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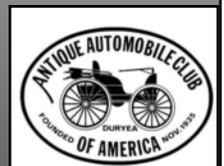
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President's Message

This Spring has officially been canceled! That's what I feel like has happened. It will get better though. Let's remember those friends who are alone and not able to leave their homes at all. Give them a call and let them know you are thinking of them.

Keep up to date on happenings by logging onto the Cedar Rapids Antique Car Club on Facebook and the website at www.cedarrapidsregionaaca.com and click on calendar.

We have rescheduled our Kalona Ladies Luncheon to June 23rd. Since we didn't get to have a spring banquet this will kind of replace that. I would like to see as many of our men and women attend this terrific meal as possible and have a record attendance. Ila Miller will be serving Salisbury Steak, Fried Chicken, Potatoes and Gravy, Noodles, Salad, Vegetable, Homemade Bread, and of course pie. What a meal! I've been eating through a straw for 6 weeks so it sure sounds good to me!!

TRIVIA QUESTION

(answer: Page 11)

Q: What car sold more than one million units in 1965, setting a record that still stands today?

JON'S CORNER

1. What was the 19th amendment to the US Constitution?

2. What was the cost of one pound of coffee in 1909?

3. Where was the only place fuel for vehicles sold in 1909?

(Answers: Page 11)



1953 Half Ton Studebaker Pickup

Introduced in mid-1948 as 1949 models, the Bob Bourke-designed 2R series Studebaker truck were the closest thing yet to fully integrated styling on a pickup. The new Studes featured the industry's first double wall cargo box and no external running boards.

Under the hood was the same 170-cid flathead six that was in the current production Champion cars. While the 2R trucks had the lowest power of any pickup in 1949, it was otherwise very economical in the ½-ton 2R5—in larger trucks the unit required very steep gearing where it worked too hard for economy. For 1950, the engine was upped to 85 horsepower with increased compression, but it was a year later that the biggest improvement came along in the form of the 245-cid six-cylinder. With 102 horsepower on tap for this optional engine, the Studebaker truck finally had ample power in all light duty models.

The 2R series continued with just minor annual changes until 1954, with the advent of the 3R. Even then, changes were mostly cosmetic, with a one-piece windshield and a new grille. With a new moniker of the E-Series in 1955, the biggest news was the availability of a V-8 engine. Additionally, the V-8 could also be had with an automatic transmission—another first for Studebaker. Other E-Series changes included a larger rear window and availability of two-tone paint. The biggest change for 1956 was to 12-volt electrical systems.

The 3E series for 1957 ushered in yet another new grille, this time a massive full-width affair made of Fiberglas. The 3E series continued through 1959, but in 1958 it benefited from an economical sibling called the Scotsman. One could make the argument that it was the first retro-styled truck, as it was for all intents and purposes a stripped down 1948-53 2R5. As such, it was the least expensive pickup on the market when introduced at \$1,595. The Scotsman lasted two years, when all Bourke-designed light duty trucks were retired—although the medium and heavy duty trucks continued to use this cab.



Club Member Spotlight on Steve Brown

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

A: I got my first car as a sophomore in high school. It was a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme. I was a dishwasher at a deli in town and my Dad said if I saved up 750 dollars, he would match it so I could buy it.

Q: What cars do you own?

A: 1953 Studebaker Pick Up, 1986 Jeep CJ-7, 1987 Volkswagen Cabriolet and a 2004 Volkswagen Beetle are my favorites at the moment but there are a few daily drivers in there as well.

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: I would say my favorite right now is the 1953 Studebaker Pick Up.

Q: How & where did you get your car-is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?

A: It has been in the family since new and I am now the 3rd owner. I inherited it from my Dad's oldest brother Larry. It spent all of its life on the farm so it doesn't have many miles but it does show that it was a farm truck.

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

A: As I brought it home from my uncles, it didn't run. I will have to go through the brakes, electrical and fuel systems but plan to just enjoy it as it is.

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

A: Anne and I once owned a 1964 corvette and attended Bloomington Gold's Corvette show. We took the car along with our old dog and had an amazing week. It was the anniversary year for the car so we got special privileges at the show.

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

A: Back in the day, we entered the Corvette in several shows and had a great time meeting other Corvette lovers. We did win a few trophies but the best part of the shows were the people.

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: Just a little over a year.

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

A: I have enjoyed our monthly meetings and look forward to participating in some of the cruises.

