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TRIVIA QUESTION

(Answers on page 13)

Q: What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines air sickness bag and released on April Fool's Day?

JON'S CORNER

1. What was President FDR's favorite car that he drove?
2. What was the largest and most expensive Ford produced prior to the Model T?
3. In what year was the Lincoln Motor Co. organized and by whom?

(Answers: Page 11)

President's Message

Touring season will be here soon and the Tour Committee has been very busy planning exciting trips and activities. Tour Planners put a lot of effort into making their event memorable and run smoothly for the participants so try to attend as many events as possible. Please practice the following etiquette to help ensure a great event for everyone.

- Arrive 15-30 minutes before the departure time in order to check in with the Tour Planner to pick up your tour packet or instructions, Note: there may be last minute changes to the directions or other important announcements. Fill your gas tank before you arrive.
- The Tour Planner will lead the group, followed by Model A's and other faster antique and vintage cars. Modern cars are welcome on the tour but they must follow at the rear of the tour. If you need to leave the tour early, please notify the Tour Planner and leave at a rest stop so other cars behind you don't follow you by mistake.
- Leave a five-car length between cars so on the two-lane roads they can be safely passed by people not in our group. Don't follow too closely and don't lag too far behind.
- Cell phones will be the primary way of communicating during tours. The Tour Planner will compile a list of tour member cell phone numbers and distribute it at the start of each tour.
- Rest Stops will be taken approximately every 60-90 minutes. Depart in the same order as before. Be ready to leave on time after each pit stop or break.
- Participants are expected to carry a reasonable assortment of tools to address minor repairs on the road. Tools/spare parts may include tire jack, lug wrench, tire iron, screwdrivers, vise grips, side cutter pliers, hammer, adjustable crescent wrench, band wrench, electrical test light, jumper wire w/alligator clips, radiator stop lead, RTV silicone, rags, electrical tape, duct tape, spare tire, fan belt, fuel filter and hose, WD 40, and a quart of engine oil.

President Jane Hawley



Lee Votroubek brought a few of his many antique banks to share with us at our March meeting. He said that most of them have a story behind them and he has a lot more banks and memories at home.

Most of the banks are Denise's and they don't have anymore room in her china cabinet for Lee to place his banks so he has to find alternative homes for them.

Lee became interested in banks

at a very young age when he saw a horse bank on his Grandma Votroubek's mantel. It was a horse bank that the family was NOT TO TOUCH. Of course that was just a challenge for a 6 or 7 year old boy and his brother! One day they thought grandma was gone so they took it down off the mantel and were shaking the money out of it. Behold here comes grandma and she was not happy. The coins went back into the horse bank and it went back onto the mantel. I'm sure grandma had a few words to say to the boys at that point. Well Lee always wanted that bank and when his grandma died he asked his grandpa for it and was told that when he died maybe Lee would get the bank.

When grandpa died Lee didn't get the bank for 2 months. The bank had a broken leg and Lee checked into how to fix it and finally found what he needed and repaired the horses leg. Then he took the horse to a gentleman who did screen printing and had the leg painted the same color as the rest of the horse.

Lee told another great story about his mother really needed a new vacuum and one day a gentleman came to the door to sell an Electrolux vacuum. Lee's father didn't like salesmen and when he knew the guy was a salesman he asked him to leave (Shirley wasn't there). Well somehow Leonard left a note in the salesman's car and said he wanted to buy a vacuum and when he did they gave him an Electrolux bank also (which Lee has and showed us). Well Shirley received the vacuum for Christmas and was so thrilled that she used it to vacuum out the car. Later she was leaving and forgot about the vacuum and drove over her new vacuum-not just over the middle, but from the front to the back. Leonard did what he could to fix the vacuum and Lee has it and it works to this day.

Lee also showed us a glass bell bank that had a few coins in it. He explained that he and Denise decided that when they had a bet against each other, if he won he would put a quarter inn the bank. Huh! He only had a few coins in there but he explained that Denise's is pretty full. Go Denise!!

