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CLEANING YOUR CAR

TOWELS

We all spend a lot of time keeping our cars washed, waxed and polished. What is the best way to safely dry your car? Most of the scratches or swirl marks that you see in the paint are made if you wipe your car off when its dry or by drying improperly. The two biggest factors to avoid this is to use high quality micro fiber towels or chamois and to make sure the car is clean. If your towel or chamois is dirty when you finish, you didn't have the car clean when you started. You never want to use a polyester cloth because polyester scratches show up as toweling marks. Most of you remember how to test a towel to see if it has polyester in it. You take a lighter and burn the edge of the towel—if the towel or thread melts, it has polyester in it. If it burns, it is 100% cotton and safe to use on your car. High quality micro fiber towels are exceptions to the rule on polyester because each of the ultra fine micro fibers used is hundreds of times smaller than a strand of cotton.

Open Source Internet

AACA SWAP MEET 2017

Thank you very much for those of you who signed up at the last meeting (August 10). We really need everyone. There are plenty of openings for :

- 1) Vendor Gate
- 2) Vendor parking on the track and expo lots
- 3) Friday set up
- 4) Patron Gate
- 5) Parts hauling
- 6) Clean up/put away

We need your commitment on the sign up sheets so I can schedule everyone. Please DON'T just show up.

Come to the next meeting or call me at (319) 551-1583.

Thank You!
Lee Votroubek

JON'S CORNER

1. In what state was the Mason automobile produced?
2. In what year was the first use of strength marks on bolt heads?
3. In what year was the last use of double whitewall tires?

ULTIMATE MYSTERY



What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?

The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce,

TRIVIA QUESTION

When did the control of automotive emissions begin?

(find the answer on page 11)

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HISTORICAL VEHICLE



1942 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet

Lincoln Continentals from 1939 to 1941 shared largely the same body design with each other; based on the Lincoln Zephyr, the Continental received few updates from year to year. For the 1942 model year, all Lincoln models were given squared-up fenders, and a revised grille. The result was a boxier, somewhat heavier look in keeping with then-current design trends, but perhaps less graceful in retrospect. 1942 production was shortened, following the entry of the United States into World War II; the attack on Pearl Harbor led to the suspension of production of automobiles for civilian use. After World War II, the Lincoln division of Ford returned the Continental to production as a 1946 model; Lincoln dropped the Zephyr nomenclature following the war, so the postwar Continental was derived from the standard Lincoln. To attract buyers, the design was refreshed with updated trim, distinguished by a new grille. For 1947, walnut wood trim was added to the interior. Following the death of Edsel Ford in 1943, Ford Motor Company re-organized its corporate management structure, which led to the 1946 departure of the Continental's designer Bob Gregorie. The last year for the Continental was 1948, as the division sought to redevelop its new 1949 model line as an upgraded version of the Mercury. The expensive personal-luxury car no longer had a role at Lincoln.

The Owners Manual, Venice Fl.

REFLECTIONS ON CRRAACA TOUR



Date: June 24, 2017

Tour Leader: Paul Kumley

Location: Tipton, Iowa

Departure Time and Place: Menards, Marion, @ 9:00 AM

Hi Everyone!

Just a little note to you about the great trip Paul Kumley planned on June 24.

We had a beautiful summer day. We met at Menards, left there towards Mechanicsville on back roads. It was just beautiful with the field of corn just high enough to sway gently in the breeze. I love the look of Iowa this time of year. We had a rest stop at Casey's in Mechanicsville. We had about 12 cars, (I counted but don't remember for sure), traveling to Cedar Bluff. There we stopped at an old general store and gas station. The store had been refurbished. The upstairs was already redone and Dale Lynch's daughter (may have been granddaughter) lived there with her husband and child. It was a great older building that had been well preserved. The man that owns it (his son or grandson lives upstairs) said they use the downstairs for family holidays and general gatherings of family and friends. We enjoyed getting the story about the general store.

