

BATTERY POST



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January 2020

A Note from the President



Another year is coming to a close. Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed, along with the club's gatherings for those events! Its also a time of reflection. A time to remember the blessings throughout the year and to look forward to

what's ahead. As I think about this past year, I reflect on all the activities the club did. Our visits to the Capitol and Terrace Hill and when the weather warmed, our day trip to Dexter, Menlo, Greenfield and Winterset. I also think about visiting Peter Mond's garages and our country tour/4th of July event with Julie and Brent. There was the Cruise to the Woods and most recently our Halloween/Bingo party. We had our traditional events: Calvin Community, the Tall Corn gatherings and the Iowa State Fair. We also tried some different things like the Altoona Outlets gathering. What's pleasing about all this is the variety of things the club did. That was a goal for 2019. Everyone has different things they like to do, and the Board recognizes that. Another goal was to focus a little more on why we joined the club and have more involvement with our cars. A third goal was to organize around new membership. We made progress in this area but did not get to point where the results are visible. This in part was due to a decision to emphasize the first and second goals and the fourth goal which was simply to have fun as a club. For 2020, the intent is to continue the efforts on all these goals. There is still room to grow each of them and that growth will equate into a vibrant club. I'd like to end by thanking each of you for your support this past year. I've had a great time and have enjoyed the smiles. Seeing those smiles continue will be an objective in 2020.

Best wishes,

Scott

2020 Event Calendar

The board is working hard on filling the 2020 Calendar with fun and engaging events. Have ideas? Let us know.

Here are the plans so far:

Monday, January 13th - 6:30 pm Potluck at Northwest Community Center. You are invited to share your holiday stories or presents that brought you joy or the question "what were they thinking?".

Friday, February 7th - 5:30 pm Valentine's Dinner at Latin King Restaurant. Everyone is invited to share your stories of "How you met."

Monday, March 9th - 6:30 pm Potluck at Northwest Community Center. A presentation of the history of the Hershey Fall Meet will be shared.

Wednesday, March 25th - Lunch and Tour of the Iowa Supreme Court Building. Tentative plans: 11:00 am lunch at Baratta's in the Historical Buiding. Then a 1 pm tour of the Iowa Supreme Court Building. Final plans are in the works and we will confirm soon.

April 19th or 26th Event - Spring Kickoff at Lake Robbins Ballroom. We are waiting for the Ballroom's Big Band spring schedule then we will finalize the date. The band plays from 5 to 8:30 pm. More info to come.

May: Day tour to the Pella area. Tentative stops: Neal Smith Nature Center, Pella downtown shops, tour of Vermeer plant, Lake Red Rock, National Spring Car Museum, etc. Details to come.

June: to be determined

July 4th Party: format and location to be determined

July or August: Des Moines Art Center lunch & tour. More details to come.

Secretary notes



First of all, thank you to everyone who have provided me with photos and stories to share in the Battery Post.

Since I combined newsletters and only provided one every two months, it proved to be a bit too long to communicate events.

Especially when there were last minute changes. I apologize for the lack of a November/December Battery Post. My work load, etc. put me behind schedule. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Starting in 2020, I am going to continue with a full Battery Post every two months, with a smaller Events & Club News in the months in between. I think this will help make sure that everyone is up to speed on upcoming activities and have time to make any last minute changes that invariably happen.

In 2020, I would like to encourage you to:

- Bring a guest to our events and encourage them to join. We want to grow our membership!
- Submit photos and story ideas to me for the newsletters.
- Give the board ideas for club events and outings.

I am hoping to update the AACA-DSM.org website in the next month or so. Please let me know if there is certain information you would like to see on the site. After it goes live, I will encourage those of you who are on social media to help promote it. Of course, you can always share our Facebook page.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season. I look forward to 2020!

All the best - Julie West Isenberger

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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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\$ Financials

As of 10/31/19 - \$2,381.08

November Birthday

11/12 - JoLene Wilhelm

December Birthday

12/19 - Diane Hickman

January Birthdays

1/11 - Irene Newby

1/19 - Judy Mally

January Anniversary

1/1 - Rick & Diane Hickman

February Birthday

2/17 - Dean Bibler

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the Battery Post, be sure to email Julie and let her know.

Member News

We are so very sorry to learn of Gary Nutt's passing. He was a long-time and very active member of the club. And a good friend to many. He will be sorely missed.

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

February 2020

6 -8 - Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA

27 - 29 - Winter National - South Florida Region - Miami, FL

April 2020

2-5 - Southeastern Spring National - Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC

23-25 - Western Spring National - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ

26 - May 1 - AACA Founders Tour - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ (vehicles 1936-1995)

May 2020

7-9 - Central Spring National - AACA National Headquarters - Auburn, IN

13-16 - AACA Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland

June 2020

7-12 - AACA Sentimental Tour - Mountain State Classics Region - Potomac Highlands, WV (vehicles 1928-1958)

24-27 - Eastern Spring National - White Water Region - Daniels, WV

July 2020

9-11 - Annual Grand National - Allentown, PA

19-24 - Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier vehicles) being organized by Bob Giles & Tom Roberts - Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

Cruise to the Woods - October 6th

Thank you to David Banning and Lee for the breakfast. The club had a good turnout.



Thanksgiving Dinner - November 18th

Thank you to all that joined us for our club's Thanksgiving Dinner. You can always count on great food with this group! Folks were asked to bring a "mystery" tool so that everyone could guess what they were. The only one that we couldn't necessarily describe was Paul Wold's. It was so fun! Wayne Brill won with the most correct guesses.





Christmas Party - December 14th

The club had a lovely gathering at Willow Creek Golf Course. We had a nice turnout and enjoyed the dinner and socializing. Thank you to Betty Bibler for her wonderful storytelling! And a big thank you to Harvey from Julie West and Brent Isenberger for the very creative and fun "wine cart" that was given to them for their dedication to the club.



