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## President's Message May 2026

There will be **NO Swap Meet Meeting before the May club Meeting:** we will start the club meeting at our regular time of 7 pm.

**Swap Meet Help:** If you have volunteered to help, I personally THANK YOU. This is a huge undertaking and if you have not signed up to help there is still time and please do so.

The **Teddy Bear Auction** was very successful and I thank the following individuals for making the auction fun: John Williams, Clyde Melvin, and Larry Yoder. Kolaches carried the night as several plates were purchased and one-pound tubes of hamburger commanded a great price. The Board decided to wait until after the swap Meet to decided where we will spend the proceeds from the auction.

**Future directions for the Swap Meet:** At this time, I do not plan to continue in my current role as chairman of the Swap Meet after this year's meet. Right or wrong, I have tried to manage the Swap Meet as a business considering that last year, we started in the hole and even with our contract to Hawkeye Downs and last-minute printing we were able to turn it around and make a very nice profit. Be assured, I have not done this by myself but with the help of everyone that takes a lead position as well as the members who show up to help and make this a success. Whoever takes on this role, I will be more than happy to work along with them and assist in any way I can.

I have arranged for a speaker for our May Meeting which you might enjoy so I hope you can attend. Finally, we are just days away from our May Swap Meet and I look forward to seeing you all there.

*This Will Be a GREAT YEAR!*

President  
Jack Harville

## JON'S CORNER

- 1. What year was anti-freeze invented?**
- 2. On average, how many parts are there in a car?**
- 3. How often is a car stolen in the United States?**

**Answers on page 7**

April 13th 2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The April meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center  
Meeting called to order by President Jack Harville. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Larry Yoder, Loren Huffaker and Judy Ortiz

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack and Kathi Harville

**ILLNESSES:** None reported.

**DEATHS:** None reported

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Joan Auterman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Melvin

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve by Dan Ortiz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Yoder.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Neil reported on the Twin Rivers tour which will be June 1-5. We will be touring in the Winterset area. We will be staying at the Covered Bridge Inn. Neil had sign up sheets for us. We would like to see more members and friends join us on this wonderful tour Neil has put together.

**SPRING BANQUET:** Loren reported that the Spring Banquet was a great success. We had 22 served for lunch and several purchased extra meals to take home and enjoy later. The meal was excellent and the time together was wonderful also. After lunch Neil took anyone who was interested in going to a wood shop that had many beautiful items for sale and it sounded like many purchased some of the items. They were told that the Wood Shop is a four generation business. Thank you Neil.

**SWAP MEET:** We had a meeting before our regular meeting to make sure things are coming together as planned. Sharon said her group would be marking the building at 3:00 PM on Thursday and Larry Yoder said the Golf carts will be there on Thursday also. Anyone that is not signed up for a work spot contact the group leaders and they will gladly put you to work somewhere and at some hour, or day, that needs more help. Aaron handed out more flyers and encouraged us to place a few at any businesses we go to in the days to come. These businesses can place them on their counters or a table for people to pick up. Aaron asked about taking our current flyers and change the date with a heading saying to SAVE THE DATE. It was approved, so Aaron will work on it. Aaron and Kyle would like to have them to hand out this fall when they go to other meets and shows.

**OTHER:** Dan will be giving each member a new Roster with all the paid members names and their information.

We conducted the Teddy Bear auction. John Williams, Larry Yoder and Clyde Melvin did a great job presenting and delivering the items for sale. We had a variety of great items and they did fairly well being sold. Thanks to everyone who donated and to the wonderful bidders. Without you we wouldn't have had such a great auction.

