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## President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In The CR Area! Nov was a very Busy month like them all! We started out well with the Fall Banquet at the Miller farm near Kalona. Thanks to the great organizers We had a great Meal & some fun places to visit! (We Could Do It More Often). Unfortunately Agnes & I had to miss the meeting so we could go to Mich so see Ian before He Leaves for Syria! I hope that you all were able to spend a Great Thanksgiving with Friends & Family! I'll fill in a little more about the Great Daimler Adventure! First I would like to emphasize how neat it is to play with one of the Greatest Custom Ordered & Built cars in the world! Most collectors consider Daimler to be as good as any Rolls Royce & the large DB36 Daimler to be similar to a Duesenberg! Our car is fitted with the Wilson Pre Selector transmission & early British automatic. What adventures we had driving all over southern Scotland picking antiques & seeing the country. We even drove her to some country dances where the people always enjoyed seeing it (some even knew folks who had taken their last ride in it)! In Galashiels We always parked down the street from Agnes's Family so we would not rise too much curiosity. Several weeks after we headed home the local Police came to their door & wanted to know who was driving the Old Herse around town? Agnes's Mother was very cool & said it could have been their new Son in law because She knew that I liked ole British cars! She explained that I had gone home to someplace in the USA, but that I'd probably be back next year if they would like to talk to me?

What it comes down to is what do you do with a Herse, even an expensive custom bodied one like our Daimler. I heard that collectors were converting them to Shooting Breaks or in our terms Station Wagons! I found a local body man who had cut is teeth in Edinburgh building custom bodies using an English Wheel to work the metal. He offered to take on the conversion & would work on it between reg jobs! He promised to covert her into a Scottish Lairds Grouse Break with 4 doors & rear seats. I might add - that there would be built in racks for Salmon Rods & Double Barrel Shotguns! What could I lose? I only paid 75 pounds & had 500 pounds of fun already?

I Hope Everyone Has A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Your President John L Williams

## JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the first Pontiac introduced as a companion to Oakland?**
- 2. In what year did Cadillac offer closed bodies as standard?**
- 3. In what year did Cadillac introduce the first V16 cylinder engine?**

Answers on page 7

November 8th, 2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Loren Huffaker and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**VISITORS:** None

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Calvin & Carolyn Reiling 55 years

**ILLNESSES:** Dean Kiefer was diagnosed with Parkinson's, Sam Shannon had Covid and was in the hospital for 5 days. He thanked everyone who sent cards and said he would like company and more cards would be nice. Carl Ohrt also had Covid and was in the hospital for a week. He is still in quarantine.

**SPEAKER:** None

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the October 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Harry Hawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Reynolds.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve was made by Al Meeker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clyde Melvin.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Members said the food for the fall Banquet and the tour Neil Rohlena organized were truly great. The fellowship was wonderful. We had 38 members and friends at the lunch. The Fall Leaves tour was discussed. The Village was impressive and the Truck Museum was also big and impressive. We also visited Buffalo Bill Hickok Home and Museum followed by lunch at the Cracker Barrel.

Sharon & Virgil Schminke are putting together a tour of Christmas lights in Vinton on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details in the Motor Meter next month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We still need members to come forward and volunteer for the President and Treasurer Offices

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** There was none. There were no volunteers to take over the offices that needed to be filled. There was a lot of discussion about what to do and nothing was put to a vote. It was suggested that we change the By-laws to have unending term limits. It also was mentioned that we should disband the Club. There will be something in the Moto Meter for everyone to read and voice their opinion about what needs to be done. The By-laws have not been changed since 2004. We will review this in January at our regular meeting.

**OTHER:** Jack & Kathi Harville and Sherry Melvin volunteered to audit the Treasurer books in January.

We have 4 free memberships from the National to give out for next year.

**BUY SELL & TRADE:** Was conducted by Loren Huffaker

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Harville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Travis

Treats were provided by Virg and Sharon Schminke

Please have your articles to Jane or Sylvia by the 10<sup>th</sup> for the Motor Meter.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary.



# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events December 2022**

**AACA Christmas Party Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. Doors open at 5:30-eat at 6:00. Meat & drinks furnished. Bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert & table service.**

**Christmas Lights Tour in Vinton Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-Meet at Walmart on Blairs Ferry Rd (by Freddie's) at 4:30 PM. Will tour lights and end at Pizza Ranch for supper.**

**Ladies Luncheon Dec. 21st at 11:30 am at Olive Garden-Collins Road NE/CR. Bring a gift to exchange.**

### **Upcoming Events January 2023**

**AACA Club Meeting Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha.**

**Board Meeting Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at ?**

**Ladies Luncheon Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Outback Steakhouse-3939 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE/CR**

Sam Shannon is asking for donations of clothes (woman's size small) for the woman that cleans his house.

