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TRIVIA QUESTION

What car has been often referred to as "the Rolls-Royce of Germany?"

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLING

I don't know about you but I am tired of shoveling snow and spreading ice melt! We're suffering from cabin fever at our house so Harry and I decided to venture out yesterday since the main roads were clear of ice and snow. We took county roads over to Maquoketa to do our first step of planning our June Maquoketa trip. We visited two wineries and bought two bottles of wine. Well, we need to support our Iowa entrepreneurs. One of the wineries was on a half mile of gravel road and owned by a doctor. The other was blacktop and owned by a former auto body mechanic. We decided on the blacktop winery and besides, they have homemade root beer for root beer floats and wine shakes!

Next, we visited the Timber City Trading Post for lunch. We were the only customers there, so enjoyed a visit with Sarahy (Sarah e), who is the sister of the owner. She told us about her resident ghost whom she has named Wendy. She is a friendly ghost as indicated from a customer who brought a ghost-detecting dog to the restaurant. The television show *Ghost Hunters* is planning to do a segment on Wendy the ghost. Sarahy is going to ask that they come when our Club is there for lunch on June 29. Wouldn't that be crazy fun if they were there???

I went to the Econolodge, looking for the elusive manager, who again wasn't there. I've called and left messages twice for him but he's never returned my calls. The young lady in charge told me he doesn't answer messages very well even when hotel staff calls him, and in her opinion he's not a very good manager. I think we'll look elsewhere for a place to stay. We are planning a second trip to Maquoketa with Sylvia and Daryl Copler and will stay at the Decker Hotel. I want to check out the restaurant to see if we want to have our Club dinner there on June 29th. Their rooms are a bit more expensive for our Club, but it would only be for the night of the 29th, so we'll consider it.

We still need to visit some of the museums and decide which ones to tour on our trip. This is so much fun planning this overnight trip! Here's to less snow and more motoring!

Your Pres, Jane



REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

February 7, 2019, CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

There are no minutes for the February club meeting because it was canceled due to weather conditions.



The Cedar Rapids Regional Club lost another long standing member in January. Doris Templer went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2019.

Our friend, with a smile and bright shining eyes who was always there to give a helping hand. Most car club members would recall after treats, she would make her rounds and ask if you were through with your cup or plate, and help clean up.

She had a special greeting with a hand shake, where she squeezed your hand three times with a gentle clasps, which she said it meant, "I LOVE YOU." Do you remember getting one?

At our picnics and holiday activities she was very happy to bring her fresh home made buns. She had a busy kitchen and loved the family cookie bake at Christmas time. Her family was her greatest happiness. Fred seldom came to club meeting without her and some of us will recall them singing and dancing together. How they loved music.

Doris was the "epitome of what a top-notch mother should be. We all loved you and will sorely miss your three squeeze handshake.

Your friend,

Barbara Waterhouse-Miller



The Ladies Luncheon

Jane Hawley, Joanne Kiefer, Sue Melvin, Shareen Melvin, Neil & Karen Rohlena, Judy Ortz, Sylvia Copler, and Virgil & Sharon Schminke attended the first ladies luncheon on February 14, 2019. They met at the Olive Garden with a lot of stories to share.

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am every 2nd Tuesday of the month, visiting a different restaurant each month. March 12, we will have lunch at the Class Act at the Kirkwood Hotel; April 9 will be at Bourbon Creek

Restaurant followed by a museum tour; and May 14 will be at the Farmer's Daughter.

