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Judy Ortiz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy April everyone!

When I was trying to think of something to write about, there was a one page ad in the newspaper I was reading for the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight. Bingo I had my idea.

I know a man who has been part of the honor flight since the beginning. His name is Roger Uthoff; he is my brother-in-law's brother. So I called Roger and picked his brain. He also told me where to find out about the flights on the internet.

Roger became a part of the Honor Flight because he is a veteran, involved in the American Legion and just an all-round good guy. He started when the honor flights began in Eastern Iowa in 2008. The first year they flew out of Davenport. Since 2009, they have flown out of the Eastern Iowa airport. He has held many positions on the board including Treasurer, and now is an advisor. He has gone on 22 flights. There is an order they go by to choose the veterans—terminally ill first, WWII vets next, Korean War vets and finally Vietnam War vets. Roger called another brother-in-law Wilbur to see if he wanted to go because they had a late cancellation so Wilbur who was Korean vet went. They get a t-shirt all the same color for that flight and have a guardian for the trip. We went to the airport when the vets came home and what a great joy it was.

All the vets have a guardian on the flight who is with them the whole time. This guardian can be a relative, friend, or a volunteer. The cost for

the guardian is \$550.00 at this time and they pay their own way. They (I have been saying "they" a lot, meaning the volunteers who do all the work for the vets flights) ask family members or friends to write letters to the vets (unknown to the veterans). The veterans get mail on the way home on their flight, at least 5 letters. They appreciate volunteer letters to vets. You can write a letter to a veteran thanking them for their service and anything else appropriate to say. Mail letter to, Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, Attn: Letters to Vets, P.O. Box 502, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. If you're sending a letter add, "Appreciated Veteran," on back of envelope. If you are sending for someone special put their name on back of envelope. The Eastern Iowa flights have sent 2147 veterans on 26 flights. (FYI there were 226000 Iowans in WWII). The flights this year are on April 25, May 24, September 19 and October 17. You are welcome at the airport on any of those dates to welcome them home. Parking is free just go to the information desk to find out about the parking voucher. If you want to e-mail a letter for the veterans send to: eihfletterstovets@gmail.com There is information on the national site: Honor flight .org Hope you have enjoyed reading about our donation recipients.

Co-president Judy Ortiz

JON'S CORNER

1. In what year did Buick first offer a four cylinder engine model?
2. What was the third best selling car in 1910?
3. In what year was the first use of ball end grease fittings?

ULTIMATE MYSTERY



In what model year did Cadillac introduce the first electric sunroof?

Answer is somewhere hidden in the MM.

HISTORICAL VEHICLE



1952 Standard Vanguard Saloon

The Standard Motor Company Limited was founded in Coventry, England, in 1903 by Reginald Walter Maudslay. The first car was powered by a single-cylinder engine with three-speed transmission and shaft drive to the rear wheels. The single cylinder model was soon replaced by a two-cylinder model quickly followed by three- and four-cylinder versions and in 1905 the first six. By 1911, the range of vehicles was comprehensive, and in 1914 Standard became a public company. In the early 1920s, saloon bodies were first offered; previously all cars had been tourers. By 1924, the company was making more than 10,000 cars per year. By the late 1920s, profits had decreased dramatically due to great reinvestment, a failed export contract and bad sales of the larger cars. The importance of standardization was now appreciated and only one model was offered. Through the 1930s, fortunes improved with new models, the Standard Nine and Standard Ten addressed the low to mid range market. At the 1935 Motor Show, the new range of Flying Standards was announced with semi-streamlined bodies. The Flying Standards came to the market in 1936 with their distinctive streamlined sloping rears virtually replacing the existing range of Nine, Twelve, Sixteen, and Twenty. By 1940, Standard's annual production was approximately 50,000 units. In 1945, Standard purchased the Triumph Motor Company. A one-model policy for the Standard marque (alongside a range of new Triumphs) was adopted in 1948 with the introduction of the 2-litre Standard Vanguard, which was styled on American lines. The one-model policy lasted until 1953, when a new Standard Eight small car was added. In 1954, the Eight was supplemented by the slightly more powerful Standard Ten. In 1959, Standard Motor Company was re-named Standard Triumph International Limited and began to put the Triumph brand name on all its products. The Standard name was last used in Britain in 1963, and in India in 1987.