**BUY SELL & TRADE:** Was conducted by Clyde Melvin  
Motion to adjourn made by Sue Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Auterman  
Treats were provided by Jack and Kathi Harville  
Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10<sup>th</sup> for the Moto Meter

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events May 2026**

**May 11th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**May 16th AACA Swap Meet at Hawkeye Downs from 7 am - 2 pm**

**May 17th Cruisin' for Camp Courageous 10 am-4 pm at 12007 190th St/Monticello-\$15 pre reg./\$20 Day of show**

**May 18th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**May 20th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Starlite-3300 1st Ave NE/CR**

### **Upcoming Events June 2026**

**June 1-5th Twin Rivers Trip to Winterset**

**June 8th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**June 13th Corn Carnival Car Show 1-3pm Gladbrook City Park-\$15 Reg.**

**June 15th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**June 17th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Bread Basket-101 S Franklin St/Manchester**

**June 20th Alburnett Car Truck & Bike show 9 am-1 pm Main Ave-\$20 Reg.**

**June 27th Ryan Nationals Car Show Reg. \$15 10am-12pm. Awards at 3pm**

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Two guys are sitting at a bar and one says to the other “you know my wife left me right?” “Oh yeah, why?” He asks. “Well I dropped fifteen grand on a crate motor for that old hotrod I’ve been building. She said it was way too expensive & that I had to stop.” After a few seconds of pondering why a woman would say such a thing he asks “Well what’d you do then?” “What do you think I did, I went out & bought the biggest baddest set of brakes I could find!”

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## Motor Car Man Adventures #15 May 2026

Hi Again to My Ole Car Friends In The Area! I've been busy thinking of more Land Rover Adventures that I can relate to You All. We ate some camel in Tunisia (similar to old beef) and headed into the Sahara Desert of Tunisia and then Libya! There wasn't much to see except sand & then more sand, but still a great place to go. As we headed into Libya many of us had hopes that we would not end up lost forever as the famous WW11 Bomber Lady Be Good that disappeared trying to find a safe airfield to land their bomber after a mission? After a week of sand we came to a desert town that was big enough to have meat so we could get away from the constant dehydrated stuff we always had. First we bought some live chickens we had to chase down ourselves and take back to camp to kill & clean so we could try barbecuing! Let me tell you that they must have been Years old because they were so tough that you could not chew it! Oh well at least it was not the dehydrated junk we were used to! We were spending several days there relaxing because we were tired of the bouncing along in the LRovers? Some of us decided there must be something better so we went back to town and found a couple of goats that they field dressed for us! Was it any better than the chicken? NO it was so tough the first night that hardly any of us chew it at all! I will tell you that we did not give up on it so we made goat stew the next day that was actually OK after boiling all afternoon!

Now back to the Land Rovers. Our Fearless Leader & some of his cronies (Luckily not me included) decided that it was time for some more fun! They took two of the LRs out to the flat desert where they raced and spun around in the sand until one lost control trying to keep from hitting the other and rolled it over upside down and as it kept going it stopped on its side! They were lucky no one was killed but one of the guys had a bad Shoulder that they couldn't use for days. Everyone jumped into the other LR & came back to camp for help! They took me & a couple other guys aside & asked if we could help with the LR on its side! Off we went and found that a long wheel base LR can be rolled over and be bent up something terrible even in the soft sand! We did have a long chain that helped us roll her back on to the tires so we could drag her back to camp! After getting the battery back in place & hooked up she did start up but wow! The whole exhaust system was broken off and the roof rack was not only bent up but broken loose from the roof not to mention the badly bent up front fenders and sides. A group of us took on the challenge and after a couple more days of hammering, pulling, bending and bolting we had another useable LR! I must admit it did not look like the first day! We added braces from the roof rack to the front bumper to hold it together and managed to cobble enough pieces to attach the muffler to one of the roof rack braces! We did manage to get all the doors & widows functioning. The radiator also had a leak that we were able to get to hold water without any new pieces! I guess you could say that we were very lucky that no one was hurt badly and we were able to make ole #6 useable again so we could continue the African Safari that we had signed up for! More fun to continue.

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams

Just a reminder!!

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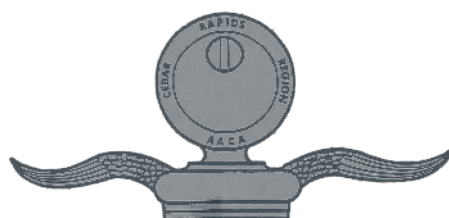
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