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TRIVIA

Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?

JON'S CORNER

1. In what year did REO discontinue passenger car manufacture?
2. What make of automobile won the Hower trophy in the Glidden Tour in 1907?
3. In what year did Cadillac become a division of General Motors?

President's Message

I hope each and every one of you and all your family members are doing well during this difficult time. Hopefully soon this will be behind us and we can get back to somewhat of a normal life. As for the club itself I know it has impacted our club meetings and activities. Some of our monthly meetings have been canceled. Sharon Schminke's Twin River Tour was canceled, along with several other tours and activities. We are back to having monthly meetings at the Hiawatha Community Center and have a one day tour coming up.

I enjoyed getting together as a group on the September 19th tour to Vinton. Many of us enjoyed driving our beautiful cars. 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.

Plan to be at the **October 7th (Wednesday) meeting** to hear Kara Templeman, curator and collections manager at the History Center talk to us about the History of the Lincoln Highway.

Leaf Tour has been planned for October 24th. We'll meet at Perkins on 33rd Ave SW and leave at 8:30 AM. We'll be traveling on historic highway 6.

Club Member Spotlight on Al and Marlene Meeker

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

A: I was 16 and it was a 1955 Ford

Q: What cars do you own?

A: 1952 Studebaker 6 door pickup which I built, 1952 Studebaker 1/2-ton pickup which I've owned 54 years, 1952 Studebaker highly modified pickup sitting on a tube frame Corvette powered and transaxle. The theme for this truck is No body panel left molested.

Q: Which is your favorite?

A: The 6 door

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

A: I bought my 1952 Studebaker pickup when I was 19 years old. Yes, there is an interesting story behind this. It goes like this. I was raised on a farm near Eldora, Iowa. I had a friend my age living about two miles away. We both were hard on the farm machinery so when we turned 16 and got our driver's license neither one of our dads would let us have the family car to go into town but his dad had this 1950 Studebaker truck (just an old farm truck) that we could use to go to town. The overdrive didn't work so we only could go about 30 MPH and going 7 - 8 miles to town took quite awhile for a 16-year-old. Two boys not trained in anything started messing around with the overdrive and we got it to start working. Now we could go about 50 mph. We used this truck to drive around the timber looking for places to hunt and on Saturdays we would drive it to town to play pool. Forward another year and we each had acquired our own cars. I graduated High School and went to technical school then started work at Collins Radio. Then 6 months later I had a chance to buy this 1952 Studebaker pickup. I remembered all the great times I had with my friends' truck so I bought it. I never had a car that would squeal the tires which was important to me at the time actually it is still important to me even today. I paid \$35 for the truck. It had a tired flat head 6 with overdrive so the first thing was to swap the motor for healthy v8. I've had this same truck for 54 years and now finishing up putting in my 11th drive train. I chose a GM 6.0-liter motor with a 6-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. It will have over 400 horses. I need this so I'm not late for coffee. I have driven all around the united stated attending National Studebaker Conventions and coast to coast vacations.

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

A: It was in average shape body but the motor not so much. My first motor swap came in 6 weeks.

Club Member Spotlight on Al Meeker (cont)

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

A: In 1993 was an 8-day tour from Independence, MO to Portland, OR following the Oregon Trail set up by the Studebaker Drivers Club going to the national convention in Portland.

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

A: I have in excess of 50 trophies mostly first place with the 6 door and numerous trophies with my blue truck.

Q: How long have you been an AACA member?

A: In excess of 20 years.

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

A: The club has great and talented people and the meetings are during the week.

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

A: I belong to the International Studebaker Drivers Club, The Antique Studebaker Drivers club, The Iowa Hawkeye chapter, Model A club, Classy Chassis Cruisers

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

A: I collect Toy Studebakers and I enjoy working on cars or ?? in my shop.



SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

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

Birthdays: Shareen Melvin. Anniversaries: Sharon & Virgil Schminke (58th) Illness: Jon Reynolds said that Dave Juby is still having cancer treatments-cards & letters would be appreciated; Carl Ohrt broke his tibia and is recuperating. Deaths: former AACA member, Ron Aschbrenner.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the August 6th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter by Judy Ortiz and seconded by John Maxwell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to accept the report by Judy Ortiz and seconded by Jack Harville. Motion carried.

Banquet: Discussion regarding fall banquet. Motion that we don't have a fall banquet by Dan Ortiz and seconded by Jack Harville. Motion carried.

Tour/Activity: Neil Rohlena & Sharon & Virgil Schminke are planning a one day cruise around Vinton on September 19th (Sat)-leave from Wal Mart on Blairs Ferry Road at 8:30 AM. Everyone is to bring their own picnic lunch.

Steve Brown said the one day tour they were trying to plan this fall will be postponed until spring.

New Business:

(1) Jane read a letter from the National AACA asking if our club was willing to host a national meet in 2022-the vote was no

(2) Nomination for officers: No additional nominations-still need someone to be President

(3) Sharon Schminke is taking orders for face masks as a club fundraiser-cost is \$5. Option 1 has Antique Auto Club embroidered on them; Option 2 has Antique Auto Club embroidered on one side & Model A Club embroidered on the other side; Option 3 has Model A Club embroidered on them.

Buy-Sell-Trade conducted by Jane Hawley.

Motion to adjourn by Beth Murphy and seconded by Jack Harville. Motion carried.

Treats provided by Judy & Dan Ortiz and Karen & Neil Rohlena.

