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## President's Message

Hi Again To All You Great Ole Car Folks in the Area! Dec was pretty busy with the awesome Xmas Party instead of the Dec meeting. Many Thanks to Pete & His whole Family For putting together such a Great evening!!! We also had a fun Xmas Lights Tour thanks to Neil! It's always fun to see the great displays that ambitious & creative Folks seem to be able to create! We heard some bad news that the Iowa City Club has decided to hang up the towel due to low attendance and participation. Lets try to make a commitment to Each Other To Not Let That Happen To Us!!

I'm trying to think of part of my collection that I've not told you about that you might be interested in listening to? I don't think I've told you much About my nice little 1934 Austin 10-4 Roadster? As you all know Agnes is from Scotland and we have always made an effort to visit over there as I love It as well! After a few days with friends & family around Galashiels I have always GONE Ole Car Snooping & through the years I have made some great friends That are into neat old Stuff. Soon after we were married in 1974, We were back for a visit and I looked up some of those Guys to see what they Knew Of in the area! I was down in Dumfries visiting one of those guys that always had something or knew where something was hiding! He had this nice Little '34 Austin 10-4 (that's 10 HP 4 cyl) Roadster That he was working on and willing to sell! I'm sure you all know I have a soft spot for British Cars & who could pass on a nice little yellow roadster that was drivable? I fell in love & could not leave it alone! It was drivable, but did not have A currant MOT certificate or road tax card so I didn't feel comfortable driving it much in Scotland! I did drive it some, but made arrangements to have it shipped to the US as part of a container of Antiques that We sold at flee markets in the winter while I was teaching. Back in Iowa I did drive it some, but it needed better brakes so it mostly sat until its chance of Stardom came along. See they were having a high school play and needed cars that they could get into the cafeteria doors & into the gym where the play was tacking place on the stage! The only 2 cars that they could find that would fit were my little Austin & a Volvo 444 that looked like an old car. What a success they were except the school maintenance crew were not very pleased because they had to take the doors off of the cafeteria to squeeze those two little cars through. What made things even worse was they needed to do the doors again so we could get them back out of the school! You know that is such a neat little car I should make the effort to get here back on the Road again!!!

Your President – John Williams

## JON'S CORNER

- 1. Where did Santa originate?**
- 2. Where were the first live Christmas trees used?**
- 3. Where is Boxing Day celebrated?**

**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 so first meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Johnny was driving down the road and he saw a 1962 Classic Rolls Royce Cloud coming towards him. Although there was enough room to pass easily Johnny maneuvered so that the oncoming Roller was forced to slow down. Johnny rolled down his window and shouted "Pig!". The Rolls Royce driver looked in his rear view mirror, raised his fist and swore profusely. But with that the Roller hit the pig!



Shirley L. Votroubek, 94, of Cedar Rapids, passed away at Cottage Grove Place on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Shirley was born June 17, 1929 to Ward & Jeanette (Kocian) Abney in Cedar Rapids. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1947. On December 11, 1948 Shirley was united in marriage with Leonard C. Votroubek. Together they raised two children, Leland C & Abney K. Shirley was a homemaker as well as working side by side with Leonard during her life. She enjoyed antique cars and was a member of The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) and the Hawk A Model A Club.

She is survived by her son, Leonard (Denise) of Cedar Rapids and daughter, Abney Clark (Tim) of Tucson, Arizona; grandchildren: Lance (Jenny Duffy), Kyle (Laura) and Nathan (Beth); great-grandchildren: Louise, Ruth, Kallen, Cora, Grace, Adam, Katelyn, Clayton, and Kacy, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Jeanne, and her husband.

The family would like to thank the staff, nurses, and hospice at both Heritage and Cottage Grove Place nursing homes.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 pm on January 2, 2024 at Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home-4200 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Cedar Rapids.

