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Judy Ortz

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the first use of metallic paint?
- 2. In what year was chrome plating first used and on what make of automobile?
- 3. In what year was the first use of Phillips head (cross head) screws?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

I'm here again to write a message to our club members. I sympathize with you having to read another "Judy" byline!! When I was trying to figure out what to write about, I remembered in school that teachers would tell us to write about something we liked or knew about. Sooo . . . I'm a reader and I thought about cars in books. Google is something, isn't it! I looked under fiction books and cars, and found quite a bit. I have used some of the information I found, but no direct quotes. One of the first cars featured in a book was a 1908 Model T and the book was The Wind in the Willows. There is a special car in The Great Gatsby, a 1928 Rolls Royce. I haven't seen or read The Harry Potter series but there is a car called the flying Ford Anglia. I have only heard of the book called On the Road/Jack Kerouac about traveling across the country in different cars including a 1949 Hudson Commodore, 1947 Cadillac Limousine and a 1937 Ford Sedan (good ole Ford). I always look for cars that were from the year I was born (1947). There are many scary cars

<u>Christine</u>, <u>From a Buick 8</u>, <u>Goosebumps</u>, <u>The Haunted Car</u> and more. Not my favorite kind of books.

Now a couple cars I know about are featured in the films "Back To The Future" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Did you know that Ian Fleming of James Bond fame wrote the book, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang? I don't know if the movies, "Love Bug" or "Cars" came from books, but they are very popular.

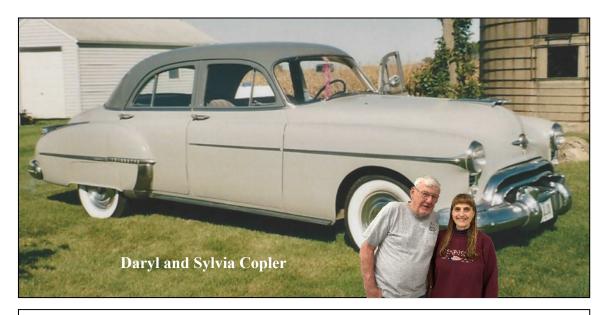
When I'm reading a book, the author sometimes will describe the car or make a comment about the car. As I was thinking back over the many mysteries I have read, I remember the descriptions of cars in the books. The articles that I read on Google talked about how cars have been used to define a character. Imagine if you will, James Bond stepping out of a Ford Five Hundred instead of a Bentley or Porsche! Makes sense!!

Now I'll have to start thinking about next month. Hope you're all well.

Have a good month!!

Co-president Judy Ortz

mentioned in books such as



1950 Oldsmobile Futuramic 88

My son, Steve, heard from a friend about someone in Oelwein, Iowa, that had a 1950 Oldsmobile four door sedan for sale. His friend's father had bought the car new. My mother had a 1950 Olds when I was growing up and I wanted to buy one. Steve and I went to Oelwein twice to look at the car and on the third trip I took Sylvia with me to see it. It was in really good condition, so we bought it. We have done a few things since we bought it--re-chromed the rear bumper, rebuilt the speedometer, new tires and replaced the interior. We have taken it on a couple of Motor Ioway tours and really enjoyed the car. However. . . I am always the designated driver since it does not have power steering.

The Rocket 88 vaulted Oldsmobile to a performer that became the one to beat on the NASCAR circuit. It won six of nine NASCAR late-model division races in 1949, 10 of 19 in 1950, and 20 of 41 in 1952.

The 88 inspired a popular 1950's slogan "Make a Date with a Rocket 88". There was a rhythm and blues song "Rocket 88" recorded in March 1951 that hit number one on the R & B charts.

Starting with the trunk lid emblem of the 1950 model, Oldsmobile would adopt the Rocket as its logo and the 88 name would remain in the Olds lineup until the late 1990's.

CAR SPECIFICATION

1950 Oldsmobile Futuramic 88

Weight 3.600 pounds

Engine size 303.7 ci

HP 135 @ 3600 RPM

Compression 7.25:1

Transmission Hydromatic

Color Gray MPG 14

Original Price \$2000

ULTIMATE MYSTERY



What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?