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

A: I am also a member of the Studebaker Club of Iowa

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

A: I have a few metronomes. When I was growing up, my Grandmother had a beautiful baby grand piano she would play and on it was a metronome. I was fascinated by the ticking and tocking of it and to this day, they take me right back to Grandma's.

ANTIQUÉ CARS VS CLASSIC CARS

There is a lot of confusion on what exactly a classic car is, and what sets it apart from vintage and antique cars. We have heard the term "classic" used interchangeably when describing any old car that looks as if doesn't belong on the roads with the modern daily drivers.

Usually, the classic car moniker applies to vehicles over 20 years old. Antique cars are over 45 years old, and vintage cars are built between 1919 and 1930. But as with many subjects in the motoring world, not everyone can agree on a single definition. State DMVs, insurance companies, and classic car clubs classify each one differently. And some classifications overlap between classics and antiques.

The state of California has a very broad classification on what a "classic" car is, and they do not differentiate between classics, vintage, and antique cars. According to California DMV, if the vehicle was manufactured after 1922, and is at least 25 years old, it is a Historical Vehicle. However, if it has a 16-cylinder or larger engine, and is manufactured between 1922 and 1965, it gets classified as a Horseless Carriage. Modified cars and replicas aren't considered to be part of either category.

Insurance companies set their own guidelines on what they define as a classic car. According to Hagerty, cars from 1900 to 1979 are considered either Antique or Classic. If the car is manufactured in 1980 or later, it is considered a collector car.

The Classic Car Club of America is even stricter in their description of classics. They only consider cars between the years 1915 and 1948 to be classic. The CCCA goes another step further, and only includes vehicles "distinguished by their respective fine design, high engineering standards and superior workmanship."

Is John and Barb Maxwell's car a classic or antique? Or maybe both?



2020 Cedar Rapids area Thursday Cruise Nights

All start between 5:00 & 6:00 PM

1st Thursday-Palo, Iowa Greenspace (behind the bank). May 7, June 4

2nd Thursday-Prairie Hill Pavilion-5860 Kacena Ave, Marion, Ia (Hwy 13 N just past Culver's Restaurant). May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10

3rd Thursday-Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17

4th Thursday-Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24

5th Thursday-To be Announced

All of these are weather permitting events & are subject to change with little or no notice due to Covid 19 virus.

Questions contact Bill Cejka at orangeyenko@yahoo.com

A Fair Deal

A man went into a garage and said "Have you got a wiper blade for my classic?" The Garage owner took a look outside on the forecourt at the half completed project and replied "OK. Seems like a fair deal".

For That!

A man went into a garage and said "Have you got a wiper blade for my 'classic'?" The Garage owner took a look outside on the forecourt at the half completed project and with a big grin replied "FOR THAT! You must be joking".

My Restoration Project

How do you double the worth of your restoration project? Fill up the petrol tank.

How do you half the worth? Buy some more parts.

Water in the Carburetor

"My wife phoned me just before the autojumble, and she told me, "I've got water in the carburetor." I was suitably impressed so I asked, "Where's the car?" she said, "In the river!"

Area Car Shows & Events

June 1st-June 10th State Parks Centennial Vintage Auto Tour (Northeast Iowa). Check it out at AnnaReaModelA.com

June 6th Masonry Car, Truck, & Bike Show in Cedar Rapids

June 13th Iowa Veterans Home Car Show in Marshalltown

June 14th American Legion Car Show in Marion

June 20th Alburnett Car Show in Alburnett

July 1st Hudson Days Car Show in Hudson, Ia

July 3rd-5th Goodguy's Heartland Nationals in Des Moines

July 4, 5, 6th vintage Torque Fest in Dubuque

July 9th-11th Iola Swap Meet in Iola, Wisc.

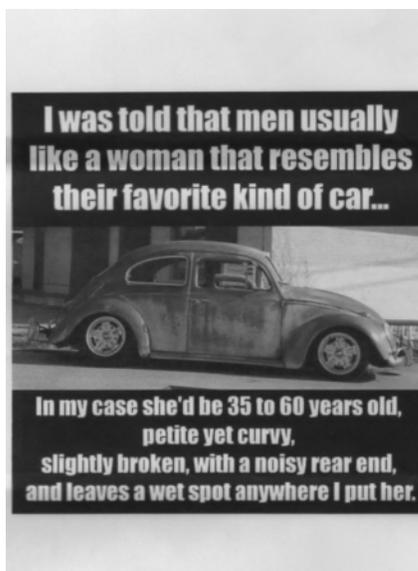
Aug 22nd Gearhead Fest in Davenport

Aug 23rd All Mopar Car Show in Dubuque.

