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## TRIVIA

In 1923, how many new inventions were made by women for cars?

## JON'S CORNER

**1. What was the maximum speed limit in most US towns in 1909?**

**2. How many stars were on the American flag in 1909?**

**Answers: Page 11)**

## President's Message

### Day Trippin' to See What We Can See



Do you know where these old time gas stations are located? Oxford Junction. Harry and I found these on a day trip to Clinton.



What does a small town do with a defunct gas station? Preserve it and turn it into the town hall. Oxford Junction, IA, population about 500, did just this, replete with pumps, roadside sign, clock above the door, and correct colors.

Before the advent of the service station a century ago, fueling up was an adventure for our ancestors. The first places to sell fuel—appearing not long after the first cars—were pharmacies, as a side business.

## Club Member Spotlight on Tom and Joan Auterman

### **Q: What cars do you own?**

- 26 Model T coupe—being restored—body at painters
- 28 Model A Phaeton
- 29 Model A 2 door
- 30 Model A sports coupe
- 30 Model A 4 door sedan——in Arizona
- 31 Model A slant window 4 door sedan—needs restoring
- 28 Chevy 4 cylinder
- 29 Chevy 4 door sedan—needs restoring
- 56 Chevy 4 door BelAir
- 2004 SSR (looks like a 1950 pickup). In Arizona

### **What is your favorite car? What kind of condition was it in?**

**Our** favorite is the 28 Model A Phaeton. We bought it in Arizona from an ad in the newspaper. The lady was selling it because her husband couldn't get in the car anymore. After buying it we drove it to the Model A meeting in Arizona and found out it had belonged to one of the club members before he sold it to the lady. It was in very good condition. We enjoyed touring around in it.

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

**A:**My first car was a 47 Chevy. I got it when I graduated from high school so I could get to my job.

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

**A:**The most memorial trip (at least for Joan) was to the Chevy 4 cylinder tour in Riverton, Wyoming. We trailered the car —975 miles— and then each day of the tour we drove to different sites in the area. After four days of touring we loaded the car for the drive back to Iowa. We had not gone far when Tom got severe pains in stomach area and could not drive anymore so Joan had to take over and drive from Wyoming border to Fairfax. This was the first time Joan had driven the pickup pulling the trailer!!! Tom had gall bladder surgery when he got home.

## Club Member Spotlight on Tom and Joan Auterman (cont)

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

A: The cars have been in different shows. The 56 Chevy won HPOCF Award at the 31st AACA Annual Middle West meet in June 2007 at St. Joseph, MO. It won the HPOCF Certified Award at the 34th Annual Middle West meet June 2010 in Cedar Rapids.:

**Q: How long have you been an AACA member and what do you like best about being a member of the AACA??**

A: The AACA is a great group. We have made many good friends from the group. We have been members since around 2005.

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

A: In Cedar Rapids; AACA—local and national, Model A club and Chevy club.

In Arizona: Model A Restorers Club—local and MAFCA, Model T club—local and MTFCA, and Vintage Cruisers Club.

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

Other hobbies include oil painting (mostly landscapes) by Tom and quilting by Joan. We also collect Texaco memorabilia.



## August 6th, 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Jane Hawley and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitor-Pete Juergens daughter, Kris Iehl.

Birthdays: Jeff Fossum. Illness: Jon Reynolds said that Dave Juby has been having radiation treatments-cards & letters would be appreciated.

Lee Votroubek gave a presentation on the History of the CRRAACA and Jan Wenger gave a presentation in the History of Model A Days.

**Secretary Report:** Motion to approve the July 4th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter by Dean Kiefer and seconded by Judy Ortz. Motion carried. Sylvia read a thank you note from the Salvation Army for the clubs \$500 donation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report read by Sharon Schminke. Motion to accept the report by Dan Ortz and seconded by Judy Ortz. Motion carried. Sharon asked that payment for banquets/events be made payable to CRRAACA & not to the member organizing it because the bank won't accept 2 party checks.

