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## President's Message

### Swap Meet Group Leaders and Workers Needed

As we draw closer to our Swap Meet on May 17<sup>th</sup>, WE NEED HELP!!! Of the nine sign-up sheets we have only three members who have agreed to be Group Leaders and what's worse there are sign-up sheets with only one name. With that said the sign-up sheets will be at the March 10 meeting.

### Swap Meet Meeting

The Swap Meet Meeting for March will be held on the same night as the club meeting, March 10, **starting at 5 pm** before the regular club meeting at 7 pm. Of course, the meetings will all be held at the Hiawatha City Center. Jen from Hawkeye Downs will be present to answer questions regarding vendor set up, vendor and patron parking and the use of the ticket booth. This is your chance to ask questions and get answers.

I did receive a phone call from Linn County Fair Grounds asking if we were returning in the fall since they had seen the flier and realized we were relocating to Hawkeye Downs for the Swap Meet. They have many people currently wanting that date in September and so I confirmed with them that they could have it. I thanked them for the years we were there.

Currently, I am writing this from my daughter's home in Chicago land where we came over to see our grandkids play some basketball and volleyball this weekend. Then on Monday, we are heading south to Tuscaloosa, AL to visit with Kathi's brother. I will be home by March 8-9. I'm still getting several calls for information about the Swap Meet and I did put up fliers today at the Walcott Truck Stop. Hope to post some more in the St Louis area when we get there on Monday along our way.

**Jack**

## JON'S CORNER

**1. What year is considered the birth of the modern automobile?**

**2. What year was the first speeding ticket issued in the United States?**

**3. What do the initials BMW stand for?**

**Answers on page 5**

## February 10th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

**VISITORS:** Rob and Connie Mitchell

**BIRTHDAYS:** Clyde Melvin, James Houser, and Connie Mitchell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None reported

**ILLNESSES:** None reported

**DEATHS:** None reported

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the January 12th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Sue Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Melvin.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortiz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Ohrt.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Neil Rohlena reported that the Twin Rivers tour will be June 2-7 but he has not been able to talk to many people this early so he will have more info at our next meeting.

**SWAP MEET:** Jack Harville told us there were sign up sheets on the table for the May 17<sup>th</sup> swap Meet and encouraged everyone to sign up. Aaron Franck has been going to several Swap Meets and handing out our flyers. Jack Harville reported that he has placed a few around at businesses. We need people to volunteer to be Chairman for some of the groups. Jack will let us know when our next Swap Meet meeting will be. Rich Mishler and Sherry Wilcox will take flyers to the Rod and Custom Car Show February 22 & 23.

**SPRING BANQUET:** Loren has talked to the Ronneburg and the Banquet will be April 26<sup>th</sup> and we will have Ham and chicken. There will be a choice of 2 kinds of pie.

**OTHER:** We were contacted by the Hawk Model A club about the shed we share that is at the Central City fair grounds and it was decided that our Club will purchase it back for \$650.00 and John Williams will store it at his place.

Neil played an entertaining film that was about Leonard Votroubek teaching a woman to drive a Model A.

Sharon told us that she will have the Quilt raffle packets ready to hand out at the March meeting. Sherry Wilcox mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March there is a Wood Carving Show in the Czech Museum.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Melvin

Treats were provided by John & Agnes Williams

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

## MotorCarMan Adventures #1 2025

Greetings to all you ole car fans in the area! It's been a while since I've told you any of My Car tales so I will get back to some!

I left off last December telling about my awesome trip to the UK with My '11 Tourabout that I had totally mechanically restored to take to the UK to make a bag full of money & pay for a vacation! She looked pretty good having been put together in southern Ill. with a replica body & nice new Red paint! Lets continue as I wondered along the side roads headed toward London. I had no set plan so anything was game. I stopped for a guy flagging me down and when I told him it was a '11 Model T he got very excited & asked how busy I was! He said that he worked for one of the largest Ford dealers in the Midlands and would love to get some publicity shots of my car in the best preserved 18<sup>th</sup> century villages in the whole UK! It was only 20 miles away and he promised it would not only be great fun, but that his boss would treat me well! It sounded interesting so I followed him to the neatest village I had ever seen. There was absolutely nothing that let you know that you were not in a 1750 Thatched Roof town. There were no wires or aerals or even modern garages that you could see driving down the narrow streets. It was just like stepping back in time! I spent a couple of fun hours getting posed for pictures all around the village with the '11 T! I wish that I could see those shots now as they would be very interesting! As a thank you they took me to a local petrol station and filled me to the top! With the price of gas being so high that was a great gift! I drove out of town and continued south toward London & ready for my next adventure along the way! There is more so I'll continue next time!

Thanks John Williams

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events March 2025**

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet Meeting at 5pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.**

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup> AACCA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.**

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Napoli's-2360 Edgewood Rd SW/CR**

### **Upcoming Events April 2025**

**Apr 14<sup>th</sup> AACCA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.**

**Apr 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Kava House-122 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE/Swisher**

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Banquet-Social hour at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm at Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana.**

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

How was your blind date a college student asked her roommate.  
“Terrible” the roommate answered. “He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce.”

“Wow! That’s a very expensive car. What’s so bad about that?”

“He was the original owner.”



## TO DO LIST REMINDER

1. Sign up to help at the swap meet on May 17<sup>th</sup>. There are jobs that even people with mobility issues can do like drive a golf cart, or checking for wristbands while sitting down, or selling tickets for the quilt raffle, or sitting at the club booth. We need everyone!
2. Complete spring banquet form for Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> & send with payment to Loren **by Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Always great food at the Ronneburg! See banquet insert.
3. Complete Twin Rivers Registration form for June 2-6 & send with payment to Neil **by May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Make room reservations **by May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Should be a great trip! See Twin Rivers insert.

## Jon's Corner Answers

1. 1886
2. 1902
3. Bavarian Motor Works

## TREAT SCHEDULE

Mar - Josh Severt

Apr - Harry Hawley & Michele Ricardo

May - Jack & Kathi Harville

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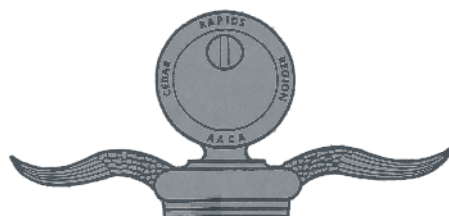


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