Jane Hawley

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2019 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night

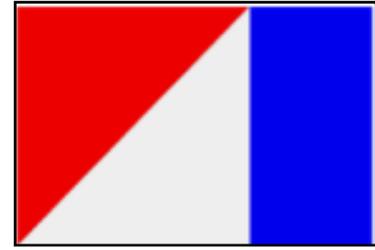
Business Meeting

Board Meetings

<p>March 7-Leonardos–Date Change</p> <p>April 8-Devine Decadance-109 Pearl Streety, Shellsburg</p> <p>May 6- Culvers Marion</p> <p>June 10-Fairfax DQ</p> <p>July 15-Hiawatha DQ</p> <p>August 5-Freddie’s near Wal-mart east</p> <p>September 9- Zio Johno's-K-mart west</p> <p>October 7 - Bandana's</p> <p>November 11-Fire House Subs-near Lindale</p> <p>December 9 - Big Daddy 16th Ave.</p>	<p>March 7</p> <p>April 4</p> <p>May 2</p> <p>June 6</p> <p>July 11</p> <p>August 1</p> <p>September 5</p> <p>October 3</p> <p>November 7</p> <p>December 5- Christmas party</p> <p>All meetings will start at 7:00 PM Hiawatha Com. Center</p>	<p>March 19 - Perkins 315 Collins Rd. NE</p> <p>April 16 - Tommy’s</p> <p>May 21 - Perkins</p> <p>June 18 - Tommy’s</p> <p>July 16 - Perkins</p> <p>August 20 - Tommy’s</p> <p>September 17 - Perkins</p> <p>October 15 - Tommy’s</p> <p>November 19 - Perkins</p> <p>December 17 - Tommy’s if need to have!!</p> <p>Meetings will start at 6:00 PM</p>
<p>Special Events</p> <p>Ladies Luncheon Class Act 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. SW March 12, 2019</p> <p>29th Annual Chickasha Swap Meet Chickasha Oklahoma March 15-19</p> <p>Ladies Luncheon Bourbon Creek 411 1st Street, SE April 9, 2019</p> <p>Model A Swap Meet–April 13 Hawkeye Downs 4431 6th Street, SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa</p> <p>Spring Banquet Ramada Inn 33rd Ave, SW, Cedar Rapids April 20, 2019</p> <p>Mothers Day Breakfast–May 12 Court Pt Pavillion 1008 Brook Street, Center Point</p>	<p>Ladies Luncheon Farmers Daughter Miller Road May 14, 2019</p> <p>Hershey, PA. AACA National Fall Meet October 9-12</p> <p>Car Tours</p> <p>One Day Tour June 5, 2019</p> <p>Twin River Tour July 22-27, 2019</p> <p>Garage Tour TBD</p> <p>Factory Tour TBD</p>	<p>Treats Schedule</p> <p>Mar. 2019: Virg & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt</p> <p>April 2019: Jane Hawley</p> <p>May 2019: David & Brenda Juby</p> <p>June 2019: TBD</p> <p>July 2019: Dean & Joan Kiefer</p> <p>August 2019: John & Barb Maxwell ? Ken and Judy Robertson</p> <p>Sept. 2019: Dan/Judy Ortz /Neil/Karen</p> <p>Oct 2019: TBD</p> <p>Nov. 2019 TBD</p> <p>Dec 2019: Pete & Pat Bischoff</p>

HISTORICAL VEHICLE

1970 AMC AMX Coupe



The AMC AMX is a two-seat GT-style sports car that was produced by American Motors Corporation for the 1968 through 1970 model years. The AMX was also classified as a muscle car, but "unique among other American muscle cars at the time due its short wheelbase". To a degree, the AMX was a competitor with America's only other two-seater of the era, the Chevrolet Corvette, for substantially less money. Fitted with the optional high-compression medium block V8 engine, the AMX offered top-notch performance at an affordable price. In spite of this value and enthusiastic initial reception by automotive media and enthusiasts, sales never thrived. However, the automaker's larger objectives to refocus AMC's image on performance and to bring younger customers into its dealer showrooms was achieved. After three model years, the two-seat version was discontinued, and the AMX's now signature badging was transferred to a high-performance version of its four-seat sibling, the Javelin, from the 1971 to 1974 model years.

