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VAN BECKER TO RUN FOR NATIONAL LHA AT-LARGE DIRECTOR POSITION

Every year the National Lincoln Highway Association elects directors to its board. There are 14 state directors positions and four at-large positions. Currently, Jeff LaFollette is the Iowa State Director. Last year, Van Becker of Cedar Rapids was appointed by national LHA president Bob Dieterich to fill a vacant at-large director position.

Van has agreed to run for a full three year term as an at-large director on the Lincoln Highway Association Board. Van was previously an executive advisor to the national president of the LHA, and has been President of the Iowa Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association for two terms. He and his wife Bev hosted the National LHA Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2006. Van is very familiar with the people and the mission of the organization.

Since he joined the LHA in 1996, Van has attended 86% of the national conferences. Most of all, he does this because he wants to, and not because it will enhance his resume.

Van voluntarily enlisted in the US Army during the Vietnam Era and served as a radar instructor in the Signal Corps, which culminated in a short tour in Korea. He was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1969. He graduated from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa with a BA

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degree in business administration.

Van was employed by Rockwell-Collins as an international contract manager. He left Rockwell-Collins,



because he needed to acquire sales experience to qualify for promotion.

Van also held various high-dollar sales positions including the sale of vintage collectible cars.

He returned to Rockwell-Collins as a professional radio operator and capitalized on his unique combination of FCC radio licenses and security clearances. Van retired from Rockwell-Collins late in 2007.

Van has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1962. His call letters are W0VAN. He is the license trustee of the Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group. Recently Van acquired the new current call letters for the group which are NY2SF. (New York to San Francisco, the route of the Lincoln Highway)

Van is married to his wife Bev, and has lived in the same home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for over 30 years.

If you are a national LHA member, please vote for Van, and all the candidates on the ballot, when you receive your next issue of the "Forum". If you are not a national LHA member, you can get info on joining at www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org.



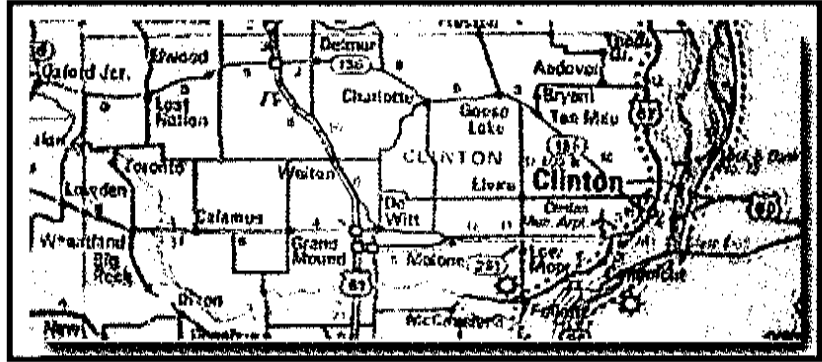
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Between The Rivers...

and
then some!

By
Jeff LaFollette



March is a time of rebirth with the coming of spring. Along with the change of season is the time that basketball fans affectionately call "March Madness." The madness struck several communities along the Lincoln Highway this year. Cedar Rapids placed two teams in the Class 4A state basketball tournament. Ames won the Class 4A title for the second year in a row. Carroll qualified in Class 3A and Carroll Kuemper finished third in Class 2A. And the madness struck the Clinton county communities of Calamus and Wheatland as the Cal-Wheat Warriors finished second in Class 1A.

Calamus and Wheatland entered a whole grade sharing agreement in 1985 and the two schools consolidated in 1990. The last time either Calamus or Wheatland was in the state basketball tournament was 50 years ago in 1960 when the Wheatland Wildcats had a record of 23-1 going into the 1960 state tourney. In a poll of 18 sportswriters across Iowa, 14 picked defending state champion Calumet. Three favored Hudson. Only the sportswriter from the *Osceola Courier* picked Wheatland.

Wheatland defeated New Vienna St. Boniface 53-48 in the district final. In the state quarterfinal, Wheatland defeated Douds-Leando 66-46. In the semis, they beat Moorhead 67-56 to set up the championship game against defending state champ Calumet.

Enrollment for Class B teams were schools with 101 students or less. Wheatland had an enrollment of 97, just five students shy of being a Class A school. Calumet, on the other hand had an enrollment of only 36.

Wheatland came out strong and led Calumet 34-19 at the half, but Calumet came back in the second half and tied the game in the final minutes. With nine seconds left, Wheatland scored the winning basket to win the game by a score of 61-59. The Wildcats ended the season as champions with a record of 27-1.

According to the *Davenport Times*, a forerunner of the *Quad City Times*, Wheatland was a "ghost town" on Friday and Saturday when the final two games were played at the Iowa Fieldhouse in Iowa City. There were fewer than 500 people in the town and almost everyone trokked to Iowa City in two chartered busses and a caravan of cars. When the team

returned to town late Saturday night after its championship victory, it was greeted by a parade of 200 vehicles, headed by the town's fire truck.

Imagine a caravan of 200 vehicles heading into town along the Lincoln Highway. I'll bet it was quite a traffic jam along that stretch of US 30 and even into Wheatland along the old Lincoln Highway.

As the years have passed most all small schools have consolidated, and all the teams Wheatland played in the 1960 tournament have been absorbed into consolidated districts. Calumet, the team that Wheatland defeated has been absorbed into South O'Brien High School in Paullina. But as Wheatland can be proud of their 1960 champions, the communities of Calamus and Wheatland can be equally proud of the 2010 Class 1A runner up. Congratulations to all the schools along the Lincoln Highway who participated in the Iowa state basketball tournament. And to Calamus-Wheatland, we hope it won't be another 50 years before your team makes it back to the state tourney.

