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#### JON'S CORNER

1. In what year model was the first all black Model T Ford produced?

2. What was the color of the first year Model T?

3. In what year did Ford take possession of the Lincoln motor company?

Answers: Page 11

### **President's Message**

Hi Too All Old Car Folks in the CR Area! This my 2nd attempt with a Problematic Computer! Well Folks We had another great meeting thanks to so much help from So Many Of You!

I have related stories about my first cars so today I thought I would tell about some of my other vehicles! The farm was always full of our great old cars being used on the farm, but my older brother & I wanted to move on to include motorcycles. Our first farm MC was a 125 Puch Alstate we got from our cousin because he didn't like driving it to their farm. What a fun little thing it was and many cousins & friends learned their first motorcycle lessons there at the Fairfax farm! Everett was ready to move up long before myself!

I'm not sure how we managed to convince our Dad that a bigger machine was necessary, but we found a '47 Indian Chief for sale in the FB Spokesman in Norway! What a neat old bike it was & after convincing Dad it was just what we needed he took some quick lessons & drove it home to the farm! Since I was too small for such a machine I did not get to drive that summer, but I did talk my Dad into many rides around Fairfax, Ely, & Swisher that first summer. Everett took to cycling like a duck to water & spent many hours tooling around the area. In fact he drove the wheels off of it until he broke the primary chain & we had a broken Indian. Everett asked around & located a 1938 Indian near Ely that had all the ness parts so he did the complete rebuild that summer. Then much to my disgust he sold the bike to another friend who wanted to put it back together. After many more miles the '47 came apart again with a broken rod. Lucky for me our friend could not find the primary cases - so he had no clutch & was ready to sell. Here I was with the parts we needed & by now I was ready to be an Indian driver as well. Now I had everything to make her a runner so I bought it back for \$35 in running condition, but no clutch! By putting the parts of both bikes together & doing a little amateur restoration I now had my own Indian to drive! This turned out to be an original Bobber that was modified by a WW2 vet who was more interested in sport that originality! It was a great bike - very dependable & lots of fun to drive & now I'm glad I left it pretty much as he created it with bobbed fenders & '46 tanks. I drove it to High School and every summer home from college & while teaching at Prairie until I parked it about 1972! Now I have the wish to resurrect her for some more Fun & Adventure! See you down the Road One Of These Days.

Your President, John Williams

#### Club Member Spotlight on Harry and Jane Hawley

#### Q: What cars do you own?

- A: 34 Ford pickup that I bought for \$35. It was in good condition when I bought it.
  - 49 Mercury was in poor condition.
  - 48 Ford coupe was in good condition
  - 47 Hudson coupe that I bought for \$45. It didn't have an engine, no frame, no rear end, no seats, no headliner bows, no inside window trim, no bumpers, no radiator.
  - 47 Hudson pickup was in bad condition I bought for \$400
  - 36 Nash Lafayette was fully restored
  - 46 Hudson pickup was in bad shape I paid too much for.
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  - 69 Ford Fairlane was in "show" condition
  - 48 Jeep was in bad condition.
  - 28 Buick speedster was in fair condition
  - 40 Graham was in poor condition but almost ready to hit the road.
  - 40 Ford coupe, fully restored
  - 22 Model T Ford speedster was in good condition

#### Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: The 49 Mercury is my favorite car. It was originally my dad's and I remember taking my driving test in it.

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

A: I was 18 years old. I wanted to buy the neighbor's 46 Ford couple but dad wouldn't let me. Instead, dad went over to Vinton and found a 47 Mercury 4 door and decided that's what I needed. I didn't like it because it was a 4 door.

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

A: It was in good shape so I did nothing with it. I soon traded it off for a 54 Mercury 2 door.

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

A: We took off with the 47 Hudson as soon as it was done (but never driven before) to Dallas, TX. It still had the 6 volt system and every time we stopped for gas the heat went into the engine and wouldn't start. We had to let it set and cool off for 30 minutes every time.

