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## President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In The CR Area! You are all Such An Awesome Group who are probably getting tired of My Ramblings? It's been a busy year again that started with another great meeting with much to discuss. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we had a fun get together At Youngsville thanks to Larry B. Not only was the food great, but we had time for some good discussion of which some was even car related. I hope that our Bass Farms car show is good this weekend even though it is supposed to be very hot like last year?

I've rambled about some of my cars, motorcycles and trucks so maybe you are tired of my stories? I've also talked about some of the tractors so I'll continue there. I've also been told I can visit about upcoming things you all need to-do. The biggest thing we all need to remember is the fall swap at the Linn Co Fairgrounds on Sep 16. I hope you are all planning on attending as well as helping out where you can! Please get out the info about the swap any place you can because it is Imperative that WE Make It a Success!!

I think there is time for a little Rambling about some of my junk? On our farm my Dad & Uncle always wanted to have the latest equipment & that meant tractors as well. They had traded the F30 for the M, the M for the MTA, the MTA for the IH450 (turned out to be my Dads favorite). My older brother and I did the corn cultivating, putting the cultivator on the 450 meant we only had 1 unit to trade off on. Well, that didn't last long as they decided that with two tractors going, we could both go all day and get twice as much done. They looked around and soon found a 49 M at the dealer that was not only in good shape, but had been repainted to look just like new. With another cultivator We were ready to go. Everett & I spent many hours going back & forth with him on the 450 & me on the 49 M with occasional breaks for water & discussion of world matters! Times changed and Dad & Uncle Lloyd got their own farms & split up the machinery & tractors, but kept the ole M as joint ownership! All went well until my Uncle retired & did not need the M for anything. Like a real collector I went to the sale & purchased his 1/2 of the M - I had so many good memories on that old girl I could not pass up owning her myself! Real Smart wasn't it because I didn't really NEED Her either! At least it's still in the family after over 60 years!

See you in August! Your President – John L Williams

## JON'S CORNER

**1. What does white foamy oil indicate in an engine?**

**2. Where did Lee Iacocca work before Chrysler?**

**3. In what years was the Ford Model T produced?**

**Answers on page 7**

## July 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

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

**VISITORS:** Braulio Ortiz-Kirkwood Scholarship Recipient

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sam Shannon, Harry Hawley, Agnes Williams, John Williams

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John & Agnes Williams

**ILLNESSES:** None

**DEATHS:** Paul Kumley (was club president twice) & John Maxwell

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the June minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Harry Hawley.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Jon Reynolds.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Sylvia read a thank you from Barb & John Maxwell for the plant the club sent.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** John Williams reported on the good turnout & great food & time at the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. **Youngville car show** is July 20<sup>th</sup>- Larry Beatty stated because of the road work the entrance is different-you need to turn right after Youngville & circle back. For those that want to tour together that day we will meet at 11:00 AM at the Fareway on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The consensus was to invite those in the Model A Club to join us. **Bass Farms Car Show** is on July 29<sup>th</sup> & John Williams thought there would be food available for purchase. The **lawn party** will be Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at Neil Rohlena's (Social at 3pm-eat at 5pm). The club will furnish the meat. Bring table service, lawn chairs, drinks, & 1 side dish per person. **The Grand National Meet** in Bettendorf is Aug. 10-12<sup>th</sup> & Larry Yoder's car will be there. Neil Rohlena will work on setting up a trip there on the 12<sup>th</sup> if there is enough interest.

Sherry Melvin is setting up a one day **tour to Wyoming** Iowa September 9<sup>th</sup> to see a Doctors House, a Museum and the Williams Hotel with rooms for guests having different themes. We would leave Kwik Star by Culvers on Hwy 13 at 8:30AM. More info. to follow on catered lunch that day. She will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Revised club bylaws-Motion to approve them by Jon Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Ortz.

**SWAP MEET:** Sign up sheets for workers at the Swap Meet were available, but there are still spots to be filled.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Ortz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry 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 Sylvia Cople, Acting Secretary

### TREAT SCHEDULE

Aug - Jack & Kathi Harville

Sept. - Dan & Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

Oct. - Tom & Jackie Oliver

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

I bumped into an old school friend today. He started showing off talking about his well paid job and expensive sports car.

Then he pulled out a photo of his wife and said "She's beautiful isn't she?"

I said "If you think she's gorgeous, you should see my girlfriend."

He said "Why? Is she a stunner?" I said "No she's an optician."

