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July 2026**



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President's Message -July 2026

I want to start by thanking a few people who stepped up for me to cover the June meeting. Thank you to Sherry Melvin for picking up the key to open the meeting room and my current Board for making the meeting run smoothly. I had just had a rotator cuff repair done on my left shoulder the Friday before and as the weekend progressed I came to realize that I was not going to feel good enough to be with you all and chair the meeting. Thank you to everyone for understanding and stepping up to help. At our June Board meeting, we made the decision on the money we raised from the Teddy Bear Auction of \$692.00 and adding \$508 from the Swap meet funds for a total of \$1200.00 and split that amount between three organizations: Sleep in Heavenly Peace (they make beds for children), Community Free Health Clinic, and Families Helping Families (Foster Care). Each organization will receive \$400.00. The board then proceeded to discuss the stolen gas pump from Youngville. Before the Board Meeting, I had discussed with Sharon as to what our club could do to help replace the stolen pump. After some discussion, Sharon contacted Larry Beatty and found that Youngville had two unrestored gas pumps and we decided to put funds toward having one of these pumps restored for the site. Then, John Williams told us that he had talked to Dave Grommon, regarding the restoration. Mr. Grommon, a former member, replied that he would offer to restore it for the club if the Cedar Rapids Region would pay his local and national dues for two years. Seeing this as a Win-Win, the Board voted to move forward with this action. When I first mentioned this to Sharon, I was thinking along the lines of a club event with members helping and amazingly just with my asking what we could do to help Youngville with the stolen pumps, a network of let's make a deal surfaced between Sharon, Larry, John, and Mr. Grommon. Please note your calendar that our club is invited to attend the Youngville station for lunch on Thursday, July 16 at 11:30 am.

Aaron Franck contacted me that the **Boneshaker Event at Hawkeye Downs is Saturday, August 22**. The car show starts at 10:00 am for a \$5.00 registration fee and at noon, Aaron will come around and gather those who want to participate in the Parade of Cars around the track. There will be no dirt on the track and the Parade of Cars will happen to give the Ford Flatheads time to cool down. This effort is being done so people will not leave thinking that the event is over. If you plan to participate, please wear your CRRAACA apparel to spotlight our club.

Please review the 2026 tour dates listed in the Motor Reader because some dates have changed. Remember the Tractor Show on July 19, as it is listed in the newsletter with the time and location.

****NEEDING** folks to sign up for bringing treats to our regular club meetings for August & October.

In closing, please enjoy the 250th birthday anniversary celebration for our beautiful country. Many gave some and many gave all to enjoy what we have!! Kathi and I will see you at the 500 year celebration-HaHa!!:)

I could never have asked for a greater group of friends and club members. Thank you everyone for your support and friendship.

This Will Be a GREAT YEAR!2026

President-Jack Harville

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the Cedar Rapids Region AACA established?**
- 2. Who was the first president of the region?**
- 3. In what state was Walter Chrysler born & raised?**

Answers on page 7

June 8th 2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

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

VISITORS: Dave Grommon, a former member

BIRTHDAYS: Richard Bice and Steve Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: Steve & Anne Brown & Judy & Dan Ortz

ILLNESSES: Jack Harville had his shoulder worked on again & is in quite bit of pain

DEATHS: Bob Schillig a longtime former member

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW MEMBER: Dave Grommon renewed his membership

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the May 11th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Joan Auterman and 2nd by Al Meeker

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Roger Lane.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil reported on the Twin Rivers tour. The June trip was cancelled because of Neil's health & low enrollment. We are rescheduling it for August 24-28th and it will still be to the Winterset area. He will have a new sign up form in the next Motor Meter.

SWAP MEET: Sylvia reported on how we did at the swap meet. Jack talked to Jennifer at Hawkeye Downs & she agreed to put a hold on our fee for the next 2 years. It was supposed to go up \$1,000 every year.

NEW BUSINESS: Sharon reported that the board was going to put our Teddy Bear auction funds toward having one of the gas pumps at Youngville restored, but when John Williams talked to Dave Grommon who will restore it he said he would restore it for the club paying for 2 years for his local and National membership. Thank you Dave!

The Board will decide between using the money for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Community Health Free Clinic, or Families Helping Families (Foster Care). Judy Ortz suggested we divide it & only give to 2 organizations.

JULY 4th PICNIC: Bring your table service, drinks, & 1 dish per person to share. The club is providing the chicken. This is at the Ely Park 3:00 PM-eat 4:00 PM

YOUNGVILLE LUNCH: July 16th 11:30 AM

OTHER: Marvin & Bonnie Rohlena are having an Open House & letting people view their large collection of tractors and farm equipment. It is July 19th starting at 1:00 PM. Their farm is 4 miles north of Keystone.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Loren Huffaker

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Larry Beatty

Treats were provided by Darrell & Pat Sanford

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events July 2026

July 4th AACA Picnic at Ely Schulte Park-social at 3pm-eat at 4pm. Club will pay for chicken. Bring 1 dish per person, table service, & drinks.

July 11th Mount Vernon Heritage Car Show 10 am - 3 pm on 1st ST SE /Mt. Vernon-no reg.

July 13th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

July 16th AACA lunch at Youngville at 11:30. For those that want to caravan Neil will lead us leaving from Fareway-4220 16th Ave SW/CR st 11:00 am.

July 18th AACA CAR Show at Bass Farms-840 Bass Lane/Mt. Vernon from 10 am- 2 pm

July 19th Marvin & Bonnie Rohlena IH Open House from 1-5 pm at 6637 15th Ave/Keystone. Beverages & refreshments will be served. Drive antique cars & bring lawn chairs. Neil will lead a caravan leaving from Fareway-4220 16th Ave SW/CR at 12:30 pm.

