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Presidents Message September 2025

The August Board meeting covered an array of topics with much of our time discussing the upcoming 2026 swap meet & upcoming day events and tours. Dates were set for the Fall Banquet & Loren will have more information shortly to share.

On Sept. 8th we will hold our second 2026 swap meet meeting at 6:00 PM one hour before the 7:00 PM Club Meeting.

I will go into more detail after we have reviewed our new 2026 flier with ads & more information about US. We also have some members that have stepped forward to take on lead positions. Aaron & Kyle are again taking the lead on the fliers & the selling of ads to help cover the cost. We need to finalize date for mailing a "Save the Date" notice that would go out to all those who attended the 2025 swap meet.

We are working on updating the club web page as well as the Facebook page. I will have more info at the October meeting.

This fall I would like to hold a work day at the CRRAACA storage building. My reason is to take inventory of all items needed for the swap meet as well as fix or repair anything related to the swap meet. This also gives us the opportunity to have new signs made or repaired such as patron entrance & better club signs for membership.

Also please save your old National AACA Magazines for the Membership table at the swap meet. We need to have large stickers made to put on the front of each magazine with information about the Cedar Rapids Region on where, when, and how to join. Membership brochures also will be placed on this table.

It would also be great to have the Old Seedling Mile sign on display with a nice large print poster explaining the sign & our involvement in its history.

One last item I would like the club to consider going as a group, wearing our shirts with the CRRAACA name or logo & attending the Boneshaker Shutdown at Hawkeye Downs Sept. 28th. The car show runs from 10 am-5 pm & the Vintage Drags run from noon-5 pm. This may also be a good way to pick up new members & we should have a New Member Table present at this event. Our Membership Chairman should man the table & other club members who would like to help, please let me know.

Jack

JON'S CORNER

- 1. Where will the 2026 Revival of the Glidden tour be held?**
- 2. In what year did Cadillac roll out a sleek all-steel turret top?**
- 3. Where was the Pope-Hartford automobile produced?**

Answers on page 5

August 11th 2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The August meeting was held at the Hiawatha Community Center

Meeting called to order by Vice President Loren Huffaker. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: Gary Lehtola and his Grandson Conner Finn from Alburnett and Steve Goode from Coggon

BIRTHDAYS: Laverne (Dave) Travis

ANNIVERSARIES: None reported

ILLNESSES: None reported

DEATHS: None reported

NEW MEMBERS: None

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the July 7th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Sherry Melvin and 2nd by Al Meeker

TREASURERS REPORT: Report read by Sylvia Copler. Motion to approve was made by Harry Hawley and 2nd by James Houser

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Members reported on the Lawn Party at Neil Rohlenas last Sunday. We were lucky and didn't have any rain and it was real pleasant sitting under the tree. The food was great and plenty of it for all to enjoy. As always the camaraderie was great. Neil reported on our August 23rd tour to the Koi farm, lunch at the Angle Inn in Walford, visiting the Computer Brokers Store and visiting Waln Collision Shop in Fairfax. We will leave from Perkins on 33rd at 9:30 AM.

SWAP MEET: We had a meeting at the Hiawatha Library and Aaron Franck is taking our suggestions and having the flyers printed to start handing out soon. Our next Swap Meet Meeting will be September 8th at 6:00 PM at the Hiawatha Community Center before our regular monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the planning.

OTHER: Sharon showed shirts that her Granddaughter can make for us with the club logo. There are Jackets and Polo shirts to pick from. Some had other needs that she will look into for them. Jack Harville suggested that we wear them to the Boneshaker Showdown on September 28th to help people know about our club.

Aaron reported on several events that will be held at Hawkeye Downs that we can attend. They are Vintage Dirt Drags, Demo Derby and maybe Monster Trucks.

Larry Beatty reminded us that Youngville will be closing at the end of August so get there soon.