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events August 2023**

**Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Dale Benskin Memorial at 10 am at Laurel Church on Hwy. 14**

**Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Lawn Party at Neil Rohlena's. Social at 3 pm-eat at 5 pm. Bring table service, lawn chairs, drinks, & 1 side dish per person. Meat will be furnished.**

**Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha**

**Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>-AACA Grand National Meet in Bettendorf - Sign up sheet will be at Aug. Club meeting.**

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Sally's in Springville.**

**Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Coggon Harvest Home. Breakfast at 8 am at the Legion, Craft & Vendor Show at Coggon Center from 10 am - 3 pm, Parade at 11 am (looking for antique cars to participate), Pie on the Porch at Clemons House Museum from noon until gone, Cake Walk at 3 pm, Variety of food trucks in town.**

### **CR AREA THURSDAY OUTDOOR CRUISE NIGHTS-MEETING TIME 5:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo**

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Church Resurrection-3500 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Marion**

**Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR**

**Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, CR**

### **Upcoming Events September 2023**

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Hot Rods in Ellis Park from 8 am - 3 pm**

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>- Swisher Men's Club Car Show-Registration 8-11 am; awards at 2 pm (Rain date Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>-AACA Swap Meet from 8 am - 2 pm at Linn County Fairgrounds**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>-Wicked Kreation's Car & Bike Show 2 pm - 6pm in downtown Central City**

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Local Edition in Shellsburg**

### **SWAP MEET**

**Will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM. Sign up sheets to help at swap meet will be at the club meetings. If you can't make the meetings, call Jack Harville at (319) 270-6042. We need everyone to help make this a success!**



Paul Kumley was born Nov. 14, 1944 in Pontiac, Michigan. He passed away June 27, 2023 at the Hallmark Care Center in Mt. Vernon after a long & valiant battle with COPD & emphysema. He worked cutting meat for a grocery store in High School. After completing electrical school in Michigan he was recruited to work at Collins in Cedar Rapids. In 1969 he began working for Northwestern Bell which became AT&T-he retired after a successful career there. He had been a member of Mt. Herman Lodge #263, Gethsemane White Shrine, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, & the Cedar Rapids Metal Detecting Club. Paul loved to go fishing & he thoroughly enjoyed antique cars, specifically Model T's, trips to Hershey, PA & Chickasha, OK for swap meets. He remained active in the Cedar Rapids Antique Car Club until his passing. He is survived by the mother of his children, Audrey Savage of Monticello; his children Daniel (Danielle) Kumley of Mt. Vernon, Matthew Kumley of Monticello, & Sarah (Bill) Jones of Dyer, IN; grandsons Mason Kumley & Henry Jones; sisters Doris Hatcher of Durango, CO & Jean Billings of Waterford, MI; numerous nieces & nephews. Paul was preceded in death by his sister, Judy Kumley, daughter Rebecca Kumley, & his parents.

Interment at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.



John Maxwell passed away July 6, 2023. John was born on Feb. 27, 1940 in Cedar Rapids, Ia. Growing up in Shellsburg John ate at his uncle's restaurant after school & helped at his father's farm & hardware store. John got his first car at 13, began flying planes at 14, flew his first solo flight at 16. He graduated from Shellsburg HS in 1957, after which he flew a mail route & did crop dusting. In 1961 John enlisted in the Air Force. While in the military he trained in communication systems. He was then hired by Northwestern Bell where he began his career as a lineman then worked on teletypes & telephone communication systems. It was during this time he met Barbara Peterson at a local party. A year & a half later he proposed with a ring purchased from his father's store. John & Barbara were married Dec. 6, 1964 & first lived in Shellsburg; then bought a house in Fairfax where their children were born; they built a new house in rural Cedar Rapids. John was transferred to AT&T & later retired after 30 years as a communications engineer. He then worked for his friend & neighbor caring for his estate, where his duties ranged from raising trumpeter swans for the Dept. Of Natural Resources to piloting a yacht on a journey down the Mississippi River. John & Barb loved to travel the USA as well as Europe & the UK, most memorably, Scotland. John had a lifelong interest in cars, restoring many gorgeous antique automobiles from a Model A to Corvettes, antique tractors, & even his favorite fire chief pedal car toy from childhood. The most beloved of his restorations is a 1917 Maxwell touring sedan which he spent a decade bringing to perfection. He competed with the car on the AACA show circuit, achieving a first prize at the national junior & senior level & a second prize at the grand national level. John enjoyed anything with wheels. He also volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital for 10 years. Recently John & Barb bought a home around the corner from their son, Sean, in Marion.

John is survived by his wife, Barbara & their children Sean (Gloria) Maxwell of Marion, IA & Jennifer Maxwell of New Bedford, MA. He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brothers James & Lawrence Maxwell & sister Genevieve England.

