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Hi-Way Gardens in Stanwood Crumbles in History

By Keith Whitlatch- Iowa LHA President

The Hi-Way Gardens in Stanwood, on the Lincoln Highway (Highway 30) since the early 1920's, became a part of history when it was razed by Luke Oberbreckling in February, 2007.

Built in the early 1920's by Robert McClellan and Elwood Resewehr as an open dance pavilion, it featured many of the big bands and local bands up through the eighties and early nineties; bands like Wayne King, Tiny Hill, Guy Lombardo, Lawrence Welk - and local bands such as Tom Owens' Cowboys, Leo and the Pioneers, and the Dale Thomas Band way back in 1962.



(Hi-Way Gardens circa 1956)

A photo taken of the large Hi-Way Gardens road sign for the 1969 Stanwood Centennial book shows "The XL's" Orchestra was playing."

In 1977 a three-ring circus was set up on the parking lot across the street from the dance hall. In 1979 George Bush appeared there when he was running for president.

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Iowa and Illinois LHA's to Meet Together on May 12 At National Headquarters

By Jeff LaFollette- ILHA State Director

You are invited to join us for a unique opportunity to join together with our Illinois Lincoln Highway Association counterparts for a two state gathering of LH Associations. On Saturday May 12, 2007, members of the Iowa and Illinois LHA's will come together at the National Headquarters in Franklin Grove, Illinois. This will be an opportunity for those who have never been to the National HQ to check it out.

Illinois LH State Director Kay Shelton and I have been planning this event for a few months and here is what is planned so far. The day begins at 11:00 AM when the Iowa members are to meet at the Franklin Grove National Headquarters.



From there we will caravan to Chaplin Creek Village, which is located south of Franklin Grove. There we will have a catered lunch to enjoy. The cost is not available yet because the menu has not been set yet, but updates will be posted on the world wide web, at address

www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/iowa. After lunch, there will be live entertainment provided by the Franklin Grove Boys. One of the "Boys" happens to be

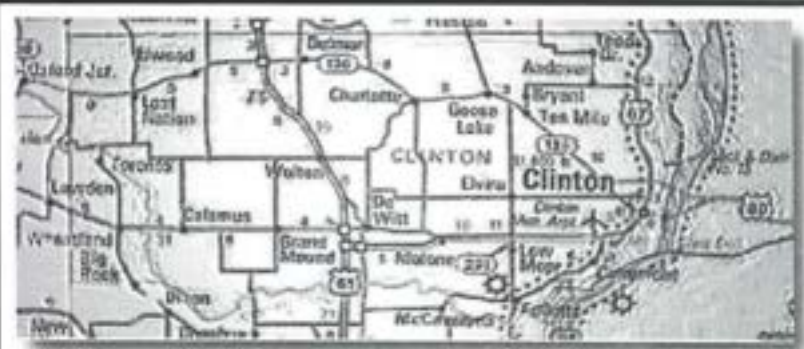
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Between The Rivers... and then some! By Jeff LaFollette



William Folwell Coan Jr. The Man, The Legend

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association owes much to William Folwell Coan Jr. The Clinton, Iowa native's efforts in highway development and promotion of the Lincoln Highway were known not only in Iowa, but across the nation as well. His life was one of service and was cut short by diabetes and depression, and he committed suicide in 1918. Today, many of our members know little about this man. Doing what I have the most fun with, which is perusing through old books in the basements of libraries, along with some help from the fine folks in the Root Cellar at the Clinton Public Library, I have come up with a short synopsis about his life and also discovered a well written tribute to his life in the February 15, 1918 Clinton Herald, two days after his death. I hope this story acquaints you with the first state consul, and the first vice-president of the original National Lincoln Highway Association.

WILLIAM FOLWELL COAN JR., son of William Folwell and Catherine Louisa (Peck) Coan was born on April 4, 1860 in Clinton, Iowa. He was educated in the public and private schools of Clinton and attended Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois, for two years. On December 11, 1882 in the Presbyterian Church in Clinton he married Mary Alice Welles. The Reverend Dr. Weller performed the ceremony.

Mary Alice Welles was born on May 27, 1860 in Fulton, Illinois, daughter of Edwin Pillsbury and Isabelle (Griswold) Welles. She was a lineal descendant of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut. She received her education at Abbot Academy, Andover, Massachusetts.

William was cashier of the Clinton National Bank and was secretary and treasurer of the Clinton Savings Bank. He was very much involved with the affairs of the city and community. He was on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of Agatha Hospital, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, president of the Wapsipinicon Club. However, he was best known and widely recognized for his efforts in highway development. He received a silver medal, one of only six awarded for the first year, for service to the Lincoln Highway project. Carl Fisher, the man who perfected the means of compressing carbide gas in tanks (Prest-O-

Life) and suggested the Indianapolis Speedway, proposed a coast-to-coast rock highway. Consuls were selected for each state to take care of the local rights and work out local problems. William was the first consul for Iowa. He was known all over the country for what he did to promote this highway. Coan also proposed the Mississippi Scenic Highway (ed. note: an early forerunner to the Great River Road). A little west of Clinton at the junction of US 67 and US 30, the Lincoln Highway, there is a stone marker honoring him for his exceptional contribution in making these two great roads possible.

William died suddenly in Clinton on February 13, 1918 aged 57. His wife died in Morrison, Illinois on December 5, 1939 aged 79. They were both buried in Springdale Cemetery in Clinton. (From the book titled Coan Genealogy 1697-1982, compiled by Ruth Coan Fulton).

From the February 15, 1918 Clinton, Iowa Herald A Tribute to the Life of William Folwell Coan Jr.

Tomorrow all that is mortal of the late William Folwell Coan will be laid at rest, while his friends offer their tribute to the memory of one whose career began and ended within Clinton's borders, has been devoted to the civic, commercial, financial and moral advancement of his home city.

While the death of Mr. Coan brought a shock and sorrow to many homes and throughout the business circles of the city, only in the days to come when his kindly counsel and ready helpfulness are missing, will come the true realization of Clinton's loss in his passing.

Always a leader, and an enthusiast, in whatever he undertook, he accomplished more perhaps than even

he himself realized. Through the coming years monuments built by his hand will remind us of his existence, and will bring back to the community a memory of the untiring spirit with which he labored to "put Clinton on the map", literally as well as figuratively. For in recent years, his efforts were mainly concerned with his self-assumed task of making Clinton.
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Ramblings Along the Lincoln Highway

*Minutes of the Winter 2007 Iowa LHA Meeting
Boone County Cultural Center
Boone, Iowa
13 January 2007
Submitted by Jeff Benson, Secretary.*

President Keith Whillatch called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

Minutes of the Fall 2006 Board Meeting held October 14, 2006 were approved as published in the Winter 2006 issue of *Along the Lincoln Highway*.

Treasurer's Report. **Joyce Ausberger** reported a checking account balance of \$3832.15 and an investment account balance of \$5071.75 and the following details for the past year:

Income		Expenses	
Merchandise sales	\$ 1976.49	Newsletter	\$ 1019.32
National memberships	\$ 1191.00	Merchandise costs	\$ 2008.06
State memberships	\$ 420.00	Post office box	\$ 26.00
Total Income	\$ 3587.49	Donation	\$ 100.00
		Reimbursements	\$ 220.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 3371.46

Lyell Henry (Noble Sojourner) moved accepting the Treasurer's report and **Van Becker** (Linn County) seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

President Whillatch read the membership report from **Cecil Stewart**, who could not attend.

State Director's Report. **Jeff LaFollette** reported on communications about the "Tin Can Tourist Tour" that may follow the Lincoln Highway in 2008 and will continue communications on the details. In a follow up to the national Lincoln Highway Association hiring **David Hay** of South Bend Indiana as the director for managing the endowment grant, there has been discussion about opening a new office in South Bend, IN and naming it as the LH National Office, and renaming the current national headquarters location in Franklin Grove, Illinois as the "national visitor and tourism information center." **Jeff Benson** (secretary) moved that the State Director **Jeff LaFollette** write a letter to the national board that they, the national Board of Directors should take official action to vote on changing the name the Franklin Grove office. **Lyell Henry** seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Editor Report. **Jeff LaFollette** has made some changes in the newsletter format and more are yet to come.

Business Items

1. DeWitt Plaque. **Jeff LaFollette** reported that the DeWitt City Council was not too concerned about fixing the errors

in the Lincoln Highway history on the DeWitt metal plaque, which could cost up to \$4500. **Joyce Ausberger** moved that a letter to the editor of the local paper be drafted and **Margaret Elbert** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Policy for Records Management. **Lyell Henry** (National Archive Committee Member) presented a proposed "Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Policy on Official Files." **Margaret Elbert** moved approval of the policy and **Jeff LaFollette** seconded. Policy approved unanimously. There was discussion of how to determine if photos and other documents about the Lincoln Highway are valuable to be saved and how to accomplish this.

3a. Congressional Action. **Allan Richards** (Tama County) asked about the status on Congressional action following the recommendations of the National Park Service in the Lincoln Highway Special Resource Study. No one had information about any follow up by the U.S. Congress.

3b. Tama Catholic Church. **Allan Richards** has negotiated terms for the purchase of an historic Catholic Church one block from the Lincoln Highway in Tama and asked the Board to consider setting up a non-profit organization to own and maintain the building for display and other purposes. Funding is available for maintenance. **President Whillatch** recommended that this proposal be considered between now and the spring meeting. **Jeff LaFollette**, **Bob Ausberger**, and **Mike Kelly** agreed to work on this with **Allan** and report back to the Board.

4a. Greene County Projects. **Jeff Benson** reported on that Greene County has said that they cannot carry out a grant to produce two books on historic bridges without the Lincoln Highway Association leading the project. After discussion, **Joyce Ausberger** moved that no objection be made to Greene County giving up the grant, but that the ILHA continue to seek an author and funding to produce one book or a smaller booklet. **Lyell Henry** seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4b. Jeff Benson also reported that the project to develop the Greene County Lincoln Highway Interpretive Site at Lion's Club Tree Park is moving forward again, but some help may be needed to fund and coordinate completing the interpretive panels themselves. **Joyce Ausberger** moved that the ILHA commit to completing the interpretive panels on the project if this help is needed and to appoint **Jeff** as the ILHA representative this project. **Jeff LaFollette** seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Jeff Benson** also reported that Greene County has received a \$2 million grant to rehabilitate the Eureka Bridge, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Sandii Huemann-Kelly**
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(Benton County) moved and **Bob Owens** (Greene County) seconded that **Jeff Benson** also be the ILHA representative on the committee advising the county on the design for this project.

4d. Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway- **Jeff Benson** reported on steps to get counties' and cities' approval of the route and thanked the County Consuls for their effort on this.

5a. Joint meeting with Illinois LHA- The Board agreed on the May 12th date to meet at Franklin Grove, Illinois with the Illinois LHA for a two state get together.

5b. River-to-River Road Reviewed and discussed a sample itinerary and tour stops and timeline prepared by **Jeff LaFollette**. The Board agreed on a three-day tour in August 2008.

5c. National Scenic Byway- The Board agreed that this be pursued after the route for the Iowa Heritage Byway has been approved.

6a. LHA Endowment Fund- **Jeff LaFollette** moved and **Joyce Ausberger** seconded that ILHA donate \$1000 over two years to this Fund, which funds grants to local groups for Lincoln Highway projects.

