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President's Message December 2025

With the elections now behind us, I'm sure everyone was surprised as I was on the outcome. I think I can speak for everyone that was re-elected and say thank you to the members for your trust that we are conducting the business of the club in a professional and serious manner.

I will continue to make my President's message a reflection of what we discussed in the prior Board meeting and I will continue to make every effort to be as precise and to the point, always making sure you know what the Board is doing and that we are 100 percent transparent as it has been for the last 63 years. My goals for this year still remain: to have a better Web Page and Facebook presence that is inviting and informative.

I will also continue to call out members that go above and beyond in an effort to help and support the Cedar Rapids Region, as they will have my grateful thanks.

Please review the Motor Reader on the upcoming Christmas Party for time and items provided & what members are asked to bring. Also mark your calendar for the Christmas Lights tour and meal after.

Swap Meet Meetings: We will hold all of the 2026 Swap Meet Meetings, starting with January on the same night as our club meeting nights starting at 6:00 PM, one hour before the 7:00 PM Club Meeting. Please be advised, if you come to the club meeting a little early, Swap Meet committee members will probably still be meeting.

As I mentioned last month, in this issue of the Motor Reader I have supplied a list of Swap Meet Lead people and the hours they need help along with their contact information. Please take time to review as this Swap Meet needs everyone's help. Please save your old National AACA Magazines for the membership table.

Lastly, Kathi and I, are so grateful this Thanksgiving, for family, friends and all of you. Here is wishing you a day filled with love, happiness, and all the things you cherish most.

Jack Harville

CRRAACA 2025 President

JON'S CORNER

1. In what year was the AAA formed in the United States?

2. What company produced the La Salle automobile?

3. What was the first official White House car?

Answers on page 7

November 10th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The November meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

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

VISITORS: Marvin & Bonnie Rohlena

BIRTHDAYS: None reported

ANNIVERSARIES: None reported

ILLNESSES: Carl Ohrt is doing better. Aaron Franck is having Gall Bladder surgery tomorrow.

DEATHS: Lyle Krug a past member.

NEW MEMBERS: Marvin and Bonnie Rohlena joined tonight.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the October 13th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortiz and 2nd by Dan Ortiz

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve by Aaron Franck and 2nd by Sue Melvin.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Members reported on another wonderful tour set up by Neil to see the Fall colors and many more sights. 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. There is a sign up sheet up front.

SWAP MEET: We had a meeting at the Hiawatha Community Center before our regular meeting. Jack announced the leaders of each area and said he had given them all the sign up sheet of their area. They are responsible for filling the areas they will need help. It was discussed how we could have a quicker flow of vendors and try to have the patrons not having to go thru the vendor booth. We are going to let 2 people go in with each vehicle and anyone else in the vehicle will need to pay the \$5.00. We also need to have the wrist bands put on the vendors instead of just handing them each one.

OTHER: Members reported on the Fall Banquet that they enjoyed the speaker and food. Our Christmas Party will start at 6:00 and be at the Hiawatha Community Center. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish and your own drinks. The meat is Pulled Pork that was left over from the Lawn Party. Jack said there are plates, silverware, and napkins that were in our club shed so we don't need to bring our own.

Kathi Harville is still waiting to be able to take over our Facebook page from the previous person. President Jack Harville said they are still working on updating our Web page and encouraged us to contribute current pictures of our vehicles. Contact Sylvia to find out how to send the pictures.

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

You need to fill out a form with your current phone number, mailing address and email address.

Anyone interested in being a 2026 officer was asked to let us know tonight. The current officers said they would stay and the 2 Board members that were to be replaced said they would keep on.

Sherry Melvin and Sue Melvin volunteered to audit the Treasurers books.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Aaron Franck and 2nd by Judy Ortiz

Treats were provided by Sherry Melvin and Clyde & Sue Melvin

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025-26 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

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.

Upcoming Events January 2026

Jan. 12th AACA Swap Meet Meeting at 6:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Jan. 12th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Jan. 19th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Jan. 21st AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Pedalers Fork-2010 Sylvia Ave NE/CR

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man walks into a service shop and says “When I am going uphill I can only get up to 66.”

The tech replies “66? That is pretty good!”

The owner then says “Well yeah, but I live at 74.”

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 in jpeg format to Sylvia at sicopler68@gmail.com or mail your photo to her at 1789 County Home Road, Marion, Ia 52302.

