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## President's Message

I Can't Believe IT, but Hi Again To all you Awesome Ole Car Folks in the CR Area! Not a too busy a month, but We Had a Great meeting and some of us made the journey to Chick Ok for the big swap. It was kind of disappointing because the dealer nos. were down and not very active on the buyers as well! Oh Well - I Always Enjoy visiting with all my friends anyway! At least the weather is improving to get us ready for some ole car activity!

That doggone '47 Indian story is interesting so I'll tell some more. After the engine rebuild, she ran very well & Everett drove it everywhere. Things can seem TOO good until one day he was buzzing along and the rear wheel locked up & he came to a sudden stop! The primary chain was too loose & the slack climbed the clutch sprocket, making it too tight for the primary case, so it locked up stopping the wheel & breaking the pri case badly! That meant a haul back to the farm for repair. Even then Indian parts were hard to find so Everett started asking around and someone at Prairie told him about this old Indian in a garage near Ely. It turned out to be a '38 - 74 so it had the pri case the '47 needed. I think he got it purchased for \$35 and it had everything he needed! After some shop time it was ready to go again. By now I was big enough to hold it up so I got the necessary instruction on how to actually drive such a beast. I had my license so I could drive on the road, but mostly I had to drive the tiny Alstate because Everett had the Indian monopolized. I was just glad to have it to ride as my friends didn't have big bikes either. One friend had a Whizzar, another a Cushman and another a tiny Ducati (didn't go much faster than the Alstate, but sure did look neat)! Well things went pretty good for quite a while UNTILL! When Everett did the first engine rebuild with the Ford pistons, he used the full floating wrist pins with the keepers in the pistons. Well one of the keepers broke & allowed the wrist pin to rub the cylinder wall. He was running full megaphone exhaust (because they sounded so great) so we never heard the scraping that would have warned us. He was cruising north of Ely one summer day when the rear tire quit again! This time the wrist pin had locked up in the cylinder, stopped the piston, which pulled apart the rod and it had gone around several times poking the bottom out of the crankcase! DAM DAM DAM - broken again and this time it would need a major overhaul! Next time I'll fill you in on how you can put two Indians together to make one that goes again!

See you all in April! Your President John L Williams

## JON'S CORNER

**1. In what year did Oldsmobile first offer a V8 engine?**

**2. In what year did Chevrolet first offer a V8 engine?**

**3. In what year did Ford first offer a V8 engine?**

**Answers on page 7**

March 14th, 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The February meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha.

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

**VISITORS:** Jim Morris-He became a member a couple of months ago but was not able to attend until tonight. Eddie Sass and Mike Siever.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dean Kiefer & Jane Hawley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lavern & Martha Travis

**ILLNESSES:** None reported

**DEATHS:** Bruce Platteter a former member and Daryl Cople

**SPEAKER:** Todd Schminke spoke to us about his Wheel Horse Lawn Mowers and how he acquired them. They were ones with Family history and sold by his Uncle Neil Rohlena. He showed pictures of the Plexi Glass cab he made and told about his constructing it for easy entry and view.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Eddie Sass and Mike Siever

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the January 10th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Dan Ortz and seconded by Dean Kiefer.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to approve was made by Todd Schminke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Yoder.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Neil Rohlena reported on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Twin Rivers Tour to Pontiac Illinois. It will be a 5 day tour following Route 66. There will be a sign up sheet in the next newsletter. He had some handouts naming some of the places we may visit. We will be staying at the Super 8. \$85.00+tax

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the tour to Sam Shannon and Rich Mishler's collections. We will meet at Perkins on 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW at 10:30 then go to Sam's, Eat in Ely and stop at the Ice Cream shop, then on to Rich's.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Judy Ortz said that Judy Robertson and Paul Kumley were no longer wanting to call members and asked for volunteers. Sue Melvin and Barb Miller volunteered.

**SPRING BANQUET:** Is scheduled for April 29th at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana. It will be a 2 meat menu of Chicken and Beef. Served family style with salads, vegetables and pie. The club will pay \$5.00 towards the meal for our members. We need to get our reservations in before April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**4TH OF JULY:** Picnic will be in Ely and anyone that wants to go the Firemen Pancake Breakfast could go on their own and then join us at the Pavilion for the Picnic. The chicken will be furnished. Bring 1 or 2 covered dishes, your table service, and drinks. Neil would be glad to set up a tour of Ely if anyone wanted to after going to the Fireman Breakfast at 10:00. Let him know if you have any interest in a tour.

**MEETING TREATS:** We still need someone to serve treats for November.

**ATTENTION:** DON'T FORGET NEXT MONTH IS THE TEDDY BEAR AUCTION. Bring something to sell so we have a great auction.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Larry Beatty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Shannon

Treats were provided by Steve Brown

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary.

