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Presidents Message January 2026

What a great year we had in 2025! First and foremost, I would like to thank my great Board of Directors and the way our Club came together to put on that awesome Swap Meet at the Downs. I've been spending time with Jennifer working on the 2026 contract and I think we have a great contract for 2026 and a tentative contract for 2027. The Downs has been very generous and forth coming on their plans for their future growth and how they see us fitting in their plans. Since there are items in the contract that pertain only to us, I will as always, be transparent and bring everyone up to speed at the January meeting since every contract is different and some have different perks than others.

What a Christmas party! The turnout was super and I counted 38 people but I may have not counted Kathi and myself. With this being our first Christmas party in Hiawatha, I wanted to thank everyone that helped, Jon Reynolds gave a brief talk on the origin of St Nicholas and my thanks to John Williams, along with Clyde and Sue Melvin for suggesting the table arrangement, Sharon Schminke supplied the meat and at the end of the night there was about a spoon full left. We have some great bakers and the desserts were plentiful and delicious. Neil and his fellow accordion playing buddy supplied Christmas music and my thanks to everyone that stayed and helped put tables and chairs back in the correct order. My thanks to anyone else who helped Kathi follow up by wiping down each table.

Next Swap Meet meeting will be one hour before our regular Club Meeting in January. Swap meet Fliers will be available and we will discuss where we are and who needs help.

Hope you all are having a happy and joyous Holiday. Our success is solely due to you; the club members and I thank each and every one of you.

2026 will be a great year.

Jack Harville President

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What year was the first auto insurance policy created?**
- 2. Who was the first person to patent the first successful windshield wiper?**
- 3. What car was the first to be mass produced?**

Answers on page 7

Cryptic Christmas Card

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z . The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up & wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: “No L.”

True Story

The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph & Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get “no room” answers a little voice called from the back “YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!” Bringing the house down.

Didn’t You Get My E-Mail?

As a little girl climbed onto Santa’s lap, Santa asked the usual, “And what would like for Christmas?” The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: “Didn’t you get my E-mail?”

Pontius Who?

At Sunday school, the younger children were drawing pictures illustrating Biblical stories. The teacher walked by & noticed one little boy was drawing an airplane! “Oh, what Bible story are you drawing?” She asked. “This is the Flight into Egypt” the little boy answered. “See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. An this ,“ he said, pointing to the front of the plane “is Pontius. He’s the Pilot.”

God’s Not Deaf

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents’ house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs: “ PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE” “I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO”. His older brother leaned over, nudged him & said “Why are you shouting, God isn’t deaf” to which his brother said “No but Grandma is.”

Who kissed Santa?

At my daughter’s elementary school Christmas concert, a first-grade girl introduced their song, “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” with clear, articulate, well-rehearsed speech, (and not in the least aware of the mix-up), saying “Oh, what would have thought if she saw Daddy kissing Santa Claus!”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2026 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events January 2026

Jan. 12th AACA Swap Meet Meeting at 6:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Jan. 12th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Jan. 19th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Jan. 21st AACA Friendship Luncheon at Pedalers Fork—2010 Sylvia Ave NE/CR

Upcoming Events February 2026

Feb. 9th AACA Swap Meet Meeting at 6:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Feb. 9th AACA Club Meeting at 7:00 pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Feb. 16th AACA Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Feb. 18th AACA Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Tornados-1600 3rd St SE/CR

Feb. 21-22 Rod & Custom Car Show-766 N. Maple St/Monticello

JOKE OF THE MONTH

One magical season a surprise was waiting for Maria & her family under the tree. Three year old Maria's new secret puppy pooped under the Christmas tree before her father could put it in hiding. When Maria came home from her grandma's on Christmas Eve, she ran to the tree to take another glance before going to sleep. She instantly spotted the stinky surprise! Seeing the poop on the floor Maria quickly ran into the kitchen to her mother. "Mom, I think you need to give the Christmas tree a time out." "Why?" her mom asked curiously. "It pooped on the floor"

In updating the club website we are needing photos of members cars. If you would be willing to have your car shown on the website please email your photo in jpeg format to Sylvia at sicopler68@gmail.com or mail your photo to her at 1789 County Home Road, Marion, Ia 52302.

