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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – November 2025

It seems the year is just flying by. November is here and way too soon to prepare the Chevelle for storage but we got it done last week so she is put away for a nice long winter's nap. Let's hope April comes around soon and we can get our old cars out and running on the roads again.

A heads up regarding our Christmas party and as always, this event will take the place of our December meeting. This year the meat will be provided and we will have pulled pork that was left over from the lawn party. My understanding is that Sharon has a bunch of it in her freezer so let's put it to good use! In addition to providing the meat, silverware and plates will be provided for everyone. Please bring your own drink and we ask that each member provide a covered dish or dessert to share.

At our last Board meeting it was discussed that Joann Kiefer is no longer wishing to handle sending flowers to members in the hospital. With this in mind the Board discussed that maybe it is time to discontinue this practice since hospital stays are much shorter if they happen at all with most people going home the same day from surgery and most diagnostic tests being done as outpatients. Therefore, in lieu of sending flowers, we will begin the practice of sending get well cards from the club. If we know of an illness, we may be able to have each person present at the club monthly meeting sign the card that needs to be sent, adding a personal message if they like. Sharon will get a supply of get-well cards so we can begin this practice immediately.

Be sure and check out our web page because it is beginning to take shape with a new look. The QR Code on the 2026 Swap Meet flier will take you directly to the web page. Remember that it is still a work in progress and new additions will continue to appear as we go along. We are still working on updating the FaceBook page and Kathi Harville will be doing some work on that as soon she obtains administrative rights from Denise Voutrobek.

ELECTIONS!!! Yes, it's that time of year again when club officer elections will be held at the November meeting. If you have any interest in running for any officer position, please let us know. Don't be shy about taking this leadership step. If you desire more information about what the offices involve, please feel free to call the appropriate officer to discuss your concerns or ask your questions. Any of these people will be happy to talk to you and any of them would be happy to give up their seat if you would care to run for it. There are two Board members who are up for re-election and these individuals are Larry Yoder and Joan Auterman. They have both agreed to run again and other individuals could run against them.

Two last reminders: it's time to pay your dues. Please take time to talk to Dan Ortz at the next meeting or send your renewal info to him. At the November Board meeting we will be reviewing the Policy and Procedure document. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. As always, the 2026 Swap Meet meeting will be held on November 10 at 6 pm before our 7 pm club meeting.

Jack Harville

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What lady drove an Oldsmobile across the US in 1916 breaking a time record?**
- 2. What lady drove a Kissell Kar across the US alone in 1915?**
- 3. In what year was the first Glidden tour conducted?**

Answers on page 5

October 13th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The October meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

Meeting called to order by President Jack Harville. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: None reported

BIRTHDAYS: Sylvia Copler and Neil Rohlena

ANNIVERSARIES: None reported

ILLNESSES: Carl Ohrt fell and broke his hip. They did a hip replacement. Neil Rohlena had a Pace Maker put in today. Aaron Frank had a burst appendix and also found out he has Gall Stones so they will remove his Gall Bladder sometime soon.

DEATHS: Harry Hawley

NEW MEMBERS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the September 8th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Sue Melvin

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve by Joan Auterman and 2nd by Pat Skay.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Sharon Schminke reported on Neils Fall leaf tour that was changed from October 12 to October 18 because the trees are turning slow this year. We meet at Walmart in Marion at 8:00 AM and see Dave Browns Classic Cars, Effigy Mounds, Spook Cave, Yellow River Forest and more. Sharon also told us she will have a Christmas Lights tour on December 13th. We will leave from Walmart on Blairs Ferry Road at 5:00 PM.

SWAP MEET: We had a meeting at the Hiawatha Community Center before our regular meeting. We discussed many things and then Jack explained that we need some more Advertisers so we can get the flyers printed for the Meet. Aaron didn't know how many were needed yet and Kyle wasn't at the meeting. Jack is going to make up the Clip Boards and then the ones in charge of their areas are responsible to see that they have enough help.

OTHER: Jack had some things left in the shed on display for members to take. They were mostly things left over from the Pancake Breakfast. The members could take anything they wanted.

