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JON'S CORNER

1. In what American city was the first commercial radio station established and in what year?

2. Who were the four Vagabonds and in what year was their first auto journey together?

3. What was the name of the US President who one time joined with the Vagabonds?

President's Message

Hi again to all you Great OLE CAR folks in the Region! We had a very nice Jan meeting at the Shrine Lodge Tue night that was well attended with quite a Great Bunch of Car People! As we get to know each other better I hope to fill you in on more of my "early" car history so you will know more about My Crazy OLE CAR Passion! As I told you last month I wanted a Model T so bad I bugged all my friends and teachers. One day one of my 5th grade teachers told that if I wanted a Model T so bad I needed to go to her dad's farm where she grew up because she parked her first car that she used to drive to the one room school when she started teaching! It was a Model T & she was sure her father would be glad to see it gone. Dad & I went to look and found the remains of a 1920 T Coupe that had been striped of many parts & left to rot in the cow yard behind the barn. I think I paid \$10 and dad & I loaded it on a hayrack with our 300 IH utility with manure loader & took it back to our farm. All it was - was parts that I still have & because someone removed the spark plugs the engine was not useable. Well I had my first model T at age 10.

My first running T took another year when dad placed a free ad in the Farm Bureau Spokesman. A guy from Center Point wrote & said he had a Model T he wanted to sell so he could work on his Chevrolet. It was probably several weeks before I was able to talk dad into a road trip to see what he had. When we got there it turned out to be a very nice 26 T Roadster Pickup. Unfortunately he had just sold the body to some hot rodders from Cedar Rapids, but they did not want the chassis for their project. As a result we got the rolling runnable chassis for \$10. When we went back to get it they still hadn't picked up the body so we had to take it off for them - let me tell you that was a very hard thing to do. We managed to load it on our boat trailer that dad had built for our fishing boat. Getting that T going Is another story, but provided a drivable Chassis that drove all over the farm for many years. See you all in Feb at the Shriners Hall again. Stay safe & Healthy Until We Meet Again!

Your President,

John Williams

Club Member Spotlight on Jack and Kathi Harville

Q: What cars do you own?

A: 1972 Chevy Malibu, 1959 Cushman Super Eagle (obtained from Jack Dye's collection), 1937 Lafayette Business Coupe (purchased from Leonard Votroubek who got it from Ben Chintz)

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: The '72 Chevelle and the Cushman

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

A: It was a 1960 Rambler 4 door classic with cloth seats, push button automatic fold down type seats. I was 15 years old.

Q: How and where did you get your car—is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?

A: I had a Des Moines Register paper route and my route covered the 16th Ave business district. This was when Penicks and Iowa Manufacturing were running three shifts and all the bars were open for those who either wanted to stop just after work or on their way to work for a quick drink. The car was sitting on the street with a For Sale sign and I went home and told my dad. He agreed to go look at it and when we did we took down the phone numbers and back home gave the owners a call. Soon after that, I was the proud owner of a '60 Rambler with my school permit and did I mention that the seats folded down!!

Q: What kind of condition was it in--did you have to do much work on it?

A: It was in great condition since it had been own by an older couple.

Q: What was the most memorable /interesting thing or trip you've gone on with an antiques car?

A: Over the years we have gone to many AACA sponsored car shows so Jack could judge. I was usually hanging out with our kids under a tree as we picnicked until dad was done. Often times, our little group consisted of Jack's parents, Jack, Sr. and Eleanor, and both of them also judged. We have been to car shows in many different states in all areas of the country and have also attended the first international show held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. While Jack was on the AACA Board of Directors, we went to the San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a show. The people we have met, the sights we have seen and the friendships we have formed from all over the country is amazing and it is always fun to go to a national show and run into old friends. It is often said that old car buffs fall into two groups: those who like to show and judge cars and those who like to tour with their cars. Now that we are both retired and after doing many shows, we are looking forward to doing some tours with the local club.

