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President's Message

Hi Once Again to All You Great Ole Car People In The CR Area! July was another great month - now in the books. Another Great Meeting with a very interesting talk from the Linn Co History Center with emphasis on the only car left of the 3 made in Cedar Rapids! It is a very neat car & a important part of our local history! We can thank some of our past club members the Newport family for saving & restoring this car so we can all enjoy it! This is so nice that We are thinking of a special visit to the History Center to see it and the other displays if you folks are interested? I think We will all remember the great program at the car museum where we learned all about the 1908 Great Race won by the Thomas Flyer.

I think We have time for some more vehicle stories? Remember how I said I had been interested in any old iron from an early age! Lets go back to the early 50s when I can remember this neat old Harley Davidson motorcycle with a side car being driven around CR & Lincoln Way Village that said Keystone Cops on the side. Over the years I saw it many times & found out from some of my high school friends that it belonged to a guy that lived in Lincoln Way. He was a factory worker & this was his only transport to get to work & around town. I was told he had had many offers to buy, but would not think of it? I kinda lost track of it while I was away to University.

In the mid 70s He died & the bike sat in the garage until several local kids tried to buy it & talked the Wife into letting them take it for a ride. I guess that was a disaster as a big ole Harley with a side car is not a easy thing to keep under control. They lost control and drove through several yards & knocked over some neighbors stuff before getting it back to it's home. That scared the lady & she would not let anyone else even look at it. Along came one of the Prairie High custodians who was told by some of the students about this neat old motorcycle that was hidden away! He thought that was interesting so he investigated and found it. After some discussion he convinced the owner that he would be a safe person to sell it to & He would cherish it as her Husband had done for so many years! He did manage to buy it & get her running! More story next month!

Thanks for Listening! Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

- 1. When and where was the Maxen Electric produced?**
- 2. In what year did Bendix introduce power steering for trucks?**
- 3. In what year was the Fordson tractor introduced?**

July 12th, 2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

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

VISITORS: Robert Hock

BIRTHDAYS: Joan Auterman, Harry Hawley, Sue Melvin, Carolyn Reiling, Agnes Williams, and John Williams

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Agnes Williams

ILLNESSES: Judy Ortiz was in the hospital last week, but home now; Virgil Schminke is having surgery on July 19th; Daryl Copler has been in the hospital since July 4th & will hopefully get to come home soon; Jon Reynolds is recovering from food poisoning he got when on a trip in Europe.

SPEAKER: Tara Templeman from the History Center spoke about the 1904 Maxen Electric car (the only car in the museum). The 2 passenger car was built in Cedar Rapids by Roy McCartney & sold for \$1,450. There were 3 cars produced-one was wrecked in a crash with a streetcar in Cedar Rapids, the History Center has one, and it is unknown what happened to the third one. The Newport family purchased the car around 1940 & eventually had it restored & donated it to the History Center. (See photo below)

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the June 14th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Sherry Melvin.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Joan Auterman.

NEW BUSINESS: John Williams will check with the History Center about setting up a time when we can make a trip to the History Center to see the 1904 Maxen Electric Car & other exhibits; Tom Oliver will organize a trip on August 13th to the AACA central fall meet in Moline, Illinois; Neil Rohlena will check with Pontiac, Illinois chamber about visiting there on Twin Rivers trip next year; Jon Reynolds suggested a possible bus trip with the Model A Club next year to Hickory Corners, Michigan; Fall banquet locations were discussed & Loren Huffaker will check with Larry Yoder on going to Kalona possibly Oct. 29th or Nov. 5th; Brown Farm Pioneer Days would like to have some antique cars exhibited on July 31st from 10am-2pm; this is the club's 60th anniversary-if you have any ideas on ways the club could celebrate this milestone contact John Williams.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Dan Ortz.

Treats were provided by Calvin Reiling & Dave Hayes.

Please have your articles to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th for the Moto Meter.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Copler, Acting Secretary



TREAT SCHEDULE

Aug. - Dan & Judy Ortiz & Neil Rohlena

Sept. - John & Barb Maxwell

Oct. -

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events August 2022

Bass Farms Car Show-840 Bass Lane, Mt. Vernon Aug. 6th 10am-2pm (Bring your car-club activity)
Lawn Party at Rohlena's Aug. 7th Social at 3pm-eat at 5pm-bring table service, lawn chairs, drinks, & 1 side dish per person
AACA Club Meeting Aug. 9th at 7pm. Program: Austin Edwards from Sheets Forrest Draper-Insuring Antique Cars
AACA Central Fall Meet Aug. 13th in Moline, Ill. For those interested in going as a group meet at Perkins on 33rd Ave SW-will leave at 8 am
Board Meeting/Swap Meet Meeting Aug. 15th at 6pm at The Hiawatha Library **(Date & location change)**
Ladies Luncheon Aug. 17th at 11:30am at Betty's Bread Basket at 101 S Franklin St in Manchester **(New location)**
Model A Days in Amana Aug. 20th
Coral Ridge Mall Car Show Aug. 26th 5-9pm
AACA Swap Meet Aug. 27th 8am-5pm