Venice FL. "Owners Manual" - Chuck Ford



Engine	
Configuration	V-8
Location	Front
Displacement	360 Cu In
Bore	3.08 In
Stroke	3.44 In
Valvetrain	16 Valves / OHV
Carburetor	Quad Downdraft
Cooling	Liquid
Power	245 HP
Compression	9.0/1
Torque	365 Ft Lbs.
Drivetrain	
Transmission	3 Speed Manual
Drive	Rear Wheel
Dimensions	
Wheelbase	97 In
Front Track	60 In
Rear Track	57 In
Length	179 In
Width	72 In
Height	51 In
Weight	3126 Lbs.
Wheels & Tires	
Wheels	14 In
Tires	E76 x 14

CRRAACA 2019 SPRING BANQUET

The Cedar Rapids Region AACA Banquet will be April 20, 2019 at the Ramada Inn on 33rd. Ave. and 6th St. S.W. (525 33rd Ave. S. W.), Cedar Rapids IA.

Cost: \$28.00 minus \$10.00 Club Donation equals \$18.00 for each AACA member. Each non-member guest is \$28.00

Social Hour: 5:00 PM – Dinner: 6:00 PM

Registration Deadline is Friday April 19, 2019.

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA, MUST be sent to Sharen Schminke at 1307 W. 16th St., Vinton, Iowa 52349 (319) 472-4372 by the deadline of Friday April 12.

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Name of those attending: _____

Number of club members: _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Non Members: _____ X \$28.00 = \$ _____

Telephone Number _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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The EMF Company

December 1909

In late 1909, E-M-F opened a branch plant in Canada (Walkerville) and began the manufacture of E-M-F 30 and Flanders 20 Automobiles.

On December 9th, 1909, Walter Flanders posted a letter to South Bend and at the same time sent it to Detroit daily newspapers and all trade publications to be published as an advertisement. It was a bombshell. In it he declared the alliance with Studebaker as "rescinded and annulled" for a number of reasons, among them the failure of the South Bend people to accept and pay for contracted cars; their unfair discounting of the cars; their advertising which misled readers into believing Studebaker owned a controlling interest in E-M-F, which it did not. Thus was begun what was called the "bitterest legal battle" (The Automobile) and the "most engrossing litigation" (Motor Age) in the history of the industry thus far.

Noting that no "formal contract signed by both parties" existed indicating it was obliged to take one much less a thousand cars a month—astoundingly, all agreements had been either a handshake or legally non-binding correspondence—Studebaker sought a restraining order and permanent injunction against E-M-F in the U.S. district court in Detroit. This failed, but the company finally managed a temporary injunction from the U.S. circuit court in Cincinnati. In the interim Flanders pushed up production to sixty cars a day and got out a map of the United States. He advertised for dealers, scores of them came rushing to Detroit, Pelletier said he hadn't seen such a stampede since his Klondike days. Circles and squares were made on the map, territories divided up—but this wasn't Flanders' or Pelletier's area of specialty at all. William Metzger's talents were sorely missed.

The Studebaker Buyout

March 1910

What ultimately happened was a takeover. Frederick Fish turned to J. P. Morgan for help. After all, Morgan had backed the Studebaker company in that critical year of 1894 when the company had expanded its capital base nearly threefold. As a result, Morgan had acquired one sixth of the voting stock of Studebaker. Morgan continued to take an interest in the Studebaker company over the years. Fish invited Morgan back to the E-M-F deal, which finally broke the logjam.

In March it was announced that J.P. Morgan on behalf of Studebaker had purchased sixty-four percent of the stock in E-M-F which, combined with the thirty-six percent acquired in the earlier buying out of Everitt and Metzger, gave South Bend complete control of the company. Particularly emphasized was the fact that Morgan had been acting as broker only and, as The Horseless Age noted, "the wild reports that the Napoleon of finance was commencing to form a gigantic \$300,000,000 automobile trust' were quite unfounded ... thus far Wall Street has not secured a monopoly in the automobile business." A lot of automobile people in Detroit began sleeping easier nights.

