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## President Ramblings

Here it is Fall already and leaves are flying. Harry and I have enjoyed the many different tours, car shows, picnics, speakers.....the list goes on and on. We'll be wrapping up the tour season in October with a trip to Bellevue. There will still be a Halloween party at Bloomsbury Farms, a Fall Banquet, Christmas Club party, socials, and Ladies Luncheons so we still have a few things to do yet this year.

Nominations for two board members and a Vice President have been made – and thanks go out to the volunteers for those positions. I think they'll enjoy working with the board members and in our different work groups. It's been a lot of fun for me this year and I got to know people much better.

We'll be planning speakers for the 2020 Club meetings so if you have ideas for things you'd like to hear about just let me or one of the board members know. We'll try to get it on the schedule. I always try to keep our Club's mission in mind when planning activities:

Promote the preservation, history, and enjoyment of antique motor vehicles. We accomplish this in a number of ways:

Monthly club meetings – here we conduct our monthly business and enjoy an interesting program related to club functions and automotive history.

Monthly club dinner – this is an opportunity to meet socially and share our interest and knowledge related to our antique vehicles. We have a monthly Social held the Monday following the Club meeting and Ladies Luncheons held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

Monthly club tour – drive your antique vehicle or regular driver on a tour to an interesting location selected by our tour committee.

Annual swap meets – held at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids, this swap meet has been a major attraction in the area for many years. The proceeds of our swap meet go toward our charitable fund where we provide scholarships to Kirkwood community college or other Cedar Rapids charities.

Monthly club newsletter – entitled “the Moto Meter” our newsletter is filled with information about our own club events, other events in the area and interesting information on automotive history.

And of course, our website which presents a comprehensive view of all aspects of our club.

President: Jane Hawley

### TRIVIA QUESTION

Once upon a time there was a European car company that distinguished its performance models with an "HF" designation, which was an acronym for "High Fidelity." It was derived from premium stereo system specifications... and also, via an Italian Racing Club of the same Who was the manufacturer, and why did they use those initials?

### JON'S CORNER

1. What car won the first Indianapolis 500 race in 1911?
  2. Where are you supposed to put "fuzzy dice"?
  3. What is a "crash-box"?
- (Answers: Page 11)

# HISTORICAL VEHICLE

## 1934 Standard



## STANDARD 1934



6 Cylinder 1497 cc

HP 16

Slide Valves

Four Bearing

Solex Carburetter,

12 volt Lucas

10 gallon fuel tank

Gear ratio: 5.25, 7.20, 11.10 & 18.90

Suspension: Front-semi-elliptic  
Back-semi-elliptic

Shock absorbers on front and back

Wire Wheels 4.75 by 18"

Dimensions:

Over all length: 13 feet

Over all width 5'1"

Track: 4'4"

4 Seater

The Standard Motor Company Limited was a motor vehicle manufacturer, founded in Coventry, England, in 1903 by Reginald Walter Maudslay. It purchased Triumph in 1945 and in 1959 officially changed its name to Standard-Triumph International and began to put the Triumph brandname on all its products.

For many years, it manufactured Ferguson tractors powered by its Vanguard engine. All Standard's tractor assets were sold to Massey Ferguson in 1959.

In September 1959, Standard Motor Company was renamed Standard-Triumph International Limited. A new subsidiary took the name The Standard Motor Company Limited and took over the manufacture of the group's products.[1]

The Standard name was last used in Britain in 1963, and in India in 1988.



## Doctor Blake Mysteries

The Doctor Blake Mysteries (also The Blake Mysteries) is an Australian television series that premiered on ABC TV on 1 February 2013 at 8:30 pm.[1] The series stars Craig McLachlan in the lead role of Doctor Lucien Blake, who returns home to Ballarat, northwest of Melbourne, in the late 1950s to take over his late father's general medical practice and role as police surgeon after an absence of 30 years. (Vehicle: Standard 16 Deluxe)

*Source: Internet*

## JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP TO BELLEVUE

October 12, 2019

Meet at Walmart in Marion at 8 AM and we'll head from there to Irish Meadows Alpaca Farm in Lamont. They specialize in champion show quality Peruvian and Accoya Huacayas. This 1850's farmstead has many historic red barns nestled between limestone bluffs.



