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JON'S CORNER

- In what year and town was the first Duesenberg produced?
- In what year was the Diamond T Company organized?
- 3. What was the population of Las Vegas, Nevada in 1909?

President's Message

I'm not sure where the year has been going, but we are ½ way to the End! This is an important time of the year for several important reasons! I do not want to pass over the 77th anniversary of D Day on June 6th. My uncle Lloyd landed on Omaha Beach, but he would never talk about it until I had grown up & he had Aged Quite A Bit. He finally confessed that getting off that beach & up that hill was the hardest thing he ever had to do! Well - He made it all the way to Czechoslovakia by VE Day & was home to Williamsburg in time for my birth on July 5 1945! They were Truly part of the Greatest Generation! The Other Great Thing to Remember is Why We celebrate July 4th! If it hadn't been for the sacrifices that were made in The Revolutionary War by my ancestors & so many others, We Would Not Have Been able To Free ourselves from England's Strangle Hold & Become The Greatest Country On The Planet! Thanks to everyone who served or is serving now like our Son Ian who just finished 5 ½ months of special training as a 2nd Lt in the army Nat Guard at Fort Sill, OK!

I think I have time for some more ole car stories! I just have to tell some more about that special 26-27 touring that has been so special to our family! I remember hauling it to North English for their Creamery Picnic which was always the excuse for the annual Mason (mom's family) Family Picnic. On this occasion when it was time for the big Town Parade Agnes & I dressed as 30's Farmers with Little Ian & Big Sean riding as farm kids, but the highlight that year was my Aumtie Jean sitting in the back with a big ole shotgun like Grandmaw Clampet! Dad was always disgusted with me because he said we should wear NEW. Bibs not well worn out sent the wrong message about Farmers of the day! He always said that when everyone in the family loaded & went to town for Saturday Night shopping & some turns around the Square the ALWAYS dressed in their Best Not Their Worst Clothes!

On another occasion We took the Ole T to Williamsburg (Dads town) for their parade. As we drove around the Square no one even fell out like Dads cousin one Sat night in the late 20's. As was the custom, the whole family was packed into the ole well worn sedan for the trip to town & around the Square. As they were going around the Square one of his 3-year-old cousins who was forced to sit on the floor in the back seat leaned against the back door so hard the door swung open, and he rolled out onto the street. Well, he was so stunned he just sat there in the middle of the street and when the family came around again they just stopped picked him up & sat him back in the rear seat! When the other kids were asked why they did not say anything all they would say was they did not think it was important enough to interrupt the grownups talking in the front!

Thanks To You All For Your Continued Support! Your President John L Williams

Club Member Spotlight on Pat Skay

Q: What cars do you own?

A: We still have the 1930 Chevy Coupe and a 1941 Chevy truck.

Q: Which is your favorite car?

A: Our best one was the '31 Chrysler Coupe.

Q: How and where did you get your car - is there an interesting story about how you acquired it?

A: Shortly after we were married, Jack wanted to bring this old 1928 Chevy home and we had our first real argument. I did not want that piece of "TRASH" around. We had enough already. In 1968 Leonard told Jack about this 1930 Chevy Coupe for sale. Well, we got it and I was still on the fence about if I liked antique cars. We took the '30 Chevy to the CRAACA meet the car has never been restored, except a paint job and wire wheels on instead of the disc ones. This was the car that started it all for us.

On the 1941 Chevy pickup, Jack found a new grille in Indiana VCCA Swap Meet in 1978 and said "some day I will find the truck. He did in 2005 and completely restored it. I had every piece of that truck in my basement except motor and chassis.

He also had a 1947 Whizzer Motorbike which he restored.

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

A: Our most memorable trip was in the 1931 Chrysler to Winterset and the Bridges of Madison County on the Twin River Tour. Also the 1930's party we had for the National Meet at the Collins in Cedar Rapids. The theme was movies and the Wizard of Oz all in costumes.

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

A: We did enter the '30 Chevy in a few shows in the HPOF class. Also the 1947 Whizzer Motorbike went all the way to receive the Grand National First Place.

How long have you been an AACA member?

A: We joined the AACA in 1968.

Q: What do you like best about being a member of the AACA?