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. 1907
2. Overland
3. 1933

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1931 Model A Ford A-A



What was first a limited production 1931 Model A Ford 400-A purchased in the Erie, PA area became a dismantled and cut up remnant of the most expensive Model A ever produced. The second owner had visions of creating a hot rod or dirt track racer back in the early 60's. Following a tour in Vietnam the would be rod builder lost interest and sold what was left of the car. The next owner made numerous trips to swap meets to gather the needed parts to assemble the Model A to touring condition. Again, the poor car lost its owner's interest and it was sold once more. The new owner polished his new pride and joy to show it in an AACA judging meet. Oh yes, it did receive a 1st Junior Award at the event held in Delaware.

Following the first AACA judging event the owner made the decision to enjoy driving and touring with the car in the Erie, PA area with his wife. A few months following his death I learned about the car thru an antique car friend of mine. Two trips to Erie and the Ford was mine. The original intent was to use it for Model A club tours. After a couple of journeys I began to discover, with the help of other well meaning club members, that not all was OK with the Ford. One discovery of an incorrect or malfunctioning component led to a long list. I ultimately committed the Ford to a complete comprehensive restoration.

With a heavy investment in time and cash I entered the car once again into the AACA judging system. The cost to register your vehicle for judging is \$30.00. My first destination was Mankato, MN to seek a Junior Award. The AACA judging program is based on quality and accuracy of the restoration as determined by a team of four judges governed by a team captain. A point system is used with each judge evaluating a component such as the engine starting with a total of 100. For a car to receive a 1st Junior it must score a minimum of 365 points out of a total 400 from the judges. fortunately, my Ford received a 1st Junior, but the exact point

outcome is not known. Fortunately, a national judge who did not evaluate my car, but took a look informed me the radiator cap was incorrect. I changed this out before the next judging meet.

The next time I entered the car in a judging meet was at Cheyenne, WY in late August of 2016. This time I was hoping for a 1st Senior Award which meant the car had to rate 375 or more points out of a total 400. After pulling an 18 ft. enclosed trailer all the way to Wyoming with my Model A inside I was anxious about the outcome. I do not know the scoring record, but fortunately the car received its 1st Senior.

Attending all of the yearly judging meets throughout the country national officers who are also trained judges team up and view all the cars being showed. They take careful notes and then meet in PA sometime in early November of each year. They discuss the results of what they have seen during the judging season and vote as to which cars should be nominated for a special National Award. Much to my delight my Model A was nominated for a National Award. I received a letter instructing me to send 2 pictures and some information about the car. Then in mid December I received another letter extending congratulations for a National Award. These special awards are presented to owners at the Annual National Meeting held in Philadelphia, PA the first weekend of February. The owner does not need to be present to receive the award. However, I enjoy the train ride and the national event so I made the trip. The Model A Ford received the President's Cup Western Division for the best of all cars produced between 1921 and 1942 shown at the specified meets.

The 1931 Model A Ford 400-A Convertible Sedan is currently on display at the Antique Car Museum in Coralville, IA. I am anticipating showing the car for judging at the Grand National AACA meet to be held in Independence, MO this June.

by Jon Reynolds

REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

March 2, 2017 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The March meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center. Larry Yoder led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Ortz presided over the meeting. There were no guests. March birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Carl Ohrt made a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as published in the Moto Meter with a second from Barb Miller. Motion was approved.

Sylvia Copler read the Treasurer's Report. Pete Bischoff made a motion to approve the Report with a second from Sharon Schminke. Motion was approved.

Dave Juby suffered a heart attack last week and had triple bypass surgery. He is at St. Luke's Hospital. He is still suffering from his auto-immune disease and his red blood platelets are dropping. Ed Carlson's wife had a stroke and passed away this month.

Herb Oakes, a past President of the National AACA, also passed away unexpectedly this month.

The membership rosters are ready to pick up. Dan is making a list with e-mail addresses of people who want to be on a list that Judy can use to alert members of deaths, illnesses, events or other items of interest during the month. If you want your name on the list, be sure to give Dan your e-mail address. Be sure to let Judy know if there is something she should report.

Judy Ortz reported that she had checked with the Hiawatha Community Center to be sure we could use their parking lot for our July meeting, and they had said it was okay.

Our monthly meeting for August has been rescheduled for August 10, since we will have several members traveling on the Twin River Tour the first Thursday of August.

Carolyn Sweet is doing well and has agreed to order flowers when needed.

Kirkwood would like to know if we will be participating in their scholarship program next year. Judy informed them that we will make our decision after our Swap Meet in October if we can participate and as to how many we can give.