Members reported on the Seedling Mile signs that are now replaced and encouraged members to view them along Mt Vernon Road heading towards Mt Vernon. James Houser reported that the first signs were placed along this road in 1990 so they were really needing to be replaced.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by Clyde Melvin

Motion to adjourn made by Larry Beatty and 2nd by Clyde Melvin

Treats were provided by Joan Auterman and Elaine Novotny

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

Motor Car Man Adventures #7 September 2025

Hi Again To All Ole Car Lovers! I guess its time to tell more Old car stuff? I've been talking about some of my vehicles but Agnes said I should tell about some other car things! Some of you may know that for around 10 years I had my own transport business to supplement the farm income. That worked out well because I could schedule a complete trip & run it when I could. Many customers were more concerned about a careful safe haul than an immediate one! I advertised mostly in Hemmings that only came out once a month so it was hard to be current on a definite schedule! When people called I emphasized that I was a collector myself & treated their car like it was mine & that I had hauled my own stuff for years with nary a problem! Many of my trips were to California & I was normally full out but hard to fill my 2 spots headed home. So that's how I had some real adventures as a collector/hauler. I remember one difficult trip I couldn't find a 2nd backhaul so I ventured to a big California show/swap where I found a '69 Cougar Convertible that was rust free and drove great that was cheap enough that I figured I could sell or good enough that I could keep myself! Once home I liked it even more & since I have loved convertibles always I decided to fix it up & enjoy it awhile as my own? This Cougar is the Turquoise Blue with unusual Turquoise interior so I decided a little restoration was deserved! I removed the seats & took them to Shaw to be redone (he had the only original color fabric I could find anywhere)! Then I took the car to a private guy to get it painted on the cheap. BIG MISTAKE! I wanted the best so I specified hardened acrylic paint. Well he painted it in his parents garage along with much Dust that settled on while it dried! Not the worst part as he contaminated the paint somehow that left many many fish eyes ruining the paint job! Now I had nice car with bad paint & no drivers seats as they got ruined & lost in the 2008 CR Flood disaster! As you can imagine I didn't know what to do so I started sanding & sanding some more! Not the end as I got my good off farm job but still needed to keep the farm going so it got parked 20 years ago!! So If anyone is looking for a '69 Cougar Convertible (a California Car) I happen to know where one can be found!!!

Thanks For Listening Again ! John L Williams



Legend has it that this car belonged to a man who parked in the shade while his wife ran into Hobby Lobby for just a few things.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2025 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events September 2025

Sept. 6th Wicked Kreations Car Show from 11am-4pm in downtown Central City. Reg. At 10am/\$15. Benefitting Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.

Sept 8th AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Sept. 13th Swisher Men's Club Car Show in downtown Swisher. Reg. 8-11am/\$15 fee.

Sept. 14th Car Show from 10am-3pm at Knight's Farm-3482 Whittier Road, Whittier. Free registration

Sept. 15th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

Sept. 17th Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Baxa's Sutliff Store & Tavern-5546 130th St NE/Lisbon

Sept. 20th Car Tour-Leave from Fareway at 4220 16th Ave SW/CR at 10 am for surprise tour, then go to Vinton for car show & lunch, 4 pm Vinton Cruise

Sept. 28th Boneshaker Shutdown at Hawkeye Downs. Vintage Drags noon-5pm & Car Show 10am-5pm.

Upcoming Events October 2025

Oct 13th AACA Club Meeting at 7pm at Hiawatha Community Center-101 Emmons St in Hiawatha.

