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CRRAACA Presidents Message February 2022

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car People In The CR Area! Time is still flying by and it's already February In Iowa! It seems that Iowa can't again figure out January Weather? It's either unseasonably warm & comfortable or a blizzard trying to Bury Us in Snow ! Our January meeting was very good & we had a great talk on Antique Auto Appraisal.

I really feel I owe you folks some more info on why I love that Darn Railton so much! In '84 I really wanted to do good in the Great Race so I decided to go all out with her preparation. I decided to have the engine completely gone through by a Hudson "Expert"! I was promised a complete rebuild that would be Hudson Trustworthy & Dependable. We pulled the engine & delivered it to Ill for the engine work while we dealt with the rest of the car. I forgot to mention that the race is actually a time-distance-speed Rally which requires an expert navigator that knows his Business! I had that in my good friend Ted Lewis who had rallied very successfully with me in Sports Car Rallies in the 70s. We had also participated in practice rallies extremely WELL & were ready for that part of the GR!

While Dave & I waited for the engine we tackled the whole rest of the car doing brakes, transmission, rear end, steering, front suspension & cosmetics. The chrome was all done to show standards by AIH in Dubuque & we rewired every bit of the car. Things were going very well & pretty much on schedule thanks to some Great Help from good friends like John Wolf who helped with paint work we were having problems with. The day came & we were told the engine Was Ready. We wasted no time picking it up, installing it & fitting all the goodies to make it run. Now We found the first Problem. We could not turn the newly rebuilt engine over with the regular crank! What The Heck was wrong? I called the builder & he told me that was normal for his engines because he said he had better equipment & expertise than the Hudson Factory did in "36 when it was built. He said to hook up the starter with 12 volts (which the Railton already was) & it would turn & start just fine! Well it did turn & start, but ran hot & stopped dead when shut off! We managed to finish her & get to LA CA a few days before the race was to start. The first day out on a practice run Disaster Struck & we lost the first of 4 rods due to being set too tight!!! The Saga continues later.

Thanks for listening Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

1. What did Charles Goodyear invent in 1839?
2. Who built "the Boss"?
3. What is black gold?

January 11, 2022 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: Jon Bratton from Duffys Collectible Cars

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Rich Mishler

SPEAKER: Jon Bratton Operations director for Duffys Collectible Cars was our speaker. He has been with Duffys for 28 years. First as the owner and later after he sold the business and took a step back and then came back to the business as the Operations Director. There are two types of vehicles now being sold by Jet Set and Duffys. There is quite an interest in muscle cars as well as antique cars which caused the change. Many members had very interesting questions for Jon. He also showed the group some books that listed the cars and values of them that can be obtained if members wanted them.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the November 9th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Carl Ohrt.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve was made by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Jack Harville. SPRING BANQUET: Loren Huffaker was not at the meeting but Neil Rohlena said he would be glad to help Loren with a venue because the Long Branch is quite expensive when you pay for the room and the meal. We need to set up a date. The members are in favor of the banquet.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena has many ideas for tours in 2022 but needs to know when the Model A club is planning theirs so we don't overlap dates and places. Sherry Melvin said she would let him know what the Model A club decides so we can go ahead with our planning. Jon Reynolds said we should go back to the Coralville Museum this year because they have added more.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan Ortz reported that there are 54 Members that renewed their memberships. He also reported that he will be sending out the new rosters this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

The audit was done on the treasurer's book and everything was in order as reported by Judy Ortz from the Auditing Committee. If there are any members that would like their Moto Meter sent by email it would cut the cost of the Moto Meter. Please call Sylvia or Jane if interested.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Jack Harville.

Treats were served by Sharon Schminke and Carl Ohrt.

Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2022 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events February 2022

AACA Club meeting Feb 8th at 7:00 PM.

Swap Meet Meeting Feb 9th at 6:30 PM at Hiawatha Library Community Room 103.2

Board Meeting Feb 15th at 6:00 PM at Leonardo's-2228 16th Ave SW

Ladies Luncheon Feb 16th at 11:30 AM at Chrome Horse -1201 3rd St SE.

Rod & Custom Car Show Feb 26th and 27th at 766 N Maple St, Monticello.

Upcoming Events March 2022

AACA Club meeting March 8th at 7:00 PM.

