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President's Note

Members of the Best Car Club Ever,

How can it be October already? Does anyone else feel like they blinked and summer was over? In the spring, I made a list of projects that I wanted to tackle this summer. I hardly made a dent in that list. Since we already had our first snowfall, I think the chance of completing my projects is growing slim; although still slightly higher than winning the Powerball jackpot.

Daddy always said that flat tires come in threes. I believe that may also be true for brake failures. A while back, my truck began to make a horrible grinding noise when the brakes were applied. Upon inspection, I discovered the metal of a backing plate was scraping one of the rear rotors, but it wasn't due to a worn pad; the pad was missing entirely!

After replacing the rear rotors, pads, and dust shields, the rear brakes seemed to be especially hot and smelly after a drive to Des Moines; one side more so than the other. It turns out one caliper was sticking. Back on the jack stands for new calipers and hoses. Finally, the truck's rear brakes seem to be working properly.

Suddenly, Julie sends me a text that her Acadia is making a funny noise when she hits the brakes. Are you kidding me? I told her to limp it home so I can take a look. Sure enough, one of her brake pads had also jumped ship. Two more rear rotors and pad sets later, and she is back on the road. I must be Rock Auto's customer of the month. Now I'm just waiting to see what's next. Anyhow, I have become pretty good at replacing pads and rotors, and Julie is really good at pumping the brakes so I can bleed the lines.

Our November meeting will be held on the 17th at the Ankeny Diner in Ankeny, Iowa. This will be our annual holiday party. We will hold our meeting at 11:00 am with lunch to follow at approximately 12:00 noon.

Our meal will be in buffet form. For the entrée, you may choose from pot roast or chicken supreme, with tossed salad, creamy potato salad, sautéed green beans, garlic mashed potatoes, and dinner rolls and butter. Drink options will include coffee, iced tea, and lemonade.

In August, the Club voted to pay the first \$20/person towards the holiday luncheon; this includes members and their spouses. If you plan to attend the November meeting and stay for lunch, please RSVP to me by November 8th.

This meeting will include our annual holiday festivities as well as officer nominations for the next two-year term, and discussion of proposed plans for the 2020 Quad States. Please make an effort to attend.

Love ya!

Robert Stebbins

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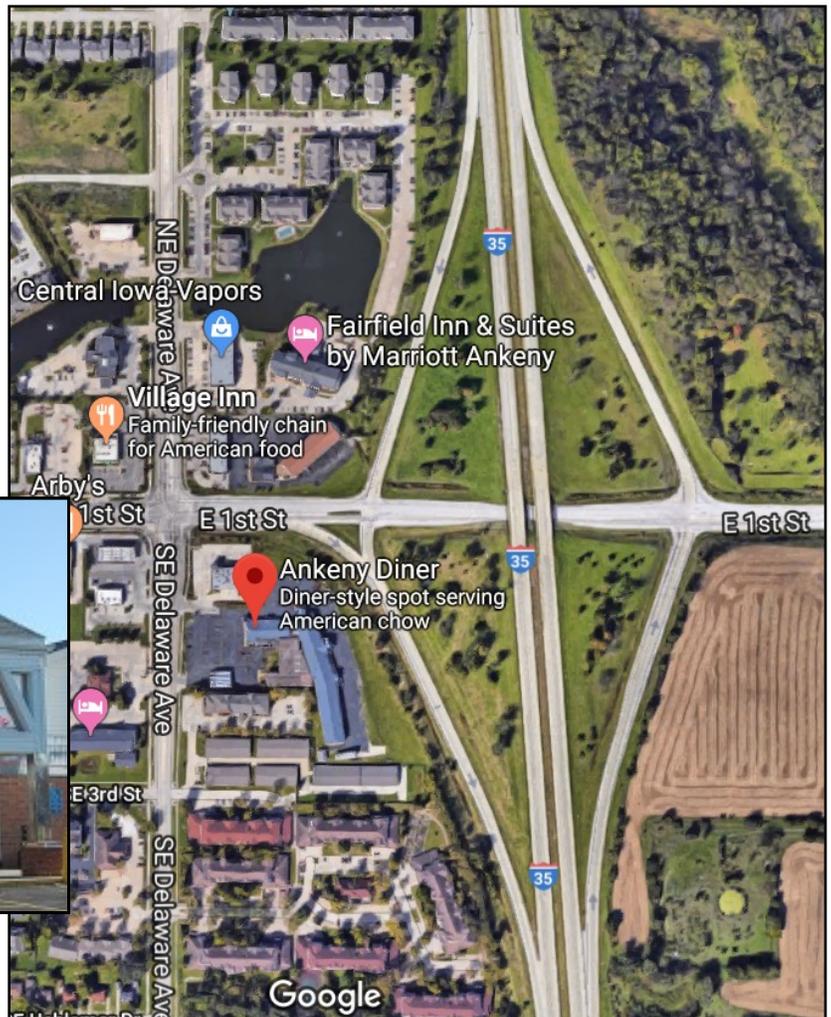
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Upcoming Meetings

