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## June Presidents Message

Let me start by thanking my wife Kathi and every one who took time to attend swap meet meetings and take on a leadership role for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, we started with marking both the north and south exhibition hall and with that completed, inside vendors started filling in their spaces. We had a short window on Friday as we had to be out by four pm before the stock car races started. Then the rains started Saturday morning. If you were one of the ones like myself, driving over at 3:30 AM in the rain you had to be thinking, "this is going to be a BUST!!" Gradually the rain stopped and a line of cars slowly started to show up--it was "our members" all a little wet with a smile pointing that the rain was moving out. As it did, a line of cars started to appear waiting to get on the track. As it got brighter, patrons started showing up at 7:00 am and before long the parking lot was full, all the way out to 6<sup>th</sup> street. Patrons were looking around the exhibition hall which was full of vendors and they were buying STUFF.

Wanting to keep the old car hobby alive and encourage young people, we had offered free vendor stalls to our friends from the HAWK A Club, the Cedar Valley Street Rods and the Bone Shakers. It made you feel good to know that as we gave free stalls to help promote their clubs, we were a family of old car people teaching, restoring and preserving the past for future generations.

Our hope is to be back next year, with bluer skies and more people like us. Again, this could not have been accomplished without a dedicated team effort of the, Cedar Rapids Region AACA.

Other items to spotlight include:

Twin rivers Tour: Neil has seen a significant drop in participation in this annual club event. Therefore, He is considering moving the dates to the end of August, specifically August 24 – 28. Please look at these new dates and let us know if you would be interested in attending.

Teddy bear Auction outcome: We made \$692 in the auction and I thank all of you who eagerly bid and purchased the goods. The Board has decided to take a few dollars from the Swap Meet profits to make the total of \$1000.00 and split the donation between charitable organizations. We are still reviewing which organizations will benefit from this money. We will keep you posted.

Swap Meet moving forward: Participation numbers for this year's Swap Meet are: Vendors = 155 and Patrons = 1,076.

The Board feels we must review carefully what Hawkeye Downs is charging us over the next few years since it is a "stepping stone" type fee increase.

## JON'S CORNER

**1. In what year did Jeffery produce his first prototype automobile?**

**2. In what year did the car change its name from Jeffery to Nash?**

**3. What do the initials GMC designate?**

**Answers on page 7**

***This Will Be a GREAT YEAR!  
President: Jack Harville***

May 11th 2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

**VISITORS:** Ryan Aarhus and Ron Scott

**BIRTHDAYS:** Al Meeker and Dan Ortz

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kyle and Alison Askam, Al & Marlene Meeker, and Rich Mishler and Sherri Wilcox

**ILLNESSES:** None reported.

**DEATHS:** None reported

**NEW MEMBER:** Ryan Aarhus took advantage of our free membership. Welcome Aaron.

**SPEAKER:** Jennifer from Hawkeye Downs was there to answer any questions and there were many. Thank you Jennifer.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Sue Melvin and 2nd by Shareen Melvin

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve by Kyle Askam and 2nd by Aaron Franck.

**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 only have 5 cars signed up for the trip. Hopefully more will join the great trip.

**SWAP MEET:** Jack told us that Thursday the golf carts will be there at 1:00 PM and Sharons crew will be marking out the Vendor spaces. We will be setting up the Club booth and placing chairs and tables where the Vendors have paid for them. Todd Schminke will set up the Quilt frame for the 2 sided banner and the stand for the Seedling Mile. Kyle placed 20 ads on corners in Cedar Rapids. Aaron was encouraging members to take more flyers and place them in many stores and also at any events they are going to soon. Jack and Kathi made signs to go on the Vendor check in booth and the building to help the people know where to go. Sharon and Jack showed the new vests that have our logo on them for the members to wear so members are visible for people to ask any questions. We also have carpenter aprons for the ones working at the Vendor booth to hold the papers needed to be filled out. Sharon encouraged the members working there to make sure the papers are readable for future use in our mailings. Rich Mishler volunteered take pictures.

**OTHER:** Sherry Melvin said she would pick up the key for Jack and open the building for the June meeting.

Sylvia reported that we brought in \$692.00 from the Teddy Bear auction. The Board will decide after the Swap Meet where the money will go. We have 5 great suggestions from members.

Roger Lane asked about the Facebook site and Jack said they were still working on it.

