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President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks In the Area! What a Bummer Jan. in Iowa Has been! With the record Heavy Snow and The Extreme Cold we decided that the Jan. meeting was just too dangerous and was also bad for the board meeting! Oh Well -We go by the code of Better Safe Than Sorry! We hope that Feb will be kinder to us – so See you in Feb!

On to the fun part! Agnes & I were making summer trips to Scotland to buy antiques that we loaded ourselves, Shipped to the US And sold at flea markets in the winter while I was teaching at Prairie High School. That made for a great way to spend Time and make some money to pay for our vacations to Scotland. Agnes spent most of the days with friends & family & This left me time to look for “Shipping” Goods to pack into our container. Well on this trip I was back to Dumfries to visit My Ole Car friends. One of my best friends always had some interesting stuff to show me. On this trip He told me that He had just Purchased a very nice Morris 8 Saloon from the original owner who had just put it away when He got a newer car. It was all Original paint & leather interior and presented very well. Unfortunately, the engine was stuck after years of storage so it would Need some TLC. The fun part was it was still sitting in the original owner’s garage where it had been parked for many years. I couldn’t resist going to have a look! Wow did it ever look nice sitting there in it’s original Blue/Black paint & blue leather Upholstery. After all I did need a car to put into the container so I went back to my friend’s place & struck a deal! All I Needed to do was get him to haul it 80 miles to Galashiels so I could stuff it into the container I was going to fill. That was some fun – parking it in the front of the container and then figuring what I could pack around it that would not Damage it in transport. I always had some soft stuff I must have purchased knowing that I was going to include a car In the inventory? The old Morris came through the shipping just fine & looked great when We unloaded in Chicago After it had come though the Great Lakes and the St Laurence Sea Way. I had the original log book to show ownership So after filling out scads of paperwork they released her to me so I could move it and the rest of the Antiques back To Iowa. What a nice little car that I purchased gaskets for in Scotland so I could work on the engine. Unfortunately This is still waiting to be done & will make a fun little car when it’s completed!!!

Thanks For Listening – Your President John Williams

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the first Simplex offered for sale?**
- 2. Where was gasoline sold for cars in 1909?**
- 3. In 1909 what was the tallest structure in the world?**

Answers on page 7

*** Reminder that beginning in January the monthly club meetings will be at the Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

The meeting will be on the **second Monday** each month.

We have received 4 free membership applications from the national AACA. These applications can be used for the recruitment of anyone that has never been a national AACA member. These memberships must be used by September 1, 2024.

If you know of anyone that would be interested please contact John Williams.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

My 93 year old grandma has rheumatoid arthritis and is slow at crosswalks.

Yesterday she got hit by a car.

She's perfectly fine. She has an auto immune disease!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events February 2024

Feb. 12^h AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

Feb. 20th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Feb. 21st-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Chrome Horse-1201 3rd St SE/CR

Feb. 24-25th O'Reilly Auto Parts Rod & Custom Car Show at 766 North Maple St./Monticello. Hours Sat. 11 am-10 pm, Sun. 8 am - 7 pm. Admission \$12 for adults-\$1 off with can of food to benefit Four Oaks.

Upcoming Events March 2024

Mar. 11th AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha

Mar. 19th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Mar. 20th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Napoli's-2360 Edgewood Rd SW/CR

2024 TREAT SCHEDULE

Feb - John & Agnes Williams

Mar - Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

Apr - Jack & Kathi Harville

May - Joann & Dean Kiefer

June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

July - Barb Waterhouse

Around the corner

Lickety split

Beautiful car

Wasn't it?

Burma Shave



If you aren't sure where you're going, any road will do.

Back in the Day

Every so often my mind goes astray,
and takes me happily to back in the day.
Back in the day when I was a strong young man,
back in the day when the world had a plan.

Back in the day when Elvis was King,
back in the day when the Beatles did sing.
Back in the day when gas was real cheap,
back in the day when I drove that old heap.

Back in the day when school was real fun,
back in the day when drive ins were run.
Back in the day when a dime bought a pop,
back in the day of yoyo's and tops.

Back in the day when yard darts were in,
back in the day when kites sailed the wind.
Back in the day of rivers and rafts,
back in the day of projects and crafts.

Back in the day of CB's and scanners.
back in the day of etiquette and manners,
Back in the day when you could say praise to GOD,
and others wouldn't criticize they'd just smile and nod.

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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The first Simplex automobile was produced in 1905.
2. Gasoline was sold in drug stores across the country.
3. The Eiffel Tower in Paris was the tallest structure in the world.



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