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President's Message

Hi To All You Great Ole Car People In the CR Area! What a Month - I did get to make a Final Visit to the Awesome Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa! I can't believe we have lost one of the greatest museums in the US! We had another Great meeting, but could use some more of you there! The big thing was the Swap Meet at Central City! We had a beautiful day (no thanks to the weather folks & their scary forecast)! Everything looked Good, but we were down in vendors & patrons & made some money, but not too much! We'll be talking to you all about what to do?

I would like to tell you about another Olds that has been important to our Family! One of my friends at work had been working for quite a while on his '69 Olds Cutlass Convertible & had it going great, but still needing things! I heard that he was getting tired of the project so I asked him what his plans were? When he answered that he would like a Olds guy like me to take over I was ready with a big OK! After all I had a good job & two boys who needed a Fun Car for school. What a great car it was for the whole family! Not a good winter or rainy day machine because the top was shot so bad it couldn't be used - but wow what a awesome sunny day machine it was! Not only was it a convertible but it was RED as well! She was pretty dependable so it got a lot of use from us all! There was one problem & that was no spare tire because Sean & Ian found that if they took the spare out of the trunk they could fit in giant speakers for the tape player they fitted under the dash! I have to tell you that Agnes & I even enjoyed a music ride once in a while. I'm not lying when I tell the trunk lid would bounce to the beat of whatever music you were playing! I remember one evening that we were enjoying a Johnny Cash tape on first ave with the ole trunk just a jumpin to the beat!! The carb must have lost its prime because if you let it set for 6 hours you had to lift the air cleaner & give her a wee prime to have a fast start? Every thing went well for several years until Ian was out for a ride and parked it in the driveway at the farm. Along came one of his friends who also parked a way away. They were having a great time when his friend decided he needed to be home. Well - he jumped into his car to Quickly leave and backed his pickup right into the nose of our great Cutlass! So much for a neat car to cruise around in - it kinda spoils the fun if that car has a badly bent nose!

See You in October - Your President John Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. Where did the word
"KLAXON" come from?

2. Who asked Americans
"to see the USA in their
Chevrolet"?

3. Who was the founder of
Firestone?

Answers on page 7

September 12th 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

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

VISITORS: None

BIRTHDAYS: Jon Reynolds, Darrell Sanford

ANNIVERSARIES: Clyde & Sue Melvin, Virgil & Sharon Schminke

ILLNESS: Sherry Wilcox’s sister had an aneurysm and lost a lot of blood, but is now recovering. Alvin Vondracek fell in his garage and had tape instead of stitches on his face because it was close to his eye. He is sore and bruised according to Barb Miller’s reporting.

DEATHS: Verle Miller a former member, Garlene (Splichal) Knight-Godfrey Splichal’s (a former members) daughter.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the August 8th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Larry Beatty and 2nd by Harry Hawley

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to approve was made by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Carl Ohrt. It was voted on to remove the \$18,000 set aside because we will have to be dipping into it soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You was read by Sylvia Cople from the Honor Flight for our donation.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena said the October 21st tour of the fall leaves is still on. There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting. Sharon Schminke is still planning a Christmas tour in December. Members reported that the trip to Wyoming that Sherry Melvin set up was great. The Hotel and Lunch were greatly enjoyed.

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. The registration sheet was in the Sept. newsletter.

SWAP MEET: John Williams had some signs that could be put up yet for the Swap Meet and some members will change the date on them and place them around. Judy Ortiz said she could use someone early to take money at the vendor gate. There will be an appreciation lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Marion on Sunday the 17th at 4:00 PM for the ones who worked. You are welcome to bring someone else with you but you need to pay for their meal.

OTHER: Rich Mishler told us about the sale at the Anamosa Motorcycle Museum. It was very interesting. He said that Steve McQueen’s bike sold for \$200,000. There was much discussion about various members own bikes. Jon Reynolds also had us remember the tragedy of 9-11.

Larry Beatty said if anyone had their picture taken at Youngville in front of the gas pump and would like a copy, contact him for the Photographers name.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Melvin and 2nd by Carl Ohrt.

Treats were provided by Dan and Judy Ortiz and Neil Rohlena

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

TREAT SCHEDULE

Oct. - Tom & Jackie Oliver

Nov - Larry & Linda Yoder

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A woman’s husband dies & she wants to submit an obituary at the local newspaper & she asks what it would cost. The ad editor informs her “We can do 4 lines with a maximum of 80 words for \$100”. She says “Oh I didn’t love him that much-what else ya got?” The editor says “Okay we can do 3 lines & a maximum of 25 words for \$35”. She replies “Nope, still too expensive. What else ya got?” The ad man tells her “We have the economy option 2 lines, 5 words max \$5”. She agrees. So he fills out the order and asks “Okay, what do you want the obit to say?” She says “Sam’s dead, car for sale.”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events October 2023

Oct. 3-6 AACA Fall Nationals in Hershey, Pennsylvania

Oct. 7th Cottage Grove Place Car Show at 2115 1st Ave SE/CR from 10 am - 1 pm. (See below)

Oct. 10th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

Oct. 17th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Oct. 18th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Daisy's Garage-6095 Carlson Way-Marion

Oct. 21st-Fall tour to Dubuque & More. Leave Marion Walmart at 8 am. Will go to Grotto of the Christ the King; Potosi, WI for Potosi Brewery Museum; lunch at the Potosi Brewery cafe (on your own); back to National Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Star Brewery Museum (wine tasting) & the Dubuque Incline Railroad. Will collect \$30 at Walmart to cover the Brewery & the River Museum.

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. \$30 per person payable to CRRAACA by October 20th deadline. Mail to Loren Huffaker at 810 S. 6th Ave-Marshalltown, Ia 50158. Registration form was in Sept. Moto Meter.

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

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

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BUFFET LUNCH

11:00am-1:00pm
Commons Dining Room & Sedlacek Hall

CAR SHOW

10:00am-1:00pm
1st Ave Parking Lot

Wyoming Sept. 9, 2023
Williams Hotel Historical Museum & Dr. Calkins House Museum



Swap Meet Sept. 16, 2023



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A big thank you to all the club members who worked so hard to make this swap meet happen

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. If you would be willing to serve the club in any of these positions please let John Williams know.



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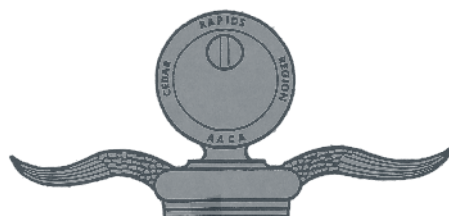
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The word "KLAXON" came from the Greek for "to shriek".
2. Dinah Shore asked Americans "to see the USA in their Chevrolet".
3. Harvey Firestone was the founder of Firestone Tire Company.



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