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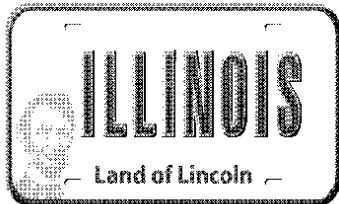
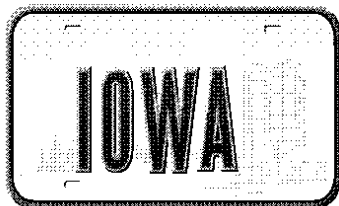
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

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IOWA-ILLINOIS JOINT MEETING- PART 2 TO BE HELD IN EASTERN IOWA

Last year in May several members of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association ventured east into Illinois and met up with members of the Illinois LHA for the first ever meeting of the two chapters. The meeting was in Franklin Grove at the National Headquarters. Now in



2008, it is Iowa's turn to play host. Well, we have a meeting planned and a spot for the gathering. Mark your calendars for July 12, 2008. The second joint meeting of the Iowa and Illinois LHA's will meet at Palisades-Kepler Park on US 30 between Mount Vernon and Cedar Rapids. The Iowa LHA will conduct a short business meeting from 9:30-11:00 AM. We will then enjoy a picnic style lunch beginning at 12:00 noon. The menu is yet to be determined, but rumor has it that our State Director is bringing his barbecue grill to cook for all who plan to attend. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com L

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EVANSTON, WYOMING HOSTS 2008 LHA 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Evanston, Wyoming located in the southwest corner of Wyoming near the border with Utah, is the host of this year's 16th annual National LHA Conference. The conference's main events will take place in the restored historic Union Pacific Railroad machine shop located on Evanston's roundhouse and rail yards, that is home to one of the few remaining full functioning turntables west of the Mississippi River.

The 2008 conference will be unique in several ways. The tours will take you through both rugged canyons and desert badlands. Each attendee will receive a canvas tote bag replica of the old desert water bags that hung from car radiators traveling the early Lincoln Highway. All participants will also receive a replica of the recently discovered rare Lincoln Highway Notable Service medallion given to distinguished members of the LHA.

The conference hotel is the Best Western Dunmar Inn, the highest rated Best Western in Wyoming. Ask for the special Lincoln Highway conference rate.

For more information or a registration form, go to the website www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org. Click on the 2008 National Conference link to learn more about this year's conference. See you there! L



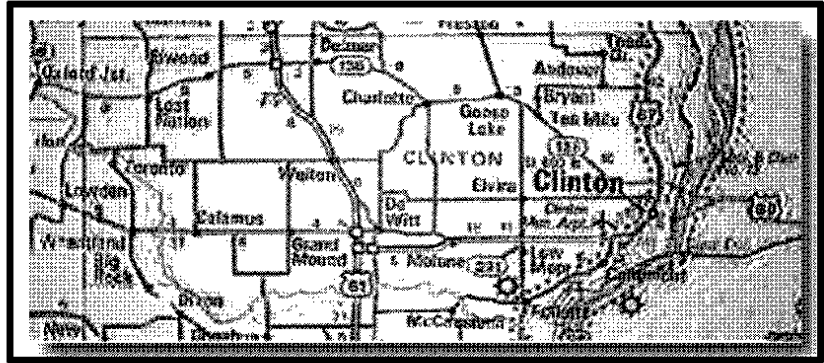
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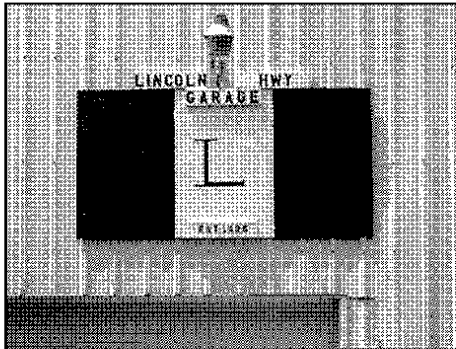
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then some!

By
Jeff LaFollette



It's been a while since this column has graced the pages of this newsletter. I've been working on organizing the motor tour so I took a break from my usual time slot which would have been in the fall issue so I plugged this spot with information about the motor tour. So now I'm taking a break from motor tour duties to write a story again. And this time I'm going way past the boundaries of Clinton County. I'm going so far that I'm writing about a wonderful person we met in Pottawattamie County, and if you are in that vicinity, you just have to stop and meet him as well.

Tammy and I were mapping the route for the motor tour last July, and we were nearing the end of our



two day journey. We had just passed Hitchcock Nature Center and were continuing on toward Council Bluffs, when in the town of Crescent, I spied a

sign that advertised "Lincoln Highway Garage EST. 1925". We stopped because I thought this would be a great photo opportunity. As I got out and walked around the grounds I saw a couple of old Jeeps outside, one in very good shape, and the other needing a little work. I asked a neighbor if he knew who owned the building, and he thought whomever owned it was inside. Tammy was waiting patiently in the truck and I sauntered over to tell her I was thinking about going inside. She told me "You know you want to and if you don't you'll kick yourself all the way home". She was right. I went in and entered what was a garage full of vintage vehicles. I found the door to an office and there was a man working on a car in the inner garage area. Well, believe me I'm glad that we stopped, and yes Tammy was right, I'd still be kicking myself today if I hadn't.

The owner of the Lincoln Highway Garage in Crescent, Iowa is an Iowa LHA member named Don

Willard. Don lives in Council Bluffs, and owns this building in Crescent where he keeps his collection of old vintage automobiles. Don owns 21 vehicles from the 1920's to the 1950's. As he told me, all the vehicles are licensed and titled except for one and all the vehicles run except for one. I didn't ask which one, I figured that would be a question for him the next time I traveled out that direction.

Don calls his collecting vehicles a bad habit by acquiring them, but he enjoys tinkering with them and showing them off. I asked him which ones were his favorites. He said all of them, but he did narrow it down to three. A 1921 Model T center door black sedan, a 1924 touring Model T, and a 1926 Model T Roadster. Among the other vehicles he also owns are a couple of vintage 1920's Model T trucks, and 1951 Ford 2 door coupe. You might think he's partial to Fords, but he also has a 1954 Chevrolet pick-up truck and the two Jeeps I mentioned earlier which are both 1942 models. I would have taken some pictures for this story, but the cars were parked pretty close together in his building and pictures just would not have done justice to the vehicles.

I asked Don if the building was once called the Lincoln Highway Garage and if it was built in 1925. He said "Nope, this is my garage on the Lincoln Highway and I was born in 1925, that's why I put the established date on it as I did. "This makes the story even more remarkable. Mr. Willard is 82 years young but looks much younger than his years. Then I realized after about 15 minutes of chatting that Tammy was still in the truck. I told him that my lady was waiting patiently in the truck and he said you better bring her in here to see everything too. So I did and she, like me, marveled at the cars and everything else that Don told and showed us.

Don told us that he was living in Persia, Iowa in southern Harrison County and his family moved to Dunlap in 1929. Don, being all of four years old at the time remembers seeing a paved highway for the first time, the section of Lincoln Highway between Woodbine and Dunlap and how he was so amazed by it. He tells of that stretch of road being paved in 1928.

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Ramblings Along the Lincoln Highway

**Minutes of the Winter 2008 Iowa LHA Meeting
State Center, Iowa
12 January 2007
Submitted by Jeff Benson, Secretary**

President **Keith Whillatch** called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. 22 members and guests were introduced. **Minutes of the October 13, 2007 General Meeting**- A correction to clarify that the motion approving payment of \$5000 was for **past** services of historian **Jim Hippen** on the Lions Club Tree Park Interpretive Site. The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer **Joyce Ausberger** reported income for the last quarter of 2007 of \$350 from Iowa memberships, \$1230 from national memberships and \$2900 in donations. She reported expenses of \$838.20 for newsletter, \$193.10 for merchandise, \$26 for post office box, \$500 for the national endowment fund (approved previously by Board) and \$500 for the Harrison County Welcome Center (approved previously by Board). The 2007 year-end checking account balance is \$6699.27 and the year end investment account balance is \$5355.36. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Membership Report- **Cecil Stewart** reported no changes since last meeting.

State Director's Report- **Jeff LaFollette** reported that the 2008 national annual meeting to be held in Evanston, Wyoming June 17-21. A chairman is needed for the national awards committee. Each state may forward more than one application from local organizations for national LHA Endowment Fund. Since applications are due before the next Iowa Board meeting, it was agreed that the state chapter will provide a letter of support for each application. Next year the state will have a process for reviewing and scoring grant applications to determine which are to be recommended to the national LHA Endowment Committee

Items for Discussion

A. **River to River Motor Tour (August 8, 9, & 10, 2008)** - Two registrations received plus a potential registration from an owner of a 1919 Stern. Arrangements for stops in Clinton and Dewitt confirmed. Other stops include Lowden, Clarence, overnight at Cedar Rapids, Youngville Cafe, Belle Plaine, Tama Bridge, State Center, Reed/Niland corner at Colo, overnight in Ames and Boone, Jefferson, Denison, Woodbine, Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawattamie County. Need donated items for raffle and goody bags. Bags could include information on commercial business sponsors.

B. **Advertising** - Recruitment for newsletter and web site. **Mike Kelly** will do prototype for a tabletop display

for membership recruitment.

C. **Heritage Byway** - No new information.

D. **Standards for Kiosks** - Discussion but no new actions at this time.

E. **Iowa/Illinois joint meeting** - After discussion all agreed to explore switching the April general membership meeting and the July board meeting, so that the July 12, 2008 meeting can be the joint general membership meeting with Illinois. Van Becker will check availability and costs of a shelter at **Palisades-Kepler State Park** and **Jeff LaFollette** will discuss with Illinois chapter.

F. **Upcoming Meetings** - April 12 Board meeting in Denison, July 12 Membership meeting & tour at Palisades Kepler State Park, October 11 Membership meeting & tour at Colo Community Center and lunch at Reed /Niland Corner One-Stop.

Highlights from County Consul Reports:

Clinton County - Mr. Peanut ghost sign is demolished for highway project.

Linn County - Eighth and final interpretive kiosk installed.

Benton County - Working on installing kiosks at Youngville Station and other locations.

Tama County - Wall with Lincoln Highway mural tuck pointed. Historic Lincoln Highway church purchased by private non-profit, with County Consul **Allan Richards** as manager.