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

A: I've won trophies for the 47 Hudson coupe, 47 Hudson truck, 69 Fairlane, and 34 pickup. I've got lots of trophies but I don't go for trophies anymore.



49 Mercury

#### Spotlight on Harry and Jane Hawley (cont)

#### Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: I've been a member since 1976. Jerry Sweet talked me into joining the club. Jane has been a member since 1999.

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

A: I enjoy the camaraderie and like going on tours/trips to see other people's collections and vehicles.

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

A: Hudson, Nash, and Graham car clubs

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

A: I'm big into scales and also collect junk. Jane likes to quilt and work with miniatures

1940 Ford Coupe



1936 Nash Lafayette



#### FEBRUARY 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The February meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha due to the Hiawatha Community Center was not available for our meeting this month. Meeting was called to order by John Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

VISITORS: Doug Thurm

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Clyde Melvin-birthday.

**SPEAKER:** Our scheduled speaker was sick so Neil Rohlena graced us with accordion music after the meeting while we enjoyed treats.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** Motion to approve the January 12th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Jane Hawley and 2nd by Sherry Melvin.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Larry Yoder and 2nd by Sue Melvin.

**SPRING AND FALL BANQUET:** Loren Huffaker reported that he would set up the fall banquet. Neil Rohlena asked if the members would like to have the Spring Banquet at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana. It was discussed and decided to see about having it in April or May and everyone ordering off the menu. It was voted on and approved.

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES:** Jane Hawley told us that she was having a meeting February 11th from 10-12 at her home for anyone interested in planning a tour.

**FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS:** Sharon Schminke reported that their son Todd Schminke fell 5 feet from a ladder at work and broke his wrist and had 5 stitches in his head. He had surgery on his hand and will have another in around 3 months. We also lost 2 members: Marvin Stout and Lester Pete Jurgens.

**WEBMASTER:** Sylvia Copler reported that the previous Webmaster Pete Jurgens had to set up the website placed a calendar for events on the site but she is having a hard time retrieving it. She will work with Ryan Clemens, our webmaster, and try to figure this out.

**MARKETING CHAIRMAN:** Jane Hawley wants somebody to take this job over for her. Tom and Jackie Oliver said they might be able to help her but don't want to take it over. Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was brought up and voted on to change our meetings to the Shriners Club in Hiawatha since the Hiawatha Community Center is still not available. Sharon reported that the Hiawatha Community Center said they would refund all of our advanced money if we leave. Jon Reynolds will talk to them about setting up our meetings-they will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Swap meet was discussed. It was suggested talking to the Model A Club about combining the 2 clubs and working the Swap Meets together since many of our members are in both clubs. The members thought this would be a good idea. We would split the expenses and the income each time.

The Ladies luncheons are now scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday because of the Board meetings being the 3rd Tuesday and many don't want to eat out twice in one day. The Board meeting is changed to 6:00 PM and will be at Scotts because the 16th Avenue Grill is no longer opened that late. It was decided and approved to continue having the 4th of July picnic in Ely. John Williams will reserve the pavilion.

#### FEBRUARY 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING (CONT)

Jeff Fossum reported on the Garage Gang and told us that he contacted one of our scholarship recipients that told us in his thank you letter that he has a 1972 Volkswagon that he is working on. Jeff and Chris talked and decided they would schedule working on his car in the summer because Chris doesn't have a heated garage. Larry Yoder also has a Desoto that is not running so it sounded like the Garage Gang will be busy for a while. They encourage all members, men and women, to join them and learn from knowledge and trial and error.

**Buy, sell, and trade** was conducted by John Williams. Jon Reynolds asked to give us a little trivia and spoke to us about a Glidden Tour. In 1913 there were 36 makes of cars and he asked us to tell him which was the only one still being made-it was the Cadillac. Ford didn't participate that year. The tours stopped, but has since been revived and Jon recommends going on one. They are about 5 Days long and cover over 500 miles. This year's tour starts in Saratoga, New York-if you are interested call Jon. He needs a rider and said he doesn't talk much while he is driving. Motion to adjourn was made by Harry Hawley and 2nd by Larry Yoder.

