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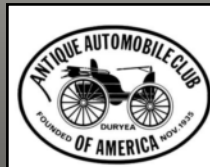
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President's Message April 2025

Swap Meet Group Leaders and Workers Needed

On Wednesday 26 a group from Cedar Rapids Region met with Jen (GM) and Brian (who over sees racing) representative from Hawkeye Downs, to do a walk through the North and South Exhibition Hall as well as the race track. Location for indoor vendor parking was discussed as well as the parking for Patron parking in front of the exhibition Hall and the location of the Vendor Entrance and where they pay. There are a lot more moving parts than we have encountered over the years at Central City.

Which leads me to reach out to all members that have not signed up to help for our club on these **TWO Days** out of 365 days. We are asking for your help; the success or failure of this event can be the beginning of along term relationship with Hawkeye Downs and lead to the possible growth of new members which we could use. Or it could mean the end of Swap Meets.

Lastly, I ask you to do your best to sell the quilt raffle tickets, and volunteer to spend some time working the both selling tickets at the swap meet.

Swap Meet Meeting

The Swap Meet Meeting for **April** will be held on the same night as the club meeting, **April 14, starting at 5:30 pm** before the regular club meeting at 7 pm. Please plan to attend.

Teddy Bear Auction

Teddy Bear Auction is one of the best events of the year, please bring something fun, different or silly to be auctioned, automotive, household, old repair manuals to cars you don't own anymore. It has not been confirmed to me as I write this but, there is a chance there may be some bake goods up for auction. Also, there may be some new rules.

Last year's proceeds went to the Perrine Cancer Care Center for the purchase of two chemo chairs that are more comfortable for those patients receiving chemotherapy. This was money well spent. The Board decided this year all money raised will be divided between Critter Crusaders and Miracles in Motion. Please take a moment and look these up and see what wonderful things they do.

Jack

JON'S CORNER

- 1. In what year was the first model T produced?**
- 2. In what town & state was Walter P. Chrysler born & raised?**
- 3. In what year was our local AACA Region established?**

Answers on page 5

March 10th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The March meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

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

VISITORS: Dan Protexter

BIRTHDAYS: Jane Hawley & Lavern Travis

ANNIVERSARIES: Lavern and Martha Travis

ILLNESSES: Kathi Harville tripped and broke her right arm.

DEATHS: None reported

NEW MEMBERS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the February 10th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Larry Beatty and 2nd by Judy Ortiz.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Lavern Travis.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil Rohlena reported that the Twin Rivers tour will be June 2-6. There is a sign up sheet in the Moto Meter. He has a few signed up already. Everything is a go for right now.

SWAP MEET: Jack Harville told us there were sign up sheets on the table for the May 17th Swap Meet and Set up May 16th. He encouraged everyone to please sign up for as many times as they could for Friday and Saturday. Aaron Franck had the flyers to pass out there for us and encouraged members to take some and pass them out. We had a Swap Meet meeting at 5:00 PM before our regular meeting and Jen from Hawkeye Downs was there to answer any questions we might have. Jack wants to do a walk thru sometime before the meet so we have a visual of the place when making the final arrangements. Jack is trying to get the Hiawatha Library for our next Swap Meet meeting and will let us know when it is. Sharon Schminke showed us the finished quilt we are going to auction off at the Swap Meet. She also had packets and raffle tickets for anyone who wanted to try to sell them. She told the members to take some flyers with them when they are selling raffle tickets and pass them out also.

SPRING BANQUET: Loren told us the banquet is at the Ronneburg on April 26th and the sign up sheet is in the March Moto Meter. We will have Ham and Chicken and all the salad items they serve with the meals. There will be a choice of 2 kinds of pie. Loren has a few reservations but is encouraging members to get your reservations in soon.

OTHER: Clyde Melvin sold 50/50 tickets and Josh Severt won \$57.00 and the club got the other \$57.00.

Don't forget we are holding the Teddy Bear auction next month so bring anything you can to sell. Also come and support the auction by buying some of the donated items.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Aaron Franck and 2nd by Dan Ortiz

Treats were provided by Josh Severt & Dick and Pat Semelroth

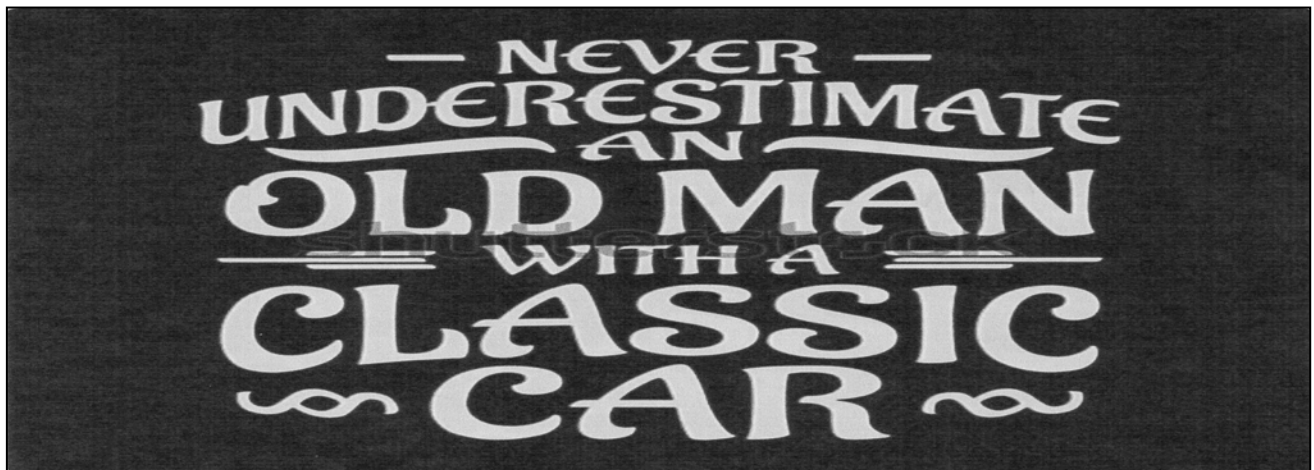
Please have your articles to Sylvia by the 10th for the Moto Meter

