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President's Message

Hi Again TO ALL YOU GREAT OLE CAR FOLKS IN The Cedar Rapids Area! October was a full month again! Hershey started us off with rain & cold, but the sun came out on Thur & the Car Show was Awesome! Jon R & Rich M rode along & made the whole experience great! The Oct meeting was very good as usual. Unfortunately, I spent a week on Covid lockdown (not very sick) & found out why you don't want to experience it if you can help it!! Unfortunately, that caused me to miss the leaf tour that I was told was a great experience!

For my ole vehicle story this month I'd like to tell you about one of our British cars our '49 Daimler. As most of you know I've had a soft spot for British cars since way before meeting Agnes due to a '54 Austin Healy that was SO much fun in the 60s.

This story starts in '74 before our wedding in Scotland. I paid a visit to one of my old friends who told me that he had just gotten a spectacular car I should have. It turned out to be a custom bodied str 8 Daimler with the largest engine ever used in a Brit automobile! I fell in love even though it was a Hearse! The price was a giveaway at 75 pounds because no one in Scotland wanted a gas hog Hearse!! It ran and drove beautifully and because it was a Hearse it did not need a MOT sticker for the front window. This meant I could drive it where ever I wanted & probably not be bothered by the police? What a lucky find as we were collecting antiques to fill a container & the back of the Hearse was perfect to carry them. On our first trip into Edinburgh We parked in front of a Pub for some refreshment & it was so long it took 2 spaces. While inside the Pub a guy came in & wanted to know who was driving the Daimler! It turns out he was a chauffeur & had driven it many times with a rear passenger. He was so glad to see it being saved that he bought us a pint of Scotland's best to Thank Us! Later we had bought a large Nat Brass cash register labeled in Pence & Pounds & had it in the back & could be seen through the large widows! We told those that asked that we were starting a Cash For Carry Business! Later that day we ran out of gas on Princes St & has to leave our beautiful car along the main road while we walked for more gas! What a Neat ole machine to drive all summer around Scotland even if it was expensive to run (but it did save us from car rental fees)! I'll tell some more about it later!

Everyone Have A Great Fall! Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the first transatlantic radio broadcast?**
- 2. In what year did Ellis Island become the East Coast point of entry for immigrants?**
- 3. What did Charles Kettering invent for the safe start of an automobile?**

Answers on page 7

October 11th, 2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

VISITORS: Mike Kelly

BIRTHDAYS: Neil Rohlena, Sylvia Copler.

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ILLNESSES: Larry Yoder said Linda had back surgery. Jon Reynolds reported that Chris Ritter the AACA Research Specialist was killed in a freak accident when a tree limb fell on him when riding in a golf cart at the golf course.

SPEAKER: Mike Kelly spoke to us about Youngville Gas Station and Cafe that is at the corner of US Hwy 30 and US Hwy 218. It is now open on Tuesdays May thru September for meals and has been very busy. He told us about the Lincoln Highway that is now US Hwy 30. It was created on paper in 1913 but took 15 years for the completion of the paving. Benton County was the last stretch done on August 12, 1928. The Lincoln Highway signs were added by the Boy Scouts on September 1st. There were 3,000 of them.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the September 13th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Paul Kumley.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Harry Hawley and 2nd by Sam Shannon.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil talked about the Leaf tour to Southern Iowa because the leaves up north will be too far along on October 22. We also can join him for a tour before the Banquet in Kalona on November 4th. We will leave from Perkins on 33rd at 9:00. Anyone interested in going let Neil know. Details were in the last Moto Meter.

OLD BUSINESS: There was discussion about the Swap Meet and Paul Kumley suggested we no longer have it. It was decided that we would see how the Model A Swap Meet goes in the Spring and still try ours next fall. John Williams said that the Fairgrounds have locked us into the same time for the next 5 years. Next year it is September 16th. Jack Harville will have a swap Meet meeting the last of October.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We still need someone to take over as President and Treasurer. PLEASE STEP UP AND HELP US OUT.

NEW BUSINESS: The Fall Banquet on November 5th is in Kalona at the Amish Ladies place. It will be at noon and we can shop in Kalona after. Neil Rohlena has put together a tour to some places on the way to the banquet. Quite a few members signed up for the banquet at the meeting. Send your reservations to Loren Huffaker or call him.

OTHER: There is a need for members to sign up for treats for the coming year. Call Sylvia if you can serve. We have 4 free memberships from the National to give out for next year.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Kumley, 2nd by Jack Harville

Treats were provided by Barb Miller & John & Agnes Williams.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Nov.- Sharon & Virgil Schminke & Carl Ohrt



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events November 2022

****Fall Banquet Nov. 5th at 12:00 Noon at Ila Miller Home at 5708 Sharon Center Rd SW, Kalona-Will leave Perkins on 33rd Ave SW at 9 am-will see Kalona Cheese Factory, Stringtown Grocery, tour Stringtown Buggy Factory, lunch, tour Kalona Max-Cast Foundry, then free to tour downtown & return on your own** (insert in Oct. newsletter)**
ACA Club Meeting Nov.8th at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha.
Board Meeting Nov. 15th at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon Nov. 16th at 11:30 am at the Bluebird Cafe at 650 W Cherry St, North Liberty

Upcoming Events December 2022

ACA Christmas Party Dec. 13th at 6pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. Doors open at 5:30-eat at 6:00. Meat & drinks furnished. Bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert & table service.
Ladies Luncheon Dec. 21st at 11:30 am at Olive Garden

OFFICER & BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS

Openings for members to serve the club: President, Vice President, Treasurer, there are 2 board member positions open. Election will be held at the November meeting.

Please let John Williams know if you would be willing to fill any of these positions.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A grizzled old trucker was eating in a truck stop when three “Hell’s Angels” bikers walked in. The first biker walked up to the old man & pushed his cigarette into the old man’s pie & then took a seat at the counter. A moment later the second biker walked up to the old man & spat into the old man’s milk. Then he too took a seat at the counter. The third biker walked up to the man & turned over the old man’s plate & then took a seat at the counter. Without a word of protest the old man quietly left the diner. Shortly thereafter one of the bikers said to the waitress “Humph that old coot wasn’t much of a man was he?” The waitress replied “Not much of a truck driver either, he just backed his big rig over three motorcycles and drove off.”

2023 Membership Dues

Dues are payable to CRRAACA by December 1, 2022. Membership form was in October Moto Meter.

Cost is \$15 for local dues & \$45 for national dues for a total of \$60.

Mail to: Dan Ortz-1625 K Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, Ia 52402

Some Thanksgiving Facts

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served alongside pumpkins & cranberries.

Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on Oct. 3, 1863.

George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

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The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale & Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.





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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The first transatlantic radio broadcast was 1903.
2. Ellis Island became the East Coast point of entry in 1892.
3. Charles Kettering invented the electric starter first used on Cadillac.



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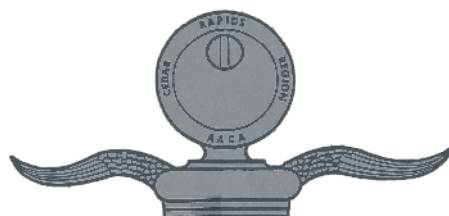
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