

# THE MOTO METER

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#### JON'S CORNER

- 1. What US President installed the first Christmas tree in the White House?
- 2.What US President first declared Christmas as a federal holiday?
- 3.Who was the US President to light the first national Christmas tree on the Ellipse?

Answers on page 7

#### President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In The CR Area! Jan. hasn't been too busy, but we did have a good club meeting. We have started to make plans for the summer activities & are trying to work with the Model A Club so we can enjoy the activities of both. With only so many ole car folks to go around we don't need any conflicts! To continue my stories I think I'll tell you a little more about the WW2 BSAs. Once home the fun began. These bikes had been stored since WW2 along with various trucks & jeeps (including British Champs) somewhere in Europe. I was told that they were kept in ready to use condition until the government decided that they were not needed any longer so they were sold off in various lots. These M20s were found to be ALMOST ready to drive with clean gas tanks & full of oil. They even came with batteries that were almost useable. Each also had original saddle bags with all original tools & a bike manual explaining how to operate & drive the bikes. Since I had played with old cars, bikes & engines since grade school I kinda knew where to start. The only mechanical thing I did was to take off the carbs for cleaning. I was able to buy a new battery from Pazzor that fit right in the frame. I added some fresh tractor gas and with spark & gas set I kicked the first one over & WOW it sprang into life!

It didn't take long to get used to driving as it was very much like my Brothers old Triumph or BSA Lightning. I was able to use the paperwork to get a title & plates so OFF I went. They are 500cc singles which are not fast or extremely powerful, but are high torque so are very easy & fun to drive! Well, I didn't need 6 so I put the first running bike up for sale. I had already set aside what I figured to be one of each tank & fender style. My goal was to sell 4 of the bikes for enough to have my 2 for free. I spent the summer driving everywhere as they were great fun & absolutely dependable! I even drove into the East Side Maderite wearing my Brit WW2 Army Helmet & Plus 4 Army Trousers for a beer or two! After the 1<sup>st</sup> was sold I prepped the next & the next until I had my 2 left at \$0 cost – what better deal would you want? I still have those 2 waiting for ME to get my hiny in gear & go Riding again!!!

Your President – Hoping For A Early Spring! John L Williams

#### January 10th, 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The January 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**: None

**BIRTHDAYS**: Alvin Vondracek turned 91, Tom Oliver, Sherry Wilcox and Richard Mishler. **ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ILLNESSES**: Sam Shannon will be having work done on both eyes, his children are coming to be with him. Members asked how Carl Ohrt was doing, Barb Miller said she would talk to Gladys Woods, Carl's friend to find out how Carl is doing

**DEATH**: Dale Benskin a past member passed away on Christmas Eve. Loren didn't think there would be a scheduled funeral.

SPEAKER: None

**NEW MEMBER**: Loren Huffaker reported that Jim Morris will join us but he could not attend the meeting tonight.

**CORRESPONDENCE**: Sylvia read a thank you from Alexander Wieskamp who is this year's recipient of the Scholarship funds we donate. Sylvia also read a thank you letter from Kirkwood. They thanked us for our contribution to the Scholarship fund.

**SECRETARIES REPORT**: Motion to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Tom Oliver and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Melvin.

**TREASURERS REPORT**: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Larry Yoder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Hawley.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**: Jon Reynolds reported that the Spring AACA Swap Meet will be held in Auburn Indiana. He encouraged members to attend. He also gave an alternative route to take that doesn't take you thru Chicago.

**NEW BUSINESS**: The Proposed By-Law change as printed in the Moto Meter was discussed and it was decided to make the change but we will still have an election of officers every year. It was discussed whether we need to replace any of the Board members. Jack Harville volunteered to become a new Board member. Judy Ortz made a motion to accept the revised By-Law change and Larry Beatty 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The revision was approved.

**OTHER**: Jack Harville, Kathi Harville and Sherry Melvin reported on auditing the Treasurers books and reported them in great order.

It was suggested that anyone that is on Facebook could report about our Swap Meet every day for 2 or 3 weeks before the meet so it doesn't get buried to far down when not currently entered.

John Williams said Sam Shannon would let us view his collection and John said he could take us 6 or 7 at a time. We have 3 more free memberships from the National to give out for this year.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Harry Hawley 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Reynolds

Treats were provided by Virgil 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

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

**Upcoming Events February 2023** 

AACA Club Meeting Feb. 14th at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha.

Board Meeting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Ladies Luncheon Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am at Cheddars-Lindale Mall/CR

**Upcoming Events March 2023** 

AACA Club Meeting Mar. 14th at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha.

Board Meeting Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Ladies Luncheon Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am at Irish Democrat-3207 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Cedar Rapids

#### **SPRING BANQUET**

The Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana. Social hour starts at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

There will be 2 meats family style and pie.

Cost will be \$30 of which the club will pay \$5 for a cost of \$25 per person.

Watch for registration form in the March Moto Meter.

#### TREAT SCHEDULE

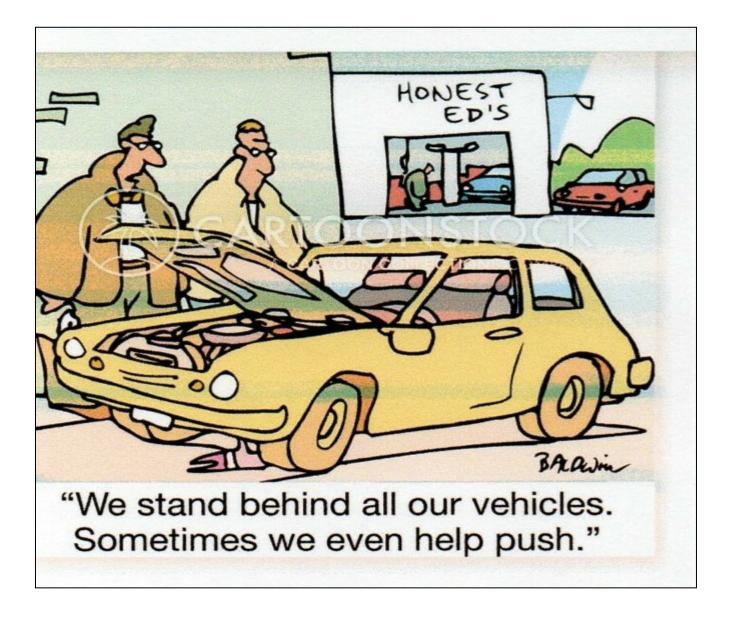
February - Joann Kiefer, Barb Waterhouse, Jane & Harry Hawley

March - Steve Brown

April - Clyde, Sue, Sherry Melvin

May - Vern & Martha Travis

June - Calvin Reiling





### FOR SALE



#### JOKE OF THE MONTH

**Observations on Growing Older:** 

Remember when your mother said "Wear clean underwear in case you get in an accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you have an accident.

When Google, ipod, and email, etc. were unheard of and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.

The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

## **Classifieds**



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