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November 2016

FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT:

THANKS



President Gerry Schnepf

Change is often difficult to accept. This is notice of another change. I am resigning as President at the end of the term of office in November. The change is also compounded by increasing demands on my time and personal changes in my life. Time is critical – particularly as one increases in age.

For the use of my time, projects need to be enjoyable, rewarding and appreciated. Taking on the position of President for Early Wheels provided a challenge and a great opportunity. My commitments to family and Keep Iowa Beautiful are increasingly my clear focus.

Based on this I will serve out the term of office and will also be resigning membership in the club. I will offer to help the incoming officers where asked and time allows.

A person from the Community Foundation will be at the November meeting to talk about a fund management option that has previously been mentioned. Major items that will need to be dealt with include producing and printing the newsletter and re-negotiated services with Julie West on the web page maintenance

and newsletter support. Much of what Julie has been doing she has done as a favor to me. If you want Julie to continue with the newsletter it will take some discussion with her. The tour arrangements for May need to be transferred to someone to complete details.

Bob Cunningham's October meeting program on DM / Iowa Automotive History was well received and appreciated. He provided some surprising information. Additionally, a slate of officers will need to be acted on for the upcoming year.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Plan on coming to the November Meeting. If you are getting this newsletter and not a member consider coming to this meeting to "Check us out." If you are a member but, haven't attended a meeting in some time please accept this invitation to become active in the organization. **Join us - we miss seeing you and need your input** to help guide the future of the organization. See the club meeting notes in this newsletter.

You can see by the newsletter that things are changing. Along with a new newsletter we also have a new website that has been developed.

CHECK IT OUT!
<http://earlywheelsofiowa.com>

Please plan to come to the meetings – share with others, enjoy the great food and participate in setting the direction and future of Early Wheels. Enjoy the range of new programs and entertainment at the meetings.

BACK TO SCHOOL TOUR

The September Swap Meet was successful and the Board agreed to sponsor an annual "Thank You" Coach tour which is planned for McPherson College. It is timed to take part in the Automotive Program's annual "Car Show."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WATCH FOR MORE DETAIL IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

**"Back to School" Tour
McPherson College
Automotive Program**



May 5, 6 & 7, 2017



CALENDAR

CLUB MEETINGS

November 13 - Sunday: Regular Meeting at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 3120 SW 9th Street, - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A representative from the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation will provide information on obtaining a higher rate of return on investment by placing funds as determined by the club into the Foundation. This will be a traditional potluck with another special program on Vietnam presented by Ed Lohman. Rod Kent will do the introductions.

NOTICE: This meeting will also include the election of Board Members and Officers for 2017. Please plan to attend.

December 11 - Sunday: Regular potluck meeting at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Celebration and Gift Exchange. Maybe even a visit by Santa.

Ladies Lunch

The ladies lunch will be Tuesday, November 2 at 11:30 at Okoboji Grill on SE 14th in front of Menards. If you have any questions please call Lena Saunders at 285-2099.

Editor's Notes

New members:
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Linda Morton, Editor

November Birthdays

- 1 Larry Sorenson
- 6 Linda Morton
- 7 Wayne Bohling
- 13 Doug Smith
- 20 Ellen Smith
- 23 Nancy Sorenson
- 28 Thom Hartman
- 23 John Weaver

November Anniversaries

- 8 Larry & Jackie Soloman
- 12 Gordon & Marti Klatt
- 14 Rosemary McClain

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Attendees to the October 23 Appreciation Dinner: Andrea & Chase Woodruff, Dixie Johnson, Forrest Harmsen, Elden & Judy Royer, Elaine Bredesky, Linda Morton, Gerry & Pat Schnepf, Wayne & Ruth Henderson, Bill & Connie Joy, Rod & Verna Kent, Jay & Pat Cramer, Jim & Sharon McDonald, John Edwards, Jerry & Lena Saunders, Ken & Marge Breeher, Frank Lisbona, Gordon & Marti Klatt, John & Bonnie Groth, Jim & Genie Hansen, Don & Carol Putney, Larry & Alice Champlin and Speaker Bob & Cathy Cunningham.

Minutes were read from the last meeting and the treasurer's report was given. The November meeting will be the election of officers. It was noted that we are a C-7 non-profit organization. Gerry announced that due to constraints on his time, he will not be running for reelection. If anyone

is interested in running for any of the offices, please contact Jim McDonald.

Frank thanked the club for the balloon sent during his recovery and reported they are "still up." Gerry thanked everyone for their help at Swap Meet.

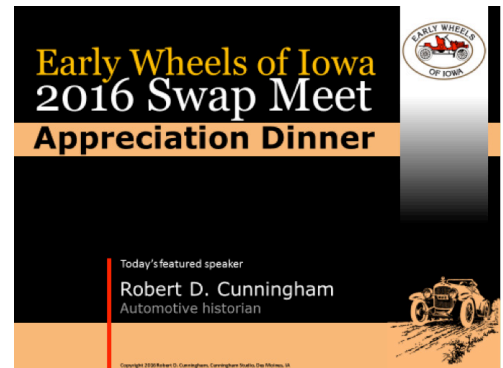
The program was presented by Bob Cunningham on the start of the Des Moines car industry and very old cars (even before 1900). There were many older cars never before heard of. Thanks to Ken for organizing the dinner. Andrea reported that we made it through another Swap Meet and thanked everyone for their hard work. She also said there is a meeting to be scheduled with the Greenfield fair board sometime in November and if you are interested in attending, please let her know.

Meeting adjourned.

Larry Champlin, Secretary

OCTOBER SWAP MEET APPRECIATION DINNER:

The October 23rd meeting was an appreciation dinner held at the Okoboji Grill on 86th St. in Johnston, IA. It was well attended and a brief formal meeting was held with a Secretary's and Treasurer's report. A meeting with representatives of the Adair County Fair Board will be arranged by Andrea Woodruff for an evening meeting one of the first three Sundays in November. Several members indicated a willingness to attend. Andrea will contact them and select a date and get back to those attending with details.



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