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JON'S CORNER

1. In what Iowa City was the Mason automobile produced?

2. What make of automobile won the Vanderbilt Cup Race in 1914?

3. In what year was the Society of Automobile Engineers formed?

Answers: Page 11

President's Message

This is just a short message From John Williams your new 2021 Head Guy! I'm not exactly sure why I'm here, but I'm an Old Car Guy since I got my first antique car ('28 Dodge) at age 9 in 1954. I love all (almost) old cars that I have come across in the many years since. My earliest car memories are listening to my Dad talking about the cars from his family such as the 90 Overland, the Model Ts, the Whipet & then the '29 Chevrolet that he said was the first real car in the Williams Family! As I grew up in the 50s & 60s my interest was always in early stuff not the period cars most of my friends liked. So as a result I have always leaned to early cars even turning down cheap Model As because they were not old enough! I have managed to collect quite a few cars, trucks, tractors & even motorcycles over the years that I love to work on & drive any time I have an excuse!

One of the other things I developed an interest in is being around and associating with other Old Car People like you folks in our club. That is why I'm here to help out in any way I can. If you can put up with Me I'll try to do a OK Job with your Help and I hope We can have a better Ole Car Year in 2021 than the one we are just finishing as 2020! Let Us know what you want & need this year to make it A Good Year!

I will try to tell you about some of the Antique Cars I have had or have & some of the adventures that went with them. That 1st car (my '28 Dodge Standard 6 - 4 door sedan) was supposed to be a Model T that one of my 5th grade classmates said his Dad's hired man wanted to sell. I talked my Dad into going to have a look & imagine his surprise when we got to the farm & did not find a Model T! The hired man had won it in a poker game in Ely that summer. They had no use for it on the farm so wanted \$25 for it in running condition! So - Of Course Dad offered \$20 and settled for \$22.50 delivered to our farm near Fairfax. That old Dodge provided many years of fun on the farm & got me Going In The Greatest Hobby There Is!

Your President,

John Williams

Club Member Spotlight on Sylvia Copler

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

A: I was 17 & it was about 3 months before I graduated from High School-my parents paid for part of it as a graduation present. My first car was a 1962 Ford Thunderbird.

Q: What cars do you own?

A: A 1962 Ford Thunderbird, a 1965 Ford Thunderbird, and a 1950 Oldsmobile (with Daryl).

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: The 1962 Ford Thunderbird.

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

A: We heard that a guy we knew had a 1962 T Bird & might be interested in selling so we went to see about it, but he decided he wasn't quite ready to sell. Several months later we heard that a 1962 was being advertised for sale & the location was the same place as the one we looked at so we went back & I was able to buy it.

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

A: It was in pretty good condition. We did have to put in a new gas tank & fuel filter.

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

A: We have really enjoyed all the AACA trips, but my favorite two would be the Pontiac, Illinois trip & the La Crosse, Wisc. Trip.



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

A: We have only participated in one car show & haven't won any awards.

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: About 10 years.

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

A: Being able to get together with the friends we have made & going on tours.

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

A: No

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

A: I have collection of elephant figurines, Isabel Bloom figurines, P. Buckley Moss prints. I enjoy reading & working on genealogy.



GARAGE GANG UPDATE

The garage gang gatherings have become a great combination of sharing expertise, learning, and laughing. They cover systems that apply to every car, so anyone can participate. I find it interesting to see the brand differences, such as the positive ground in the Studebaker, but I also learned how a starter bendix works (non brand specific)..So far attending have been Jeff Fossum, Steve Brown, Harry Hawley, Al Meeker, and Clyde Melvin. Some of the tasks we've accomplished so far :

Fixed a bare wire

Tried the starting system-the starter immediately turned with a weird motor noise

Tested the starter solenoid- failed to click, replace

Rerouted the wiring around the solenoid- starter motor spun but no engagement

Pulled the starter after removing pounds of outside crud (farm truck), and one bolt that required a contortionist to remove

Harry unbolted the muffler clamp (I was stupidly going to cut it) and blow by tube to remove the starter

Had trouble pulling the starter because of the hay and crud inside it, possible cause of bendix not engaging

Bench tested the starter motor on the floor, Alan concluded it had too little torque and spin

Send out starter for test, buy a solenoid

Check out the brakes

Check out the bearings

Check out the steering, kingpins, etc

Start replacing the wiring in the harness

Start rebuilding the ignition system

So Much More! Come Join Us! Call Steve Brown or Jeff Fossum for date/time of next session.