**BUY SELL & TRADE:** Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Ortz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Askam

Treats were provided by Dick and Pat Semelroth

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 June 2026**

**June 1-5<sup>th</sup> Twin Rivers Trip to Winterset \*\* This trip has been changed to Aug. 24-28\*\***

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

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

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

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

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

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

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Mechanicsville Car Show Reg. \$20 8 am-2 pm-209 S. Monroe St (behind Casey's)**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> Marion American Legion Car Show 10 am-2 pm-625 31<sup>st</sup> St/Marion \$15 Reg.**

### **Upcoming Events July 2026**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> AACA Picnic at Ely Schulte Park-social at 3pm-eat at 4pm. Bring 1 dish per person, table service, & drinks**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> AACA Car Show at Bass Farms-840 Bass Lane/Mt. Vernon from 10 am - 2 pm**

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

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

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A rugged looking guy walks into the tavern wearing a set of booster cables around his neck, the doorman says to him "You can come in but don't you start anything."

My wife asked me the other day "Why are men so interested in cars?" My reply : "Why are women so interested in shops?" Her answer: "Lets compromise and drive

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## Motor Car Man Adventures #16 June 2026

Hi Again To all My Ole Car Friends In the Area! I've been trying to remember more of my Land rover adventures from a few years back and I do have some more if you are interested? Our trip south included going across a part of the Sahara Desert that has no roads to follow so you need to know where you are going and how to navigate the tactless desert! Our plan was to go across part of Lybia and pop out onto actual roads that would lead us further south! Our Leader knew he could not do it on his own so He hired a Bedwin guide named Bedidi to guide us! All went well for several days with Bedidi riding in the front Rover and pointing in the direction he wanted us to go!! All went well for several days of driving up & down the giant sand dunes! The 4 LR's did pretty good & we only needed to use the sand ladders that we put under the tires to get out of too soft of sand a couple of times. Then near disaster as our oldest LR we called YOUHU just came to a stop as the engine died suddenly And we came to a forced stop. The stop wasn't too bad since it was late so we could use it as an excuse to stop for the day! We popped the hood to find out what had happened? I couldn't figure out any problem, but we needed a solution or we would be in trouble! For some reason I seemed to be the only one willing to trouble shoot ole YOUHU there in the sand? I could not find any obvious problem but it seemed to not be getting any gas? I said I had lots of carb experience so I volunteered to take off the carb and take a look. Right there on a tarp laid in the sand I took it apart and looked it over. Everything looked good, but I did find a small bit of dirt blocking the main jet so I put all back together and reinstalled it on the engine! Wow what a bit of luck as she fired back up and ran great! The lucky life saving thing happened in the morning as we were getting ready to head out for the day! There on the horizon was another LR heading our way. We waited as they approached and found out that they were Americans from Texas on a search for oil for the Lybian government! They asked what we were doing out there and when we told them where we were headed they said We Were Way Off Course And headed in to the trackless Sahara Toward Eminent Disaster! After some investigation We found that our awesome guide Bedidi had been using the Auto compass on the LR windshield to help guide him! It seems he had slowly turned us SE instead SW where we needed to head!!! Those 2 oil field explorers told us exactly where we were & how to get back on track and not be lost forever!! That was a Good Example of how The Lord Watches Over Us In Our Times Of Need! My very presence Shows that we did find our way out and continued our Safari across Africa! Those 4 landRovers got us to West Africa and then all the way East to Kenya. We were always looking for a town to get some normal food so we stopped in Kampala Uganda for what we hoped would be a bit of R&R! What a surprise as we were told by the local business that we better get right back in our Rovers & head for Kenya as there were major problems brewing in the government & we would not be safe as outsiders! Well, we did load up & headed out Right Away and found out that we were One Of The Last Groups To Make it Out Before Idi Amin Completely Closed The Borders! A few more adventures to follow!

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams



'I don't want anyone to walk off with my smart car, so I keep it in my purse.'  
Bill Whitehead

We need someone to sign up to bring treats for the months of July, August, and October. Please let me know if you are able to do so & which month. Sylvia

### Jon's Corner Answers

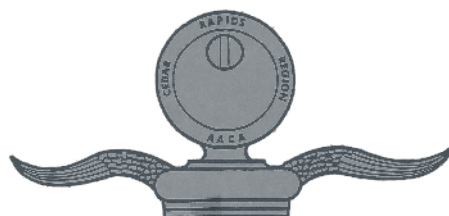
1. The first prototype Jeffery was created in 1897.
2. The Jeffery car name was changed to Nash in 1917.
3. The initials GMC represent General Motors Company.

### TREAT SCHEDULE

June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

July -

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