Interment at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

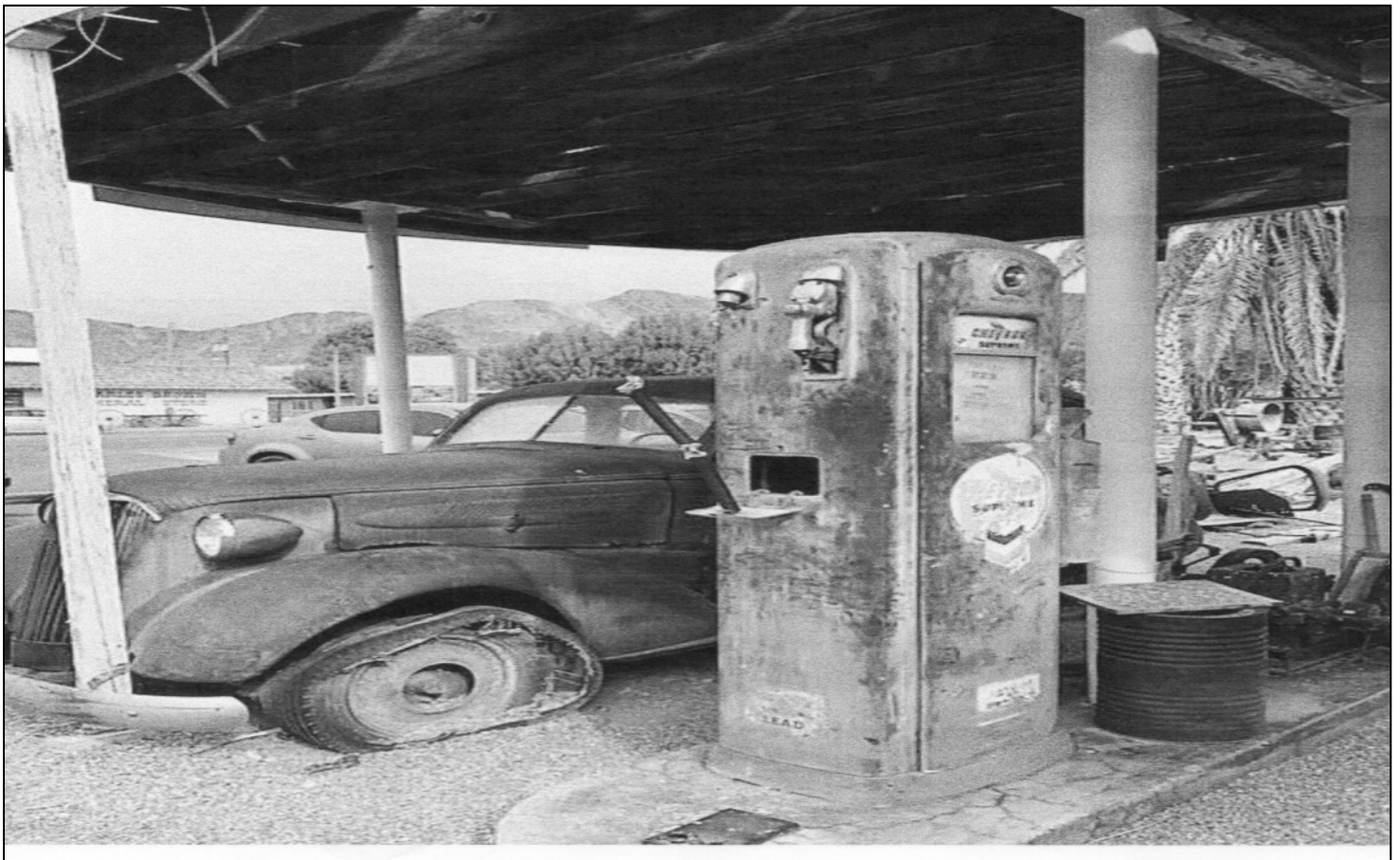


## July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic



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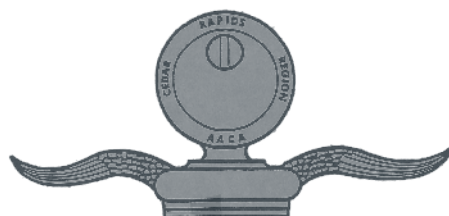
### Jon's Corner Answers

1. White foamy oil indicates water in the oil.
2. Lee Iacocca worked for Ford before Chrysler.
3. The Model T Ford was produced from 1908 to 1927.



**A bad attitude**  
is like a flat tire.  
You can't go  
anywhere until you  
change it.

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