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President's Message

Hi To All You Great Ole car Folks In the Area! Not my best month as far as old car stuff, but I still had some good times! The last of Sep was the Red Flag Tour out of Mt Pleasant again. The first day was cold & wet, which isn't the best with a '12 T that has no front doors, but the rest of the tour was perfect weather with great places to visit like Hotel Manning one day and Kalona the next! Unfortunately the contractors chose the time to begin our house remodel that made my annual trip to Hershey not practical! Oh Well - I guess you can't do everything Every Year? On top of that the harvest prevented Me from making the October AACA meeting as well as the AACA Bd Meeting. We managed to finish the bean harvest, but are still fighting the corn harvest late in Oct. We even had to miss the fall Leaf Tour because of the harvest which did not make me Happy! I'm not done with all my old car stories, but I'd like to tell you all about the car you see Agnes & I enjoying so much at many car events – our BMW Z3! To start out lets go back almost 25 years! We were cruising along I 80 when this awesome little red roadster being driven by a young gal passed us & I fell IN Love! Come ON it was the Car not the Driver! I knew it looked a lot like a Miata, but Better! I did some research & found that we had seen a BMW Z3! Fast forward 5 years of me looking for such a Beautiful Car. At work one night I was looking at the computer & spotted my dream car for sale 20 miles away And believe it or not It Was Red! I called & made a appointment to view & drive her on the weekend. Lucky for us no one else beat us to the punch. The guy was a part time dealer who really wanted to make a sale so he made us an offer we could not pass up. Low & Behold we had our dream car & even the right color! We only drive her in good weather & don't even take her out in the winter. We have taken our Z3 on many runs – even to Michigan to see Ian! The Only problem it has is limited space for luggage! This means you need to travel light & not pack Too Many Clothes! As we get older the riding position Does Get to you after a long time in that position, but it is still such a great Ride that its downfalls can be overlooked! We especially enjoy her on Ole Car Outings that the T is not appropriate for because after all she's almost old enough to be a true antique by AACA standards! We hope to be able to Enjoy Her For Many More Years and More Awesome Adventures!!!

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What was the first year the Red Flag London to Brighton was run?**
- 2. What year is the newest car allowed to enter the Red Flag Run?**
- 3. In what year was the first Dodge car produced in the US?**

Answers on page 7

See You In November – Your President John Williams

October 10th 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Loren Huffaker. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: None

BIRTHDAYS: Neil Rohlena, Sylvia Copler

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ILLNESSES: None

DEATHS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the September 12th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Neil Rohlena and 2nd by Dan Ortz.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Dave Travis.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil said the October 21st tour of the fall leaves is still on. We are going to Dubuque and Wisconsin. There is a sign up sheet on the front table.

NEW BUSINESS: We are having the Fall Banquet again at the Country Club by Lake McBride on November 4th. Reservations need to be to Loren by October 20th.

SWAP MEET: Jack Harville reported that we made \$354.84 this year. There were 27 less vendors and 41 less patrons. He threw out a few revisions that might help the cost of holding the Swap Meet that were discussed by members attending the Swap Meet meeting. One was not paying the \$1200 for Building 2 and put the crafters in Building 9 or have them set up outside. Another suggestion was hiring the Security for less hours since we have members working already at 4:00 AM Saturday morning. We could also use 2 less golf carts. Members on Ricks List could help by putting an advertisement for the show on it. He also suggested we make a new flyer because this one is the same one we used for Hawkeye Downs. Jack also said we needed to use the news media to get the word out that we donate the money to many great causes during the year. It was decided to take a paper ballot vote of the attending members whether we should continue having the Swap Meet or not. The vote was 11 no and 19 yes. Jim Smith asked about the Model A giving up the storage unit and the CRRAACA purchasing their half.

OTHER: Rich Mishler reported on going to the Red Flag tour where there were vehicles from 1927 or older. There were 20 cars. He had pictures in the back to see. Jon Reynolds told us about an article in one of his magazines that told of a Model A owner being hit head on by a wrong way driver and survived because he had installed seat belts in his Model A. Larry Beatty said October 22 Youngville is having an Open House from 11-2 put on by the Benton County Preservation. Food available from the Beast & Bird Food Truck (Logan Merchant owner).

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Loren Huffaker

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Harville and 2nd by Sue Melvin

Treats were provided by Tom & Jackie Oliver

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man walks past a house that has a sign posted saying “Boat for sale” and decides to check it out.

As he’s walking up the driveway all he sees is an old car and a grill.

Confused he knocks on the door and asks the Jamaican homeowner “Hey I can see that you have a sign out front saying you’ve got a boat, but all I can see is an old car and a grill.”

“Ya mon!” the Jamaican homeowner excitedly replies “and dem boat for sale!”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events November 2023

Nov. 4th-Fall Banquet at Lake McBride Golf Course-3891 Pro Rd NE/Solon. Social hour 5 pm - eat at 6 pm.

