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President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In the CR Area! As Always Sept. has been very busy! Agnes & I made a trip to Mich to see Ian before he deploys for a year so we missed Old Threshers! The reg meeting was very good & the trip to the History Center was lots of fun & I especially enjoyed getting to see our CR electric car up very close & personal! It is a real tribute to long time members of our Club the Newport family that it got saved – Restored & donated to the HC so we could all see it & enjoy it!! For Me the Red Flag tour out of Mt P the 21-24 was one of the best activities of the summer for us really Old Car Nuts (tried to overlook the Cold & the Rain)!

For my story I'd like to tell you about my '34 Chevrolet – I'm not just a Ford Model T Guy, but have many old vehicle interests! This '34 Master Del 2 dr trunk sedan was bought new by a railway man from Fairfax. I first got to know her as the 2nd owner, a Farmer from south of Fairfax regularly drove to town where I fell in love with another old car. I think I was in grade school when He quit driving & I noticed it setting by his garage. After building up the courage I rode my trusty Schwinn Hornet over to find out the scoop! I was told that it had a bad place on the flywheel starter ring that made it dodgy to drive anyplace & turn her off! He had bought a newer car & was pondering the ole 34's fate. He told me he would take \$15, but he had mistakenly turned in the plates when he registered the replacement car! I thought it was a neat car so I bought it & Dad & I towed it the 2 miles to our farm with the IH 300.

It was easy to get going & lots of fun to drive around the farm. The only thing you had to be careful to always carry a large screwdriver because you might have to crawl under & pry the flywheel to a diff position so you could start it! I drove it like this for several years, but in High School as I got better with mechanics I decided I needed to fix the flywheel & the front mech brakes that did not work. I pulled the engine & took it apart but ran out of money & time as I headed off to ISU to school. Oh – Well – I'd still like to finish it as it is a neat old Chev!

Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. In what year was professional football born in the US?

2. In what year was the first patent issued for an automobile?

3. In what year did Thomas Jeffery produce his first Rambler bicycle?

Answers on page 7

September 13th, 2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The September 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: Marv Roster

BIRTHDAYS: Jon Reynolds, Sherry Melvin

ANNIVERSARIES: Virg & Sharon Schminke 60 years, Clyde & Sue Melvin

ILLNESSES: According to Steve Brown John Maxwell is doing much better.

SPEAKER: Marv Roster talked about his career in detailing. He uses Happy Bug and told us how he applied it. He uses soft brushes to reach hard spots. He also showed us the cloths he uses to give it a nice spot free drying. He invented a bar to attach on the side walls to hold a light bar so he can see better in all the nooks and crannies. He had lots of good ideas and answered many questions from the group.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the August 9th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Tom Oliver and 2nd by Judy Ortz.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve was made by Jon Reynolds and 2nd by Jack Harville.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: The trip to Kalamazoo will have to be postponed until next Spring because the tour bus schedule was already filled. Jon Reynolds will check on this later. Many members were interested in attending.

OLD BUSINESS: The swap Meet was discussed. Some vendors were complaining that we didn't advertise much. It was brought to our attention that things on Facebook need to be entered often because they either move down or are removed after a short while because there are so many postings. The fact that we changed the date twice in two years didn't help. John Williams said that the Fairgrounds have locked us into the same time for the next 5 years. Next year it is September 16th.

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 is talking about putting together a tour to some places on the way to the Banquet. More information will be in the next Moto Meter about the Banquet. The 2 meat meal costs \$21.00 and the club will pay \$6.00 for members.

OTHER: There was a need for someone to have treats in October and November. John Williams said he would provide in October and Virg & Sharon Schminke and Carl Ohrt for November. 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 Al Meeker, 2nd by Sue Melvin

Treats were provided by Harry & Jane Hawley & Larry Beatty.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

TREAT SCHEDULE

Oct. - Barb Miller & John & Agnes Williams

Nov.- Sharon & Virgil Schminke & Carl Ohrt



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events October 2022

Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show Oct. 2nd 11am-3pm at 102 SW 1st St SE, Hopkinton
Swap Meet Oct. 9th 7:30am-1:00pm at Monticello Fairgrounds-700 N. Maple St
AACAA Club Meeting Oct. 11th at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in
Hiawatha. Program: Mike Kelly on history of Youngville
6th Annual Prohibition Bicycle Party Ride Oct. 15th at 2 pm - Oct. 16th 1 am. Mandatory
dress code is 1920's and 1930's. All proceeds benefit the Iowa Donor Network. Entrance
cost will include party favors, photo ops, drink discounts, & a list of the night's best
Speakeasys. Location of first speakeasy will be released the day of the event-check it out on
facebook. Recommended by Wayne Van Gorp.
Board Meeting Oct. 18th at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon Oct. 19th at 11:30 am at Betty's Bread Basket-101 S Franklin St in
Manchester (if they are open at this new location)
**Fall leaf tour Oct. 22nd-leave Perkins on 33rd Ave SW at 8 am-Will see Walnut Grove
Pioneer Village, Buffalo Bill's home, Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, lunch at Cracker
Barrel, Interstate 80 Truck Museum-let Neil Rohlena know if you are going**

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, String-
town Grocery, tour Stringtown Buggy Factory, lunch, tour Kalona Max-Cast Foundry, then
free to tour downtown & return on your own** (see insert)
AACAA 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

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

Jill's car was old and unreliable and she called John for a ride every time it
broke down. One day John got yet another one of these calls.

"What happened this time?" he asked. "My brakes went out" Jill said. "Can
you come and get me?" "Yeah all right, where are you?" John asked.

"I'm in the drugstore!" Jill responded. "Okay and where is the car?" John
asked. Jill replied "It's in here with me."

CAR FOR SALE

1929 Model A Special Coupe

Contact: Kim Novotny at kimmer1966_9@hotmail.com

Howard Novotny owned and maintained this car before his passing. This car is a “buy as is.”

It has a new starter and was painted in 2010.



2023 Membership Dues

See membership renewal insert. Dues are payable to CRRAACA by December 1, 2022.

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

Weathered Wheels

Reader Coy Thomas submitted this photo of a 1960 Thunderbird perched high in a tree. Is it surveying the forest? More likely it's serving as the most creative deer stand we've ever seen.



August 27, 2022 Swap Meet



Sept. 15th Cedar Rapids History Center

The first car in Linn County was steam powered!

Willis Haskell, a coal dealer, got the first car in Linn County in 1898. He paid \$1000 for it in Davenport, Iowa, and had it delivered to his office in Cedar Rapids. At that time, steam power was all the rage. There were steam powered bikes, carriages, and even military vehicles!



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Jon's Corner Answers

1. Professional football was born in 1894.
2. The first patent for an automobile was issued to George Selden in 1895.
3. Thomas Jeffery produced his first bicycle, The Rambler, in 1897.



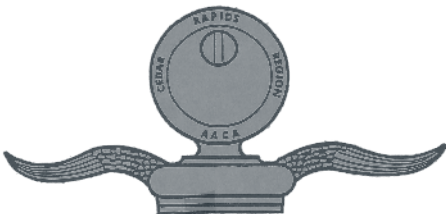
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