(Editor's Note: Thanks to the Quad City Times for the history of the 1960 state tournament for this story.



Team photo of the 1960 Class B Iowa state champion Wheatland High School boys basketball team.
(Photo Courtesy of the Quad City Times)

State Center, Iowa Keeping History Alive Along the Lincoln Highway

By Carman Rosburg, Prairie Rivers RC&D

As I sat down with Harlan Quick, Everett Halsted and Mike Kielly in the new State Center Development office, I soon realized that State Center, located in western Marshall County, is a community with a long history of volunteerism and local pride. From the beginning of the 20th Century, State Center's Main Street, located along the original Lincoln Highway, has been a focal point of pride for the community.

State Center's footprint in Marshall County has not changed much over the last 100 years; its population is about the same. Like most small communities, State Center has seen many of its residents go from working in State Center to commuting to other larger towns for employment. The people of State Center, however, have kept a strong sense of identity.

This article is meant to share some of the things that have made a difference in State Center. They have steadily built on their past with the future in mind. This process has provided economic benefits to the city and has brought pride to its residents. Their efforts have created a jewel on the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway.

In 1913-1914, plans for the Lincoln Highway route through State Center were put into place. Ira Kauffman, a local doctor and president of the local Automobile Club, worked to bring the Lincoln Highway down Main Street. The town invested in curb and gutter on Main Street and graveled the route through town in 1917-1918. It was hoped this would ensure the permanent Lincoln Highway would pass through State Center. In 1922, the signs for the Lincoln Highway were moved to Main Street from a temporary route running along the north edge of State Center. In 1925, the Main Street route was paved along with the rest of the Lincoln Highway across Marshall County. Businesses thrived and continued to prosper until a gradual decline began with the realigning of Highway 30 in 1930-1931; this realignment directed the main flow of traffic away from downtown State Center. Changes in transportation and a decreasing farm population contributed to the decline of small farm to market towns like State Center.

Dr. Kauffman left a living trust to the community. Following the death of his wife and only daughter, the trust transferred to the City of State Center, which created the Kauffman Charitable Trust. The mission of the Kauffman Trust is to benefit the quality of life of the residents of the City of State Center and the surrounding area.

For the most part, the community remained the same until the 1980's, when the agricultural crisis hit

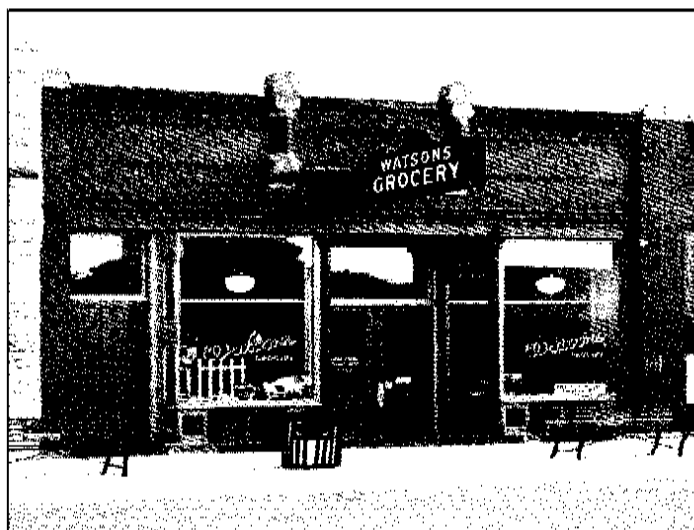
and accelerated what had been a gradual decline. At that time, the State Center Development Association, with the support of the City Council, chartered a 501(c)3 non-profit group. This move helped the community secure grants and financial opportunities in an effort to counter the farming crisis and reduce its impact on the community. Meanwhile, the storefronts and general appearance of Main Street continued to deteriorate.

Watson's Grocery, which had been in operation since 1885, closed in 1981 after its owner, Florence Watson, was no longer able to maintain it. The present building was built in 1895 after a fire destroyed the original. This store and its interior had changed little since its construction. The store sat just as Florence left it until she passed away in 1989. This was a turning point. A local preservation effort to save Watson's Grocery began with widespread community support.

The newly formed "Committee to Save Watson's" recognized Watson's as a local historical treasure. They, along with the support of other State Center area residents, raised funds to buy the building and its contents. In 1990, Florence Watson's heirs put the property and its contents up for auction. The building and about 75% of the contents were purchased by the Committee, and the work to make the store a museum and repository of local history began. The need to maintain and operate Watson's Grocery as a museum resulted in the formation of the State Center Historical Society.

In 2000, producers of the movie *Rain* were choosing a setting for their independent film. They identified State Center for their filming location based on the "rundown" Midwestern appearance of the town. That designation was an eye-opener for the citizens of State Center. The challenge facing the residents was how to fix up the town, while keeping in mind the need to fix up and make the empty storefronts economically viable once again.

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Watson's Grocery State Center, IA (Photo by Carman Rosburg)

(Keeping History Alive continued from page 3)

The Iowa Department of Economic Development's Main Street Iowa Program started in State Center in 2000. The mission of the Main Street Iowa Program is to improve the social and economic well being of Iowa's communities by assisting selected communities in capitalizing on their unique identity, assets, and the character of their historic commercial districts. Main Street Iowa is economic development within the context of historic preservation. This, along with the Iowa Department of Transportation's Community Visioning program, helped focus the direction for improvements within the community and prioritized the projects the community had identified in surveys conducted with the help of planners from Iowa State University.

