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Presidents Message – June 2025

What a weekend!!! Let me start by thanking everyone who attended our monthly swap meet meetings. It all started back in mid October of last year when Neil Rohlena had been actively discussing with the Hawkeye Downs board about bringing our Swap Meet back to their venue. Upon presenting this idea to the club members, it was voted on and decided to make the move and give our Swap Meet another try for May 2025. The clock started ticking because this meant we only had seven short months to prepare as compared to a whole year.

With cool and cloudy skies on Friday, May 16, the CRRAACA Swap Meet returned back to Hawkeye Downs after a 5-year absence. We had great help with advertising from Aaron Frank and Kyle Askam, two frequent Swap Meet and club participants. One has joined and we are working on the other one. And of course, location, location, location helped to draw a large number of vendors and patrons back to the Swap Meet.

As always, the Cedar Rapids' Region members stepped up on Friday to begin the initial preparations as we marked the exhibition hall floor to welcome vendors coming in at 12 pm. Club members again came out to help on Saturday, May 17, starting at 3-4 am as outside vendors lined up for the race track and as the inside of the Exhibition Hall quickly filled up.

Total number of vendors equaled 184 and this included some of the vendors who had multiple stalls as on the track with many having two spaces. Total number of patrons equaled 1,130. We heard a resounding comment from vendors and patrons, "We are glad you are back!"

On Saturday, Hawkeye Downs offered the following dates for next year: April 4 (Easter), May 2, May 16, and May 23 (Memorial Day weekend). Considering those dates and the successful outcome of the Swap Meet the CRRAACA Board, voted to present to the club members at the June meeting the proposed date of Saturday, May 16, 2026 for next year's Swap Meet if the club members wish to discuss and then vote on continuing with offering the Swap Meet. The May 16 date is being tentatively held for us by Hawkeye Downs until we get back to them with our decision. At the June meeting, Sylvia will present the final dollar figures.

Again, Kathi and I cannot thank enough every one of our club members who helped make this event a HUGE success!!

One last note: Please review and mark your calendar as July and August have several club events.

Jack

JON'S CORNER

- 1. What was the first automobile to produce a fully enclosed cabin & in what year?**
- 2. What was the first automobile to use an electronic fuel injection system (EFI)?**
- 3. Where was the Frazee automobile produced & in what year?**

Answers on page 5

May 12th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

Meeting called to order by President Jack Harville. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: Kyle Askam

BIRTHDAYS: Al Meeker, & Dan Ortz

ANNIVERSARIES: Al & Marlene Meeker, James & Arleen Houser, Dick & Pat Semelroth and Rich Mishler & Sherri Wilcox

ILLNESSES: Neil Rohlena had a stroke, Todd Schminke had a knee replaced, and Dick Semelroth is fighting cancer.

DEATHS: None reported

NEW MEMBERS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the April 14th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Al Meeker and 2nd by Larry Beatty.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Aaron Franck

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena reported that the Twin Rivers tour will be June 2-7. He has 11 cars and 15 people going.

SWAP MEET: We had a Swap Meet meeting along with our regular meeting this evening. Jack is encouraging everyone to help anywhere possible. The golf carts are coming Thursday afternoon and we will chalk the Exhibition Building starting at 8:00 AM Friday. Larry Yoder has 4 chalk holders he has made that will help us with the marking. We need to be out of the building by 5:00 PM sharp because of the races that evening. Aaron reported that he has passed out the last of the 2500 flyers and people are looking forward to our Swap Meet being at Hawkeye Downs again. Jack is encouraging everyone to wear their AACA shirts so people will know who the members are that are working. Jack also needs 3 or 4 people that can direct the vendors in the exhibition building that can be firm about where the vendors have to go because there are no assigned spaces.

SPRING BANQUET: Loren told us there were 30 members that attended the Banquet and Neil and Darlene played their accordions for us.

OTHER: Jack reported that the calendar of events will be in the newsletter but he will not be including them on the meeting agenda so he encourages us to read our Moto Meter for any upcoming events. Pat Semelroth said Hiawatha is having a parade for their 75th anniversary on June 14th and is encouraging everyone to attend if possible. Carl Ohrt said he will be ending his membership because he can no longer drive and it is hard to get around. Sorry to have you leave you have been a great member and auctioneer when we needed you. Sharon read thank you from the Critter Crusaders and Miracles in Motion for the \$250.00 they each received from the Teddy Bear Auction. It was split between the 2 organizations.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Ortz and 2nd by Carl Ohrt