Marshall County - Extensive research by County Consul **Harlan Quick** led to new tabletop display on LH routes and connections in State Center. City owns historic gas station and offers portion for meetings.

Story County - Six historic motel units restored and open next week, register through Niland's Café.

Greene County - Clubhouse open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Eureka Bridge repair design progressing. Deep Rock station likely to be demolished.

Crawford County - **Kathy Dirks** working on arrangements for April meeting in Denison.

Pottawattamie County - Received grant to purchase more of Honey Creek grade. Planning and fundraising for Old Lincoln Highway Veteran Monument in Crescent.

Old Business - **Allan Richards** reported that due to new IRS regulations on non-profit organizations it would be helpful for all members to keep track of volunteer time and activity for a report at the end of 2008.

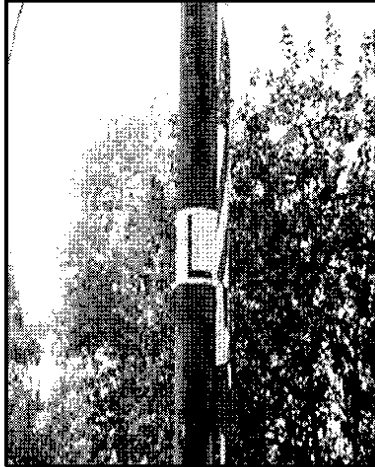
Joyce Ausberger will be co-Consul for Greene County.

President **Keith Whillatch** adjourned the meeting 12:07 p.m. L

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Don and his family lived in Dunlap until 1933 but he has many memories of that nine mile section of paved road from Woodbine to Dunlap. He also lived in Dixon, Iowa in the 1950's and 1960's and has many memories of trips back home across Iowa from Wheatland to Pottawattamie County along the old Lincoln Highway.

Don is a member of the Midwest Antique Auto Club of Omaha, a club that has 60 members and does a lot of cruising. He hopes to be on the upcoming motor tour in August, and he is going to promote it to his club, which has many members living in the Council Bluffs area.



There is a pole in front of the building that has the familiar "L" painted on it like the poles you'll see scattered along the highway. This was painted by Don's son, Charles Willard who is also an Iowa LHA member.

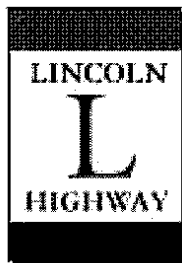
There was one more question I had to ask Don. With regard to today gas prices, I asked him if he thought he'd ever live to see \$3.00 a gallon gasoline prices, he said "That's all we talk about now" Then I asked him his earliest memory of the lowest gasoline price he could remember. Without hesitation he said "12 cents a gallon, and oil was 10 cents a quart. You could take a dollar bill to the gas station get five gallons of gas for the Model T and two quarts of oil and get change back from the dollar bill". If gas hits \$4.00 a gallon this summer, that's \$1.00 for a quart of gasoline. Who would have ever thought gas would get that high?

So if you're traveling west on the Lincoln Highway and pass through Crescent, by all means take some time to stop in the Lincoln Highway Garage and say hello to Don Willard. He'll be glad to show you his cars and tell you a story or two. Believe me, you'll be glad you did! Until next time, I'll see you between the rivers...and then some. L

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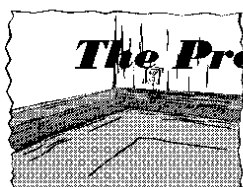
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The President's Corner

By Keith Whitlatch,
ILHA President

I have recently been appointed as the Cedar County representative to the Iowa Barn Foundation. As such I'm working with their president, **Jacqueline (Jackie) Schmeal**, of Nevada in reference to "A Barn Tour along Highway 30" (Lincoln Highway) on June 7 and 8. This is a free self-guided tour along the old highway, with one or more barns in each county available to view. I have lined up four barns in Cedar County, including the old barn on our farm, here at the site of the old village of "Shiloh". Barns within two or three miles of the Lincoln Highway are included.

In Greene County, the Ausberger Barn on Parkland Avenue, Jefferson, is included. She makes reference to our association in her narrative by saying "Google Lincoln Highway Association for more information about the highway and historic sites along the way." If you want a copy of the article earlier, her e-mail is jschmeal@earthlink.net; email her and she will send you a copy, or I will bring detailed copies to our next meeting for you all. I think it is important that our association "teams" with the Iowa Barn Foundation on this. Just like the ILHA has a county counsel for every county it passes through, the Barn Foundation has a representative in each county in Iowa. I think it behooves us to meet our counter-part in our respective counties.

This is the information sheet Ms. Schmeal is sending out regarding the tour "Barns Along Old Highway 30 (Old Lincoln Highway), to be open June 7 and 8." "Remember driving across Iowa on "Old Highway 30?" Well, it wasn't called "ol" thirty or even Highway 30. It was just "thirty" - a busy two-lane highway that was Iowa's trail to Chicago and the East and to California. The Lincoln Highway had been dedicated with much ceremony in 1913 at a time when it took 20 to 30 days to rumble from the ocean to ocean trek at approximately 18 miles an hour. Later, as we all enjoyed the convenience of the highway, we counted horses (200 points for a white horse) and wondered what was going on in busy farmsteads. We commented on proud barns and noted special cupolas and weather vanes. And, we watched tractors displace horses in the fields. Much of "Old 30" has been displaced by "new thirty". Modern farming methods have swallowed up countless numbers of these farms and barns along "old thirty", but some remain, reminding us of the "old days" and Iowa's agricultural routes."

"Hard working Iowa Barn Foundation county representatives along the old route searched for interesting barns that remain. Thanks go to **Tom Ipsan, Roy Lidtke, Shirley Finken, Darrell Sunderman, Jim Jordan, Bill Stone,**

Eleanor Ward, Roxanne Mehlich, Mary Richards, Keith Whitlatch and Joe Lyon. Roy, who commutes from his Tama County farm to Chicago, was dedicated to this project and often visited barns en route to Chicago. "

Astonishingly, segments of "Old Highway 30" have been re-numbered - something unimaginable several decades ago. A few barns included on the tour are a couple miles from Highway 30 but are of special interest. Barns will be on tour Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. The tour is free and open to the public. A picnic and barn dance featuring the Barn Owls will be held on Saturday evening in the Community Center, Story County Fairgrounds, Nevada from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. To reach the fairgrounds, turn off Old US 30 at First Avenue, Nevada, and go south to I Avenue. The cost of the picnic is \$10 per person (children are \$5). Checks should be made out to the Iowa Barn Foundation and sent to Roxanne Mehlich 17590 730th Avenue, Zearing, IA 50278. Phone 641-487-7690.

Checks must be received by May 25. Questions ??? Call Roxanne at 641-487-7690 Also, Google Lincoln Highway Association for more information about the highway and historic sites along the way.

Keith



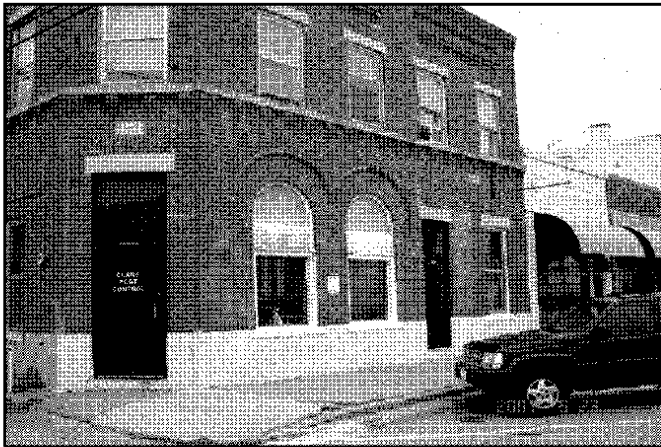
President Keith & Former President Bob Stinson

See YOU on the Lincoln Highway! This issue's new members.

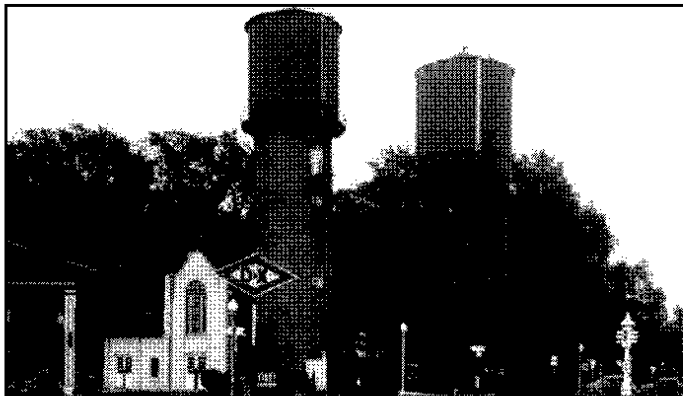
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NAME THAT LINCOLN HIGHWAY SPOT

I must say that when Van Becker submitted this spot to discover, I had no idea that he would stump everyone. Congratulations to Van, on stumping almost the entire Iowa LHA membership. Your editor and Tammy Loving found the spot on a trip out west last summer.



This spot is in Logan, Iowa along the Lincoln Highway route through the heart of town. For those of you who don't know, Logan is located about 40 miles west of Denison. Don Willard of Crescent told me that this building that is now marked Clark's Pest Control was once a bank.



Now for this issue we have a new spot for you to try to solve where it is on the Lincoln Highway. This is from a postcard taken from an old photo of the road, possibly from the 1940's. The person who submitted this photo has agreed to have their name withheld until the next issue of "Along the Lincoln Highway" if somebody guesses the spot correctly. So if you wish to take a guess as to where on the Lincoln Highway this spot is located, then e-mail your guess to Jeff LaFollette at jefflaf@peoplepc.com L

IOWA LHA OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVERTISE IN NEWSLETTER AND ON WEBSITE

The Iowa Lincoln highway Association is now accepting advertising for our quarterly newsletter and web page. We want to inform our members about this opportunity to reach Iowa Lincoln Highway enthusiasts and supporters as well as others with travel and highway interests.

These advertising opportunities are reasonably priced and a great way for highway businesses such as restaurants, B&B's, motels, car dealers, and other businesses or tourist destinations to reach ILHA members and web visitors.

Please visit our website for more information and to download an advertising rate sheet.

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We look forward to having you join us as a preferred advertiser and supporter. If you are not already a member of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, our website also includes information on joining.