Judy inquired of the National about insurance coverage for the Club. She said by being a member of the National the club has liability insurance. There is a special insurance for the officers and we do not need to pay anything extra.

Judy found out the program Mt. Mercy College has to help businesses with websites will not apply to us. Also, her nephew or niece cannot help. She does have the name of a company in Mt. Vernon she plans to check on.

The Garage Tour will be April 22. We will be traveling to the Truck Museum in Walcott. See the Moto Meter next month for more details.

The Spring Banquet is also April 22 (you should be able to attend both the Garage Tour and the Banquet if you would like) at the Amana Brewhouse. Two meats are offered, you need to pick one on the registration form in the newsletter. Entertainment will be a Blue Grass Band.

Sam Shannon will get the reservations for the pavilion at Ely for our 4th of July picnic.

Jon Reynolds reported that when Dave Juby gets home from the hospital he may need help during the day. Brenda has to work full time. She is checking into home care services. Jon will let us know when he has more information.

On July 22 there is going to be a Model T show at the Marriott parkade near the Coralville Antique Car Museum.

The Iowa City AACA Club is also having a car show at the Hoover Library on June 17 at 2:00 p.m. They asked if we could join them. They are also interested in any pictures, memorabilia, etc. you could share with them. Judy will try to get more details.

The Board has put together a budget. It is very similar to last year's with a few adjustments. If you would like to discuss this or see a copy contact Judy.

Carl Ohrt reported that Kirkwood would like us to bring our cars out on April 7 from 9 to 1:45. They will provide lunch for anyone bringing their car out. Contact Carl if you are interested, or for more details.

Larry Yoder presented some trivia printed in the Kalona newspaper about a 1917 Buick 6 cycle valve-in-head.

Jon Reynolds reported on an article in the Gazette about the seedling mile. He also reported on the National AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. His 1931 Model A received a National award, the President's Cup Western Division. Congratulations Jon! He also reported that the National AACA and the Museum have separated. They have not been able to come to any agreements but they are open to future negotiations. You may have received a letter regarding this.

Barb Miller reported on the Volo bus trip for April 28-29. 32 people have signed up. There is room for two more couples.

Cruise Night is Monday, March 6 at the Wilson HyVee at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors meeting will be March 16 at Capriotti's at 6:00 p.m.

The "Teddy Bear" auction will be held at the April meeting. Carl Ohrt has agreed to be the auctioneer. Be sure to bring your baked goods as that is what we will be auctioning off again this year.

Judy thanked Clyde and Sue Melvin and Sherry Melvin for bringing treats.

Pete Bischoff conducted buy, sell or trade.

We are planning to have a short program at the end of our meetings. This month Carl Ohrt gave a short talk on his 1932 Chevy.

Dan Ortz made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Lee Votroubek. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bischoff, Secretary

2017 Twin Rivers Tour

July 31 to Aug 4, 2017

All rooms are reserved under AACA and Neil Rohlena.

You are responsible for making your own reservations. Our block of rooms are released Sat. June 15 to the public.

July 31, Aug 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Vermeer Museum, Pella

Pella Vermeer Windmill & Museum

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Drews Quality Chocolate

Iowa Quilt Museum

Greenfield Opera House

John Wayne Birthplace

Ukrainian personal Museum

Pella Historical Museum

Cabbage Patch doll collection

Schildberg car collection

Mike Travis Rumley/Avery tractor collection

Covered bridge bus tour

Freedom Rock tour

History of Fairway Stores

Bierbaum Alice Chalmer tractor collection

Apple Cider winery

Many More !!!!

Garage Tour - April 22. Meet at the Truck Museum in Walcott. Begins at 8:30. Contact person is John Wolf.

Model T Days - July 22. Auto Museum in Coralville. More Information to Follow

Iowa City AACA - 50th Anniversary this summer. Contact John Wolf for questions and if you have photos or other memories of their beginning. Information to follow on the date.

CRRAACA 2017 Spring Banquet

The Cedar Rapids Region AACA Banquet will be Saturday

April 22, 2017 In Amana at the old Colony Inn (741 47th Ave) down the street by the Millstream Brewery. The Colony Restaurant is turned into the Brau Haus that is owned by the Millstream Brewery

Cost will be \$20.00 minus \$5.00 Club Donation equals \$15.00 for each AACA member. Each non-member guest is \$.20.00

Social hour with cash bar starts at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

(Registration Deadline is Saturday April 8, 2017).

