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## JON'S CORNER

1. In what state and during what vears was the Peerless automobile manufactured?

2. In what year was the first Model A Ford produced? Careful with your answer.

3. In what year was the first Chevrolet overhead valve V8 produced?

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I've been working in my shop during this hot weather. Thank goodness for large shade trees and AC. I can't believe how long it'd taking to put this truck back together after a frame off full restoration (except for the modified parts). I'm in my third summer of reassembly. I think I'll have it completed this summer but I said that last year too.

Marlene and I went to Dyersville yesterday to see the WMT Tractor Cade. There was over 500 tractors. We saw a lot but not all of them. We met a gentleman from West Liberty who was driving a modified Allis-Chalmers which he called a Chrys-Chalmers. He had added 43 inches to the frame and was powered by a 1948 Chrysler straight 8 with a fluid-drive transmission going into the Allis transmission. He added power steering, a buddy seat, straight-pipe exhaust out the back with a sparkplug in it. He was weak on his flames so I told him that I would sent him a copy the sparker circuit I used on my blue truck.

With the car show cruise-in replacing our July meeting we will be discussing the future of our Swap-Meet in August. This is our only source of income except for out membership dues. We have very few job slots that require standing. As we age we need to think about how much longer we can fulfill our manning requirements. We all like to spend the fruits of our labor. Something to think about. Alan

### **Burma Shave Signs**

To My Old-As-Dirt Friends and Relatives who qualify as "old as dirt."

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's.

Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW OUT SO FAR IT MAY GO HOME

IN ANOTHER CAR.

TRAINS DON'T WANDER ALL OVER THE MAP 'CAUSE NOBODY SITS IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP.

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH BY MISTAKE SHE THOUGHT IT WAS HER HUSBAND JAKE.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD TO GAIN A MINUTE YOU NEED YOUR HEAD YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.

DROVE TOO LONG DRIVER SNOOZING WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS NOT AMUSING.

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### ULTIMATE MYSTERY

# HISTORICAL VEHICLE



What U.S. production car had the largest 4 cylinder engine?

# CORRECTION FROM JUNE MM LOCATED ON PAGE 8



### SUMMER DRIVING WITH THE BONNET DOWN

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### **1928 Oakland Sport Cabriolet**

The Oakland Motor Car Company of Pontiac, MI, was founded in 1907 by Edward Murphy and Alanson Brush. The first Oakland used a vertical two-cylinder engine that rotated counterclockwise. This design also featured a planetary transmission. Five models were created, designated Model A-E with each subsequent letter increasing in total vehicle size. 1908, the first year of Oakland production, saw 278 vehicles roll off the line. After one year of production, Oakland's principal founder, Edward Murphy, sold half of the company to William C. Durant's General Motors Corporation in early 1909. When Murphy died in the summer of 1909, GM acquired the remaining rights to Oakland. Conventional 4-cylinder engine models were introduced shortly after the GM takeover. In 1916, the company introduced a V8 engine, and production soared to 35,000 in 1917. By early 1920, however, production and quality control problems began to plague the division. In 1921, under new General Manager Fred Hannum, a consistent production schedule was underway and the quality of the cars improved, and Oakland vehicles shared the GM A platform used by other brands. One marketing tactic was the employment of a quick-drying bright blue automotive lacquer by Duco, leading to the slogan "True Blue Oakland." By the mid-1920s, the 1907 Thomas sported a 571 cu. in. (9.2liter) engine a sizable price gap existed between Chevrolet and Oakland. In 1926, Oakland introduced the Pontiac, a shorter wheelbase "light six" priced to sell at a 4 cylinder car's price point, but still above Chevrolet. Pontiac was the first of the GM companion marques, and in its first year sold 49,875 units. By 1929, GM sold 163,000 more Pontiacs than Oaklands. The discontinuation of Oakland was announced with the deepening of the Great Depression in 1931. Pontiac was the only companion make to survive beyond 1940, or to survive its "parent" make. The other GM companion makes were: LaSalle (Cadillac) 1927-1940, Viking 1929-1930 and Marquette (Buick) 1930.



# 1959 Studebaker Lark - Two Door Station Wagon

When I was growing up, my family had one new car--a 1959 (I believe) Studebaker Lark Station Wagon. My grandfather had been a great Studebaker fan (though he had originally owned one of the first Model T's or A's in the area which went to provide metal for the war effort). I remember driving in my grandfather's Studebaker as we went into Nekoma, ND, to the little grocery store that had the string hanging from the ceiling, and varied products for sale. Grandpa bought round white peppermint candy and red licorice that was kept in a can on top of the hutch--too tall for we grandkids to reach but Grandpa was a tall man and he could get the candy down.

