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## TRIVIA QUESTION

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Q: In what year did Auto Insurance become available?

## JON'S CORNER

1. In what year was the Dartmobile produced and where?
2. What was the tallest structure in the world in 1909?
3. Who invented the measure of horsepower?

Answers: Page 11)

## President's Message

Traveling with grandchildren can be a wonderful experience, especially when they're at least 12. Our first trip will be with the 17 and 12 year old granddaughters. They wanted to go anywhere outside of Iowa, have a beach, and jet skis. No museums for these 2! So after an exhaustive search of Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin I decided on Lake Rathbun in Iowa at the Honey Creek Resort. It has a beach, swimming pools, a water park, and jet ski rentals, Now if the price is reasonable and we can decide on dates it's a go.

The other trip I am planning is an all girls trip with my daughter's 2 twenty-something girls and their other grandmother, Ruby, who is also my good friend. We are going to Branson in September and stay for 5 days. We hope to see some good shows (I'm open for suggestions), visit Silver Dollar City, and do some sightseeing. The granddaughters are bringing their new kayaks. We'll probably only see them at dinner time but that's ok.

Oh yes, one more trip is planned. Our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary is June 12<sup>th</sup> so we're going to Oskaloosa! Doesn't that sound exciting? This is the ONLY trip Harry has ever given input on where to go (other than car conventions) so I don't want to not sound excited.

We have moved our July AACA club meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic since it doesn't sound like the Community Center will be open by then. We have got to start getting back to normal sometime so I'm determined to have a July club meeting one way or another. See map on page 5.

## Oldsmobile Cutlass

The Oldsmobile Cutlass was a range of automobiles produced by General Motors' Oldsmobile division between 1961 and 1999. At its introduction, the Cutlass was Oldsmobile's smallest model; it began as an unibody compact car, but saw its greatest success as a body-on-frame intermediate.

Introduced as the top trim level in Oldsmobile's compact F-85 line, the Cutlass evolved into a distinct series of its own, spawning numerous variants, including the formidable 4-4-2 muscle car in 1964, premium Cutlass Supreme in 1966, and outright performance Hurst/Olds in 1968, as well as the Vista Cruiser station wagon.

The 1971 model shared much of the same exterior sheet metal as the 1970, but with a new hood, grille, and headlight assemblies, as well as new bumpers and taillights. Four new exterior body colors were offered-Viking Blue, Lime Green, Bittersweet, and Saturn Gold.

The famous "Rocket" V8 continued in several different sizes and power options, with both the large 455 and 'small-block' 350 available with either 2- or 4-barrel carburetors. This was the last year for the 250 cubic-inch six-cylinder engine as it had not been a popular offering in Olds intermediates. All engines were now fitted with hardened valve seats, preparing for the upcoming mandate for unleaded gasoline that took effect with the introduction of catalytic converters on 1975 models. The 1971 Olds engines also featured lowered compression ratios and designed to run on regular leaded, low-lead or unleaded gasoline with a research octane rating of 91 or higher (equivalent to 87 octane by today's octane measurements).



## Club Member Spotlight on BILL & DOROTHY ACKERMANN

(Due to the unfortunate progression of Bill's Alzheimer's disease, and his recent passing, this was completed by Dorothy and her daughters)

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

A: Not sure what Bill's very first car was, but when we were dating and got married he had a 50-something Chevy. When antique/classic cars became a hobby for him, the car we acquired that we were able to actually drive was a 1935 Olds that was purchased in 1973 when Bill was 45 years old.

Q: What cars do you own?

A: Presently we have a 1929 Model A Special Coupe, a 1930 Model A Standard Coupe, a 1930 Model A Town Sedan, and a 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible.

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: With the arrival of spring and summer, the Mustang Convertible with the license plate DOTS65 is our favorite car and the girls enjoy driving it!

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

A: Per Bill's words in the October 1984 The Motor Reader: The 1935 Olds was purchased at an estate auction in 1973 after it had been parked in the farmer's barn ever since he purchased a new car in 1954. It was delivered by the executor of the estate along with the title, as well as the original owner's manual, warranty card and delivery ticket. It was called a touring coupe and only 18,615 of this model were produced. It was the only year the Olds had suicide doors.

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

A: Continuing from Bill's words: Other than the interior of the car being inhabited by rats (!), the motor needed only minor tuning and inspections. A major overhaul of the brake system was necessary as well as rebuilding the master cylinder, wheel cylinders, and flushing the steel lines and replacing the flexible lines. Bill worked on the dents and tears in the fenders at a Kirkwood evening adult class, hired a paint job, and installed a set of wide white wall tires. This was later driven by our daughter and son-in-law on their wedding day in 1975. It was later traded to a young fellow for a Model A and a few dollars.