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA **MUST be sent to Jerolee Stout 4315 V Street, Homestead, Iowa 52236 (319) 622-3629** by deadline of **Saturday April 8.**

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CRRAACA 2017 Spring Banquet
Registration Deadline is Saturday April 8, 2015.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING. _____

PICK ONE PER PERSON

____ Chicken Schnitzel over Noodles Dinner
____ Grilled Pork Tenderloin Dinner

No. of Club Members x \$15.00 = _____

Telephone no. _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Belles on Wheels

The Irving Berlin song, "Easter Parade," has been in my mind this month--"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it, You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade. I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over, I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade." Easter Sunday has always been a day for dressing up. Early Christians may have regarded a new outfit as an outward sign of having been reborn, though I am not sure that this is factual. Growing up, I remember little girls in frilly dresses, fancier church shoes (not the old black and white saddle shoes that were worn during the week at school), white hats and little purses.

I found several articles on the Internet that included some ads for a store in Allentown (PA?) that reminded customers in 1909 of the need to get into the "Real Easter Spirit." The ad stated that "careful dressers are greatly interested in this splendid showing of the season's choicest apparel for men." Items included suits for \$15, \$16 or \$18, raincoats for \$8.50 and fancy waistcoats in white and novelty fabrics, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Another department store challenged women shoppers with the following headline on their ads: "We are ready for Easter. Are You?" They offered shirtwaists at \$.98 and claimed that you help but look good in that shirtwaist if you wore the Nemo corset that "reduced a stout woman's figure so effectively that her skirts had to be taken in 3 to 4 inches!" It claimed to mold the woman in and help support the abdomen and give health and strength to women.

Gloves were important and one could find French kid in many colors and shades for \$1.50 per pair. Short, silk gloves sold for \$.60 a pair and a woman could find a suit for \$15. Hats were standards for women and many included ostrich feathers.

Easter parades have been popular over the years and are thought to have their beginnings with the Christian culture. The Bible records two procession during Holy Week--the first on Palm Sunday when Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem by the adoring crowd. The second took place as Jesus carried the cross to Calvary. In the Dark Ages, Christians in

Europe would gather and walk solemnly to church; after the service they often retraced their steps singing songs of praise. In the Middle Ages, the processions were used as teaching tools where paintings or statues were placed along the street so people could walk from one to another to see the stations of the cross.

From the 1880's through the 1950's, the Easter parade held in New York was one of the ways that Easter was celebrated. In the 1880's, it was a spectacle of fashion and people would stroll from their church to other churches to see the elaborate flower displays in the sanctuaries. This was an opportunity for poorer and middle class people to learn the latest trends in fashion. The parade has quite a history and is enjoyed today by families in Sunday best and others in historical or outlandish costumes who are paying homage to the parade's past.

As you prepare to celebrate Easter this year, my hope is that the meaning of Easter will not be lost in the preparations for the day. Some of my most cherished Easter memories were singing in the choir for the Messiah, performed at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. I love Handel's Messiah and the wonderful choruses within it. At this time of year, the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" run through my mind and I remember those days in high school and college when I joined my community in the presentation of this beautiful work. This Easter may you say with me and my church, "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Brenda Juby

Here's a recipe for "**Special K Bars.**" This was given to me by a good friend in Hays, Kansas.

1 c light corn syrup

½ c sugar

Combine and bring to a simmer. Remove from heat. Add 1 c peanut butter. Pour over 6 c Special K--mix and spread in 9x13 pan. Press down firmly.

Melt ¾ c semi- sweet chips and ¾ c butterscotch chips. Spread over bars! (My friend doubles the amount of chocolate and butterscotch chips).

Yummy!

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2017 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night

April 10, 2017	DQ Hiawatha
May 8, 2017	Chrome Horse
June 5, 2017	Harvest Grain
July 10, 2017	Culvers- Westdale
August 7, 2017	DQ, Johnson Ave
Sept 11, 2017	DQ, Fairfax
Oct 9, 2017	Saucy, Edgewood
Nov 6, 2017	Starlite
December 11, 2017	TBD

Social Night starts at 6:00 PM. When the weather is good, please drive your cars to social nights. The point of this activity is not only to eat together, but also to advertise the club and have people looking at and appreciating our older cars.