Since grandpa was a Studebaker fan, it stood to reason that my dad also would own one. As the family grew, he purchased the one new car that my folks had. It was a beautiful little station wagon--the 1959 Studebaker Lark VI Deluxe Series 60S was just a 2 door and it sure seems in my memory that it was 4 door like the VI Regal Series 60S, but the Regal was \$204 higher so we may have squeezed in to the car through the 2 doors. I don't really remember--I do remember that it was purchased from Mr Eidem at Eidem MotorsFamily pictures found showed we had a e 1959 Studebaker Lark VI Deluxe Series 60S.

That pretty blue-green car took us on many a vacation. We had a tent that fit over the tail end of the station wagon so that 2 people could sleep in the back end. The tent opened into a bigger tent that just fit all 4 of us kids (the 5th was born long after the car was gone!). Mom made curtains to close off the windows in the back end. Of course, to sleep in the tail end of the wagon, you had to remove everything that was there and then put it back the next day for the trip that day! I remember spending time in Canada at a lake, down in the Black Hills and another trip to CA.

Both the VI Deluxe and the VI Regal Series had a wheelbase of 108.5 inches, length of 71.4 inches, width of 71.4 inches and a height of 60 inches. The engines were an Inline L-Head, 6 cylinder with a horsepower of 90. There were 3 gears, the carburetor was a single downdraft and the transmission was helical with rear wheel drive.

My folks were in a terrible car accident in 1960 with the car on a snow covered road in North Dakota. Their lane had been cleared and a very large car came over the top of the hill in their lane. No one in the car was killed, but my mother was hurt quite badly and has had health problems since that time. Two of my siblings spent over 9 months with family in another part of the state. The car, though totaled, was fixes and made many more trips.

By: B. Juby

From its introduction in early 1959 until 1962, the Lark was a product of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation. In mid-1962, the company dropped "Packard" from its name and reverted to its pre-1954 name, the Studebaker Corporation. The Studebaker Lark was built in Studebaker's South Bend, Indiana, home plant. The Studebaker company, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1952, ceased automobile production in 1966.

# **REGION NEWS & INFORMATION**

# June 1, 2017 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center. Frank Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance. Al Meeker presided over the meeting.

Nick Evans from Kirkwood College was present to thank the club for his scholarship.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

Kay Huffaker broke her pelvis. Brenda Juby's Mother passed away. Ron Aschbrenner had back surgery. Virgil Schminke is now doing dialysis.

Donna Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as published in the Moto Meter with a second from Frank Reynolds. Motion approved

Sylvia Copler read the Treasurer's Report. Judy Ortz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with a second from Carl Ortz. Motion approved.

### **Old Business**

Twin River's tour is July 31-August 4. Information is in the Motor Meter. Reservations must be made to the hotel before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Kumley said they would leave at 9:00 AM and would leave from Menards at Marion for the car trip on June 24. He is planning on going to Cedar Bluffs, eat at Tipton and go on to Cedar Valley Winery, O.4 miles is on gravel. There will be a need for anyone going on the trip to pay \$5.00. Frank Reynolds made a motion for the club to pay the \$5.00 and Marge Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

Pete Jurgens wanted to recognize the cooks for the Mother's Day Breakfast.

### **New Business**

Swap meet discussion was brought to the club's attention by Lee Votroubek. Big negative would be higher vendor cost and people gate increase. Big positive would be we wouldn't have to man the swap meet.

Treats for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Ely. Paul Kumley will get the pop. Barbara Waterhouse Miller will pick up the chicken.

Judy Ortz took up a collection for David and Brenda Juby to buy meals.

Lee Votroubek conducted Buy, Sell and Trade.

Paul Kumley made a motion to adjourn and Harry Hawley seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Jeri Stout

# 2017 Twin Rivers Tour

July 31 to Aug 4, 2017

All rooms are reserved under AACA and Neil Rohlena.