Answer is somewhere hidden in the MM.

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Metallic paint was first applied on automobiles November 1, 1927.
- 2. Chrome plating was first used on Oldsmobile in 1925 and most other makes in 1928.
- 3. Phillips head (cross head) screws were introduced on automobiles in 1935.

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HISTORICAL VEHICLE



1907 Locomobile Type E Touring

The Locomobile Company of America was founded in 1899 by John B. Walker and Amiz L. Barber at Watertown, Massachusetts, using plans for an early steam-powered vehicle produced by Francis and Freelan Stanley. Their partnership lasted just a fortnight, and Barber moved Locomobile to Bridgeport, Connecticut with the Stanley brothers as general managers. Locomobile began by producing steam cars with a single body style only, an inexpensive runabout at \$600. Salesmen, doctors, and people needing quick mobility found them useful. More than 4000 were built between 1899 and 1902 alone. Locomobile started experimenting with gasoline internal combustion engines in 1902, starting with a four-cylinder steelchassis model designed by Andrew L. Riker. This encouraged the firm to drop steam vehicles the following year. Locomobile soon became known for well-built and speedy luxury cars. The most important model for the marque became the impressive Model 48. Introduced in 1919, it had a very conservative, perhaps dated, concept. It had a conventional but huge chassis with a wheelbase of 142 in. Its engine was a straight six with side valves; cylinders were still cast in pairs and it featured a non-removable cylinder head. Displacement was 525 cubic inches, producing 48.6 horsepower. Quality of materials and workmanship were impeccable and among the best in the world. A typical open-body Model 48 cost about \$10,000. In 1922, Locomobile was acquired by Durant Motors, which continued using the Locomobile brand name for their top-of-the-line autos until 1929. In 1925, the marque brought out the 8-66 Junior Eight, with a more contemporary straight eight-cylinder engine, and more importantly, a lower price of \$1,785. Locomobile died when its parent company, Durant Motors, failed in 1929.

> Keith & Eileen Goldsmith Justine & Patty Wells Owner's Manual March

REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

February 2, 2017 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The February meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center. Dean Bowers was a guest last month, but a new member this month. Carl Ohrt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Ortz presided over the meeting. February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Pete Jurgens made a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as published in the Moto Meter with a second from Jan Wenger. Motion was approved.

Sylvia Copler read the Treasurer's Report. Pete Bischoff made a motion to approve the Report with a second from Barb Miller. Motion was approved.

Judy Ortz's stepmother passed away this last month. Shirley Shannon is having health issues; she is weak and losing weight. The doctors cannot find the right medicine for the blood disease she has. Today she went to Mayo for testing. There was no word on Carolyn Sweet regarding her hip surgery. David Juby is still dealing with his illness. He has a sore on his foot that needs to heal. He enjoys all the cards and calls he has received; and he likes visitors when he is up to it.

Karen Rohlena said she had talked to Irene Edgar. She said she was doing well although she is weak. She is driving again. She said she misses everyone and she loves getting the Moto Meter.

With this being said Judy Ortz said she had talked to Copy Works about the cost to get extra black and white copies made to send to the few older past members who would appreciate getting a newsletter. She said it would cost \$1.36 per issue plus postage. She is willing to mail them out, but wanted to get approval of the Club first. After some discussion Ron Aschbrenner made a motion that the Club pay for black and white copies and postage to be sent to these past members. Larry Beatty made a second to the motion. Motion was approved. Judy will call to see who wants to receive a copy and let us know next month how many do.

We may need someone to help with flowers since Shirley Shannon is dealing with illness and Carolyn will be or has had hip surgery. This needs to be checked out.

Jan Wenger, Dean Kiefer and Larry Beatty met with Sylvia Copler and Sharon Schminke to audit the books. They submitted a report stating the documents were in order, complete and easy to follow. A suggestion was made to give receipts when a member pays with cash. Sylvia now has a receipt book for this purpose.