6b. Financial Support for Harrison County Interpretive Site- In a follow-up to the Fall 2006 visit to this site, **Joyce Ausberger** moved that \$500 be donated to this project for the interpretive element consistent with the Iowa Lincoln Highway's Plan for Interpretive Sites. **Jeff Benson** seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

County Consul Reports

Clinton County - Jeff LaFollette reported on more pole painting and that work on another phase of the U.S. Highway 30 improvement project is beginning.

Cedar County - Keith Whillatch said that the Highway Gardens dance hall in Stanwood will be demolished.

Linn County - Van Becker said that six of the planned eight interpretive panels are completed. He also reported on a new Lisbon History Center on the Lincoln Highway. Nationally, the new map CD is in beta version review.

Benton County - Mike Kelly said the Lincoln Café in Belle Plaine has reopened.

Tama County - Allan Richards reported that work will begin this year on the new US 30 bypass around the Tama-Toledo area.

Marshall County - State Center Main Street organization is looking for a permanent representative to the ILHA.

Boone County - Joe Moore met twice with the Boone County Supervisors on the Programmatic Agreement, but they are still reluctant to concur with it.

Greene County - Jeff Nemecek discussed his creation of a Lincoln Highway marker emblem in chocolate.

Carroll County - Bob Owens may have a potential representative from Carroll County.

Crawford County - No Report

Harrison County - Joyce Ausberger reported on behalf

of **Elaine Ehler** that Woodbine has received an enhancement grant to complete an historic lighting project.

Pottawattamie County - No Report

Other Business

1. **Sandii Huemann-Kelly** needs event information and historical society contacts for the web site.

2. **Lyell Henry** is still looking for copies any past, significant Association correspondence for the archive.

3. The Spring general meeting will be in Belle Plaine and the July Board meeting will be at the Lisbon History Center. The National Conference will be June 17-22 in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM L

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National Headquarters curator Lynn Asp. Lynn volunteers her time to talk to those who stop in the building and she never tires of talking about the Lincoln Highway. Yes, Lynn is a wonderful lady, and one of the "Franklin Grove Boys"

There are a few more plans in the works, but as stated earlier, keep an eye on the website for updates.

If you are interested in attending, the folks in Illinois would like a count on how many people are coming. They need to know by no later than May 1 so they can get the food ordered. So if you wish to come to this event, the only cost you will have is for your gas to get there and for lunch. Plus you'll get to meet with other Lincoln Highway enthusiasts and share your stories. If the weather is nice and you have a classic car, I would encourage you to get your old ride out for a spring cruise.

Please contact **Jeff LaFollette** by phone at 563-349-3047 or by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com to confirm if you plan to attend and how many you will have in your party. Please remember to RSVP by May 1, 2007.

For directions to Franklin Grove, Illinois there are three main ways you can get there:

- 1) Take I-80 east through Iowa and cross the Mississippi River Bridge. Take the I-88 east exit to Sterling-Rock Falls. Follow I-88 to Exit 44 which is the US 30 exit. There is no exit for Franklin Grove off of I-88. Turn right on US 30 and go east. When you come to an intersection with US 52 continue about one mile east and look for a sign that directs you to turn left to Franklin Grove which will be 6 miles north. Follow the Historic LH signage when you get into Franklin Grove and you'll come to the Lincoln Building.
- 2) Take US 30 east through Iowa and cross the bridge into Illinois in Clinton. Continue east on US 30, look for the US 52 intersection and then follow the directions listed above.
- 3) Or take the scenic route! Come into Clinton on US 30 and when US 30 crosses the bridge, head north on US 67 and cross the north bridge (IA 136). Follow the Historic LH signage the entire route to Franklin Grove. The route is very well marked with the signs. Main highways you'll encounter will be US 30, IL 2 and IL 38. Watch for Historic LH signs at several turns in Dixon. Total trip time after crossing into Illinois should vary from 75 to 90 minutes for all the routes listed. L

The President's Corner

By Keith Whitlatch,
ILHA President

I had good positive results when I took the information reference the Highway Heritage Byway to the Cedar County Engineer and Supervisors. It was a great help having Jeff Benson preparing a sample resolution ready for them to use. My county auditor appreciated that. It passed easily. I think anytime we can have personal contact with the county officials it is good. How are things going in other counties?

The Clarence Community Newsletter shows the pride in being a part of the Lincoln Highway, and also now being part of the Lincoln Heritage Byway. Each issue, they seem to have a Lincoln Highway article. Clarence's summer celebration is called "Lincoln Highway Days". Their community newsletter is published quarterly.

Stanwood also has a community newsletter called "The Rock Creek Express", and they are always looking for stories and articles. I would encourage all of the county consuls to search out these local newsletters as well as newspapers of county and area coverage. Our local newspaper, "The Tipton Conservative", will take articles. I just have to write stories and submit them.

With the demise of the Stanwood Hi-Way Gardens dance hall I am writing an article for both the "Rock Creek Express" and the "Tipton Conservative".

Also, I feel the Lincoln Highway is still suffering an identity crisis. People keep referring to it as "Old Highway 30" rather than the Lincoln Highway. We need to keep promoting our name, "Lincoln Highway".

Good things are happening at Ditto's Restaurant in Stanwood (one of the Becker's favorite spots). The Stanwood Lions Club, which meets in their back room, purchased a Lincoln Highway coverlet from our organization and presented it to the owners of Ditto's. It is now proudly displayed on a wall hanger in their back room, which has now become "The Lincoln Hi-Way room. I realize Highway is spelled differently, but that is a take off on the Old Hi-Way Gardens. They have even put the sign "The Lincoln Hi-Way Room" over the door, and are looking for more mementos of the Lincoln Highway to display.

We need to encourage the use of the Lincoln Highway name along the "Old Highway 30". Lois and I recently ate at the Lincoln Cafe in Mt. Vernon. Good food at a reasonable price. Let us know about Lincoln Highway names popping up in your counties.

Keith

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PRINTED HERE OR POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
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Youngville Café Receives National Register Honor

On February 1, 2007, one of Youngville Café's long term goals was achieved. Youngville Café received word that it has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many of the efforts at Youngville over the past several years have focused on reaching this goal. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. Youngville Café is among 80,000 properties districts and buildings that have been designated as significant in American history and architecture among other criteria. Listing in the National Register honors an historic place by recognizing its impor-



tance to the community, state or nation.

The café, located at the intersection of US 30 and US 218 is staffed by dedicated volunteers. Lunch is served on a limited basis and groups may be accommodated with advance arrangements. Youngville will reopen for the season on May 1, 2007. The weekly Farmers Market will open later. More details are available at www.youngvillecafe.com.

**LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION
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**Registration Info on the Iowa LHA website
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Upcoming LHA State Meetings

April 14, '07	Benton Co.-Belle Plaine
July 14, '07	Linn Co.-Lisbon
October 13, '07	Boone Co.-Ogden
January 12, '08	To Be Announced

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ton a city known far and wide through its location on leading highways. With that aim in view, he was instrumental in the organization of the old Transcontinental route, subsequently absorbed in large part by the Lincoln Memorial Highway.

Through his labor and enthusiasm largely, the Lincoln Highway was projected through Clinton and this portion of Iowa and Illinois. Not satisfied with the achievement of that aim, he had since worked indomitably to make that section of the highway, for which he was responsible as state consul, the best on the entire route with splendid prospects of success.

Nor did he confine his wonderful fund of good roads enthusiasm to the Lincoln Highway alone. For he found time and opportunity for promoting other good roads efforts, notably the organization of the Mississippi Valley Scenic Highway, and for supporting every other better highway project that in any way affected the interests of Clinton.

Even with the recounting of his improved roads successes, the story of his life and of his devotion to Clinton to the upbuilding of the community is not told; it is only a fair beginning, the outstanding feature of his efforts.

For wherever a hand was needed at the wheel, or to hold the reins, or to provide funds for a public weal, in Mr. Coan could be found a ready volunteer. No task was too great if his aid was needed nor was any task too small or too humble.

Thus he achieved financial, commercial, civic, moral and social success, for he was as intensely interested in the moral and social welfare of Clinton as he was in the more material things of life. He was a stalwart in his religious and moral faith and he had that congenial spirit which craved, sought and attained social activity.

The imprint of his influence, therefore is to be found upon many public and social organizations, notably Agatha Hospital, of which he was a trustee; the Wapsipicon Club, of which he was one of the founders and at the time of his death, president; the Commercial Club, which he served as a member of the board of directors; the Presbyterian Church of which he was a member for more than forty years, one of its chief supporters and for twenty years as one of its trustees; and finally, the two banks which he served so many years as cashier and secretary and treasurer.

William Folwell Coan loved the truth. He loved Clinton and Iowa and helped to make them strong. His motto: "Stand fast; stand firm; stand sure; stand true." L

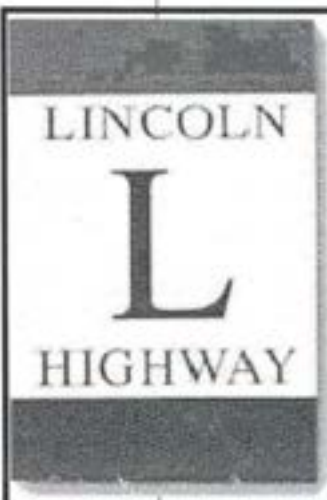
BURMA-SHAVE JINGLES

You Can't Reach 80- Hale And Hearty- By Driving 80- Home From- The Party- Burma Shave

Altho- We've Sold- Six Million Others- We Still Can't Sell- Those Coughdrop Brothers- Burma Shave

National LHA Hires Executive Director and Opens New National Office

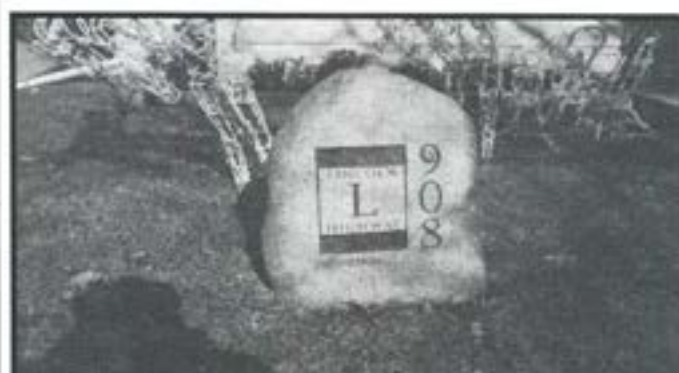
National Lincoln Highway Association president Bob Lichty announced in January the hiring of an Executive Director for the National LHA. David L. Hay assumes the position of Executive Director after a several month search by the Association's Endowment Committee. David will be working to help leverage our endowment fund by looking to gain grants and other fund raising efforts for the Association. David will be working with the State Directors of the state associations to help with efforts between the state organizations and heritage groups, historic byway groups and communities with an interest in the Lincoln Highway. David will be establishing an office in South Bend, Indiana in the near future that is to be called the LHA National Office. The address of that office will be posted in a future issue of "Along the Lincoln Highway". Please join us in welcoming David to the Lincoln Highway Association. If you have suggestions for grant or fundraising ideas for the Association you can contact David via e-mail at hay.1@nd.edu L



Jefferson, IA. Couple Promotes Lincoln Highway in Unique Way

We are always looking for interesting way of promoting the Lincoln Highway, so Joyce Ausberger and Bob Owens from Greene County sent this in from Jefferson.