November 17—11:00 am at the Ankeny Diner, 133 SE Delaware Avenue, Ankeny, Iowa. We will hold our meeting first, then have lunch around 12:00 noon.

Directions for those of you driving on the interstate are as follows. Get off Interstate 35 at the East 1st Street Exit (Exit 92) in Ankeny. Head west on East 1st Street. As you approach SE Delaware Avenue, move into the left-hand left-turn lane. Turn south onto SE Delaware Avenue, then immediately turn left into the first or second driveways, as traffic permits. You have arrived at the Ankeny Diner. We will gather in one of their private meeting rooms.



Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2018

The Membership Meeting was held on the outside deck of the General Store Pub in Stone City, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order @ 11:01 AM by President Robert Stebbins with 11 members present.

Secretary's report was read. Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the April, 2018 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Ken Mizaur. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Alex Niswander had contacted the club about a Journey Senior Living monthly car show. He has decided not to pursue a car show at this time. It was tabled to discuss monthly car shows.

Robert Stebbins talked about the Wings and Wheels Event. He thanked everyone that worked with the show. Thank you to Jeff Fleming for letting us borrow his sound system. We received 16 pre-registrations, 45 vehicles attended car show, with 34 of those registering the day of show. It was not a very profitable show for the Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum and the stormy weather moving in forced us to end the show a couple hours early.

The club members would like to do a car show but be able to pick our own charity.

The expenses of the show were printing of show flyers, postage to mail invitations to area car clubs, trophies, and dash plaques. Bob Thompson made a motion to reimburse Julie and Robert Stebbins for the expenses of the Wings and Wheels, which was seconded by Gary Knutson. Motion passed unanimously.

We need to look further into a club credit or debit card to use for expenses.

The OCI Nationals is looking for volunteers in Gettysburg, PA. Check your email for the spreadsheet forwarded by Rich Saullo. If you don't have an email, let Robert know and he will make you a copy.

The next OCI meeting will be in August for our annual club picnic. Watch for details to be sent out later.

Robert Stebbins reported on the Good Guys Heartland National Show in Des Moines on June 29 to July 1, 2018. They have now opened to all vehicles manufactured in 1987 and earlier.

Vicki Stolenberg made a motion, with John Montgomery as second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:32AM.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed lunch inside the General Store Pub.

Submitted by Julie Stebbins

August 11, 2018

The Membership Meeting was held at Bob White shelter at Kent Park, Oxford, IA.

Prior to the meeting the club members enjoyed a very nice picnic lunch. Thank you to Julie Stebbins for the yummy desserts.

In the absence of President and Vice-President the meeting was called to order @ 1:47 PM by Secretary Lori Mestad with 19 members present.

Secretary's report was given by Secretary Lori Mestad. Ron Nolting made a motion to approve the June 2018 Meeting Minutes, which was second by Ken Mizaur to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Lynn Clark, and the club is solvent. Vickie Stoltenberg made a motion, with Merle Shawd as second to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Stebbins had received an email from the Wisconsin Olds Club. Their email was shared, reminding everyone of the Quad States coming up in September.