Please bring donations to the Christmas Party.

For more information please call Sam at 319-538-7951 or 319-848-4419

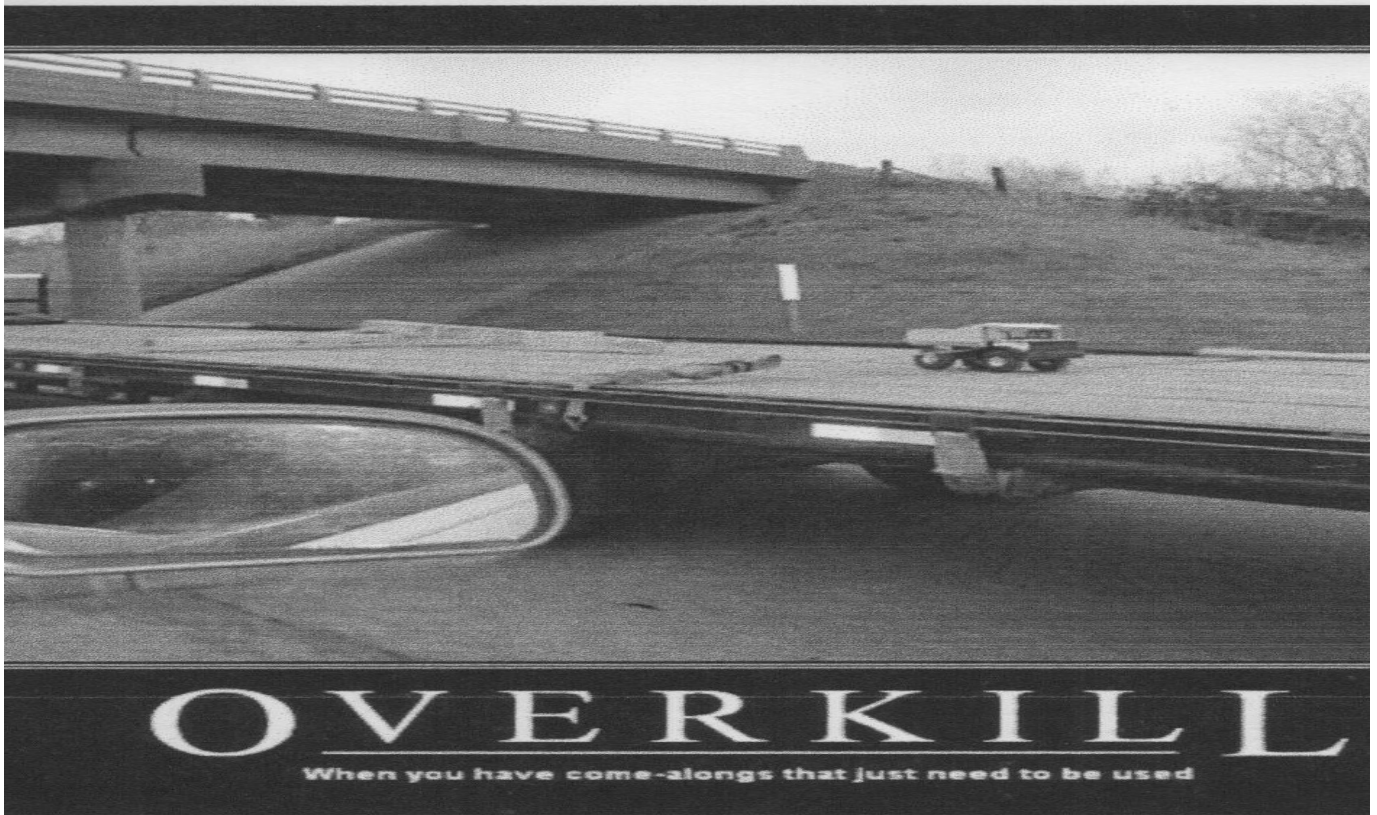
### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

**A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!**

**Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled 'PULL OVER!'**

**'No!' The blonde yelled back 'IT'S A SCARF!'**





Fall banquet at Miller farm in Kalona Nov. 5th







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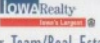
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The first Pontiac was introduced in 1926 to replace Oakland
2. Cadillac first offered closed as standard in 1910
3. The V16 was offered by Cadillac first in 1930

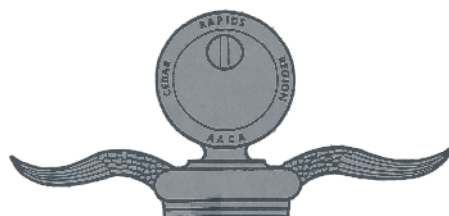
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