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President's Message

Hi Again to all You Great Ole Car Folks In the CR Area! You Are An Awesome Group Who have Had A Busy Car Year So Far! We started Off with a really Great Tour to Pontiac Ill & R66. It's hard to believe We Have so many interesting things to see & do - so close! Thanks to Neil R & all who helped. We, again, had a good monthly meeting & would like to see more of you great folks show up for the Fun!!

In case you are getting tired of Cars & Motorcycles I thought I'd tell you about My Grandfathers IH F12. When my Dad & Uncle moved on to Farm away from the home place My Grandfather decided he needed a tractor – just in case! Since his bad experience with the John Deere Waterloo Boy in the 20s he had stayed away from ALL green tractors & only had Red ones. In the late 30s He went to a local farm sale & considered Himself lucky to come away with a IH F12 with steel wheels so he didn't have to worry about tires. It didn't have any paint left but at least it should have been Red! He didn't use it very much unless he needed to pull some one out of the mud on the road or move logs or such. He ran it about once a month to keep it going. Since it had always sat outside, he considered that good enough. The crank always hung on the tractor so anyone could come along a start her. Then one spring day Someone got stuck & Grandpa was not at home to pull them out. Well that Guy saw the F12 & he started it, used it, & parked it back in the yard. Grandpa was so mad he moved the crank into the house so no one could take it without His permission.

After I was about 5 I fell in love with the ole girl & didn't consider it was a trip to the farm unless I got a ride on it. When I got to about 12 (I had been driving our farm tractors since I was 9) Grandpa finally let me drive it around the farm, but not on the road. That was always a highlight of the visit for many years! When my grandpa passed when I was a senior at Iowa State, strangely, I was the only family member that had any interest in the F12. I was given the tractor & all the ole horse machinery in the weeds. I did manage to borrow a farm 2 wheel trailer to pull behind our '41 Chev pickup so I could get all my treasures back to our farm by Western. Of course, I still have it and the machinery & I need to think about getting it going again so the Grandkids can learn to enjoy it as I did?

See You in July! Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What automobile was the first to offer power steering?**
- 2. When were 4-wheel brakes introduced on the Corvette?**
- 3. What person successfully challenged the "Selden Patent"?**

Answers on page 7

June 13th 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha.

Meeting called to order by President John Williams. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: None

BIRTHDAYS: Frank Reynolds, Calvin Reiling, Steve Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: Neil & Karen Rohlena 63 years, Dan & Judy Ortz, Harry & Jane Hawley

ILLNESSES: Larry Beatty reported that John Maxwell is going to Iowa city for Platelets. They have tried Chemo and Radiation so this is the next treatment they are going to try.

DEATHS: None reported

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the May 9th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Jack Harville and 2nd by Dan Ortz.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Cople. Motion at approve was made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Al Meeker.

CORRESPONDENCE: A card was passed around for everyone to sign for John Maxwell.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Several members reported on the Twin Rivers tour. They all had a great time and commented on how Neil always finds so many new things to do every time you return to already toured places. Sherry Melvin is setting up a one day tour to Wyoming Iowa September 9th to see a Doctors House, a Museum and an old Hotel with rooms for guests having different themes. We would leave Kwik Star by Culvers on Hwy 13, probably at 8:30AM. She will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: We were asked if we would bring our cars to the Views Nursing Home on June 22nd from 4:00PM-6:00PM. The Emery Place in Robins also would like us to come. We will discuss dates with them and bring them back to the club meeting next month.

We have flyers from Bass Family Farms to let people know about our car show on July 29th from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Sharon will have them again at the July meeting. Please take some and help hand them out so we have a great turn out.

SWAP MEET: Jack Harville had sign up sheets for workers at the Swap Meet and encouraged the members to take flyers to any show or business that we are going to and pass them out. We really need to work at getting the word out.

4TH OF JULY: We have the Ely Pavilion reserved. Social hour is 3:00PM Eat at 4:00PM. The club will furnish the chicken and you need to bring your table service, drinks and 1 or 2 dishes for everyone to enjoy.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Frank Reynolds

Treats were provided by Calvin & Carolyn Reiling

Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10th for the Moto Meter

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

TREAT SCHEDULE

July - John & Agnes Williams

Aug - Jack & Kathi Harville

Sept. - Dan & Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

Oct. - Tom & Jackie Oliver

JOKE OF THE MONTH

I was waiting for a green light when I saw an elderly woman walking with a small child. The excited young girl was walking slightly faster than the old lady, so the woman yelled "Degree! Wait for me!"