Don't forget, in August, we will host the first state-wide tour of the Iowa Lincoln Highway. This will also be a way to let our members know about your business. There are many other exciting and interesting things happening along the road in our state, and we don't want you to miss out. Contact web mistress Sandii Huemann-Kelly at shk@videoportraits.com or newsletter editor Jeff LaFollette through phone at 563-349-3047 or by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com.

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Upcoming LHA State Meetings

July 12, '08 Palisades-Kepler Park
Between Mount Vernon & Cedar Rapids
(Joint Meeting with Illinois LHA)
October 11, '08 Colo
January 10, '09 Tama

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THE RIVER TO RIVER MOTOR TOUR
CLINTON COUNTY TO POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
AUGUST 8-10, 2008

FEATURING STOPS IN:

*Clinton - Lowden- Mount Vernon- Cedar Rapids
Youngville Café- Belle Plaine- State Center- Colo
Boone- Jefferson- Woodbine- Honey Creek*

See the site of the Lyons-Fulton Bridge in Clinton
Walk on the Abandoned Lincoln Highway west of Lowden
See the Famous Youngville Café in Benton County
Visit the World Famous Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama
Tour Restored Reed/Niland corners in Colo
See the Lincoln Highway Clubhouse in Jefferson
Drive on the Brick Lincoln Highway in Woodbine
Tour Ends in Hitchcock Nature Center near Honey Creek

Sponsored by the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

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Any Vehicle - Any Model - Any Make

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per vehicle for Iowa LHA members

\$30.00 per vehicle for non-members (Includes one year membership to the Iowa LHA)

You may join or leave the tour at any point or at anytime.

The Iowa LHA is not responsible for accidents or injuries incurred on this motor tour

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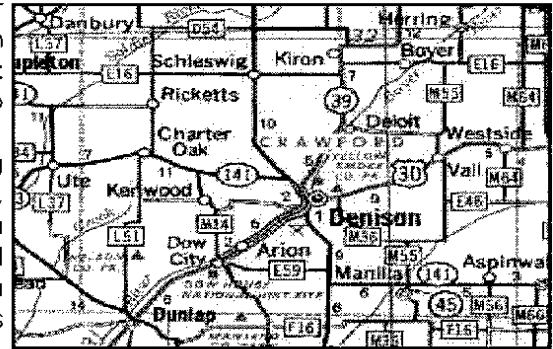
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A LIST OF HOTELS AND TOUR ITINERARY WILL BE MAILED TO YOU SOON AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR TOUR
REGISTRATION.

HALLELUJAH!!! WINTER IS OVER!! LET'S ALL MEET IN DONNA REED'S HOME TOWN OF DENISON & CELEBRATE SPRING

The cold weather is **FINALLY** behind us. So let's celebrate springtime and take a drive to **Denison** for the Spring meeting of the Iowa LHA. The meeting date is Saturday April 12, 2008, and the location is at **Cronk's Café** on the Lincoln Highway (US 30) in Denison. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will begin our morning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will begin around 9:30 when President **Keith Whillatch** drops the gavel. Lunch will be served at Cronk's and a soup, salad and sandwich bar will be available for \$5.95- tax and drink not included, or if you wish you can order from the menu. Directions to the meeting location are pretty simple: From east or west get on the Lincoln Highway (US 30), head to Denison and look for Cronk's

Vice-President **Kathy Dirks** has worked hard to put this meeting together in the absence of a county consul from Crawford County, and we thank her for her efforts. She has planned for us to take a tour of the historic Park Hotel and also a tour of the Donna Reed Performing Arts Center including the Donna Reed Museum, Opera House and soda fountain. There may be some other stops planned, so shake those winter blues, and come join us for an enjoyable day. For those of you who plan to come out Friday evening, rooms are available at the **Park Hotel** (an Iowa LHA member **712-263-4144**) The **Ho-Hum Motel**, a quaint little cabin-court type motel (**712-263-3843**), or the chain motels: **Days Inn** (**712-263-2500**) or **Super 8** (**712-263-5081**). The Iowa LHA has not met in Crawford County in quite some time, so for our newer members it will be a chance to get acquainted with the home-town of Donna Reed, and also get a sneak peek at a motor tour stop for this summer's Iowa LHA Motor tour. We hope you'll attend the meeting and enjoy the day in Denison.



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Last Call For Motor Tour Registrations

It's not too late to sign up for the motor tour. Registrations will be taken up to the day of the tour. That means if you are undecided about coming on the tour, you can sign up the morning of Friday August 8, before we depart from Clinton. All the motels holding room block are doing so until July 8, one month before the tour starts. So if you haven't made reservations yet, now would be the time to do so. Currently we have over 30 cars registered. One major update is the Friday evening dinner. This will be conducted at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana, an Amana Colonies tradition since 1940. The restaurant is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Cedar Rapids. The dinner will cost \$20 per person and will be a family style all you can eat dinner with pie for dessert. Tax and gratuity are included in the price as well. We will contact those of you who have signed up for the tour, or you can contact Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com to RSVP for the dinner. We'll need to give the folks at the Ox Yoke a head count so they know what size room to reserve for us, and how much food to prepare. We will caravan from the hotel complex in Cedar Rapids. Time and location will be listed in the driving guide that each participant will receive at registration. We hope that we'll see all of you on the motor tour! **L**

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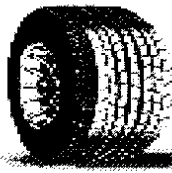
It's Election Time Again for LHA Officers

It is hard to believe it, but it has been nearly two years since our latest slate of officers has been elected. This October's meeting in Colo will be our election meeting. President Keith Whitlatch will be concluding his term, and Vice-President Kathy Dirks will be assuming the role as President beginning in 2009. So we will be looking to elect a new vice-president. The term of office for Secretary and Treasurer will be up as well. If you would be interested in running for one of these positions, you may contact Iowa LHA State Director Jeff LaFollette and let him know which position you would be interested in serving for, or you may attend the meeting in October in Colo and declare there when nominations are made for each office, if you'd like to run for a specific position. Plus, there is still one County Consul position that we need a representative for, and that is Carroll County. We are working on filling the vacancy in Crawford County and hopefully will have that spot filled at the upcoming meeting in July. These are volunteer, non-elected positions and require that you attend at least one meeting per year and promote the Lincoln Highway within that county. If you do not wish to run for an officer position, then please come to Colo and exercise your right as an Iowa LHA member and vote. **L**



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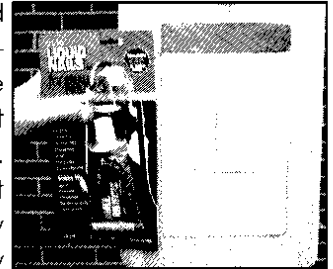
My "Inbox" is overflowing. So is my "Hold Box." Pulling out various notes to clear my desk, I realize it's time to sweep the gravel to the middle of the road. Throughout our national conference in Cedar Rapids, we often used the photo of Clem in the mud. You remember the old fellow in a Model T Ford deport hack up to the hubs in a mud track. We took to calling the driver Clem for quick easy identification. Well,

we might have gotten the name wrong.. Cecil Stewart sent the following email almost 20 months ago. "I shared some of our LHA Conference experiences with Bill and Phyllis Enquist of Ames. Bill



saw the picture on the mug and on the front of the conference booklet showing the car in the mud on the road. Bill said, "When Eugene Eness saw that picture, he would say, "That's my dad." Bill went on to indicate that Eugene's father ran a music store in Ames and farmed in the Gilbert area. Eugene Eness is no longer living. He has two sons that I know of who lived in the Ames area. David still lives here, Paul was with the ISU Vet College and has retired near Dayton. I have looked up Enesses in the 1910 and 1920 census. Without going into detail, it appears to me that Eugene Eness's father was Louis. Perhaps the man in that famous DOT picture was Louis Eness. None of this is documented, but it makes a good story. Perhaps it is of interest to LHA aficionados to put a name with that person." We should probably have been calling the gentleman Louis. Good work, Cecil.

About two years ago, there was an email discussion among some of the national directors. The question was what is the best product to use to repair damaged '28 markers? I simply and positively stated, "Use Liquid Nails." Well, at the end of this last severe Iowa winter, the red, white and blue rectangle with the L fell out of my reproduction marker. Nothing broke; it just fell out on the ground. I took my own advice and used my



trusty tube of Liquid Nails to reinstall the pieces. So far—so good. Drivers on our favorite highway in the Linn County City of Mt. Vernon often remark about the canopy gas station being used as a city welcome center. Sorry, but that assumption is incorrect. The building was originally built in 1912 by Doctors J.D. and T.L. Wolfe to house their doctors' offices. It was later



used by 2nd and 3rd generations Wolfe's as law offices. Originally sited on the Lincoln Highway corner of 1st Street and 2nd Avenue South (where the bank stands today) it was moved to its current Lincoln Highway location in Memorial Park about 20 years ago. Mt. Vernon historian Richard Thomas tells me that the original plans called for a structure to resemble southern cotton weighing stations remembered from Mr. Wolfe's youth. There you go—Doctors offices—not canopy gas station. Still a genuine Lincoln Historic structure since 1912!



Drive Safe! This \$4/gallon gas will look cheap next year!

Ramblings Along the Lincoln Highway

*Minutes of the Spring 2008 Meeting
Denison, Iowa
12, April, 2008
Submitted by Bev Becker for Jeff Benson*

President **Keith Whitlatch** called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Cronk's in Denison.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of long-time member of the Iowa and National Lincoln Highway Association member, **Phyllis Stewart**. Phyllis was a valued member of our association, and she will be missed by all.

The minutes of the January meeting of the ILHA were approved as published.

Joyce Ausberger presented the treasurer's report. The ILHA had \$6,948.29 in checking and \$5,195.38 in the investment account.

Due to dangerous road conditions, **Jeff Benson**, secretary, and **Cecil Stewart**, membership chairman, were not in attendance.

Jeff LaFollette encouraged members of the National LHA to vote their ballots for state directors. The ballots were enclosed in the last copy of the *Forum*.

Jeff LaFollette, state director, reported that registrations are coming in for the River to River Motor Tour. As a result, the ILHA at last count had gained 10 new members.

Newsletter editor **Jeff LaFollette** encouraged members to contact merchants and organizations in their counties to inform them of the opportunity to place ads in our newsletter and also on the ILHA webpage. Directions and prices can be found in the newsletter and on the webpage.