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

MotorCarMan Adventures #2 2025

Greetings Again To All Ole car Fans in the Area! I've got to continue with the awesome fun I had with my '11 T in The UK. I stopped in Wales to show my cousin Bronwin that I had been close to since my first time visiting the UK. She was very glad to see such a neat old car and enjoyed a ride around town where we showed it off to many of her friends. Not only did I enjoy riding around Shrewsbury, but I had a warm bed to sleep in instead of camping on the cold ground. Her neighbor who was also a good friend, who had helped me with My MGTC when it broke a piston in '71 on my way to visit Agnes, loved seeing it. When I told him I was on the way to London to take care of the VAT Tax so I could sell her to pay for my vacation he told me of a place I needed to stop at on the way. The place was GraceDo Garage that had been a repair business since the 1920s or 1930s. It was owned & ran by 2 ole bachelor brothers that loved old cars. I took the side roads & had a great time just putting along & enjoying the nice countryside. I had no problems finding the garage and the elderly brothers were tickled to death that I had stopped to pay them a visit. They took me into their inner sanctum to see their special goodies! They had always loved the early stuff & had saved a lot. My favorite was a mid 20s 3 ltr Bently that they had saved from being scraped after an accident in the mid 30s. They had used it to build a wood bodied station wagon to haul their St Bernard show dogs all over England. They also had a awesome collection of WW2 vehicles that they had also saved from the scrapers through the years! Nothing was for sale but they invited me back to visit any time I was in the area! As I got back on the road to London I made a commitment to myself to stop every time I was in the area. The adventure is still not over as there is more to follow next time!

Thanks For Listening John L Williams



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events April 2025

Apr 14th Swap Meet Meeting at 5:30pm at Hiawatha Community Center/Hiawatha

Apr 14th Club Meeting & Teddy Bear Auction at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Apr 15th Cruz In Cars from 5-8 pm at Cady Auction Gallery at 833 Shaver Rd NE/CR

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

Apr 23rd Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Kava House-122 2nd St SE/Swisher

Apr 26th Spring Banquet-Social hour at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm at Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana.

Upcoming Events May 2025

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

May 17th Swap Meet at Hawkeye Downs from 8am-2pm

May 18th Cruisin' for Camp Courageous from 10am-4pm at 12007 190th St/Monticello

May 19th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

May 21st Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Daisy's Garage-6095 Carlson Way/Marion

JOKE OF THE MONTH

This hot blond is speeding down the highway in her Corvette roadster when she gets pulled over by a female state trooper. The trooper asked for her license but the blond, while digging thru her purse, says she can't remember what it looks like. The trooper says "well it's a square thing with your picture on it." The blond finds her compact, opens it & sees herself in the mirror. She says "Oh here it is" and hands it to the trooper. The trooper looks in the mirror and says "Gee if I'd known you were a cop too, I wouldn't have pulled you over."

TO DO LIST REMINDER

1. Sign up to help at the swap meet on May 17th.
There are jobs that even people with mobility issues can do like drive a golf cart, or checking for wristbands while sitting down, or selling tickets for the quilt raffle, or sitting at the club booth. We need everyone!
2. Complete spring banquet form for Apr. 26th & send with payment to Loren **by Apr. 19th**.
Always great food at the Ronneburg!
Banquet insert was in Mar. newsletter
3. Complete Twin Rivers Registration form for June 2-6 & send with payment to Neil **by May 5th**. Make room reservations **by May 5th**.
Should be a great trip!
Twin Rivers insert was in Mar. newsletter

Jon's Corner Answers

1. The Model T Ford was first produced Oct. 1, 1908.
2. Walter P. Chrysler was born & raised in Ellis, KS.
3. Our local AACA Region was established in 1962.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Apr - Harry Hawley & Michele Ricardo
May - Jack & Kathi Harville
June - Pat & Darrell Sanford

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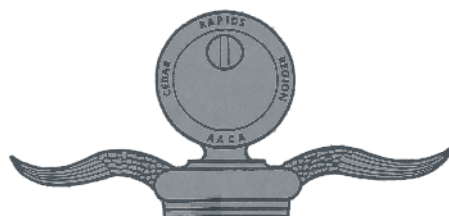
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