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## PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

After being back from Texas for a couple of weeks I can say it's good to be home. The first week we froze. We left 90 degrees to come home to 30 and snow.

I attended several local AACA meetings and helped them with 2 car shows. I liked being around car guys again.

The April Club meeting was held at the Linn County Regional Center (a Kirkwood facility) in Hiawatha on Boyson Rd. Judy and I had a preview last fall. What a wonderful place. Scott Johnson (head of the Automotive department) gave an informative tour in a great facility. The students work to be a Master Mechanic. Where was a place like this when I was in school?

We have a busy summer planned with banquets, tours, and other club activities. I hope you attend as many as possible.

Al Meeker

## JON'S CORNER

1. What was the major uniqueness about the Brush engine which made it different?
2. In what year and month were "eye brow" front fenders installed on Model A Fords?
3. What was the name of the automobile that had a name change to

## WHO DOES WHAT ?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee. The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it; and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him that at the top of several pages, it indeed says "HEBREWS."

The Editor

## TRIVIA QUESTION

Contrary to published accounts and what is now conventional wisdom, what company took the colors from its nation's flag and turned it into a brand icon?

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## "Third Time is a Charm"

## Jaguar Debuts First Electric Car



The 395 bhp I-Pace is the first pure-electric model from the Coventry-based brand and spearheads a range of forthcoming electrified Jaguars. The next electric model, due next year, will be a new-generation XJ luxury saloon. Starting in 2020, Jaguar will offer a battery-electric version of all its cars to customers.

# REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

## MAY 5, 2018 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACRA MEETING

The Meeting was held at the Linn County Regional Center. Co-president Judy Ortz called the meeting to order with members reciting the Pledge of Alliance. Our speaker and tour guide for the evening Scott Johnson was recognized.

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

No new deaths or illnesses were reported

Minutes from the March meeting as appeared in the Moto Meter were approved by Shirley Shannon and seconded by Carl Ohrt. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Sylvia Copley read the Treasurer Report. Motion to approve the report were Pete Bischoff and Pete Jurgans seconded. Motion carried

Sam Shannon would double check to be sure that they had the reservation for the 4th of July picnic held in Ely. Judy Ortz said she would check on the reservation for Mother's Day.

Jon Reynolds said he was working on a trip to Waterloo. Denise Votroubek also is working on a tour.

Judy thanked Pete for putting a notice at the Hiawatha Community Center to remind club members of the change of location for tonight's meeting.

John Wolf and Paul Kumley are to meet this week on the Garage Tour to be held April 21.

Calvin Reiling brought two jackets, a hat, and two shirts that Barb Waterhouse Miller had given him from a past member. All proceeds will go to the club.

Larry Yoder reported on the Spring Banquet April 28 in a Amish home in Kalona. He had maps for anyone that needed directions and reported what all was available that day.

If anyone wanted to bring there cars out tomorrow per Scott Johnson, our tour guide,of the Linn County Regional Center they were welcome.

Buy Sell and Trade was conducted by Pete Bischoff .

Dan Ortz made a motion to adjourn and Carl Ohrt seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Submitted by  
Sharon Schminke

## CRRAACA REGIONAL CLUB ROSTER

The regional club roster is included in the May 2018 Moto Meter Newsletter (page 7 & 8) as a insert that will enable you to remove it without compromising the articles in the newsletter. Please look up your name and verify that all the information is correct. If not please contact Neil Ortz for the corrections.



# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2018 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night	Business Meeting	Board Meetings
<p>May 7-Fairfax DQ</p> <p>June 12- Hiawatha Comm.. Center, Car Show <b>(NOTE: Date Change)</b></p> <p>July 9-Chrome Horse at New Bo</p> <p>August 6-Culvers in Hiawatha</p> <p>September 10-DQ on Johnson Ave.</p> <p>October 8-Zio John in Marion</p> <p>November 5-Pizza Ranch at Westdale</p>	<p>May 3</p> <p><u>June 7</u></p> <p>July 4</p> <p>August- 2</p> <p>September 6</p> <p>October 4</p> <p>November 1</p> <p>All meetings will start at 7:00 PM Hiawatha Com. Center</p>	<p>May 17-Tommy's</p> <p>June 21-Scott's</p> <p>July 19-Tommy's</p> <p>August- 16-Scott's</p> <p>September 20-Tommy's</p> <p>October 18-Scott's</p> <p>November 15-Tommy's</p> <p>Meetings will start at 6:00 PM</p>
Special Events	Car Tours/Car Shows	Treats Schedule
<p>Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Date: May 13, 2018 Wakema Park in Center Point 8:00 am - 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Teddy Bear Auction (Date Correction)</b> May 3rd, Not for just bake goods</p> <p>July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Date: 7/4/2018 at Ely Park</p> <p><b>Twin Rivers Tour</b> <b>May be canceled if no one chooses to lead it.</b></p> <p>August 11, 2018 Lawn party at Tom &amp; Joan Auterman</p> <p>Fall Banquet Date: TBD</p> <p>Christmas Party Date: December 6, 2018</p>	<p><b><u>Car Show</u></b></p> <p>May 15<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Cruise-In on the third Tuesday of every month starting in May. See Special Announcement on page 10.</p> <p><b><u>CRRAACA Car Tours</u></b></p> <p>May ?</p> <p>June ?</p> <p>July ? Twin Rivers Tour Date: TBD</p> <p>August ?</p> <p>September ?</p> <p>October ?</p>	<p>May 2018 Carl Orht/Sharon &amp; Virgil Schminke</p> <p>June 2018 Sylvia &amp;Daryl Copler/Judy &amp; Ken Robertson</p> <p>July 2018 Meeting in Ely Park</p> <p>Aug. 2018 TBD</p> <p>Sept. 2018 Dan &amp; Judy Ortz/Karen &amp; Neil Rohlena</p> <p>Oct. 2018 Harry &amp; Jane Hawley</p> <p>Nov. 2018 TBD</p> <p>Dec. 2018 Pete &amp; Pat Bischoff</p>

# **Auto Vases: An Accessory Born from Necessity**

Imagine yourself after a long day outside; you are driving down the road on a hot summer day with temperatures in the upper 90's. Now imagine there is no air-conditioning in the car; immediately a pungent odor of battery acid hits you and mingles with the stench of the other passengers' sweat. This experience is not common today, thanks to temperature controls that are standard in most cars, but it would have been the case whenever you rode in a car until air conditioners were an option that could be installed in an automobile starting in 1939.

There were no pine-scented cardboard trees to dangle from the mirror during this time, and many car owners desperately wanted a reprieve from the foul smell. As early as 1895, small vases, which held one or two flowers that emitted a sweet fragrance, became the first automobile air-fresheners.

The auto vase, a term coined by auto magnate Henry Ford, was the solution to the problem. Henry Ford was so pleased with these simple solutions that he offered them in his parts department and added them to his system of mass production. Auto vases were also sold in jewelry stores, auto parts stores, and catalogs from companies such as Sears. The service these vases provided made them a desirable feature to add to any car.

With improvements in car batteries and air-conditioning becoming standard in vehicles, the auto vase was no longer necessary. However, there has been a resurgence in these novelties of late.

## **Origin of Automobile Bouquet Holders**

The bouquet holder for the automobile, which is part of the regular equipment of limousine and other enclosed cars, had its origin, according to one source of information, in the desire of a French automobile concern to pacify an exasperated American customer. It seems that an American woman ordered a car from the French concern some months in advance of an intended European tour, and expected to have the machine placed at her disposal on her arrival in Paris. At that time it was not unusual to order a chassis six months in advance of need, and then be disappointed at delivery time. The body was ready when the American woman arrived in Paris, but the chassis had not made its appearance. Explanation and apology were unavailing, but some days later the chassis arrived, and realizing that the lady's patience had been sorely tried, the makers sought some means of giving her a pleasing surprise. A large quantity of costly flowers was bought and to arrange them attractively in the car, vases were used. The effect was so pleasing that the bouquet holder became part of the standard equipment of high-grade French cars and American builders quickly adopted it.

The auto bouquet holder was comprised of a small bud vase with a bracket that allowed it to be mounted inside the car either on the dashboard or by a passenger side window. Vases came in many designs and colors, in a variety of price ranges. They not only improved the smell but also added a touch of elegance to the car interior. Pressed glass, cut crystal, metal, porcelain, ceramic, and even wood were used for the vases, which were often paired with brackets that were fancier than the vases themselves. The fixtures could be made of silver and some were even gold plated.