Jerry Roberts of Greene County reported that Heritage Byway efforts have been transferred from the IDOT to Resource Conservation and Development agencies. We were told to expect signage to be in place within two years.

Mike Kelly proposed that state standards be developed for informational kiosks yet to be designed and placed along the Lincoln Highway across the state. An ad hoc committee of **Mike Kelly** and **Van Becker** will look into formulating guidelines for future kiosk projects. Linn County proudly exhibits eight kiosks strategically placed across the county. Other counties are interested in kiosks as well as other projects.

The July meeting of the ILHA will be a joint meeting with the Illinois chapter. This meeting will be held at

Palisades-Kepler State Park. **Jeff LaFollette** asks that those planning to attend notify him so he will know approximately how many want to participate in the cook-out.

Bob Ausberger reported that the National LHA Endowment Committee has decided that the application for a \$5,000 grant toward restoration of the Herring House in Belle Plaine was approved. The grant awards will be announced at the National Conference in Evanston, Wyoming in June. Bob reported that there were only two applications for endowment grants submitted to the national committee this year. He encouraged Iowa members to prepare more requests for help with worthy Iowa projects.

Keith Whitlatch reported that there will be an Iowa Barn Foundation Tour along the Lincoln Highway the weekend of June 7-8. Two barns on the tour will be barns on the Ausberger farm in Greene County and the Whitlatch farm in Cedar County. Maps for the tour are available.

Keith Whitlatch also reported that there are funds available in each county from gambling money to be awarded by county foundations. He encouraged members to apply for grants that can be obtained for projects such as kiosks.

Sandii Kelly will be updating the ILHA webpage with information about upcoming events including the barn tour, the joint IA-IL meeting in July and the River to River Tour. She has posted an extensive list of LH events scheduled across the state.

County Consul Reports:

Clinton—Jeff LaFollette reported that the City of DeWitt plans to take apart a vintage barn in Germany and have it transported to DeWitt and reassemble it in DeWitt. The barn will be a tourist attraction and some city departments will be moved to the structure.

Cedar—Keith Whitlatch advised that Clarence, Stanwood and Mechanicsville, the three towns in Cedar County, are very interested and ready to go to work on kiosks tailored to their locations and history. Keith asked **Van Becker** to speak on subject of the Lincoln Highway at the Lion's Club meeting in April 29 at Stanwood.

Linn County—Van Becker reported plans for an amateur radio Special Event celebrating 95 Years on the Lincoln Highway to be held at Youngville Café the weekend preceding the National LHA Conference in Evanston, Wyoming, June 17-21, 2008. See the ILHA webpage for details.

Benton County—Mike Kelly advised that Youngville Café will be opening on May 6th. Lunches will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays until October 2008. Farmers Market is scheduled for Fridays for the
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same timeframe.

Tama County—See report above reference Herring House.

Marshall County—no report

Boone County—no report

Greene County—**Bob Owens** reported the Clubhouse was open on Saturdays through the winter and expects to be open more during the spring, summer and fall months. Work is proceeding on the Lions Club Tree Park east of Grand Junction. The Deep Rock Station in Jefferson may be saved. \$2 million has been secured for restoration work on the Eureka Bridge. Bids will be let within three months or so with work to begin next summer.

Carroll County—Wittrock garage has been purchased and will be converted to a winery, the Santa Maria Winery. The outside of the building will remain the same.

Crawford County—We have a new co-consul for Crawford County, Deb, night clerk at the Park Motel. Although her last name was given, this substitute secretary failed to record it. Please accept my apology.

Harrison County—**Rita Schichilone** of the Brick Street Station reported that their business will donate T-shirts for the River to River Motor Tour. Thank you Rita and Marshall. **Elaine Ehlerf** reported plans for additional historic enhancements to their Main Street project.

Pottawattamie County—no report

Bob Owens suggested that we contact prospective members in our communities and offer ILHA (Iowa only) memberships at \$10. He says he has been successful in developing new members in this way.

Van Becker shared that he and Bev have documented the existence of 93 out of the original 300 Lincoln Highway markers placed across Iowa along the LH in 1928. They have photos, GPS coordinates and information that fills two fat 3-ring binders! There are more out there—where are they?

RAGBRAI will travel much of the Lincoln Highway across the state. Make our presence known.

Sandii Kelly provided information about promotions of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebrations. See the website.

President Whitlatch adjourned the meeting at approximately 12 o'clock noon. The attendees enjoyed a soup and salad bar lunch. Thank you, Cronk's.

Remember to make plans to attend the National Lincoln Highway Conference in Evanston, Wyoming! Register now.

Also remember our July meeting at Palisades-Kepler State Park. Please let **Jeff LaFollette** if you plan to attend. **L**

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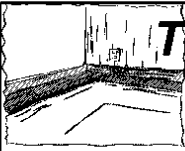
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The President's Corner

By Keith Whitlatch, ILHA President

The past three months have been a busy time for "the Old President". In April our local Lincoln Highway expert, Van Becker, spoke to the Stanwood Lions Club on what the Lincoln Highway is and why it is still an important highway for history. That man is a walking/



talking encyclopedia on the subject. If anyone needs an interesting speaker, he's your man.

In May, I spoke to the Hawkeye Model A Club at the Time Check Community Center. One of the members in their club is

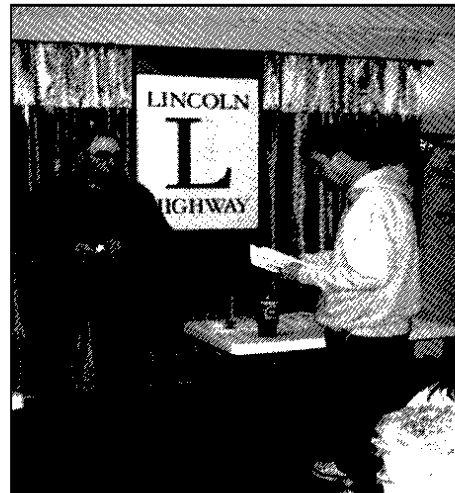
Wendell Beckley of Tipton. He will be participating in our River to River Tour in August for part of the way. The Time Check Center is west of the Cedar River in Cedar Rapids. I spoke to them about our upcoming tour; about membership in the Lincoln Highway Association, and about the Iowa Barn Association Tour held June 7/8. As they have a large tour the week before ours, most were not going to be able to go.

The week-end of June 7/8, as I said, was the Iowa Barn Tour along the Old Highway 30 (our Lincoln Highway) there were approximately 30 barns to tour in the two day event. We had four barns in Cedar County. Two of them, Merlyn Hulse's and Forest Johnson's are right on the Hoover Highway and had been featured in a Lincoln Highway/Cedar County Historical tour from the Mississippi to Mt. Vernon several years ago. The other two barns were one on our century farm and the Louise Robinson barn two miles south of Mechanicsville. We had approximately 150 guests stop and tour, which isn't bad, considering the fact that it was a self guided tour and one day was very rainy and stormy. People were interested in the barn, but also in the fact that we had the old Bloomington to Marion Road run past our home, which is part of the Lincoln Highway, and they seemed to enjoy the horses and the haymow. We had guests from across Iowa and also from Georgia, California and California. It was an enjoyable experience, but I didn't get an opportunity to tour the other barns.

We also had the "500 years" flood the second week of June. Van Becker's town, Cedar Rapids, was just one huge body of water. One of the first places flooded

was the Time Check area; until I spoke there a week ago, I had never heard of it, ironically. Highway 30 was closed west of Mt. Vernon and the old bridge at Sutliff fell victim to the high water. (we ate there last year with our ILHA board). The Sutliff bridge had a "fire sale" prior to the high water hitting. They flooded their basement themselves, trying to save the building. Haven't heard if they were successful. Hopefully they were.

I got involved in rescuing some horses from the Cedar Valley Stables located right on the Cedar River. They and their owners are currently temporary



residents at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. We hope their homes escape the worst of the flood - but know that they did have water flowing into them.

All the bridges

crossing the Cedar River were closed in Cedar County, including I-80 Bridge. We heard they did open the Cedar Valley Bridge on Sunday, June 15. To get from Tipton to West Branch is normally a 20 mile run; right now it's well over 100 miles.

Our next meeting will be the joint meeting of the Iowa Chapter and the Illinois chapter at the Palisades/Kepler State Park on Highway 30 on the 2nd Saturday of July, with coffee at 9:30. A note, just east of the Palisades park on the south side of the highway is a painting of the Grant Wood **American Gothic** painted on the side of a small barn. See you then.

Keith

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NAME THAT LINCOLN HIGHWAY SPOT

When Lincoln Highway expert Van Becker called the mystery spot a "real stumper" well that's saying something, because Van knows his Lincoln Highway!

OK, before we reveal the spot and winners, take a good look at the photo in this issue and then compare it with the one in the last issue. In the last issue there was no caption at the bottom of this postcard photo. The caption reads "At the Crossroads-DeWitt, Iowa" which was submitted by Cathie Nichols of DeWitt.



The correct guesses came from two folks from DeWitt, Ann Soenksen, who is president of the Central Community Historical Society and Gary Paarmann. We'll give Van Becker 1/2 a star. He was undecided if it was DeWitt or Logan.

Ann wrote this is on the northeast corner of the intersection of 6th St and 11th Ave. Gary added in his e-mail that these water towers were taken down in 1955 by a crane and that Davenport, Iowa TV station WOC-TV 6 (now known as KWQC) had shown the towers coming down. He stated he saw it after he came home from school. The new one was put up in 1957. By the water tower was a city jail. On the left hand (west) side of 6th Ave, there was a gas station with a carport on top. The DX station pictured burned down in 1980. Thank you Cathie for this stumper. Name that Lincoln Highway spot will take a break this issue, but will return in the fall issue. I'm sure we will find some out of the way, interesting spot along the Lincoln Highway on the motor tour to have you guess in our next issue. **L**

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

October 12, '08	Colo
January 10, '09	Tama
April 11, '09	To Be Announced
July 11, '09	To Be Announced

NEVADA LINCOLN HIGHWAY DAYS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

Submitted by Linda Griffith,
Nevada Lincoln Highway Days Committee

Nevada Lincoln Highway Days committee will celebrate their 25th annual event on August 22-24, 2008. Our founding fathers, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Huffaker and Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cooper in 1983 decided to celebrate the grand opening of the overpass west of Nevada, Iowa on Highway 30-The Lincoln Highway. Our board members, officers, and all the volunteers have celebrated the third weekend of August ever since.