Eddie and Kathy Colvert who are Lincoln Highway Association members had this stone engraved in Jefferson. The stone was given to them by another Association member, Mel Miller from his farm near the Jefferson area. The Colvert's reside at 908 W. Lincolnway in Jefferson, on the old Lincoln Highway through Jefferson of course. If you happen to be in the area, stop by and check it out. L



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The Hi-Way Gardens got its start as an open air pavilion in the early 20's and it continued that way until 1936, when Howard McClellan bought out his partner, Elwood Resewehr. McClellan then closed in the dance floor and added a lunch room and bar. Prior to this time, alcoholic beverages were not served. McClellan and his wife Grace continued to operate the popular ballroom for many years. This partnership continued until January 1, 1967, when it came to a tragic end. That evening the place was packed, as was the norm for a New Year's Eve dance. Grace was walking home prior to the end of the evening's activities. She would walk north a block, and then west one block, to her home. As she approached the intersection where she would turn west, a hit and run vehicle hit her and she died on impact. This hit and run was never solved.

Bob McClellan continued to own the facility until 1972 when he

sold out to Dean and Mary Steckley and Jim Driscoll. In 1976 they sold the facilities to Deborah and Rick Wagner. They operated it until a few years ago. The ballroom closed first and



then, finally, the bar. In 2006 the city of Stanwood purchased the property and Luke Oberbreckling razed it in February of 2007.

In addition to many, many dances, the ballroom was the site of many other activities and celebrations. It serves the area as a community center for years. Banquets, reunions, retirement parties, athletic banquets - any function that required a large hall. It was a social center for the area.

Hi-Way Gardens was known far and wide. McClellan was able to attract the "big bands" that traveled on the Lincoln Highway from Chicago to Omaha. It made a nice "over-night" gig for them as they went from one large city to the other. In 1947 WMT Radio of Cedar Rapids broadcast live the New Year's activities. Should you mention the "Hi-Way Gardens" to gatherings of people in their 50's and older, across the state today, inevitably, someone will have a story to tell about having been there.

As people's interests and tastes changed the attendance at the dances dwindled. Deb and Rick discontinued bringing in bands. The facilities were booked occasionally for private parties that Deb catered, and the bar was open. Finally, the building sat empty, before the city of Stanwood purchased it.

I had occasion to talk to Rick Wagner recently. He tells me the last public dance was a new year's dance and Rick served as a DJ. The last time the ballroom was used was February of 02, for a party for the North Cedar teachers.

The last two functions I attended at the ballroom was January 21, 2000, for my retirement party as sheriff, and December 31, 1997, for our daughter Valerie's wedding reception. Touring the ballroom, lunch room, and bar in February, just prior to the wrecking ball, brought back many memories for me. What memories does it have for you? L

WINTER IS OVER! SPRING WITH US TO BELLE PLAINE FOR THE IOWA LHA SPRING TOUR MEETING

I don't know if you feel the way I do, but THANK GOODNESS WINTER IS OVER!! Now that that's out of the way, let's get together in Belle Plaine on Saturday, April 14 for the Spring Iowa LHA Meeting. Mike & Sandi Kelly will be our hosts for this meeting in Benton County. The meeting will be at the Belle Plaine Historical Society Museum, located at 725 12th St. in downtown Belle Plaine. Coffee and Rolls will be available at 9:00AM. Our President, Keith Whitlatch will drop the gavel around 9:30AM to convene the meeting. Lunch will be at the recently reopened Bailey's Lincoln Café, that our diner correspondent extraordinaire Van Becker wrote about in the last issue. The cost of lunch will be \$7.25 per person for a chicken or Salisbury steak dinner served with a salad and dessert tray. After the meeting a walking tour of some of Belle Plaine's many Lincoln Highway sites of interest is offered. Directions are as follows:

FROM THE EAST: Follow US 30 west, then turn left on County Road V-40. Follow V-40 to a T intersection and turn right (about 4 miles) into Belle Plaine. Then turn left onto 12th St. until you arrive at the Historical Museum.

FROM THE WEST:

Follow US 30 east to IA Highway 21. Turn right on IA 21 and continue through the stoplight. Turn right onto 11th Ave. then left onto 12th St.

Come and join us for a day of fun and fellowship! L



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

William & Teresa Clark	Jefferson, Greene Co. L
Lorraine Van Fleet	Cedar Rapids, Linn Co. L
Bonita Custer	Logan, Harrison Co. L
Dennis &	
Lorraine Ehler	Woodbine, Harrison Co. L
Goodlove Museum	Lowden, Cedar Co L
Marlene Robinson	Ames, Story Co. L
William Bauer	Lincoln, NE
Mark & Trace Workman	Layton, UT

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Full Speed Ahead for 2008 Lincoln Highway Motor Tour

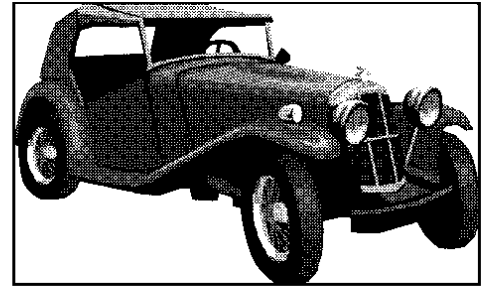
By Jeff LaFollette, State Director

The first third of the route for the 2008 Iowa Lincoln Highway Motor Tour from Clinton to Cedar Rapids is mapped out, and mapping for the second leg of the tour from Cedar Rapids to either Ames or Boone is being planned to be driven after the national conference. By the July meeting, mapping this leg of the tour should be complete. We are continuing to make plan for this event in 2008. Dates have been set and it will be held from August 8-10, 2008. The tour will leave Clinton on Friday morning and overnight in Cedar Rapids with several stops planned along the way. The second day (Saturday) will begin with a breakfast in Cedar Rapids, and will end with a group dinner in Ames or Boone. The third day (Sunday) will start in Boone and end near Council Bluffs, most likely at the Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawattamie County. We are also working on getting "goody bags" for each car along with window decals and possibly dash plaques. A cost for the tour has not been set yet, that should be determined by the next issue of this newsletter.

This will be the first statewide tour of its kind for the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association, and we are hoping for a large turnout. Being this is an inaugural event, we have no idea how many cars and people will attend. I have a number in mind but I will wait until a future issue of the newsletter to share that with all of you.

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Of course, we encourage any and all of you who are even thinking about at-



tending the motor tour, and own a classic car to bring it on the tour. We want to parade the cars through towns, because classic cars pique people's interest.

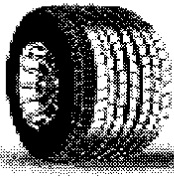
Even though the tour is a little over a year away, I would like to gauge the interest that the membership has in participating. Please tell your friends about it too, we want to get those who don't know much about the Lincoln Highway interested in and have them come back for a future tour, and bring their friends.

If you have an interest in participating in the 2008 Iowa LHA Motor Tour, drop me an e-mail. (jefflaf@peoplepc.com) Then I can report what I have heard from our members so far at the meeting in October. I am hoping by October to have a tentative flyer with the tour cost, motel options in all the communities we will overnight in and tour stops. Registration forms should be available in January, either in the newsletter or on our website: www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/iowa. I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully the number I'm thinking about will be realized. Thanks to all of you for your support of the Iowa LHA and all of our activities. **L**



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HAVE SPARE TIRE, WILL TRAVEL

BY VAN & BEV
BECKER

Here I sit. Two weeks before the editorial deadline and the middle of Memorial Day weekend. This Memorial Day is extra poignant, having recently lost my father (1917-2007). Remembering our lives together included snippets of Lincoln Highway-related family tales. Perhaps you will enjoy a quick review. I'll try to keep them brief.

In the mid-1920's, Grandfather would take his family, including my dad and his brother, fishing on long summer weekend campouts. The two boys were approximately ages 8 and 9. The trips usually consisted of Davenport to DeWitt and west on the Lincoln Highway to the Wapsi River. In among the old bridges we treasure today the boys learned why carp are not the fish to keep regardless of their size. There were also told tales of the Lincoln Highway leading all the way to California. Knowing that California had recently hosted the World's Fair and hearing tales of the size of vegetables grown there as well as the 2000-miles-away ocean, the boys were fascinated.

Between camping and fishing, I can visualize two young boys standing in the middle of the gravel road looking west trying to see or imagine the mountains and then the ocean. A coast-to-coast highway to young boys in the 20's must have seemed as fascinating and improbable as space travel is today.

Dad also told of finding the best way to stop a leak in the roof of the old Oakland phaeton—chewing gum! But it works best when pressed into the offending holes from both sides of the roof. Since he was the youngest and the leak only showed up when it was raining, he was usually the one elected to press the gum down from the wet topside.

During the 1930's, the young man yet to become my father, was working as an accountant by day and a professional musician on weekends. He spent many weekends traveling the Lincoln Highway in the "band bus." Often there were gigs at the Hiway Gardens in Stanwood, Iowa. In those early years, the sax player often earned only 50 or 60 cents for the whole night including travel time. The band could have afforded two more

musicians, if not for the cost of gasoline to travel the Lincoln Highway from Davenport.

I caught his band one evening in the early 70's at the old Armar Ballroom on the original 1913-1919 route on the boundary between Cedar Rapids and Marion. By the mid-40's it was time for marriage. Gas and tires were rationed due to the war, but extra gas coupons appeared as wedding presents. The tires on the old four-door '40 Plymouth sedan were judged good enough for the trip from Blue Grass near Davenport to Clinton. Yes, my parents spent their honeymoon at the Lafayette Hotel in Clinton, the Lincoln Highway Control Point in downtown Clinton, Iowa.

In the morning, they strolled out of the hotel to a



little "tearoom" across the street located about where the photographer was standing for the above photo. After being charged 50 cents each for coffee in the 1940's, the two newlyweds assumed they paid for the cups too. I have that pair of cups in my kitchen yet today.

In later years, early 1950's, I was taken fishing at Crystal Lake. This was a lake made by damming a stream 2 ½ miles west of DeWitt. Early maps and Lincoln Highway road guides indicate that there were free campsites and fishing at Crystal Lake just 2 ½ miles west of DeWitt. It was designated as a free city campground for travelers. I have memories of bathhouses and cabins on Crystal Lake. Somewhere in the stacks of family photos there are photos of three generations of Becker's in an old rowboat on this small lake.



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Ramblings Along the Lincoln Highway.

*Minutes of the Spring 2007 Iowa LHA Meeting
Belle Plaine Historical Society Museum
Belle Plaine, Iowa
14 April 2007
Submitted by Jeff Benson, Secretary.*

President **Keith Whillatch** called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Belle Plaine City Administrator **Bill Daly** began the meeting by welcoming the group and reviewing the community's many assets.

Minutes of the January 2007 Board Meeting- held January 13, 2007 were approved as published in the Spring 2007 issue of *Along the Lincoln Highway*.

Treasurer's Report- **Joyce Ausberger** reported a checking account balance of \$3169.91 and an investment account balance of \$5263.45 and the following details for the three months:

Income		Expenses	
Afghan sales	\$ 105.00	Donation to LHA Endowment Fund	\$ 500.00
Memberships	\$ 310.00	Donation to Harrison County	\$ 500.00

No new membership activity since January meeting.

State Director's Report- **Jeff LaFollette** reported as follows: Presented national budget report, showing national conference hosted by Iowa as major component

Sent letter to the editor on the errors on the Dewitt plaque

Status of the naming of the new and existing national offices

Jeff LaFollette was unanimously nominated to a second term as State Director.

