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JON'S CORNER

1. In What year did Ford announce a minimum wage of \$5 a day?

2. In what year did cars begin to be sold on an installment plan?

3. In what year did Nash produce its first six-cylinder valve-in-head engine?

Answers: Page 11)

President's Message

Saturday, September 26th Harry and I traveled to Melbourne, Iowa, just south of Marshalltown to a Hudson meet at one of the member's homes. We picnicked in the garage and after lunch took a tour of the Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop in Haverville. This is an original shop, kept just as he left it the day he died. We saw his tools, inventions, and heard stories about blacksmithing in the age before tractors and automobiles.

It is fun to enjoy activities with various car clubs and share ideas. It is also the best way to become acquainted with the members. It is good to attend meetings but talking is limited and not the best way to get to know people. We encourage you to participate in our AACA activities we plan and travel outside of your comfort zone to meet new people. You will find those with common interests, new ideas, and fun conversation.



Club Member Spotlight on Jeff Fossum

Q: What cars do you own?

A: 1924 Model T Roadster

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: Same

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

A: 15, my dad and I took the engine from a rusty 62 Falcon, and put it in a beautiful 63 falcon convertible. I was a car nut after I got my license and have owned fastback mustangs(67 and 69), 66 impala, 65vw bug, 67econoline, 63 thunderbird and 20 to 30 others,

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

A: I inherited it from my uncle, who was my car show buddy. Our favorite show was the Iola car show in northern Wisconsin; 4000 swap meet spaces, 2500 cars in cars for sale corral, and 5000 show cars. We would go to the show every year for three days to cover it

I was with my uncle when he bought the model T, at the Jefferson car show.. It was a running chassis, but every other part was scattered across the lawn. It came with a new wood kit, that turned out to be the wrong one. My uncle assembled the entire car in his backyard, on the patio.

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

A: It was running, but had an overheating problem, many dents and crappy paint.

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

A: On one trip to Iola, my sons Jeep CJ2 blew a tire. My son bought a used tire at the the show, and with my uncles suggestion, we attempted to swap the tire at the campground, After hours of sweat with no tire iron, we finally found a tire dealer that could do the job

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

A: I have entered a few shows, but no awards. My biggest pleasure comes from the kids who want to sit in it, and the parents that have never seen one in person,



Club Member Spotlight on Jeff Fossum (Cont)

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: One year.

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

A: The people and knowledge. There is unbelievable knowledge. Paul and Lee adjusted my transmission in the parking lot at my first outing with the club. Paul has answered hundreds of my questions. It is also amazing how friendly the people are. I often am surprised at the lateness of the hour at meetings, after being totally engaged in a conversation with various individuals at the social hour of the meetings.

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

A: I also belong to the Hawk A, Model A club.

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

A: I have been studying electronics, mainly in the winter. I use the knowledge in my car (blinkers, with speed sensor, engine rpm coming). I have also installed an oxygen sensor to begin monitoring the fuel ratio and how to adjust it in the cab on the fly. I also intend to create some electronic toys for my grandkids. Additionally, I manage a small portfolio of stocks in my IRA. I am continually looking at ways to invest. Then, my biggest hobby is my grand kids, two boys that are 2+ years olds. I take them to various communities to see the sites. Last weekend, I went to Independence, IA to see the steam train, and the military park, and the water driven flour mill. We, of course, ended with ice cream at Jacks Pizza.



OCTOBER 7th 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Jane Hawley and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays: Neil Rohlena & Sylvia Copley **Anniversaries:** Sylvia & Daryl Copley **Illness:** Judy Ortz is in the hospital **Deaths:** David Juby

Kara Templeman, curator and collections manager at the History Center gave a presentation on the History of the Lincoln Highway. The history center is open on Fridays & Saturdays from 12:00-4:00 PM. Masks are required & only 10 people at a time are allowed in.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the Sept. 3rd minutes as printed in the Motor Meter by Shareen Melvin and seconded by Tom Oliver. Motion carried. Sylvia read a thank you note from Ron Aschbrenner's family and stated that Kirkwood had sent thank you notes from the 3 scholarship students-Thomas Burns, Christopher Funk, and Weston Edwards.

Treasurer's Report: Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to accept the report by Dan Ortz and seconded by Harry Hawley. Motion carried.

Tour/Activities: Neil Rohlena has a leaf tour planned on October 24th along highway 6-leave at 8:30 AM from Perkins on 33rd Ave SW; Jeff Fossum suggested a no contact Halloween cruise-could decorate cars, wear costumes if desired, & distribute candy; could contact media & get advertising for the club. It was decided to wait until next year to have more time to plan.

Newsletter: Deadline for additions is the 10th of the month.

Membership: Dan Ortz reported that the cost for a national membership has gone from \$40 to \$45 which he was unaware of. Anyone who has already paid for next year owes an additional \$5.