Intrigued by such a unique name I got out of the car and asked why she called the girl Degree.

She said "Well I sent her mother to college to get an education and she came home with this instead."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events July 2023

July 4th -Picnic in Ely. Bring 1 side dish per person, drinks, & table service. Social 3 pm- eat at 4 pm. Meat will be furnished.

July 4th-Freedom Festival Car Show at Kingston Stadium. Registration 8 - 9 am

July 11th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

July 18th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

July 19th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Starlite-3300 1st Ave NE/CR

July 20th Youngville Car Show from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Lunch will be available for purchase. Sign up sheet at July mtg./If you can't make the meeting to sign up please call Larry Beatty at (319) 981-6338. They are opening just for us on this day so let's support them!

July 28th Chelsea Car Show from 3 - 8 pm. \$10 registration fee

July 29th-Bass Farms Car Show from 10 am - 2 pm at 840 Bass Lane/Mt. Vernon (across from Palisades Park)

CR AREA THURSDAY OUTDOOR CRUISE NIGHTS-MEETING TIME 5:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)

July 6th Palo Green Space at Main & Iowa St (behind the old bank), Palo

July 13th Lutheran Church Resurrection-3500 29th Ave, Marion

July 20th Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, CR

July 27th Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, CR

Upcoming Events August 2023

Aug. 5th Dale Benskin Memorial at 10 am at Laurel Church on Hwy. 14

Aug. 5th Lawn Party at Neil Rohlena's. Social at 3 pm-eat at 5 pm. Bring table service, lawn chairs, drinks, & 1 side dish per person. Meat will be furnished.

Aug. 8th-AACA Club Meeting at 7 pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha

Aug. 15th-Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Aug. 16th-Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am at Sally's in Springville.

Aug. 26th Coggon Harvest Home. Breakfast at 8 am at the Legion, Craft & Vendor Show at Coggon Center from 10 am - 3 pm, Parade at 11 am (looking for antique cars to participate), Pie on the Porch at Clemons House Museum from noon until gone, Cake Walk at 3 pm, Variety of food trucks in town.

SWAP MEET

Will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Sign up sheets to help at swap meet will be at the club meetings. If you can't make the meetings, call Jack Harville at (319) 270-6042. We need everyone to help make this a success!

Twin Rivers Trip to Pontiac, Ill June 3-7



Murals in Pontiac, Ill.



Sherry & her car at Rte 66 sign



1954 Star Chief Eight Convertible at Pontiac Oakland Museum



Driving Rte 66 on Memory Lane in Lexington, Ill.



Elephant in Lexington, Ill.



Elvis Statue at Polka Dot Drive In at Braidwood, Ill.



The Shop in Gardner, Ill.



Calvin in the old Gardner, Ill. Jail

Twin Rivers Trip cont'd.



Rte 66 Service Station in Dwight, Ill.




John Williams on 1914 Model T Fire Engine at Rte 66 Station in Dwight, Ill.

CARS FOR SALE

1. 1956 4 door Chevy BelAire. Power steering, power brakes, air conditioning. Good touring car. Contact Joan Auterman at (319) 846-8048.
2. 1969 Camaro-Dusk Blue, 4 speed. Contact Dean Kiefer at (319) 393-2416.
3. 1954 Packard Clipper Hardtop & 1954 Packard Convertible. Contact Carl Ohrt at (319) 210-0916.
4. 1963 Ford Fairlane-completely restored. Contact Marge Reynolds at (319) 573-6348.

Please read the Amended By-Laws insert approved by the Board on June 20, 2023. They will be voted on at the July 11th club meeting.

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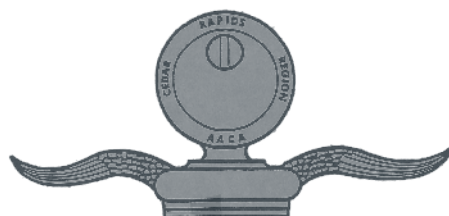
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Cadillac was the first automobile to offer power steering in 1954.
2. Four wheel brakes were introduced on the Corvette in 1965.
3. Henry Ford successfully challenged the "Selden Patent".



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