A: We started going to meetings after being invited by Votroubeks to a Ladies Night with the group. We just couldn't believe that so many of all occupations, religions, workers of all sources and such love of "Antique Cars." The disease started to set in with me. The best thing about being a member is the camaraderie, just the caring about each member. Loved the tours, planning National Meets, ladies nights and banquets and the making of true friends. It has been a GREAT 53 years as a member!

Spotlight on Pat Skay (cont)

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

A: We joined the Iowa City AACA in 1970. Also the Vintage Chevrolet Club in 1976.

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

A: We collected gas pump globes. Some were even in boxes yet. I collected railroad dining car brass lamps and antique hitching posts.





2021 Cedar Rapids area THURSDAY Cruise Nights

1st Thursday, Palo July 1, August 5, September 2

2nd Thursday, Lutheran Church-Resurrection 3500 29th Ave, Marion, IA July 8, August 12, September 9

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK ROW OF THIS PARKING LOT, NEAREST THE KIDS PLAYGROUND. THAT IS RESERVED FOR CITY PLAYGROUND PARKING.

3rd Thursday, Duffy's Collectible Cars, 250 Classic Car Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, July 15, August 19, September 16

4th Thursday, Hope Lutheran Church 2736 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids July 22, August 26, September 23

5th Thursday, July 29, September 30, TBD

ALL of these dates are Weather permitting. More info, contact Bill Cejka orangeyenko@yahoo.com

June 8, 2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGION AACA MEETING

The June meeting was held at the Shriners Club in Hiawatha.

Meeting was called to order by John Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISITORS: Members of Critter Crusaders were here and President John Williams presented them with a check from the proceeds of the Teddy Bear auction

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Dan & Judy Ortz are celebration their 54th Anniversary, Neil & Karen Rohlena are celebration their 61st Anniversary. Virgil Schminke's sister passed away.

SPEAKER: Jon Reynolds gave us a short history of the Horseless Carriage. They were created before the 1900s. Charles Glidden was instrumental in this. He traveled to Europe and purchased a Lozier and brought it back to the United States & this was the start of the horseless carriage. There was a toll everywhere you went in Europe. Glidden became a multimillionaire in the future of the telephone. Every year there is a Glidden tour and this year it starts in Saratoga Springs. Jon also told us about his Brush car and that was very interesting. Jon went into detail about many of the car manufacturers and who started them. He is very knowledgeable about automobiles and has many books telling him many details about the old vehicles.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve the June 8th minutes as printed in the Moto Meter was moved by Judy Ortz and 2nd by Virgil Schminke

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

SPRING BANQUET: Loren Huffaker reported that he received the contract from the Longbranch. It would be catered. Sirloin \$28.00 and Chicken \$23.00. They will need a deposit. They are only open for groups not the general public. Neil Rohlena reported on the Spring Banquet. It was great to see so many members attend.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Neil reported that he is working on the Keosauqua tour. He is trying to do different things than the Model A Club since they are also visiting this area. Neil's tour is August 14-15. Sharon Schminke reported on the Twin Rivers Tour. Musco Lighting is still not open for tours so she is trying for Clow Valve that make Fire Hydrants. She encourages anyone to come for any of the days of the tour.

FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS & WEBMASTER: Nothing reported

MARKETING CHAIRMAN: Tom and Jackie Oliver told us about the Swap Meet. There were sign up sheets out for us. He will let us know when there is another Swap Meet Meeting. He also had flyers here for us to spread around. Dan & Judy Ortz will head the Vendor gate and Ken & Judy Robertson will head the Patron gate.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing new was added but remember the 4th of July Picnic at Ely. Meet at 3:00 and eat at 4:00. Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish, your plates and your drinks.

BUY SELL & TRADE: Was conducted by John Williams.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Kumley and 2nd by Beth Murphy

Treats were served by Jane & Harry Hawley

Please have your articles for the Moto Meter to Jane or Sylvia by the 10th of the month.