We left there to go to Tipton for lunch. We ate at the Tipton Family Restaurant. My sister Neva lives in Tipton so she joined us for lunch. Had a great visit with everyone while lunching. Then we had time to wander around town.

At 2:00 pm, we left to go to the Buchanan House Winery. If you had traveled to Tipton on CR40, you may remember a large brick house on your left. They moved that house to the present site on Green road. I guess there was a TV special about the move. The winery sits right beside the house. They are working on refurbishing the house back to its original state. They hope to open it for tours when completed. We got to see it as is. Neat old house.

After the winery we went to another old house that the Cedar County Historical Society is refurbishing about 15 miles from Tipton. The house is on the Bickett-Rate Preserve. It was an interesting house but the unique thing to me was a Chimney Swift tower that has been moved to the land close to the old house. This swift house was built by the first woman self-trained ornithologist from Iowa, Althea Sherman. The bird house was built 90 years ago. Althea studied the Swift for over 15 years. She became well known for her work studying birds.

What a great trip. Thanks so much Paul Kumley for planning this tour!!!

Submitted by Judy Ortz

REFLECTIONS ON TWIN RIVERS CRRAACA TOUR



Date: July 31-August 4, 2017

Tour Leader: Neil/Karen Rolena & Dan/Judy Ortz

Locations: Multiple locations in Iowa

Departure Time/Place: 33rd ST Perkins @ 7:30 AM

Day One

We started our trip about 7:45. When we make these trips, Neil always takes us on blacktops that are not super busy and usually very scenic, as do most of our trip planners! We had an enjoyable ride to Pella where our first stop was at the Vermeer Farm Machinery factory. It was very interesting how Vermeer and his cousin started this business. Mr. Vermeer invented a better wagon for loading and dumping corn. Then he saw a need for a bigger hay baler and invented the round baler, and also a novel stump grinder. His business employs about 3000 people, the 2nd largest employer in Pella with Pella Windows being larger. His kept all his plants here. Then when he started selling enough to a country to make it profitable, he built a factory there. There are many other inventions. I didn't know the company existed. Very enlightening

We left there to go to the Historical Village Museum. The village had lots of different "stores" and houses to represent businesses from that era. There was a livery stable, wooden shoes, general store and more. What I hadn't seen before was a working wind mill. Our guide was very good about explaining how it was built and how it worked. Everything ran on wind energy. I really enjoyed that. We continued on to our motel after lunch.

Day Two

The second day was just as busy as day one. We started at R&S Classics in Corning. There were many beautiful old cars. We then went to the birth home of Johnny Carson. They had a nice film about Johnny that had lots of information. The community brought the house back to its original look.

After the house we went to see a tractor collection in Brooks belonging to Lavern Travis' nephew, Mike. His Dad started the collection of Rumley tractors and Mike continued it on his father's passing, I had not seen that kind of tractors before. They certainly are big. (I can hear the men now saying, "How could she not have seen them before?"). Neil planned a sack lunch to be bought in. Several of us commented how good the lunch was because we haven't had lunch meat sandwiches for a while; they hit the spot!!

We then stopped at the Briebaun Alice Chalmers collection in Griswold. Lots of red tractors and antiques upstairs. Then the Farmall collection and antiques. Then on to the Rush Ford collection. These were all nice but don't know what to say about them so I'll let someone more knowledgeable tell about them. (Hopefully someone will!).

The Cabbage Patch dolls I could sink my teeth in. Donna Brown started this collection about the late 70's, I believe. Her daughter bought her one and that got her hooked. She bought anything and everything Cabbage Patch. I never knew they had so much stuff for Cabbage Patch. She had it displayed nicely so you were able to see things. Did you know a Cabbage Patch doll was on the space shuttle in 1985? Also it was the official mascot of the US Olympics game in 1992 and 1996. That was a great stop.