Oct. 20th Board Meeting at 6 pm at Perkins on Collins Rd/CR

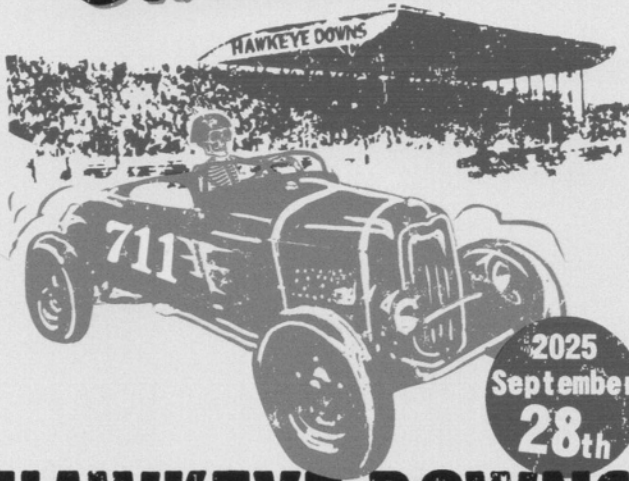
Oct. 22nd Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 at Sally's-263 Broadway St/Springville

JOKE OF THE MONTH

When the Pope came to NYC a few months ago, he was picked up at JFK by a big, shiny Cadillac limo. "What a big luxurious car!" exclaimed the Pope "I'll bet it's very powerful too!" "Oh, yes, Your Holiness!" Said the driver. "You know, when I became Pope we sold all of the fancy cars the Vatican had & I now only have a simple Fiat & I don't even get to drive THAT anymore!" Says The Pope "How about letting me drive this for a bit?" "Oh no, Your Holiness! I'd get in BIG trouble!" Cries the chauffeur. "Come on! I'm the POPE! I'll tell them I made you! Besides, what could happen?" Finally the driver relents, the Pope hops behind the wheel & off they go flying down the Belt Parkway heading to Manhattan. "She IS powerful!" Exclaims the Pope zigging in & out of traffic. "Yes Your Holiness!" Gulps the driver. Suddenly the red lights of a police car start flashing right behind them & the Pope pulls over. The officer comes to the drivers window, sees who is driving, goes back to his cruiser & gets on the radio. "Sarge! Sarge! I just pulled over a big VIP on the Belt for speeding!" "Yeah! Yeah! Says the sergeant, bored. "Who is it? The mayor?" "No BIGGER! Reports the officer. "The governor?" Asks the sergeant more concerned. "No BIGGER!" "Well who the hell IS it? Snaps the sergeant. "I don't know!" Replies the officer, but he's got the POPE driving for him!"

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September 20th Car Tour

Meet at Fareway at 4220 16th Ave SW/CR . Will leave at 10 am for a surprise tour. Then go to Vinton for car show and lunch at show.

At 4 pm we will participate in the Vinton Cruise.

Sign up sheet at Sept. meeting

Jon's Corner Answers

1. The 2026 Glidden Tour will be held out of Dover, Delaware. Ha!
2. Cadillac first produced the turret top in 1935.
3. The Pope-Hartford automobile was produced in Hartford, CT.

TREAT SCHEDULE

Sept. - Dan & Judy Ortz

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

Nov. -Clyde, Sue, & Sherry Melvin

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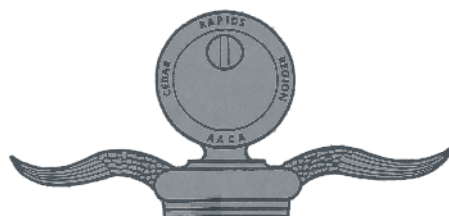
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Former AACA member Jerolee (Jeri) Stout

Nov. 2, 1942 -Aug. 20, 2025

Jeri married Marvin Stout June 10, 1959.

She is survived by 2 daughters Lynn (Bryan) Galde of Marion & Kim (Tom) Ballard of Marengo, 8 grandchildren, 13 great children, sister Peggy (Van) Moore.

Jeri worked as an engineer for Sheller Globe/Lear /UTA in Iowa City until her retirement.

She had a strong sense of style-she was never seen without her hair done, makeup applied, nails polished, & jewelry perfectly in place.

Burial will be at Friends Cemetery in New Sharon.

Rest in Peace Jeri

August 23rd Day Trip



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