You are responsible for making your own reservations. Our block of rooms are released Sat. June 15 to the public.

| July 31, Aug1, 2, 3 and 4  | Winterset –  |
|----------------------------|--|
|                            | Covered Bridge Inn \$77.28 including tax PH – (515) 462-4888 |
| Vermeer Museum, Pella      | Pella Vermeer Windmill & Museum                              |
| Johnny Carson's birthplace | R & S Classics   |
| Griswold Farmall Country   | Drews Quality Chocolate                                      |
| Iowa Quilt Museum          | Greenfield Opera House                                       |
| John Wayne Birthplace      | Ukrainian personal Museum                                    |
| Pella Historical Museum    | Cabbage Patch doll collection                                |
| Schildberg car collection  | Mike Travis Rumley/Avery tractor collection                  |
| Covered bridge bus tour    | Freedom Rock tour  |
| History of Fairway Stores  | Bierbaum Allice Chalmer tractor collection                   |
| Apple Cider winery         | Many More !!!!   |

# **SPECIAL EVENT**



The club has been invited to the Brown Farm again this year to show off our cars - Sunday, June 30,2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Marion Hy-Vee.

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See last month Moto Meter for more of the sites.

| 2017 Twin Rivers Tour Registration<br>Registration Deadline is Friday June 30  |
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| Names of those touring   |
| Address  |
| Home Phone Cell Phones   |
| Make of car  |
| Mon. July 31 – Pella Historical Village & Windmill Tour \$9.00 each x=   |
| Mon. July 31 – Monarchs Restaurant Lunch - Pella \$12.00 each x =  |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Johnny Carson's Birth Place Tour $\$7.00 \text{ each x} =$  |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Donation for Mike Travis Rumley tour & Lunch \$10.00 each x=  |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Donation for Bierbaum Allis Chalmers tour \$2.00 each x =   |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Donation for Griswold Farmall Country Tour \$2.00 each x=   |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Buffet Supper at Dusty's Place    \$11.00 each x  |
| Tue. Aug 1 – Donation for Cabbage patch Dolls tour. \$2.00 each x=   |
| Wed. Aug 2 – Bus tour of the Bridges of Madison County \$10.00 each x =  |
| Wed. Aug 2 - John Wayne Museum      \$10.00 each x=  |
| Wed. Aug 2 – Lunch at the Lutheran Church in North Winterset \$10.00 each x =  |
| Wed. Aug 2 – Iowa Quilt Museum & Special Tour \$8.00 each x  |
| Wed. Aug 2 – Winterset Cidery tour and tasting \$5.00 each x=  |
| Thur. Aug 3 – Greenfield Opera House Tour \$3.00 each x=   |
| Thur. Aug 3 – Banquet Sports Page Lounge (club pays ½) \$14= \$7.00 each x<br>(Non members pay \$14.00)<br>Frid. Aug 4 – Unique tour of Howells Nursery & plant drying barn \$3.00 each x<br>Total |
| This registration and check made out to CRRAACA MUST be to Neil Rohlena, 7309 Selzer Rd., Fairfax, Iowa, 52228, by deadline of Friday, June 30.  |

# **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## 2017 REGION CALENDAR

### Social Night

July 10, 2017 Culvers- Westdale August 7, 2017 DQ, Johnson Ave Sept 11, 2017 DQ, Fairfax Oct 9, 2017 Saucy, Edgewood Nov 6, 2017 Starlite December 11, 2017 TBD

Social Night starts at 6:00 PM.

### TOUR

June 24--Meet at 9:00 at Marion Menards. Bring \$5.00 for tour

Paul Kumley, Contact

# Business meeting

July 6, 2017\* **August 10, 2017** September 7, 2017 October 5, 2017 November 2, 2017 December 7, 2017 - Christmas Party \* July 6 meeting is in the parking lot with other car clubs. Starts at <u>6:30 pm.</u>

All meetings will start at 7:00 PM -Hiawatha Com. Center

**NOTE:Date of August!!!** 

#### **Board Meetings**

July 20, 2017 Cheddars August 17, 2017 Bandanas Town & Country Sept 21, 2017 Leonardos Oct 19, 2017 Starlite Nov 16, 2017 Culvers, Hiawatha

Dec, 2017 No Meeting All meetings will start at 6:00 PM

### **Special Events**

CRRAACA 4th of July picnic will be held at Schulte Park, 1310 Banner Valley RD, Ely. Gather at the pavilion at 3:00 to visit. Dinner will begin at 4:30. Meat and drinks are provided. Please bring two side dishes to share, your own table service. And chairs Bring your cars to drive in the parade that starts at 6:00.

July 30,2017 - Browns Farm, Sunday, June 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Marion Hy-Vee.

July 31- August 4, 2017 - CRRAACA Twin Rivers Tour

August 12, 2017 - Lawn Party at Auterman's. Gather at 3:00; eat at 5:00. Meat/drink provided. Bring 2 dishes to share, table service, lawn chairs.

