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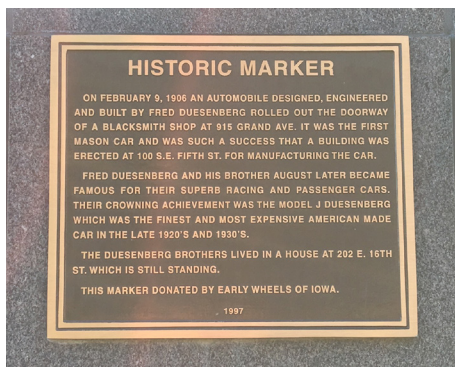
March 2020

## A Note from the President



I hope everyone enjoyed the Jumper Cables last month. The Jumper Cables is our “connection” between Battery Posts to keep everyone informed.

The Board is continuing to plan the events for the year. We hope to have activities that have broad appeal. This includes more joint activities with other clubs. For example, in June we’ll have a couple of activities with the Cadillac/LaSalle club. One of those activities is a Show n’Shine at the Altoona Outlets. Julie organized our club’s event there last year. We wanted to gain some external exposure for the club and with a similar desire this year, we’ll go back to the Outlets to continue those public interactions that hopefully moves towards new club members. If any of you have ideas for events, please be sure to reach out to me or a Board member.



I’m starting to see antique cars on the road, a sure sign that Spring is near! Des Moines has many connections to important automobile companies. A few months ago, I was made aware that

there is a plaque at 915 Grand Ave in Des Moines discussing the Duesenberg brothers (see picture). Coincidentally a colleague at work that knew I was interested in antique cars made mention of an article in the DM Register noting the brothers’ connection

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## 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:

**March 25th event POSTPONED! We will work hard to set up another date for this event. The board felt that this was in everyone’s best interest. The health of our club members is first and foremost.**

**Wednesday, March 25th - Lunch and Tour of the Iowa Supreme Court Building.** 11:30 am lunch at Baratta’s in the Historical Buiding. Then a 2 pm tour of the Iowa Supreme Court Building. Please contact Harvey Baker to RSVP.

**April 19th - Spring Kickoff at Lake Robbins Ballroom.** The band is on stage from 5 to 8:30 pm. The band plays Big Band music! Mark your calendars for the date – details about dinner and more to come.

**May 16th:** Day tour to the Pella area. Tentative tour ideas, to be finalized: Country drive to Monroe, Lake Red Rock & Cordova Park & Dam, then stop in Pella to tour the shops and have lunch. We are working on ideas for after lunch. A stop at Jersey Freeze in Monroe will be our last stop before heading back to Des Moines. We are tentatively set up to start the tour at 9 am at SE Polk High School. More detailed info to come.

**June:** Show n’Shine with the Cadillac/LaSalle club at the Outlets of Des Moines (in Altoona). Exact date will be communicated by the Cadillac/LaSalle club by the end of March.

**Sunday, June 28:** Ice cream social at the Olmsted-Urban House (Urbandale) with the Cadillac/LaSalle Club from 1:30-4 pm.

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## President's Message

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to Iowa and Des Moines. According to it and the Biographical Dictionary of Iowa, Frederick and August Duesenberg settled in Rockford, Iowa around 1885 after coming from Germany with their widowed mother and siblings. The following is directly from the Biographical Dictionary of Iowa website. "Fred opened a bicycle shop in Rockford; Augie later opened a bicycle shop in Garner, Iowa. By about 1900, they were experimenting with gasoline engines, attaching them to bicycles to make some of the first motorcycles. In 1905 they moved to Des Moines and received financial backing from a local attorney, Edward R. Mason, to design and begin manufacturing an automobile that was called the Mason. "Old Number One," which appeared on February 19, 1906, had a 24-horsepower, two-cylinder, valve-in-head, 5 by 5 opposed engine. Their early cars were called Mason Hill Climbers, and they demonstrated the sturdiness and power of the car by performing feats such as driving the car up the west steps of the state capitol in Des Moines. In 1910 Fred Maytag of Newton bought 60 percent of the company and formed the Mason Maytag Motor Company. The new company relocated to Waterloo, where production was expanded to include four-cylinder engines. In 1913 Maytag sold out and went into manufacturing washing machines." To read the rest of the story I'll refer you to <http://ui.press.lib.uiowa.edu/bdi/DetailsPage.aspx?id=104> and <https://data.desmoinesregister.com/famous-iowans/frederick-and-august-duesenberg>.

At some point it might be fun to stop by the plaque and even Central Campus in Des Moines which was a Model T assembly plant.

Best,  
Scott

### Are you on Facebook?

Be sure to "like" our page at **DesMoinesAACA**

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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.*

## 2020 Event Calendar

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**Saturday, July 4th:** Our annual picnic will be held at Brent & Julie's or Scott & Tonya's place (both located in Altoona). There will be a country drive (asphalt, low speed roads; loop includes Ivy, south Mitchellville, and Altoona). We will again have a food truck. More details to come!

**Sunday, September 13th:** The Des Moines Concours d'Elegance in downtown Des Moines at the Pappajohn Sculpture Garden. Applications for the invitation only event are now available online at:

<https://desmoinesconcours.com/exhibiting>

**The following dates are tentative and subject to change. Watch for details!**

**Sunday, July 25th:** Tentative date for our get together with the AACA Tall Corn Club in Luther.

**Saturday, August 1st:** Tentative date for the Calvin Community Car Show.

**Saturday, August 8th:** Des Moines Art Center lunch and tour. More details to come.

**Sunday, August 23rd:** Tentative date for our Annual BBQ at Saylorville.

*As you can see, we have a great year planned. Guests are always welcome to attend!*

**Our new website is LIVE!**  
Visit [aaca-dsm.org](http://aaca-dsm.org)

## March Birthday

3/1 - Dixie Christiansen

## April Anniversary

4/4 - Jack & Jo Lene Wilhelm

## April Birthdays

4/3 - Julie West Isenberger

4/11 - Bill German

4/16 - Don Newby

4/23 - Karen Pittman

4/27 - Nora Schlenker

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

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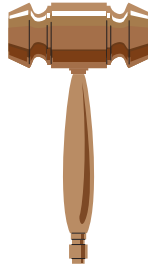
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## Financials

**As of 2/28/2020 - \$2,328.56**



## AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

### 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

## Member News

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of several of our club members over the last few weeks: Jack Sarasio and George Archer. These gentlemen were long time members and good friends to everyone. They both will be missed. Prayers for peace for their families.

*A note from Maralee Sarasio to the club:*

*Des Moines Region AACA -*

*Thank you for the memorial  
for Jack. The Club's thoughtfulness  
is appreciated.*

*Maralee Sarasio*