Lee told about being out in Hershey and a gentleman had a dog bank. He told Lee that he had dug it out of the dirt in an old building. It didn't look to bad for being buried for no doubt a long while.

He also had banks from banks and the interesting story to me was that the hole in the side that looked like a pencil sharpener hole was for the rolled up bills. Some had larger holes for when the bills were bigger.

He has a bank (it's a building) that was Ron Van Note's, a bank advertising Pegasus Oil, several from banks, and one from Atlas batteries.

By Sharon Schminke

March 5, 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Judy Ortz and club members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays: Dean Kiefer on March 24th & Denise Votroubek on March 25th **Anniversaries:** Martha & Lavern Travis-51 years on March 8th **Illness:** Barb Maxwell had surgery on her right hand on Monday. Carl Ohrt had surgery for cataracts on both eyes in February. Loren Huffaker had back surgery on February 26th. Jane Hawley had a second mouth surgery the middle of February and is having surgery tomorrow for a broken jaw. **Deaths:** Paul Draper-Scott Draper's father; Deb Mercer-Loren Huffaker's sister.

Program: My Collection of Banks by Lee Votroubek (see story in MM)

Secretary Report—Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Moto Meter by Dan Ortz and seconded by Carl Ohrt. Motion carried. Sylvia Cople read thank you notes from Scott Draper, Loren Huffaker, and the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.

Treasurer's Report—Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to accept the report by Ken Robertson and seconded by Barb Miller. Motion carried. Sharon reported that only one of the Moto Meter advertisers didn't renew & is looking for small businesses that do upholstery, windshields, paint, & tires.

Banquet: In addition to choice of chicken or sirloin steak menu consists of salad, bread, green beans, small red potatoes, coffee, tea, or milk. Entrance thru Hotel lobby on east side of the Longbranch.

Tour/Activity: Factory tour being planned at PMX, Color Web Printers, and Goodwill-tentative date is April 29th. Tom Oliver reported the joint day tour with the Mississippi Valley Region club will be on May 16th and we will meet at the Decker Hotel in Maquoketa. Sharon Schminke reported the Twin Rivers tour will be June 13-16 (Sat-Tues) in the Oskaloosa area. Garage Tour: John Williams reported that instead of a tour on Apr. 18th we will be joining a garage/shop tour planned on April 4th that starts at 8 AM at Duffy's.

Membership: Dan Ortz reported the 2020 roster has been mailed to everyone. We had 7 members who did not renew & 57 members were listed on the report to National.

Moto Meter: Sylvia Cople reported that Dave Jubly had helped her & Jane get setup and running. They are learning to use the Page Plus program and would welcome any help with it.

Swap Meet: The Model A meet setup will start on Thursday, May 7th. An Open house will be on Apr. 26th at 2 pm at the Linn County Fairgrounds for anyone who wishes to check out the facility. Lee Votroubek & Jim Smith reported that effective March 1st a storage facility has been rented in Central City for one year. Current storage facility contract goes thru April and will need to be cleaned out.

Calling Tree: Judy Ortz reported she will be redoing the lists & resending. Asked for more volunteers.

Marketing: Dan & Judy Ortz have agreed to do a Member Spotlight segment each month for the Moto Meter and will be asking members to participate with a photo of themselves and their car and by answering a questionnaire.

The March board meeting location for Mar. 17th has been changed to Scott's Restaurant.

Lee Votroubek reported on the sound system-only have one microphone that works, but speaker is still okay. Found a new system with warranty for \$817. Will be shared with Model A Club-they are getting bids on new system. Will be discussed at respective board meetings.

Buy-Sell-Trade conducted by Paul Kumley.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Kumley and seconded by John Wolfe. Motion carried.

Treats provided by Jeff Fossum.

Sylvia Cople, Secretary

Upcoming Tours

Saturday, April 4th Garage/Shop Tour

Meet at **Duffy's** at **8:00 AM** at Duffy's Collectible Cars-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids. Bring a canned food item for food pantry.