The building next to Watson's Grocery was empty, its floor falling in, and its roof damaged. Renovation of the decrepit building was needed to keep the appearance of the historic Main Street intact. With the help of many volunteers, the Main Street Iowa program, and a number of grants, work began. Many volunteer hours later, 104 West Main was restored. The building was sold to the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in 2005, giving the State Center Development Association funds for future renovation projects.

In 2006, the State Center Historical Society and State Center's Main Street Iowa Program became part of the State Center Development Association, combining economic development and historic preservation that has served State Center well.

Completed projects include new Main Street paving and lighting, and a new Main Street grocery store. Preservation of historic architectural design on the storefronts, combined with residential space on the second floors and back portions of the buildings, made restoration feasible. State Center continues to attract new residents and new businesses.

State Center has found success due to five factors:

1. They have worthwhile ideas or projects to attract volunteers and supporters.
2. They have progressive and supportive City Council members who crossover from other community groups.
3. There is a working Main Street Iowa organization in place.
4. They have vision for projects that will fill a need, both now and in the future.
5. There has been charitable giving to the State Center community from two charitable trusts.

Their current projects along the Lincoln Highway route include: a renovation of the building at 127 West Main, adding shutters to the one room Washington Center School and also signage along the routes of the Lincoln Highway.

The newly designated Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is providing additional energy and resources for the ongoing efforts in State Center and other communities.

Next time you travel the Lincoln Heritage Byway, be sure to take time to visit State Center. "The Rose Capital of Iowa".

(Editor's Note: Carman Rosburg is the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Project Director for the Prairie Rivers RC&D)

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The President's Corner

By Kathy Dirks,
ILHA President

Never say never, for if you live long enough, chances are you will not be able to abide by its restrictions. Never is a long, undependable time, and life is too full of rich possibilities to have restrictions placed upon it.

Gloria Swanson, Actress (1899 - 1983)

I try never to say never. How technology, my health, my life (insert what comes to your mind) is or appears to be today, is not necessarily how it will be or appear to be tomorrow. Those few times I have said it, it has usually come back to haunt me. My article in the last newsletter would be one example. I didn't exactly say "never" when I was writing about snowstorms and meeting cancellations, but it was the next thing to it. Since this has been a winter for the record books, I'd like to think good judgment prevailed when we opted to cancel the January meeting with the -25 temperature predictions.

Here's hoping that our next meeting in Denison on Saturday, April 10th will be a sunny, warm day with no snow. No matter the temperature, **don't wear sandals or shorts** if you are planning to go on the tour Crawford County Consul Deb Rothmeyer has planned for us.

Have I piqued your curiosity? If so, check out the meeting information on the back page of this newsletter and make your reservation to attend. In addition to an interesting tour, we will have full agenda of projects to discuss. Topics will include signage progress for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, an update on this summer's Iowa Lincoln Highway Motor Tour, and helpful information on how your county, community or business can be involved with the Lincoln Highway Buy-way Yard sale in August. Representatives from the RC & D's have also been invited to share an update about how their work with the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is progressing as well.

I mentioned this in the last newsletter but wanted to remind everyone that the National Lincoln Highway Association Conference will be in Dixon, Illinois on June 22 - 26, 2010. Conference information including program and hotel information is now available. Check it out on the Illinois Lincoln Highway Association website at www.illinoislincolnhighway.tripod.com/2010.html. Illinois has lined up some great tours, and done a wonderful job of holding the registration fee down - rolling it back to the same fee as when Illinois hosted in 1999. If you haven't made your summer vacation plans and would like to do something close to home, this could fit the bill. Have a great spring and I hope to see you in Denison on April 10th.

Happy Traveling!

Kathy

AMATEUR RADIO MEETS THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

By Van & Bev Becker

The select group of Iowa amateur radio operators who for the last two years have operated a summer "special event" radio station on the air celebrating 95 and then 96 years along the Lincoln Highway have banded together under the name Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group (LH-ARG). Under this new name, we applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a special call sign to use during on-the-air club operations. We are pleased to announce our Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group now holds the unique call sign: **NY2SF... "New York to San Francisco."** From the Eastern terminus to the Western terminus of the historic Lincoln Highway.

Only one station can hold this special call sign and the issuance is permanent, not temporary. The new call letters will be used proudly and often during our future special event operations. As in the past, the Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group plans to team with the Benton County Amateur Radio Club to operate another special event station celebrating 97 Years along the Lincoln Highway from Youngville Station the weekend immediately before the National Lincoln Highway Conference. Key officers of the new LH-ARG are Van & Bev Becker, LHA Life Members. Last year's special event spread the word of the Lincoln Highway to almost 1000 different stations in 3 countries. This year's event promises to be even bigger and better. Stand by for follow-up reports. **L**

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

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TIMES OF OUR LIVES
By Jim DeLong
FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE

(Editor's Note: This article was sent in by Van Becker. This was in the Saturday March 20, 2010 edition of the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* newspaper.)

20 Years ago: 1990

March 23: Belle Plaine resident George Preston said he was treated "just like the President of the United States" when he appeared on the *"Tonight Show"* with Johnny Carson.

Known for his entertaining stories of the Lincoln Highway, the 79 year old Belle Plaine native at one time operated a gas station on the highway adorned with advertising signs from the 1920's and 1930's.