We welcome everyone to come and see our parade, carnival, rodeo, arts & crafts booths. There will also be a flea market and food vendors. The theme of the event for 2008 is: "25 Years of Family Fun".

If you want more information about the celebration, our website is www.lincolnhighwaydays.com. On the site are contact numbers, and a schedule of events. Registration forms are also available. Our mailing address is Lincoln Highway Days P.O. Box 64 Nevada, IA 50201. **L**

ATTENTION: LINCOLN HIGHWAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN CLINTON AND CEDAR COUNTY! CLINTON COUNTY CONSUL JEFF LAFOLLETTE IS PLANNING A CLEANUP DAY ON THE CALAMUS PONY TRUSS BRIDGE, W. OF CALAMUS SATURDAY JULY 26, 2008 AT 10:00 AM

BRING LAWN TOOLS, LIKE STRING TRIMMERS, LEAF BLOWERS, RAKES, ETC. WE WILL BRING 2 LAWN MOWERS AND GARBAGE BAGS. SODA AND BOTTLED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED! CALL JEFF AT 563-349-3047 FOR MORE INFO!

See YOU on the Lincoln Highway! This issue's new members.

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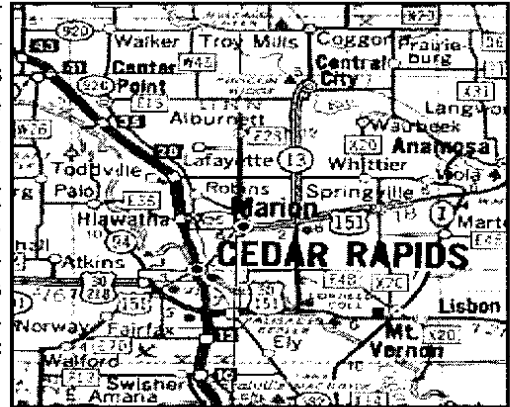
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PALISADES-KEPLER PARK - IOWA-ILLINOIS JOINT LHA MEETING PICNIC LUNCH - ALL THAT'S MISSING IS YOU!!

Come join us for the second gathering of the Iowa and Illinois Lincoln Highway Associations. This year, Iowa is hosting the event. The place is Palisades-Kepler Park on US 30 (the latest Lincoln Highway alignment) between Mount Vernon and Cedar Rapids. The Iowa LHA will conduct a short business meeting from 9:30 when President Keith Whittlatch drops the gavel. There will be a short business meeting and it should be concluded by 11:00. We will then enjoy a picnic style lunch beginning at 12:00 noon. State Director Jeff LaFollette will be grilling for our guests. Soda and bottled water will be provided by Jeff, as well. If you wish to bring a salad or a dessert, by all means, please do. Table service will be provided too. Just bring lawn chairs and plan to have an enjoyable day. Van Becker, Linn County Consul has reserved a shelter for us in case of inclement weather. So if you plan to come, please RSVP to Jeff LaFollette by phone at 563-349-3047 or by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com so that we know how many people to plan for. So come and spend an enjoyable day with our Illinois counterparts. **DIRECTIONS:** On US 30 from the west, turn right into the entrance to the park and look for LH signs. From the east on US 30, turn left into the park entrance and follow the LH signs.

(EDITOR'S NOTE) MEETING UPDATE: I HAVE CHECKED WITH THE PARK RANGERS AT PALISADES-KEPLER STATE PARK ABOUT THE RECENT FLOODING OF THE CEDAR RIVER. I WAS TOLD THAT THE SHELTER THAT IS RESERVED FOR THE MEETING WAS NOT THREATENED BY THE FLOODING AND IS HIGH AND DRY AND THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE MEETING AND PICNIC AS PLANNED SO PLEASE RSVP TO JEFF LAFOLLETTE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE MEETING ON JULY 12.



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IOWA LHA AWARDED A \$37,130 GRANT

Submitted by Jeff Benson

The State Historical Society of Iowa has awarded the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association a REAP/Historic Resources Development Program grant of \$37,130 for the historical interpretation panels at the Greene County Lincoln Highway Interpretive Site in the Lions Club Tree Park east of Grand Junction. The funding comes from the Resource Enhancement and Acquisition Program and will be matched with \$18,570 in cash and in-kind contributions from Greene County, the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association and volunteers.

Visitors to the site can view one railroad, three highways and four bridges, spanning nearly 100 years of transportation history. In *The Lincoln Highway: Iowa* Greg Franzwa termed this site "one of the most remarkable places on the Lincoln Highway" and "this unique four-bridge site . . . could be one of the most important tourist magnets on the Lincoln Highway." In *The Lincoln Highway: Mainstreet Across America*, Drake Hokanson chose this site as illustrative of the four types of roads that have evolved in the automobile age. This site presents the opportunity to tell the story of westward expansion, the evolution of the modern highway system and the history of highway and bridge design and construction. The grant funds will provide the historic interpretation to tell those

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stories at this site.

In 1997 the Iowa Department of Transportation awarded this project the first of several important enhancement grants to support Lincoln Highway resources across Iowa. Built with that grant were an identification sign, entrance drive, parking, deck and seating for group presentations, trail, structures that identify the states and Iowa counties that the Lincoln Highway passes through and the structures for some of the interpretive panels. The most visible element is a set of "decade markers" that demonstrate the growth of population, road pavement and automobile ownership from 1910 to 1990.



Greene County Interpretive Site
(Photo by Jeff Benson)

With the new grant, Greene County will build four remaining structures for interpretive panels. Historian James Hippen and the Lincoln Highway Association's "Noble Sojourner" Lyell

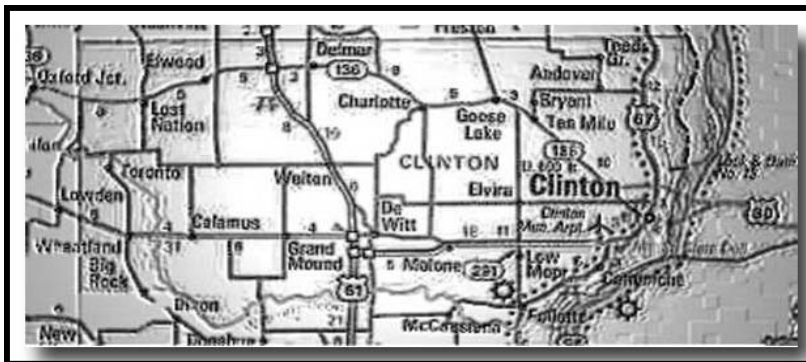
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BetweenThe Rivers... and then some! By Jeff LaFollette



Anybody who has followed this column and what has been promoted on these pages in the last few issues should probably know what I planned to write about in this issue. Hmm...I wonder... Oh yeah, the little event we had in August, the first Iowa LHA River to River Motor Tour.

I must say, when I presented this idea to the group a few years ago, I wondered if something like this would work. Sure, I had organized tours on the "other road" east of the Mississippi a few years ago, but there, the tour format was already in place, and even though I had new ideas and a route that had never been driven on that tour, the groundwork had been laid. This was a totally new endeavour in Iowa.

With the support of the officers and county consuls, we went full speed ahead. And I have to say putting this tour together was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Thank you Tammy for being my right hand gal and supporting me! And a big **THANK YOU** to all of the county consuls, towns and civic organizations who helped with the tour stop planning and setup.

Now, to the rest of the story. I hoped for 50 cars to register. By early June then count was struck at 30 and I wondered if \$4.00/gallon gas was going to keep the numbers down. But by early July the registrations started coming in and by August 7, the day before, we had 52 registered. When it was all said and done, we had a total of 60 cars. We had anywhere from 45-50 cars all the way through the tour. We also signed up **35 NEW IOWA LHA MEMBERS!!**

We had three participants from Wisconsin. One car from Minnesota got as far as Dubuque before their radiator went bad and they had to cancel their plans and head back home. One participant came from Manchester, MO, and I met him through the Route 66 tours. He came to check out the Lincoln Highway, and we're glad to have him and his wife aboard as Iowa LHA members. Linn & Clinton County led the way for tour participants, but we did get a lot of interest from the west. We had at least four cars from Potawatamie County do the tour from start to finish.

We saw a 1929 Model A Truck, a 1930 Model A Ford, a 1948 Plymouth with a teardrop camper, a late 60's Imperial towing an Airstream camper, 1957

Chevy's, Corvette's, Mustangs, Don't forget the 1983 Cadillac Hearse who caused traffic to pull over as we rolled down the road. We were thinking we were a 330 mile funeral procession. There were many, many others too numerous to mention. Oh yes, lest I forget, we had one Volvo on the tour as well.

Friday, after departing Clinton with unbelievably perfect August weather (58 degrees when we left), we stopped in DeWitt and had breakfast while observing the construction progress of the German Hausbarn. We stopped in Lowden and were treated to German pastries, drinks and live music. Tables were decorated with real flowers, and the townsfolk were at their best. We had a great lunch in Clarence, with the proceeds going to their 2009 sesquicentennial. Those Cedar County communities love their Lincoln Highway! We stopped in Mount Vernon and saw the Union Pacific Railroad bridge and then to Cedar Rapids to the Linn Co. History Center. Unfortunately some of the folks missed this stop. If you get to Cedar Rapids again, do stop here. It is well worth the time to check it out. Friday night was a group dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana, with 47 attending.

Saturday, we were greeted with a bit of rain early as we left Cedar Rapids, but it quit by the time we reached Youngville for breakfast. The skies cleared by the time we reached Belle Plaine and stopped at the museum, Herring Hotel, and Preston's Station. Ron Preston was there to meet and greet us. We saw the Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama, and had lunch in State Center. Lunch was served by the FireLites, the wives of the firefighters and the proceeds went to their fund for helping out families who are affected by fire damage. A quick stop at Colo's Reed/Niland Corners was followed by a stop in Ames at the Main Street Depot.

