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## President's Message

Greetings Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In The Area! You are such A Great Group I Can't believe I'm so lucky To be writing You All Once Again! I Really Don't know Why You Put Up with Me? July was another Good Month with A Good meeting and some great activities. Some really bad weather forced us to cancel the Bd Meeting for a week, But remember this is Iowa! I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Picnic this year! The Was a good turnout and the reg potluck idea worked very well. There was a great variety and plenty of food for everyone. There was a good turnout of cars that looked swell all lined up. Quite a few of us stayed for the parade! We were Very lucky in that my cousins' granddaughters, who had come from Chicago last year to try riding in the parade, Had had such a good time that the showed up again. Last year they ran out of candy ½ way through so I told them to Bring more this year. We were also so lucky that Ian, our youngest, had come from Michigan for a surprise birthday For Agnes's 80<sup>th</sup> and stayed for my 79<sup>th</sup> as well. Joshua, their youngest, was also up for a T ride and some candy Throwing as well. They all had a Super time & this year the candy lasted for ¾ of the parade! The club also had a Good tour to Youngsville for lunch and a fun time at the Bass Farms Car Show.

My Ole car tale this month is going to be about my only Model T Truck. Let's flash back to the early 20s when The owner of the Clover Farm Grocery Store in Fairfax wanted to replace his horse & wagon with something more modern. He chose a Model T truck which he ordered in CR to be delivered chassis only to Fairfax by rail. When it Arrived he had to organize help who knew how to operate the new-fangled machine. They managed to get it Going & took it out to his farm south of town. Then the fun as he needed to decide what he wanted for cab & box. When he ordered the wood stuff it was to be delivered by rail as well. Sitting on the gas tank to drive the chassis it Was driven back to town & with plenty of help they managed to fit the stuff & take it back to the farm for final Fitting. As such that ole T truck did the job all through the 20s & was still going good in the late 30s when he decided To sell the store and stay out on the farm. Now come the late 50s & some of my friends, his neighbors, told me about This neat old truck that they used to play on. Of course, I had to go look & was allowed to look at it. I knew just What it was, but it took several visits before he would agree to part with it! The wood was all but rotted away but He said that he could still use it if he wanted to – what a lying old rascal! Dad & I managed to get it out to our Farm a few miles away. I figured I'd have it running in no time so I started to work right away. Over to the shop & Pull the engine because it was stuck tight. With the tractor and loader (my mobile engine puller) I got her separated & started disassembly. What I found was maddening as one of the rods was completely babetless & had been run That way a long time. I bet it made a real neat sound with the rod hammering like mad? I did not have a way to Redo the rod so I moved it under the bench where it's still waiting for some TLC.

Thanks for listening!  
Your President John L Williams

## JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the Model N 4 cylinder Ford introduced?**
- 2. What type of engines were introduced in 1906 by Adams-Farwell of Iowa?**
- 3. In what year did Ford Motor Company first make more than 1 million dollars in profit?**

**Answers on page 5**

## July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

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

**VISITORS:** Steven Ciha from the Linn Co. Historic Preservation Committee

**BIRTHDAYS:** Joan Auterman, Carl Ohrt, Jack Harville, Harry Hawley, Sue Melvin, Barb Waterhouse, John Williams, Agnes Williams

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Linda & Larry Yoder, Agnes & John Williams (50<sup>th</sup>)

**ILLNESSES:** Virgil Schminke on hospice

**DEATHS:** none

**NEW MEMBERS:** none

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Sue Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Ortz.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Sherry Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Ohrt.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** John Williams reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic was tremendous. We had great weather & a lot of great food. Sherry Melvin said she had a sign up sheet for Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> going to the Edinburgh Pioneer Village 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Scotch Grove. They had asked us to bring some antique cars. There several buildings to see & there will be a food truck. Check August Moto Meter for more details.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Steven Ciha showed a video of the existing signs for the seedling mile & talked about the replacement signs. He wanted to know if the club would partner with them in paying for the signs. They would pay for one & the club would pay for one-cost to be \$250-300 each. Jack Harville & Neil Rohlena showed videos of interviews of former club members-Godfrey Splichal, Charles Christenson, Ronald Van Note, & Leonard Votroubek. They were very interesting.

**SWAP MEET:** Jack Harville told us there were sign up sheets on the table & there are several areas that we still need help in. He reported that the 4H Club will have the food stand this year. There will be a swap meet meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Hiawatha Library. The date for next year's swap meet is Sept. 20, 2025-set up on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Melvin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Ohrt

Treats were provided by Barb Waterhouse

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

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Copler, Acting Secretary

### SWAP MEET

The swap meet will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM. Sign up sheets to help at the swap meet will be at the club meetings. If you can't make the meetings, call Jack Harville at (319) 270-6042 to sign up. We need everyone to help make this a success!