October 4-7, 2017 - Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA

# JON'S ANSWERS

1. Cleveland, OH 1902-1931 then opened a brewery.

2, 1903 and the second Model A produced was in the fall of 1927 with a 1928 model.

3. 1917 Northway engine. Produced for three model years. Northway a subsidiary of GM.

#### **2017 Treats Schedule** July - Robertsons and Autermans

August - Marge and Frank Reynolds September - Dan and Judy Ortz, Karen & Neil Rohlena October -November - Lee and Denise Votroubek December - Christmas Party

### BURMA SHAVE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

CAUTIOUS RIDER TO HER RECKLESS DEAR LET'S HAVE LESS BULL AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.

SPEED WAS HIGH WEATHER WAS NOT TIRES WERE THIN X MARKS THE SPOT.

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL FOR BEER LED TO A WARMER HEMISPHERE.

AROUND THE CURVE LICKETY-SPLIT BEAUTIFUL CAR WASN'T IT?

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### Camaros

Chevrolet's once-popular compact cruiser surely qualified as an American automotive icon, but that didn't stop General Motors execs from axing their venerable rear-drive F-body legacy in August 2002, killing off both the Camaro and its corporate cousin, the Pontiac Firebird. Word of this execution had circulated well in advance, but such forebodings did little to ease the shock, certainly among diehard enthusiasts who never have been able to get enough of their favorite four-wheeled fun machine dating back to its introduction. Like Ford's still-popular Mustang, wasn't Chevy's seemingly invincible pony car supposed to run forever?

Mustang owners were left to gallop on alone — but not for long. In August 2006, then–GM chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner announced that the Camaro would be born again. The announcement came after visitors to Detroit's North American International Auto Show had gone gaga over the sensational Camaro concept vehicle the previous January. "Camaro is much more than a car; it symbolizes America's spirit and its love affair with the automobile," Wagoner said.

The all-new 2010 Camaro finally debuted, making it five generations for the bloodline. The second ran from 1970 to 1981, the third from 1982 to 1992 and the fourth from 1993 to 2002. The first Camaro debuted before the automotive press on September 12, 1966, obviously in direct response to the wildly successful Mustang, itself introduced in April two years prior.

First-generation Camaro convertibles paced the Indianapolis 500 in 1967 and 1969, with the latter made into replicas sold to the public. The original Super Sport model was retired after 1972, as was the second-generation Z28 two years later. And a convertible Camaro didn't return when the second generation showed up (albeit a little late) in February 1970.

Minor milestone moments came in 1977 when the Z28 returned and in 1982 as a Camaro again paced the Indianapolis 500. The impressive IROC Z28 debuted in 1985, and a convertible Camaro reappeared in 1987 after an 18-year hiatus. As in 1982, another race-day next-generation Camaro. And of even more interest that year was the installation of the Corvette's LT1 small block,

introduced the year before, into the fourth-gen Z28. Mustang GT drivers didn't stand a chance up against the 275-horse Z, even after Ford's latest next-generation pony car made the scene in 1994. Chevrolet then turned up the heat again in 1996, teaming with SLP Engineering in Troy, Michigan, to bring back the Camaro SS, powered by a tweaked LT1 rated at 305 horsepower. A collector certainly has a lot to choose from today, with prices ranging from affordable to unworldly. Presently the world record tag is \$800,000 for a 1969 ZL-1 hammered out during a Mecum auction in the spring of 2008. Various other ZL-1 examples — called "the ultimate Camaro" by Mecum Auctions' John Kraman — have brought from \$480,000 to \$575,000 at auction in recent years. More to a mere mortal's liking, the way-cool 1969 Z/28 brought as much as \$100,000 during the market's boom a few years back but has since come back down to earth. "The 1969 Z/28s have plummeted, have tumbled, Cars that used to run from \$90,000 to \$125,000 are now going for \$50,000 to \$75,000. The '69 Z/28 peaked with the market in 2005 and 2006 along with all firstgeneration Camaros."

Hagerty and internet

### **Camaro Price Points**

1969 Z/28; \$3,200 (then), \$77,200 (now) 1970 Z28{ \$3,500 (then), \$44,000 (now) 1977 Z28: \$5,170 (then), \$13,700 (now) 1969 ZL-1: \$7,100 (then), \$346,000 (now) 1969 Yenko: \$3,800 (then), \$215,000 (now)

1969 SS 396 178: \$3,100 (then), \$51,4000 (now)



# A MATTER OF SCALE

EVERY SELF-RESPECTING car guy or gal has a wish list of vehicles he or she would have in his or her ideal garage. The problem is there are only a moneyed few who have the resources, space and time to actually acquire the collection of their dreams. There is a solution, however, and the financial resources and storage requirements are not nearly as demanding.