Jack reported that they met with Ryan and are working on updating our Web Site and trying to make it more eye catching. Jack also reminder that Sunday November 2nd we change our clocks back. (you get an extra hour of sleep after coming to our Fall Banquet.)

DAN REMINDED US THAT HE NEEDS OUR DUES TO HIM BEFORE DECEMBER 1st.

FALL BANQUET: The Fall Banquet will be held at St John Lutheran Church in Newhall (Sharon Schminkes church) on November 1. Social hour is 11:00AM and eat at 11:30AM. There is a handicap door opener and an elevator for our convenience on the east side of the church. The menu is sliced Beef, Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Candied Carrots, 7 Layer Salad and Apple Crisp for dessert for \$25.00. Inga Schminke will speak to us about her escape from the Concentration Camp and coming to Canada-Neil will gladly lead members to the Church if you come to Fareway on 16th Ave and Wiley Blvd at 10:30 AM

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Judy Ortiz

Treats were provided by Steve & Anne Brown and Al & Marlene Meeker

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

Hi Again to all You Ole Car Lovers! Here we go relating some of our fun times with Morris our Morris 1000 Post Office Van that we found in London to use all summer as our way to get around the UK, but especially Scotland! As I already explained Agnes & I brush painted over the army green changing her color to midnight blue body with black fenders & silver bumpers! What a snazzy little car we had to run around in. We found that if we tipped the seats ahead and laid some foam rubber on the floor we had a decent place to sleep so we didn't always need to use our tent and find a Camp ground to stay in out on the road. We had decided to visit Agnes's relatives in N Ireland and wanted to explore as much of Ireland as we could that summer! It's just a short ferry ride from S Scotland to Belfast in N Ireland so we loaded our camping gear along with some cooking stuff so we could make hot tea and fry eggs for breakfast. First off we headed to Agnes's cousins to see everyone & exchange family stories! It was always fun to spend time where Her dad grew up & where she had so many relatives & friends to visit with because Agnes had been spending time there since she was a little girl. It's hard to get used to since most of her Irish family were Protestants and not Catholics so not much time is spent in Pubs or drinking good Irish Beer like I had gotten used to & enjoyed whenever I was over there! It was time for some adventuring so we loaded Morris & headed North to the Giants Causeway north of Belfast! We drove & explored few Castles the absolutely awesome Causeway and just loved the scenery of the Irish coast! It was dark when we stopped for a pub meal in a small town right on the ocean. I asked the barman where we could find a good place to camp for the night. He explained that we were very lucky as there was a great spot close to town. He told us where to find the road and not to worry about the steep climb because we would really enjoy the view in the morning!!! It did seem strange to be climbing so long, but there was no moon & PITCH DARK so we didn't even think about where We might be!! We finally came to a sign that said camping & pointed off the road to green grassy field! There were not too many other folks there so we pointed Morris down hill so our heads would be higher than our feet, zipped our sleeping bags together (warmer that way) and crawled in for the night – I forgot to mention that I did set the E break & put her in reverse as added protection from coasting down the hill! We didn't think twice about where we might be camping! Sleeping was very peaceful AND THEN WHEN WE WOKE UP we climbed out to take a look! Holy Mackrel – WE HAD CAMPED ON A CLIFF OVERLOOKING THE SEA!!! We had no idea that if we had rolled down that gradual hill in the night there was NOTHING TO KEEP US FROM CRASHING ONTO THE ROCKS 100 FEET BELOW!! We were so glad we didn't realize where we really were & SO VERY THANKFUL WE DIDN'T ROLL DOWN THE HILL & DIE! I learned that sometimes there are THINGS THAT ARE BETTER NOT TO KNOW!

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events November 2025

Nov. 1st AACA Fall Banquet at 11am social-meal at 11:30am at St. John's Lutheran Church-310 2nd St E/Newhall. If you want to caravan to Newhall we will leave at 10:30am from Fareway-4220 16th Ave SW/CR. Inga Schminke will speak about her escape from the concentration camp & coming to Canada.