## **Spotlight on Dorothy and Bill Ackermann (continued)**

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

A: There were too many to be able to choose! We always had such a fun time going on club tours, going to different places and seeing interesting things, and enjoying our time with our car club friends.

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

A: The 1930 Model A Standard Coupe, which came later, was Bill's show car. It received a First Junior Award in the 2002 AACA National Spring Meet in Cedar Rapids, First Senior Award at the 2002 AACA National Fall Meet in Topeka, and then received a First Grand National Award at the 2003 Annual Grand National Meet in Cedar Rapids.

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: We don't recall the exact year, but we've been members since the early 1980's, so around 40 years.

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

A: We have made many wonderful friends over the years through AACA and have enjoyed socializing with them at meetings and club events, and especially enjoyed touring with them. Bill loved working on his cars and being able to help others when he could.

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

A: We are charter members of the Hawk A Region Model A Club.

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

A: Besides the car hobby, we have enjoyed Amana and Cedar Rapids Czech history and family genealogy.

Bill completed his final Model A journey here on earth on May 17, 2020. He was born on August 17, 1928 in the same house he resided in all his life. A graduate of Amana High School, Bill joined the US Army. He returned to Amana following his military service and married Dorothy Lorenc. Bill's most enjoyable hobby was antique autos, but more specifically Model A Fords. He restored four.

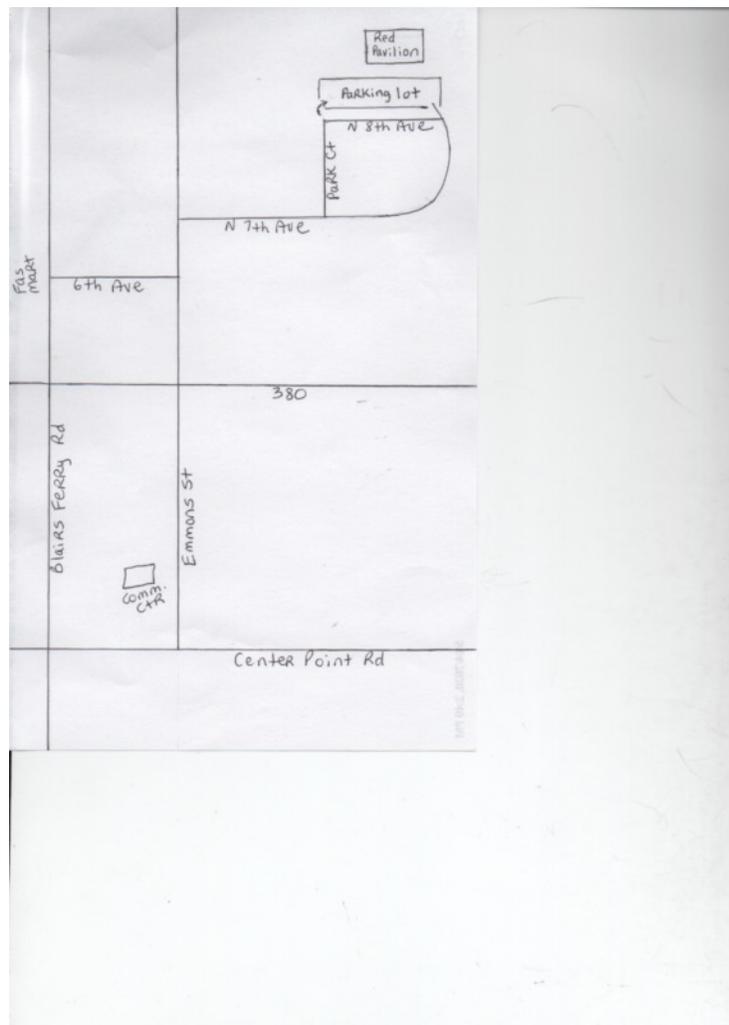
Bill was very involved in the AACA over the years, holding various offices, and he was especially very active in judging. He was awarded as a Senior Master Judge in 2005. We are saddened that Alzheimer's had robbed him of these special memories, but we will never forget.....Dorothy Ackermann, Sandy Fetzer and Deb Weisskopf

## Upcoming Activities

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic** will be at the Red Lodge located at Guthridge Park on N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Starting time will be 4:00 pm. Bring 2 sides to share plus your preferred drinks. Chicken will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and table service. We will hold a short club meeting during the picnic.