REFLECTIONS OF TWIN RIVERS TOUR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Day 3

We felt like we were in grade school again as we boarded a school bus to go see all the bridges in Madison county so that all the old cars didn't have to go on all the gravel roads. The bridges each had their own story and we also learned about Madison County. We had parked around the John Wayne Museum so we went there next. It was kind of nostalgic to see parts of his old movies. If you haven't seen the new museum you should. They have great stuff in there. When we left there we went to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for a wonderful lunch. The food was good and they took very good care of us. It was enjoyable break from our traveling.

We stayed in Winterset, going to see the Quilt Museum. They have different displays every 3-4 months. This one was by nationally known Judy Marten. Her quilts were beautiful and wonderfully patterned. The information was good and I could understand it.

We had time to shop for a while before we went a little north to the Winterset Cidery. This business was only 3 years old, I believe. A couple left a high end job and started learning the art of making apple cider. He said it was a hit almost instantly. They still use apple cider from other orchards because theirs is just starting to produce this year. He and his wife have found it more work than they realized but are very happy with it. We went back to our motel after this. Just a word on our motel, we really had great manager at the Covered Bridges Inn. I would recommend it to anyone!!

Day 4

This is the day of our banquet so not a long day. We went to a restored Opera House in the small town of Greenfield. Their town only has a population of 2000-3000. They decided to restore this old Opera house back to its original state. They got some grants but raised the rest from donations. Some money raised from businesses and a lot from their population. It is very nice and has lots of uses. It is called the Warren Cultural Center. It has paintings and sculptures that are on display and then lots of activities in the opera room. They have an arts room on the lower level that is for arts from all over with all kinds of art for sale.

We left there to visit the first Freedom Rock around 11 miles out of town. Ray "Bubba" Sorensen painted the rock "just because" the first time. He was inspired by the movie Saving Private Ryan. He wanted to do something for veterans. He gained so much notoriety from it, he redid it the next year. Every May he returns to paint a new picture. By Memorial Day he has new picture for the next year. Ray learns about the soldier he is going to paint and gets an okay from the family before he does it. He's starting to paint freedom rocks in every county. Most counties have an order in to have one painted. I just looked on his website and all counties in Iowa have commissioned him except Henry County; Shellsburg has a freedom rock for Benton County. He has a map that shows which counties have made plans with him or not. He does the first freedom rock on his own but counties have to pay him for theirs. He comes back periodically to check to see if they need touch up. He has certain obligations the county has to fulfill before painting. He also wants to do a freedom rock in every state.

We went to Drew's Chocolate and the candy was good but the lady(I think the owner) behind the counter was very unfriendly. We all commented on her!

We always have a banquet at the end of our trip, Thursday night. We enjoyed very good food at the "Sports Page." Neil had made arrangements with Virgil Schminke's brother-in-law to speak at the banquet about the Fareway Store Company. I think Bob Van Scoy worked there for 40 years. He told of how Fareway got started and how they are family oriented. He gave a very nice informative talk.

Neil had a lot of help from Bob and his wife Velma and Bob's daughter RoxAnn & Jim Rhoads, Just so you all know Neil and Karen work hard on this trip and it is a well worthwhile one.

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REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

AUGUST 10 1017 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The August meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center. Judy Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Ortiz presided over the meeting

Old Business:

Judy brought up what was suggested at the board meeting about changing the date/month of driving your car to the meeting and inviting other clubs to attend. She asked about approaching the Hiawatha Center about changing to a Wednesday night for that club event. Frank Reynolds asked about scheduling the car event for the fifth day of the month since no one holds a meeting on the fifth day of the month. Lee Votroubek stated it was worthwhile but he said his motivation was we had a good club to join. August Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

Guests were Nathan and LaVette Bradshaw.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Fred Templer.

Lee Votroubek stated the sign up sheets for the October 14th Swap Meet were out on the table for club members to sign up. There will be a meeting of the captains on each sheet in the next week or two.

