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## JON'S CORNER

**1. What was the first car to use a high beam light indicator?**

**2. In what years was the two-seater Thunderbird built?**

**3. Where was the G.M. "Saturn" plant located?**

**(Answers page 7)**

## President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car People In The CR Area! September has been A Great month. It started with Old Treasures that is always Lots of Fun, then came the Northwood Speedster Hill Climb, The Des Moines Concours was spectacular this year, we had A Great Time Helping to Water Up the Steamers at Dale Lynches, the Hempink Museum auction was Nice, and the Red Flag Tour for pre '27 cars should also be a great experience.

For my story this month I'd like to tell about My Greatest Car find of my early years. I'll start off by saying that after I found my T Touring what I really wanted was a Model A Roadster that would open up a whole new type of faster, go farther, stop better, steer safer type of car. My Best Old Car Friend from High school also wanted such a car, but he wanted some Chrysler product. Being a year older He had started college at UNI while I was finishing my senior year of High School. He had accidentally stumbled into this 1933 Buick Convertible Coupe on his way home. It was owned by its 2nd owner who got it from a local banker in the late 30s. It was still being driven in 1962, but it had problems. The worst was that it took up the only garage space available for the guys daughters Rambler! After many visits the Ole Fellow decided that if the car had to go my friend was the one who should have his treasure. Well my friend drove it around and worked on it a lot that summer, but college expenses & after all it was a GM car not what he really wanted!! When he was home one weekend he told me that He really needed the money & could I help let the CRAACA group know about it! Well it was not a Model A Roadster, but it was an early running driving Convertible! I did tell some of the guys about it , but of course I did not tell them where it was or who had it! All I had to do was convince my DAD. I had my friend bring it over to the farm the next weekend. We talked Dad into a ride while I road in the rumble seat & my Dad road shotgun! He actually enjoyed the ride like any TRUE Old Car Enthusiast. I told Dad that several club members wanted to purchase it & that it would be a Great Investment For Me! After all I had my College Money earned from years of hard farm work! I am very glad to say that my Dad Consented & Let Me purchase that Grand Old 1933 Buick (33-66C)! Hopefully I'll get her going again soon (another story)! Our CRAACA Swap meet October 2<sup>nd</sup> should be a great success !  
Your President John Williams

**September 14, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING**

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

**Meeting was called to order by John Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**VISITORS: None**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Clyde & Sue Melvin. Virg & Sharon Schminke. Todd & Dawna Schminke. Jon Reynolds and Shareen Melvin**

**SPEAKER: Todd Schminke gave a talk on using Powder Coating on metal. He has made holders for the many hitches needed for pickups pulling trailers, boats and many other pieces of equipment. He had a very informative video showing him applying and baking the Powder Coating. There were lots of interesting questions asked at the end of his presentation.**

**SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the August 10th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Tom Oliver and 2nd by Carl Ortz.**

**TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to approve was made by Virgil Schminke and 2nd by Sherry Melvin.**

**FALL BANQUET: Loren Huffaker reported that there was a sign up sheet in the September Moto Meter and in your Moto Meter E-mail. There needs to be more signing up to enjoy the great meal and friendship. We are going to Lake McBride Golf Course on November 13th. The menu is Iowa Chops, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert, coffee, tea, and water. The cost is \$26.00 less \$10.00 if you are a club member. Social hour is 5:00 eat at 6:00.**

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: The tour to Coralville and the Car Museum was discussed but it is not set up yet. The overnight river boat tour Jon Reynolds mentioned was discussed and most decided it would be too expensive. Neil is still planning the Fall leaves tour.**

**FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS: Nothing reported**

**WEB MASTER: Sylvia Cople reported that there is nothing new.**

**MARKETING CHAIRMAN: Nothing reported.**

**OLD BUSINESS: Tom Oliver reported that the Swap Meet is coming along and Sharon Schminke reported she is almost full in building #2 with Crafters, Flea Market, Vendors and Antiques. John Williams reported he still has raffle tickets for the 1973 Jeep Commando. The drawing will be Oct 9th at Hershey.**

**NEW BUSINESS: Pete & Pat Bischoff is still planning to have the Christmas Party on December 14th (our regular meeting date).**

**OTHER: Jon Reynolds and John Williams told us about several events coming up if anyone was interested.**

**BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Al Meeker and 2nd by Todd Schminke**

**Treats were served by Jeff Fossum**

**Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month. Sylvia reported that Jane hopes to be back helping her with the Moto Meter this weekend. Good luck Jane-it is nice to hear you are coming along.**

**Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary**

## Leaf Tour October 16<sup>th</sup>

**Meet at Marion Walmart. Leave at 8 AM.**

**Stop at Anamosa Motorcycle Museum at Anamosa.**

**Tour leaves. Have lunch at Breitbach's Country Restaurant.**

**Then tour more leaves and on to the Field of Dreams Site, Doll Museum, & Antique Mall or Toy Museum at Dyersville.**



**Sign up sheet at October meeting or if you can't attend the meeting call Neil Rohlena to sign up 350-7457.**

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

A blonde walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer.