Next, we'll head to Potter's Mill for lunch in Bellevue. We'll take in shopping downtown and Bellevue State Park. Our next stop will be Gravert's Orchard, nestled in the hills overlooking the Mississippi River. We'll make a stop at Dairy Queen in Maquoketa and end our day with a little shopping at the Anamosa Shops Above the Wapsi before heading home. What a day!

### How Far Do You Go

At our July meeting we had a club member (Harry Hawley) who presented a presentation on what to be aware of when looking for a car project when considering time, effort and of course cost. In his presentation, Harry also showed one particular car project that in looking back he should of but didn't use common sense before taking on the restoration project. In other words, the project car really wasn't a good choice to restore. It was more of a parts car to be used to restore a another vehicle that was in better shape. After the meeting, the thought occurred to me - how far do you go when you just want to "wake up" a vehicle that's been sitting around for awhile. I called a friend who owns and runs a restoration shop here in Iowa. I asked him what his thoughts were when somebody brings in a

vehicle that just needs some TLC and here is what he told me.

"My first rule is that any restoration has to have mechanical attention. The vehicle has to run, move, and stop to ensure it is safe to operate. After the repairs I will ask the client to come by and drive it and usually they are very happy see their vehicle sitting there running. I then ask them my leading business question "What's the next step?" If they reply they would like to get the interior or exterior update someday, the fish bobber just went under the water and they took the bait. I then take them into my office and show them some pictures of before and after completed vehicle restoration. I then I give them an estimate for body repairs and paint with the thought that once we start down that path, the person will need to consider the chrome, glass, rubber, and interior. It almost always turns into a complete restoration job. If I get some hesitation or resistance I indicate to them that this restoration project can be done one step at time. But sometimes, all they want is to just drive and enjoy their car. We agree on the the mechanical work and they have been driving and enjoying it ever since."

After hanging up the phone, it reminded me of a past "waking up" Model T project that only needed new tires to be safe. From there, new wiring harnesses for the whole car, Rocky Mountain Brakes, new dash, speedometer, turn signals, ignition switch panel and list goes on. The car is still on car stands 🙄. Before long, I will have more money in this project than I can ever get out of it.

So in summary, write down what your intentions are for the vehicle and stick to them or that car you intended to drive this summer will still be on stands until next spring. *dav*

**Winter is coming—Get ready!!**



"Dad's Home" The painting is of a 1941 Buick at a house in Carthage Missouri.

# REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

## September 5, 2019, CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Jane Hawley and club members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Introduction of new members: Jeff Fossum and Cliff Moser

**Birthdays:** Shareen Melvin and Jon Reynolds

**Anniversaries:** Denise and Lee Votroubek, Clyde and Sue Melvin, and Calvin and Carolyn Reiling

**Illnesses:** None

Judy Ortz made a motion to accept the minutes as appeared in the Moto Meter. Seconded by Carl Ohrt. Motion carried.

Sharon Schminke read the treasurer report. Frank Reynolds made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Shareen Melvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Judy Ortz and seconded by Barbara Waterhouse-Miller that the club pay \$10.00 per member for the fall banquet. This was brought up by Larry Yoder, Vice President. Fall Banquet will be at the CR County Club on November 2.

Jane Hawley said that September 20<sup>th</sup> would be a dinner at her house for the people going on the tour to LeClaire. We will leave from the Marion Walmart at 8 AM on September 21.

Dan Ortz said he would start collecting dues next month.

Discussion was held about the club shirts. The price range is \$22.50-28.50 with an additional \$3 for a pocket. Once further clarification is received regarding Option 1 & 2 & if there will be an option to get the shirt without printing on the back it will be put in the newsletter.

Jane Hawley reported that the election of officers is coming up. Also, Dan Ortz & Rich Mishler's terms as board members expire this year. Possible nominees were Clyde Melvin and Joan Autermann.

Loren Huffaker will run as Vice President.

Tour and Car Show—September 10<sup>th</sup> at Lyle Krug's home and the Gardens Care Center.

The club is invited to Kirkwood Technology Dedication Ceremony September 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Car-Show Terrace Glen Village on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Ladies Luncheon is on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Betty's Bread Basket in Manchester. Meet at Sylvia Copley's home.

Board-Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Grill at 6:30 pm.

Swap-Meet meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Hiawatha Library.

