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President's Message

Hi again to all you wonderful Ole Car Folks in the CR area! Not too much going on this month, but we did have a good meeting & now we are getting closer to spring when we can do car stuff again! I'm stuck in Michigan in the aftermath of a blizzard with ice after. Like in Iowa I can't even go outside or might fall & hurt myself! I'm not sure what I've rambled on about so I think I'll relate some more about the families first Real Motorcycle – the '47 Indian Chief.

After several years with the Alstate (from Sears) 125 Puch (made in Austria) Everett & I were ready for something bigger and had been trying to talk Dad into a real motorcycle. One summer day we noticed a '47 Indian 80 for sale in Norway not many miles away. It took lots of persuasion but Dad finally agreed to take us over to look. When we got there the old Indian was parked in front of the house ready to go! Neither Everett (in high school) or certainly me (in Jr High) were qualified to take it for a test ride as we had only ridden that little Alstate with me on the farm & Everett on the gravel roads. Well we were lucky because Dad had been around such machines that his friends had. The guy showed Dad how it worked & sent him down the road for a trial run. That went very well and I think Dad even enjoyed it & was kinda glad we were interested in such farm impractical things? Dad Drove it back to the farm & gave Everett his first lesson. After that it was very difficult to get him off of the Indian! My only enjoyment was to sit behind Dad on the buddy seat & go for a ride before evening chores started. It was still great fun & made me dream of when I could take it for a run myself. That old bike was used a lot and proved to be very reliable. After quite a while & many miles Everett decided it was tired & needed a rebuild. Dad was an excellent mechanic and very resourceful, but He decided he would need help. His good friend was the main local mechanic & had a shop in Fairfax & offered to help us as we needed it. Dad & Everett drove it to Fairfax & tore into it. It was smoking & used oil so they decided it needed pistons & a valve job at a min & a valve job while at it. I think they ended up using Ford tractor pistons that fit right in. Everett had located a shop manual & gaskets from Pazor the local dealer in CR. After they put it together it started right up & was ready for several years of dependable fun driving. I never got to run it much before it gave several more challenges that Everett had to take care of & I'll go into those later! See You in March! Your President John L Williams

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year did Model T Fords use electric headlights?**
- 2. In what year was the last Brush automobile produced?**
- 3. In what year was the first Chrysler Airflow produced?**

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February 14th, 2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

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

VISITORS: Ron Schintler- He told us of a few of his large collection of vehicles.

BIRTHDAYS: Clyde Melvin & Dorothy Ackermann

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ILLNESSES: Sam Shannon will be having work done on both eyes, he now has extra help. Carl Ohrt fell, hit his head and passed out for 9 hours. He had his license taken away from him. His cousin has been taking him around when he needs to. Buce Platteter, a former member, moved to a Memory Care Facility. Jack Harville will be having triple by-pass surgery and will be in Intensive care for 3 days. He said he is still planning on heading the Fall Swap Meet.

DEATH: None

SPEAKER: None- Jon Reynolds told us a Valentine Day story about his father which ended up with his father going to pick up a body for a funeral home and when he got there was really surprised because he was at the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Jon's father was known for running a funeral home. What a way to start your career.

NEW MEMBER: Ron Schintler joined tonight.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the January 10th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Harry Hawley.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copley. Motion to approve was made by Sue Melvin and 2nd by Joan Kiefer.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena reported on the June 3rd Twin Rivers Tour to Pontiac, Illinois. It will be a 5 day tour leaving at 8:00 A.M. Saturday. Neil now has the dates of the Model A tours so we can plan around them. The Lawn Party is scheduled for August 6th at Neil Rohlena's.

Rich Mishler told us that the Czech Museum is hosting a Wood Carving show on March 4th and 5th from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Sherry Wilcox will be set up there. Jon Reynolds was wondering if any of the members were interested in going to Arsenal Island on the Mississippi in Rock Island, Ill. It would be an overnight tour. They have the best collection of Military weapons. He said it is a real impressive collection.

SPRING BANQUET: Is scheduled for April 29th at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana. It will be a 2 meat menu of Chicken and Beef. Served family style with salads, vegetables and pie. The club will pay \$5.00 towards the meal for our members.

GARAGE TOUR: John Williams will set up a tour at Sam Shannon's and Rich Mishler's. They are planning it for April 1st if it is alright with Sam and Rich.

We have 3 more free memberships from the National to give out for this year.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Reynolds 2nd by Jim Smith

Treats were provided by Dean & Joan Kiefer, Barb Miller and Harry & Jane Hawley

Please have your articles to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th for the Motor Meter.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting if you are interested in the tour to see Sam Shannon's & Rich Mishler's collections on Saturday, April 1st.

If you won't be at the March meeting, please call Judy Ortz at (319) 366-3142 to sign up & get the information about the itinerary for the day.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2023 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events March 2023

AACA Club Meeting Mar. 14th at 7pm at El Kahir Shrine-905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. Speaker: Todd Schminke on Converting a lawn mower into an enclosed snow remover

Board Meeting Mar. 21st at 6pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Ladies Luncheon Mar. 22nd at 11:30 am at Irish Democrat-3207 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids

Upcoming Events April 2023

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

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

Ladies Luncheon Apr. 19th at 11:30 am at Bluebird Cafe-112 E Main St, Solon

TREAT SCHEDULE

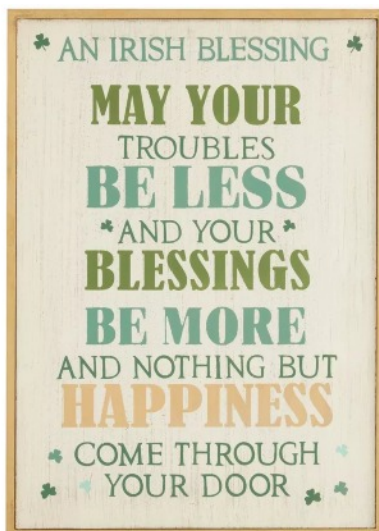
March - Steve Brown

April - Clyde, Sue, Sherry Melvin

May - Vern & Martha Travis

June - Calvin Reiling

July - John & Agnes Williams





SWAP MEET and

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IN A VACUUM

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night... It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was: "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked "Is it on or off?"

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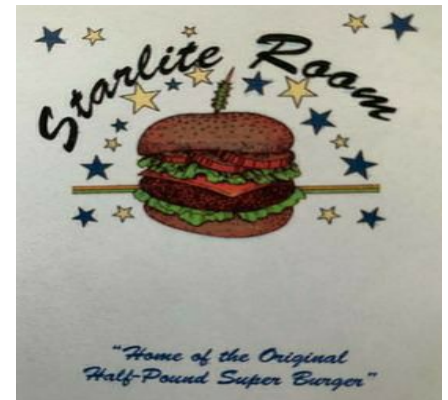
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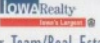
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Jon's Corner Answers

1. Model T Fords first used electric headlights in 1915.
2. The last Brush automobile was produced in 1912.
3. Chrysler offered the Airflow first in 1934.

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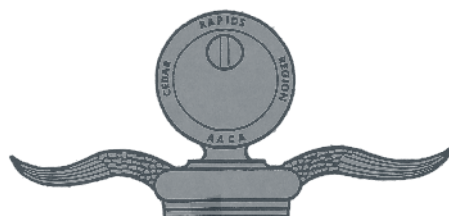
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This poem brings back a blast from the past:

“As I lay rubber down the street, I pray for traction I can keep, but if I spin and begin to slide protect my sweet ride.”

Amen

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