## 2024 TREAT SCHEDULE

Aug - Dick & Pat Semelroth

Sept - John & Agnes Williams

Oct - Dan & Judy Ortiz & Neil Rohlena

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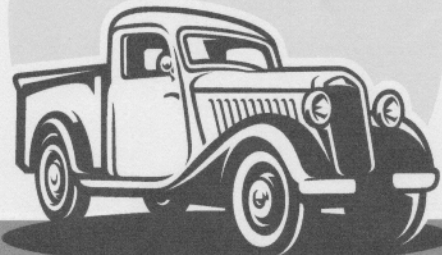
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## JOKE OF THE MONTH

**In order to get to the valves, a mechanic carefully removed the engine parts from a car while the owner - a surgeon - looked on.**

**Afterwards the mechanic said to the surgeon “You know, I reckon my line of work is every bit as difficult and skilled as yours.”**

**“Perhaps” said the surgeon, “But I’d like to see you do it while the engine is running.”**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events August 2024

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lawn Party at Neil Rohlena's. Meet at 3pm - eat at 5pm. Bring 1 dish per person, table service, drinks, & lawn chairs. Meat not furnished by club.**

**Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet Meeting 7:00 - 9 pm at Hiawatha Library (Door open at 6:30).**

**Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Street Rod Nationals Car Show & Swap Meet in Davenport at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds.**

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

**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Whiskey River-2882 Palo Marsh Rd/Palo**

**Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Pioneer Village 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & they would like some antique cars. Leave from Kwik Star-5992 Carlson Way/Marion (off hwy 13) at 10:00 AM. Sign up sheet at Aug. Meeting. If can't make meeting to sign up please call Sherry Melvin (319-480-2245).**

**Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Hot Rods in the Park at Ellis Park from 8 - 3 Rain or shine. \$15 entry fee. Registration from 8 - 11:30. Voting from 11:30 - 1:30.**

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

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo**

**Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Church of the Resurrection-3500 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Marion**

**Aug. 15<sup>h</sup> Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR**

**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, CR**

**Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Elks Club-801 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW, CR**

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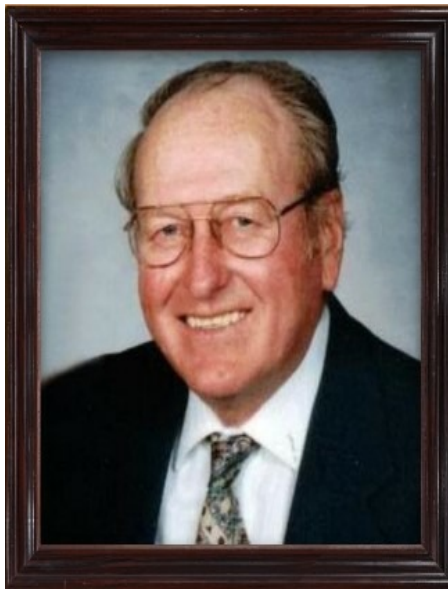
**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

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

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Local Edition-100 Pearl St/Shellsburg**

**Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> AACA Swap Meet from 8 am - 2 pm at Linn County Fairgrounds**

**Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Cottage Grove Car Show 11 am - 2 pm at 2115 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE/CR. Complementary buffet lunch for those displaying a car in Commons Dining Room from 11-1:30. Please Call a couple of days in advance if you wish to have the buffet (319) 297-5592.**



Virgil Victor Harry Schminke, age 81, passed away July 8, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinic in Iowa City. He was born Aug. 29, 1942 at the family century farm in Eden Township, Benton County, the son of Roy & Martha (Bierschenk) Schminke. He graduated from Newhall High School & served in the U S Army Reserves medical group as a mechanic. On Sept. 2, 1962 he was united in marriage to Sharon Rohlena at St. John Lutheran Church in Newhall. Virgil & Sharon farmed in Newhall area & Virgil truly loved the farm. He also drove semi for Westside for a number of years. He also helped Sharon at her craft shows & farmer's markets. Virgil was an active member at St. John Lutheran Church where he served on the finance board & as an elder & trustee. He was also a proud 4-H leader for over 20 years. Virgil loved attending his grandchildren's & later his great-grandchildren's events.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sharon; 3 children, Tammy (Jeffery) Rathje of Watkins, Teresa (Allan) Merchant of Vinton, Todd (Dawna) Schminke of Newhall; 8 grandchildren, Matthew (Johnna) Rathje, Trisha (Mitchell) Bunten, Joshua (Camela) Rathje, Jessica (Frankie) Dulin, Adam (Rayanna) Rathje, Chelsey Merchant (special friend Tyler), Erica (Travis) Johnson, Robert (Taylor) Rathje; 14 great-grandchildren, Jace, Callan, Maddison, Reece, Zarra, Remi, Brihanna, Makinnley, Gustin, Senna, Rowan, Harlow, Coltyn, Kora; 3 brothers-in-law Neil Rohlena, Mearl "Sonny" Hagen, & Robert Van Scoy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great-granddaughter, Elsie Dulin; brothers, Glenn & Gerald Schminke; sisters Velma Van Scoy & Gladys Hagen; sisters-in-law, Lita & Adah Schminke and Karen Rohlena.

Burial at St. John Cemetery in Newhall.

### Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Ford Model N 4 cylinder car was produced in 1906.
2. The Adams-Farwell Company in Iowa produced 3 & 5 cylinder rotary engines in 1906.
3. Ford Motor Company first made more than a million dollars in profits for 1907.





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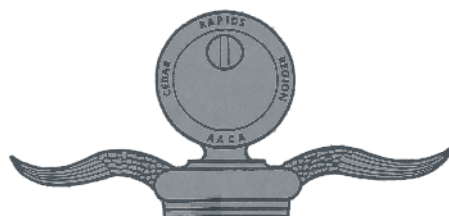
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## Youngville July 17th





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