Treats were served By Sherry Melvin and Clyde and Sue Melvin.

Submitted by Sharon Schminke, Secretary

#### In Memory of Lost Members During the Past Year-They will be forever missed





Shirley Millard



Ron Aschbrenner

**Bill Ackermann** 



Dave Juby



Tom Auterman



Marvin Stout



Pete Jurgens

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#### Update on Garage Gang

#### Steve Brown- Back to the Future

Steve is an unusual mix of love for the old, combined with a love of new high tech. Even though Steve has a deep love of his 1953 Studebaker pickup, Steve has studied systems for hybrid drives, powered trailers, turbos, superchargers and EFI. Steve called me recently to suggest a hybrid idea for my Model T, which included an electric powered trailer with old school looks. Whew, he is taking me to new levels, and I like it. I really can't tell whether he is more like Marty McFly or Emmett Brown. At his garage, we look up Internet content on a big screen, see His



video room with projection tv, and eat in Anne's bakery quality kitchen. Steve definitely has an interesting site to work at. Come out and see his flux capacitor soon.

#### A Learner, Wrencher, and a 72 Super Bug

What do you get when you combine an automotive student at Kirkwood, an eager interest in classic vehicles, and a personal VW bug project. His name is Christopher Funk, and he was the recipient of one of our scholarships. Christopher owns a 1972 VW bug which he is restoring, including body, interior, power train (he has purchased a rebuilt long block), and more. If you have any past knowledge of bugs or have some parts, please contact me. He is eager to have some help, and the "Garage Gang" will start a project when the weather improves. Thanks to Sharon for making this contact possible through her personal initiative.



#### A Possible Peak into the 1930's

At the last monthly meeting, Larry Yoder indicated that his 1937 DeSoto was for sale. Through email, we discussed the condition of his vehicle which is not running. Larry is comfortable that it will run, but has agreed to help from the "Garage Gang" to help him, and thereby, raise the value of his sale .Turbo connects to a generator and batteries, not into the engine. Battery power is used to drive wheels "on demand"



#### Garage Gang (cont)

#### Formula 1 Tidbits

Another area of interest between Steve and myself is Formula 1 racing. Here are some mind bending facts about the cars in Formula racing:

Engine size 1.6 liters (less than a Model T Engine horsepower 700 Turbo and regenerative braking generate another 250 hp Turbo connects to a generator and batteries, not into the engine Battery power is used to drive wheels "on demand"



#### LS Swap in Your Future?

The old Chevy 350 which has long been the staple of engine swaps because of its durability, and vast array of accessories, has seen its demand slowly disappear. The reason: the new LS series of v8 engines from Chevrolet. These engines have become easily available from junk yards, and from performance shops. The engines produce 300+hp stock, and can be extended to 1300 hp. The engines are narrow and fit well in many engine bays, are quite durable, and also have a wealth of options and accessories.

The new wrinkle is that these engines are fuel injected and use computers to collect feedback from many sensors, which then are used to control various aspects of the engine. Fortunately, many options have appeared to help program or replace these computers, which then allows updates to the engine such as cams, turbos, superchargers, and other horsepower boosts.

Al is currently completing a LS swap into his Studebaker pickup. He has ran into a few glitches, but might be able to give you some time saving advice for your swap. I am currently assisting my son in a LS swap in his 1983 Chevrolet square body pickup. The array of options is vast, but very interesting to any car guy type.

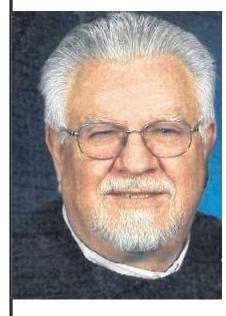


#### **TREAT SCHEDULE 2021**

March 9th - John and Agnes Williams April 13th - Dean and Joann Kiefer May 11th - Tom and Jackie Oliver June 8th - Jane and Harry Hawley July 13th August 10th - Dan and Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena September 14th - Jeff Fossum October 12th - Ken and Judy Robertson November 9th-December 14th - Pete and Pat Bischoff



#### Meeting Location has been permanently changed to the El Kahir Shriner's Lodge located at 905 Tower Terrace Rd in Hiawatha. Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 PM -Reminder: you can check the website for calendar updates



Lester Peter "Pete" Jurgens, 80, of Marion, Iowa, formerly of Van Horne, Iowa, passed away at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021.