George Preston at his station in Belle Plaine
 (Photo by Drake Hokanson)

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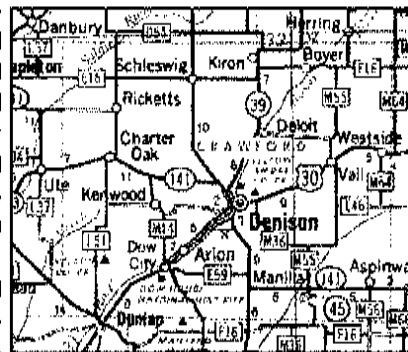
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Spring is the Time, Denison is the Place Iowa LHA Will Meet on April 10

Mother Nature played a cruel trick on us in January as the extreme cold forced us to postpone the meeting in Colo. But now April is upon us and spring is here. So we are going to get together in Denison for the next meeting of the Iowa LHA. We will meet at Cronk's Café located on the Lincoln Highway (US 30) in Denison beginning at 9:30 AM. Coffee and rolls will be available beginning at 9:00AM. Around 9:30AM, President Kathy Dirks will drop the gavel to begin the meeting. A couple of the topics discussed will be the communities along the Iowa LHA participating in the Lincoln Highway Buy-Way event on the second weekend of August and also the 3rd Annual Motor Tour update. There will also be an update on the signage and the Heritage Byway project. Plus we will discuss other plans and items for 2010 along the Iowa LHA.

Lunch will be served at Cronk's and a soup, salad and sandwich bar will be available, or if you wish you can order from the menu. Directions to the meeting location are pretty simple: From east or west get on the Lincoln Highway (US 30), head to Denison and look for Cronk's. After the meeting, Crawford County Consul Deb Rothmeyer has arranged a tour for us after lunch (around 1:30). Deb is requesting that you RSVP to either her or Jeff LaFollette by April 5, so she has a head count for Cronk's and the tour. Deb's e-mail is deb-bio44@frontiernet.net. Jeff's e-mail is jefflaf@peoplepc.com. **(NO SHORTS OR OPEN TOED SHOES FOR THE TOUR)**

Come join us on Saturday April 10 to see what is going on along the Lincoln Highway in Iowa in 2010. You are always invited to join us at our meetings. Your input is welcome. We hope you can join us in Denison and learn more about the Lincoln Highway and our organization. See you on the road!



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BRICK MURAL DEDICATED DURING CEREMONY AT BELLE PLAINE MUSEUM

On May 2nd a dedication to the **Legacy of the Belle Plaine Area** was held at the Belle Plaine Area Museum to commemorate the brick mural that



Brick Mural at Belle Plaine Museum
(Photo by Tammy LaFollette)

adorns the west wall of the building.

The mural depicts the growth and development of the community and the Benton County area through agriculture, architecture, and transportation. The mural is sculpted brick artwork which begins by carving pictures or designs into stacked blocks of wet clay. The clay is fired and the mason reassembles the finished bricks into their original order. This form of artwork dates back over 3000 years to the walled cities of ancient Mesopotamia.

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President Beverly Winkie organized the dedication and invited several individuals to speak, including the artist who designed the mural. Gary Anderson from Cedar Rapids. Also on hand to speak at the dedication were Ernie Tippie, BPHS board member, James Daily Belle Plaine Mayor, Larry Schlue of the Mansfield Foundation, Eugene Severson, BPHS Volunteer, Candy Streed of the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area, and Iowa LHA State Director Jeff LaFollette.



Iowa LHA State Director Jeff LaFollette
speaks at dedication
(Photo by Tammy LaFollette)

There is a Lincoln Highway marker in the mural depicting the importance of the road to the community. If you are traveling in the Belle Plaine area, it is most definitely worth stopping to look at. If you can, please plan to attend the next meeting of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association in Belle Plaine on Saturday July 10 at the museum. You are all invited to attend, and have the opportunity to see this fantastic piece of artwork for yourself. **L**



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BY VAN & BEV
BECKER

STANWOOD ONE-POST FILLING STATION

Lincoln Highway travelers in eastern Iowa should be familiar with this eyesore in Stanwood. The one-post canopy filling station still stands today with a faded Lincoln Highway logo painted on the post.



Back in the mid-40's, the station owner was Louie Luedeman and Merle Lehman, nephew of Louie, was hired to run it. Over a big Sunday dinner, Merle shared the following reminiscences of those days. Despite rumors to the contrary, the station has always been a one-post canopy station. In those early days, they pumped regular and ethyl Conoco gasoline on either side of the post. Working alone, Merle pumped gas, fixed tires, washed cars for \$1 and Simonized a sedan for \$10 to \$12. There was originally an outside drive-over oil pit for oil changes and grease jobs. In the winter those were cold jobs. The small station also served as a Greyhound bus depot. Only once while Merle operated it was the station robbed. The thieves made off in the night with a bag of quarters and a German P-38 pistol. Gas sold for only 27 cents a gallon back then so quarters were plentiful. The thieves missed the Greyhound cash receipts that were tucked away under the counter.

There was plenty of competition for the motorists' quarters in Stanwood. There were three other stations in the small town! One station was uptown in the business district and the other two were also along the Lincoln Highway.

The real estate market has changed quite a bit since Merle operated the station. Back in the late 40's, the whole business and station were offered for only \$3000. Money was tight and Merle declined the offer.

Iowa Lincoln Highway members may recall a frigid due-diligence visit a few years back when a local realtor tried to interest the Iowa LHA officers in an opportunity to purchase the station, with or without junk, for \$35,000. Your wise LHA officers told the realtor no. That was way too much money. What would we have done with it?



While still in Stanwood, today hungry road warriors can stop for a good snack at Ditto's. The sign on the outside corner of the building seems stuck on broasted chicken and catfish. Both are good, as I can attest, and I have the spare tire to prove it. Do any of you remember what was at that location before Ditto's restaurant? Yes, it was a good old-fashioned A&W Root Beer stand complete with carhops. (I couldn't find a photo; does anyone have a photo of this A&W stand to share?) Inside today's restaurant, there are very subtle hints of its past. They are there. Look carefully. Glass blocks on inside walls in strange places and lumps under the carpet that cause some tables to rock are all that remain of the tasty era of that earlier time. Before WW II, the whole strip where Ditto's stands was corn fields.