Submitted by Jeff Fossum



TIPS FOR STARTING YOUR ENGINE AFTER SITTING FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME

1. After you've gained access to everything under the hood and have a clear area to work, make sure the engine is whole and has all of the basic sources of air, fuel and spark that are needed for ignition. When you've accounted for all of your accessories and drive belts, remove the air cleaner so you can check and clear the carb/throttle-body of any debris.

Rodents and insects like to make air intakes and vacuum hoses their homes, so make sure there is no debris resting on top of or in the carburetor or throttle body. If you find any heavy build up in the recesses or barrels of the carburetor or throttle body, you may want to consider removing the intake manifold and checking the intake runners as well. If the vehicle was stored with the air cleaner assembly on, or at least a rag over the intake, you should be okay

2. Next, make sure that the engine is "free" and will turn over. If the engine has been sitting for a long time and you're not sure when it was last running, you'll want to remove each spark plug and squirt a tablespoon or so of "Marvel Mystery Oil," engine oil or ATF (automatic transmission fluid) down each hole. This will ensure that the cylinder walls and piston rings are coated and lubricated.

To ensure that the engine is free, use a 1/2 in. drive ratchet or breaker bar to rotate the engine over by hand using the crank shaft pulley bolt. As you do this, listen for any grinding, clunking or scraping noises. Be sure not to confuse this with the puff or hiss of air compression being released, which is normal and will also push out most of the oil you used to lubricate the cylinders.

3. Once your engine is free and able to rotate by hand, verify that the vacuum hoses and lines are connected where they should be and clear of debris. While all you really need for a first start is fuel and spark, you do not want to circulate gunk or debris through the engines air or fuel system.

4. Using a catch bucket, remove the engine oil drain plug, then drain and fill the engine with fresh oil.

Depending on what was used as coolant and how long the vehicle has been sitting, there may be bits of rust and other gunk in the cooling system. You can run the engine for a short period of time (1-2 mins) depending on the outside temperature without the radiator hoses or cooling system connected, but it is never a bad idea to drain and flush the radiator and engine to the best of your abilities beforehand.

5. If the engine ran before your project was parked, and was not scavenged for parts or messed with afterwards, your ignition timing may be acceptable. However, you will need to make sure that you still have power to the ignition, and that it is generating spark. It's a good idea to remove your distributor cap and check for moisture, rust or debris and verify the rotor position.

If you decide to verify base timing before attempting the start-up, you will need to complete a few extra steps.

6. With the #1 spark plug and distributor cap removed, rotate the engine over by hand. With your thumb over the spark plug hole, continue rotating until you feel air pushing out from the #1 cylinder and the zero mark on the engines timing pointer is lined up with the mark on your harmonic balancer.

7. If the engine has been sitting for years, any gas in the tank or fuel lines is likely bad or contaminated. You will want to disconnect the main fuel line from the carburetor to avoid pumping bad gas through the fuel system.

You can run carbureted engines briefly using a water bottle with holes poked in the cap to manually supply the carburetor.

If you plan on letting the engine idle, you will want to rig up fuel line from the carburetor to a gravity fed source like a large bottle, jug or jerry can. You do not need to replace fuel lines or a gas tank for an initial test start.



Loss of Another Club Member

Thomas "Tom" William Auterman, 83, of Fairfax, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2020, at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf House of Mercy after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Private services will be held. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. A vigil service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, at Teahen Funeral Home, where friends may visit with the family Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. All in attendance are required to wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines.

Tom is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan; a brother, Philip (Brenda Meyer) Auterman of Iowa City; two sisters, Mary Auterman of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Sister Cecelia Marie Auterman of Dubuque; a sister-in-law, Cecelia Matthiessen of Omaha, Neb.; and nieces and nephews, Charlie and Amy Smith, Matt and Annette Smith, Cathy Smith, Brian and Mary Matthiessen, Cindy and Brian Rohnke, and Joe and Ann Auterman.

Tom was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Janet Auterman; and in-laws, Charles and Jane Smith, and Ronald Matthiessen.

Tom was born April 4, 1937, in St. Olaf, the son of George and Leona McGill Auterman. He graduated from Luana High School. He married Joan Smith on June 17, 1967, in Epworth. Tom was employed by F.W. Mack Truck Dealership in Cedar Rapids for 15 years, and then served as an agent for Farmers Insurance Co. from 1984 to 2010. Tom was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council 5544 and the Sampson Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights, where he had served as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. Tom served for more than 30 years on the Discovery Living Board of Directors. He was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), the Model A Club, the Model T Club, the Vintage Chevy Club and the Cedar Rapids Association of Life Underwriters.