Here's written instructions:

1. If going east on Blairs Ferry Road turn left on 6th Avenue (near Fas Mart) to Emmons Street. Turn left on Emmons Street and then right on N 7th Avenue. Turn left on Park Ct to the parking lot for the Red Pavilion.
2. If going west on Blairs Ferry Road turn right on 6th Avenue to Emmons Street. Turn left on Emmons Street and then right on N 7th Avenue. Turn left on Park Ct to the parking lot for the Red Pavilion OR Take Center Point Road to Emmons Street (goes by Hiawatha Comm. Center) and then right on N 7th Avenue & left on Park Ct.



## **2020 Cedar Rapids Area Thursday Cruise Nights**

All start between 5:00 & 6:00 PM

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**-Palo, Iowa Greenspace (behind the bank).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**-Prairie Hill Pavilion-5860 Kacena Ave, Marion, Ia (Hwy 13 N just past Culver's Restaurant). July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**-Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**-Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**-To be Announced

**All of these are weather permitting events & are subject to change with little or no notice due to Covid 19 virus.**

**Questions contact Bill Cejka at [orangeenko@yahoo.com](mailto:orangeenko@yahoo.com)**

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## **Area Car Shows and Events**

July 1<sup>st</sup> Hudson Days Car Show in Hudson, Ia

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Goodguy's Heartland Nationals in Des Moines

July 4, 5, 6<sup>th</sup> Vintage Torque Fest in Dubuque

July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Iola Swap Meet in Iola, Wisc.

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Gearhead Fest in Davenport

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> All Mopar Car Show in Dubuque.

September 6<sup>th</sup>. Cruzin for Camp Courageous

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show in Hopkinton

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> AACA Hershey Fall Meet in Hershey, Penn.

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## **2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR**

### **Upcoming Events July 2020**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha. Starts at 4 pm. Bring 2 sides to share and your own drinks. July AACA club meeting will also be held during the picnic.**

**Social Night July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) at Odies in Ely at 6:00 PM. All you can eat shrimp!**

**Ladies Luncheon July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM at Ox Yoke in Amana. Followed by shopping in Amana.**

**Board meeting–July 21<sup>st</sup> at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill at 6:30 PM.**

### **Upcoming Events August 2020**

**AACA club meeting program on August 6<sup>th</sup>. “History of the AACA” by Lee Votroubek.**

**Social Night Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> at Culver’s in Marion at 6:00 PM**

**Ladies Luncheon Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in Manchester at Betty’s Bread Basket at 11:30 AM. Meet at Sylvia’s house at 10:45. Shop Manchester.**

**Board meeting–Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at Scott’s at 6:30 PM**

### **Upcoming Events September 2020**

**AACA Club meeting on September 3. Ken Allers, Community Programs Manager from Cedar Valley Humane Society.**

**Social Night Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) at Kava House in Swisher at 6:00 PM.**

**Ladies Luncheon on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Midtown Station located at 715 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE with tour of African American Museum.**

**Board meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill.**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR (Continued)

## Upcoming Events for October 2020

**Swap Meet Set Up–October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Central City Fair Grounds.**

**Swap Meet October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Social Night–October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM Parlor City Pub & Brewery located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE.**

**AACA Club meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 7 pm. Linn County Historical Society “History of Lincoln Highway”**

**Ladies Luncheon on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher.**

**Board Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Scott’s.**

**Tour of Elkader & Osborne Days. Dates TBD. Steve & Ann Brown as leaders.**

## Upcoming Events November 2020

**AACA Club meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Program Kirkwood Scholarship Students.**

**Social Night November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Olive Garden.**

**Ladies Luncheon on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Cheddars.**

**Board meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill.**

## Upcoming Events December 2020

**AACA Club Christmas party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time TBD.**

**Social night–December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Bushwood.**

**Ladies Luncheon December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Kirkwood Class Act. White elephant gift exchange.**

**Board Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Scott’s.**

## Treats Schedule for 2020

August 6<sup>th</sup>-Tom & Joan Auterman/Ken & Judy Robertson

September 3<sup>rd</sup>- Dan & Judy Ortz/Neil & Karen Rohlena

October 5<sup>th</sup>- John & Barb Maxwell

November 5<sup>th</sup>-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt

## Joke of the Month

A State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself this driver is just dangerous as a speeder! So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car he noticed that there are four old ladies-the 3 passengers are wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver obviously confused., says to him “Officer, I don’t understand. I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?”