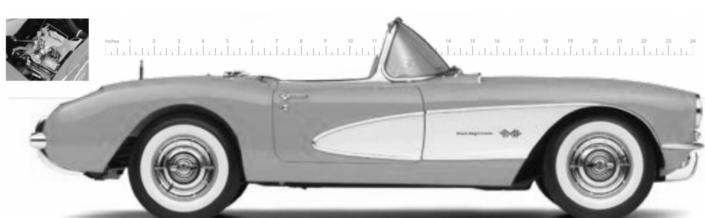
Multiple manufacturers of high-quality die-cast metal models offer examples of virtually every collector car that could possibly be on your dream list. The Danbury Mint (danburymint.com) and The Franklin Mint (franklinmint.com) are far and away the largest producers of replica die-cast metal cars, which are often offered in "limited editions" of up to 25,000. They are manufactured in several scales, with 1:24 being the most common. Others are offered in 1:12, 1:18 and even 1:42. Putting that in perspective, the 1:24 Tucker currently offered by The Franklin Mint is nine inches in length and the 1979 Camaro Z28 in 1:18 scale is 10. There are literally dozens of other manufacturers, including companies such as GMP (gmpdiecast.com), Johnny Lightning (johnnylightning.com), Ertl (ertltoys.com) and CollectableDiecast Inc (collectablediecast.com) that offer 1:18 scale replicas with prices ranging from \$12.95 to \$299. Diecast Legends (grandprixlegends.com) is the largest retailer in the world fordie-cast collectibles.

As would be expected, the price goes up as the level of detail is enhanced. "Curbside" or "static" models, which are largely devoid of operating features — with hoods and doors that do not open, for example — are usually the least expensive. Fully operational models, with functional steering and highly detailed engine compartments, are priced accordingly.

New on the market is an impressively detailed 1:6 scale replica of a 1957 Corvette by Die-Cast Promotions (diecastpromotions.com) that sells for \$799.99. At the other end of the scale are the hand-built car models that are usually made of resin, metal and photo-etched parts. They are normally offered in kit form or completely hand-built, with the more detailed pushing the \$1,000 price point.

Overall, online auctions have not been kind to miniature cars. Online sites have countless examples of The Franklin Mint models listed at any one time — and they often sell for only pennies on the dollar. Retaining the packaging and paperwork, however, is a plus, but it is not as significant as it is with vintage toys.

So if owning a 1937 Delahaye, Shelby GT350H and a Ferrari 330 TR1 is beyond your financial resources at the moment, for a few hundred dollars you can take a step toward fulfilling your car-collecting dreams with die-cast versions.



Hagerty and Open Source Internet

Top: An impressively detailed 1:6 scale replica of a '57 Corvette from Die-Cast Promotions including fuelinjected engine.

# Classifieds



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# **Club Members Buy - Sell - Trade**

1930-31 Victoria Slant Windshield with original steel frame. Frame has been professionally restored. \$300.00 Ph. 918-520-6479 Evenings.

For Sale by Bill Ackermann: 1969 Ford Ranchero and 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan. Please call Sandy Fetzer at 378-1843 or Deb Weisskopf at 828-4115 for more information.

### **Correction to June Motor Meter**

On page 8 the 1957 Thunderbird sales figures was hidden behind the picture. Below is the missing data. 1957 Thunderbird \$3,408 (then), \$19,400-\$115,000\* (now)

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AT INTERSECTIONS LOOK EACH WAY A HARP SOUNDS NICE BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY.

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL EYES ON THE ROAD THAT'S THE SKILLFUL DRIVER'S CODE.

THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING DEPENDS ON YOU TO DO HIS THINKING.

CAR IN DITCH DRIVER IN TREE THE MOON WAS FULL AND SO WAS HE. PASSING SCHOOL ZONE TAKE IT SLOW LET OUR LITTLE SHAVERS GROW.

BROTHER SPEEDER LET'S REHEARSE ALL TOGETHER GOOD MORNING, NURSE

A GUY WHO DRIVES A CAR WIDE OPEN IS NOT THINKIN' HE'S JUST HOPIN'

Do these bring back any old memories? If not, you're merely a child. If they do - then you're old as dirt. LIKE ME!

Contributed by Frank Reynolds

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