

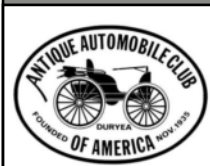


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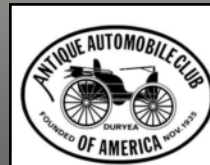
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## President's Message

Greetings Again To All You Ole Car Folks in the Area! October was another busy month for the club. Hershey Came again the 2<sup>nd</sup> week and I was making plans to leave when the neighbor that combines our beans decides that The time was right to start! As a result I got cheated again and spent the week doing the bean harvest! Next, I was Getting ready for the annual fall leaf tour when Ian calls & wants to come to Iowa from Michigan for black powder Deer season! As a result - I spent the weekend hunting & missed the great tour, but at least the Big One did not Show up to become a trophy! It turns out that we made a little money in the Sept. Swap Meet so we decided to take a Vote to find out if You All would like to try a spring swap at Hawkeye Downs? Much to consider & question so We have some things to talk about before We decide what would be best for the club!

Now for the car adventure with the '11 Tourabout I started last month. I did find the dock and the company that Was handling the car. Needless to say, doing all the paperwork and finding the T in the large field lot took a lot Of time. I had to buy a gas can & get it filled so I could gas up & try her out. It was a crank start only & had not Run for over a month. I had a fence dry cell battery for initial starting spark which made the problem easier! Since it was September, the days were getting shorter & by the time I was ready to roll it was getting late & dark. One of the problems I was not ready for DARKNESS! I had not made any plans for any lights at all! What a foolish Guy I can be at times! I needed to get through the city & out into the country Quickly. I asked directions & had to Get on a massive 4 lane & go over a huge bridge in traffic in my T and it was getting dark Quickly. Lucky for me The British people love old cars & Let me make it over & headed out of town! Now I was really nervous and Starting to Get Scared of what to do? My solution was to take the 1st exit & head for the country! I pulled into The 1<sup>st</sup> farm driveway & went up to the farmhouse as darkness was really setting in. The farm family was very Nice & interested in my adventure. I was prepared to camp & had my sleeping bag & tent & I said that I'd Be fine if I could park my T in their barn for the night & sleep in the barn with her! They wouldn't hear of it! So They showed me where to park & invited me to join them for supper. Let me tell you that food couldn't Have come at a better time & I was dead tired. They said that they knew of a great little hotel that I could stay In that night they could deliver me to that night & pick me up in the morning for a real farm breakfast! I was so Lucky to meet such wonderful folks that made my T Adventure So Great! The Adventure is not over yet just wait!

Thanks For Listening Some More! Your President John Williams

## JON'S CORNER

- 1. What was the first year model Ford used vanadium steel for the front axles?**
- 2. In what year was the Ford 400-A produced?**
- 3. Who was the man who developed the AC spark plug?**

**Answers on page 5**

## October 14th 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The October meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

Meeting called to order by President John Williams. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**VISITORS:** John Severt, Mike & John Zlatohlavek and Aaron Franck

**BIRTHDAYS:** Neil Rohlena

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None reported

**ILLNESSES:** Sam Shannon had double Pneumonia and was very sick. He is doing better now.

**DEATHS:** None reported

**NEW MEMBERS:** The 3 visitors John Severt, John & Mike Zlatohlavek took advantage of the free enrollments and Aaron Franck also signed as a new member.

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortiz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Melvin.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Neil Rohlena had a sign up sheet for the October 19<sup>th</sup> trip to tour the leaves and a Museum. We will be eating at Balltown. The trip leaves from the Marion Walmart at 9:00 AM.

**FALL BANQUET:** We are going to Kalona to the Amish Ladies place for a Roast Beef & Chicken meal with all the trimmings. The cost is \$22.00. We will eat at 11:30 on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Neil will have a tour figured out for us in the next Moto Meter for anyone that is interested. There was a sign up sheet in the October Moto Meter and the reservations are due to Loren Huffaker by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dan Ortiz reminded us that our renewals needed to be paid by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SWAP MEET:** The visitors were from the Model A Club and really had a lot of interest in us having a Spring Swap Meet. Jennifer Lawrence was there to answer any questions that the members had. The main issue was that the April 26<sup>th</sup> date was the same weekend as the Jefferson Swap Meet which is a very large one so the consensus of the members was that we needed to change it to May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board invited everyone to their meeting at Perkins Monday October 21 (6:00) for a discussion about this. We can't make any decisions until after October 19<sup>th</sup> when the ballots are all back to Jack Harville. Then we will know what the members would like to do.

**OTHER:** It was decided to have a Potluck meal for our December Club Meeting.

**BUY SELL & TRADE:** Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Harville and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Beatty

Treats were provided by Neil Rohlena and Dan & Judy Ortiz

Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10<sup>th</sup> for the Moto Meter

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

## Election of officers & Board members in November

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer and 2 Board Member positions will be voted on at the November club meeting. If you would be willing to serve the club in any of these positions please let John Williams know.



Day trip to Balltown & Dyersville Oct. 19th



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events November 2024

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

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Banquet at the Miller Farm-5708 Sharon Center Road/Kalona.-Eat at 11:30. Fee \$22 per person payable to CRRAACA by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-to be sent to Loren Huffaker.**

**Everyone leaves their own tip. Registration form was in October Moto Meter. Will leave Perkins (33<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW) at 10 AM & make some stops on the way & after lunch will visit the Kalona Museum. The cost for the museum is \$13 per person payable by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make the club mtg. on the 11<sup>th</sup> to pay, please send your check payable to CRRAACA to Sylvia Copley-1789 County Home Rd, Marion, Ia 52302.**

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Lucky's at 86 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW/CR**

### Upcoming Events December 2024

**Dec 9th AACA Christmas Potluck at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha. Doors open at 6 pm-eat at 6:30 pm. Bring one dish to share per person, table service, and beverages.**

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Dec 18th Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Olive Garden/Collins Rd NE. Bring a gift to exchange if you wish.**

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

My boss came to the office today with a new Porsche.

Me: "What an amazing car"

My boss: "Absolutely! If you work really hard, put lots of hours in, & strive for excellence at all times, I should be able to get another one next year."

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I always adjust the seat & mirrors when I drive my husband's car so he





### **2024 Membership Dues**

**Dues are payable by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Checks payable to CRRAACA**

**Local dues \$15 & National dues \$45  
for a total of \$60.**

**Renewal form was in Oct. Moto  
Meter**

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### **Jon's Corner Answers**

1. The Model N Ford was the first to use vanadium steel.
2. The Ford 400-A was only produced in 1931.
3. Albert C. Champion created the AC spark plug.

### **2024 TREAT SCHEDULE**

Nov - Sharon Schminke & Todd Schminke

Dec. - Christmas potluck

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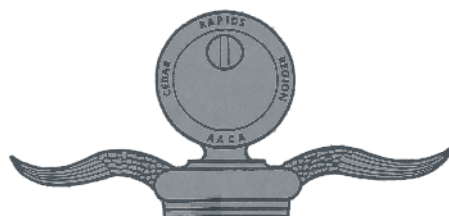
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