Nov. 10th AACA Swap Meet meeting at 6pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Nov. 10th AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St/Hiawatha

Nov. 17th AACA Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Nov. 19th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Irish Democrat-3207 1st Ave SE/CR

Upcoming Events December 2025

Dec. 8th AACA Christmas Party at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha. Doors open at 6pm-eat at 6:30pm. Bring one dish to share per person & your drinks. Club will furnish meat & table service.

Dec. 13th AACA Christmas Lights Tour. Leave from Walmart on Blairsferry Road at 5:00 pm. Will eat afterwards at Whiskey River in Palo.

Dec. 17th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Olive Garden/Collins Rd NE/CR. Bring a gift to exchange if you wish.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A husband forgot his wife's birthday and she was upset.

She told him "I'll forgive you if you buy me a little something that will go from 0 to 220 in 30 seconds when I step on it and it better be in the driveway tomorrow."

The husband left early for work the next morning and when the wife looked in the driveway she saw her gift.

A bathroom scale!



In updating the club website we are needing photos of members cars. If you would be willing to have your car shown on the website please email your photo to Sylvia at sicopler68@gmail.com or mail your photo to her at 1789 County Home Road, Marion, Ia 52302.

It's that time again to pay yearly dues. Your 2026 dues are due by Dec. 1, 2025 . The membership renewal form that you need to complete & submit with your check was in the October Moto Meter. Please get this done before Dec. 1st so you don't receive a dear former member letter from Dan!

Jon's Corner Answers

1. Amanda Pruess drove solo across the US via the Lincoln Way in 1916.
2. Anita King drove solo across the US in 1915.
3. The first Glidden Tour in the US was in 1904.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Nov. -Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

Dec. - Christmas Party

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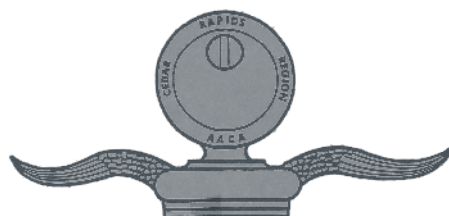
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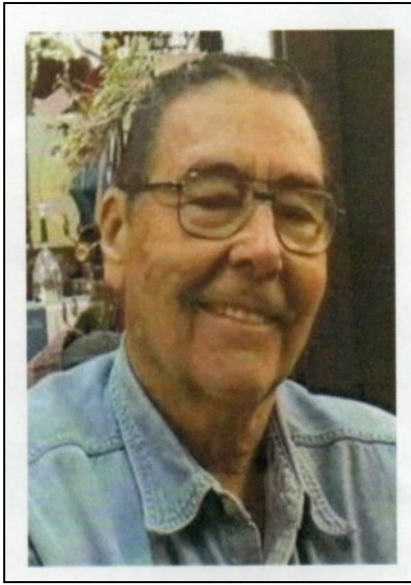
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November 2025 Moto Meter



Harry Eugene Hawley, 88, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025 at his home. He was born July 7, 1937 in Benton County. Harry graduated from Urbana High School, was an Army veteran, & was a farmer lost of his life. Harry & Jane were married June 12, 1999. Harry enjoyed collecting & restoring antique cars as well as collecting antique scales. He was a member of the AACA, the Hudson Essex Club, the V8 Club, the Gas Engine Restorers Club of Cedar Rapids, & the Mustang Club. He enjoyed road trips to swap meets, loved his dog Benny, & loved spending time with his children & especially his great grandchildren.

Harry is survived by his wife Jane; daughters Michele (Alfredo) Ricardo & Tammy Ryan; Grandsons Brian (Katelyn) Hawley, Chris (Megan) Hawley, & Travis Ryan; great grandsons Pierce Hawley & Everett Hawley; step-daughter Sandra (Bill) Dygert; & step grandchildren Sara Dygert & Allie Dygert. He was preceded by his parents & his son Charles Hawley. Burial at Urbana Cemetery-Urbana , Iowa

Fall leaf tour October 25, 2025



Renee & Neil enjoying the drive



Cars at the Cheapo Depot



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Great River Road



Pikes Peak



Yellow River Forest



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Spook Cave