Jane reported that the storage facility has been closed out and the contents moved to the new storage facility in Central City.

Christmas Party: The meal will be a served meal this year-bring a mask & table service. Doors open at 5:00 PM & we will eat at 6:00 PM.

New Business: (1) Jane reported that the board meeting location has been changed to Scott's as the 16th Ave. Grill is not open after 3 PM (2) Discussion was held about continuing social nights since they haven't been well attended-it was decided to cancel them until virus is under control (3) Jane reported that Carl Ohrt is home & in a wheelchair, but is doing good (4) Jane asked if there were any additional nominations or members interested in the officer or board member positions. John Williams agreed to be President (5) Sharon Schminke has raised \$199 for the club from mask sales. She is still selling them and also has Iowa State & University of Iowa masks for \$5.

Buy-Sell-Trade conducted by John Williams.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Ortz and seconded by Larry Beatty. Motion carried.

Treats provided by John and Barb Maxwell.

Submitted by Sylvia Copley.

RECAP OF FALL TOURS

On September 19th Neil Rohlena led us on a tour of Vinton. Our first stop was at Sharon and Virgil Schminke's home where we enjoyed homemade kolaches and bottled water.

When we left Sharon and Virg's we drove by trees carved by a local artist after the wind went through in 2011. He carved many trees that year and some of them have rotted and are now removed. We swung by the School for the Blind, then on to the Community Gardens that were damaged by the Derecho.

We drove through the Rooster Detail business and saw their car that has a rooster on the top and another rooster standing at the entrance to the business. Then on to see a Duece and a half that was sold a couple of days before we had a chance to see it. We stopped at Rick Barkdoll's to see his old cars and pickups but due to a personal situation he no longer has any of the vehicles. Next we drove by a Veterans Memorial and then on to the Vinton Swimming Pool. They have a large slide that was purchased from Chapmans Fun World when it closed in Cedar Rapids. Next we drove by a great play area in the park and then on by the Vinton Generating Plant and Fire Station that has a wood carved Fireman next to it.

We ate our sack lunch at the Celebration Park where there are many murals and corn statues that are decorated with various themes. We drove by a house moved by the park to its present location and then by the former Green Giant Plant.

The tour of the Historic Depot Park was the highlight of the trip, with a very knowledgeable train conductor leading the tour. The museum, houses many interesting memorabilia, including a running train set. Then on to driving by the many Bed and Breakfast type home, a pink fire truck, and a home with many beautiful flowers.

It was a great tour. Neil you are really back on your game and we are looking forward to your October tour.



Submitted by Sharon Schminke

OCTOBER PROGRAM SPEAKER

Kara Templeman, curator and collections manager of the Cedar Rapids History Center gave us an overview of the history of the Lincoln Highway that was the first road to connect the east coast of the United States to the west coast.

In 1912 there was 2 ½ miles of mostly dirt. They were expecting it to take 10 million dollars to construct the road. Quite a bit of the road was made by using already existing roads.

Carl Fisher and Henry Joy were the first to organize the venture. They raised 4 million dollars in the first 4 months. Their idea was very well taken and the money just rolled in. Carl Fisher promised Colorado and Kansas that it could go thru their states, but that didn't last long.

Most of the roads were not paved and they suggested you carry a shovel because when it rained the road became mud and many got stuck in the mud. People were advised to carry 4-5 spare tires as well as a shovel. The highway went thru towns and the impact of tourists was great for these small towns. Women traveled these roads quite often because they felt safer in their cars than taking the train.

In 1916 400 miles of road was paved and 100,000 miles was still dirt. This was a campaign point between William Harding and Edwin Meredith and Harding on the mud road side won the governor election.

In 1920 Iowa was the only state west of the Mississippi that was able to finance paving all the Lincoln highway within the state by matching available federal funds. In 1921 75 million dollars was used to upgrade the road.

At first the roads were named, but the road signs were confusing so the names were changed to numbered highways.

Cedar Rapids really changed with the road going thru. Many gas stations, car dealerships were built and because of this many large historic homes were torn down to make room for these changes.

It took 30 years before all of the road was paved from east to west.

You are encouraged to visit the History Center because there is a lot more information on the Lincoln Highway to learn.

Thank you Kara for all the information!

Submitted by Sharon Schminke.



CAR PARTS WORD SEARCH

Locate all these parts of a car among the letters below!



Words Up Puzzles

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ACCELERATOR
AIR BAG
AIRREST
BONNET
BOOT
BRAKES

BUMPER
CLUTCH
DASHBOARD
DOOR
ENGINE
EXHAUST

FUEL TANK
GEARSTICK
GLOVEBOX
HORN
INDICATORS
LIGHTS
MIRROR
NUMBER PLATE
PEDAL
SEAT
SEATBELT

SHOCK ABSORBER
SPARK PLUGS
SPEEDOMETER
SPOILER
STEERING WHEEL
SUNROOF
SUSPENSION
TRUNK
WHEELS
WINDSCREEN
WIPERS



Words Up?