Eddies Rod & Custom at 9:00 AM-2015 Werner Ct NE, Cedar Rapids. View their ever changing projects & high end collections.

D S Collection-view a garage full of Supercars!

J W Collection-See cars from the 30's. Seldom seen cars!

National Motorcycle Museum-102 Chamber Drive, Anamosa. The museum has waived the admission fee as long as we arrive as a group. There will be collection boxes-Jill Parham (owner) has a drive going for underprivileged kids to buy them bicycles.

Jokes for the month

I've never once been able to explain my car trouble to a mechanic without resorting to sound effects.

I always adjust the seat and mirrors when I drive my husband's car so he doesn't forget he's married.

2020 Cedar Rapids area Thursday Cruise Nights

Starting in April & May ALL start between 5:00 & 6:00 PM

1st Thursday-Palo, Iowa Greenspace (behind the bank). April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3

2nd Thursday-Prairie Hill Pavilion-5680 Kacena Ave, Marion, Ia (Hwy 13 N just past Culver's Restaurant). April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10

3rd Thursday-Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept 17

4th Thursday-Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24

5th Thursday-To Be Announced

All of these are weather permitting events & are subject to change with little or no notice.

Questions contact Bill Cejka at orangeyenko@yahoo.com

Club Member Spotlight on Loren Huffaker

Q: How old were you when you got your first car and what was it?

A: I was 17 & my first car was a 1949 Ford 2 door sedan which I had for 2 weeks. I found a 1950 Ford coupe that I liked the look of so I bought it and sold the 1949

Q: What cars do you own?

A: (1) 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 2 door hardtop (2) 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: The 1957

Q: How & where did you get your car-is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?

A: The 1964 Kay & I bought from a guy in Marshalltown that was needing money because of a business that wasn't doing well-we made an offer & he accepted.

Q: What kind of condition was it in-did you have to do much work on it?

A: Over a period of about 15 years we overhauled the engine, had the transmission rebuilt, put on new rocker & quarter panels, a new top, put in velour upholstery-we did all of this during the winter time so we could continue to drive it in the summer time

Q: What has been the most memorable/interesting thing or trip you've gone on with an antique car?

A: I have done the Twin River trips for 30 years

Q: Have you entered your car in any shows & if so, did you win any awards/trophies?

A: No I haven't entered car shows. Have participated in Back to the 50's & Cruise to the Woods, but wasn't interested in trying to get trophies

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: 33 years

Q: What do you like best about being a member of the AACA?

A: Bunch of fun people

Q: Other than AACA have you joined any other car clubs & if so, which ones?

A: The Marshalltown AACA

Q: What other collections/hobbies do you have besides antique cars?

A: Stock car racing; small collection of model cars

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1957 Ford

The mainstream Ford line of cars grew substantially larger for 1957, a model which lasted through 1959. The Crown Victoria with its flashy chrome “basket handle” was no more, and the acrylic glass-roofed Crown Victoria Skyliner was replaced by a new model, the retracting-roof hardtop Skyliner.

The new chassis allowed the floor to be placed much lower, which in turn led to a lower and longer look overall. The major component of this chassis was a differential whose pinion gear was exceptionally low relative to the axleshafts, lower than in conventional hypoid differentials.

The 1957 models retained a single-headlight front end like their predecessors, but were unmistakable with their long flanks and tailfins. A plethora of trim lines was introduced, starting with the base “Custom”, “Custom 300”, “Fairlane”, and top-line “Fairlane 500”. The two Custom lines used a 116 in. wheelbase, while the Fairlanes had 118 in. between the wheels. A new car/pickup truck hybrid based on the short-wheelbase chassis was also introduced, the Ranchero.

The 223 CID OHV Straight-6 continued, now with 144 hp. The V8 lineup included a 272 CID Y-block making 190 hp, a 292 CID Thunderbird version making 212 hp, a 312 cubic inch V8 making 245 hp, and a supercharged 312 CID Thunderbird Special making 300 hp.