Nov. 14th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

Nov. 15th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Breakfast Barn-3980 Center Point Rd NE/CR (note this is a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving)

Nov. 21st-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Upcoming Events December 2023

Dec. 12th-AACA Christmas Party at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. Doors open at 5:30 pm - eat at 6 pm. Meat will be provided. Bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert & table service. You will need to bring your own beverages or purchase them from the Shrine bar.

Dec. 16th Christmas Lights tour to Monticello. More info. in Dec. Moto Meter.

Dec. 19th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Dec. 20th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Olive Garden/Collins Rd NE. Bring a gift to exchange if you wish.

2024 Membership Dues

Membership renewal form insert in this newsletter. Note that dues are **payable by December 1st**.

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

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

2023 TREAT SCHEDULE

Nov - Larry & Linda Yoder

Dec - Pete & Pat Bischoff (meat for xmas party)

2024 TREAT SCHEDULE

Jan - Sharon & Virgil Schminke

Fall Leaf Tour to Dubuque, Ia & Potosi, Wi
October 21, 2023



Grotto-Dickeyville, Wi



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Potosi Brewery Museum-Potosi, Wi



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Lunch Potosi Brewery Museum-Potosi, Wi



Shot Tower-Dubuque, Ia

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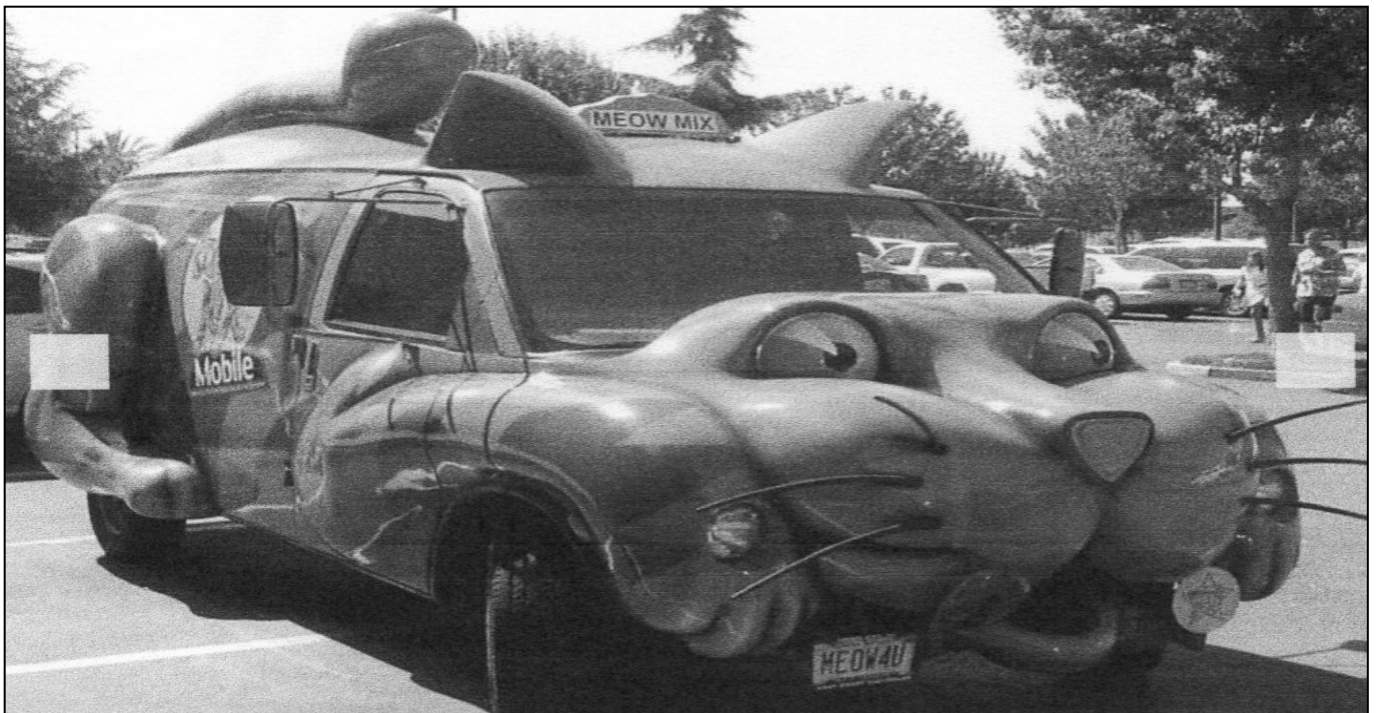
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Election of officers & Board Members in November

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer and 2 Board Member positions will be voted on at the November club meeting. Candidates for board member are Joan Auterman, Tom Oliver, Jon Reynolds, and Larry Yoder.



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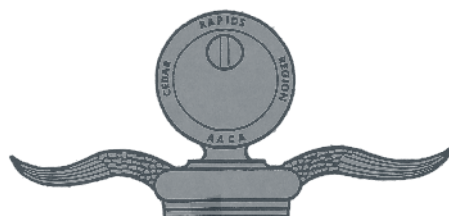
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The first Red Flag run took place in 1896.
2. The newest car that is allowed to enter the run is 1904.
3. The first Dodge car to be produced was 1914.



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