The Lions Club has asked club members to bring cars older than 1929 to the Marriott on June 3 for their centennial celebration. Judy will put more information in the Moto Meter.

Karen Rohlena reported the spring banquet will be April 22 at the Amana Brewhouse (formerly Old Colony Inn). Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m.; we will eat at 6:00 p.m. and entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m. Two meats are offered, you will need to pick one on the registration form, which will be in next month's newsletter. Deadline to sign up is April 8.

Judy reported she had reserved the pavilion for the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast for May 14. She paid \$140, but we will get \$60 back if we leave it in good condition. Paul Kumley has agreed to head this up. He will order supplies but needs some manpower for the grill.

Judy next asked about the 4th of July picnic. She wondered who reserves the pavilion. Sam Shannon usually takes care of this, sometimes he reserves it a year in advance. Someone should check with him to see if this has been done or not.

Sylvia Copler and Jan Wenger met with Pete Jurgens and his friend, Brian, who has been helping us with our website. Sylvia is agreeable to helping, but she can't write programs. We have a contract with Go Daddy now. The website renewal is in Brian's name and is good through November, 2017, but he is interested in getting away from this but is willing to help us get it going. Judy Ortz said she had heard some colleges, like Mt. Mercy, have a group that helps non-profit organizations set up websites. It was suggested we check into this. We need someone who has time and is willing to learn about websites. Brenda Judy reported Dave Judy has been doing some research into this, and plans to continue to do more research. If we want to keep going as a growing club and want to attract more members a website can prove very valuable. It was agreed to put this on hold for another month so the Board can check into some of these options.

Barb Miller reported on the Volo bus trip for April 28-29. 31 couples have signed up. There is room for two more couples.

(Minutes Continued)

Brenda Judy reported she needs more cars to highlight in the Moto Meter. She did not have one this month. Last month was a fiasco with printing the newsletter. It was Copy Works fault so they reprinted and remailed the newsletter at their expense. Judy brought up the matter of insurance coverage for the club. She could not determine if it had been paid since last year. She will call the National and J.C. Taylor to see where we stand with coverage. Jim Smith said the Model A Club had gotten their own insurance policy from Sheets Draper instead of getting coverage from their National and got a lot more coverage for a lot less.

Judy then asked for volunteers to plan monthly day or overnight trips. She suggested that we have a non-refundable registration fee because it helps to have an accurate count and requires a commitment. Paul Kumley agreed to planning a trip. If you want to be involved in planning a trip, please give Judy a call.

Cruise Night is Monday, February 6 at Tanners at 6:00 p.m.

The "Teddy Bear" auction will be held at the April meeting. Carl Ohrt has agreed to be the auctioneer. We will be auctioning off baked goods again this year.

The Roster should be ready to hand out at next month's meeting.

The Board recommended that if there is bad weather and the Cedar Rapids Schools cancel school the day of a meeting, our meeting will be canceled also.

For our July 6 meeting we have invited several car clubs to join us out in the parking lot at 6:30 p.m. The Dairy Queen is next door and we hope to have some members bring some goodies to share.

Neil Rohlena reported that the hotel had been changed for the Twin River Tour. He passed out new information sheets. Reserve the hotel room early as there is only 28 rooms available.

Judy thanked Ray Warren and Ron and Shirley Aschbrenner for bringing treats.

Pete Bischoff conducted buy, sell or trade.

Pete Jurgens made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Carl Ohrt. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bischoff, Secretary

CIVIL WAR DRIVING TOUR IN MARYLAND (CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

Last month, I wrote about a Civil War tour in Maryland that I took. I am concluding the article this month. Another official Maryland Civil War Trail, "Gettysburg Campaign: Invasion and Retreat" follows the troop movements through the area of Westminster. The town now has art galleries and boutiques. During the Civil War, Capt Charles Corbit and his band of Union soldiers delayed Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry long enough to make it ineffective for most of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. A Civil War re-enactment takes place each July at the Union Mills Homestead. The Confederate cavalry camped here en-route to Gettysburg followed later by the Union soldiers.