Sunday we departed Ames, and headed for Ogden then to Jefferson, for a breakfast stop. We had a long drive from Jefferson to Denison where we met new Crawford County Consul Deb Rothmeyer at the Park Motel. When we left the Park Motel we went to Woodbine to Brickstreet Station where we were greeted with grilled burgers and picnic fare and

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Iowa Members Attend National Lincoln Highway Conference By Sandii Huemann-Kelly

The 16th annual Lincoln Highway Conference, "Rails - Trails & Highway Tales" was held June 17-21, 2008 in Evanston, Wyoming. Iowa Lincoln Highway Association members from Jefferson, Cedar Rapids, Vinton, Earling, Woodbine and Ames attended. The conference featured two days of tours on the Lincoln Highway and a day of seminars.



Iowa Lincoln Highway Association (ILHA) members recognized at the Conference Awards ceremony included "Meritorious Achievement Award" presented to Bob Owens of Jefferson, "State Director of the Year" to Jeff LaFollette of Clinton and Life Membership Certificate to Dorothy Scott of Ames.



Jeff LaFollette receiving Director of the Year Award

Owens is a founding member of the Lincoln Highway Association which reorganized in Iowa sixteen years ago and serves as the Greene County Consul. Owens is a longtime greeter at the Iowa clubhouse in Jefferson. LaFollette is also ILHA newsletter editor and headed up a three day, east to west River to River motor tour across the Iowa Lincoln Highway on August 8-10, 2008.

Two new features at the annual conference were grant awards from the Lincoln Highway Association Endowment Fund and the inception of an art and photography show at the conference.

The Herring Hotel in Belle Plaine was awarded a \$5000 grant for their preservation efforts from the Endowment. Michael Kelly and Sandra Huemann-Kelly of Vinton exhibited photographs in the first ever Lincoln Highway Conference Art and Photo show. The 2009 national conference will be held in South Bend, Indiana. Details about the national organization and the Iowa chapter are available at: www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/iowa **L**

Left: Keith Whitlatch & Jeff LaFollette present award to Kristine Pope and Jim Morrow for grant award of \$5000 from LHA Endowment Fund for restoration of Herring Hotel in Belle Plaine

Below: Dorothy Scott, Ames receives Life membership certificate and Bob Owens receives his Meritorious Achievement Awards in Evanston, Wyoming



Keith Whitlatch, Iowa LHA President greets Illinois LHA President, Wayne Silvius at the July 12, 2008 Iowa-Illinois joint LHA meeting held at Palisades-Kepler State Park near Mount Vernon. Attendees were able to catch a glimpse of the Grant Wood "American Gothic" barn mural as they entered the park.

(All Photos Courtesy of Mike Kelly)

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Henry will write the panel texts and select images. Graphic Artist Jennie Bailey will design the eight panels. Once the panels are fabricated, they will be installed at the site in the spring of 2009. This interpretive site will then join completed Lincoln Highway Interpretive sites in five other counties across Iowa, all part of a state-wide interpretive program developed by the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. Such interpretive sites are helping the Lincoln Highway to become a living museum of highway history. **L**

WELCOME OUR NEW CRAWFORD COUNTY CONSUL

After a long period that this position was open, the Crawford County Consul position has been filled. The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association extends a warm welcome to Deb Rothmeyer of Denison, Iowa. Deb lives in Denison and works at the historic Park Motel. She married her husband Vince in October of 2000, and as she says, that is what brought her to Denison. Deb has been employed at the Park Motel for seven years.

Deb has two children, Jennifer, age 24 and Ryan, age 22. Ryan is attending college studying law enforcement to be a police officer. Deb also has three step children and four grandsons.

Deb has a Cocker Spaniel named Jade, a cockatiel named Sassy, some fish and she would have more animals if her hubby would let her. Besides the Lincoln Highway, Deb's hobbies include tracing her family tree, scrap booking, card making, crafts, sewing, surfing the internet, and working in the yard. Please join us in welcoming Deb to the Iowa LHA as our newest county consul. She can be contacted by phone at 712-263-8356 or drop her an e-mail at debbie44@frontiernet.net. **L**



**"Hawk A" Model A Restorers Club celebrates International Model A Day on July 26, 2008 at Benton County's Lincoln Highway Landmark, Youngville Café
(Photo Courtesy of Mike Kelly)**

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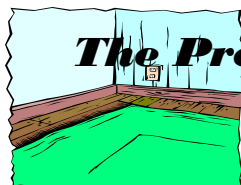
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The President's Corner

*By Keith Whitlatch,
ILHA President*

There's an old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun", and I have had lots of fun the past two years as President of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. Such wonderful people to be associated with – caring for the Old Lincoln Highway, and sharing hopes, plans and ideas to continue encouraging others to share in our love of this historic piece of history that "ribboned" its way across our beautiful country from coast to coast.

It seems like only yesterday at Sutliff when I agreed to serve as president. Now, we'll have a new president, Kathy Dirks, who will do a great job, and we will elect a new vice-president. Who will step forward?

I've met a lot of wonderful people and seen a lot of interesting places along the way. I've learned so much about the Lincoln Highway. I also realize that the county consuls and others that make up the board are extremely knowledgeable on "the old highway". It is my wish that we work hard to get a consul from each county.

I also had a chance to finally meet Brett Ford while on our motor tour across Iowa. Although his job keeps him quite busy, he's a strong member of our group. By the way, does anyone else think he resembles the ranger on the "Red Green Show"?

A couple weeks ago, Lois, Van, Bev and I had the privilege of attending the wedding of Jeff and Tammy. The wedding was held in the "Olde St. Ann's Church" in the Scott County Park by the Pioneer Village. It was a beautiful wedding. Our best wishes to the happy couple. The reception was held in the pavilion at Duck Creek Park in Davenport. Jeff and Tammy do know how to throw a great party. The food was great. The music was good – if a little on the loud side.

The Auto Tour across the Lincoln Highway was wonderful, thanks to Tammy and Jeff's hours and hours of preparation. We got to visit with so many wonderful people, both on the tour and those that welcomed us as we drove through the towns. Thank you all. Let's hope we can do it again. I stand ready to help in any way, Jeff, if you wish to do it. Anyone who missed the tour missed a great adventure.

I leave as president with the feeling that our State Chapter is strong and healthy. Thanks to everyone who helped me, or tolerated me as your president the past two years. I look forward to seeing many of you at Colo in October, and at all the meetings in the years to come. **The Olde Retired Cedar County Sheriff,**

Keith L. Whitlatch



**The Olde
Retired Cedar
County
Sheriff
(Photo
Courtesy
of
Tammy
LaFollette)**



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See YOU on the Lincoln Highway! This issue's new members.

William Beckley	Tipton, Cedar L
Merrill Cottington	Boone, Boone L
Joel Dohrmann	DeWitt, Clinton, L
Richard Gerot	Iowa City, Johnson
Richard Grieve	Ames, Story L
Bob & Mary Hansen	Crescent, Pottawattamie L
Den & Connie Havener	DeWitt, Clinton L
Bruce Heitz	Dubuque, Dubuque
Alan Kirshen	Red Oak, Montgomery
Stan Mizerny	New Liberty, Scott
Dave Pepper	Boone, Boone L
Jerry Rewerts	Nevada, Story L
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Werner & Jan Langenbach	New Hope, MN
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LINCOLN HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER POST BEING PROPOSED AT STATE LEVEL

Submitted by Allan Richards

The Lincoln Highway Association, in concert with the Governor's Office for the State of Iowa, are looking to propose the creation of a Lincoln Highway Commissioner to be appointed by the governor, whom will act as a liaison with the governor's office.

The Lincoln Highway Commissioner would promote, protect, and provide information within and outside state government concerning issues related to the Lincoln Highway, America's Main Street. The legislation, goals, and reasons for the new commissioner are yet to be written. Your support in developing and supporting this effort is encouraged, as the executive committee is supporting this idea. However, any input is important whether pro or con is necessary to achieve the common goal of energizing life on the Lincoln Highway.

Comments should be sent to any County Consul. You should also contact your state legislator in support of passing legislation creating a Lincoln Highway Commissioner.

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Upcoming LHA State Meetings

October 11, '08	Colo Community Center, Colo
January 10, '09	Tama
April 11, '09	To Be Announced
July 11, '09	To Be Announced

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River to River t-shirts and a walking tour of the historic buildings in Woodbine. Iowa LHA Vice-President Kathy Dirks greeted us at the Iowa Welcome Center outside of Missouri Valley, and had more food and their wonderful cherry drink (yum). The tour had to come to an end sometime and we ended at the Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawattamie County where we were greeted by Brett Ford, our County Consul from the great county of Pottawattamie.

No tour is perfect, and we had a few glitches as well. And since this was a first time tour, it was also a learning experience. We now have a format and a template for future tours. We have many communities along the Lincoln Highway in Iowa, meaning we have many opportunities to stop and see different things on future tours. And at the October meeting in Colo, we'll discuss plans for a 2nd River to River tour. I already have ideas for next year, the main one being we reverse the tour, starting in the west and ending in the east. Keep an eye on this newsletter or our website for information. But before I get too far ahead of myself, I especially want to thank all 60 participants who signed up for the tour. Whether you came for all three days, two days, one day or just part of a day, your support was tremendous and greatly appreciated. And we thank the people who came on the tour and were signed up as new members. We are glad to have you aboard and we hope to see you at meetings or other Iowa LHA events. And I want to say again. If you enjoyed the tour, tell a friend, if you didn't, tell me. Thank you again, and I hope to see you between the rivers...and then some!

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**Jumpstarting the Model A at Youngville's
Apple Daze on September 21
(Photo courtesy of Mike Kelly)**

MOTOR TOUR PHOTO MEMORIES **PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRYAN OSBERG & CATHIE NICHOLS**



Lining Up to Begin The Tour-Clinton



Our Musical Entertainment-Lowden



Arriving for Lunch-Clarence



Arriving at Youngville Café-Benton Co.