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

A: Yes and the first experience was with my dad, Jack Sr. My dad and I restored a 1932 Pontiac 4-door which won a first Junior and first Senior. Kathi and I restored a 1959 Cushman which has won first Junior and first Senior and then went on to win a Grand National and a Repeat Preservation.

Spotlight on Jack and Kathi Harville (cont)

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: I joined the local club with my father in 1972 so I have been a member for 49 years! Kathi: I married into the club and it has been great to learn about old cars and share with Jack the fun we have had.

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

A: It would definitely be the people, they are great. This club has also put on some very good national car show which has really impressed the national board of Directors. The knowledge from some of the members is amazing and they are so willing to share and help you out.

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

A: I belong to the Cushman Club, just re-joined the Chevy Club and the Nash Club

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

A: I have been picking up Coke Vendo 39 Pop machines which are the machines that dispense the small Coke bottles. I have also acquired an Ideal Slider 7Up machine.



Great Day October 10 at the Iron Invasion in Davenport with Jeff, Rich, and Harry



Update on Garage Gang



January 12, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The January meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha on January 12th due to the Hiawatha Community Center not available for our meeting this month.

Meeting was called to order by John Williams with 27 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Visitors: None

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY: There were 2

SPEAKER: Steve Brown and Jeff Fossum told us about their adventure with several club members while working on Steve's 1953 Studebaker 1/2 ton farm truck as the CRRAACA Garage Gang. They knew for sure it was a farm truck when they had to remove a lot of hay and debris from it before working on it. Steve wants to get it to run and the members that working on it have lots of great ideas and equipment that help accomplish their goal. They would like to encourage anyone to come and help, give helpful ideas or just come and see the progress and socialize. They all wear their masks while together so they all can be safe. Jeff also asks us to let him know if anyone has a project of their own for them to work on.

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion to approve the November 5th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter by Judy Ortiz and seconded by Beth Murphy. Sharon read thank you from the Kirkwood students that received scholarships and Joan Auterman.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion to accept the report by Cart Ohrt and seconded by Dan Ortiz. Sylvia also reported on last year's treasurers audit and reported that it was approved.

BANQUET: It was decided to wait until the Covid 19 has slowed down and have it in the fall.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Jane reported on the Christmas tour that Neil had and also said the Ladies Luncheon would be at the Starlite Restaurant on January 19th and the February one will be at Q Dogs. They discussed changing the date from the same day as the Board meeting since several that go would prefer not eating out twice in one day.

FLOWERS: None to report

WEB MASTER: Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP: 48 Members renewed their membership for 2021. 11 members have not renewed. The roster should be ready by January 31st.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Because we don't know if we can use the Hiawatha Community Building in February we have reserved the Shriners Club for February 9th.

Buy Sell and Trade was conducted by John Williams.

Motion was made by Harry Hawley to adjourn and seconded by Dan Ortiz.

Treats were served by Virgil and Sharon Schminke.

Submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

I've Got A Water Leak! How Do I Find It?

Water leaks are common on older cars, but sometimes finding them can be a real pain...

Here are some tips for finding water leaks in cars from guys in the automotive industry:

Get some talcum powder and mist it around the window and door opening seals (or anywhere you think it's leaking), and close it up. Now hit it with a water hose, and then give it a while for the water to shed. Now look at the seals. If it's leaking there will be a water trail cut through the powder.

Another way to find them is to use an air hose and direct a blast of air inside the car in the area you think is leaking. Have someone outside the car spray that area at the same time. It will bubble where it's leaking.

And finally, door seals are usually bad about leaking, so take a dollar bill or piece of paper and shut it in the door where you think it's leaking. Now pull on it and move it around. It should be hard to move, but if you find a spot with almost or no resistance, you've found your water leak...



Marvin LeRoy Stout 80 of Homestead, formerly of Lacey, passed away suddenly on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Mercy Cedar Rapids.