Newsletter Editor Report- Discussed recent changes in the newsletter format. **Kathy Dirks** thanked **Jeff LaFollette** for his work on this.

Business Items

1. **LHA Endowment Fund-** The Funds provides grants to local groups for Lincoln Highway projects. Projects from Illinois, Ohio and California have been sent to the grant committee to consider for 2007. Discussed potential for grant projects in Iowa for 2008 and the process and criteria. County consuls should send grant applications to **Bob Ausberger**. Applications will be due by March 2008.

2. **National Archives-** **Lyell Henry** still working on getting Iowa archive information to the national archive in Michigan and is seeking guidance from Michigan on appropriate materials.

3. **Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway-** **Jeff Benson** reported on progress getting counties' and cities' approval of the route, with majority of the counties and more than 30 of the cities already having approved the route.

4. **River-to-River Road Run.** The tour will be August 8, 9, 10, 2008. **Jeff LaFollette** and **Tammy Loving** reported on their survey of the first day's route.

5. **Joint meeting with Illinois LHA.** **Jeff LaFollette** confirmed details of the May 12 meeting at Franklin Grove, Illinois. Needs count of attendees by May 1.

6. **Tama Catholic Church.** Still need offer from non-profit group. The land south of the famous Tama Lincoln Highway bridge may also be for sale, including the land with the easement for half of the bridge.

7. **Chelsea Bridge.** This bridge on the Lincoln was demolished but some of the more historic-looking pieces were put in storage (by the City or the County).

8. **Single Post Canopy Gas Station in Stanwood.** It is available for \$40,000 (which also includes a metal building on the property). The interior has been gutted and many of the architectural elements on the exterior have been obliterated, including the original single post. **Van Becker** said he would not recommend purchasing this. **Keith Whillatch** suggested a private party could donate the money needed to purchase it through the ILHA.

Regarding the previous three discussion items, **Van Becker** suggested there needs to be further Board of Directors discussion on the issue of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association owning real estate and President **Keith Whillatch** agreed. An agenda item at the July Board of Directors meeting will be the pros and cons of real estate ownership by the ILHA.

Highlights from County Consul Reports:

Linn County – There was some vandalism on one of the new interpretive kiosks. Another Boy Scout has agreed to build two more kiosks.

Benton County – Youngville Station will open in May from the season.

Story County – Niland's Café has closed again.

Harrison County – A Statue of Liberty at the library on the Lincoln Highway is being restored.

Other Business

1. Discussed having educational programs at one or two of these meetings a year and not having a business meeting.

2. The July Board of Directors meeting will be on July 14, 2007 at Lisbon History Center, with lunch at Bailey's Café in Lisbon.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was at the Lincoln Café, followed by a tour of various historical sites and properties in and around Tama. **L**

THINGS TO DO AND HAPPENINGS ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

There's always something going on along the Lincoln Highway and with summer in full swing, the communities along the road have festivals and events going on. This will be a new feature in **"Along The Lincoln Highway"**. If your community has an event to promote, please contact our webmistress, **Sandii Huemann-Kelly** at shk@videoportraits.com. She will be happy to post event on our site. I apologize to those communities that have had events already this year, but we will make every effort to get them printed in the future newsletters. Below is a list of happenings from July to September.

June 30 - July 1, 2007 Clarence Lincoln Highway Festival **Clarence:** Lincoln Highway parade, car cruise, tournaments, bake-off, live music, Sunday church services in the park, watermelon feed. More Info: (563) 452-3291.

July 6-7-8, 2007 Clinton Riverboat Days Festival **Clinton:** Held at Riverview Park. One admission price includes family attraction, concerts with headline country and rock entertainers. More info: (800) 395-7277 or (563) 242-7052 or www.riverboatdays.com

August 3-4-5, 2007 Lowden Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) Parade. More info at www.cityoflowden.org 150th Celebration Schedule or contact Joe Goodlove (2goodloves@fbcom.net)

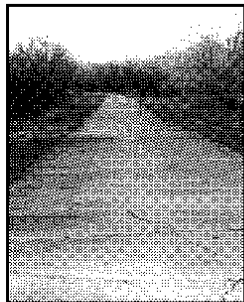
August 24-26, 2007 Lincoln Highway Days: Nevada Parade, rodeo, dance, carnival, antique tractor pull. At Story County Fairgrounds. More Info: (515) 382-6538.

September 6-9, 2007 Jumbo Well Days: Belle Plaine L

Name that Lincoln

This is a fun little thing I'd like to try out occasionally in the newsletter. "Name That Lincoln Highway Spot" Take a look at the picture and try to guess where this spot is located along

The Lincoln Highway. One clue: it is in Iowa. I won't go outside the state unless I tell you so. We are sorry, there are no prizes, just the glory of making the correct guess. So give it your best shot and send me an e-mail with your guess. All those who guessed correctly will be listed in the next issue. Send your guess to jefflat@peoplepc.com L



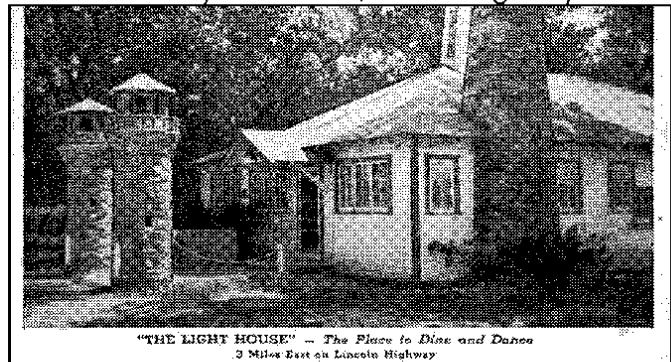
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In the mid-1950's—family vacations with my little sister Kay. She finally turned out pretty well, but what a pain back then! When traveling north, the first mandatory stop was the water tower park with restrooms in DeWitt. Dad would park the car right about where the new brass misinformation Lincoln Highway plaque stands today. Kay's restroom and carsickness stops really slowed us down!

When traveling west for family vacations in Colorado, Dad would head the 1950 Plymouth Deluxe west on Highway 6 and jog north to the Lincoln Highway at Belle Plaine. A gas stop at Preston's Station always seemed in order. The first year the family vacationed out west, Dad had promised me—probably to shut me up—that we would stop at an "antique car museum"—if I was good. Hey, I was only about 8-9 years old. The stop at Preston's with the old threshing machine, a few old Model T Fords and a nifty museum convinced me that we had arrived at the promised auto museum. I didn't want to leave after the fill up.

Finally, with me living and working here in Cedar Rapids, both Dad and I gravitated to "the old highway" for our regular trips to visit one another. It might have been slower than I-380 and I-80, but as we all know, it has been a lot more interesting. When visiting Cedar Rapids, Dad's favorite place to eat was the old roadhouse, the Lighthouse on the Lincoln Highway, host to John Dillinger and the home of great barbecued ribs.

Memorial Day—Memories, Lincoln Highway memo-



ries— Thanks, I had to share.

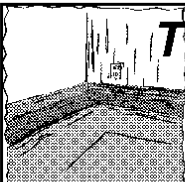
Drive safely—keep the shiny side up. L

BURMA-SHAVE JINGLES

Pity All -The Mighty Caesars- They Pulled- Each Whisker Out- With Tweezers- Burma Shave (1934)

You Know- Your Onions- Lettuce Suppose- This Beets 'Em All- Don't Turnip Your Nose- Burma Shave (1935)

Speed- Was High- Weather Was Not- Tires Were Thin- X Marks The Spot- Burma Shave (1948)



The President's Corner

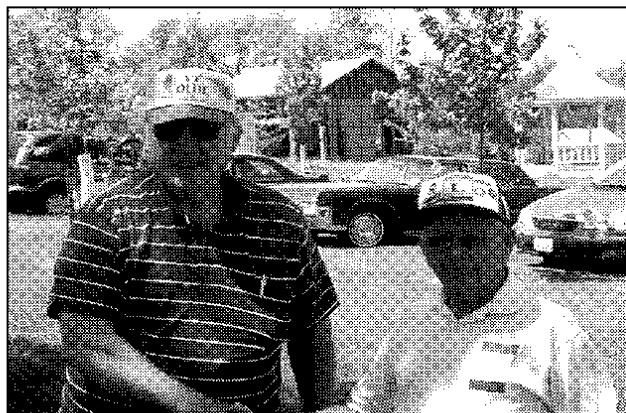
By Keith Whitlatch, ILHA President

On Saturday, May 12, Lois and I took a little trip across the "Mighty Mississippi". We attended the meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association as guests from Iowa's chapter.

We followed Highway 30 till we got into Illinois a little. Just prior to the big horse farm on Highway 30, we turned off and followed the marked Lincoln Highway. The markings were great and I didn't get lost until I made a wrong turn in Dixon. We saw parts of it that I'm sure the average tourist never sees. I finally listened to Lois's suggestions and we got back on the right track. As we got close to Franklin Grove we drove by a lot with rusting farm implements, much of which is Minneapolis Moline equipment. I'd been to Franklin Grove before, so seeing the machinery is like seeing old friends.

Our initial destination was the National Lincoln Highway Headquarters. I feel like a "kid in the candy store" there. Lynn Asp was our gracious hostess. They have a lot of memorabilia to purchase, books on the highway and a lot of crafts to sell as well. It is a delightful, historic place.

Then we headed out to the Chaplin Creek Village on Whitney Road, south of Franklin Grove. This is a beautiful area of 63 acres of grass and trees, and a recreation of the original little town of Chaplin Creek. The buildings were all donated and have been moved to the site. Yes, they even have a jail. I was locked up briefly but got out on good behavior. As an active member of the Cedar County Historical Society, we were very impressed with the amount of work they have already done, and are still doing. We know how much financial help and volunteer labor is required to accomplish the great amount they have already done.



I was greeted to the meeting by Illinois President, Wayne Silvius. Besides being presidents of our respective state's Lincoln Highway Association, we found we

are both long-time active Lions club members. Wayne has a special license plate honoring the 90th anniversary of Lions Clubs this year. The International Lions will be celebrating their 90th anniversary in Chicago on July 4. Lions are 90 years old, Wayne will turn 80 this summer, and I will turn 70.

While Wayne conducted the Illinois Chapter meeting, us "foreigners" were given a guided tour of the grounds by local historical society members, in costume. There's an old house that was moved in three pieces, two barns – one which will be turned into a theater, a blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, and a building that will eventually be a church. Other buildings include a log cabin, the old jail and newspaper office. They hold an annual celebration the first week-end of August, called "The Franklin Grove Summer Harvest Festival". This year it will be held August 4 and 5. Following our tour and the Illinois Chapter meeting we were served an excellent meal of pork chop sandwich, baked beans, applesauce, cookies and drinks. One of the surprise guests there that day was "Redbird Express".

After eating, we were entertained by the Franklin Grove Boys. One of the "Boys" was Lynn Asp, from the National Lincoln Highway Headquarters. I understand they perform on a regular basis at the Headquarters building. I would consider their music "quality" bluegrass music. I didn't ask if they had cut any disks. They did make "great music" together.