**Banquet:** Loren Huffaker reported that the Longbranch had returned the deposit for the spring banquet & is unknown at this time if they will be open to have the fall banquet.

**Tour/Activity:** Neil Rohlena & Sharon & Virgil Schminke are planning a one day cruise around Vinton on September 19th (Sat). Everyone is to bring their own picnic lunch. Jane reported that Steve & Anne Brown are planning a one day tour in October.

**Membership:** Dan Ortz reported that he would like to start the membership renewal in September and have it completed by December 1st

**New Business:** (1) Jane reported that the newsletter editors and membership chairman are now voting members of the board. (2) A care committee is being formed to visit/take food or call members that can't come to the meetings/activities and to visit/take food to those who are ill. Neil Rohlena stated that Karen likes to read & would enjoy receiving letters. (3) Jon Reynolds has the projector & will keep it at his house (4) Jane talked to the Hiawatha Community Center & they possibly will give us a credit towards our 2021 rent for the months the community center was closed & we couldn't meet (5) Nomination for officers: President-?; Vice President-Loren Huffaker, Neil Rohlena; Treasurer-Sylvia Copler; Secretary-Sharon Schminke; Board members-Tom Oliver, Jeff Fossum (6) Sharon Schminke is taking orders for face masks as a club fundraiser-cost is \$5. Option 1 has Antique Auto Club embroidered on them and Option 2 has Antique Auto Club embroidered on one side & Model A Club embroidered on the other side.

**Buy-Sell-Trade** conducted by Kris Iehl.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Yoder and seconded by Joann Kiefer. Motion carried.

Treats provided by Steve & Anne Brown.

Sylvia Copler, Secretary

## AUGUST PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Lee Votroubek gave us a great talk on the history of the Cedar Rapids Region Automobile Club of America (CRRACA). The club started with 16 Charter members. Their first meeting was held at Ralph Moellers' home and then moved to the basement room of the City National Bank located at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Old Marion Road.

After a while City National Bank informed them that they needed that room and the meetings would have to be moved elsewhere. They then started holding their meetings in the Iowa Manufacturing building.

Lee asked our members attending the meeting how long they had been members and Jon Reynolds, Dean Kiefer and Lee Votroubek were the longest attending members at the meeting.

Lee used to go the meetings with his father but couldn't be a member yet because at that time you had to be old enough to have a drivers license. Lee was able to join the club in 1965 when Norm Everly was President.

In 1967 the National offered their Lifetime membership for \$100-\$300 so many members became Lifetime members at that time.

When the club was young they didn't have "treats" at their meeting so Leonard and Lee would stop at the Donutland and pick up some donuts and Godfrey Spickle loved the leftover ones. The club held a National Meet on the grassy area of Kingston Stadium with Charlie Christianson as the Master of Ceremony. He did a great job.

Lee asked what was the age of the members in the early years of the club and he told us it was 25-35 years. Some were 50 (I do believe we have that beat !!)

Sometimes they knew the members best by the cars they owned and drove. Such as George Thompson owned a Rolls Royce and Jim Stickley also owned a Rolls Royce which he purchased from Royalty. (I do believe the expensive cars seemed to make a bigger impression on Lee).

In 1969 Leonard and Shirley hosted the Yard Party for club members. They had a wine cellar filled with 100 to 150 gallons of homemade wine. The picnic was a hit and so was the wine. A great time was had by all.

In the beginning the club was men only but later the women were included. They had a "Ladies Night" to start including the women.

The first swap meet that was tried by the CRRACA was held and didn't do very well so the club decided to let the Model A club do the Swap Meets and Bob Murphy did a great job. In 1978 when Lee was President the club decide to try again with a Fall Swap Meet and it has been hosting it ever since.

Lee's father has many movies of the club activities and Lee has had them redone and will bring them to show the club sometime in the future and he will narrate for us.

Thank you Lee for all your knowledge and I hope this is a pretty accurate reporting of it.

Submitted by Sharon Schminke.

## AUGUST PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Jan Wenger gave a very informative talk on the Iowa Model A Day that their club hosts every year.