Board Meeting March 15th at 6:00 PM at Perkins-Collins Rd/CR

Ladies Luncheon March 16th at 11:30 AM at The Lucky Penny-1705 Boyson Rd Hiawatha

Upcoming Events April 2022

AACA Club meeting April 12th at 6:30 PM. Location change: Kirkwood Auto Technology Center 101 50th Ave SW. (Intersection of Hwy 30 and Kirkwood Blvd). Drive your vintage car and tour the facility

Board Meeting April 19th at 6:00 PM at Leonardo's-2228 16th Ave SW

Ladies Luncheon April 20th at 11:30 AM at Brass Fountain-122 E Main St, Solon.

Vintage Torque Fest April 29th and 30th . Online event.

Upcoming Events May 2022

Model A Swap Meet May 7th

AACA Club meeting May 10th at 7:00 PM. (Teddy Bear Auction)

Board Meeting May 17th at 6:00 PM at Perkins -Collins Rd/CR

Ladies Luncheon May 18th at 11:30 AM at Whiskey River -2882 Palo Marsh Rd, Palo

Treat Schedule

February Sherry, Sue and Clyde Melvin

March Joann and Dean Kiefer

April Jack and Kathi Harville

May Tom and Jackie Oliver

June John and Agnes Williams

BACK IN TIME



NAME
THAT CAR

SVELTE AND ALL-ORIGINAL
Smooth classic landed in St. Louis.

BY GREG FILER • FESTUS, MO

This sedan originally came from the East Coast. I discovered the never-restored beauty with 36,118 documented miles at a St. Louis classic-car dealership that sold Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles. It had extensive documentation, including a 2006 award from the Antique Automobile Club of America in the Historical Preservation, Original Features category.

I inspected the car at the dealership five times—the more I looked at it, the more I knew it was the car for me. I bought it in February 2020.

The car was ahead of its time with luxury features, such as extra interior lighting, which all still work. It

handles well and rides like a dream.

I'm surrounded by people who find cars of this era fascinating: I watched my brother Mike customize older cars, and I have a particular fondness for the long, black four-door models from the 1930s and '40s. I previously owned a 1937 Oldsmobile that was completely restored, and I had a 1941 Buick restored. My sister Gwen loved to ride in the Oldsmobile.

My girlfriend, Chris, has the same passion, and my sister Mary and her husband, Pat, also own a classic car. We often drive them together, and love the questions and comments we get. ●

CLASSIC
CLUES

1 This luxury brand was known for its slogan "Ask the man who owns one."

2 During WWII, the company built engines for the Navy's speedy PT boats.

3 Introduced in 1941, this model line was a departure from the brand's traditional styling.

4 The company added this high-end version to the model line after the war.

5 During this car's model year, automobile magnate Henry Ford died.

HOW'D YOU DO?
Answer is on page 64.

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PHOTOS FROM 2021 SWAP MEET



LEADERS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANIZE THE 2022 SWAP MEET! CONTACT JOHN WILLIAMS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

NAME THAT CAR ANSWER:

1947 PACKARD SUPER CLIPPER SEDAN

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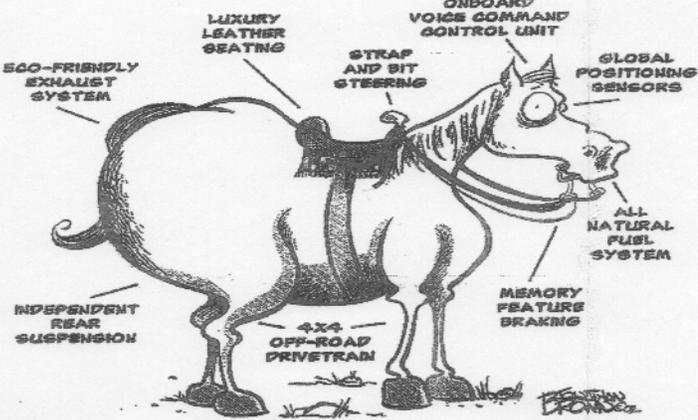
If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burs inefficiently. But here's the worst of it—
Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter.....either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. Charles Goodyear invented vulcanized rubber.
2. Ford built "the Boss".
3. Black gold is oil.

As our nation's auto manufacturer's face bankruptcy, we
Must go back to the old time basics.

We will soon need to once again embrace the
Original Sport Utility Vehicle!!



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