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President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car People In The CR Area! April was another Great month for Us Old Car Folks. We had a Good meeting & are still working on summer car plans & our Aug Swap Meet.

I Know You are probably tired of hearing stories about that old '36 Railton of mine, but I just have to add the chapter I call "All's Fair In Love – War and Car Racing! Back to my original restoration for the '84 Great American Race. I did not want to leave anything to chance so I had the gas tank (leaked Badly) restored with the bottom cut out, completely cleaned and new turn plate bottom put in. The fuel lines were replaced with new & an electric fuel pump was added incase the mechanical one failed. I added a fuel pressure regulator & a fuel filter placed next to the carb that was a new old stock. Remember the first day of the race when Ted & I were running in the top 5 before the 2nd rod let go coming into Reno NV and we spent most of the night on the sandy parking lot behind the Dunes Casino taking out the rod & piston so we could leave in the morning running on 7. Very strange - the next day we ran the fuel filter plugged with sand & we had to stop beside the road & clean it before we could run again?

After that when I had the engine rebuilt and started to try & use her the filter plugged every day & once the pump stopped because it was completely packed with sand that I couldn't even clean out. The mechanical fuel pump even quit because of sand in the valves. Well the engine ran, but because she wasn't reliable I, in frustration, quit driving her again!

Fast forward a couple more years & Ian (our youngest) & I decided that the Railton was just too nice of a car to leave parked. We decided to figure out the problem & start using her again since the Hudson Nationals were going to be In Wisconsin & most of the Club had never had a chance to even see our spectacular British/American Sports car. We moved her into the shop & tore into her. I wanted to figure out the fuel issue & with the gas low in the tank I looked through the race tank fill & could see that the whole bottom was covered with sand! So Ian & I dropped the tank (no easy job) & took off the fuel level gage assembly so we could clean it out! When we sloshed it back & forth we could hear something sloshing around. Well to our complete surprise we found a red shop cloth and 2 cups of fine sand!!!

Think About that for a while until I can finish the story! Thanks for Listening!

Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. What does a tachometer weigh?

2. What automaker never discloses the horsepower of its engines?

3. Who invented the measure of horsepower?

(Answers on Page 7)

April 12th, 2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The April meeting was held at the Kirkwood Automotive Learning building. Meeting was called to order by President John Williams after we were given a tour of the facilities.

VISITORS: Scholarship winners Cody Breneman, Chayse Sam, & Spencer Sperial and one of our past scholarship recipients, Brian Carlson who is now a teacher in the Automotive department. Calvin Reiling a past member who is renewing his membership & Dave Hayes.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Kathy Harville 48 years; Loren Huffaker, Joann Kiefer, Judy Ortz-Birthdays. Sam Shannon is recuperating at home and Dale Benskin is going downhill.

SPEAKER: Teachers for the Automotive Learning Department at Kirkwood took us on a tour of the facilities and told us of their teaching and learning methods there. It was very impressive and super clean.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the March 8th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Sherry Melvin

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve was made by Sue Melvin and 2nd by Dan Ortz

MEMBERSHIP: Sharon Schminke reported that Dick Semelrothe and his wife Pat joined.

SPRING BANQUET: Loren Huffaker reported that he had only 10 reservations so far. You need to get them in by April 19th. It is a 2 meat family style meal with desert at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana. It will be April 30th 6:00PM social eat at 7:00PM.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena and some others met and discussed tours and dates. There will be a list in the Moto Meter telling when these are. Sharon Schminke told about the Twin Rivers Tour. It will be June 17-20th and stay 3 nights in Parkersburg. She said that because of the gas prices we are staying closer to home. The next Moto Meter will have the details in it.

OLD BUSINESS: The Teddy Bear auction for our May meeting was discussed. Be sure to bring bakery or nice sellable items. It was suggested to donate the money to the Honor Flight but it was not voted on. It was suggested that the Swap Meet meeting be held with the Board meeting on the 3rd Tuesday because we haven't had a very good turn out.

OTHER: The car show at the Bass Family Farm and store will be Saturday August 6th and everyone is encouraged to come.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Harville and 2nd Jon Reynolds.

Treats were served by Jack and Kathi Harville.

Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events May 2022

Model A Swap Meet May 7th from 8 AM to 5 PM.
AACA Club meeting May 10th at 6:30 PM. (Teddy Bear Auction)
Muscatine Riverfront Car Show May 15th
Cruisin for Camp Courageous May 15th in Monticello
Board Meeting May 17th at 6:00 PM at Perkins -Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon May 18th at 11:30 AM at Whiskey River -2882 Palo Marsh Rd, Palo
Tipton Car Cruise the Loop May 21st at 6 pm.
One day trip to Norway, Traer, and Gladbrook May 21st.

CR AREA THURSDAY OUTDOOR CRUISE NIGHTS. MEETING TIME AT 5:30 PM

May 5th Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo.
May 12th Lutheran Church Resurrection, 3500 29th Ave, Marion
May 19th Duffly's Classic Enterprises, 250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR
May 26th Hope Lutheran Church, 2736 Bowling St SW, CR

Upcoming Events June 2022

One day trip to Independence June 4th.
Muscatine Riverfront Car Show June 5th.
Overnight trip to Hampton with Model A Club June 9- 10. More info to follow.
AACA Club meeting June 14th at 7 PM. Program: Dale Lynch "1908 Great Race."
Twin Rivers Tour June 17-20. More info to follow.
Alburnett Car Show June 18th 9 am to 1:30 pm. Rain date is June 19th.
Gladbrook Car Show June 18th
Board Meeting June 21st at 6:00 PM at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon June 22nd at 11:30 AM at Sally's in Springville.
Car Show Ryan June 25 on Main St. Registration 10 am to noon. Awards at 3 pm.