The radio had a transistorized audio output stage for the first time. There were lights for the generator and oil instead of gauges. The controls became recessed for more safety. A new frame was used for the 1957 Fords-it moved the perimeter rails out so that they would fully envelope the passengers.

The model was very successful, being the best selling car in America, overtaking arch rival Chevrolet for the first time since 1935.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events April 2020

Club meeting–April 2nd. Annual Auction with Carl Ohrt as Auctioneer. Bring anything in good condition to sell. Also selling baked goods.

Garage Tour on April 4th-Meet at Duffy's at 250 Classic Car Ct SW at 8 AM. Bring a canned food item for donation to food pantry.

Social Night at Leonardo's on April 6th at 6:00 PM. Located at 2228 16th Ave SW.

Spring Banquet April 18th at The Longbranch. Social 5:00 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM.

Ladies Luncheon–April 21st at 11:30 AM at Kava House in Swisher. Shop boutiques.

Board meeting–April 21st at 6:30 PM at Scott's Restaurant

Open House at Linn Co. Fairgrounds April 26th at 2:00 PM

Factory Tour April 29th (tentative date)

Upcoming Events May 2020

AACA club meeting program on May 7th. "Quilts" by Joan Auterman and Marlene Meeker.

Model A Swap Meet set up May 8. Swap Meet May 9th.

Mother's Day May 10th. Breakfast 9 AM at IHOP.

Social Night at Culver's in Hiawatha on May 11th at 6:00 PM.

Mississippi Valley Region Co-tour May 16th. Meet at Decker Hotel in Maquoketa.

Ladies Luncheon May 19th at Kalona at 11:30 AM at Ila Miller farm & shopping in Kalona area.

Board meeting May 19th at 16th Ave Grill at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events June 2020

AACA club meeting program on June 4th. "Straightening Decorative Brass for the Car" by Greg Lane.

Social Night at DQ in Fairfax on June 8th at 6:00 PM.

Twin Rivers Tour June 13-16 in the Oskaloosa area

Father's Day June 21st. Deb's Ice Cream in Ely 2:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon at Okoboji Grill in Independence at 11:30 AM on June 23rd. Shop Independence.

Board meeting–June 23rd at Scott's at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events July 2020

AACA club meeting program on July 2nd. "History of Model A Days" by Jan Wenger.

4th of July Picnic in Fairfax on July 4th

Social Night at Odies in Ely on July 9th (Thurs) at 6:00 PM. All you can eat shrimp!

Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 AM at Ox Yoke in Amana on July 21st. Followed by shopping in Amana.

Board meeting–July 21st at 16th Ave Grill at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events August 2020

AACA club meeting program on August 6th. "History of the AACA" by Lee Votroubek.

Social Night at Culver's in Marion on August 10th at 6:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon in Manchester at Betty's Bread Basket at 11:30 AM on August 18th. Meet at Sylvia's house at 10:45. Shop Manchester.

Board meeting–August 18th at Scott's at 6:30 PM

Lawn Party at Barb Miller's. Date TBD

One Day tour date TBD-Dan & Judy Ortiz as leaders.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR (Continued)

Upcoming Events September 2020

AACA Club meeting on September 3. Ken Allers, Community Programs Manager from Cedar Valley Human Society.

Social Night at Kava House in Swisher at 6:00 PM on September 8th (Tues).

Ladies Luncheon on September 15th at 11:30 AM at Midtown Station located at 715 2nd Ave SE with shopping/tour at Restore at 350 6th Ave SE.

Board meeting on September 15th at 6:30 PM at 16th Ave Grill.

Upcoming Events for October 2020

Swap Meet Set Up–October 2nd. Central City Fair Grounds.

Swap Meet October 3rd

Social Night–October 5th at 6:00 PM Parlor City Pub & Brewery located at 1125 3rd St SE.

AACA Club meeting on October 7th (Wednesday) at 7 pm. Linn County Historical Society “History of Lincoln Highway”

Ladies Luncheon on October 20th at 11:30 AM Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher.