In 2009 Jan was President and the club decided to try having Iowa Model A Days. Chicago had been hosting Model A Days for a while and so the club decided to try. They wondered where the best place to have it would be and decided on the Amana Colonies. They needed to meet with the Amana Society to find out what their guidelines were that needed to be followed and so then the planning began.

They advertised in local and surrounding towns and found out that was not profitable. Then they realized that the Amana Colonies gave them free advertising so they went with that and also advertised in the Model A Magazine. This worked out real well and didn't cost very much.

Through the years they have tried different things like having activities and tours on Friday because so many were coming the night before the Model A Days. In 2011 they gave the people information about sights to see in the Amanas and let them tour on their own but that didn't work too well so in 2012 they led tours of Amana but they have had to take into consideration the traffic when Amana Refrigeration was getting off work for the day.

They give out welcome bags filled with a glass for each year from the Millstream Brewery, Button, Dash Plaques and information about the Amana Colonies.

In 2017 they had a welcome reception for the people that consisted of Hors de oeuvres and the people ate like it was their supper so they had to rethink the next years' reception.

They take pictures of you and your vehicle that they send to you. They have activities for both the men and women. For the women they have had a lady speak about her dolls, a fashion show and someone talked about the history of the Amanas.

Some of the men's activities were upholstering, spark plugs and about stainless steel.

One of the tours that was very interesting was of the Amana Cemetery. The people are not buried with their family member but are buried in the order of the date that they died. The children are buried in a separate cemetery.

There are no fees charged for the Iowa Model A Days. You pay for your own meals and any other expenses on your own.

Someone asked how much it costs to put on the Iowa Model A Days and Jan said about \$1,500.00. They club has a lot of good volunteers. Every year the club makes specific posters about the Model A Days and Jan showed a couple of them to us.

Thanks Jan for the great information!

Submitted by Sharon Schminke.

## Reflections on The Coronavirus from John Maxwell

I hope they give us two weeks notice before sending us back out into the real world. I think we'll all need the time to become ourselves again. And by "ourselves" I mean lose 10 pounds, cut our hair, and get used to not drinking at 9:00 am.

New monthly budget: Gas \$0, Entertainment \$0, Clothes \$0, Groceries \$2,799.

Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended; not so much to stop COVID-19 but to stop eating.

We low maintenance chicks are having our moment right now. We don't have nails to fill and paint, roots to dye, eyelashes to re-mink, and are thrilled not to have to get dressed every day. I have been training for this moment my entire life!

When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on the scale."

Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 8 weeks.

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a vineyard to home school one.

You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road? Doesn't seem so unrealistic these days.

Day 56: The garbage man placed an Alcoholics Anonymous flyer on my recycling bin.

People keep asking: "Is coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen y'all, the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious.

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

I am home schooling. Then first day I tried to get this kid transferred out of my class.

Putting a drink in each room of my house today and calling it a pub crawl.

Okay, so the schools are closed. Do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house?

For the second part of this quarantine do we have to stay with the same family or will they relocate us? Asking for myself...

Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs . We wander around the house looking for food. We get told "No!" if we get too close to strangers. We get really excited about going for walks and car rides.

I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again, but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you people don't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to shop."

**Thanks John! We needed this!!**

## 2020 Cedar Rapids Area Thursday Cruise Nights

All start between 5:00 & 6:00 PM

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**-Palo, Iowa Greenspace (behind the bank).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**-Prairie Hill Pavilion-5860 Kacena Ave, Marion, Ia (Hwy 13 N just past Culver's Restaurant). Sept 10

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**-Duffy's Classic Enterprises-250 Classic Car Ct SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Sept 17

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**-Hope Lutheran Church-2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Sept 24

**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 [orangeenko@yahoo.com](mailto:orangeenko@yahoo.com)**

### Area Car Shows and Events

September 6<sup>th</sup>. Cruzin for Camp Courageous **Cancelled**

September 19<sup>th</sup>. Tama-Toledo Car Show

September 26<sup>th</sup>. Ely Car Show

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show in Hopkinton

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> AACA Hershey Fall Meet in Hershey, Penn. **Cancelled**

