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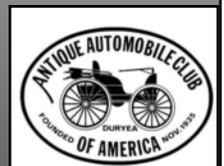
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## TRIVIA QUESTION

(answer: Page 11)

Q: What U.S. production car had the largest 4 cylinder engine?

## JON'S CORNER

**1. Where was the first drive-in theater built?**

**2. What was the cost of a dozen eggs in 1909?**

**3. In what state was the Mason auto built & first year?**

**Answers: Page 11)**

## President's Message

It was so good to see the members at the Kalona lunch and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. We saw people like Bruce Platteter, who hasn't been around for quite awhile. So much car chatter went on, stories were told, pictures shared. New friendships were made and others renewed. I hadn't led a meeting since January so that was great that I was able to do that again. Everyone brought great food and Loren Huffaker made a homemade lemon meringue pie! Homemade strawberry pie (yum) made by Sharon Schminke and too many salads to mention. Thanks Sharon for picking up the chicken.

To the members who didn't come: I understand that people have to be cautious and only do the things they're comfortable with (but I still missed seeing them). We all had a great time and when Harry and I left for the next party, there were still car families enjoying themselves.

Our Club meeting will return to the Hiawatha Community Center provided it is open. They will have hand sanitizer at the front door for those who want to use it. Things are slowly starting to get back to normal but we still must remain vigilant.

Be safe and stay healthy everyone!!!!

Your President

Jane Hawley

## Facts About the Ford Model A

Prices for the Model A ranged from \$385 for a roadster to \$1400 for the top-of-the-line Town Car. The engine was a water-cooled L-head inline four with a displacement of 201 cu in (3.3 l).[8] This engine provided 40 hp (30 kW; 41 PS). Top speed was around 65 mph . The Model A had a 103.5 in wheelbase with a final drive ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a conventional unsynchronized three-speed sliding gear manual with a single speed reverse. The Model A had four-wheel mechanical drum brakes. The 1930 and 1931 models were available with stainless steel radiator cowling and headlamp housings.

The Model A came in a wide variety of styles including a Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Convertible Cabriolet, Convertible Sedan, Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe), Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe), Town Car, Fordor (five-window standard, three-window deluxe), Victoria, Town Sedan, Station Wagon, Taxicab, Truck, and Commercial.[citation needed] The very rare Special Coupe started production around March 1928 and ended mid-1929.

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle, and gearshift. Previous Fords used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes. The Model A's fuel tank was situated in the cowl, between the engine compartment's fire wall and the dash panel. It had a visual fuel gauge, and the fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. A rear-view mirror was optional. In cooler climates, owners could purchase an aftermarket cast iron unit to place over the exhaust manifold to provide heat to the cab. A small door provided adjustment of the amount of hot air entering the cab. The Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.



## Club Member Spotlight on Dale and Freida Aldrich

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

A: 1962 Volkswagen at age 18; Freida: Dodge Dart age 20.

**Q: What cars do you own?**

A: 1925 Model T Runabout; 1928 Model A Roadster with rumble seat; 1930 Model A Tudor; 1931 Model A Roadster Pickup; 1952 Chevy 2 door sedan

**Q: What is your favorite car:**

A: 1928 Model A Roadster and 1931 Roadster Pickup

**Q: How and where did you get your car? What condition was it in? Is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?**

A: The 1925 was restored by Freida's father, Freddie Hunter (former club member). We purchased it from his estate. The 1930 Tudor was our first "old car" venture. The 1930 was purchased from Gary Junge, and was Gary' dad's car. The 1931 was purchased in Brainerd, Minnesota. The car, as is, spent the winter as a rusted lawn ornament in our front yard. Dale did a frame off restoration. The 1928 Roadster came from Kansas and was a frame off restoration. The 1952 was received from Freida's mother's estate. :The car was Freida's grandfather's last car and was restored by Freddie Hunter.

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

A: The trip to Baraboo, Wisconsin. This trip was during the Flood of 2008. Our traveling partner was Lois Sweeting (former club member). We were stuck in Wisconsin until the bridge over the Mississippi opened. We drove through a tornado and had pea-sized hail. We toured Henry Ford's estate and a Chevy factory. While at the Chevy factory the flood waters came up and we returned to our cars to find the water encroaching on our parking spot.

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

A: No

**Q: How long have you been an AACA member?**

A: Since 1996

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

A: Touring, hanging out with other club members and the way a love of cars brings us together.

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

A: Model A Club

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

A: Longarm quilting, gardening, traveling, and dancing.

## Ladies Lunch at Kalona

On June 23 the Ladies Lunch was held at the homestead of Ida Miller, just outside of Kalona. There were 20 women and men who attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch of salisbury steak, fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, fresh bread, peas, tapioca, cheese, lettuce salad, homemade noodles, and pie-What a terrific lunch. It was so good to see everyone after all this time.



After lunch, some people toured the Kalona Museum, some went downtown, and others shopped at the many country stores



4TH OF JULY PICNIC GUTHRIDGE PARK IN HIAWATHA



## July 4, 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Jane Hawley and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays: Agnes Williams, John Williams, Carl Ohrt, Barb Waterhouse-Miller, Harry Hawley.

Illness: Dave Juby has a lump on his shoulder. Tom Auterman has Hospice coming to their home now and he's not doing well. Deaths: Bill Ackermann and Shirley Millard.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the March 5th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter by John Williams and seconded by Harry Hawley. Motion carried. Sylvia read thank you notes from Bill Ackermann's family and from Mercy Medical Center Foundation for our gift to Hospice of Mercy in memory of Shirley Millard.

Treasurer's Report: Report read by Sharon Schminke for the months of March thru June. Motion to accept the report by Loren Huffaker and seconded by Carl Ohrt. Motion carried.