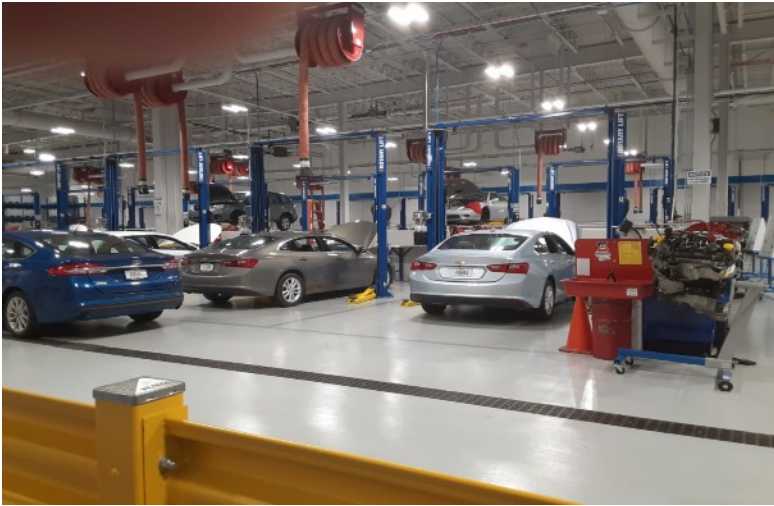
Upcoming Events July 2022

4th of July Picnic Ely. Bring 2 side dishes, drinks, and table service. Social 3 pm and eat at 4 pm.
IOLA car show and swap meet July 7-9.
AACA Club meeting July 12th at 7 pm . Program: History Center presents "1908 Electric Car."
Coralville Car Museum July 17th at 1 pm. 1908 Great Race.
Board Meeting July 19th at 6 pm at Perkins Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon July 20th at 11:30 am at Granite City 4755 1st Ave SE

TREAT SCHEDULE

May Tom and Jackie Oliver
June John and Agnes Williams

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man seeing flashing red and blue lights in his rear view mirror pulls to the side of the road. Shortly after coming to a stop a police officer approaches the car. The man says “What’s the problem officer?”

Officer: “You were going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone. I’m afraid I’m going to have to ticket you.”

Man: “No sir, I was going a little over 60.”

Wife: “Oh Harry, you know you were going at least 80!” (the man gives his wife a dirty look)

Officer: “I’m also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light.”

Man: “Broken tail light? I didn’t know about a broken tail light.”

Wife: “Oh Harry, you’ve known about that tail light for weeks.” (The man gives his wife another dirty look)

Officer: I’m also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt.”

Man: Oh I just took it off when you were walking up.”

Wife: “Oh Harry, you never wear your seat belt!”

The man turns to his wife and yells “For crying out loud can’t you just shut up?”

The officer turns to the woman and asks “Ma’am does your husband talk to you this way all the time?”

And the wife says “No officer, only when he is drunk!”

TOUR INFORMATION

One Day Tour on May 21st by Neil Rohlena

Meet at Perkins on 33rd Ave SW/CR-leave at 8:30 AM. Neil will collect \$20 per person at Perkins to pay for admission fees for the day. Lunch will be on your own. Will go to the Norway Final Season Baseball Museum, Traer Salt & Pepper Gallery, Matchstick Marvels Tourist Center, and much more.
Sign up sheet at May meeting or call Neil (319) 350-7457

AACA Day Trip to Independence – Saturday, June 4th by Sherry & Sue/Clyde Melvin

Meet at Spring of Life Church at 2300 26th St NW, CR (off Edgewood Rd & Ellis Blvd NW)
Will leave at 9am – route will be thru Palo, Shellsburg, Urbana, Independence. Anyone who wants to meet along the route contact Sherry or Sue/Clyde.

Will be going to Heartland Acres (\$3 adm.), Lunch at Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse, Wapsipinicon Grist Mill-farmer's market outside & garage sale inside (free will donation), Illinois Central Railroad (free adm.)

Sign up sheet at May meeting or call Sherry (319) 480-2245 or Sue/Clyde (319) 361-9731
Get your cars ready & come with us for a day of fun!!!!

JUNE 9-10, 2022 TOUR TO HAMPTON, IA WITH MODEL A CLUB

Meet at Sam's on Blairs Ferry Rd at 8:00 AM – Leave at 8:30 AM. Neil will collect money to pay for lunch & museums before leaving Sam's (see June newsletter for amounts)

We will follow Model A's and stop when they stop for gas & potty stops.

Hotel – Americinn (641) 456-5559 \$105.90 + tax (Includes breakfast)

Thursday Lunch – Godfather's in Hampton

Thursday PM – Historical museum at the fairgrounds

Thursday Evening – Bluegrass Music Festival at Fairgrounds at 7:30 pm if interested

Friday AM – Historic farmhouse

Friday – Beeds Lake – picnic lunch & pictures

Friday – Ice cream stop at Spartan Freeze in Grundy Center

Sign up sheet at May meeting or call Neil Rohlena (319) 350-7457

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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The tachometer measures engine revolutions.
2. Rolls-Royce does not disclose the horsepower of its engines.
3. James Watt invented the measure of horsepower.



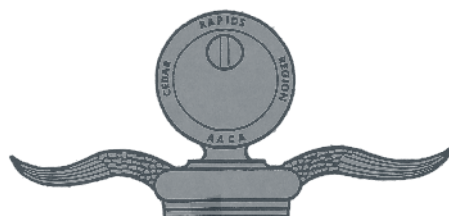
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