/50 raffle. 50% of money collected will go the winner & 50% to the club.



JOKE OF THE MONTH

A police officer pulls over a man who has penguins in the backseat of the car.

“Sir you can’t have penguins in your car. Bring them to the zoo or something” the police officer tells the man.

The next day the police officer sees the man again. Again the penguins are in the backseat of the car.

“Sir, I told you to take the penguins to the zoo!” The man replies “I did officer! Today I’m taking them to the movies.”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events May 2024

May 7th AACA Swap Meet Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Library-150 W. Willman St in Hiawatha.

May 13th AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

May 18th Houby Days Parade & Car Show 16th Ave SW/CR. Lineup at 9 am - Parade from 10-11 am.

May 19th Cruisin' for Camp Courageous from 10 am - 4 pm at 12007 190th St/Monticello

May 19th Hiawatha Cars & Coffee from 8 - 11 am at Cedar Graphics parking lot at 311 Parsons Dr/Hiawatha. Coffee & food available to purchase.

May 20th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR (note this is on Monday now)

May 22nd-Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 am at Bread Basket-101 S Franklin St, Manchester. All members welcome (formerly known as ladies luncheon)

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

May 2nd Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo

MAY 9th Lutheran Church of the Resurrection-3500 29th Ave, Marion

May 16th Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR

May 23rd Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, CR

May 30th Elks Club-301 33rd Ave SW, CR

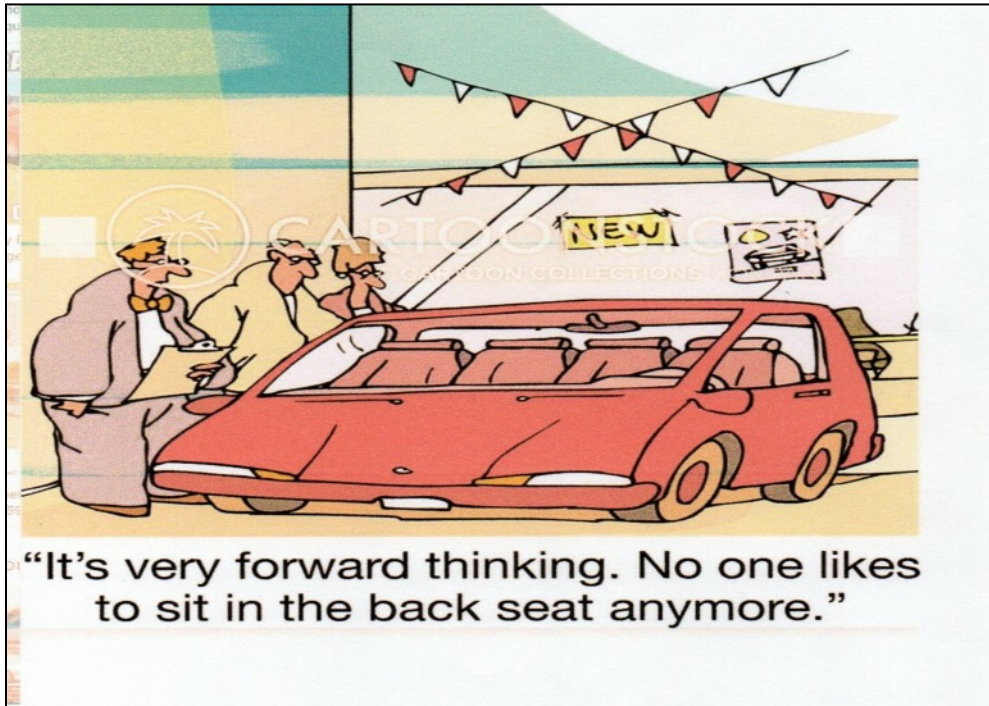
Upcoming Events June 2024

June 1-5 Twin Rivers trip to Wisconsin (see insert)

June 10th AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

June 17th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR (note this is on Monday now)

June 19th-Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Barrel House-295 Tower Terrace Rd/Marion. All members welcome (formerly known as ladies luncheon)



Karen Lucille Rohlena, 84, of Fairfax, passed away on April 3, 2024 at Winslow House Care Center, Marion.

Karen was born May 17, 1939 in Tiffin the daughter of Maynard & Hazel (Oswald) Edmonds. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1957 & earned a degree from Iowa City Business College. Karen was united to Neil Rohlena on June 12, 1960. She worked as a Secretary at Larew Plumbing, then Collins Radio, & later dedicated her life to raising a family & helping others through Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, & the Antique Auto Club. She enjoyed crafts, traveling, & anything that involved family & friends, including supporting Neil while he played the accordion at Nursing Homes.

Karen is survived by her husband, Neil; her children Randy (Pat) Rohlena & Renee (Mike) Frazier; her grandchildren Justin Rohlena (Laurann Sauerbry), Allison Rohlena, Amber Frazier, Lindsey Frazier, and Casey (Michele) Netolicky; great-grandchildren Riker Rohlena, Claire & Quinn Netolicky; her brother Terry (Connie) Edmonds; sister-in-law Sharon (Virgil) Schminke; as well as her nieces and nephews.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents.

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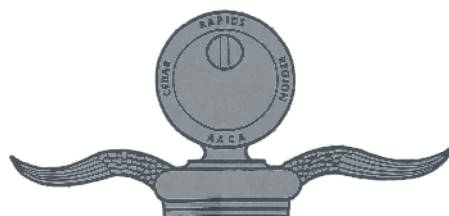
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. Frederic's last name was spelled Maitag in German meaning Mayday!
2. The Brush car used compression independent shocks on each wheel.
3. Henry Leland founded the Cadillac automobile.



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