Another stop was the Baltimore B&O Railroad Museum that displays the largest collection of Civil War railroad equipment in the world and offers a narrated train ride to the Mount Clare Mansion Museum. This museum occupies the former site of the largest Union encampment in the city. Civil War exhibits and activities are available at the Maryland Historical Society museum and Sports Legends at Camden Yards (housed in the Camden Train Station). President Street Station tells the story of the April 1861 riots resulting from Southern sympathizers harassing Union troops marching between this station and the one at Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles. The USS Constellation, the last all-sail warship built by the US Navy is housed on the inner Harbor waterfront. It participated in the blockade of Southern ports during the war. Near Washington, DC, a national historic site in Glen Echo honors the "Angel of the Battlefield," Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. She tended to wounded soldiers following the Baltimore riot in April 1861. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 11)

CRRAACA 2017 Spring Banquet

The Cedar Rapids Region AACA Banquet will be Saturday

<u>April 22, 2017</u> In Amana at the old Colony Inn (741 47th Ave) down the street by the Millstream Brewery. The Colony Restaurant is turned into the Brau Haus that is owned by the Millstream Brewery

Cost will be \$20.00 minus \$5.00 Club Donation equals \$15.00 for each AACA member. Each non-member guest is \$.20.00

Social hour with cash bar starts at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

(Registration Deadline is Saturday April 8, 2017).

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA MUST be sent to Jerolee Stout 4315 V Street, Homestead, Iowa 52236 (319) 622-3629 by deadline of Saturday April 8.

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CRRAACA 2017 Spring Banquet Registration Deadline is Saturday April 8, 2015.

	PICK ONE PER PERSON Chicken Schnitzel over Noodles Dinner
	Grilled Pork Tenderloin Dinner
	No. of Club Members $x $15.00 = $
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Belles on Wheels

March 17 marks St Patrick's Day, celebrated by people all around the world. In Ireland, it has always been a religious holiday but today is also celebrated as Ireland's national holiday. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and March 17 marks the date that he died in 461 AD. St Patrick wasn't actually Irish--he came to Ireland as a 16-year old boy who had been kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. He spent 6 years there working as a shepherd and during this time had a religious conversion. According to his writings, he was told by God to flee to the coast where a ship would take him home. After getting home to Wales, he became a priest. He later returned to Ireland to covert the pagan Irish to Christianity. Tradition says that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, but this is more an allegory to tell of his efforts against the druids. Ireland doesn't have snakes. St Patrick's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation so Christians in Ireland attend church.

In America and other locations, people wear green ("wearing of the green") to indicate that they are Irish (or in my case, to avoid being pinched!), but since most people in Ireland are of Irish descent, it's not as big a thing. Irish wear shamrocks to church to symbolize the teaching of St Patrick on the Holy Trinity. After church, they head home to enjoy a large roast for dinner.

Americans and Canadians enjoy green beer, but you might be surprised to find a pub in Ireland that serves green beer. This isn't a tradition in Ireland, unless you go to Dublin where a few pubs might serve it for the tourists. It wasn't until the late 1970's that Irish law even permitted pubs to open their doors on March 17. The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

Americans think that St Patrick's Day and parades go hand-in-hand, but that has been more of an American custom than Irish. The first St Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762 and is now the largest and longest in the world. Each year, parades around the world attract millions of people, but it wasn't until 1995 that the Irish government started holding parades in Dublin to boost tourism. That parade eventually became a

4-5 day festival with events including art shows, plays, concerts, fun fairs and the main parade.

Cities here in the US celebrate St Patrick's Day in many different ways. In Cedar Rapids, we have the annual SaPaDaPaSo Parade beginning at 1:00 in downtown Cedar Rapids. WMT radio announcer, Dick Hardiman, reported on August 30, 1975, that there were only 200 days to St Patrick's Day. As an early morning talk show host, he began getting phone calls about the possibility of having a parade and our tradition was born. The first parade in 1976 lasted four minutes and was a block and a half long. The following year, Dick again began getting phone calls and that year the parade was twice as long. Eventually a group was formed to keep the tradition going and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Society was begun one evening in 1977. The name SaPaDaPaSo was coined by taking the first two letters of the group's new name. Since 1978, this organization has sponsored every parade on March 17th--rain or shine, snow or sleet. Hope to see you at the SaPaDaPaSo parade this year!