Tom loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed fixing up old cars, painting oil landscapes, traveling, camping and wintering in Mesa, Ariz., where he and Joan played lots of dominos. Tom was an avid volunteer who loved to help anyone in need.

The family would like to extend its deepest appreciation to Hospice of Mercy for their loving and compassionate care of Tom and the family.

Winter Tip

Cotton balls soaked in peppermint oil keeps the mice away and leaves your car minty fresh smelling. Mothballs are the traditional method, and mice can't stand the smell of them. Unfortunately, not many people like the smell either. The dryer sheets have more appeal because people aren't offended by the aroma. Just place a few sheets inside the car, and maybe a couple under hood and underneath the car as well. Tossing one in the trunk wouldn't be a bad idea either.



This was one of the many displays along our tour of Christmas lights. This was along Commercial Court in Fairfax. The lights were set to music played on 88.9 FM and was fantastic! Thanks Neil for a great light tour!



Walmart Car Show
Submitted by John Maxwell



TREAT SCHEDULE 2021

February 4th - Clyde, Sue, Sherry Melvin

March 4th -

April 1st - Dean and Joann Kiefer

May 6th - Tom and Jackie Oliver

June 3rd -

July 1st -

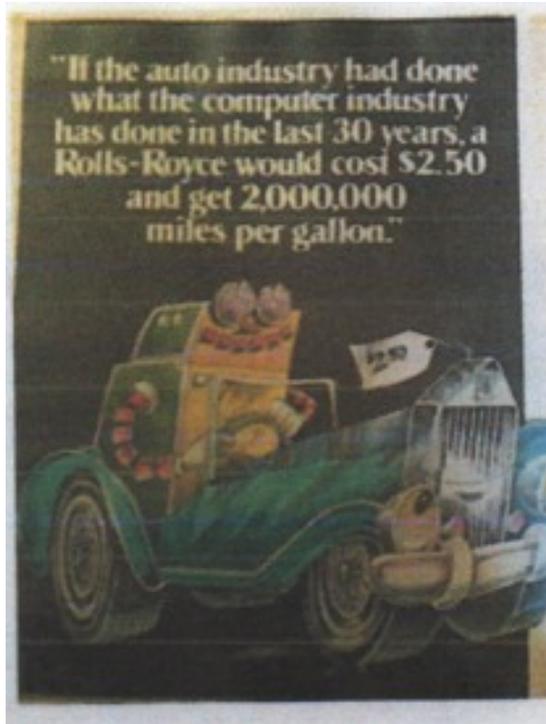
August 5th - Dan and Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

September 2nd - Jeff Fossum

October 6th - Ken and Judy Robertson

Novembner 4th -

December 2nd - Pete and Pat Bischoff



**Don't put your arm out
quite so far;
It might go home
in another car**

Burma Shave

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020-2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

July 2, 2021-July 4, 2021 . Goodguys 30th Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals presented by BASF at Iowa State Fairgrounds

Upcoming Events January 2021

AACA Club meeting on January 7th at 7 PM. Cancelled.

Ladies Luncheon and White Elephant Gift Exchange. January 19th at 11:30 AM at Starlight located at 3300 1st Ave NE.

Board meeting January 19th at 6:30 PM at Scott's. Welcome new board members Jeff Fossum and Tom Oliver! Welcome to our new President John Williams!

Upcoming Events February 2021

AACA Club meeting on February 4th at 7 PM. Program: Brock Staley's Custom Detailing: Basic, Full, and Full Custom Detail

Ladies Luncheon February 16th at 11:30 am at Qdogs located at 895 Blairs Ferry Rd NE.

Board meeting February 16th at 6:30 PM at Scotts.

Upcoming Events March 2021

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

Ladies Luncheon March 16th at 11:30 AM at Gianna's Italian Beef located at 375 3rd St SE.

Board meeting March 16th at 6:30 PM at Scotts.

Upcoming Events April 2021

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

Ladies Luncheon April 20th at 11:30 AM at Whitey's Bar & Grill located at 125 US Hwy 30 in Lisbon.

Board meeting April 20th at 6:30 PM at Scotts.

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Joke of the Month:

A 70 year old man asked his wife "Do you feel sad when you see me running after young girls?" Wife replied "No not at all, even dogs chase cars they can't drive."

JON'S CORNER

1. The Mason automobile was produced in Waterloo, IA.
2. A Mercedes automobile won the Vanderbilt Cup in 1914.
3. The Society of Automobile Engineers was formed in 1905.

Local dues need to be sent to Dan Ortz by January 15th.

National dues should be sent directly to the national office.

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