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Motor Car Man Adventures #11 Jan 2026

Hi Again To All You Ole Car Lovers in our New Year! I still can't believe it's already time for a new year when it seems like not so long ago We were afraid of Y2K what ever that was? I think I'll ramble on about a car that was uncommon when it was new & almost never seen today! I'll tell you about the little 1962 Saab that I drove 55 years ago! I'll start in the beginning back in the late 60s with my older brother is in the Army as an instructor at Fort Belvore VA. When he got assigned there to teach the soldiers how to aim their weapons in VN he only had a BSA 650 motorcycle for transport. That was ok in good weather, but their weather is much like Iowa & not good for driving sometimes. When the BSA got stolen right off the base he was even in worse shape & needed something to drive. All he could find that he could afford was 250 CC BSA Scrambler that wasn't much help. That's when 1 of his (Friends) getting shipped out offered him his trusty 1962 SAAB! Let me tell you I've been a car guy all my life & drove British sports cars for years, but didn't even know what a SAAB was when he told me what he had bought! It gets even more interesting when I was told it was made in Sweden I wasn't aware they even knew how to build CARS! It gets even more interesting when I was told it only has 3 cylinder when even my Model T had 4! Even stranger was it was 2 cycle & you needed to mix oil in the gas everytime you fueled up! It ran & got him around. But had many problems. A year later Everett got mustered out & wanted to come back to Iowa to move on. He called me & said that he desperately needed help as he had to be out right after they released him from duty. It seems he had not only all of his personal stuff collected in 3 years but also the BSA & Saab that he wanted to save. I felt obliged to help since it was He who had come to my rescue when I was desperate for the \$1000 I needed to go to Europe after I graduated from ISU! Needless to say I found a trailer I could pull behind the family sedan & headed for Virginia! I made the trip OK sleeping in the car & eating fast food. While I was on base loading everything We decided I could sneak in to the barracks & sleep in one of the bunks of one of the guys home on Christmas leave! That was fine until I was shaken awake at 3 in the morning to report for guard duty!! I did not know what to say because I was totally in the wrong & illegally being in the barracks! I was so very lucky that one of the other guys woke up & told the guard that the one he was looking for was not ME but a guy down a ways! We did get home & the more I used that sweet tiny sedan the more I liked it! After all it was front wheel drive & was so much fun to drive in mud or especially snow! That little devil was light & so maneuverable that it would go places I would not even think of trying with my regular car! What an engineering masterpiece those clever Swedes had designed! Enough Ramblings for now!

Thanks For Listening Again! John L Williams



Jon's Corner Answers

1. 1898
2. Mary Anderson
3. Ford Model T

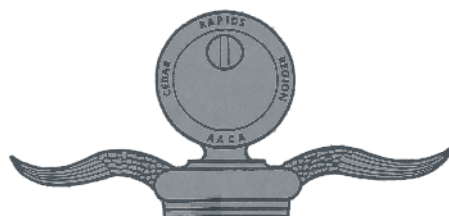
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Feb. - John & Agnes Williams

Mar. - Dick & Pat Semelroth

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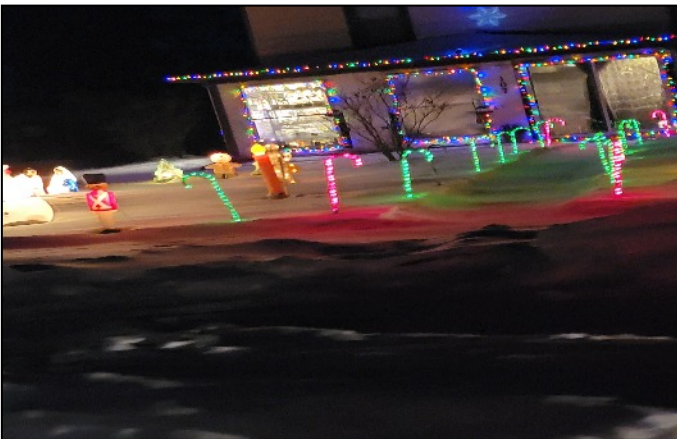
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