**Banquet Reminder**

**Registration must be to Loren Huffaker by the deadline of Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration form was in the March Moto Meter.**

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events April 2023**

**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>-Tour of Sam Shannon & Rich Mishler's collections . Meet at Perkins on 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW & leave at 10:30 am. Take Ely Road into Ely & turn right on Vavra Drive to Sam's house on right (1770). Will see Sam's collection, have lunch at Odie's & ice cream at Dan & Debbie's Dairy Store in Ely, & then go to Rich's at 1720 Texas Ave NE/CR.**

**Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>-AACCA Club Meeting at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. \*\*Teddy Bear Auction will be held so bring items to sell\*\***

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

**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Bluebird Cafe-112 E Main St, Solon**

**Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Join the Model A Club on a tour to the Anamosa Motorcycle Museum. Meet at the Marion Kwik Star at 962 62<sup>nd</sup> St (off Hwy 151) & leave at 8:30 am-will be escorted by the Model A Club tour.**

**Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>-Spring Banquet at Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana. Social hour starts at 5 PM followed by dinner at 6 PM (registration due to Loren by Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Upcoming Events May 2023**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>-AACCA Club Meeting at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>-Model A Swap Meet from 8 AM - 4 PM at Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City**

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

**May 17<sup>th</sup>-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Betty's Bread Basket-101 S Franklin St, Manchester, Ia**

### **TREAT SCHEDULE**

April - Clyde, Sue, Sherry Melvin

May - Vern & Martha Travis

June - Calvin Reiling

July - John & Agnes Williams



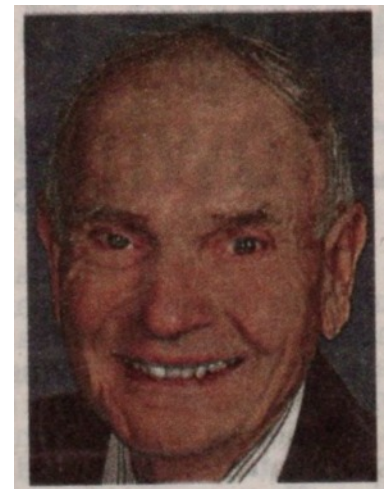
Clarence Daryl Copley, 84, passed away March 13, 2023 at The Views in Marion. Daryl was born Dec. 21, 1938 in Sioux Falls, SD to Clarence Joseph & Veva (Collins) Copley. He grew up in Harrisburg, SD. In 1960 he married Carol Nagel & they had a son, Steve. They later divorced. On Oct. 1, 2001 he married Sylvia Bowen Safley. He spent his working years at Cedar Rapids Block, Link-Belt, Linn-Mar Comm. Schools, and P & D Welding. He was very proud to have served in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2021 he went on the Cedar Rapids Honor Flight to Washington, DC & was extremely happy that his grandson Ryan was able to accompany him. Semper Fi!

He enjoyed woodworking, golfing, puttering around the house, mowing the yard, watching football, golf, basketball, & old westerns on TV. He also enjoyed sitting on the bench in front of the house & waving at people as they drove by. In recent years he started reading books on WWII & various battles & enjoyed the WWII battlefields trip in Europe that he & Sylvia took. They also went on many trips with FSB Connect Club in the US & overseas. He was a member of the Cedar Rapids Antique Automobile Club & took great pride in his Oldsmobiles.

Daryl is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his former wife, Carol; son, Steve; daughter-in-law, Teri Gibson; grandson, Ryan; & many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty; & brothers Jack, Dean, & Ted.

He said many times “I love life & I love fun.” He will be dearly missed but will always remain in our hearts & memories.

Bruce A. Platteter, 82, passed away March 8, 2023. Bruce was born March 7, 1941 in Owen, Wisc. the son of Reuben & LaVerna (Mitzloff) Platteter. He was raised in Stetsonville, Wisc. and West Branch. On Sept. 18, 1971 he married Dianne See in Mt. Vernon. Bruce enjoyed his work as a courier driver for Hill Bank & Trust. He also volunteered at the Antique Car Museum of Iowa for many years. Bruce was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside where he was a longtime resident. He was an avid car collector & founding member of the Iowa Valley Region Antique Automobile Club. He also belonged to the Cedar Rapids AACA, Iowa City Classy Chassis Cruisers, National Corvair Corsa Club, Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts, Cedar Valley Region Chevrolet Club, and the National Chevrolet Club of America. Bruce is survived by Alicia (Luke) Christen of Lisbon; Wayne (Jasmine) Platteter of Newland, NC; & Carl (Tory) Platteter of Iowa City; five grand-children, including Dylan (Jordan) Parkinson, Tessa Beale, & Abigail, Anna, & Henry Platteter; his great-granddaughter, Nora Parkinson; and many nieces & nephews. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, wife, & brother, Roger.





### JOKE OF THE MONTH

#### BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said "We were the first in space!" The American said "We were the first on the moon!" The Blonde said "So What, we're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" Said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied "We're not stupid you know. We're going at night!"





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2. The first Chevrolet over head value V8 was in 1917
3. The first Ford flat head V8 was produced in 1932

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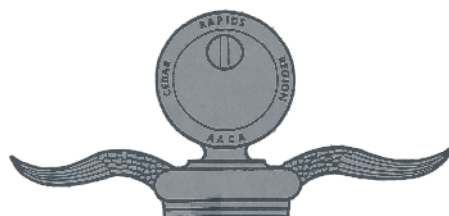
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