Buy Sell and Trade was conducted by Jeff Fossum.

Treats were by Dan/Judy Ortz and Neil/Karen Rohlena.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Reynolds and seconded by Brenda Juby. Motion carried.

*Secretary: Jeri Stout*

# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2019 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night	Club Meeting/Topics	Board Meetings
<p>October 7 - Bandana's, 3707 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE</p> <p>November 11-Fire House Subs-near Lindale</p> <p>December 9 - Big Daddy 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.</p> <p>Social Hr. Will start at 6:00 PM</p>	<p>October 3-History of Model Cars by Rich Mishler followed by tour of his collection on Oct. 4</p> <p>November 7-Valuation of Antique Cars, by Jack Harville, Bring Non-Perishable food item for food bank</p> <p>December 5- Christmas party</p> <p>All meetings will start at 7:00 PM Hiawatha Com. Center</p>	<p>October 15 - Scott's</p> <p>November 19 - 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Grill</p> <p>December 17 - Scott's</p> <p>Meetings will start at 6:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Special Events</b></p> <p><b>AACA National Fall Meet</b> Hershey, PA. October 9-12</p> <p><b>Ladies Luncheon</b> Bistro 19, Marion IA Aftewards shop Marion downtown area.</p> <p><b>AACA Fall Swap Meet</b> Hawkeye Downs October 19th Setup on Friday, Oct.18<sup>th</sup> Time ??</p> <p><b>Fall Banquet</b> November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Cedar Rapids Country Club. Registration Form - Page 13.</p>	<p><b>Car Tours</b></p> <p><b>Car Get Together's</b></p> <p><b>Terrace Glen Village</b> 3400 Alburnett Rd, 10 AM to Noon</p> <p><b>Bellevue day trip October 12th</b> More details to follow</p>	<p><b>Treats Schedule</b></p> <p>Oct 2019: John &amp; Barb Maxwell / Ken and Judy Robertson</p> <p>Nov. 2019 Daryl &amp; Sylvia Copler Harry &amp; Jane Hawley</p> <p>Dec 2019: Pete &amp; Pat Bischoff</p> <p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p><b>President:</b> Jane Hawley (Default)</p> <p><b>Vice President:</b> Loren Huffaker (Default)</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Jeri Stout (Default)</p> <p><b>Treasure:</b> Sharon Schminke (Default)</p> <p><b>Two Director Positions Needed:</b> Clyde Melvin, Joan Auterman and Carl Ort</p> <p>At Large Boardmember: Larry Yoder-Replaced Judy Ortz</p>

# BELLE'S CORNER

## Where Ignorance is Bliss (Continued)

"Oh," I would say turning *accusingly to my wife*, "I told you I heard something drop off! That must be what it was.

"Got a spare one with ye?"

"No; but I guess you can make a new one. Whittle it, or something."

"From the city?"

"I was born up here."

"Hiram!? He would call from the back door. "Let the roan stand, and fetch me that piece of busted hay rake down back of the corn crib." Then he would turn slowly back. "Waal, I guess may be I can."

They say it is a risky thing for inexperienced drivers to be at large upon the state highways. We took many back roads, and our narrowest escapes were from the skiddings and off-side drivings of experience motorists that we met. I took no risks. Nothing could have tempted me to try to turn around on the road. In fact we often went honking out of our way half across the state looking for a spot where I could make a complete circle, or else find room enough for experiments with the reverse. At an average rate of fifteen-and-a-half-miles an hour, we toured upper New England, seeing more sights along the way than most tourists, and making more noise with our horn than anything that ever went through Vermont before on four wheels. I always honked at a turn in the road going up hill I honked as I approached the top' going down I honked as I approached the bottom. I did it just as some men get the habit of clearing their throats while thinking what they will say next. If I didn't honk my wife or daughter asked me to from the back seat.

So much has been written in the papers about wives and daughters who drive from the back seat that one wonders how intelligent women can still bring themselves to do it. Either they are lost to shame, or they actually do not hear themselves. Probably the latter. For generations the funny papers have commented on the self-contentment of people from certain sections of Boston and Philadelphia, yet folk from those neighborhoods continue to make quite unconsciously the same old remarks. Since my trip I have been perfecting a little system of bell pulls, to be operated from the back seat, such as a steamboat captain has in his pilot house. My wife and daughter can now ring twice to go forward slowly, and three times to go fast, and once to back up. By having the horn within their reach they can signal to other cars, and to me to go to the right or left; while I, the more placidly can do just as I darn please.