Business meeting

April 6, 2017
May 4, 2017
June 1, 2017
July TBD
August 3, 2017
September 7, 2017
October 5, 2017
November 2, 2017
December 7, 2017 - Christmas Party

All meetings will start at 7:00 PM -Hiawatha Com. Center

Board Meetings

April 20, 2017	Zio's- Marion
May 18, 2017	Tommy's
June 15, 2017	Scott's
July 20, 2017	Cheddars
August 17, 2017	Bandanas
Sept 21, 2017	Town&Country Leonardos
Oct 19, 2017	Starlite
Nov 16, 2017	Culvers, Hiawatha
Dec, 2017	No Meeting

All meetings will start at 6:00 PM

Special Events

May 11-13, 2017 - AACA Special Spring Meet, Auburn, IN
May 14, 2017 - CRRAACA Mother's Day Breakfast
June 3, 2017 - Lions Car Show, Time 9:00 am - 3:00
June 15-17, 2017 - AACA Grand National Meet - KC Region, Independence, KS
July 31-August 4, 2017 - CRRAACA Twin Rivers Tour
August 17-19, 2017 - AACA Central Fall Meet - Mississippi Valley Region, Bettendorf, IA
September 17-22, 2017 - AAA Glidden Tour (AACA hosted), NE Region, Hastings, NE
October 4-7, 2017 - Easter Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA

2017 Treats Schedule

April - Kiefers, Jan Wenger
May - Schminkes and Ohrts
June - Shannons and Millards
July - Robertsons and Autermans
August - Marge and Frank Reynolds
September - Dan and Judy Ortz, Karen & Neil Rohlena
October -
November - Lee and Denise Votroubek
December - Christmas Party

WHERE'D THEY GO?

The evolution of the convertible in America had a Jurassic Park moment. During the 1970s, dinosaurs with retracted tops roamed the streets. There were Buick, Olds and Chevy thunder lizards; velociraptor MGs and Triumphs; Corvette and Mustangs.

Suddenly, with the demise of the 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, they all went extinct.

What made the convertible leave us? How could we let a beauty like the Cadillac Eldorado go? It was the only example of haute 1970s American car styling to fully produce the intended magnificent luxury effect.

But no amount of marvels could save 1970s convertibles. Sales had been declining for decades. Chevy sold 41,292 convertibles in 1955. Just 18 years later, the number was 8,350. In 1973, Road & Track tried to explain the convertible's declining popularity. Among the magazine's theories were greater travel distances, more high-speed roads, fabric-covered tops stealing convertible styling cues and long hair on men.

R&T may have been right about long hair. But hair was just one of the things that was loose and flapping around in the '70s. Congress was showing an interest in consumer product safety. (A little late, I'd say, considering how dangerous the Vietnam War had been to consumers of that product.) Rumors were flying that convertibles would be banned entirely for fear that Americans would be flipped out of their vehicles. Carmakers were alarmed. But Americans had flipped out already. The real problem was the decade itself.

Speeding along in an open car in the 1970s, you could get beaten to death by your foot-long polyester collar points and yard-wide jacket lapels. Boogie Oogie Oogie booming from your 8-track might get you pelted with Pet Rocks and Rubik's Cubes. A certain powdered substance then in vogue would scatter in the breeze. And there was no place to hang the disco ball. It was an indoor era.

Convertibles had already begun to disappear from dealership showrooms in the late 1960s as manufacturers turned more to sporty coupes and replaced convertibles with T-tops or sunroofs for open-air motoring. Each model seemed to go out — appropriately — in one final unobstructed-view-of-the-sunset blaze of glory.

The 1968 Rebel SST was the concluding fold-down from American Motors. AMC was known for styling that was bland or odd or both at once. Yet the SST was handsomely understated, with a 340-horsepower 390-cid V-8 that made a statement.

Mustang convertibles continued for another year. By '73, the Pony had gotten fat and was beginning to resemble something that could give birth to a 1974 AMC Matador coupe.

From 1975 to 1986, there was no Corvette convertible, either, but the marque bore the lapse better.

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Simple pleasures disappeared with the British roadsters. The Triumph TR6 went missing after 1976 and the Spitfire followed in 1980, while the TR7 (available as a convertible in 1979) and TR8 lasted into 1981. Meanwhile, the MG Midget limped into 1979 with a Triumph engine. The aged MGB lasted until 1980.

With the exception of the TR8, these were not fast cars. Rather, they were desirable for their nimble handling and their open-air motoring. While UK TR6s used a 150-horsepower version of Triumph's 2.5-liter straight-six, Americans made do with only 105 horses.

The second part of this series will be in the May "MM".

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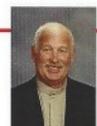
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