Walter Flanders was among them. The entire episode had rattled him, and he saw capitulation in his best interests. Rather like his decision to leave Ford earlier, he believed now that his future with E-M-F was cloudy, he had been upset for some time by the Studebaker practice of having its name typeset larger than his in advertising; it seemed to him that with E-M-F he could never really run his own show.

(Continued Next Month)

TOUR CORNER

The CRAACA Tour Committee has a full roster of events planned for 2019. We met again at the Hawley home on Monday, February 11, 2019, to work on details.

Club night Cruise Ins will start at 5:30 PM prior to the monthly Club meeting May, July, August, and September. In June the cruise-in will be held at the Hiawatha DQ after the meeting. Bring your old car and a lawn chair. Restrooms will be open but no food will be available so bring your dinner if you want! Tours are in the planning stages, including a 1 day trip to the *Vinton/Newhall* area on June 5th, with lunch at Shirley's in Newhall.

An overnight trip to *Maquoketa* is being planned for June 29-30 and will include a stop in Wyoming to visit the Historical Museum. Other ideas include touring the Hurtsville Limestone Kilns, the Jackson County Historical Museum, and some antique shops. We found where the Banowetz Antique Mall is and will see if they will open up for us. Saturday night after dinner, we will go to the Highway 61 Drive In to see a double feature!

July 22-25 will be the *Twin Rivers* Tour in Minona, Elkader, Ryan, St Olaf, and Prairie Du Chien. September 21 and 22 will be an overnight trip to *LeClaire*, where we'll stop to see Antique Archaeology, visit some antique stores, and go on a riverboat ride.

As you can see the Tour Committee has been busy! We hope some of the tours/activities we're planning will be added to your calendars.

GM IS KILLING THESE SIX MODELS IN 2019

Following Ford and Fiat Chrysler's lead, General Motors is reducing the number of sedan and hatchback models it offers in the United States in favor of a lineup made up largely of trucks and SUVs.. Here are the ones riding off into the sunset next year:

1. Chevrolet Volt: The second generation of the company's once-heralded plug-in hybrid .
2. Chevrolet Cruze: shoppers have moved from small cars into small SUVs.
3. Chevrolet Impala: moving aside in favor of the upcoming rebooted Chevrolet Blazer.
4. Cadillac CT6: Cadillac's flagship sedan has been sunk by the popular Escalade SUV.
5. Cadillac XTS: The oldest car in Cadillac's lineup still does well with the livery car set and makes a fine hearse, but that's not the image GM is betting its future on.
6. Buick LaCrosse: but is built in the same factory as the Impala, Volt and CT6, and can't keep the lights on by itself.

JON'S CORNER

1. In 1907 what was the name of the automobile that was driven from New York to Chicago in 39 hours, 36 minutes?
2. What was the name of the automobile that won the Hower Trophy in the Glidden Tour of 1907?
3. What was the brand name of the Calais L'Etoile offered to new car buyers in the 1970's?

(Answers on page 10)

THE FATE OF FUEL

Gasoline has been flowing freely from the pumps for so long that we forget how the newly born car industry took nearly 30 years to figure out which fuel would power the automotive century. Stanley built steam-powered cars until 1924, and it was the Great Depression that knocked out Doble, another steam brand and Detroit Electric, which built a total of 13,000 of what we now call “battery-electric vehicles” before its demise in 1939. By then, crude oil and its several byproducts were already the dominant source of propulsion energy and lubricant in transportation, and as plastics developed, oil became crucial to the production of cars as well.

Ask a dozen experts how much oil is left or how long consumers intend to keep burning it despite its apparent environmental and geopolitical costs, and you'll get a dozen opinions. However, the global population will continue to grow at least through 2050, to perhaps nine billion and largely urbanized.. Those new people, especially in developing nations where energy-usage trends are steeply upward, will want more energy than is being produced now. How much of that energy comes from oil, coal, natural gas, solar power, wind power, and other sources is a matter of confounding uncertainty, hinging on the unknown variables of technological change and government legislation. But everybody agrees that oil will be a dominant part of the energy mix for decades to come.