September 6th. Cruzin for Camp Courageous

Oct. 4th Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show in Hopkinton

Oct. 7th-10th AACA Hershey Fall Meet in Hershey, Penn.



TENTATIVE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events May 2020 AACA club meeting program on May 7th. “Quilts” by Joan Auterman . Annual Auction by Carl Ohrt at May meeting.

Mother’s Day May 10th. Breakfast 9 AM at IHOP.

Social Night May 11th at Culver’s in Hiawatha at 6:00 PM.

Ladies Luncheon May 19th at Okoboji Grill in Independence. Meet at Jane Hawley’s house at 11:00 AM to tour up together. Shopping in Independence after lunch.

Board meeting May 19th at 16th Ave Grill at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events June 2020

AACA club meeting program on June 4th. “Straightening Decorative Brass for the Car” by Greg Lane.

Social Night June 8th at DQ in Fairfax at 6:00 PM.

Father’s Day June 21st at Deb’s Ice Cream in Ely at 2:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon on June 23rd at 11:30 AM at Ila Miller’s farm located at 5708 Sharon Center Rd outside of Kalona

Board meeting–June 23rd at Scott’s at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events July 2020

AACA club meeting program on July 2nd. “History of Model A Days” by Jan Wenger.

4th of July Picnic in Fairfax on July 4th

Social Night July 9th (Thurs) at Odies in Ely at 6:00 PM. All you can eat shrimp!

Ladies Luncheon July 21st at 11:30 AM at Ox Yoke in Amana. Followed by shopping in Amana.

Board meeting–July 21st at 16th Ave Grill at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Events August 2020

AACA club meeting program on August 6th. “History of the AACA” by Lee Votroubek.

Social Night Aug. 10th at Culver’s in Marion at 6:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon Aug. 18th in Manchester at Betty’s Bread Basket at 11:30 AM. Meet at Sylvia’s house at 10:45. Shop Manchester.

Board meeting–Aug. 18th at Scott’s at 6:30 PM

Lawn Party at Barb Miller’s. Date TBD

One Day tour date TBD-Dan & Judy Ortz as leaders.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR (Continued)

Upcoming Events September 2020

AACA Club meeting on September 3. Ken Allers, Community Programs Manager from Cedar Valley Humane Society.

Social Night Sept. 8th (Tues) at Kava House in Swisher at 6:00 PM.

Ladies Luncheon on September 15th at 11:30 AM at Midtown Station located at 715 2nd Ave SE with tour of African American Museum.

Board meeting on September 15th at 6:30 PM at 16th Ave Grill.

Upcoming Events for October 2020

Swap Meet Set Up–October 2nd. Central City Fair Grounds.

Swap Meet October 3rd

Social Night–October 5th at 6:00 PM Parlor City Pub & Brewery located at 1125 3rd St SE.

AACA Club meeting on October 7th (Wednesday) at 7 pm. Linn County Historical Society “History of Lincoln Highway”

Ladies Luncheon on October 20th at 11:30 AM Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher.

Board Meeting on October 20th at 6:30 PM Scott’s.

Tour of Elkader & Osborne Days. Dates TBD. Steve & Ann Brown as leaders.

Upcoming Events November 2020

AACA Club meeting on November 5th. Program Kirkwood Scholarship Students.

Social Night November 9th at 6:00 PM at Olive Garden.

Ladies Luncheon on November 17th at 11:30 AM at Cheddars.

Board meeting on November 17th at 6:30 PM at 16th Ave Grill.

Upcoming Events December 2020

AACA Club Christmas party on December 3rd. Time TBD.

Social night–December 7th at 6:00 PM at Bushwood.

Ladies Luncheon December 15th at 11:30 AM at Kirkwood Class Act. White elephant gift exchange.

Board Meeting on December 15th at 6:30 PM at Scott’s.