That should do it—Food, gas and a spare tire—that's all I need to create an article. **L**

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UPDATE ON IOWA LHA YARD SALE

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Buy Way Yard Sale is being planned and organized for the dates of **August 5, 6, and 7, 2010**. Crawford County Consul **Deb Rothmeyer**, of Denison is leading the effort to put this together across the state. Every community needs to be involved to make this a success. The county consuls are working to talk up the yard sale in their county and help make it a success. Deb is looking for help in putting this together. If you want to be a part of the yard sale, get in touch with Deb. Also, talk with your neighbors, local chambers, and tourism offices in the towns and counties, and talk up the yard sale. To contact Deb, you may call her at **712-263-8836**, or by e-mail at **debbie44@frontiernet.net**. We are looking forward to seeing lots of people having fun buying and selling items and traveling the Lincoln Highway in Iowa on the sale. Remember, make your friends, neighbors and your local press aware of this event. **L**

CHANGES TO YOUR IOWA LHA NEWSLETTER

If you haven't already noticed, in this issue there is a change in the contact information of the Iowa LHA officers, consuls and staff. In this high tech age, we fell behind the times a bit, so we decided to add the e-mail address of the officers, county consuls and staff. This change will make it easier for our members and others to contact our staff. We also have never had the contact information for our Membership coordinator, Cecil Stewart in the newsletter before this issue. Now if you have questions about your membership, or wish to get membership information, you may contact Cecil directly.

We are also looking at offering "**Along the Lincoln Highway**" as an e-newsletter. In this age of "going green" it is not only an option of saving money in printing but saving resources as well. We will have more about this option in the next issue. **L**

HIGH TECH MAPPING OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY HERITAGE BYWAY IN IOWA

By Peter Hoehnle

Iowa Valley RC&D Lincoln Highway Project Manager

Through a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, the Iowa Scenic Byways Sustainability project is in the process of mapping all of the byways in Iowa using Trimble handheld GPS units. These units pick up satellite signals that allow the person using the unit to accurately mark the location of businesses, historical sites, and other points of interest along the byways.

Volunteers have already begun work on the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, mapping key historical features such as the 1928 concrete markers, historic bridges and segments of original pavement, as well as every building listed on the National Register of Historic Sites that is on or near the route, and public amenities such as restaurants, public restrooms, parks and motels.

Each volunteer borrows the GPS unit from the RC & D office and staff members train them on how to use the unit (it usually takes about 30 minutes) as well as provide them with a list of locations to mark. After the locations have been marked or mapped, the unit is returned to the RC&D office so that the data can be downloaded onto a computer generated map.

The GPS units also take pictures and these pictures are linked to the locations that are marked. As a result, in the future, interactive maps of the Lincoln Highway and other byways in Iowa can be created where a person can click on a point on the map and immediately see a photograph of that location as well as read information about that site.

This mapping project is under the direction of the Northeast Iowa RC&D in Postville in partnership with the Iowa Valley and Golden Hills RC&D's. The staff of the M&M Divide RC&D and the Prairie Rivers RC&D will coordinate volunteers in their counties as the mapping progresses across the state.

The actual GPS mapping of locations will be completed this summer, while work on the maps themselves will go on for several months afterward.

If you are interested in participating in the mapping process, please contact Peter Hoehnle at the Iowa Valley RC&D in Amana at 319-622-3264 or by e-mail at peter@ivrcd.org. **L**

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

July 10, '10	Belle Plaine
October 9, '10	Clinton
January 8, '11	To Be Determined
April 9, '11	To Be Determined
July 9, '11	To Be Determined

Name That Lincoln Highway Spot

There was not enough room to get the answer and new photo for "Name That Lincoln Highway Spot" in the spring issue, so you all had more time to figure out where it was. Well only one person got the spot, and it was our highway super sleuth, Van Becker from Cedar Rapids. The photo was taken by Bryan Osberg from Urbandale during the 2009 Iowa LHA Motor Tour. The site was along an original section of the LH crossing from Carroll to Greene County. Congrats to Van.



Now, for this issue here is another location along the Iowa Lincoln Highway for you to try to figure out where it is. Yes, this is an actual spot on the road as



you can see the LH in the background of the photo, and you can tell it was taken when the weather was still cold. I won't say whether it is easy or hard but I will say that I would like the specific location. Send your guesses to me at jeffiaf@peoplepc.com, and if you are correct, we will print your name for all to see that you too are a road warrior and super sleuth of the highways. Remember, if you have a spot that you wish to try to stump us with, please send your photos of the spot, and information as to its whereabouts and we will gladly include it in another issue Happy hunting. **L**



The President's Corner

By Kathy Dirks, ILHA President

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Poet, Lecturer and Essayist (1803-1882)

My full-time employment is being the coordinator for the Harrison County Historical Village and Iowa Welcome Center near Missouri Valley. First and foremost, I am so lucky because 99% of the time I get to meet and work with happy people. Most everyone that stops at our facility is on vacation, and very few people that are on vacation aren't happy. In turn, the volunteers and others that work at the welcome center are cheerful people to begin with but are even more chipper because they get to help happy visitors.

Second, I am so fortunate because I get to constantly hear comments about how great our state is. No matter where our guests hail from, we consistently hear how beautiful Iowa is. How lush and green the landscape is. How friendly the people are. I'd challenge anyone who doesn't have pride in our state to spend a few days with our visitors. I can't imagine how anyone wouldn't think Iowa is a great place after listening to them.