CR AREA THURSDAY OUTDOOR CRUISE NIGHTS. MEETING TIME AT 5:30 PM

Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo-August 4th
Lutheran Church Resurrection, 3500 29th Ave, Marion-August 11th
Duffly's Classic Enterprises, 250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR-August 18th
Hope Lutheran Church, 2736 Bowling St SW, CR-August 25th

Upcoming Events September 2022

Hot Rods in the Park Sept. 3rd at Ellis Park from 8 am - 3 pm
Swisher Men's Club Car Show Sept. 10th in Downtown Swisher (Rain date Sept. 11th)
AACA Club Meeting Sept. 13th at 7pm
Board Meeting Sept. 20th at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR
Ladies Luncheon Sept 21st at 11:30 am at Whitey's Bar & Grill-125 US Hwy 30, Lisbon
Vinton Cruise Sept. 24th in Vinton
Route 66 Mother Road Festival Sept. 23-25th in Springfield, Illinois

For Sale

Joan Auterman has for sale a 1956 4 door BelAir & a 1929 two door Model A. If interested call Joan at (319) 846-8048.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A policeman pulls over a driver for swerving in and out of lanes on the highway. He tells the guy to blow a breath into a breathalyzer. "I can't do that officer." "Why not?" "Because I'm asthmatic, very seriously affected. I could get an asthma attack if I blow into that tube."

"Okay we'll just get a blood sample down at the station." "Can't do that either Officer." "Why not?" "Because I'm a hemophiliac. If I give blood I could die."

"Fine then, just step out of the car and walk this white line." "Can't do that either." "Why not?" "Because I'm drunk."

SWAP MEET SIGNUP SHEETS will be available at the club meetings-we need everyone who can to help make this successful. **Listed below are the areas & times workers are needed.** If you can't attend the club meetings please call Sylvia at (319) 377-3772 & leave the info. about the shift you will work. Set up on **Aug. 26th** at 8am pick up equip. from storage shed; at 9am mark off spaces bldgs 13, 17, 27; at 10am mark off spaces bldgs 9,10, 12 & lot. **Aug. 27th** **Patron Gate** 7:00-8:30am; 8:30-10:30am; 10:30-11:30am; 11:30am-1:00pm; **Vendor Gate** 5:30-7:00am; 7:00-9:00am; 9:00-11:30am; **Parts Hauling** 8:30-10:30am; 10:30am-12:30pm; 12:30-2:30pm; **Put Away Crew** 2:00-3:00pm; **Vendor Parking & Car Corral** 5:30-8:30am



The Model A Club & The Cedar Rapids Antique Auto Club have committed to participating in this show.

If possible, please bring your antique car and help make this show a success!

Club 60th Anniversary

The Cedar Rapids Region Antique Automobile Club was founded in March 1962. The Board decided to have a poster made to display at the Bass Farms Car Show & the Swap Meet along with membership applications hoping to attract some new members. A club trip was also suggested & is being researched. If you have any ideas of ways we could celebrate this milestone please let John Williams know.

July 4th picnic in Ely



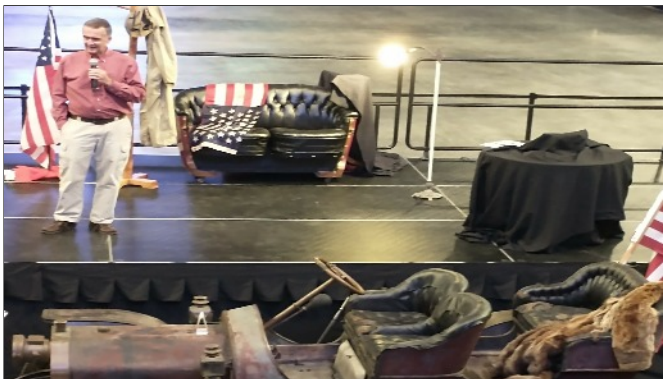
The 1908 Great Race Program
at the Coralville Car Museum



July 4th parade in Ely



Dale Lynch, Master of Ceremonies



Speaker, Jeff Mahl



Museum car depicting Thomas Flyer car in race



Museum Camping bed-stores on running board



Museum 300 mph 2 wheel vehicle

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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Maxen Electric was produced in 1904 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2. Bendix introduced power steering for trucks in 1946
3. The Fordson tractor first appeared in 1916



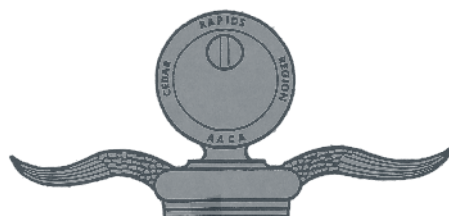
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