Here's a quick recipe for "Wearing o' Green Cake" that you might enjoy instead of green beer:

Cake:

1 pkg white cake mix (regular size) 2 pkgs (3 oz each) lime Jello 1 cup boiling water 1/2 cup cold water

Topping:

1 c cold milk

1 pkg (3.4 oz) instant vanilla pudding mix 1 carton (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed Green sprinkles

Directions:

- 1. Prepare and bake cake according to package directions, using a greased 9x13 in. baking dish. Cool on a wire rack 1 hour. In a small bowl, dissolve Jello in boiling water; stir in cold water and set aside (don't refrigerate).
- 2. With a meat fork or wooden skewer poke holes about 2 in. apart into cooled cake. Slowly pour Jello over cake. Cover and refrigerate.
- 3. In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix 2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Fold in whipped topping. Spread over cake. Decorate with sprinkles.

(This is the same as "poke cake" recipes, but this particular one came from Taste of Home).

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2017 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night

Business meeting

Board Meetings

January 9, 2017	Starlite
February 6, 2017	Tanner's
March 6, 2017	Wilson HY-
	Vee
April 10, 2017	DQ Hiawatha
May 8, 2017	Chrome
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June 5, 2017	Harvest Grain
July 10, 2017	TBD
August 7, 2017	TBD
September 11, 201	7 TBD
October 9, 2017	TBD
November 6, 2017	' TBD
December 11, 201	
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Social Night starts at 6:00 PM. When the weather is good, please drive your cars to social nights. The point of this activity is not only to eat together, but also to advertise the club and have people looking at and appreciating our older cars.

January 5, 2017
February 2, 2017
March 2, 2017
April 6, 2017
May 4, 2017
June 1, 2017
July TBD
August 3, 2017
September 7, 2017
October 5, 2017
November 2, 2017
December 7, 2017 - Christmas
Party
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All meetings will start at 7:00 PM -Hiawatha Com. Center

January 19, 2017	Scott's
February 16, 2017	16 th Ave
•	Grill
March 16, 2017	Capriottis
April 20, 2017	Zio's-
	Marion
May 18, 2017	Tommy's
June 15, 2017	Scott's
July 20, 2017	TBD
August 17, 2017	TBD
September 21, 201	
October 19, 2017	TBD
November 16, 2017	
December, 2017	No
	Meeting

All meetings will start at 6:00 PM

Special Events

February 9-11, 2017 - AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

May 11-13, 2017 - AACA Special Spring Meet, Auburn, IN

May 14, 2017 - CRRAACA Mother's Day Breakfast

June 15-17, 2017 - AACA Grand National Meet - KC Region, Independence, KS

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

August 17-19, 2017 - AACA Central Fall Meet -Mississippi Valley Region, Bettendorf, IA

September 17-22, 2017 - AAA Glidden Tour (AACA hosted), NE Region, Hastings, NE

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

2017 Treats Schedule

January –

February – Ray Warren

March - Brenda and David Juby

April - Kiefers, Jan Wenger

May - Schminkes and Ohrts

June - Shannons and Millards

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

Unsafe at any Speed

I found it interesting to read that Judy and Danny Ortz had a Corvair because the Corvair was the car that I learned to drive on. I remember going home most days from school and having my mom take me out on county roads around St John, KS, where I lived. Dad was busy working and he really didn't have the patience to deal with a new driver. Mom, on the other hand, loved spending time with her boys and taught us to drive and fish, among many other things. She had the patience of Job when it came to working with us, but she definitely would **not** have found my love for old cars to be necessary—she hated antiques because she'd grown up with "that old stuff" and wasn't interested in having it in her house. My dad, however, would have loved to have put together an old car from the ground up—he was a tinkerer and could make anything. I wish I could have shared this hobby with him.

