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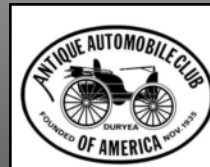
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President's Message October 2025

The September Board meeting covered an array of topics with much of our time discussing the 2026 Swap Meet and upcoming events and tours. Please review all the events, dates and times, as well as sign up information on the Fall banquet in the MOTOR READER.

Swap Meet meetings: The Board of Directors have decided that we will hold all our 2026 Swap Meet Meetings 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. You are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

This decision was made as it is getting harder to find a place to meet with everyone's busy schedule, keeping both meetings in the same place on the same night will benefit all of us and hopefully allow more people to attend.

Aaron and Kyle are again taking the lead on the fliers and the selling of ads to help cover the cost. We need to finalize the date for mailing a "Save the Date" notice that will go out to all those who attended the 2025 swap meet.

There are still a few items to updated before we print the 2026 Swap Meet fliers.

Things are going well on updating the club Web Page as well as the Facebook page. This was one of my goals to make the Web Page and Facebook more enjoyable, relevant and inviting.

At the October meeting our Membership Chairman, Dan Ortz will have membership cards and we ask that you all please fill in your email address correctly. Also, Dan will discuss your phone numbers since we have some people with four phone numbers listed and only answer one of the four. Dan will also address identifying which number belongs to a certain phone number with an identifying initial in front of the number such as a (J) in front of Jack a (K) in front of Kathi, so we know who we are calling.

Dan has also been tasked with printing more CRRAACA business cards, which he will go over with you.

As mentioned before, please save your old National AACA Magazines for the Membership table at the Swap Meet. Large stickers will be made to put on the front of each magazine with club information.

Jack Harville

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What is the average length of time an American will spend sitting at red lights in their lifetime?**
- 2. What year was the first electric traffic light invented?**
- 3. Which US city has the worst traffic?**

Answers on page 5

September 8th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

VISITORS: Nick Sanford

BIRTHDAYS: Daryl Sanford and Sherry Melvin

ANNIVERSARIES: Daryl and Pat Sanford and Clyde and Sue Melvin

ILLNESSES: None reported

DEATHS: Jeralee Stout a former CRRAACA member

NEW MEMBERS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the August 7th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Joan Auterman and 2nd by Judy Ortiz

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve by Carl Ohrt and 2nd by Dan Ortiz.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Sharon Schminke reported on the September 20th tour starting at Fareway on 16th Ave at 10:00AM and Lynn Rinderknecht will talk to us about his Organic Farming operation then we go to see a DX Station with memorabilia and then to be in the Vinton Cruise.

Neil told us about the October 12th Leaf tour around Petersburg. We will go to the Cheapo Depot, Yellow River Forest, Old Man River Restaurant and much more.

SWAP MEET: We had a meeting at the Hiawatha Community Center before our regular meeting. Jack is trying to set up another meeting at the Hiawatha Library. It was discussed on how to make the Vendor Gate flow a little faster. Aaron made some "HOLD THE DATE" flyers from this year's flyers to start taking around. They are still working on finalizing the next year flyers. Jack would like to see the old Seedling Mile sign fixed so it can be displayed at the Swap Meet and have a write up explaining where it is and what it is.

OTHER: Jack is making progress on updating our facebook page & Kathi Harville will be taking over updating this for us with more current information. Sylvia and Jack are meeting with our Web Master Ryan about working on our web page.

Dan reminded us that our Dues are now due and he needs them 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

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Larry Yoder

Treats were provided by Dan & Judy Ortiz and Neil Rohlena

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

Motor Car Man Adventured # 8

Hi Again T All You Ole Car Lovers! I'm finally back and Agnes has suggested I tell you about one of our fun car times in Scotland! It started with landing in London on our way to Scotland about 1979. We always wanted to have our own car for the whole vacation so we went to our London friends & I went right out and purchased the latest Exchange & Mart to see what I could find. As I looked at the 100s of possibilities I found a 1960s Morris 1000 van that had started life as a UK post off delivery car. Morris 1000s had always been a favorite of mine & I had never owned one so I made arrangements to view it that night. It was in really nice condition even though it was painted Army Green & looked awfully military? It was only a couple of hundred pounds so it fit right in to our budget! I drove back to our friends that lived on a island in the river T in London. I spent the next day going over the Morris & decided it was good enough for US. Agnes & I loaded our luggage that I will tell you included a large tool bag with all the tools you might need on the road including Brit Whitworth sizes. I might add that We had learned on previous adventures that tools can be hard to find out on the road because most people don't even carry plyers or screwdrivers with them! That little old car performed like a champ and was fun to drive even though it was pretty slow on the motorway. In Scotland it always worked great and outside of a couple of retread tires needed nothing! The one thing that bothered was the paint color! Everywhere we went people teased us about being some secret Military activity! It only had 2 seats so I went to our junk yard friend & got a single seat to make room for a 3rd person. We had decided that We should make a trip to N Ireland to visit Agnes's family, but an Army Green Vehicle did not seem to be a good idea with the Catholic/Protestant riots going on in N Ireland at the time? That was going to cause Us to think of a color change for our nice little POVan. The local hardware store had metal paint they said would work but since we didn't have a sprayer available it would need to hand brushed on! We looked at the color available and decided on midnight blue body with black fenders. It took a day of sanding by hand for us sitting on the street outside of Agnes's Moms house. We didn't need to do any bodywork so We primed her & let the paint dry over night. The next day on went the blue for body & black for the fenders! A little silver spray on the bumpers gave us a dang nice looking ole car!! With the seats tipped ahead and a bit of foam on the floor gave us a pretty good sleeping area in our new camping van We had some great times zipping around Scotland, Wales, England & even N Ireland that summer. I'll relate some of those next time!