Submitted by Sharon Schminke Secretary

GREAT TIME AT THE RONNENBURG INN SPRING BANQUET THANKS NEIL FOR THE WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT













TREAT SCHEDULE 2021

July 13th - John and Agnes Williams

August 10th - Dan and Judy Ortz, Neil Rohlena

September 14th- Jeff Fossum

October 12th- Ken and Judy Robertson/Joan Auterman

November 9th - Dean & Joann Kiefer

December 14th - Pete and Pat Bischoff

PRESENTATION OF DONATION TO CRITTER CRUSADER'S



SAVE THE DATE LAWN PARTY AUGUST 7, 2021

TIME: MEET AT 3 PM AND EAT AT 5 PM
PLACE: NEIL ROHLENA'S HOME 7309 SELZER RD, FAIRFAX
MEAT FURNISHED. PLEASE BRING OWN TABLE SERVICE,
LAWN CHAIRS, DRINKS, AND 1 SIDE DISH PER PERSON TO SHARE



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2021 CEDAR RAPIDS REGIONAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Car Shows and Events 2021

July 1-3 - Central Spring Meet. Auburn, IN

July 2-4 - Goodguys 30th Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals at Iowa State Fairgrounds

July 4 - 8 AM to noon. Freedom Festival Car Show. 2nd Ave Bridge. Cedar Rapids.

July 8-10 - IOLA Swap Meet. Iola, WI
July 11-16 - Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Lock Haven/Wellsboro, Pa.
July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals. New Ulm, Minnesota
July 25 Bishop Hill, Ill Car Show
September 12-17 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier). Sarasota Springs, NY
October 2 AACA Swap Meet Central City Fairgrounds
October 6-9 - Hershey PA Swap Meet

Upcoming Events July 2021

July 4th Picnic. Ely. Meet at 3pm & eat at 4pm. Chicken furnished-bring 1 side dish per person, drinks, and table service

AACA Club meeting July 13th at 7 pm. Program: Fred Horn/Horn Automotive

Board Meeting July 20th Pizza Ranch SW CR at 6:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon July 21 Big Grove Brewery in Solon at 11:30 AM

Upcoming Events August 2021

Lawn Party Aug. 7th at Neil Rohlena's. Meet at 3pm & eat at 5pm. Bring 1 side dish per person, drinks, lawn chairs, and table service.

AACA Club meeting Aug. 10th at 7pm. Program: Recap of Twin River

Overnight trip to Keosauqua August 14-15. Hotel reservations at Hotel Manning for \$89 (319) 293-3232 -Leave Perkins (SW-CR) at 8:00 AM on 14th.

Board Meeting Aug. 17th Perkins-Collins Rd CR at 6:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon Aug. 18th Okoboji Grill in Independence at 11:30 AM.

Upcoming Events September 2021

AACA Club meeting September 14th at 7 pm. Program: Todd Schminke/Powder Coating and making a cab for lawnmower

Board Meeting September 21st Pizza Ranch SW CR at 6:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon September 22nd Sally's on Broadway in Springville at 11:30 AM.

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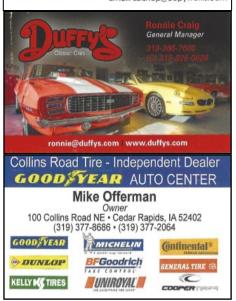
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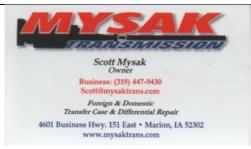
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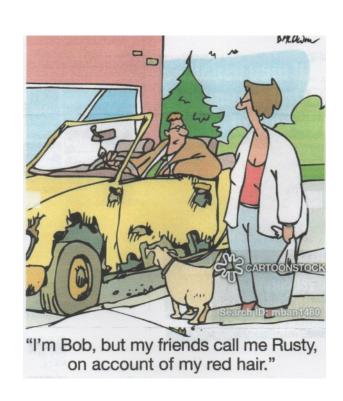


Joke of the Month:

A blonde cop pulls over a blond and asks for her drivers license. The blond starts looking through her car then asks, "Uhh, what is it again?" The blond cop replies "Uhh. It's the thing in your purse with your picture on it." "Oh yeah" says the blond who reaches in her purse, pulls out a compact mirror and hands it over. The blonde cop opens it, takes a look inside, hands it back and says "I'm sorry ma'am. If I knew you were a cop I wouldn't have pulled you over."

JON'S CORNER ANSWERS

- The Duesenberg was first produced in Waterloo, Ia in 1914.
- 2. The Diamond T Company was prganized in 1905.
- 3. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada in 1909 was 30. Ha!



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