

# BATTERY POST



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April 2017

## A Note from the President

Hello to all. I must tell you that chairing an AACA Board Meeting might be something similar to British Parliamentary procedures we witness when viewing C-Span! The only difference is our members don't jump up to speak and then sit down quickly when finished and we generally don't wait to be recognized. Have you heard of *Robert's Rules of Order* published in 1876? Well...Robby took a hike! Sometimes our group breaks into a kind of stirring, rousing cacophony and is a real effort to keep order. I need to get a gavel for a denser sound to relay the message: Our House will be in order! Member Bibler was recognized, but interrupted five times with a barrage of questions before he could finish what he was going to say. After order was established, Bibler quietly said, "I will start over." He was in good humor. Each of you needs to know this: Your Board is truly a fun and responsible group of folks. They are very much concerned about your participation and well-being and wish the best experiences for all of us. Member Scott Diehn suggested we might have a channel for which to make comments and have input from all members in the BP Newsletter. Please know...we welcome and encourage suggestions. Going forward – I believe Scott and Julie will have some ideas on improved communication with members via our Website. For those connected to the Net.....stay tuned!



We have some nice plans for the summer developing, as well as a **Tour for Club Members** to the Nat'l Meet in Independence, MO. We hope several of you will be able to join us on this tour for June 16 and 17, i.e., two nights out and return on Sunday the 18th. This will be the first time in the history of the AACA to present a **'Zenith Award'** - the top automobile selected from the top 20 automobiles judged in 2016. All 20 cars have accepted the invitation and are planning to be present. What a spectacle that will be! If you wish to go, please check the BP for Julie's details and make your hotel reservations. Hopefully, you have done so already. Thank you much.

Harvey

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## \$ Financials

As of 03/25/17 - \$1,717.20

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DM Region

### 2017 Events - Mark your calendars!

*Many of the details are being worked out by the board.*

**Saturday, April 8th.** 9 am Breakfast at the Brick Street Restaurant in Bondurant.

**Saturday, April 22nd.** Meet at Walmart in Grimes at 9 am. Leave for Ken Wiley's at 9:15 am – view his collection. Leave Ken's place at 10 am. Meet at Ernie Brewster's in Madrid to view his train collection. Then a noon lunch at the Whistling Donkey, Hwy 210 in Woodward.

**Saturday, May 6th.** Lunch in Winterset. Exact location tbd. Meet at the Isaac Walton League parking lot at 10:15 am. Caravan leaves at 10:30 am.

**Saturday, May 27th.** A tour to Osceola to visit Noel and Nancy Friday's collection. We will meet at the Isaac Walton League on George Flagg located just before Park Ave at 10:45 am. Then leave at 11:00 for the Friday's home. We will arrive at the Fridays about noon. After visiting with them for about an hour, we will leave for lunch on downtown Osceola at the Iron Horse Restaurant on Main Street.

**Sunday, June 11.** Brunch with the regional clubs in Ellsworth, IA. Meet at the Ankeny Hy-Vee at 9:15 am. Caravan to brunch; scheduled for 10:30 am. It will be hosted by Linda Graham, President of AACA-NIAPRA. Linda will need a head count by June 1st. An RSVP form will be in the May Battery Post. Or call or email a board member to let them know if you plan to attend.

**June 15-17. Grand National, Independence, MO.** A caravan is planned – leaving at 10 am on Friday, June 16th (location tbd) and returning on the 18th. Please let us know if you would like to join the caravan. *Everyone is encouraged to book their rooms at the host hotel asap:* The Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E Jackson Dr, Independence, MO 64057, (816) 350-3000. Be sure to mention you are with the AACA.

**July 4th Celebration** - Hosted by Don and Irene Newby, 7774 NE 94th Ave., Bondurant. Newby's will furnish the grilled meat, table service and drinks. Bring covered dishes to share & lawn chairs. Starts at 1 pm.

**Tour of the John Deere Plant - Friday, July 14 at 1:00 pm.** RSVP's will need to be confirmed by July 6th. Info on the tours:

- It is a riding tour through the factory but it's a 200-300 meter walk from the parking lot to the tour carts.
- No pictures are allowed on the tour so please leave your cameras and phones in your vehicles.

- Tour will last 90 minutes; 20 minutes of the tour is outside - rain or shine.
- They are building cotton harvesters in July so that's what we will see.
- Tour can handle up to 60 people at one time. They has reserved 30 spots for our club. We will need to provide names by July 7th.

**Sunday, July 16th.** Noon picnic at the Carousel in Union Park. Details to come.

**August 5 - Annual Car Show at Calvin Manor** - 9 am breakfast at the Café across the street on Beaver. Car show starts at 11 am. Lunch will be provided (hot dogs and potato chips with pop).

**Iowa State Fair** - date and time to be determined.

**August 27 - Pork Chop Fry.** Walnut Ridge Park at Saylorville Lake. Details to come.

**Sunday, September 10th.** Concours d'Elegance event at the Pappajohn Sculpture Garden. We will need volunteers for the booth.

**Sunday, September 24th.** Summerset Winery with Live Music. Admission is \$5/person – or \$15/carload. More details to come.

## 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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## April Birthdays

3rd - Julie West  
11th - Bill German  
23rd - Karen Pittman  
27th - Nora Schlenker

## April Anniversary

4th - Jack & JoLene Wilhelm

## A note from the secretary

Any submissions you would like to have added to the Battery Post need to be in my hands by the 20th of every month. Thanks! — Julie West

## March 4th

The club had a tasty lunch at Smokey D's. The club then caravanned to the Firestone Plant where Dick Roth was our host for a tour of the plant. Thank you, Dick, for arranging this! It was so impressive! Sorry - no photos were allowed in the plant. Here are a few, however, from the chat Dick gave before the tour. Check out those toe protectors!



## 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.*

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## March 20th

Those that attended the March 20th Potluck were treated to a talk and display by Don Broman. Don shared his hobby of creating beautiful fishing lures.