July 20th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

July 22nd AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Shelly's Sweets-211 1st St East/Newhall

Upcoming Events August 2026

Aug. 8th AACA Lawn Party at Neil Rohlena's at 3pm-eat at 5pm. Club will pay for meat. Bring 1 dish per person to share, table service, drinks, lawn chairs

Aug. 10th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

Aug. 17th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Aug. 19th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Whiskey River-2882 Palo Marsh Rd/Palo

Aug 22nd Boneshaker at Hawkeye Downs-Car show at 10 am-\$5 Reg. Fee. At noon drive your car around the track while race cars are cooling down-good club promotion!

Aug. 24-28 AACA Twin Rivers trip to Winterset

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A chap went to get some snow tires. By the time he got home they had melted.

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Motor Car Man Adventures #17 July 2026

Hi Again To All My Ole Car Friends In The Area! Well I guess its time again for more Ole Car Stuff! You have been so good To listen to Me about my Car Adventures, but it's been suggested that I tell some historic tales of how the automobile has been involved in our US History since we are celebrating 250 Years as a Country!! For those who love old cars as much as I do will already know some of this stuff, but here goes anyway!

The 1st tale I'll relate is about the 1st successful trans continental crossing of a production Auto. There were not many successful cars even being made in the USA but there were some true believers that wanted to show the world that they were not only reliable but also capable machines! One such early believer was Dr Jackson from Vermont. He got into it with a friend one day who said that the car would never be a success! The argument got so heated that his friend bet Dr Jackson \$50 that a car could not cross coast to coast in 90 days! What a challenge for someone that didn't even own a car at the time? He asked around and found another friend that offered to sell him his own car for the trip. The car was a slightly used 1903 Winton touring car that was Red in color, had no windshield or top but was almost ready to go! Horacio knew he would need help as he was not even familiar with the Winton! He talked Mr Crocker a good mechanic to ride along. They decided on the northern route up to Sacramento & east on the Oregon trail! It seems that Alexander Winton himself had tried to make the trip earlier but had failed in the desert on the south route. You should know that there were no good roads and O road signs along the way with only 150 miles of pavement in the whole country. They added a mascot that was a bulldog named Bud that also wore goggles to keep the dust out of his eyes! They loaded & headed out on May 23 1903. The Winton was a 2 cylinder 20 HP car that was very reliable considering that 2,300 lb car managed to get stuck 17 times in 1 day and they normally pulled it out themselves with a block & tackle they carried! They had many breakdowns that they had to deal with. In Wyoming as an example they had wheel bearings fail and they managed to talk a local rancher to donate the bearings from his mowing machine so they could keep rolling! Gasoline was always a problem so the carried extra gas cans and filled everything whenever they had an opportunity. They figured that they used 800 gallons on the trip. They kept on the road always and made New York in 63 days 12 hours and 30 minutes arriving July 26! What an unbelievable feat as they managed to beat out 2 factory sponsored teams from Packard and Oldsmobile. They figured that the whole trip cost Dr Jackson \$8000 and he never even collected the \$50 bet that had started it all!! He took that ole Winton home and saved it until he donated it to the Smithsonian Museum so it could be enjoyed by everyone! In later years he took his grandkids to see it at the Smithsonian! While they were listening to stories He set them in the Winton and some local guard came up to him and said he could not do that! Dr Jackson just informed him that it was his car & he could do anything He wanted and kept on telling His stories! I hope you have enjoyed your History Lesson and I will try to continue it next time.

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams



"GEE, LADY, WHEN I BOUGHT YOUR CAR,
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CAME WITH IT."

Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Cedar Rapids Region was established in 1962
2. The first president for the region was Ralph Moeller
3. Walter Chrysler was born & raised in the state of Kansas

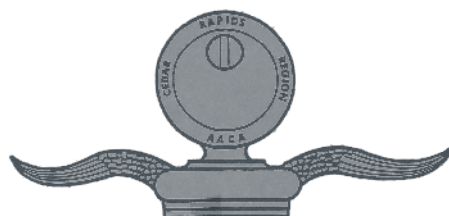
TREAT SCHEDULE

July - Joan Auterman

Aug. - ??

Sept. - Dan & Judy Ortz & Neil Rohlena

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July 2026 Moto Meter Meter

2026 Twin Rivers Tour

August 24 to August 28, 2026

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Iowa Arboretum	Bicycle bridge by Woodward
Woodward Hardware Museum	Llama Farm
Dor-A-Deer Trinkets	Drew's Chocolate
Quilt Museum and Celebration	Winterset Park Covered Bridge & Maze
Sam's Car upholstery	John Wayne Birthplace Museum
John Wayne Home	Pepper Harrow Flower Farm
Street Rod Golf Carts	R S Welding
Fort Dodge Museum	Much More!!

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2026 Twin Rivers Tour Registration Registration Deadline is Monday August 1

Names of those touring _____

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Make of car _____

Mon. August 24 – Mathew Edel Blacksmith Shop \$5.00 each x ____ = _____

Mon. August 24 – Woodward Hardware Museum. \$5.00 each x ____ = _____

Tue. August 25 – Rusty Star Alpaca Farm \$5.00 each x ____ = _____

Wed. August 26 – Quilt Museum \$10.00 each x ____ = _____

Thurs. August 27 – John Wayne Museum & Birthplace \$15.00 each x ____ = _____

Total due \$ _____

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA **MUST be to** Neil Rohlena, 7309 Selzer Rd., Fairfax, Iowa, 52228 by deadline of **August 1.**

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