She says she's going to Europe on business for 2 weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000.00. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce.

The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title, and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The banks president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$250,000.00 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000.00 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Rolls into the banks underground garage and parks it there .

Two weeks later, the blonde returns and repays the \$5,000 and the interest which comes to \$15.41.

The loan officer says "Miss, we are happy to have had your business and the transaction worked out nicely; but we are a little puzzled. We checked you out and found out that you are a multimillionaire.

What puzzles us is - why would you bother to borrow \$5,000. The blonde replies "Where else in New York can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

### ELECTION FOR BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS COMING SOON

If you are willing to serve in one of these positions let a board member or officer know.

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

**October 2 AACA Swap Meet Central City Fairgrounds**  
**October 3 Hot Rods & Harleys Show at Hopkinton 11AM - 4 PM**  
**October 6-9 - Hershey PA Swap Meet**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> Auto Parts Swap Meet Monticello, Ia 7:30 am - 1 pm**

### Upcoming Events October 2021

**Swap Meet Set Up** October 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Swap Meet** October 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
**AACA Club meeting** Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM .  
**Leaf Tour** October 16<sup>th</sup> McGregor area with lunch at Balltown  
**Board Meeting** Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Perkins-Collins Rd, CR  
**Ladies Luncheon** Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at McOtto's in Anamosa

### Upcoming Events November 2021

**One Day Trip to Coralville Car Museum** Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-sign up sheet at October meeting  
**AACA Club meeting** Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Program: "What's New with Kirkwood Community College"  
**Fall Banquet** Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at Lake McBride Golf Course 5pm social - 6pm eat **Reservation due to Loren by Nov. 1st**  
**Board Meeting** Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Leonardo's-2228 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW/CR  
**Ladies Luncheon** Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at The Bohemian

### Upcoming Events December 2021

**AACA Club meeting** Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm - eat at 6:00 pm. Program: Christmas Party. Bring a vegetable or salad & a dessert along with table service. Meat & drinks furnished.  
**Christmas Lights Tour** Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> More Info. To follow  
**Board Meeting** December 21 at 6pm at Perkins-Collins Rd/CR  
**Ladies Luncheon** Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM at Olive Garden. Bring a gift to exchange.

## August Keosauqua Tour



Johnny Clock Museum in Lockridge



Neil & daughter Renee with Karen's doll donated to The Theatre Museum in Mt. Pleasant



Indian Artifacts Museum in Bentonsport



Coleman Road-right side paved; left side gravel



Swedish American Museum in Swedesburg



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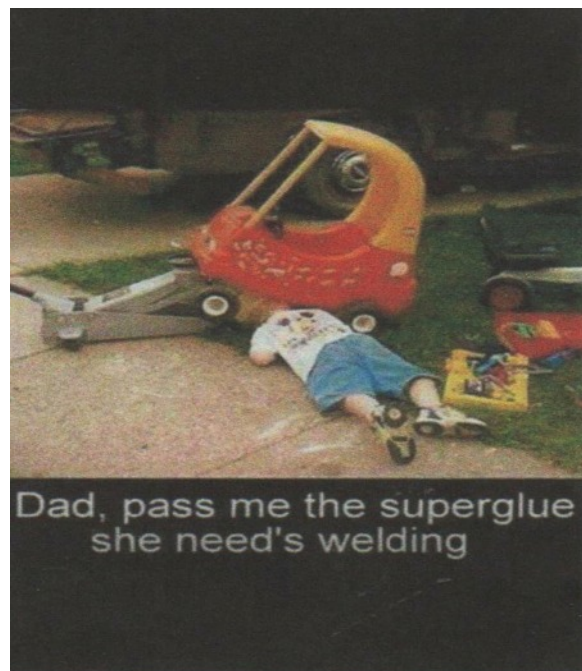
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November 9<sup>th</sup> Dean & Joann Kiefer

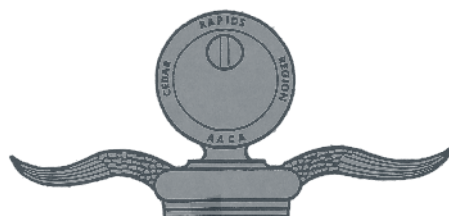
December 14<sup>th</sup> Pete & Pat Bischoff

### JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. The Cord 810 was the first car to use a high beam light indicator.
2. The Ford Thunderbird was produced 1955-1957.
3. The G.M. "Saturn" plant was located in Springhill, TN



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