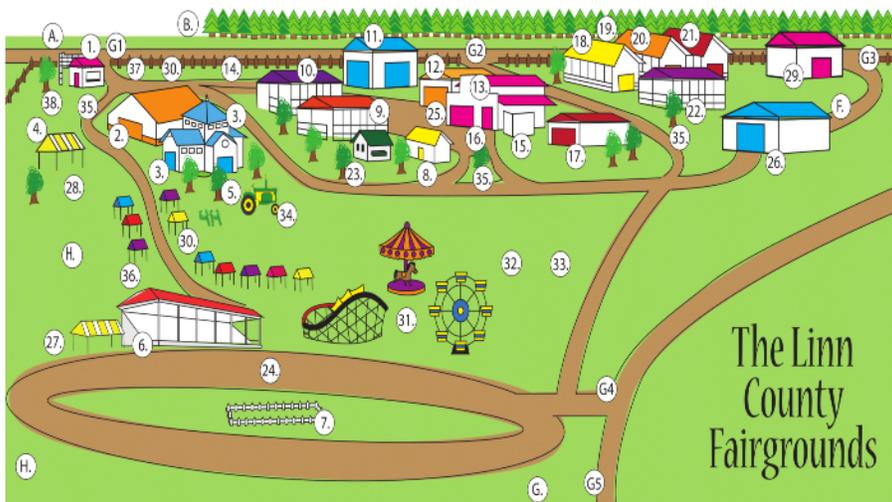
The officer replies “Ma’am you weren’t speeding, but you should know that driving much slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.”

“Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly....Twenty two mph” The old woman says pointing to a sign next to the road.

The State Police Officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that the sign was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

“But before I let you go, Ma’am, I have to ask. Is everyone in this car ok? Your passengers seem awfully shaken and they haven’t muttered a single peep this whole time.

“Oh, they’ll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119.”



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Gate Building - Entrance           | 14. AG-ucation Zone               | 27. Coors Light Pavilion                     | 38. The Old West Area  |
| 2. LDM Building, Rest Rooms & Kitchen | 15. Men's Rest Room               | 28. First Aid Station                        | <b>Parking Lots:</b>   |
| 3. Garden Building                    | 16. Fair Maintenance Center       | 29. Conservation Building                    | A. Handicap Parking  |
| 4. Farm Bureau Pavilion               | 17. Small Animal Building         | Bathrooms & Showers                          | B. General Parking   |
| 5. Gazebo                             | 18. Sheep & Swine Barns           | 30. Vendor Area                              | F. Fair Parking  |
| 6. Grand Stand & Rest Rooms           | 19. Sheep & Swine Scales          | 31. Carnival Area                            | G. General & Trailer Parking   |
| 7. Horse & Pony Arena                 | 20. Sheep & Swine Barns           | 32. Grounds Entertainment                    | H. Staff & Camping Parking   |
| 8. Block Building & Women's Rest Room | 21. Sheep & Swine Barns           | 33. Grounds Entertainment                    | <b>Gates:</b>  |
| 9. Cattle Show Ring                   | 22. Sheep, Swine & Goat Show Ring | 34. Antique Tractors & Large Vehicle Display | G1. Main Gate  |
| 10. Beef Barn                         | 23. Youth Council Booth           | 35. Information Booth                        | G2. Exit Only  |
| 11. Cock-A-Doodle Zoo & Sand Box      | 24. Race Track                    | 36. Hospitality Tent                         | G3. Fair Board & Security  |
| 12. Beef Cow & Calf Barn              | 25. Cattle Wash Rack              | 37. Fair Store                               | G4. Race Track & Horse Arena   |
| 13. Cargill Dairy Barn                | 26. Indoor Arena                  |  | G5. Entrance to Camping Parking, backside of track (no parking Sunday 10am thru 3pm) |

**AACA Swap Meet October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Set up at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City is expected to start Thursday October 2nd late afternoon or evening. This way there will be more time to make changes and adjustments. This is a larger area to mark out and it will be the first time. We will have to get stuff from the shed. We can use all AACA members help, as well as, Model A members help, so volunteer if you can.

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## TRIVIA ANSWER

*The first auto insurance policy is purchased in Westfield, MA in 1897*

### JON'S CORNER

1. The Dartmobile was produced in 1922 in Waterloo, IA.
2. The Eiffel Tower in Paris was the tallest structure in the world in 1909.
3. James Watt invented the measure of horsepower.



**MY FIRST CAR**

Yeah, it was used & kinda old  
but at least the brakes worked.

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**July 2020 Moto Meter**