Oldsmobile Club of Iowa officers are elected to a 2 year term, which will end at the end of this calendar year. Discussions were held about whom would like to run for office for the next 2 year term. The following positions are up for election: President - Vice-President - Secretary and Treasurer. If any club member is interested please contact Robert Stebbins. Nominations will happen at our next club meeting. Robert Stebbins contact information is: #515-228-3631 or Stebbins@huxcomm.net.

There was discussion about the 2020 Quad States car show to be hosted by the Olds Club of Iowa. Gary Gleason will reach out to the Quad Cities Convention / Visitors Bureau and Jan Nolting will do the same with the Cedar Rapids Convention / Visitors Bureau. They will have the Convention / Visitors Bureau reach out to hotels and get quotes for us.

Our holiday party in November was discussed. Robert Thompson made a motion that the club pay the first \$20.00/person towards the holiday luncheon, with a second by Ron Nolting. Vickie Stoltenberg made a motion to have a \$100.00 budget for prizes for the holiday luncheon. Jan Nolting 2nd the motion. Both motions passed unanimously.

Vickie Stoltenberg made a motion, with Lynn Clark as second to adjourn the meeting @ 2:47 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Lori Mestad

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Rockets & Parts

NEW!

FOR SALE—1970 442, post coupe. Not a W car, but does have ram air hood, rear spoiler, manual transmission, 455 cid engine. I've owned it since 1982. I drove it until 1994. I then began a frame off restoration, but then life happened (kids, houses, etc.). It is still in pieces. The body is back on, but there is still much to do. I have a new GM quarter panel on it, extra solid doors, extra deck lids, and new GM front fenders still in the boxes. Everything is there. Overall, a pretty solid car. Just looking for someone that would like a project. Contact Jeff Maddison at 262-349-0703 or maddisonauto@hotmail.com. (10/18)

NEW!

HELP WANTED—I was contacted by a guy who sold a car to what was reported to be one of our members. This took place back in 2004 and was an orange '72. Any of you remember the car or member that might have had it? The original owner is trying to track it down. Let me know if it rings a bell or you have an old membership file from back then. Thanks, Lynn Clark. Contact Lynn at oldsclubofia@hotmail.com. (10/18)

NEW!

WANTED—I'm restoring a '69 442 and am missing front fender peak moldings. Have not found any reproductions or used. Does anyone know of someone or a salvage yard that could help? Any help appreciated. Thx, Doug Palmer. Contact Doug at ddpalmer48@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE—1950 Oldsmobile hood. Good condition. Contact Ron at 319-846-2093. (06/18)

FOR SALE—1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 Convertible. This is an exceptional car which has always been in southern California. We have a complete list of all things done on this car should you have an interest. Restoration completed in 2017. Make an offer. Contact James Pike at 310-326-3615. (01/18)



FOR SALE—1954 Olds 324 complete motor with all accessories and hydromatic transmission. Contact Bill at 309-582-7840 or sbcoutant@frontiernet.net. (01/18)

FOR SALE—1966 Oldsmobile Toronado in white standard model. My father passed away and I am the middle son and have the responsibility of finding the right home for his Toronado. The car is a California car and has no rust. We are the 2nd owner. Car comes with all of the spare parts which include spare doors, hood, fenders, wiring harness, dash, gauges, steering, engine spare parts, wheels, rubber, bumpers, and many more items. The car will need to be restored and has never



been crashed. The price for everything is \$5,000 firm. I am located in San Diego, California. It is really important to find the proper new owner for this car. It will be running when sold. Contact Greg Smith at 619-602-6956 or gregsmith58@gmail.com. (01/18)



WANTED—1961 Oldsmobile Cutlass F-85 2-door body in fixable condition. I do not need an engine or transmission, and the interior is not that important as I have an interior shop. Just a body to start with. Please contact John Vetter at 515-231-3031 or jve37671@aol.com. (07/17)

WANTED— A friend has just purchased a 1970 Cutlass convertible barn find that has been a one owner and in unbelievable shape. He would like to get a Holmes Oldsmobile script for the trunk lid. If anybody out there has such, please contact me, Dennis Ruffridge at ruffda01@gmail.com. (07/17)

WANTED—1935 Olds Sport Coupe. Please contact Merle Shawd at 515-438-2000 or mks@minburncomm.net. (02/17)