October 18<sup>th</sup>. Monticello Auto Parts Swap Meet

### TREAT SCHEDULE

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>- Dan & Judy Ortiz/Neil & Karen Rohlena**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>- John & Barb Maxwell**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Virgil & Sharon Schminke/Carl Ohrt**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Party Pete Bishoff**



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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 2020 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events September 2020

**AACA Club meeting on September 3.**

**Social Night** Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) at Kava House in Swisher at 6:00 PM.

**Ladies Luncheon** on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Midtown Station located at 715 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE.

**Board meeting** on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Scott's.

**CRRAACA Auto Tour** Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Walmart on Blairsferry Rd. at 8:30 AM and tour to Vinton. There are many trees that fell in a tornado and a local artist carved them into statues. Many murals and corn statues are around down town. A water slide at the pool was moved from Chapman's park in Cedar Rapids. Much more! We will use masks and bring our own lunch to eat safely at the park by the Cedar River. Neil

### Upcoming Events for October 2020

**Swap Meet October Canceled**

**Social Night-October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM Parlor City Pub & Brewery located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE.

**AACA Club meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 7 PM Linn County Historical Society "History of Lincoln Highway"** by Kara Templeman, curator and collections mgr.

**Ladies Luncheon** on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher.

**Board Meeting** on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Scott's.

### Upcoming Events November 2020

**AACA Club meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Program Kirkwood Scholarship Students.**

**Social Night** November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Olive Garden.

**Ladies Luncheon** on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Cheddars.

**Board meeting** on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill.

### Upcoming Events December 2020

**AACA Club Christmas party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time TBD.**

**Social night**–December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Bushwood.

**Ladies Luncheon** December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Kirkwood Class Act. White elephant gift exchange.

**Board Meeting** on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Scott's.

### Joke of the Month by Sharon Schminke

One day a blonde comes up to a man's door and asks him if he has any odd jobs that need to be done. The man says "I'll give you \$50 to paint the porch out back." The blonde goes to work and after 30 minutes, she comes back and tells the man she is done. "Wow that was fast" the man says. The blonde replies "yes I know but that wasn't a Porsche it was a Ferrari."

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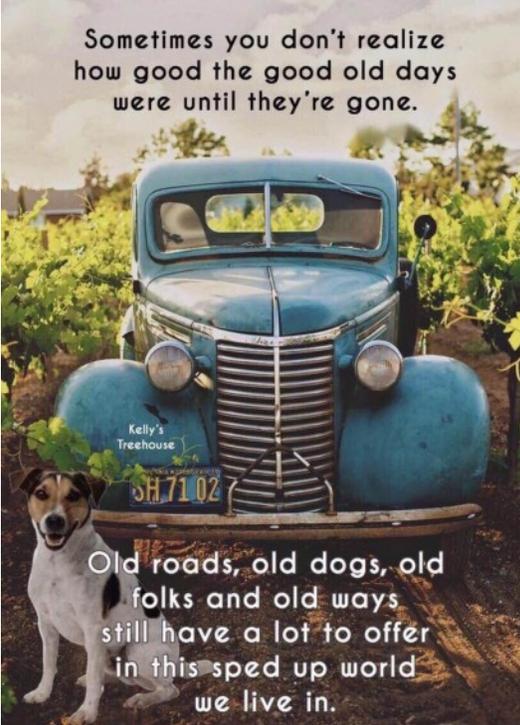
## TRIVIA ANSWER

173 new inventions were made by women for cars, including a carburetor and an electric engine starter.

**JON'S CORNER**

1. The maximum speed limit in most US cities in 1909 was 10 mph.
2. There were 45 stars on the US flag in 1909.

Sometimes you don't realize how good the good old days were until they're gone.



Kelly's Treehouse  
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Old roads, old dogs, old folks and old ways still have a lot to offer in this sped up world we live in.

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