A great trip was talked about by those attending the tour to Winterset where we viewed the covered bridges. One of the places attended was a cabbage doll collection. Neil Rohlena brought two dolls his mother had made. Neil said everyone thought the food and the hotel manager were excellent. He also said some of the places we toured were Johnny Carson's birth place, Tractors Minneapolis/Moline, Ford and Allis Chalmers. The John Wayne's Museum, A lady in Newton talked about her life in the Ukraine. She also served us Ukraine desserts and drink. Lavern and Martha Travis won the Hard Luck Trophy presented at the banquet. Daryl and Sylvia Copler won the second Hard Luck Trophy.

Frank Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of our June meeting as published in the Motor Meter with a second by Pete Bischoff. Motion carried.

Sylvia Copler read the Treasurers Report from June and July. Pete Bischoff made a motion to approve the reports with a second from Shirley Shannon. Motion carried.

New Business:

The website was also discussed at the board meeting and how we might make it more useful. We thought about having a team and asking Go-Daddy for help. Lawn Party is at Tom and Joan Auterman's Saturday August 12.

Buy Sell and Trade was conducted by Pete Bischoff.

Motion was made for adjournment by Pete Bischoff and seconded by Sharon Schminke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerolee Stout

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2017 REGION CALENDAR

Social Night

Sept 11, 2017 DQ, Fairfax
 Oct 9, 2017 Saucy, Edgewood
 Nov 6, 2017 Starlite
 December 11, 2017 TBD
 Social Night starts at 6:00 PM.

Business meeting

September 7, 2017
 October 5, 2017
 November 2, 2017
 December 7, 2017 - Christmas Party
 All meetings will start at 7:00 PM
 -Hiawatha Com. Center

Board Meetings

Sept 21, 2017 Leonardos
 Oct 19, 2017 Starlite
 Nov 16, 2017 Culvers,
 Hiawatha
 Dec, 2017 No Meeting
 All meetings will start at
 6:00 PM

Special Events

October 4-7, 2017 - Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA

September 8, 2017 - Tour to Amish County in Hazelton. Meet at 8:30, Leave at 9:00 from Sam's Parking Lot. Barb and Donna are needing an RSVP in order to provide a count to people preparing lunch for everyone (Buy Your Own Lunch!). Tour will include a visit to the General Store and Leather Shop. Contact Barb Waterhouse-Miller or Donna Meeks for more information.

September 30, 2017 - Swamp Fox Festival Parade, Marion, 9-10:30 am. 12:00 - Grand opening of Heritage Center's Fall Exhibition - "Good Road: Bicycles, Motorcycles and Automobiles on the Transcontinental Route 1878-1919." We are invited to enter our cars in the parade (free) and then display them on a grassy location across the street from the Heritage Center (6th Ave). Questions? Contact Lynette Brenzel, 319-447-6376.

JON'S ANSWERS

1. The Mason was produced in Iowa.
2. The first use of strength marks was 1946.
3. The last use of double whitewall tires was 1941.

2017 Treats Schedule

September - Dan and Judy Ortz, Karen & Neil Rohlena
 October -
 November - Lee and Denise Votroubek
 December - Christmas Party

TOOLS

I have a collection of tools, tools that I have purchased, tools that I inherited from my dad, tools that I bought at garage sales or swap meets. Some of them I have never used, others, well, I constantly find my self reaching for. In the next several issue I will describe some the tools every garage should have.

GASKET CUTTER

Another tool that I have found useful in my tool box is a gasket cutter. Whenever I needed a round gasket, I used a medicine bottle or other small round object to use as a guide while I cut the gasket with an Exacto knife or whatever I found in the garage that would cut a clean cut. Gasket cutters, often available on eBay for a few dollars, can cut square or rectangular gaskets. There are various cutters available made by different manufacturers. Mine has a cutting board, blades, and the cutting tool. It has an adjustable center point and a ruled scale. Most gasket cutters have a sharp needle that fits into the bottom of the adjustable center, going through the gasket and into a hole in the cutting board. The blade cuts the gasket as the tool is rotated around the center point. If you buy on eBay, you will want to make sure that there are blades available for whatever cutter that you buy.