So we traveled. Only once on the road have we broken some part that could not be replaced at the nearest native garage. It was one of the gible-the gizzard I think he said-and a new one cost ten dollars. It came from Boston in four days by parcel post, and in the meantime we boarded at the house of the man who owned the garage. I asked him, at the time the trouble occurred, how far it was to the next garage of the right sort. "Which way ye goin'?" He countered. "I don't care," I said; "we're just touring between garages." "Why don't ye stay here and board with us," he suggested, "an' I kin work for ye be the day."

Now and then I found an irritable one, but only temporarily so. Once after a fairly long run to a small garage that I had heard of, I reached the foot of a very steep hill within four or five hundred yards of it. There, after certain incoherent muttering, the car became wholly comatose. A heavily built man returned with me grumbling down the hill. I tried to make conversation on the way. "I don't know what's the matter with her," I said, "but she's been rattling a good deal just lately."

*Continue next month*

## Henry Ford: Restoring the Inn

*(Continued from last month)*

I needed to know one other thing before I ventured out to make purchases.

“Mr. Ford, you told me to find and return these furnishings to the Inn, but you didn’t tell me what you want me to pay for them.”

He smiled and looked me directly in the eyes. “Woody, if I didn’t have confidence in you, I wouldn’t have asked you to do this job. You find the missing pieces and buy them for what you think they’re worth. Send me the bills.”

He couldn’t have given me a greater compliment. With that affirmation, I headed for Boston, Sudbury, and the wayside Inn.

Signs of spring made my trip from Detroit to Boston a pleasant one. Maple buds dared to challenge the last vestiges of winter. A few crocuses had pushed their colorful heads up to assure the passengers on our train coach that warmer weather was on the way.

Mr. Ford came to the Inn several days later and joined me in my search through old documents and letters that I found there. After a short time he handed me a ledger sheet. “We’re in luck, he said. “Look what I just found.” The sheet contained a list of all the people and items purchased at the auction.

I felt like dancing on the table, but the boss was all business.

“This gives us a good start,” he said. “Now the hard part begins. Keep my accountant informed of your expenses once a week. He’ll send you a check on receipt.

With that, he put on his hat and left.

For over six months I searched for and found the majority of the pieces that Longfellow had described in his popular poem. Many of them were in homes of the wealthy, some in academic settings, and others in museums across the country—one even in England. I found most of the owners reluctant to part with their purchases until they learned of the restoration of the Inn. Aware of Mr Ford’s

desire for privacy and anonymity, I never told them whose money was behind the restoration. I’m sure the prices would have skyrocketed had they known. Many owners were not the original purchasers and did not know the prices paid at the auction. They had inherited the pieces and the stories relating to them. A few were actually glad to get rid of the furniture since style and tastes had changed over the past sixty years.

The majority of my acquisitions occurred in a routine manner, but there were one or two unusual experiences.

One purchase took me to New Orleans. For a virile male in his twenties this was not a burdensome trip. I arrived at my hotel at dusk knowing that I would have to wait until the next day to see the furniture. Homes were not open at night for a stranger looking for old furniture. But Bourbon Street was open and, the sheer coincidence, not far from my hotel. The night life I experienced lived up to the street’s reputation with Jazz, booze, and entertainment

Somewhat bleary-eyed the next morning, I checked my information, received directions from the desk clerk, and headed out into a humid August day in search of two items once situated in a bedroom at the old Red Horse Tavern. A phone call to the owners shortly after my arrival had assured me that they would expect me this morning.

The ledger entry read “chest of drawers (chest high, 2 small drawers, 3 wide drawers; black finish, solid red cherry.” A second item simply read “double bed, spool headboard, walnut. When I arrived at the address, I saw the family name stamped on a metal plaque on the iron gate. A black wrought-iron fence surrounded the house and property. The house was stucco, relatively large, with four square columns equally spaced across a large front porch and supporting its front roof. It stood about thirty feet from the side walk. I walked up the worn brick walk onto the porch and rang the door bell, where I twisted the handle around to make it ring. An attractive middle age woman soon opened the door.