Marvin was born January 31, 1940 in Lacey, Iowa, the son of Galen and Helen (Moser) Stout He graduated from Lacey High School. Marvin was united in marriage to Jerolee McArtor on June 10, 1959 in New Sharon.

He retired from the City of Cedar Rapids Streets Department. He was a member of the Hawk A Model A Club and Antique Automotive Club of America. He enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed spending winters in South Padre, Island for the last 18 years. His hobbies included working on his Model A, attending meeting and participating in tours. He loved carrying on a conversation with anyone he encountered.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Jerolee; two daughters, Lynn (Bryan) Galde and Kim (Tom) Ballard; grandchildren, Ashley Allen, Courtney (Kyle) Upah, Nathan (Stephanie) Ballard, Star, Sasha, Sara and Skylar Galde, Justin (Jess) Overturf; great grandchildren, Kiley, Kinley, Kora Allen, Maddox and Londyn Upah, Emery and Cash Ballard and Trinity Suchan , Jaden, Hunter and Noah Overturf and a sister-in-law, Loreen Stout. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jerry Stout, sister Barbara (Lee) Anderson.

TREAT SCHEDULE 2021

February 9th - Clyde, Sue, Sherry Melvin

March 4th - John Williams

April 1st - Dean and Joann Kiefer

May 6th - Tom and Jackie Oliver

June 3rd -

July 1st -

August 5th - Dan and Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

September 2nd - Jeff Fossum

October 6th - Ken and Judy Robertson

November 4th -

December 2nd - Pete and Pat Bischoff

- NOTE DATE CHANGE AND LOCATION CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING
- NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE OF LADIES LUNCHEON TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

March 19-20 - Chickasha Swap Meet. Chickasha, OK

April 15-17 - Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA

May 20-25 - Founders Tour. Davis W.V.

June 18-20 - Back to the 50s St Paul, MN.

July 1-3 - Central Spring Meet. Auburn, IN

July 2-4 - Goodguys 30th Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals at Iowa State Fairgrounds

July 4 - 8 AM to noon. Freedom Festival Car Show. 2nd Ave Bridge. Cedar Rapids.

July 8-10 - IOLA Swap Meet. Iola, WI

July 11-16 - Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Lock Haven/Wellsboro, Pa.

July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals. New Ulm, Minnesota

September 12-17 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier). Sarasota Springs, NY

October 6-9 - Hershey PA Swap Meet

Upcoming Events February 2021

AACA Club meeting on February 9th at 7 PM at the Shriner's Lodge in Hiawatha. Program: Brock Staley's Custom Detailing: Basic, Full, and Full Custom Detail

Board meeting February 16th at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

Ladies Luncheon February 17th at 11:30 am at Qdogs located at 895 Blairs Ferry Rd NE.

Upcoming Events March 2021

AACA Club meeting March 4th at 7 PM. Program: Critter Crusaders.

Board meeting March 16th at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

Ladies Luncheon March 17th at 11:30 AM at Gianna's Italian Beef located at 375 3rd St SE.

Upcoming Events April 2021

AACA Club meeting April 1st at 7 PM. Program: Annual Auction and Arborist.

Board meeting April 20th at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

Ladies Luncheon April 21st at 11:30 AM at Whitey's Bar & Grill located at 125 US Hwy 30 in Lisbon.

Upcoming Events May 2021

AACA Club meeting May 6th at 7 PM. Program: "Past Twin Rivers Tours."

Board meeting May 18th at 6:00 PM at Scott

Ladies Luncheon May 19th at 11:30 AM at Prairieburg Cafe.

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Joke of the Month:

Dad is washing the car with his son. After a moment the son asks his father "Do you think we could use a sponge instead?"

JON'S CORNER

1. The first commercial radio station KDKA was established in Pittsburgh, PA in 1920.
2. The four Vagabonds were Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs in 1914.
3. The US President who camped briefly with the Vagabonds on one of their trips was Warren Harding.



Here is a car to take to the grocery store during the pandemic

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