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2024 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events January 2024

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Starlite-3300 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE/CR**

### Upcoming Events February 2024

**Feb. 12<sup>h</sup> AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha**

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR**

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

### 2024 TREAT SCHEDULE

Jan - Sharon & Virgil Schminke

Feb - John & Agnes Williams

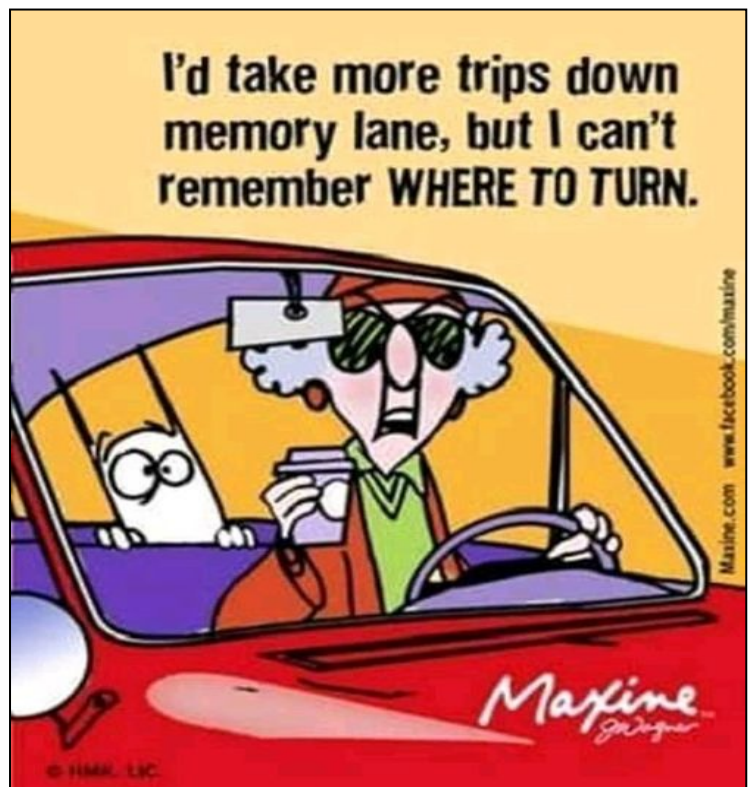
Mar - Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

Apr - Jack & Kathi Harville

May - Joann & Dean Kiefer

June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

July - Barb Waterhouse





Christmas Lights Tour Dec. 16, 2023



The following was written by Roy Reiman, Publisher of Our Iowa Magazine. I found it interesting & thought I would share it with you.

Ever hear of ‘Great White Way’? And “What’s the connection between Dalmatians and Horses?”

There was a woman who was celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday & when she was being interviewed for the Pella Chronicle newspaper that’s how the following information came out.

The woman said she met her husband when he stayed where she worked...at the stagecoach hotel.

What stagecoach hotel?? The one along the “Great White Way”. What was that? It was the route between Des Moines & Keokuk. Why was it called that? At each intersection there was a white post to direct the driver which way to turn.

She told us where the hotel was on the outskirts of Pella. We hurried there and found remnants of it. Near it was the stable where the coach horses were kept. We noticed a wooden hook on the back posts of the stalls. What were those hooks for? To hold the driver’s hammock. He slept behind the horses?? Why?

There was a lot of horse theft in those days so he slept there ... unless he had a Dalmatian. If he had one of those, he could sleep in the hotel. Thieves knew those spotted dogs had such a bond with horses, no stranger would dare come close to the team. And that’s when I first learned the connection between Dalmatians and horses. The confirmation of experts came later.

The westerly route of the Great White Way ran from Des Moines to Council Bluffs. You can still experience it along a 26 mile stretch of old Hwy. 6 that connects the small towns of Dexter, Stuart, Menlo, Casey, and Adair -it runs parallel to I80 between mile markers 76 and 100. (I believe we were on this on a Twin Rivers trip). The 26 mile portion of the Great White Way west of Des Moines is known as the White Pole Road.

If you would like to learn more about the Great White Way go to:

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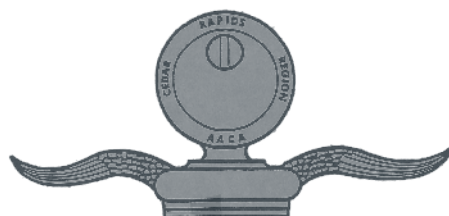
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### Jon's Corner Answers

1. The monk Nickolas originated in Kas, Turkey.
2. The first live Christmas trees were used in Germany.
3. Boxing Day, the day following Christmas, is celebrated in Canada and the UK.



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