Third, I am so blessed because I get to meet people from all over the United States and from all over the world. Each year, we consistently have visitors from all 50 states and approximately 24 foreign countries. Many of these people are on their way to the Black Hills or some other non-Iowa location. However, I think it would surprise most people how many of our visitors also want to see Iowa and how quite a few of them are traveling all or a portion of the Lincoln Highway.

This is why I have been so excited about the entire Iowa Byways program - especially all the wonderful activities that will be happening with the Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. I'm particularly excited about the new signage for the byway. I believe it will be a wonderful way to entice even more visitors to slow-down and take a road less traveled and to further experience the beauty of Iowa through its landscape, communities and people.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the next Iowa LHA meeting in Belle Plaine on July 10th.

Happy Traveling

Kathy

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Iowa has 2 National Scenic byways, 8 state scenic byways, and 1 state heritage byway-the Lincoln Highway. This is a 3 year project that will develop a local steering committee with new focus on promoting all of the byways in the state of Iowa. Specific work tasks will be performed in developing systems and products to facilitate sustainable organizations for the partnering byways located throughout the state of Iowa. Our overall goal is to establish a byway stakeholder group, facilitate the creation of a sustainable byways organization and facilitate revision of the corridor management plan for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. The comprehensive plan will provide the needed planning information to enable byway stakeholders and the organization to successfully implement sustainable byway development, marketing, and promotional activities.

**Congratulations and Thank You very much to
our newest Lincoln Highway
Association Life Member, Paul Walker of
Wilton, Iowa**

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

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**Joe Moore Steps Down As Boone County
Co-Consul- John Fitzsimmons Takes His Place**

Longtime Boone County Consul **Joe Moore** has stepped down from the position due to personal reasons. Joe has been a dedicated worker in Boone County getting recognition for the Lincoln Highway in the Boone and Ogden communities. Joe stated in his letter that he and his wife Barb are "still boosters and love the Lincoln Highway". We wish Joe and Barb the very best and hope to see them at future Iowa LHA meetings and events.

John Fitzsimmons who is the Iowa LHA Artist in Residence has agreed to take the spot that was held by Joe. John is a resident of Boone and does fantastic artwork of the Lincoln Highway and has painted the LH marker on poles in Boone County for a number of years. John will hold the co-consul position with **Ed Mondt**. We thank John for stepping forward to take the co-consul position. John is currently working to coordinate the Saturday evening car show event for Boone for this years motor tour. John's contact information can be found on page 3 with the Iowa LHA staff. **L**

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FOLLOW THAT LINCOLN HIGHWAY TWO LANE TO OUR NEXT MEETING IN BELLE PLAINE !

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association summer meeting takes us to the east central section of the state in Benton County where we will be meeting in Belle Plaine. The meeting will be conducted **Saturday July 10, 2010** at the **Belle Plaine Historical Museum**. The museum is located at 901 12th St. in downtown Belle Plaine. Coffee and rolls will be available at 9:00 AM. President Kathy Dirks will drop the gavel around 9:30 to begin the meeting. There will be many items of discussion, including the motor tour, the buy-way yard sale, and an update on the signage of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. We invite you to attend and see what is going on along the Iowa Lincoln Highway. After the meeting around noon, lunch will be served to us at the museum. Lunch will cost \$7.00 per person, and will consist of croissant sandwiches, chips, salads and dessert and beverage. If you are planning to attend, please contact Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jef-laf@peoplepc.com. We hope you can join us at the meeting.

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE EAST- Travel west on US 30 (Lincoln Highway) About 11 miles west of Youngville Café, look for County Road V40. Turn left onto V40 and drive south until you come to a T intersection which is 77th Ave., or county Road E66. Turn right onto E66 and continue west into Belle Plaine, where E66 becomes Henry Tippie Blvd. Look for 12th St. it will veer off to the left. Take 12th St. to the museum.

FROM THE WEST- Travel east across US 30 (Lincoln Highway) Take US 30 to the intersection with IA 21. Turn right onto IA 21 and follow into Belle Plaine. You'll drive past Preston's Station and in the city, you'll be on 13th St. Continue on 13th St until you come to 9th Ave. Turn right onto 9th Ave. and go one block to the museum.





ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

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ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS COMING UP AT OCTOBER ILHA MEETING

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association will meet in Clinton on Saturday October 9, and one of the items on the agenda will be election of a new slate of officers. Every two years, the association elects a new president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. All Iowa members are eligible to hold office, and all Iowa members are encouraged to attend the meeting and exercise your right to choose the leaders of our group. Current officers are President Kathy Dirks, Harlan, Vice-President Allan Richards, Tama, Secretary, Jeff Benson, Ames, and Treasurer Joyce Ausberger, Jefferson.

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact State Director Jeff LaFollette at 563-349-3047, or you can send him an e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com. Candidates can also be nominated at the meeting. If you are not running for an office, then we again encourage you to attend the meeting in Clinton and vote.

We thank all of our association members. Without you we would not be able to do the projects that we do in Iowa, the Buy-Way Yard Sale, the Motor Tour, and the many other projects that are going on along the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. By this time next year, we hope that the Lincoln Highway route in Iowa will be signed by the DOT. Thanks again to all our members, and we'll see you in Clinton. **L**

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

IOWA LHA WINS AWARDS, GRANT AT 2010 CONFERENCE IN DIXON, ILLINOIS

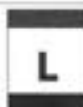
The Iowa LHA came back from the 2010 National LHA conference in Dixon, Illinois with two awards and a grant from the endowment committee.

An "Exemplary Friend of the Highway Award" was given to Van & Bev Becker of Cedar Rapids on behalf of their Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group with the call letters NY2SF. The award was presented for spreading awareness and knowledge of the Lincoln Highway from coast to coast and beyond.