As I have reminisced about the Corvair, I saw an article in the Spring 2017 Haggerty magazine that I found interesting that was written by Larry Webster. Ralph Nader wrote a book in 1965 called <u>Unsafe at Any Speed</u> in which Nader called the car "the one-car accident" due to a design flaw in the rear suspension which made the car likely to turn over when driven in abrupt maneuvers. Those could include avoiding a ball that suddenly rolled into the street. He is credited with killing Chevy's small car. Longtime Car and Driver columnist, Brock Yates, lumped Nader into a group that he referred to as the "Safety Nazis." Nader's book helped usher in emission and safety regulations that restricted performance. Muscle cars of the 60's gave way to Pintos, Vegas and 55-mph speed limit in the 70's (though Brenda remembers hitting 90 mph in her family station wagon on I-35 trying to get back to campus in time for her job and this was in the 70's—the first and last time that she drove 90 mph!!).

The author of the article in Haggerty stated that he was surprised to find that the Corvair was only featured in one chapter of Nader's book. Nader also wrote about sharp knobs on dashboards, smog controls, the wisdom of seat belts, and many other things.

The Corvair was GM's attempt to anticipate the future with the compact car engineered to maintain interior space due to the air-cooled flat-six engine in the rear. GM was the undisputed king of carmakers and held over 50% of the US car market and with the addition of the Corvair's design was actually able to produce a compact car three years ahead of the Porsche 911. The design had flaws, though, because of the rear suspension. The author states that a pair of short half shafts connected the wheels to the frame-mounted differential. Wheels tilted at extreme angles since only the in-board ends of the shafts could articulate as the suspension compressed or extended. If a driver were to make an aggressive turn, the rear end tended to lose traction before the front which created fishtailing.

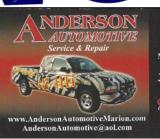
The problems with the Corvair that Nader found were not issues that I ever found to be true when I drove with my mom. Perhaps it was because I was learning to drive with mom in the passenger seat. Perhaps it was the county roads and having to drive at slower speeds. The suspension problems that Nader recognized on the Corvair were fixed on later models, but the fix came to late to save the Covair. The little car will always have a sweet spot in my heart—along with my Datsun 280Z that had to be traded when we had our first baby (no place for a car seat in a 280Z!).

Thanks for mentioning your Corvair, Judy. It provided some good memories. I hope that you and Danny will let us feature your car in a future Moto Meter.

excerpts from Hagerty (Spring 2017) Author Larry Webster excerpts by David Juby

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The Surratt House Museum, in Clinton, was the stop for John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in Ford's Theatre in April of 1815. Booth and his accomplice David Herold ducked in the Clinton-based tavern to retrieve guns and supplies that had been stashed there. Mary Surratt, who also ran a boarding house in Washington, was later hanged for her supposed role in the assassination plot. Guided tours of the house and tavern explore the story of the Lincoln conspiracy.

As Booth and Herold fled to the Potomac River and what they thought would be safety across the water in Virginia, they stopped in Waldorf at the home of an acquaintance, Dr Samuel Mudd. Dr Mudd, who may have been unaware of the assassination of Lincoln, treated Booth's broken leg before sending the two men on their way. Mudd served several years in prison but was pardoned in 1869 by President Andrew Johnson. The museum grounds including the 10 acre property in Waldorf include a gift shop, exhibit building and outbuildings.

The driving tour follows Booth's escape route that skirts Zekiah Swamp and enters Port Tobacco before the trail crossed over into Virginia, where Herold was captured and Booth killed by a federal soldier. Another significant Civil War site is found farther east along the Potomac River where Point Lookout State Park in Scotland includes a museum and monuments. It was the location of an overcrowded camp for 50,000 Confederate prisoners. It is famous for haunting's in and around the park-based lighthouse that have been reported for decades.

I hope that you enjoyed my Civil War driving tour in Maryland. See you on the back roads!

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