## **Flower-Decorated Motor Cars Became the Vogue**

The number of flower decked limousines that were seen every day on Fifth Avenue and in Central Park, New York, was somewhat surprising, considering the comparatively short time since this esthetic Parisian notion reached New York.

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When the idea first obtained a foothold here, a single glass held in position in a plain socket was deemed sufficient; but eventually most cars that boasted flower decorated interiors were provided with at least two graceful cut-glass vases, generally cone-shaped, and set into an elaborate metal socket exhibiting fine scroll work, matching the trimmings of the auto. The metal ornamentation extended up above the socket and gave the effect of gold or silver deposit on the glass.

The positions of the vases were as varied as the flowers they contained. A favorite whim was to have a small pair of crystal cases set in a double frame between the two front windows of the limousine.

Some women preferred a single large vase in the same position, while still others had a vase on either side of the machine and none at all in front. A few automobiles had a front vase as well as two side vases.

This new fashion gave opportunity for all sorts of color schemes. The car might have been decorated to suit a frock, the occasion or the time of year.

When it came to matching a frock the possibilities for filling automobile vases were almost without limit. Sprays of lilacs were decorative and afforded beautiful colorings which harmonized with spring gowns and hats.

During cold weather, the demand for flowers with heavy perfume was small; but with warmer weather and rising temperatures the heavily scented flowers would be once again in demand.



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## HISTORIC HILLS SCENIC BYWAY

This southeast corner of Iowa was the first to be settled by Europeans and the history is still being told. You can visit Iowa's oldest courthouse, the first church west of the Mississippi, the site of Iowa's only Civil War battle or trace the beginning of the Mormon Pioneer Trail.

In the historic village of Bentonsport, merchants keep old craftsmanship alive in their specialty shops. This area has a magnificent state forest, two state parks and Iowa's only resort state park. The southern Iowa forests are renowned worldwide for white-tailed deer hunting. The Des Moines River Water Trail has 10 access points for paddling and fishing. There is also horseback riding on the state forest and private trails.

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# Kirkwood Automotive Technology Center.

These are pictures from our field trip to the Kirkwood high school campus. This is where high school juniors and seniors can take college classes that apply towards their college degree. We were shown the virtual reality room so they can learn to paint,so they know how the painter sprays and such. We are watching some of our members try it. Photo 1 and 2 are from there. Photo 3 is out in the garage part where they work on the cars. They will know a lot about taking care of their own cars when done. Photo 4 is a picture of the whole group—most of us anyway!



Photo 1



Photo 3



Photo 2



Photo 4

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# BELLE'S WHEELS

## *The New Coiffures*

The arrangement of the hair should be considered an important part of the picture every woman wishes to present to the world. If the coiffure is attractive the general impression will be not only pleasing but, "one may rest assured the world will recognize her as a woman of discernment and thus appreciating to its full value, her crowning glory."

The distinctive feature of hair dressing for the fall of 1908 is the psyche knot. This is not a knot at all, but a bunch of curls or puffs that stand out from the head, generally at the back. The coiffure this season is designed to suit Directories styles and yet harmonize with the Empire effects that linger from last winter.

The typical fashionable coiffure calls for a moderate, all-around pompadour. Just above the middle of the back of the head is placed a cluster of short, outstanding curls that give the effect of a small crown somewhat rakishly worn. The cluster may also be shifted to the back of the head, making a long line straight back from the nose.

Soft mass of puffs or curls should be kept. The faint revival of the old-fashioned "bang" continues this fall in the little pointed fringe that just shadows the forehead under the pompadour.

A suggestion is made regarding the arrangement of a pompadour according to the shape of the face. If the lower part of the woman's face is round, the pompadour should be round also.

If the chin is square, the pompadour should be made as square as possible. "In experimenting, be sure you recognize the shape of your face. Don't ask your worst enemy, nor your best friend: study the mirror!" This quote is from the *Woman's Home Companion* of September 1908.