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Hi Again To All You Ole Car Lovers! Time sure flies when you are having Fun! Now is time for some more car tales if you aren't tired of listening to my stories? If you enjoyed our adventures with Morris maybe you will enjoy one of the other vehicles we used one summer our post office "van" this time a Bedford full size. We were going to be collecting antiques to ship back to Iowa to sell at flea markets so this summer we needed to have extra space. Not only was it big but it had a 1600cc Diesel engine so it was economical as well! We made it to Galashiels fine but realized its limitations because the engine was located between the front seats so we could only haul 2 people comfortably! I made a quick trip to our favorite junk yard for some help. They said that they had just hauled some junkers to the local salvage yard, but I could visit it out in the country & get any parts I needed very CHEAP. Off I went & let me tell you that was really fun scavenging through acres of British cars! I quickly found a beautiful front seat out of a Wolsley that would be comfy for 3 passengers and it was white leather as well! I got lucky and stumbled on a van just like ours but it was set up for passengers not freight so it had windows that would fit our side Sheetmetal just fine and give our back seat passengers a view out. I took my new goodies back to the workshop at the junk yard & they helped me fit the windows & seat as well as full sized luggage rack so we could haul more shipping goods (antiques). It was time for a travel adventure so Agnes talked her folks into A TRIP! We located a mattress for the back so they could be comfy while we slept in out tent. Agnes's folks were game to try something they had never done, but we did have our camp stove so Agnes could brew some hot tea in the mornings. I wanted to show Agnes the farm in north Wales great great grandfather had left in 1872 when his father had purchased the Williamsburg farm from a land dealer in Wales. Remember that the farmers in most of the UK could never own their own farm because the Lairds who inherited it would NOT sell. What a great trip we had as we headed south through the Scottish Borders then the Lake District where B Potter had her home and had written her stories like Peter Rabbit & many more. North Wales is also very nice as we headed for Rhoswydol Farm in Montgomeryshire. The farm lays several miles back in the hills and must have been a real challenge when you needed to go to town for supplies? It was late in the day when we got there & no one was home as it was being used as a weekend retreat at that time. We decided to camp in the sheep pasture behind the main slate farmhouse that night. Agnes's folks crawled under the covers in the back of the van & we set up out tent beside the van. All went well except Mom Boggs said that she was awakened by a bad smell in the night and found that Sandy had not looked where He was stepping when he got up for a pee & must have stepped on to a fresh sheep poo that he brought back to bed with him? What a wonderful way to spend some time traveling around the Scottish, English and Welsh countryside!!!!

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams



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

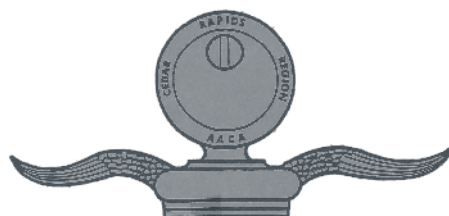
1. The AAA was formed in 1902.
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3. The White Steamer was the first official White House car.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Dec. - Christmas Party

Jan. - Sharon Schminke

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**2026 AACA Swap Meet Leader Contact
December 2025**

The Lead Persons Name and contact information listed below are so club members can decide where they would like to help and get signed up

1. Swap meet flier's update: **Kyle and Aaron**

Fliers are at the printers as of 11-22-2025

2. **-Meet Chairman: Jack Harville** Thur. 14th thru Sat. 16th

-Set Up: Thursday May 14th afternoon EVERYONE, Time to be announced

1-319-270-6042 / itharville@gmail.com

-Exhibition Hall, N-S: Sharon Schminke Thur. 14th, Thru Sat. 16th

-Set Up: Thursday May 14th afternoon EVERYONE, Time to be announced

1-319-721-5373 / slilbohemian@outlook.com.

-Golf Carts: Larry Yoder to be Delivered Thursday May 14th 2026

1-319-350-7131 / ldyoder40@gmail.com

-Treasurer: Sylvia Cople Thur. 14th thru Sat. 16th

1-319-377-3772 / sicopler68@gmail.com

-Vendor Entrance: Dan & Judy Ortz: Fri. 15th and 16th

1-319-366-3142 / 14dannyo@@gmail.com

-Race Track: Aaron Franck / Clyde Melvin, 4:30 AM Saturday 16th

1-319-721-4685 / aaronfab@aol.com

-Patron Entrance: Sherry Melvin 6:30 AM Saturday 16th

1-319-480-2245 / sherrymelvin@yahoo.com

-Membership Table: / Dan Ortz / Neil Rohlena / Larry Yoder. EVERYONE

-Clean Up Exhibition Hall N&S: Saturday May 16th John Williams / EVERYONE

1-319-848-7418 / mtrcarmn@southslope.net

3. **Remember: Our January 2026 Swap Meet Meeting will be at 6:00 before our 7:00 Club Meeting.**

4. So yes, we are in good shape right now, better than last year.

5. **Inside Car Display:** I'm in the process of contacting car owners.

Thank You for all you do, without these Lead People and our members volunteering this Swap Meet would not be the success it is.

Thank you

Jack Harville

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