A great percentage of the world's population are still looking forward to owning their first self-propelled “thing,” and these “things” are going to run on gasoline. In a nutshell, energy demand will increase worldwide, but will decrease in richer developed nations that can afford to diversify into other energy sources. Of course this is based on new government regulations and the willingness of drivers to buy electric vehicles in large numbers and/or abandon car ownership in favor of ride-sharing fleets.

A recent study predicts that by 2030, fully 95% of vehicle miles traveled in the U.S. will be in autonomous vehicles owed by fleets such as Uber and Lyft. American drivers will think it is ridiculous to own a personal car. This has been called the “collapse” scenario, where the old system of private cars and gas stations vanish astoundingly quickly in much the same way that pocket pagers to smart phones in a few short years.

A less ambitious study indicates that by 2050 transportation will morph into a mix of ride sharing and new forms of public transit that drastically cuts energy consumption and out-of-pocket costs for transportation—mainly in urban settings

So where does that leave us car owners? Well in the near term gas prices will rise because of world demand will swell with a healthy global economy while investment in oil-production infrastructure has slowed down during the long periods of low prices. Most of the easy oil has already been found and in production. Therefore, the cost and pollution generated in producing these new supplies, such as fracking or deep-water drilling, are increasing. Bio fuels could be one answer and a car-industry push for higher octane standards could go hand in hand with an increase in ethanol content, perhaps from, the current E15 standard to E25—if Congress can ever agree on anything.

All of this could raise pump prices enough to give a new generation of electrics the fertile soil they need to start making big sales numbers. A minority still believes in the collapse scenario, The doom scenario is more plausible than it was five years ago. So with that in mind, we'll have liquids fuels for our cars for a long time to come.

Excerpts from A. Robinson and Internet: open source

2019 Chicago Car Show



First staged in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent. This year marks the 111th edition of the Chicago Auto Show.

John Williams, Jon Reynolds and Lance Votroubek look very happy while attending the Chicago car show. Did they find their first love?



So John, Lance and Jon which car made your mouth water and your heart beat just a tad faster?

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Club Members Buy - Sell - Trade

None

TRIVIA ANSWER

The original Maybach is considered "the Rolls-Royce of Germany," which was produced in series from 1921 to 1940. Coincidentally, both firms enjoyed an aircraft engine heritage and likewise, they each remained steadfast to not lower their standards in search of wider market appeal.

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. A Franklin automobile was driven from New York to Chicago in 39 hours, 36 minutes.
2. A White won the Hower Trophy in the Glidden Tour of 1907.
3. Cadillac produced the Calais L'Etoile based on its Coupe De Ville model.

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LOCAL AUCTION

The following is information with regard to the Harold Wintz auction in May.

Auction for Harold Wintz Estate

Saturday May 4th 2019

Clarion, IA

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Just north of 1501 Central Ave. E.

On line bidding on cars, trailer, and camper.

Preview Day: May 3rd 4 to 7 P.M.

Cars listed: 1914 Chandler touring restored with title, 1914 Chandler touring partially restored no title, but bill of sale, 1919 Ford model T Station Wagon restored, 1923 Ford Model T Station Wagon restored, 1969 Plymouth Road Runner Convertible, 1959 Dodge Coronet, 1952 Plymouth Cranbrook, 1950 Desoto 4 door, 1964 Plymouth Fury, 1974 Dodge D200 Adventurer, 2001 Dodge Dakota 1/2 ton Quad Cab, 1991 Shadow Cruiser 8.5' Pickup Camper, 1991 Jensen enclosed 20' car trailer dual axles, 1994 Dodge Ram 2500. Numerous auto body shop items and tools. Model T Ford parts. Large auto literature collection.

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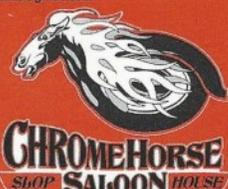


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