In the winter of 1910 the hair will be worn rather flat, but it shows more curl than was the style of past seasons. In one arrangement, the hair is drawn back in a low pompadour, waving down toward the ears, instead of being drawn up, and then back in the usual way

Parted hair is frequently becoming to those with low foreheads. The hair is drawn up toward the back, crossed and fastened with pins. The long ends are divided in two and carried around the head, coming quite far forward. The use of a slight bang in front softens the face when the forehead is high and the hair is curly

What is becoming should always be considered first. There are few hair styles which may not, by modification, be made to suit an individual face. But no arrangement that is unbecoming should be accepted merely because it is the style.

*Women's Home Companion (September 1908)*

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*The Ladies' Home Journal (September 1910)*



## HISTORICAL VEHICLE'S



The AC 428 was produced from 1965 through 1973 with 81 examples produced, 49 of them were fastback coupes, 29 were convertibles and 3 were special bodied. The cars were built on an AC Cobra 427 Mark III chassis that was extended by 6 inches. The chassis was built by AC Cars and then sent to Italy where they received their coach work by Frua. After that work was completed, they were sent back to England where they were given their power train and trim. Completed in March of 1969, this AC 428 Convertible was originally painted dark red. It came equipped with the optional three speed automatic. Probably first delivered to an English customer, it resurfaced in the 1990's. It was acquired by the current owner for £34,500 (\$48,000) in the Brooks Goodwood Festival of Speed auction in 1995. In recent years it was completely restored in Italy. The breathtaking result could be first admired at the 2009 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este where the car is pictured here. *"The Owners Manual"*

### 1970 AC 428 Convertible

<b>Engine</b>	
Configuration	V-8
Location	front
Displacement	428 cu in
Bore	4.1 in
Stroke	4.0 in
Valve train	16 valve / ohv
Fuel Feed	1 carburetor
Power	345 hp
<b>Drivetrain</b>	
Transmission	3 speed automatic
Drive	rear wheel
<b>Dimensions</b>	
Weight	3270 lbs
Wheelbase	96 in
Front Track	55 in
Rear Track	56 in



# The EMF Company

*(Continued from April 2018 Moto Meter Issue)*

## **Without Metzger; There would Be No Cadillac**

The Henry Ford Company, his second company, had been formed to capitalize on Ford's sudden claim to fame from winning the Grosse Pointe race on October 10. Unfortunately, Ford had been bitten by the racing bug and instead of developing a prototype automobile, as his investors wanted, he instead focused and devoted most of his attention to racing vehicles. The investors decided they had to get rid of Ford, if they were ever to realize any gain from their investment. On March 10, 1902, Henry Ford resigned from the Henry Ford Company, his second business venture failure. The Henry Ford Company was reorganized with the new name, Cadillac Automobile Company, on August 22, 1902. On October 8, 1902, Metzger signed a contract with Cadillac to become its first sales manager.

## **Northern Car Company in Trouble**

In 1906, a substantial change occurred within the Northern Manufacturing Company, bringing Metzger back to his relationship with the company. The company was reorganized and re-capitalized (\$500,000.00). Metzger held 5000 shares or 12% of the company which gave him a strong voice in the future affairs of the reorganized company. Due to bad business decisions made by the board, the company had over reached its goals in an attempt to create a high profit per unit sold. Because of falling sales, Northern was not in good shape. Something had to be done soon if Northern were to survive, and that something would come from one of its leading stockholders, William Metzger. Northern now became the second leg of the three-legged stool that eventually resulted in the formation of the Everitt-Metger-Flanders Company.

## **The Merry Master of Mass Production-Walter E. Flanders**

Walter Flanders was born in 1871 in Rutland, Vermont. He was the son of a poor country doctor, and he quit school at the age of 15 to apprentice in one of the Singer Manufacturing Company plants. By the time he was 35 years old, Flanders had become an expert on machinery, their installation, and their maintenance. The manner in which Walter Flanders met Henry Ford and eventually became Ford's production head has been the subject of various tales that Flanders himself apparently never put to rest.

## **Flanders Advises Henry Ford**

The most common account is that Flanders stopped at Ford's Piquet plant on one of his periodic swings as a machine tool salesman through the Detroit area in 1905. At the time, Henry Ford needed crankshafts and accepted Flanders challenge that he could produce 1,000 cranks according to a specified schedule set up by Ford. There also was the carrot that more work would be directed Flanders' way if he came through as promised. Flanders fulfilled his end of the contract, and the fact that he did so with such confidence remained in Henry Fords mind.

