

# BATTERY POST



*POSITIVELY GROUNDED IN THE OLD CAR HOBBY*

**December 2016 / January 2017**

## A Note from the President

### Greetings in the New Year!

It might be good to revisit and conceptualize on our purpose for the existence of the AACA Club. Not to get into the philosophical 'weeds' too far, I was rummaging through the history of the Des Moines Region awhile back and came across a couple of things: There was a clip from the Des Moines Register about a meeting for those interested in restoring old cars. A Mr. Luther Anderson announced there would be a meeting at the Franklin Library to organize a club to be associated with the National AACA and it would include the purposes of preserving automobile history, promoting family entertainment and giving the hobbyist a broader source of information. I've checked our club's present mission statement and find these goals, past and present, to be congruent. Our purpose really hasn't changed over a long period of time. I noticed too, a picture of Al Edmond with what appears to be a torque wrench? This is a nice picture from long ago and it looks like he is doing some kind of engine work. As we age, it seems more difficult to do the actual task of restoration ourselves. Of course, some of us need expert help. It's always fun and informative to talk with mechanically brilliant guys like Bill Mally or Jack Wilhelm. I find myself enlightened and filled with laughter too, at their



stories, knowledge and advice on just about every facet of antique automotive engineering. And frankly, there are several others of our members who possess a great amount of skill and knowledge on the particulars of auto repair and restoration. We are very fortunate to be in a club with so many members of varied interests and skills. Let us go forward into this New Year with enthusiasm, excitement and purpose.

*Sincerely,  
Harve*

### Important information:

For those who do not have an email and receive a paper copy of the Battery Post, please contact a board member if you have questions about upcoming events. If you have an email address, please let us know and we will send the Battery Post via email, saving the club the expense on printing and postage. Plus, you'll also get last minute details on any events, if needed.

Please also note that we will only be providing coffee at club sponsored events. Members are asked to bring their own beverages if they prefer something different.

*Thank you!*

## Mission Statement

*The Des Moines Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America is an organization whose members have an interest in antique vehicles 25 years or older that are devoted to the preservation and restoration of original condition of all makes of their antique vehicles.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DM Region

### 2017 Lunch & Breakfast Gatherings

(Lunches are at 11:30 am / Breakfasts are at 8:30 am)

**Saturday, Jan. 7th** - Lunch at Palmer's Deli on Ingersoll Avenue

**Saturday, Feb. 4th** - Lunch at Smokey D's on 2nd Avenue (north of I-80). We are hoping to have an event after lunch on this date.

### 2017 Potluck Dinners at Highland Park Christian Church

Doors open at 6 pm and meals to start at 6:30. Only coffee will be provided. Please feel free to bring other beverages.

**January 16, 2017**

**February 20, 2017:** *Dave Holzinger, guest speaker*

**March 20, 2017**

## 2016 Board

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## \$ Financials

**Financials as of 12/13/16 - \$1,939.20**

## National/Regional

Visit the national website - [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) - for more details on these events.

### 2017 Events

Central Spring Meet • May 11-13 • Auburn, IN

Annual Grand National Meet • June 15-17 • Independence, MO

Central Fall Meet • August 17-19 • Bettendorf, IA

Revival AACA Glidden Tour® • September 17-22 • Hastings, NE



### THE TRIPLE-THREAT MEET

Central Spring Meet • May 11-13, 2017 • Auction Park, Auburn, IN

Meet Chairman: Steve Moskowitz, [aaca1@aaca.org](mailto:aaca1@aaca.org)  
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## Historical photo

A Washington, D.C. filling station in 1924.

Compliments of Gary Nutt



**Step One: SEND IN YOUR NATIONAL AACA MEMBERSHIP DUES - \$35!**

**You can sign-up or renew online at [www.AACA.org](http://www.AACA.org) or ask a board member for a form.**

**Step Two: SEND IN YOUR AACA DM REGION MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

**Please note the new AACA DM Region Membership dues: \$20 per couple.**

## AACA DES MOINES REGION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send form & payment to Wayne Brill, 4096 NE 43rd Ct., Des Moines, IA 50317.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

National AACA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**AACA Des Moines Region Dues**  \$20 per couple = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### A note from the secretary

Happy New Year! As you can see by the date on this Battery Post, it is a combination newsletter for December 2016 & January 2017. This will help us get back on time and get the next month's issue to members before the first of that month. The next issue, February 2017, will be sent out around the 25th of January.

Any submissions you would like to have added need to be in my hands by the 20th of the month. Thanks - and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! —*Julie West*

### 2017 Event Planning

The board is coming up with some great events for 2017. Some of the ideas that still need to be confirmed are a tour of the Ankeny John Deere plant, Madrid garage tour and model train display, tour of Vermeer/Pella, just to name a few. Once details are firmed up, we will put in the Battery Post.

Have any ideas for tours and events? Please contact one of the board members and we will make plans!

### December Birthdays

19th - Diane Hickman  
28th - Mark Paar

### January Anniversaries

1st - Rick & Diane Hickman

### Share your photos!

We would love to share photos of you and your car in the Battery Post! The website is going to be updated soon, so if you would like to be featured on the website or in the newsletter, please email your photo and details to Julie West at [julie@pcgmarketing.com](mailto:julie@pcgmarketing.com)

**Are you on Facebook? Be sure to "like" our page at <https://www.facebook.com/DesMoinesAACA>**

**Website: <http://aaca-dsm.org>**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Christmas Celebration

The event was held at the beautiful Willow Creek Golf Course. Great socializing, great food, great music. Thank you to Paul & Linda Wold, Gary Martin, Lois Broman and Harvey & Koyla Baker for their fun and lively entertainment! The night was extra special with an appreciation ceremony for Don & Irene Newby for their dedication and service to the club. Dean Bibler created a beautiful plaque for them. Thank you, Don & Irene! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! May 2017 be a year of blessings.