Board Meeting on October 20th at 6:30 PM Scott’s.

Tour of Elkader & Osborne Days. Dates TBD. Steve & Ann Brown as leaders.

Upcoming Events November 2020

AACA Club meeting on November 5th. Program Kirkwood Scholarship Students.

Social Night November 9th at 6:00 PM at Olive Garden.

Ladies Luncheon on November 17th at 11:30 AM at Cheddars.

Board meeting on November 17th at 6:30 PM at 16th Ave Grill.

Upcoming Events December 2020

AACA Club Christmas party on December 3rd. Time TBD.

Social night–December 7th at 6:00 PM at Bushwood.

Ladies Luncheon December 15th at 11:30 AM at Kirkwood Class Act. White elephant gift exchange.

Board Meeting on December 15th at 6:30 PM at Scott’s.

Treats Schedule for 2020

April 2 nd -Dean & Joann Kiefer	August 6 th -Tom & Joan Auterman/Ken & Judy Robertson
May 7 th - Lee & Shirley Millard/Marge & Frank Reynolds	September 3 rd - Dan & Judy Ortz/Neil & Karen Rohlena
June 4 th - Steve & Ann Brown	October 5 th - John & Barb Maxwell
July 2 nd -Barb Waterhouse-Miller	November 5 th -Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt

Area Car Shows & Events

May 1st & 2nd Vintage Torque Fest in Dubuque

May 17th Camp Courageous Car Show in Monticello from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

June 1st-June 10th State Parks Centennial Vintage Auto Tour (Northeast Iowa). Check it out at AnnaReaModelA.com

June 6th Masonry Car, Truck, & Bike Show in Cedar Rapids

June 13th Iowa Veterans Home Car Show in Marshalltown

June 14th American Legion Car Show in Marion

June 20th Alburnett Car Show in Alburnett

July 1st Hudson Days Car Show in Hudson, Ia

July 3rd-5th Goodguy's Heartland Nationals in Des Moines

July 9th-11th Iola Swap Meet in Iola, Wisc.

Aug 22nd Gearhead Fest in Davenport

Aug 23rd All Mopar Car Show in Dubuque

Oct. 4th Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show in Hopkinton

Oct. 7th-10th AACA Hershey Fall Meet in Hershey, Penn.



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TRIVIA ANSWER

1970 Gremlin (AMC).

JON'S CORNER

1. President FDR's favorite car to drive was a 1936 Ford 4 door convertible with hand controls.
2. The Model K Ford six cylinder was produced in 1907.
3. Henry Leland established the Lincoln automobile company in 1917.

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 **Swap Meet** 

New Location: ~~NEW~~
Linn County Fairgrounds
Central City, Iowa
Previously Held At Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids, IA

Dates:
46th Annual sponsored by Hawk A Model A Ford Club
Saturday May 9, 2020

41st Annual sponsored by Cedar Rapids AACA
Saturday October 3, 2020

Visit us at:
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want to see you again!**



April 2020 Moto Meter

CRRAACA 2020 SPRING BANQUET

The Cedar Rapids Region AACA Banquet will be April 18, 2020 at the Long Branch Restaurant on 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, Cedar Rapids IA.

**Menu Cost: 6 oz. Bourbon Glazed Chicken: \$17.00, Small 7 oz. Sirloin: \$21.00
Club is picking up the cost to rent the banquet room @ \$207.67 (includes suggested gratuity)**

Social Hour: 5:00 PM – Dinner: 5:30 PM

Registration Deadline is Thursday, April 2, 2020.

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA, MUST be sent to Loren Huffaker at 810 South 6th Ave., Marshalltown, IA. 50158 641-752-6211 by the deadline of Thursday April 2.

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CRRAACA 2020 SPRING BANQUET

Registration Deadline is Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Name of those attending: _____

Number of club members: _____ X 7 oz. Steak \$21.00 = \$ _____

Number of club members: _____ X Bourbon Glazed. Chicken \$17.00 = \$ _____

Telephone Number _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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