One of the other members of the "boys" is Jim Wolbers. Jim plays guitar and bull fiddle, and has a great singing voice besides. For a living Jim raises, trains and shows Belgian draft horses, another of my "favorite things". He invited me over to his farm afterwards, where he has 50 horses he is working with. He showed me pictures of some of his champions. Jim drives 2, 4 and 6 horse hitches, and showed off with his newest 4 horse hitch. What an exciting end to a great day in Franklin Grove.

We had a quality turn-out from Iowa, but not quantity. Only 8 Iowans came, but those who were there really felt it was an educational and enjoyable time. I thank Wayne and his Illinois LH members for their wonderful hospitality. Even the weather participated in being perfect for an outdoor meeting and picnic. Hopefully our paths will cross again somewhere on the Lincoln Highway. By the way, I personally appreciated the street signs in the town. They were red, and each one sported a Lions insignia.

Keith

LINCOLN HIGHWAY ENDOWMENT FUND 2008 GRANT PROGRAM

By Jeff LaFollette, Iowa LHA State Director

In 2005, the National Lincoln Highway Association received a very generous, anonymous, and unrestricted gift of \$100,000. An LHA Endowment committee was formed. The committee quickly became convinced that at least a portion of this gift should serve as a "seedling fund" to honor the generous donor of this contribution. This is being done by supporting exciting projects along the Lincoln highway and by encouraging additional contributions to the fund—just as the original LHA's "seedling miles" provided the impetus for further improvement to the Lincoln Highway.

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. Two states submitted applications this year, Iowa was not among them this year. 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 not later than March 1 each year. Applications are to be submitted to the chair of

the LHA Endowment Committee. Applicants do not need to complete any special or mandatory form of application, although an application shall be a type-written 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 2008, contact me either by phone or e-mail 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 mail it to me, and I will make sure that it gets to the Endowment Committee Chair. This is an important task, one that I take seriously as a State Director.

You may also contact the Endowment Committee Chairman, Bob Dieterich. Bob lives at 4521 Woodmont Ct. Fair Oaks, CA 95628. He can be reached by phone at 916-967-7680 and his e-mail address is bobd@sbcglobal.net. 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 bobjoyce@netins.net

We hope to have someone from Iowa apply and receive a grant at the 2008 National Conference in Evanston, Wyoming. Don't forget, if you have any questions regarding the grant applications, contact us soon. The time to get started for 2008 is now! **L**

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

George Crouse	Carroll, Carroll L
Goodlove Museum	Lowden, Cedar L
Dr. E.E. Houk	Jefferson, Greene L
Steve Mumm	Westside, Crawford L
Petro Mart Travel Ctr.	Missouri Valley, Harrison L
State Center Development	State Center, Marshall L
Marvin Shriver	Jefferson, Greene L
Kevin Torgeson	Radcliffe, Hardin
Tracey Wellendorf	Carroll, Carroll L
Myron & Marquitta Gershenson	Pacifica, CA
Mary McHugh	Columbus, NE

L (Denotes a Lincoln Highway County)

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

July 14, '07	Lisbon (Linn Co.)
October 13, '07	Ogden (Boone Co.)
January 12, '08	To Be Announced
April 12, '08	To Be Announced

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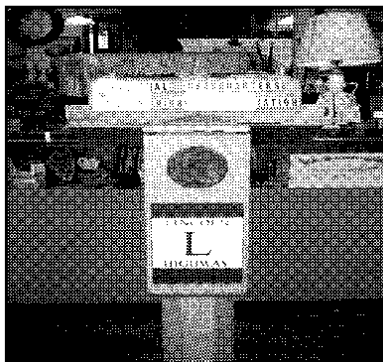
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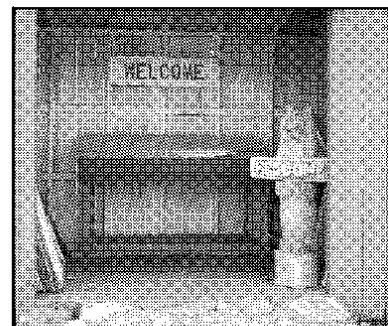
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PHOTOS FROM THE ILLINOIS-IOWA LHA GET TOGETHER IN FRANKLIN GROVE, ILLINOIS MAY 12, 2007



(Left) Replica wooden LH marker inside the west entrance of the Lincoln Highway National Headquarters, in Franklin Grove, Illinois.



(Right) Welcome kiosk to Chaplin Creek outside of Franklin Grove, where the picnic was conducted between Iowa and Illinois LHA groups.



(Left) Clockwise from bottom: Keith Whitlatch, Lois Whitlatch, Tammy Loving of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association and Carl Jacobsen of the Illinois LH enjoy the surroundings, beautiful weather and music at the Chaplain Creek area.

(Below) The Lindsay Saltbox House at Chaplin Creek, an 1840 homestead recently brought to Chaplin Creek and is currently the process of interior restoration.



(Above) The Franklin Grove Boys, a local group playing country, bluegrass and gospel music. The band entertained the Iowa and Illinois LHA members. On the right is Lynn Asp, the director of the National LH Headquarters. Yes, Lynn is one of the "Boys" but only in the band.

LISBON—THE HOT SPOT FOR THE SUMMER ILHA MEETING

The summer is heating up, and the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association will be warming up to Lisbon for the Summer 2007 meeting. The next meeting will be conducted on Saturday July 14, 2007 at the Lisbon History Center located at 110 S. Washington St in Lisbon. The History Center is located just south of the old Lincoln Highway (Main Street). Coffee, homemade kolaches and donuts will be available at 9:00 AM. Then, President Whitlatch will drop the gavel around 9:30 AM to begin the business meeting. After the meeting we will enjoy lunch at Gwen's Restaurant at 119 W. Main St., about two blocks from the History Center. You can order off the menu or choose the buffet. This meeting is a business meeting, so there will not be a tour afterwards. However, President Keith is inviting everyone to come to the Cedar County Fair in Tipton after the meeting and he will give you a free trolley ride! We invite you to come out and join us and get to know your Lincoln Highway Association. As members, your input is important to our success, and we welcome all of our members to attend our meetings. So, come out and take a leisurely drive to Lisbon and Linn County for a day of fun and fellowship and see one of the many beautiful sections of the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. We hope to see you there! L

FROM THE EAST: Follow the Lincoln Highway westward toward Lisbon. At the Cedar-Linn County Line, the Lincoln will angle to the right. Follow the road (Main St.) into downtown Lisbon. Turn Left at Washington St. and look for the Lisbon History Center.

FROM THE WEST: Follow U.S. 30 eastbound into Lisbon. You will be on the south edge of town. Look for South Washington Street and turn left. Follow Washington St. about two blocks and look for the History Center.



1928 Marker on Main Street, Lisbon

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MICHAEL WALLIS VISITS CLINTON TO PROMOTE NEW LINCOLN HIGHWAY BOOK

Author Michael Wallis visited Clinton on Saturday July 28 on his cross country book tour promoting his new book, *"The Lincoln Highway-The Great American Road Trip"*. Wallis and Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Michael Williamson both visited the Clinton County Historical Museum promoting the book and giving a talk on the Lincoln Highway. About 30 people at-



tended the event. After the author and photographer spoke, they signed copies of the book.

Wallis is the author of several books, including *"Route 66-The Mother Road"*. Wallis also portrayed the "Sheriff" in the movie *"Cars"*.

Many feel that his book on Route 66 spawned the rebirth and growth of popularity of the historic highway. It is the same feeling that Wallis' book on the Lincoln Highway will accomplish the same thing. The book is divided into chapters state by state from New York to California. Stories from the road, from those who lived and worked on the highway, to the characters of the road bring the Lincoln Highway to life. And the excellent photography of Michael Williamson brings the people and places

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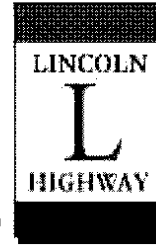
Michael Williamson

Clinton was the lone stop of the book tour in Iowa, but both Wallis and Williamson commented that the Clinton museum was the best locale they had encountered on their tour up to that point. To find out more information on the book or to check out a blog of the book tour, go to www.lincolnhighwaybook. The book is available at book stores or through the Lincoln Highway Trading Post. Check out that website at www.lhnp.com.



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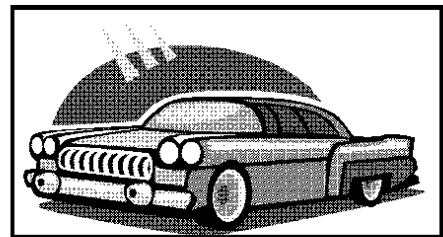
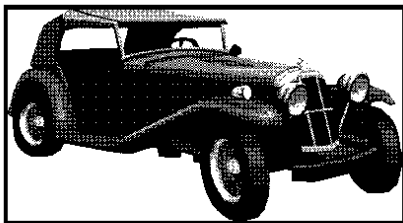
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Ramblings Along the Lincoln Highway

*Minutes of the Summer 2007 Iowa LHA Meeting
Lisbon History Center Museum
Lisbon, Iowa
14 July 2007
Submitted by Jeff Benson, Secretary.*

President Keith Whillatch called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes of the April 14, 2007 General Meeting were approved as published in the Summer 2007 issue of *Along the Lincoln Highway*.

Treasurer's Report **Jeff LaFollette** presented the report from Treasurer **Joyce Ausberger** with a checking account balance of \$3479.15 and an investment account balance of \$5748.90, with about \$50 worth of merchandise sold at the June national meeting in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Membership Report **Cecil Stewart** reported that national memberships are at the same level as last year, but that paperwork from national is still coming in on new members from last year, so it may grow a little. Iowa has 217 members that have national memberships plus nine Life Members.

State Director's Report Discussion from **Jeff LaFollette's** report included the need for County Consuls from Carroll County and Crawford County. **Kathy Dirks** and **Elaine Ehler** continue the search for volunteers. Additional suggestions included presentations to civic clubs and arranging one of the four annual state meetings there.

Newsletter Editor Report Discussed recent changes in the newsletter format. **Kathy Dirks** thanked **Jeff LaFollette** for his work on this.

Items for Discussion

1. More people from Iowa (22) than any other state attended the national annual meeting in Fort Morgan, Colorado.
2. Report on joint meeting with the Illinois Chapter on May 12 in Franklin Grove, Illinois.
3. Need people to sign up for the August 8, 9, & 10 2008 River-to-River Road Run Across Iowa.
4. **Lyell Henry** moved and **Paul Walker** seconded a motion that **Jeff LaFollette** be authorized to offer Iowa as the host for the national annual meeting in 2017. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Jeff LaFollette** has a curriculum video (DVD) for Fourth Grade classes on the Lincoln Highway.
6. Following the trial insert advertisement in the last newsletter, a committee (**Van Becker**, **Jeff LaFollette** and **Sandii Huemann-Kelly**) was appointed to draft a policy for advertising in the newsletter and on the web site.

7. **Van Becker** led the discussion on the issue of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association owning real estate, in order to preserve important sites. There was general agreement that:

Lack of capital funds, volunteers, ongoing income and viable uses for many properties limits our ability to own real estate now

When opportunities and/or needs to purchase real estate come along, we can publicize these in our newsletter and on our web site. At these times, we can be a information resource and technical advisor to buyers or sellers, to help promote arrangements that will preserve these historic resources.

Recent opportunities have included a bridge in Cedar County, gas stations in Lowden and Stanwood and an auto dealership building in Carroll. Tama County Consul **Alan Richards** reported via email that the "Lincoln Highway Historical Church of Tama" now owns the church discussed at previous meetings.