Banquet: Loren Huffaker stated the Longbranch is to let him know when they open back up. Hoping to have the fall banquet there in November.

Tour/Activity: Jane Hawley stated no tours are planned for the rest of 2020. Jeff Fossum suggested having stay in car cruises.

Swap Meet: Lee Votroubek reported that the Central City Fairgrounds didn't know if we would be able to have it-was waiting on approval from Linn County Health Department to open up. The majority of those present voted not to have the fall swap meet this year.

Lee Votroubek reported that the Model A club had purchased a new sound system (the AACA will pay half). He also reported that the current Ft. Knox storage garage was renewed for 6 months (May-Oct) and will need to be cleaned out & moved to the storage garage in Central City that the Model A Club has rented (the AACA will be pay half).

The board had decided to cancel this year's Teddy Bear Auction, but still make a club donation of \$500 to an organization that provides food for the needy. A motion was made by Harry Hawley to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army and seconded by Loren Huffaker. Motion carried.

Lee Votroubek will find out who has the projector or see if the Hiawatha Community Center has one that we can use for the August meeting.

Buy-Sell-Trade conducted by Jane Hawley.

Motion to adjourn by Loren Huffaker and seconded by Carl Ohrt. Motion carried.

Sylvia Copley, Secretary

## 2020 Cedar Rapids Area Thursday Cruise Nights

All start between 5:00 & 6:00 PM

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**-Palo, Iowa Greenspace (behind the bank).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**-Prairie Hill Pavilion-5860 Kacena Ave, Marion, Ia (Hwy 13 N just past Culver's Restaurant). Aug 13, Sept 10

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**-Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Aug 20, Sept 17

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**-Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Aug 27, Sept 24

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**-To be Announced

**All of these are weather permitting events & are subject to change with little or no notice due to Covid 19 virus.**

**Questions contact Bill Cejka at [orangeyenko@yahoo.com](mailto:orangeyenko@yahoo.com)**

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### Area Car Shows and Events

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Gearhead Fest at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> All Mopar Car Show in Dubuque.

September 6<sup>th</sup>. Cruzin for Camp Courageous **Cancelled**

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show in Hopkinton

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> AACA Hershey Fall Meet in Hershey, Penn. **Cancelled**

### TREAT SCHEDULE

**August 6<sup>th</sup>- Steve and Anne Brown**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>- Dan & Judy Ortiz/Neil & Karen Rohlena**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>- John & Barb Maxwell**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Party Pete Bishoff**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events August 2020

**AACA club meeting returns to Hiawatha Community Center. They will have hand sanitizer at the door for us to use. Program on August 6<sup>th</sup>. “History of the AACA” by Lee Votroubek. Jan Wenger will give a short talk on Model A Days.**

**Social Night** Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> at Culver’s in Marion at 6:00 PM

**Ladies Luncheon** Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in Manchester at Betty’s Bread Basket at 11:30 AM. Meet at Sylvia’s house at 10:45. Shop Manchester.

**Board meeting**–Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at Scott’s at 6:30 PM

### Upcoming Events September 2020

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

**Social Night** Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) at Kava House in Swisher at 6:00 PM.

**Ladies Luncheon** on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Midtown Station located at 715 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE. African American Museum after lunch.

**Board meeting** on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill.

### Upcoming Events for October 2020

**Swap Meet October Canceled**

**Social Night-October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM Parlor City Pub & Brewery located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE.

**AACA Club meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 7 PM Linn County Historical Society “History of Lincoln Highway”**

**Ladies Luncheon** on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher.

**Board Meeting** on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Scott’s.

### Upcoming Events November 2020

**AACA Club meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Program Kirkwood Scholarship Students.**

**Social Night** November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Olive Garden.

**Ladies Luncheon** on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Cheddars.

**Board meeting** on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill.

### Upcoming Events December 2020

**AACA Club Christmas party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time TBD.**

**Social night**–December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Bushwood.

**Ladies Luncheon** December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Kirkwood Class Act. White elephant gift exchange.

**Board Meeting** on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Scott’s.

**BUY, SELL ,TRADE-SEND ITEMS BY EMAIL TO JHAWLEY50@MSN.COM**

Ron Aschbrenner is selling his **1950 Pontiac**. Automatic, 4 door, runs good. Fender skirts. Repainted, no rust. He is also selling his **1929 Model A**. Overhauled at 60,000 miles. Runs good, looks excellent. Dark green with pinstripe. Asking \$12,000 for each. Call him at 319-396-8226.

Donna Betenbender is selling her **1916 brass Model T**. Needs work but includes parts. Call her at 319-350-1315.

Carl Ohrt has a **men's 3 speed tandem Schwinn bike** for sale. It has been totally gone through and rides like a dream. He is wanting at least \$1000. Call Carl at 319-365-1895.



Shirley Welder is selling her **1929 Shea reproduction Model A manufactured in 1980**. She is asking \$17,500 for it. Manual transmission, 4 on the floor. Call her at 515-418-7180.

Tom and Joan Auterman are selling their **1956 Bel Aire**. Asking \$18,000 OBO. A/C, 350 w/204 r automatic transmission, power steering, disk front power brakes, Original exterior and interior. Beautiful Resto mod. Built for touring. Call Tom at 319-431-8049.



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## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. The police advised citizens to be on the lookout for a group of hardened criminals.

## TRIVIA ANSWER

*The 1907 Thomas sported a 571 cu. in. (9.2liter) engine.*

### JON'S CORNER

1. The first drive-in theater was built in Camden, NJ
2. The cost of a dozen eggs in 1909 was 14 cents.
3. The Mason auto was produced in Des Moines, IA in 1906.



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