Thanks for Listening Again! John L Williams

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events October 2025

Oct 11th Leaf Tour Leave Walmart in Marion at 8am. Going to Petersburg, Guttenburg, Spook Cave, Yellow River Forest, Effigy Mounds, Villa Louis, Lunch in McGregor.

Oct 13th AACA Swap meet meeting at 6pm followed by AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Oct. 20th AACA Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Oct. 22nd AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Sally's-263 Broadway St/Springville

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. See insert page to sign up for banquet.

Nov. 10th AACA Swap Meet meeting at 6pm followed by AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in 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

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A guy's car is making an ungodly chirping sound so he brings it to the mechanic.

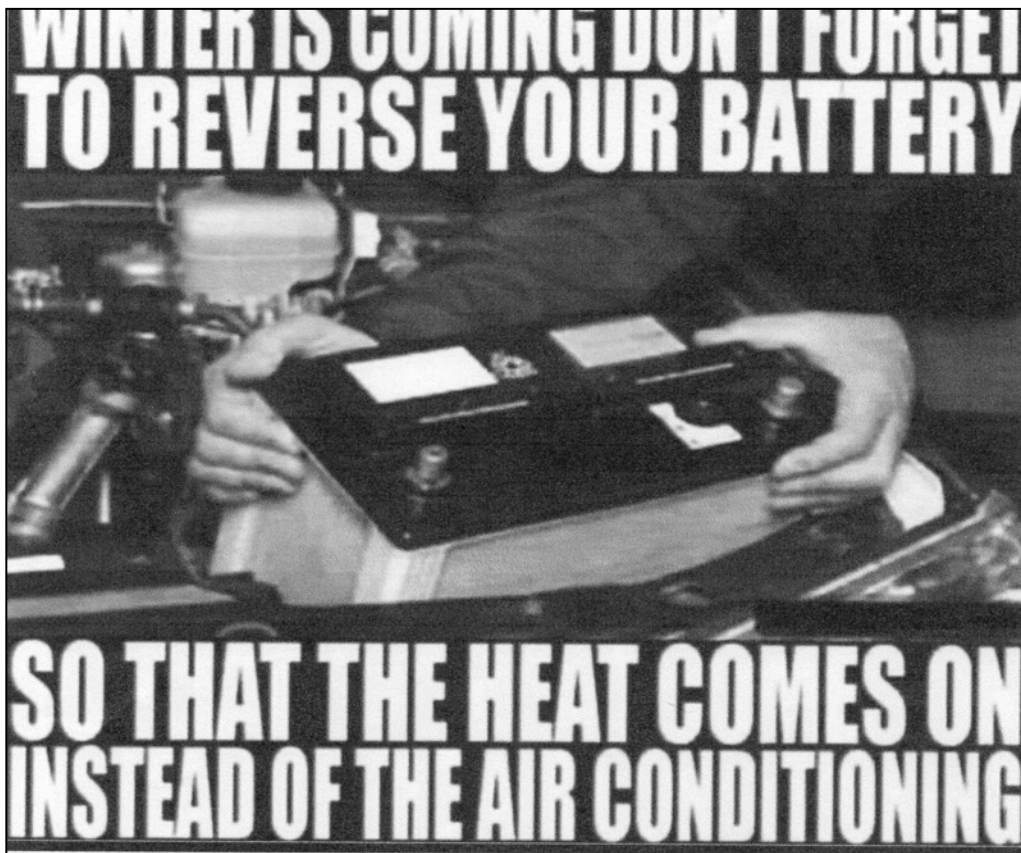
The mechanic takes one look at it and grabs a ratchet and gives a little quarter turn of a bolt and everything is perfectly quiet.

"How much do I owe you?"

"\$100"

"\$100? Are you kidding me? All you did was turn a little bolt a little!"

"Yeah. \$1 to turn the bolt. \$99 to know which bolt to turn."



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

Jon's Corner Answers

1. About six months
2. 1912
3. Washington D.C.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Oct. - Steve/Anne Brown & Al/Marlene Meeker
Nov. -Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

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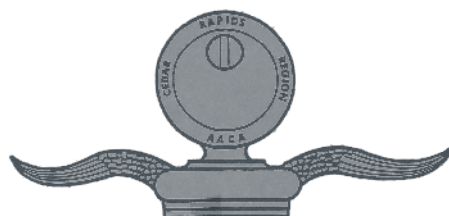


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