Another "Exemplary Friend of the Highway Award" was given to the City of Clinton, Iowa for their recognition of the Lincoln Highway through their community. Clinton has utilized the Lincoln Highway logo on lamp posts, and bridges in the Lincolnway district, and now into the newly created Liberty Square district. Where the "L" is located in the logo, "Clinton" is incorporated in the logo, using the Lincoln Highway "L". Jeff LaFollette, Iowa State Director accepted the award, for the city, and he presented the award to Mayor Rodger Holm and the Clinton City Council at a council meeting on July 7.

Last but not least, the LHA Endowment committee gave out three grants this year totaling \$10,000. Iowa

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Between The Rivers... and then some! By



The autumn edition of *"Along the Lincoln Highway"* has given me the opportunity to talk about the Iowa LHA Motor Tour over the past two years. Well, I'm going to use this space to talk about the 3rd annual Iowa LHA Motor Tour.

This year's tour went from Clinton to Crescent. We set a record for cars registered this year with 62, breaking the record of 60 from year one. We had people from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota aboard this year. Of the 62 cars, 31 were first time tour participants. The Iowa LHA gained 31 new members from this year's tour.

The tour is made possible by the support of the county consuls of the Iowa LHA. Their help and support make planning the tour much easier and their enthusiasm for bringing people and vintage vehicles into their communities shows at every tour stop.

This is where I really want to take this column to recognize and thank those county consuls and communities for putting out the welcome mat for us.

Joe Goodlove from Cedar County organized the lunch stop in Lowden on Friday and Lowden was first class again. Great food, a live band and wonderful hospitality from Lowden we've come to expect.

Van Becker opened our eyes to two new spots in Linn County. Sutliff Cider Company, just south of Lisbon and the Hotel at Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids where we camped out on Friday evening. Sutliff Cider Company makes hard apple cider, and regular apple cider. They were a great stop and we look forward to visiting them again. The Hotel at Kirkwood is on the campus of Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids and is operated by students earning degrees in hotel management and culinary degrees. We were served a wonderful dinner where 62 members of the tour participated. The hotel is first class all the way. We'll be back there again for sure!

Mike Kelly from Benton County was at Youngville to greet us early on Saturday morning and helped organize that stop where we had great pastries, coffee, and juice. Our tour participants John & Lynn Urban from Wisconsin and Werner & Jan Langenbach from Minnesota parked their 1935 and 1936 Fords, respectively in front of the old gas pumps to give us great photo opportunities. From there we were off to Belle

Plaine, and thanks there to Bev Weinke and Ron Preston for having the museum and Prestons' Station open for us to browse at. Every time I'm at Preston's I always seem to see something new.

Tama County Consul Allan Richards met us as we passed over the Lincoln Highway bridge in Tama. Although it wasn't a tour stop this year since we stopped at John Ernest Winery a few miles east, Allan was there to greet us and wave as we went by. Allan has helped plan tour stops in Tama since the start and we thank him for taking time from his day to meet us.

Marshall County Consul Harlan Quick and his wife Marcia put together a wonderful lunch stop in State Center. Of course since Harlan is the mayor of the community, that helped too. State Center dedicated a park to Dr. Ira Kaufmann, an early supporter of the Lincoln Highway and a person who was dedicated to bringing the route into State Center. Another great lunch, and a band greeted us. The dedication was a nice touch of Lincoln Highway history. Way to go Harlan & Marcia!

John Fitzsimmons, Boone County Co-Consul helped organize the Transportation Show in downtown Boone. Businesses offered discounts and stayed open late. About 20 cars from the tour drove from Ames to Boone to partake. Co-Consul Ed Mondt and former Boone County Consul Joe Moore were there to greet us and help out. It was great seeing Ed & Joe at that tour stop.

Bob Owens, Kenny Russell and Bob & Joyce Ausberger from Greene County greeted the tour on Sunday morning at the Greene County Historical Museum even though we were running quite late. They had breakfast there for us and we got quite the tour of the museum. Bob Owens and Joyce Ausberger are Co-Consuls from Greene County and their enthusiasm for the Lincoln Highway never wanes. Thanks for getting up early to greet us!

I like to think of Francie O'Leary from Carroll as our "unofficial" Carroll County Consul. Francie is working with her RC&D counterparts, the DOT and ILHA to get the Lincoln Highway signage in place. In her spare time she helps organize tour stops in Carroll. Even

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received a grant for the third year in a row. This years recipient is the Clinton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission for the Hess Cemetery Restoration Project. The Cemetery Commission received \$2500 to be used to repair headstones, and install a new wrought iron fence and plant prairie grass. The cemetery is located on the original alignment of the Lincoln Highway on 13th Ave. North, on Clinton's northwest side.

The Iowa LHA congratulates the LH Amateur Radio Group, Van & Bev Becker, the City of Clinton and the Clinton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission for their well deserved awards & grant funding. The Iowa LHA and its members continue to be strong in its involvement and support of projects across the state and we thank our members and the National Lincoln Highway Association for recognizing Iowa's achievements. **L**

1ST IOWA LHA "BUY WAY" YARD SALE IS A HUGE SUCCESS

The first Iowa LHA "BuyWay" Yard Sale is in the books and according to organizer Deb Rothmeyer, it was a big success. Out of 43 communities along the Lincoln Highway in Iowa, 31 participated. That's 72% participation in the first year! According to Deb, there were nearly 500 sales going on during the three days which were August 6, 7, & 8, 2010. Ohio originated the Buyway sales in 2006. Indiana & West Virginia came on board in 2007 and Illinois joined them in 2008. With the five states involved, there was nearly 950 miles of yard sales during the three days. Deb received calls from people in Nebraska and Illinois who were looking for sales, so people were coming to Iowa spending money and pumping dollars into the local economies. We thank Deb for putting this event together, it took a lot of work doing so. Next year the dates will be August 5, 6, & 7, 2011. If you'd like to conduct a sale or wish to help organize a sale in your community, call or e-mail Deb at her contact information to the left of this story. **L**

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though the stop was a short one and there were major construction issues. Francie put it together and had the parking, and our sticker for us. Thanks Francie! We'll make you the "official" County Consul someday.