Sylvia Copler, Secretary

JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE SEEN EVERYTHING
SUBMITTED BY JOHN MAXWELL



Automobile Trivia Submitted by Sharon Schminke

**Everyone knows that the Ford automobile is named after Henry Ford,
BUT do you know how the other American Cars got their names?**

- **Buick**

A famous used car dealer

A Wall Street stock broker

An American inventor



- **Chevrolet**

A famous race car driver

A French war hero

A French comedian



- **Nash**

American poet, Ogden Nash

Charles W. Nash

Nashville Tennessee

A famous race horse, Nashua



- **Studebaker**

French baker Francis Stude

An American Indian tribe

Two 19th century wagon builders

A pioneer Quaker family



- **Pontiac**

An Indian Tribe

An Indian Chief

A river in the eastern U.S.



- **Willys**

A former U.S. Ambassador to Poland

An ingenious auto inventor

An American chemist



BUY, SELL, TRADE

Dan Murphy is helping Floyd Hammer sell his collection. If interested, contact Dan Murphy at 641-485-5312 or murphdan@heartofiowa.net.

1925 Chevy

1920 Hupmobile

1925 Willys Overland

1929 Model A Sedan

1932 Hupmobile

1925 Ford TT Truck

1925 Ford T Roadster

1920 Depot Hack

1929 Plymouth

1932 Buick (Disassembled)

1942 Jeepster Convertible

Also helping sell the following: (Call John at 641-488-2449)

1951 Studebaker PU

1959 Ford PU

1963 Ford ½ ton PU

1949 Jeepster Convertible

Sylvia and Daryl Copley are selling their 2000 Buick Lesabre Limited. Mileage 161,028. Good tires, battery 1 year old, interior good. Has coolant leak-needs upper intake and a lower intake gasket. Asking \$1000. Call (319) 360-2831.



Area Car Shows and Events (For Additional Information See “Ricks List”)

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

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

October 9-11th Iron Invasion Davenport

October 18th. Monticello Auto Parts Swap Meet

TREAT SCHEDULE

October 7th- John & Barb Maxwell

November 5th-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt

December 3rd - Christmas Party Pete Bischoff



Answers to Sharon’s Automobile Trivia:

Buick was named after David D. Buick who started in the plumbing business but went on to become a pioneer in internal combustion engines which evolved into the automobile business.

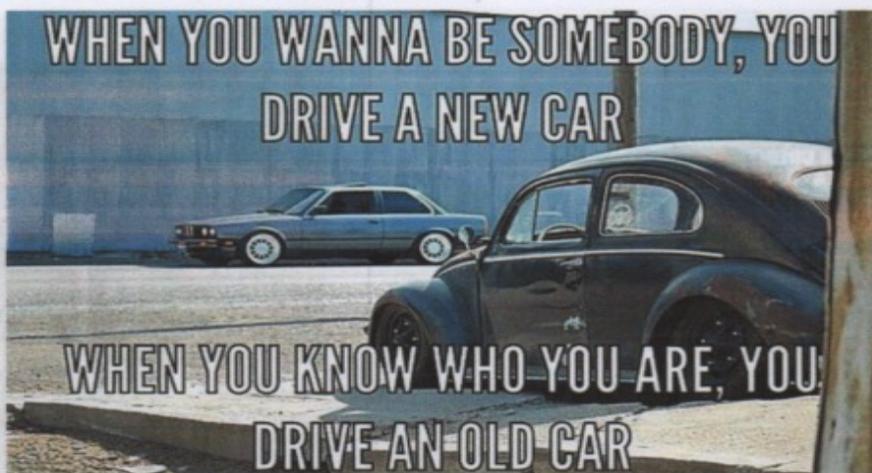
Chevrolet was named after race car driver Louis Chevrolet.

Nash got its name from Charles W. Nash who bought the Jeffery Motor Car Company in 1917 and named it after himself. Charles Nash was at one time President of Buick.

Studebaker was named for the Studebaker brothers. They were known for making quality wagons in the 19th century.

Pontiac is named for Chief Pontiac. Pontiac, Michigan is also named for Chief Pontiac.

Willys is named for John North Willys who was the U.S. Ambassador to Poland. He was also involved in the Overland car company which later became the Willys Overland Co. The Willys Overland Co. went bankrupt in 1942 and stopped production. However the company was sold to Kaiser Frazer, then to American Motors and then to Chrysler therefore the name lives on.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events for October 2020

Swap Meet October Canceled

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 “History of Lincoln Highway” by Kara Templeman, curator and collections mgr of the History Center.

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.

Leaf Tour October 24th. Leave from Perkins on 33rd Ave at 8:30 AM.

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 Scott’s.

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.

The rioting in major cities across the U.S. has spread to Sun Lakes, Arizona, a retirement community of over 30,000. Looters in Arizona’s friendliest hometown have especially broken into stores that sell items like laxatives, vitamins, hearing aids, reading glasses, energy drinks, and surgical stockings. The Seniors were easily caught and arrested since they were using their walkers and golf carts to flee. The protests have been limited to the evening hours because most of the lawbreakers either had doctor’s appointments during the day or rioting would have interfered with their naps. The marches didn’t last that long because many of the demonstrators had to get home to pee. In many cases, the demonstrators simply forgot why they were even there. Officials considered a curfew starting at 9 p.m. but since that’s the time when most of the residents go to bed anyway, it was decided that it wasn’t needed. Community leaders concluded that part of the problem was that residents were restless because they had too much time on their hands since the recreation centers, pools, theaters, boutique stores and especially the bars were closed due to the corona virus. Community officials wanted to form a committee to look further into the problem, but the next day no one could remember why they needed a committee.

Submitted by John Maxwell.

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TRIVIA ANSWER

A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.



JON'S CORNER

1. REO discontinued passenger car manufacture in 1936
2. The White automobile won the Hower trophy in the Glidden Tour in 1907
3. Cadillac joined General Motors in 1916

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