Preston's Station-Belle Plaine



Lincoln Highway Bridge Park-Tama



Reed/Niland Corners-Colo



Moss Marker on LH-Greene County



Brickstreet Station-Woodbine



**Hitchcock
Nature
Center**

**Near
Honey
Creek**

**Potta-
Wattamie
County**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED ON THE FIRST IOWA LHA MOTOR TOUR. AND TO ALL THE COMMUNITIES WHO HOSTED US ON OUR TOUR STOPS. WE ARE PLANNING FOR A TOUR IN 2009. PLEASE LOOK FOR UPDATES FOR THE 2009 TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE AND ALSO HERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER! IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE TOUR THIS YEAR, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

PICK UP YOUR FRIENDS, OR JUST GO SOLO, HOWEVER YOU GET THERE, MEET US IN COLO

Come and join us for the last meeting of the Iowa LHA for 2008. This time we'll be in Colo, where the Lincoln and Jefferson Highways meet. The meeting will be conducted at the **Colo Community Center** which is located at **209 Main St.** There will be plenty of parking on Main St. for everyone who plans to attend. The Colo Development Group will be providing coffee, donuts, and rolls beginning at 9:00 AM. President Keith Whitlatch will drop the gavel around 9:30 AM. This will be Keith's last meeting as our association president. Vice-President Kathy Dirks will take over the reins beginning in January 2009 to serve her two year term as president. This meeting is an election meeting, as we will be voting for a new vice-president. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are up for election as well. If you are interested in running for one of these spots, be sure to attend. Otherwise, come on out and exercise your right as a Iowa LHA member and vote. Lunch will be after the meeting, sometime around noon. Details about lunch are still being worked out. I recently received word that the café is currently closed, so we will not be eating lunch there. Afterward we will head to the Reed/Niland corners to see the restored gas station, and motel and view one of the two presidential corners in Iowa, where Lincoln and Jefferson meet, and we might take a little road trip. So come out for a drive, enjoy the early fall weather and enjoy the Lincoln Highway one more time before the cold of winter sets in. **L**

Directions from the west: Follow US 30 east to a sign directing you to turn left into Colo. This turns into West St. Follow West St to Main St and turn right and look for the Community Center. From the Old Lincoln Highway, turn right onto West St. and follow to Main St. Turn left onto Main St and look for the Community Center.

Directions from the east: Follow US 30 west past the junction with US 65 and look for a sign directing you to turn into Colo. Turn right on West St. and follow to Main St. then turn right onto Main St and look for the Community Center. From the Old Lincoln Highway, drive past Reed/Niland Corners and turn left at West St. Follow West St. to Main St. Turn left at Main St. and look for the Community Center.

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ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY



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WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009-10

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association met on Saturday October 11, 2008 in Colo and at that meeting a new slate of officers was elected for two year terms beginning in January 2009.

Elected to serve as our new president is Kathy Dirks. Kathy resides in Harlan, and works at the Iowa Welcome Center along the Lincoln Highway in Missouri Valley. Kathy is very active in the Lincoln Highway Association and I don't think we've ever seen her at a meeting where she hasn't had a smile on her face and a laugh to share with us. She was the vice-president for the past two years and we welcome her experience and enthusiasm as our president for the next two years.

Our new Vice-President is Allan Richards. Allan lives in Tama and also serves as the ILHA consul from Tama County. Allan is an attorney and a strong advocate for the Lincoln Highway in his county and throughout the state. Allan is currently working on a project through the governor's office to have a Lincoln Highway Commissioner appointed. This commissioner would act as a liaison to the governor's office. We thank Allan for adding the role of Vice-President to his tasks.

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are secure as well. Jeff Benson of Ames was voted in to serve a second term as our secretary, and Joyce Ausberger of Jefferson will serve as our treasurer. Jeff's had many irons

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION SHALL IDENTIFY, PRESERVE, INTERPRET AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY AND ITS ASSOCIATED SITES, PURSUE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION, DESTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF THE REMAINING SECTIONS, PUBLICIZE AND SEEK PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ITS GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR PRESERVING AND DEVELOPING THE LH, FACILITATE RESEARCH ABOUT THE LH, AND PUBLISH A MAGAZINE FOR ARTICLES AND NEWS OF ACTIVITY RELEVANT TO THE LH, WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE THE LH AS A TOURISM DESTINATION, AND BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

in the fire in the years I've known him, most currently working successfully get the Lincoln Highway listed as a Heritage Byway and in the near future, getting signage along our route in Iowa. Jeff is a tireless worker for the road and we thank him for his efforts. Joyce has been our treasurer for many years. I do know she has been since I've been a member and that's been several years now. Joyce has done a great job as our treasurer, and will continue to do so. She, along with her husband Bob, have been with the Lincoln Highway Association since its re-birth in 1992.

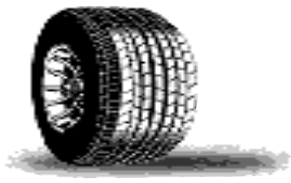
Our most sincere thanks go out to Keith Whitlatch, our outgoing president and current Cedar County Consul. Keith did a great job as our president, and under his watch our membership numbers grew, we conducted joint meetings with the Illinois LHA in 2007 & 2008, and the first Iowa LHA motor tour was held. We wish Keith the best, and we especially wish the best for his wife Lois. Lois suffered a stroke a few days before the October meeting. She is home and recovering. Our prayers and sincere thank yous go out to the Whitlatch family!

One other person who is not elected, but appointed and often overlooked, is our membership director, and that is Cecil Stewart of Ames. Cecil has the thankless task of coordinating our membership rolls, sending out renewals every year, printing the labels for the newsletters every quarter and sorting through various e-mails I send him with new
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HAVE SPARE TIRE, WILL TRAVEL

**BY VAN & BEV
BECKER**

IN THE BEGINNING...

Last weekend, I was asked twice about the resurrection of the Lincoln Highway Association in 1992. Always a salesman, of course, I did my best to hype and promote our historic organization. The first one to ask was Marie Cook of Mechanicsville as we joined a group for Sunday dinner at Ditto's restaurant in Stanwood. The second to ask was a co-worker from Collins Radio that I worked with during the 1970's.

These inquiries confirmed there is interest in our beginning. About four years ago at my request, Greg Franzwa provided the key with the names of

those brave new leaders. Although this photo has been published before, it has been a while. The key I cannot recall seeing anywhere else.

So I provide here the original group photo for your interest and amusement. The photo was taken at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 1992 in front of the City State Bank in Ogden, Iowa. There were 44 people from 7 states present at the meeting that day.

Names of those in attendance in the order in which they signed the attendance sheet with identification numbers corresponding to the diagram for those identified are shown on the next page.

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| 3. Keith D. Cooper | |
| 4. Joyce Ausberger | Photo Key # 39 |
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| 6. Tony Hampton | |
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| 8. Frances Phipps | |
| 9. Ruth Frantz | |
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| 35. Molly Marsh | |
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| 43. Lyle | |
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WE OWE THIS BIG GROUP A BIG THANK YOU FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND HISTORICAL SAVVY!!!

Back in the spring before our National LHA Conference in Cedar Rapids, Paul Walker and Jeff LaFollette set out on an ambitious project to quickly paint the utility poles west from the Mississippi River to ...as far as time allowed. Here in Linn County and Benton County, there are a few still incomplete poles. They have the red, white and blue bands but no letter. The locals have taken to calling these partially painted poles "Christmas Poles." Why? It should be obvious...because there is "NO-L." (Pun courtesy of Rick Sampson of KMRY Radio) **L**



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Iowa members that have joined through the national LHA. Cecil has been the membership director since I've been on board as a member, and as I stated before, membership director is a thankless job, because I've been there before in a couple of organizations I've been a part of. So here is our opportunity to say "Thank You Cecil" for your years of service. We truly do appreciate what you do for the organization!

As a member you are invited to attend our meetings. The future dates and locations are posted in the newsletter and page 8 always has the meeting information for the upcoming meeting. We always welcome everyone who attends and look forward to seeing our members at meetings and other events we plan through the year. See you on the road! **L**

BURMA SHAVE JINGLES

Riot at- Drug Store- Calling All Cars- 100 Customers- 99 Jars- Burma Shave (1936)

Ring Out The Old- Ring In The New- What Good Can- Shaving- Brushes Do?- Burma Shave (1938)

If These- Signs Blur- And Bounce Around- You'd Better Park- And Walk to Town- Burma Shave (1945)

Regardless Of- Political Views- All Good Parties- Always- Choose- Burma Shave (1948)

IOWA LHA LOSES A DEAR FRIEND & SUPPORTER IN ELMER KETELSEN

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association lost a dear friend and strong supporter of the organization. Elmer Ketelsen, former Clinton County Consul passed away on Tuesday November 11, 2008 at Wheatland Manor, Wheatland, Iowa. He was 93.

Elmer was born on May 16, 1915 in Goose Lake Iowa. He married Lois Stutzel on August 24, 1941 at Grace Lutheran Church in DeWitt, Iowa. Lois passed away on December 17, 1999. The couple farmed in the McCausland and Calamus areas before he retired, living in Calamus. He was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Mound, the Central Community Historical Society in DeWitt, the Calamus Lions Club, and the Lincoln highway Association.

Elmer was instrumental in working to save the Calamus Pony Truss bridge from destruction in 1997. After Clinton County closed the bridge to traffic in 1996, the county was planning to dismantle the bridge. Elmer got the word out through the county and the Iowa LHA and through his efforts, the bridge was saved from destruction and the Clinton County Board voted to give the bridge and the land surrounding it to the Clinton County Conservation Board. Because of Elmer's determination, sense of history and efforts to get the word out, the Calamus Pony Truss bridge is still here today.

Elmer was Clinton County Consul until 2003. He was very active in the association and promoted the Lincoln Highway in Clinton County whenever he could. At his home in Calamus which was along the latest alignment of the Lincoln, US 30, he had a Lincoln Highway marker in his yard. He was very proud of it.

Elmer will be remembered and missed by those in the Iowa LHA who had a chance to work with him, and most importantly have a

chance to speak with him. He knew the history of the road in Clinton County and would share it with anyone who wanted to know more about the road. We'll miss Elmer and his enthusiasm for the road.

L (Elmer Ketelsen in Ely Nevada, searching for remnants of the Old LH-Photo by Mike Kelly)



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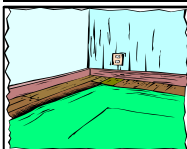
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The President's Corner

By Kathy Dirks, ILHA President

"Get your motor runnin'
Head out on the highway
Lookin' for adventure
And whatever comes our way....."

When Steppenwolf recorded "Born to be Wild" for their album back in 1968, I highly doubt they had the Lincoln Highway in mind. That though is how I feel most times when I'm out driving the Lincoln Highway or any other scenic or historic byway. I'm looking for something fun, interesting, different, historical, exciting.....all those "good" adjectives one would use to describe a road trip.