8. **Sandii Huemann-Kelly** reported on options for a portable sound system for use on bus tours and presentations, which can be done for \$200 to \$300.

9. **Upcoming Meetings.** October annual meeting will be in Ogden on the 15th anniversary of the founding (rebirth?) of the current Lincoln Highway Association in Ogden. The **Kelly's**, **Jeff LaFollette** and the **Ausbergers** will work to put together an educational program on the history of the organization. For other meetings, Jeff will explore possible sites for the January 12, 2008 Board meeting in Marshall County and **Kathy Dirks** will check on Denison for the April 12, 2008 meeting.

Highlights from County Consul Reports:

Clinton County – Research is ongoing on the ownership of the Calamus Bridge and to confirm that it can be preserved. The next step will be the process to become listed on the National Register.

Linn County – Three cabins were removed from Shady Acres in Cedar Rapids for a road project. The business remains open.

Benton County – Tourism appears to be down a bit in Belle Plaine; the statewide public needs more information on the Lincoln Highway resources there.

Tama County – Posts have been installed to put the historic lights on the new bridge in Chelsea. The Mesquakie people have documented the Lincoln Highway route through their property.

Harrison County – Woodbine has received a \$250,000 grant for work on Lincoln Highway resources.

President Whillatch adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM

Iowans Bring Home Awards From LH Conference

At the annual awards banquet at the National Lincoln Highway Conference in Fort Morgan, Colorado held in June, three awards came home to Iowa. All were deserving of the honors they received.

First, former president and Linn County Consul Van Becker was presented an award for his service as



Executive Advisor to the President. "Van has been of enormous help to me during the entire term of my presidency—I have called on him many times for his counsel," stated outgoing LH president Bob Lichty.

Second, Harrison County Consul Elaine Ehlert was presented an "Exemplary Friend of the Lincoln Highway" award.

Elaine tows a trailer full of Lincoln Highway memorabilia to Iowa schools to educate children on the Lincoln Highway. Elaine also works hard promoting the Lincoln Highway in Woodbine.



The third award won by Iowa was a major award.



The institutional version of the "Meritorious Achievement Award" went to the city of Tama, Iowa for their meticulous care of their famous Lincoln Highway bridge.

And also for funding a marvelous, lighted brick and bronze sign. The award was accepted by former Tama County Consul Ron Cory and his wife Darla.

We congratulate our winners! Iowa continues to work hard to promote the Lincoln Highway. L

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Becomes the First Iowa Heritage Byway

In May 2006 the Iowa Scenic Byway Council designated the Lincoln Highway all the way across the state as the first Iowa Heritage Byway. Then, after submitting a detailed map of the proposed main routes and historic loops to be marked, the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association went to work to obtain official resolutions approving the route from all 42 cities and 13 counties through which the route passes. This past summer, we submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation resolutions from all of these jurisdictions, except for Glidden, which declined to approve it.

Cedar Rapids was the last city to approve the resolution, which the City Council did unanimously, in spite of objections from some members of the outdoor advertising industry. Federal law prohibits the Iowa Department of Transportation from issuing a permit for a new billboard within view of any segment of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway that is a primary federal aid highway, such as U.S. Highway 30.

Now the Iowa Department of Transportation is in the process of reviewing the route in detail in to plan locations for the route marking signs. They will make the signs (at no cost to the Association or the local jurisdictions) and then provide them to the local governments to install according to the plan. The cities and counties must maintain the signs, but the Iowa Department of Transportation will make replacement signs as needed at no cost to the local governments. Although this process has been slow, soon there will be a continuously marked route across Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. This will not only raise awareness of the historic highway and promote the historic resources, it will also help make following the Lincoln a safer experience.

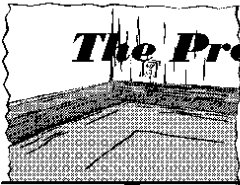
The Lincoln Highway is the first Iowa Heritage Byway, although there are ten Iowa Scenic Byways. Two of these are also National Scenic Byways, which requires State Byway designation first. National Heritage Byways are eligible for grants for projects along the Byway. Becoming the Iowa Lincoln Highway National Heritage Byway will be our next goal.

If you want more information about this project or a copy of the route map for your area, contact **Jeff Benson** at melbert@mchsi.com. L

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

January 12, '08	Marshall County
April 12, '08	Crawford County
July 12, '08	To Be Announced
October 12, '08	To Be Announced

The President's Corner



*By Keith Whitlatch,
ILHA President*

Here it is, the middle of September, and I need to get this to Jeff. It has been a busy summer for me, as I am sure it has been for all of you. On August 4, I participated in the Lowden Sesquicentennial with our team of Belgians and trolley. We transported a group of senior citizens of Lowden who served as Grand Marshals for the parade. The parade formed on the Old Lincoln Highway west of Lowden, and started on the west end of the business district. We went east to the old Kreinbring Service Station (yes, it is still standing) and went north there. It was a real good parade, both in length and in quality.

We also participated in the Annual Lincoln Highway Days parade in Clarence. Again, we traveled part of the parade route on the Lincoln Highway. Clarence is celebrating their Sesquicentennial in 2009 and plan a big celebration. When I told them about our planned motor tour in 2008 they thought perhaps that could be the start of their Sesquicentennial year. I'll try to work with them reference this.

This brings up another point I'd like to mention. I hope all of the county consuls are interfacing with the local communities that the Lincoln Highway touches. We can "scratch each other's backs".

This past Thursday night, (9-13-07) we had our horses and trolley giving rides for a "Fun night at the Gazebo" in the court square in Tipton. There were about fifty antique and classic cars there on display. I plan to send them information about our motor trip. I'm sure every county has car shows similar to this that could be "fertile ground" to recruit people and cars for our next year's tour. Let's keep our eye and ears open, and spread flyers as we come across likely candidates for the tour.

I recently was contacted by a young man from Iowa City who is interested in the Historic Lincoln Highway. He would like an upgraded map of the Old Road. I know we have the map pack that shows the Old Road, but do we have a map that shows the Old Road and the Modern Name for the various segments of the road as they stand today? I know in Cedar County, wherever possible, we named the current road "Old Lincoln Highway". Did some of the other counties do this also? I think we need a map with the original route and to-

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This issue's new members.**

**George Adler
Jeff Quell
Donald Jones**

**Des Moines, Polk
Cedar Rapids, Linn L
Rippey, Greene L**

name of the road. I know that all counties named or numbered their rural roads and the cities and towns have always been named.

In Franklin Park, Illinois, the street signs are in red and bear the logo of the Lions Club. This is a clever idea. Are there any towns in Iowa that do this?

Our next meeting is in Ogden next month. Will see you then. As you travel the Old Lincoln Highway, take time to note something unique along the way to share with us. I'll see you then.

Keith

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SESQUICENTENNIAL

By Jeff LaFollette

Lowden, Iowa celebrated its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary on August 3, 4 and 5th 2007. Tammy and I had the opportunity to set up a LH table on the 4th. The weather was a bit iffy and we got sprinkled on by Mother Nature a few times during the day, but we had a lot of interested folks come to our table and look over what we had to



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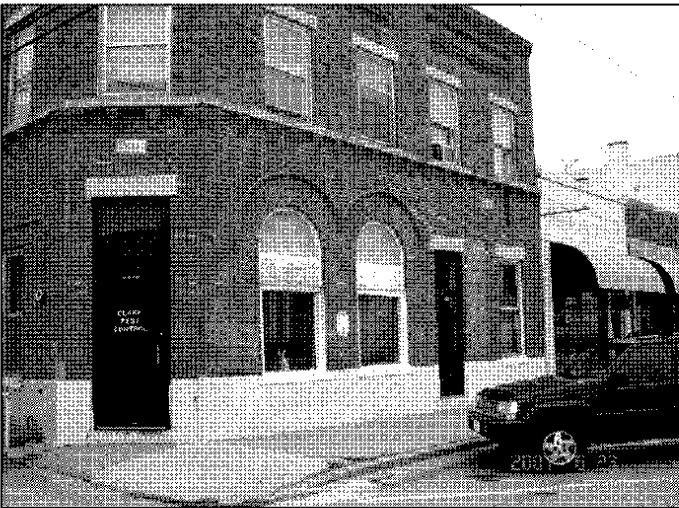
offer. We handed out a lot of brochures, and sold a few items, but the main thing was that we got the word out about the Lincoln Highway and got to hear some interesting stories from folks about what the Lincoln Highway meant to them.

Next year, Wheatland will celebrate its 150th birthday. But others will be celebrating them over the next several years. Some communities have already celebrated sesquicentennials. But if you know of a community in your county or a neighboring county that will be holding an event like Lowden, make it a point to volunteer to set up a table for a few hours. We might sign up a member or two, but mainly we are spreading goodwill from our group that we are truly interested in their community and the Lincoln Highway's role in their town. L

NAME THAT LINCOLN HIGHWAY SPOT

By Jeff LaFollette

In the last issue of "Along the LH" we introduced this little column for those folks who think they might recognize and know certain spots along the Lincoln in Iowa. Veteran spotters Paul Walker and Van Becker correctly guessed that this location below was a section of the old Lincoln Highway west of the Calamus Creek Pony Truss Bridge, between Calamus and Wheatland. This is a 1921 section that is still the original 16 foot width, even though it was resurfaced with asphalt. Paul and Van were the only ones to correctly guess this spot. Well, Van Becker has sent one in that had me stumped (which in reality isn't too hard to do). It was not where I thought it was, and on a late July trip across the state on the Lincoln, we found this spot.



Notice the small LH marker on the building. In the red and blue it reads "Control Station". I have seen only two of these on the route in Iowa, although I'm sure there are sharper eyes that may have seen more than the two I have seen along the road.

Well now it's your turn. I debated whether to give any hints in the last issue as to where the spot might be. But I will give you one hint. This location is west of the one in the last issue. And fall is a great time for a drive to see the colors and look for LH mystery spot!

So if you think you know where this spot is located, then drop me an e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com and give me your guess. If you guess correctly, we'll list your name in the next issue of this newsletter. Good luck and safe travels along the Lincoln Highway. L

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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. The past year has been an exciting one for our organization - an official "Scenic Byway" designation of the Lincoln Highway has been granted, we learned that the "highest point" on the Lincoln Highway is in Iowa and we are preparing to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the founding of the current Lincoln Highway Association which happened in Ogden, Iowa. In addition, Youngville Café was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

And there's more to come! Next year in August, we will host the first statewide tour of the Iowa Lincoln Highway. There are many exciting and interesting things happening along the road in our state, and we don't want you to miss out. Contact webmistress Sandii Huemann-Kelly at shk@videoportraits.com or newsletter editor Jeff LaFollette through e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com. L

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It All Started in Iowa: The Rebirth of the Lincoln Highway Association

By Kay Shelton

In Greene County, Iowa, proposed changes to Route 30 east of Jefferson and west of Grand Junction included plans to destroy pavement poured in 1924 and a historic bridge.

1 Bob Ausberger served on the Board of Supervisors. He thought the proposed changes would not be positive and decided to try to fight it.

2 After a chance conversation with Rusty Franzwa, brother of Gregory and an employee of the local store Glidden Hardware, Bob called Gregory for advice on how to prevent the proposed road changes. Gregory suggested that Bob needed an organization.