Treats were provided by Jack & Kathi Harville

Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10th for the Moto Meter

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

Motor Car Man Adventures #4

Hi To you All! I'm finally back writing what I remember from a few years back about my fun adventures in the Uk driving my bright red "11 T Tourabout. I waited for the opening day of the London Motor Show and headed into downtown London to see what I could find! That trip to London's downtown was a great adventure itself! I was by myself and did not know where I was going. My friends gave me good instructions so I headed into town. As I recall I had no real problems even in the busy traffic because the Londoners like the old cars & helped me find my location! When I got to The Motor Show I was directed right into the show car parking lot & given a choice place to park even though I had no identification showing I was any official part of the extravaganza?? Not only was I welcomed with open arms, but I was invited right into the Show! You talk about Neat for a Car Guy to get into such a famous as well as impressive Show! I spent a few awesome hours rubbing elbows with World Class car folks and talking of Nice – Neat Cars that filled the whole place! When some of the car people found out what I was driving they told me that the opening parade for the London Show was going to be that morning & that I was invited to join in! I couldn't believe that I was even there at the show let alone being invited to participate in the World Famous Opening Parade!!! As the folks got organized for the start I told some of the officials that I knew nothing about London or where I might be going! Wow – they said that they would help by assigning me to a car to follow so I would not get lost! So what I was told to do was to follow a famous Ford GT 40 race car!!! What An Honor it was to be driving all over central London participating in one of the greatest Car Events In The World with thousands of people watching US! I can't tell you how absolutely awesome that whole day was as I rubbed elbows with so many important and famous Car people in the whole world!!! I'm glad to say I made the whole parade & back at the show I was treated like a Car Celebrity myself! The Cludetta Was the next day when I found that my ole T was pictured on the front page of non other but The London Times! I don't think you can have any more honor in the CAR World than that! I was Over The Moon with Happiness & Honor!! There is one more chapter to this story for the next time!

Thanks For Listening = John L Williams

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events June 2025

June 2-6 Twin Rivers trip to Okoboji-leave from Perkins on 33rd Ave SW at 7:30 am.

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

June 14th Alburnett Car, Truck, Bike Show from 9-1. \$20 entry fee. Rain date 6/15

June 16th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

June 18th Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Bread Basket-101 S Franklin St/Manchester

June 21st Twisted Torque Car Club Car, Truck, Bike Show 9-1 at 204 Greene St/Walker. Cruise 2-6. Rain date June 22nd. Reg. & voting 9-noon.

June 28th Ryan Nationals Reg. \$15 from 10-12. Awards at 3pm

June 29th Marion American Legion Car Show 10 AM - 2 PM at 625 31st St/Marion. \$15 registration fee (includes a meal)

Upcoming Events July 2025

July 4th Picnic at Ely Schulte Park-social at 3:00 & eat at 4:00 pm. Bring 1 dish per person, table service, & drinks.

July 7th AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha. **Note meeting this month is the first Monday not the second!**

July 17th Youngville Lunch at 11:30 am. Either meet at Fareway at 4220 16th Avenue SW/CR at 11:00 am to caravan to Youngville or meet at Youngville at 11:30 am.

July 19th Car Show at Bass Farms at 840 Bass Lane/Mt. Vernon from 10 am - 2 pm

July 21st Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

July 23rd Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Whiskey River-2882 Palo Marsh Road/Palo

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A 65 year old man was driving through the city and his car is weaving all over the road. Eventually a cop pulls him over.

“Did you know” says the cop “that a few intersections back your wife fell out of your car?”

“Oh thank heavens” sighs the senior “for a minute there I thought I’d gone deaf.”



Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Cadillac produced an enclosed cabin in 1906.
2. The Cadillac first used an electronic fuel injection system in 1975.
3. The Frazee was produced in 1903 in Osage, Iowa

TREAT SCHEDULE

June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

July - Barb Waterhouse

Aug. - Joan Auterman

Sept. - Dan & Judy Ortz

Oct. - Steve/Anne Brown & Al/Marlene Meeker

Nov. -Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

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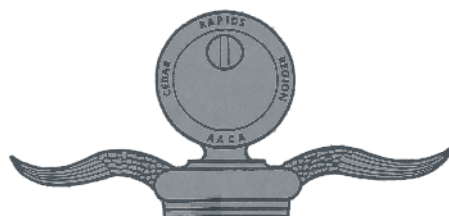
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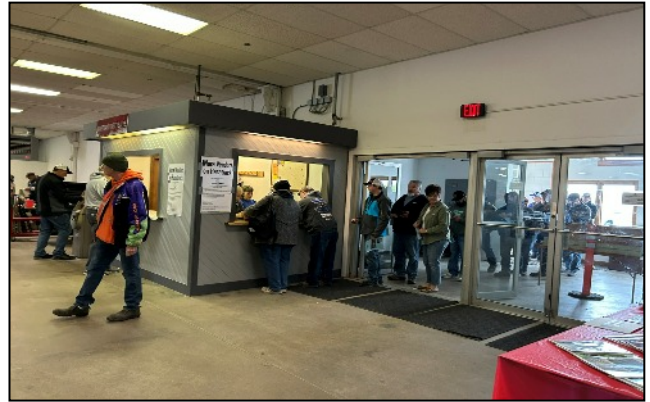
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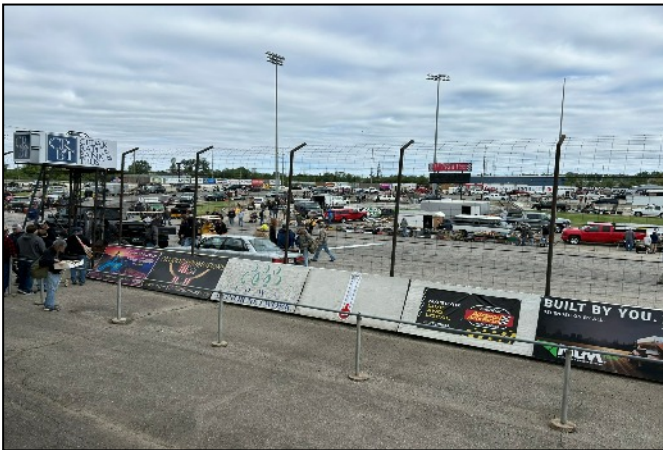
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Declan Harville, 3 years old”