NATIONAL DUES INCREASE TO \$45. TOTAL DUE \$60 EFFECTIVE 1/1/21

TREAT SCHEDULE

November 5th-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt

December 3rd - Christmas Party Pete and Pat Bishoff. Meal provided. Bring table service.

****SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 30 AT 5:30 PM AT ANTIOCH CHURCH LOCATED AT 433 CROSS RD IN MARION. WEAR A MASK AND BRING LOTS OF CANDY!!**

In Remembrance of Dave Juby

The good Lord presented us with a wonderful gift and his parents named him David Juby. Throughout his life David presented himself as a true gentleman. His unwavering care and support for all whom he knew was an example to behold. A child of our living God with compassion and understanding for others. His faith was strong and exemplary. A best friend who always willingly reached out to help others in need. David's engineering expertise lent itself to problem solving of all dimensions. Gifted with a compassionate and loving heart he was always there to offer a helping hand.

To have David as a friend was a precious gift to cherish. Never a harsh word was uttered from him in the interchange of communication. He possessed the "can do" attitude in facing and solving problems. He was comfortable expressing his deep faith and outlook on life. Among many strengths that exuded from his being was his optimistic views and his joy for the life he was given.

David's unblemished good character was an example to all he encountered. Blame was not a part of his thoughts or vocabulary. He accepted life as a journey to enjoy with all his might.

A friend to have and an example to emulate. David's soul is with his Maker and we who knew him are better for it. Our lives have been imprinted and touched by his example.

In loving expression to his family,

Jon A. Reynolds

Also, we have been notified that Alvin Tack, long time National AACA member, has passed away on September 28. His family's address is 1885 Kibben St, Wabash, Ind 46992, Cards are welcomed.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020-2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events November 2020

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

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

Board meeting on November 17th at 6:30 PM at Scott's.

Upcoming Events December 2020

AACA Club Christmas party on December 3rd. Doors open at 5:30 and eat at 6:00 PM. Meal will be provided. Bring table service and wear a mask.

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.

Upcoming Events January 2021

AACA Club meeting on 7th at 7 PM. Program: Horn Automotive by Fred Horn.

Ladies Luncheon January 19th at 11:30 AM at Starlite located at 3300 1st Ave NE.

Board meeting January 19th at 6:30 PM at Scott's. Welcome new board members!

Upcoming Events February 2021

AACA Club meeting on February 4th at 7 PM. Program: Brock Staley's Custom Detailing: Basic, Full, and Full Custom Detail

Ladies Luncheon February 16th at 11:30 am at Qdogs located at 895 Blairs Ferry Rd NE.

Board meeting February 16th at 6:30 PM at Scotts.

Upcoming Events March 2021

AACA Club meeting March 4th at 7 PM. Program: Critter Crusaders.

Ladies Luncheon March 16th at 11:30 AM at Gianna's Italian Beef located at 375 3rd St SE.

Board meeting March 16th at 6:30 PM at Scotts.

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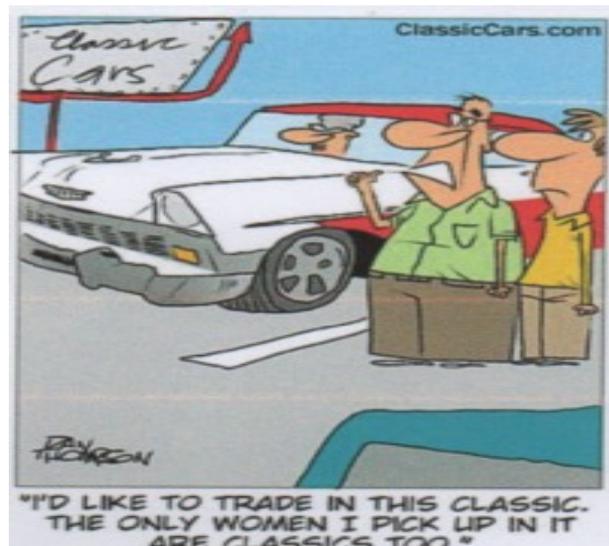
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Joke of the Month:

Sven & Ole bought a new car. They were so excited about it that when they got home they locked the keys in the car. Sven says to Ole "I thought you had the keys". Ole says "You ver driving and da driver always takes da keys". "Well" says Sven "It doesn't much matter, da question is vat are ve going to do about it". Ole says "I don't know, but ve beddar come up vid something fast because it looks like rain and you had to go and leave the top down"!

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