3 He knew people in the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) who might be interested in forming a new group and others such as Earl Givens in Las Vegas and Marvin Wolfe. OCTA's mission includes historical preservation, which is what Bob wanted for the Lincoln Highway. Bob knew that Iowa State recently finished a study on the Lincoln Highway in Iowa and hosted the Iowa State Lincoln Highway Symposium. Some of the people involved with that included Drake Hokanson, Brian Butko, and Carol Ahlgren. Despite the efforts of the growing group, the highway department brought road 'improvements,' thus destroying the historic bridge and a section of the Lincoln Highway.

4 The loss did not deter the group, however. Instead, it gave the members determination, resolve, and the will to continue preserving the Lincoln Highway. Next, Bob scheduled a meeting at the City State Bank in Ogden, Iowa.

5 Combining a list of people interested in the Lincoln Highway, OCTA members, those involved with commercial archaeology from contacts through Carol Ahlgren, and press releases sent to newspapers along the route in every state, the small group persuaded enough people to attend the meeting that the Lincoln Highway Association could be reborn. On Saturday, October 31st, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. at the City State Bank in Ogden, the Lincoln Highway Association was reborn.

6 The next day, the group took a bus tour of the Lincoln Highway with approximately 30 people.

7 On that tour was Harry Monnier, who became the first Lincoln Highway Association Life Member.

On October 31, 2007, let's all wish a happy birthday to the second Lincoln Highway Association. L

(Ed. Note: Kay Shelton is the State Director of the Illinois LHA)

BURMA SHAVE JINGLES

Both Hands— On Wheel—Eyes On Road—That's The Skillful—Driver's Code—Burma Shave (1946)

Altho Insured—Remember, Kiddo—They Don't Pay You—They Pay— Your Widow—Burma Shave (1951)

Pedro—Walked—Back Home, By Golly—His Bristly Chin—Was Hot-To-Molly—Burma Shave (1963)

JOIN US WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...15 YEARS AGO! OGDEN TO HOST THE FALL 2007 MEETING

On October 31, 1992, a group of individuals got together in Ogden, Iowa. Their main concern was the future of the Lincoln Highway, preservation of the road, and public awareness of the historic highway. Their efforts have to be considered successful, because fifteen years later there are chapters in every state the road crosses and a strong national organization that has a national conference every year.

To commemorate this anniversary, the Iowa LHA will conduct its fall meeting where it all began...again... in Ogden, at the same location the first meeting was held in 1992. This time our meeting will take place on **Saturday October 13** at the **Ogden State Bank** located at **217 W. Mulberry St.** one block south of the Lincoln Highway (Main Street). Coffee, and rolls will be served at 9:00 AM. President Keith will drop the gavel around 9:30. After the meeting, lunch will be catered in for us. Cost of lunch will be \$8.00 per person. After lunch, we would like everyone in attendance to stay around for a photograph of the group. Also, there will be a tour west of Ogden hosted by Bob & Joyce Ausberger.

We would encourage anyone and everyone who was or is currently involved in the Iowa LHA to attend. Past and present county consuls, presidents, officers, and state directors, AND anyone who has a love of the Lincoln highway or wants to share some stories of the road whether you traveled it to and from work everyday, ran a business on the road or just sat on your front porch and watched the cars go by, please come and share your thoughts. L



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WELCOME TO NEW MARSHALL COUNTY CONSUL HARLAN QUICK

Please join us in giving a hearty welcome to Harlan Quick of State Center who became our new Marshall County Consul in October 2007.

Harlan replaces longtime Marshall County Consul Catherine Noble. Harlan was born in Boone, Iowa and grew up in Stratford, Iowa graduating from Stratford High School in 1965. His father owned and operated a service station and tank wagon for the Mobil Oil Company for 51 years in Stratford. The station was located on Highway 175 and he grew up working at the station. His father's supplier was in Boone and operated a service station on the Lincoln Highway.

Harlan graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a BA and an MA in history. He taught history at the West Marshall Middle and High Schools in State Center for 33 years before retiring in 2003. Both schools are on the first paved route of the Lincoln Highway going through State Center. Harlan is also involved with the State Center Historical Society and the State Center Development Assoc.

Harlan and his wife Marcia have been married for 32 years and have two grown children and three grandchildren.

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association also wishes to express its thanks to Catherine Noble for her time, service and dedication to the Lincoln Highway and her service as Marshall County Consul. L

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STATE DIRECTOR JEFF LAFOLLETTE TO RUN FOR A SECOND TERM

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association board of directors has voted to nominate current State Director Jeff LaFollette to a second term. His current term expires in June 2008.

LaFollette's name will be submitted to the National Lincoln highway Association's nominating committee to be placed on the ballot for national LH members to vote for directors from the Lincoln Highway states.

LaFollette has been the Iowa State Director since 2005. He is also the Clinton County Consul and is also the current editor of this newsletter.

He has been involved with the Route 66 Association of Illinois, serving as its president from 1999-2004, and also chaired four of that association's annual motor tours from 1998-2001. He is currently organizing the Iowa LHA Motor Tour which is scheduled for August 8-10, 2008.

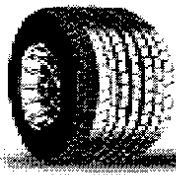
LaFollette will continue to work to represent Iowa at the national level and continue to work for preservation at both the state and national level. LaFollette is currently serving on a committee on the National LHA that is working to get federal grant funding through the National Park Service for the Lincoln Highway, similar to a project he worked with leaders from Route 66 states to get NPS grant funding for Route 66 projects.

Ballots for the election of national LHA candidates will be in an upcoming issue of the "LHA Forum" L



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BY VAN & BEV
BECKER

CAR CLASH- Within a few years, America will have only a few automobile companies. The next two or three years will determine which companies are to come to the front and form the nucleus for gigantic combinations and which companies will either go by the board or be swallowed up by the fittest survivors." Sound familiar? Straight from the evening news? Nope, *Forbes*, November 22, 1922. Some things never change. Now that you're recalling those wonderful old times and long days driving the traffic-free Lincoln Highway, I will take this opportunity to spring a ... POP QUIZ.

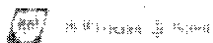
Alert readers of this column with good memories will recall four years ago when I first started this quiz. I promised more, so now is the time. Get your pencils ready and no looking at your neighbor's paper. Your editor, Jeff, has promised to list the answer key elsewhere in this issue. Now, go mark it up and have fun!

1. Did the 1928 Ford Model A have the sun visor inside or outside the car?
A) Inside B) Outside
2. What automobile offered "tops" as standard equipment in 1915?
A) Ford B) Chevrolet C) Oldsmobile D) Buick
3. What year was the hit tune "In My Merry Oldsmobile" published?
A) 1895 B) 1900 C) 1905 D) 1915

IN MY MERRY OLDSMOBILE



VINCENT BRYAN
GUS EDWARDS

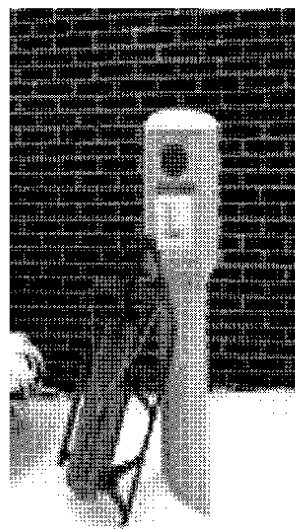


4. What year were automatic windshield wipers introduced as standard equipment?
A) 1903 B) 1913
C) 1923 D) 1933

5. What oil company offered the first free road maps in 1913?
A) Standard B) Gulf
C) Shell D) White Eagle

6. What year did the first gas gauge appear on cars?
A) 1895 B) 1915
C) 1922 D) 1934

7. What automobile offered a compass and a camera as standard equipment in 1919?
A) Ford Model T B) Curved-dash Oldsmobile
C) Stanley Steamer D) Templar Touring Roadster
8. How many mounted spare tires did the 1916 Hudson have?
A) One B) Two C) Four D) Six
9. What year was the first automobile finance company formed?
A) 1895 B) 1905 C) 1915 D) 1922
10. What year was coast-to-coast bus service offered in the United States?
A) 1901 B) 1915 C) 1928 D) 1934
11. What state required automobile license plates in 1901?
A) Michigan B) California C) Ohio D) New York
12. What company introduced the first balloon tire in 1923?
A) Firestone B) Goodyear C) Michelin D) Pirelli
13. What year was the first three-colored traffic light installed in Detroit, Michigan?
A) 1900 B) 1905
C) 1919 D) 1922



OK, pencils down. Keep reading this issue to find the answer key.

Van & Bev

LINCOLN HIGHWAY ENDOWMENT FUND 2008 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. Two states submitted applications in 2007. 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 not later than **March 1, 2008**. 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 2008, 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 mail it

make sure that it gets to the Endowment Committee Chair.

You may also contact the Endowment Committee Chairman, **Bob Dieterich**. Bob lives at 4521 Woodmont Ct. Fair Oaks, CA 95628. He can be reached by phone at 916-967-7680 and his e-mail address is bobd@sbcglobal.net. **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 bob-joyce@netins.net

We hope to have someone from Iowa apply and receive a grant at the 2008 National Conference in Evanston, Wyoming. Don't forget, if you have any questions regarding the grant applications, contact us soon. Time to get grants submitted for 2008 is running out!

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Ron Cory speaks to an enthusiastic audience that gathered for the dedication of the restored cabin at King's Tower in Tama on September 23, 2007. Cabin tours and refreshments followed the ceremony.



Iowa Transportation Museum Opens Online With Heroes Center

Visitors encouraged to nominate transportation heroes from their lives

Grinnell, IA –Even before it officially opens its doors to the public, the Iowa Transportation Museum is taking flight online with the launch of its interactive, web-based Heroes Center.

At www.TransportationHeroes.org, visitors of any age can nominate heroes who they feel have made a difference in the transportation industry. The new site also features commentary from former Iowa Gov. Robert Ray who shares his thoughts on what makes a transportation hero and the important role that transportation plays in all of our lives.

"The Heroes Center is all about honoring the people who make the wheels go round – assuring us of a better life," said Gerald Schnepf, president of the Iowa Transportation Museum's board of directors. "For too long many of these heroes have gone unrecognized, and it is time to tell their stories. We are thrilled to be opening this online version of the museum experience and we aim to use content from it to help develop future exhibitions at the museum and, more importantly, to provide role models to our youth that can inspire and motivate them into the field of transportation."

By early next year an inaugural class of heroes will be inducted into the Heroes Center, and an expanded version of the site will be launched that will use a blend of personal interviews, videos and written stories to shine a light on some of the heroes who have kept our country moving forward.

Nominations for the Heroes Center will be accepted year-round with no limit to the number of individuals who can be inducted each year. Visitors to the site will be asked to select one of three categories when nominating a hero:

- **"Heroes by Example"** – transportation workers who have accomplished their everyday job in an extraordinary way;
- **"Heroes of Industry and Technology"**– those individuals who have made significant breakthroughs or contributions in transportation-related industries or technologies; and
- **"Heroes of Valor"** – transportation workers who have placed their life at risk – either willingly or unknowingly – while on the job.

"The Heroes Center is breaking the mold by telling the stories of the unsung heroes, particularly those right here in Iowa," said Gordon Canfield, treasurer for the Iowa Transportation Museum's board of directors and mayor of Grinnell. "I hope that everyone takes advantage of this special opportunity to get the transportation hero in their life recognized. "The Heroes Center will serve as the centerpiece of the Iowa Transportation Museum, currently in development in Grinnell at the former site of the historic Spaulding Manufacturing Co., where thousands of horse drawn vehicles and motorcars were once produced in the early 1900s.