Treats Schedule for 2020

May 7th- Lee & Shirley Millard/Marge & Frank Reynolds

June 4th- Steve & Ann Brown

July 2nd-Barb Waterhouse-Miller

August 6th-Tom & Joan Auterman/Ken & Judy Robertson

September 3rd- Dan & Judy Ortz/Neil & Karen Rohlana

October 5th- John & Barb Maxwell

November 5th-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt

Tentative Upcoming Tours

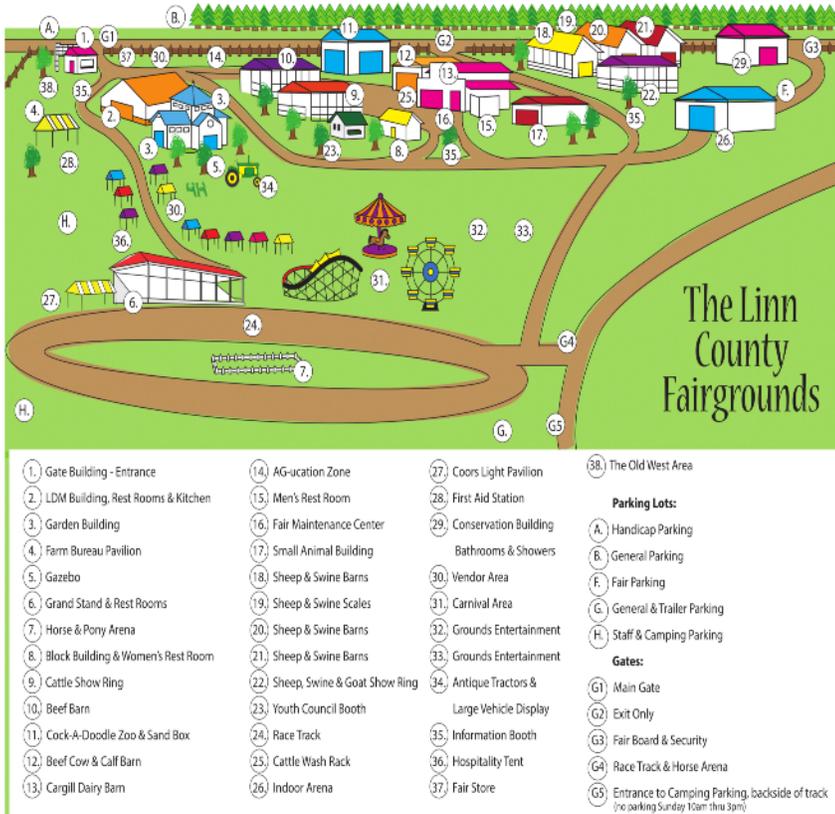
Sunday, May 10th. Breakfast at IHOP to celebrate Mother's Day. Love IHOP pancakes!

CANCELED: Saturday, May 16th. Tour with Mississippi Valley Region Car Club. Day tour to Maquoketa IA. Meeting with the Mississippi Valley Region from Davenport, Bettendorf, IA, & Moline, Rock Island, IL. Cedar Rapids Region members **Meet at the Walmart in Marion at 9:30 AM.**

Tentatively plan to travel to Maquoketa on county road X75 and IA 64 to Maquoketa. Travel through Martelle, Morley, Olin, and Wyoming into Maquoketa. Reservations for Lunch have been made at the Decker House in Maquoketa. We look forward to seeing some more antique car enthusiasts from another part of Iowa.

CANCELED: Saturday, June 13th through Tuesday, June 16th Twin Rivers Tour. We will be staying at the Econolodge in Oskaloosa. Sign up sheet at the May Club meeting.

Tuesday, June 23rd at 11:30 AM. Luncheon at Kalona at Ila Miller's Farm located at 5708 Center Rd outside of Kalona . On the menu is family style fried chicken and salisbury steaks, potatoes and gravy, noodles, vegetable, tossed salad, homemade bread, and pie. Cost is \$17.50 plus tip. We will tour the Kalona Museum after lunch. **Call Larry Yoder at 319-350-4339 no later than June 1st to reserve your seat at this great meal! Ladies and men are all invited so please attend!**



AACA Swap Meet October 3rd
Set up at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City is expected to start Thursday October 2nd late afternoon or evening. This way there will be more time to make changes and adjustments. This is a larger area to mark out and it will be the first time. We will have to get stuff from the shed. We can use all AACA members help, as well as, Model A members help, so volunteer if you can.

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JON'S CORNER

1. Women's right to vote was the 19th amendment.
2. One pound of coffee cost 15 cents in 1909.
3. Fuel for vehicles was only sold at drug stores in 1909.

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