Pete was born on Jan. 9, 1941, in Atkins, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Irene (Gefaller) Jurgens. He graduated from Van Horne Consolidate School in 1959. Pete served honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1964 during the Vietnam War. On Aug. 18, 1962, Pete was united in marriage to Sharon Kay Steinford. He worked for Rockwell Collins for 34 years, retiring in 1990. Pete was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marion and the ACCA and Model A Club, both of Cedar Rapids. He served on the Witwer Senior Center Board. Pete enjoyed volunteering for SHIIP/Advantage Program and Rockwell REACT. He received the Governor's Volunteer Award along with several other awards from the State of Iowa. Pete also received the President's Call to Service Award and Volunteer Service Award. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, driving his '65 Mustang, working with leather, woodworking and traveling. After Pete and

Sharon retired, they visited many states and countries, and went on several cruises with their car club friends. Pete will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Pete is survived and lovingly remembered by his son, Richard Jurgens; daughter, Kristin (Don) Iehl; four grandchildren, Richard D. and Laura Jurgens and Ashley and David Iehl; sister, Linda (Larry) Hlas; brother, Darrell (Carol) Jurgens; and several nieces and nephews.

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

#### Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021 March 19-20 - Chickasha Swap Meet. Chickasha, OK April 15-17 - Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA - Canceled April 30-May 1<sup>st</sup> Vintage Torque Fest May 16<sup>th</sup> Cruis In for Camp Courageous May 20-25 - Founders Tour. Davis W.V. June 18-20 - Back to the 50s St Paul, MN. July 1-3 - Central Spring Meet. Auburn, IN July 2-4 - Goodguys 30th Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals at Iowa State Fairgrounds July 4 - 8 AM to noon. Freedom Festival Car Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bridge. Cedar Rapids. July 8-10 - IOLA Swap Meet. Iola, WI July 11-16 - Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Lock Haven/Wellsboro, Pa. July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals. New Ulm, Minnesota July 25 Bishop Hill, III Car Show September 12-17 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier). Sarasota Springs, NY October 6-9 - Hershey PA Swap Meet

#### **Upcoming Events March 2021**

AACA Club meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Shriners Lodge. Program: Critter Crusaders. Board meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

**Ladies Luncheon** March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Gianna's Italian Beef located at 375 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE. **Four Planning Committee** March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Hawley's home.

#### Upcoming Events April 2021

AACA Club meeting April 13th at 7 PM at Shriners Lodge. Program: Annual Auction and Guest Arborist.

**Board meeting** April 20th at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

Ladies Luncheon April 21st at 11:30 AM at Whitey's Bar & Grill located at 125 US Hwy 30 in Lisbon.

#### Upcoming Events May 2021

AACA Club meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Shriners Lodge. Program: "Past Twin Rivers Fours."

**"Down on the Farm-Past and Present" 1 Day Tour** May 15<sup>th</sup>. Amana to Belle Plaine. **Board meeting** May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Scotts.

Ladies Luncheon May 19th at 11:30 AM at Prairieburg Cafe.

Spring Banquet May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM Social hour, 7:00 PM Dinner at Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana

## **Classifieds**



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Joke of the Month:

Women are responsible for roughly 45% of car accidents which is pretty high considering the steering wheel isn't even on their side.

#### JON'S CORNER

1. The first all black Model T Ford was offered with the 1914 model year.

2. The first Model T Ford produced in the fall of 1908 was red.

3. Henry Ford took possession of the Lincoln company in 1922.



Does anyone think this guy looks like Jeff Fossum?

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