The mission of the Iowa Transportation Museum is to explore the evolution of transportation, making it come alive to enhance our understanding of how transportation systems and workers contribute to the culture and quality of life we enjoy. For further information about the museum or its Heroes Center, visit www.IowaTransportationMuseum.org. (Submitted by Jack Wiezien)

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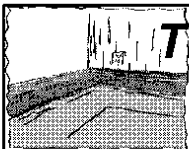
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The President's Corner

By Keith Whitlatch, ILHA President

Recently I was given a copy of a DVD by a friend of mine. The first, entitled **"Out of the Mud"**, presents the history of roads in Iowa from 1840 to the present. The DVD contains numerous references to the Lincoln Highway and the Lincoln Highway Association. Part II, **"Tall Grasses and Prairies"**, gives the history of grasses and flowers in Iowa. It shows how wild flowers are being planted along the many miles of roadway in Iowa. The DVD was produced, filmed and narrated by Mark Muller. Persons interested in this DVD should contact Mark at 515-239 1768. I would encourage anyone interested in Iowa roads to obtain a copy of this DVD. The DVD is a product of the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund.

My wife Lois is a cookbook collector and serves as committee chairman of a committee with the Cedar County Historical Society that plans to publish a "golden anniversary" cookbook for the local society. As such she has been doing a lot of research on other works done. In doing so, she came across a cookbook put out by the Boone County Historical Society; "The Boone County Historical Society Sesquicentennial Cookbook" published in 1996. The book features pictures and brief articles about historical places in Boone County. As the historic Lincoln Highway passes through the county, it features a photo of the Rainbow Arch Bridge and mentions the Lincoln Highway Association. The book also has a photo of the Ogden Park. The accompanying information points out that the "the Lincoln Highway was once Ogden's Main Street, something that few communities in our nation can claim". I suspect one could still purchase a copy of this cookbook from the Boone County Historical Society.

This DVD and the cookbook are just a couple of examples of information that are out there on the Lincoln Highway. It seems like almost every day I run across something or someone that makes reference to the highway.

For example, Lois and I were having lunch at Dittos in Stanwood on Sunday; the place was packed and so we shared our table with two strangers passing through. The one gentleman looked at me a bit, and asked who I was. I told him. He grinned and said he thought so. He was a Lincoln Highway fan and had grown up in Lisbon. He said he liked to go to Hi-Way Gardens when he was a kid (he still looked like a kid); and one time he "kind of" got involved in one of those "big fights" the Hi-Way Gardens were known for, and ended up in my jail overnight as a guest. He said it wasn't too bad and the food was good. He is still interested in the Lincoln Highway and we hope will get involved. . . It was just another interesting tidbit on the life along the Lincoln Highway.

This past Monday, December 10, 2007, I had the occasion to visit the Old Lincoln Highway "up close and personal". Having time on my hands I have volunteered to be a sub bus driver for the North Cedar School district. The four communities that compose this district are Lowden, Clarence, Stanwood and Mechanicsville. The route I had the privilege of driving on Monday departed from Clarence on the Lincoln Highway (now called 150th Street) to Taylor Avenue and south. The bus is an 85 capacity unit, about as long as a railroad car and almost as wide. The road was snow-covered and almost impossible to see the center line or the edges of the road. On this route I have places where I have to drive in and back out onto that narrow road, so it is a challenge in the best of conditions. Having driven this route before with this big bus, I knew how narrow that road is. (I did do OK, ice and all, by the way) The Old Lincoln Highway is now a county road and remains the same width as when it was first paved. It makes you realize what it was like years ago. It is hard to imagine that the traffic that travels on US 30 and Interstate 80 traveled on this narrow road at one time.

This bus route also took me on part of the Herbert Hoover Highway which runs from Lowden to Iowa City - via Tipton. These two historic highways meet in Lowden. Cedar County, when naming and numbering their road system, named the road from the settlement of Massillon on the Wapipinicon River to Tipton as the Hoover Highway.

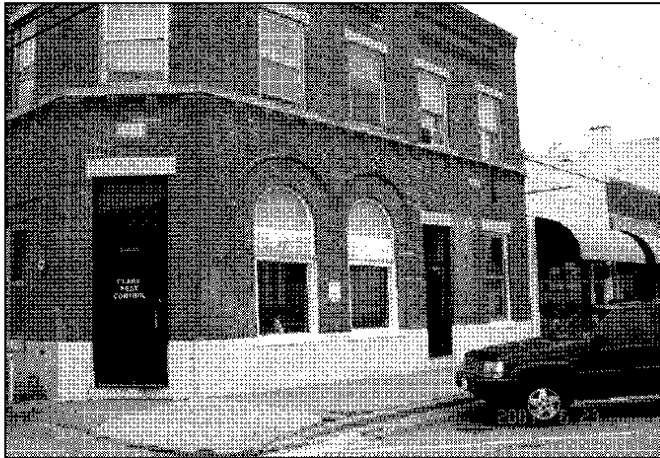
The next time you travel on one of the sections of the Lincoln Highway that is not a part of Highway 30, try and visualize today's traffic on the old highway. Wow. Hopefully you can do this next August when we travel from the Mississippi River to the Missouri River on the Auto Tour.

One other item of interest I just noticed. There is a new "Watering Hole" in Stanwood on the Lincoln Highway, called "Bud's Highway Garden.", open seven days a week, it says on the door. It is in a building that was built by Effie Treiweiler who operated a tavern there for many years. Effie also had a facility that was a forerunner of today's "Convenience Store" just west across the street from the aforementioned facility. The original business that Effie ran was just east of the now defunct, former Hi-Way Gardens, a dance hall known across the Middle West. It is now a snow covered empty lot, but, as the gentleman I had lunch with the other day attested, it is not to be forgotten.

Keith

NAME THAT LINCOLN HIGHWAY SPOT

In our last issue, Van Becker submitted this Lincoln Highway spot for you to try and figure out where on the road this could be. Well, Van did a great job! No one guessed where it is, and even your editor had to think about it. I did discover where it was, and I was wrong about where I originally thought it was. So I'm giving Van a gold star for stumping all our readers, and I'm also not going to tell you where this spot is this time. I'm going to give all of you one more try to figure out where this Lincoln Highway spot is located.



E-mail me your guesses at jefflaf@peoplepc.com and if you guess it correctly we'll list your name in the next issue of "Along the Lincoln Highway" **L**

BURMA SHAVE JINGLES

You Know- Your Onions- Lettuce Suppose- This Beets 'Em all- Don't Turnip Your Nose- Burma Shave (1935)

It's Best For- One Who Hits- The Bottle- To Let Another- Use The Throttle- Burma Shave (1940)

This Cream- Makes The- Gardener's Daughter- Plant Her Tu-Lips- Where She Oughter- Burma Shave (1953)

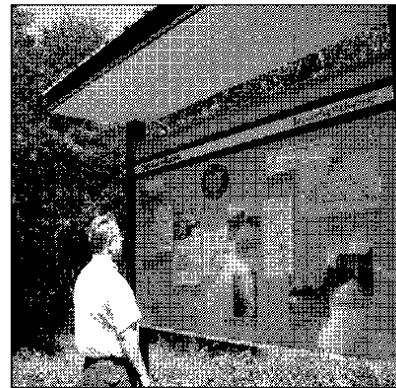
Passing Cars-When You Can't See- Might Get You- A Glimpse- Of Eternity- Burma Shave (1959)

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

April 12, '08	Crawford County
July 12, '08	To Be Announced
October 12, '08	To Be Announced
January 10, '09	To Be Announced

SCENES FROM THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

This photo of our president Keith Whitlatch was taken at the Harrison County Welcome Center where the Iowa LHA visited in the fall of 2006. It is a fact that Keith makes friends everywhere he goes on the Lincoln Highway



Van Becker is inspecting this Linn County Lincoln Highway kiosk, the most recent kiosk installed, to make sure that the information is accurate and historically correct. I can guarantee you he is not looking for directions to get back home.

SPARE TIRE QUIZ ANSWER KEY

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1) Outside | 2) Oldsmobile | 3) 1905 | 4) 1923 |
| 5) Gulf Oil | 6) 1922 | 7) Templar Touring Roadster | |
| 8) Four | 9) 1915 | 10) 1928 | |
| 11) New York | 12) Firestone | 13) 1919 | |

Did you get 11-13 correct?- Step to the head of the class (We were looking for volunteers!)

Did you get 8-9 correct? Take a coffee break. You deserve it!

Everyone else- It's time to start your winter reading lists.

Hope the second half was worth the long wait! **L**

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

Donald Jones
Don Libby Family
Jeff Quell
Harlan & Marcia Quick
Gina D'Atri-Reeves
Merle Simonsen

Ripsey, Greene **L**
West Des Moines, Polk
Cedar Rapids, Linn **L**
State Center, Marshall **L**
Ogden, Boone **L**
Tucson, AZ

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See the Lincoln Highway Clubhouse in Jefferson
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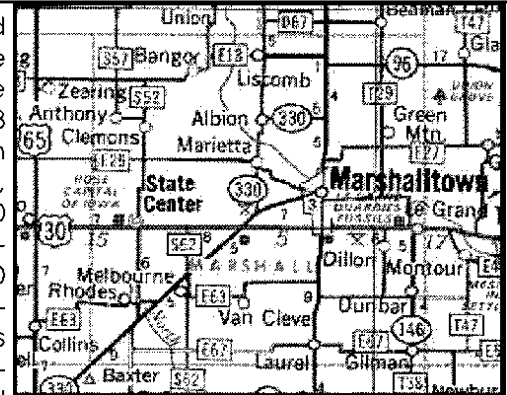
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NEXT IOWA LHA MEETING TO BE IN STATE CENTER

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day are behind us and now winter has taken hold and settled in with cold and snow. So the perfect cure for cabin fever is to get together with one of our favorite friends, that being the Iowa Lincoln Highway. Our first meeting of 2008 will be conducted in **State Center** on **Saturday January 12**. The location of the meeting will be at a restored building located at **104 W. Main St.** in downtown State Center. Rolls and coffee will be available at 9:00 AM to warm up from a drive in the cold. Then our president Keith Whitlatch will drop the gavel to get the meeting underway around 9:30 AM. We will discuss various topics and plans for 2008, including the motor tour, and a joint meeting with the Illinois LHA to be held in Iowa this year. Lunch will be catered in and there will be a choice of either submarine or chicken salad sandwiches as the main entrée. Lunch will also include one side, dessert and a drink. Cost will be \$8.00 per person, and food orders will be taken shortly before the meeting gets underway. So even though it may be cold outside, come join us and think spring and summer as we plan for the upcoming year ahead. We hope to see you in State Center.



FROM THE EAST: Follow US 30 west to State Center. Turn right on Durham Ave. off of US 30. Follow Durham Ave to W. Main St and turn right. Look for 104 W. Main and maybe some LH signs. If you come in on the old Lincoln Highway from the east (County Road E 41) follow it into State Center, and it becomes 4th St. SW. Take 4th St SW to Durham Ave. then turn right. Take Durham to W. Main, turn right and look for 104 W. Main.

FROM THE WEST: Follow US 30 east to State Center then turn left off of US 30 onto Durham Ave. Then follow the above directions to the meeting location at 104 W. Main St. L

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