Barney Everitt, Flanders' close friend, said that Henry Ford one day complained to Flanders that the machines he had purchased from him were not producing at the rate he was led to expect. Flanders thereupon went into the Ford factory, took off his coat, and demonstrated that not only would the machines produce per the sales agreement, but they could exceed the rate if handled properly. Flanders not only sold machines to Ford but helped train his line workers and told Ford where to locate the machines for an optimum flow of materials.

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## Club Members Buy - Sell - Trade

None

### TRIVIA ANSWER

*BMW. The original emblem - which is routinely referred to as the Roundel - first appeared on a 1918 aircraft engine handbook, according to Kai Jacobsen, Historian, BMW Group. While common knowledge has led us to believe that its checkered design is representative of a spinning aircraft propeller, the badge is in fact a combination of the circular design and logotype of the Rapp Motorenwerke, from which BMW evolved, and the colors of the Bavarian flag.*

### JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

1. The Brush one cylinder engine ran counter clockwise.
2. The "eye brow" fenders came on Model A Fords only in November of 1929 for 1930 models.
3. The Oakland automobile became Pontiac.

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dave Jones from Iowa Truck and Muscle Car extended a special invite to everybody in our Model A Club and the AACA. Dave will be holding a monthly Cruise-In on the third Tuesday of every month beginning May 15th through September. The events will begin at 5 p.m. and be held at the old Kmart parking lot on 16th Avenue and Williams Boulevard. There will be plenty of room for our clubs to all park together if we wish. There will be food vendors on site. For additional questions feel free to give Dave Jones a call at Iowa Truck and Muscle Car on 16th Avenue.

*Wayne Van Gorp: "Model A Librarian"*

### SPECIAL NOTICE

**Anyone missing a table cloth after last year's 4th of July picnic in Ely? If so, please contact Paul Kumle. He recently found it in his garage after taking it for safe keeping when it was left at the picnic last year. He will be glad to get it back to its owner!**

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Historic Hills is home to communities of both Mennonites and Old Order Amish. More than 100 Amish and Mennonite businesses thrive in the Drakesville and Bloomfield area. You will often find yourself sharing the road with horses and buggies as you travel the byway.

At 110 miles long, the byway winds through rolling hills, a state forest and more than a dozen small towns and villages, almost dipping into Missouri at its southern most point. Historic sites include the oldest Iowa courthouse still in use, built in 1843 in Keosauqua: the state's only Civil War Battle site near Farmington: and landmarks along the Mormon Pioneer Trail.

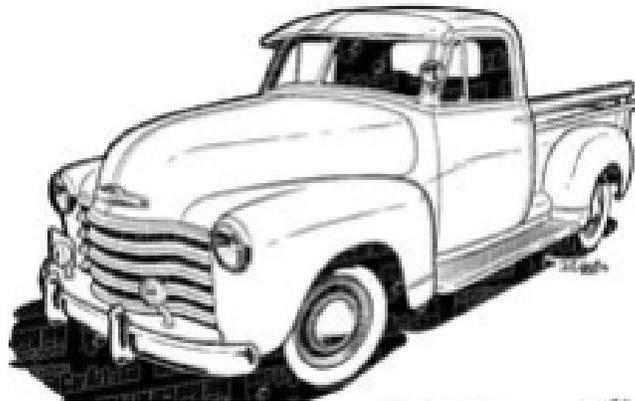
While it's not on the main Historic Hills Scenic Byway route, the American Gothic House and Visitor Center is located just outside Eldon. The free visitor's center is a stop that should be on every travel bucket list for Iowa. Put yourself in the American Gothic painting made famous by Iowa artist Grant Wood. Costumes are available to strike your own American Gothic pose. Built in 1881, the American Gothic house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

The Davis County Courthouse located in Bloomfield's town square is one of the most beautiful courthouses in all of Iowa. It was built in 1877 for a cost of \$45,210! Bloomfield also has a large Amish and Mennonite community, one of the only Civil War sites in Iowa, many fun Amish stores, and plenty of opportunities to find more horse-drawn wagons and buggies.

Like Cantril, Bentonsport is another historic town and one of the Villages of Van Buren. Bentonsport, platted in 1839, is a National Historic District situated on the Des Moines River and houses several bed and breakfasts, a restored 1840s village, the oldest wagon bridge of its type, and several artisan shops.

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