*(Continued next month)*

# CRRAACA 2019 FALL BANQUET

The Cedar Rapids Region AACA Banquet will be Saturday November 2, 2019 at Cedar Rapids Country Club - 550 27<sup>th</sup> Street Dr. SE - Cedar Rapids

**Dinner Choice:** Choice either Roasted Chicken w/green beans and mashed potatoes or Pot Roast w/cooked carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Cost:** \$23.50 minus \$10.00 Club Donation equals \$13.50 for each AACA member. Each non-member guest is \$23.50

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

## Registration Deadline is Wednesday October 23, 2019.

This registration and check made out to CRRAACA, MUST be sent to Larry Yoder, P O BOX 105, Amana I.A. 52203. Phone 319-350-4339

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## CRRAACA 2018 FALL BANQUET

### Registration Deadline is Wednesday October 23, 2019

Name of those attending:

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Meat Choice: Roasted Chicken, Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or Pot Roast, Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of club members: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non Members: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dad's Little Rules

As human beings,, we tend to spend time trying to find ways to do things better, make things bigger, run things faster, and stop things sooner, which, more often than not, turns into a discovery of how to mess things up. Brenda says not being able to leave well-enough alone is a guy thing and that it has absolutely nothing to do with thinking. She heard from my mother about how my dad was when trying to assemble some contraption or toy for us kids. Mom always corrected my dad why didn't he use the instruction as my dad began using colorful words inappropriate for young ears. Dad preferred the "when-all-else-fails-read-the-instructions" method. And like a good son, I followed in my fathers footsteps. To this day, Brenda continues to inform me to use the manufacturers suggested direction when assembling the item from the get-go, but like my dad-those colorful words tend to rise to the occasion.

Relating this to our hobby, we all have our little rules and quirks about the way we treat our cars, how we restore them, clean them, the way in which we drive them, and, most importantly, how to carefully divide the time spent with them in relation to how much time is spent with the family and other things related to home-owner responsibilities.

I'm one who tries to balance my time fixing and maintaining things around the house and by doing so, I tend to neglect the vintage cars by not fixing and preparing the many things that they need before we can take them on a club tours. But, while the car remains unused, I still have rules....a man has his pride to keep. There's neglect, and then there's **NEGLECT!**

Actually I only have two rules...and there not really mine but rules that my dad passed down to me from his dad. I remember dad was restoring a Chris Craft Inboard motor boat in his garage. It was taking forever to restore that boat. Dad was very meticulous about every thing being correct and that everything fit correctly. That the lines and looks of the boat was correct. That boat never saw the water for six years as dad worked on the boat sometimes on a daily basis and sometimes not for weeks on end.

Dad's two rules were very simple: "First" he said, "I try to accomplish at least one thing every night, no matter how small. And I focus my attention on that one piece rather than the goal of finishing the car."

Second...(listen up), the car cannot become a shelf. In other words, bundles of papers, boxes, winter clothing...nothing....nothing gets set on the car. Not even for a day."

My dad's rules came to mind again as I visited a friend this past summer. When he raised the garage door there set two unrestored cars. He informed me that they were his dads and were passed down to him after his death. He continued that the cars had been in his garage for eight years. The car were being used as a shelf. (See *Below*)



So how long will the cars set before he gives up and sells them on craigslist?

Keep your tires on the road, and start that restoration/preservation job sitting in your garage/shop. *dav*



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**JON'S CORNER**

1. A Marmon Wasp won the first 500 race in 1911.
2. Put "fuzzy dice" on the rear view mirror.
3. A non-synchronized transmission.

## TRIVIA ANSWER

*The Italian-made Lancia carried HF, or "High Fidelity," badging on its top performance models because their intention was to provide an unfiltered driving experience that was free of distortion.*

## AACA Polo Shirt Information

Below are the options for the Polo shirt pricing. The design of the logo is yet to be determined. What option will be voted on by the membership at the next meeting.

Size:  
S-XL    \$22.50 each  
2XL    \$24.50 each  
3XL    \$28.50 each

Pockets are \$3.00 additional charge.  
Only colors available are white, black, burgundy, cool grey, dark green, navy, red, royal bright blue. stone (sage), sky blue, and ultrahine blue.  
Logos on front and back is optional. Order by November Club meeting

SIZE CHART

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	7XL	8XL	9XL	10XL
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75

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