Which is why I'm so excited for the Iowa Lincoln Highway and Iowa Lincoln Highway Association the next couple of years. As most of you know, the Iowa Lincoln Highway was named the first Heritage Byway in the Iowa Scenic Byway system a couple of years ago. One of the perks of being a state byway is participation in a new program being coordinated through the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). They have contracted with Resource, Conservation and Development organizations (RC&D's) across the state to work with byways to develop and/or update corridor management plans, websites, byway signage.....items that will assist byways in creating a positive visitor experience.

We, the members of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, do have an opportunity to participate in this process. If you would like to know how, I ask that you attend the upcoming meeting on January 10th in Tama. Representatives from the three RC&D's (Iowa Valley, Prairie Rivers, and M&M Divide) working with the Iowa Lincoln Highway will be on-hand to discuss the process.

I will also share that as incoming President of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, one of my goals is to be involved in the process as much as I am able, and to share information with you as it becomes available. That will be a bit easier for me because I'm actually involved with three byways in the program – the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, the Western Skies Scenic Byway and the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway. For those of you that aren't acquainted with me, I am the coordinator of the Harrison County Historical Village and Iowa Welcome Center near Missouri Valley. The village/welcome center is directly on the main spine of all three byways. Additionally, I'm actively involved with the organizations for all three byways along with the Western Iowa Tourism Region, the Travel Federation of Iowa, and Harrison County Tourism. Needless to say, I love my job with tourism about as much as I love to travel!

My final very important item is giving a great big

"Thank You!" to outgoing president Keith Whitlatch. I have some pretty big shoes to fill when I consider the great job he has done leading the ILHA the last two years. The good news for me, maybe not Keith, is that I have his email address and phone number so I can ask him questions.

Kathy

Keith Whitlatch To Receive Award From KCRG-TV 9 For Outstanding Volunteer Work

Cedar County Consul and outgoing president Keith Whitlatch is one of nine people who will receive an award from KCRG-TV 9 in Cedar Rapids for outstanding volunteer work.

KCRG will honor Keith and other outstanding volunteers at the "9 Who Care Jefferson Awards" banquet at the Cedar Rapids Country Club on January 31, 2009. During the ceremony KCRG TV-9, and several of its "Show You Care" sponsors will present \$500 to each of the "9 Who Care Jefferson Award" winners for their favorite charities. Profiles of their inspiring volunteer work will be featured during a half hour special on KCRG-TV 9 in February. One of the nine winners, will travel to Washington D.C. to represent Eastern Iowa in a national competition for one of five 2009 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Awards for Public Service.

Keith was selected because he lives by the motto "to serve" and as we know he serves a long list of organizations, including the Tipton Ambulance Service, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Lions Club, the Cedar County Historical Society and of course the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. We congratulate Keith for winning this prestigious award and we thank him for his service to the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. **L**

MOTOR TOUR 2008 DASH PLAQUES AND WINDOW DECALS AVAILABLE!

We have some dash plaques and static cling window decals left over from the 2008 Motor Tour. We are offering a dash plaque and window decal together for \$5.00. Or you can buy just a dash plaque or window decal separately for \$3.00 each. These will make nice collectors items since they are first year Iowa LHA Motor Tour items. If you are interested, please send a check or money order payable to the Iowa LHA to Jeff LaFollette, 2130 W. 4th St. Davenport, IA 52802. Quantities are limited so get yours today! **L**

LINCOLN HIGHWAY ENDOWMENT FUND 2009 GRANT PROGRAM

By Jeff LaFollette, Iowa LHA State Director

Grant awards are being made available from the Lincoln Highway Association Endowment Fund for the purpose of furthering the Lincoln Highway cause and for assisting state LHA chapters in their efforts. State chapters are encouraged to develop projects and to seek grant awards to support these projects.

The Lincoln Highway Association Board of Directors (at the national level) will annually determine a dollar amount to be awarded to successful applicants, based on budget recommendations of the LHA Endowment Committee. Awards will be made at the Association's annual conference each year. The first round of grants were awarded at the Fort Morgan conference in 2007. Several states submitted applications in 2008, and Iowa received a grant for the Herring Hotel in Belle Plaine. The number of awards to be made annually will be at the discretion of the Endowment Committee but will typically be two in number each year. A maximum \$5000 award may be made to any applicant in any one year. Applicants may apply each successive year for multi-year awards, thus if successful, increasing the total award for a given project to an amount in excess of the \$5000 annual limit. The Endowment Fund grant program will be administered on an annual "grant round" basis, with each grant round beginning the day following the LHA annual conference and ending at the time during the conference when grants are announced for the next year.

Applications are due no later than **March 1, 2009**. Applications are to be submitted to the chair of LHA Endowment Committee. Applicants do not need to complete any special or mandatory form of application, although an application shall be a typewritten submittal that addresses the relevant scoring criteria set forth below. In other words, an applicant should fully explain how its proposed project satisfies any or all of the scoring criteria. Application submittals shall be limited to five single spaced pages.

As appropriate, attachments will be considered, but the LHA Endowment Committee generally has expressed a preference for precise, rather than

lengthy applications.

If you have a worthy project that you want to have considered for a grant in 2009, contact me either by phone or e-mail (jeffrlaf@peoplepc.com) and I will send you a complete copy of the Grant Applications and Awards Program Sheet so you can look it over, and check the scoring criteria, and read over other items to help you in preparing your application. When you complete an application, you may send it to me and I'll get it to the Endowment Committee Chairman.

You may also contact the Endowment Committee Chairman, **Bob Dieterich**. Bob's address is 4521 Woodmont Ct. Fair Oaks, CA 95628. He can be reached by phone at 916-967-7680 and his e-mail address is bobd@iname.com. **Bob Ausberger** of Jefferson, IA is a member of the Endowment Committee and would be most helpful to you as well. His phone number is 515-386-4821 and his e-mail is bojjoyce@netins.net.

We hope someone from Iowa will apply and receive a grant at the 2009 National Conference in South Bend, Indiana. Don't forget, if you have any questions regarding the grant applications, contact us soon. Time to get grants submitted for the 2009 grant round period is running out! **L**

Motor Tour 2009 Is Coming Make Your Plans To Attend

The Iowa LHA is planning to hold the 2nd annual River to River Motor Tour on August 28-30, 2009. The tour is being planned as we speak, and some stops are being set up already. As you can see on the next page, we have a registration form ready to go.

This year's tour will start out in the west and end in the east. We will try to stop at different communities along the route this year. Many communities saw how well the tour went last year, and want to be a part of this year's tour. We will have new and different stops and also stop at some of the landmarks along the highway again. And just as last year's tour, it will be "classic car friendly" meaning no gravel routes.

We are blocking motel rooms, and we have some blocked in Missouri Valley and Boone already. Check out our website for updates as there will be more info coming up soon. Hope to see you on the tour! **L**

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

January 10, '08	Tama
April 11, '09	Carroll
July 11, '09	To Be Announced
October 10, '09	Pottawattamie County

See YOU on the Lincoln Highway! This issue's new members.

Peter Black	Des Moines, Polk
Mary & Jay Fitzpatrick	Bettendorf, Scott
Ben Franklin Store	Jefferson, Greene L
Paul Pasley	Auxvasse, MO

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**COME AND JOIN US FOR THE 2nd ANNUAL
IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION
RIVER TO RIVER MOTOR TOUR
DESOTO BEND TO CLINTON
AUGUST 28-30, 2009**

**FEATURING STOPS IN:
DESOTO BEND, CARROLL, JEFFERSON, BOONE, NEVADA,
MARSHALLTOWN, TAMA, YOUNGVILLE, CEDAR RAPIDS,
MECHANICSVILLE, LOWDEN AND CLINTON**

**Start the Tour at the Desoto Bend State Park Area
Visit the Lincoln Highway Clubhouse in Jefferson
See Boone- The Hometown of Mamie Dowd Eisenhower
See the Famous Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama
Visit the Youngville Café-Listed on the National Register of Historic Places
And Enjoy Plenty of Iowa Small Town Hospitality!**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Any Vehicle - Any Model - Any Make

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per vehicle for Iowa LHA members

\$30.00 per vehicle for non-members (Includes one year membership to the Iowa LHA)

You may join or leave the tour at any point or at anytime.

The Iowa LHA is not responsible for accidents or injuries incurred on this motor tour

NAME _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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Make checks or money orders payable to: Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

**Mail To:
Iowa LHA Motor Tour
c/o Jeff LaFollette
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Davenport, IA 52802**

**More Tour Information:
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**A LIST OF MOTELS AND TOUR ITINERARY WILL BE MAILED TO YOU SOON
AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR TOUR REGISTRATION.**

NEITHER WINTER'S COLD NOR SNOW WILL KEEP US FROM MEETING IN TOLEDO

Well, it had to happen, Yes winter has us locked in its sights again. The cold and snow are a reminder that this year's winter seems to have picked up where last year's left off. We can only hope that the winter of 2009 doesn't breed another spring like 2008. **Positive Thinking!! It WILL get better.**

Now, as I'm climbing down from my soapbox, It's time to remind our members that it is time again for the first Iowa LHA meeting for 2009. We will be gathering together in Toledo on Saturday January 10, 2009 at the Tama County Historical Building, located at 100 E. State St. The Historical Building is located on the northeast corner of the Tama County Courthouse. Tama County Consul, and newly elected Vice-President Allan Richards has set up this meeting for us.

As usual, there will be coffee and rolls before the meeting at 9:00AM. New president Kathy Dirks will drop the gavel to conduct her first meeting around 9:30AM. There will be several items to be discussed. Plans and projects will be discussed. All our members are invited to attend. Anyone who is not a member but is interested in the Lincoln Highway, or old highways in general are welcome to attend as well.

After the meeting around noon, lunch will be available. At this writing, lunch will most likely be ordered from Subway Sandwich shop in Toledo. So escape the winter blues, and come join us for fun and fellowship. We'd be happy to see you!

Directions: From the east: Take the Lincoln Highway (US 30) through Tama and continue until you come to the intersection with US 63. Turn right on US 63, also known as N. County Road. Follow US 63 to W. State St. and turn right. Follow W. State where it intersects with N. Broadway. The Historical Building will be on the left.

From the west: Take the Lincoln Highway (US 30) into Toledo until you come to the intersection with US 63. Turn left onto US 63, also known as N. County Road. Then follow the directions as listed above.

If you have any questions you may call Allan Richards at 641-485-8400



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