Dav

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017

I WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE WINTER EARLY IN January 2017 and not planning to return until around the first of April. I would like to have all of the Membership renewals taken care of by the end of December.

Membership for 2016 expires December 31st, so **PLEASE** get your renewals back to me as early as possible. A renewal form can be found in this month's MOTO METER.

REMEMBER! The regional dues are \$15.00 and we are collecting the dues for National AACA renewal also. They are \$40.00. The renewal forms and dues are due by December 15, 2016. If your dues are not current for both National and Regional by December 31st you will be removed from the newsletter mailing list and will no longer be covered by National liability insurance that National provides to all members when on tours.

Cedar Rapids Region Antique Automobile Club of America

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Membership Renewal:

Membership coincides with the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st each year corresponding to the membership term of the National AACA

Active renewal campaign will start with the September MOTO METER and run through the end of December 2016

Those who renewed after December 31, 2016, will not receive a MOTO METER Newsletter until the following membership drive in 2017. In other words, if you pay after December 31st you still will not receive a hardcopy of the newsletter until the 2017 membership drive. However, the newsletter can be viewed online at the clubs website.

Renewal form should be filled out every year INCLUDING National AACA membership form! Membership renewals must include National Membership renewal. If you are a National AACA Life Member - Please indicate this on the National form.

New Members

New memberships will be processed upon receipt of the application, dues including National AACA dues. Application are available from the Membership Chairman.

NOTICE

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

As you plan for the coming year we want to make you aware of a change voted upon at the 2017 AACA National Board Meeting in Independence, Missouri.

AACA national dues have remained at \$35 since 2008. Your Board of Directors have resisted dues increases while most clubs have had increases. It has been the goal of AACA to find alternative revenue sources to keep dues low and that has been successful for the club over time. However, overhead continues to mount and ambitious plans for the future necessitates a minimal increase for 2018 to \$40 (Foreign - \$50.)

It is the goal of AACA to continue to deliver the greatest service, the most benefits and the highest quality magazine to its members while being very cognizant to keep dues increases to a minimum.

**Cedar Rapids Region
Antique Automobile Club of America**

Application for Membership (Please check one)

- New Members - Membership Renewal (Due Dec..31)

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Spouse _____
 Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Per Calendar Year

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SPOUSE IS APPLICABLE.....\$40.00

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FIRST TIME 1/2 YEAR MEMBERSHIP.....\$20.00

Available to FIRST TIME EVER AACA member who joins after May 31st. Enjoys same privileges as members above.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (AGES 13 -25).....\$12.00

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP.....\$10.00

Members receive quarterly newsletter , wheel badge, and name badge. DOB _____ Required for junior.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.....\$600.00

Enjoys same privileges as full time member. The surviving spouse of a life member shall remain a life member at no additional cost. A three year payment plan is available.

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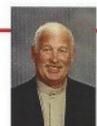
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TRIVIA ANSWER

The first effort began in the 1961 model year, with the arrival of positive crankcase ventilation (PCV), in California, which became universal by 1964 and replaced the open road tube.

Tailpipe emissions were then addressed in 1966, again in California first, and then across the country for the 1968 model year, with air injection into the exhaust manifold.

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On the way home we stopped at Howells' Greenhouse and Gift Shop. They showed us their flower gardens and told how they do things. They sell a lot of dried flowers and have a unique gift shop. Many of our travelers went in the bath tub train, a small tractor pulling 10 or 15 bathtubs on wheels. Some got their pictures taken. I wish I had one.

We stopped in Newton for lunch then proceeded to Mariya Douganyuk's house. She is from the Ukraine and she shared with us her stories and Ukraine memorabilia. While half of us were downstairs to seeing her lovely collection, the other half was upstairs enjoying a desert she made and visiting with her daughter. They came to America when her daughter was 14. It was so interesting talking to both of them.

Now the trip is just memories, but very great ones. I'm kind of long-winded but couldn't choose what not to talk about. Hope you enjoy our trip notes!!!

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