Deb Rothmeyer works tirelessly in Crawford County and Denison promoting the Lincoln Highway. Just three weeks before the motor tour was the Iowa LHA Buy-Way Sale. Deb organized the sale in Iowa, the first time that Iowa has participated and out of 43 communities along the route, 31 took part and there were nearly 500 sales along the Iowa section. And she still had time to plan a motor tour stop in Denison at the Donna Reed Theatre. Deb is already working on the yard sale for next year. I know that I'll be able to call her to organize a stop in Denison again next year.

Marshall Schichilone, Harrison County Consul had the lunch stop ready for us in Woodbine at Brickstreet Station. Although we had to wait for two trains before we got into Woodbine, the lunch was well worth it. Marshall also donated money from shirt sales to the Association. Thanks to Marshall and Brickstreet for another great tour stop.

President Kathy Dirks and her husband Joel were on the motor tour for the first time this year. They started in Clinton and still had time to set up the tour stop at the Welcome Center east of Missouri Valley. We were greeted by lots and lots of wonderful pies and their delicious cherry juice. Kathy has supported the motor tour since the start, now it's my turn to thank her and Joel for coming on the tour and also setting up the great stop at the Welcome Center.

And I especially want to thank everyone that came on the tour this year. 62 cars, including one motor home that went the distance. Over 120 people came to see and learn about the Lincoln Highway on this year's tour. Great exposure for the LHA! Without the support of the wonderful people who took time to join us for one, two, three or four days, the tour would not be possible. I heard several people say that small town Iowa was at its best. I am already getting ideas and making plans for next year's tour. An early working theme is "Looking 'Four' ward to You Joining Us 4 the 4th Annual Iowa LHA Motor Tour" (It's a work in progress). Anyway, mark your calendars for August 26-28, 2011. We'll go west to east and have a pre-tour on August 25. Check the newsletter and website for updates. Until next time, I'll see you between the rivers...and then some. **L**

Upcoming LHA State Meetings

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July 9, '11	To Be Determined
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Name That Lincoln Highway Spot

Our members can get very creative in locating the Lincoln Highway Spot. For instance, in the last issue, I asked for the specific location of the site pictured below. Van Becker from Cedar Rapids, was so specific, he gave me satellite photos with the locations written on the map. Kudos to Van for his creativity. Cathie Nichols was more direct and e-mailed me the spot as Malone Corners in Clinton County east of DeWitt. Malone was once a large livestock shipping station, but there's not much left of the town now. Congrats to Van & Cathie.



Now for this issue, the Name that Lincoln Highway Spot is submitted by Van Becker. This photo was taken along the Lincoln Highway somewhere in Iowa. Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to tell us where this spot is. If you guess it correctly, we'll post your name in the next issue of this newsletter.



Please send your guesses to Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com. Take a drive on these nice cool fall days along the Lincoln Highway and maybe you'll find this spot. We'll post the answer in the next issue if you haven't figured it out by then. Good Luck and Happy Hunting. **L**



The President's Corner

By Kathy Dirks, ILHA President

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

An Irish Blessing

August was a busy month for the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association! Leading off the month on August 5th, 6th and 7th was Iowa's first ever participation in the annual Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale. We participated at the Harrison County Welcome Center by having 50% off and 75% off sale tables, discounts in our gift shop, and also selling a few chairs and holiday decorations we no longer needed. We had great attendance along with getting to share the history of the Lincoln Highway with many people.

I thank everyone who participated this year to make the Buy-Way Yard sale a success across Iowa. A huge extra-special "Thank You!" to Deb Rothmeyer, Crawford County Consul, for spending many hours coordinating the event, and to Sandi Huemann-Kelly, ILHA webmistress, for helping to get the word out. We will be discussing Iowa's probable participation for August 5 - 7, 2011 at our upcoming meeting in Clinton. The end of August saw the ILHA's Third Annual Motor Tour across Iowa. My husband, Joel, and I had the pleasure of participating and had a wonderful time! The trip truly showcased the best of what Iowa and the Lincoln Highway has to offer - great food and hospitality, beautiful scenery, and the nicest people one could meet. If you haven't had the chance to go on the tour, I'd highly recommend it. We enjoyed it so much, we are tentatively planning to go again next year - just like many of the other participants! I thank everyone along the Lincoln Highway who participated by serving us lunch, hosting us at their business or attraction, or simply waving to us as we drove by. A huge extra special "Thank you!" to Jeff Lafollette, and his wife, Tammy, for the countless hours they spend every year planning the trip and nailing down all the details. We will be sharing some of the highlights of this year's tour and initial thoughts for next year's tour at our upcoming meeting in Clinton. Our next meeting is where we will be electing our new officers for the upcoming year. My tenure as the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association President will be ending at the conclusion of 2010. (Where did the last two years go!?) It has been my pleasure to work with everyone involved in the ILHA, and I thank

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Iowa has 2 National Scenic byways, 8 state scenic byways, and 1 state heritage byway-the Lincoln Highway. This is a 3 year project that will develop a local steering committee with new focus on promoting all of the byways in the state of Iowa. Specific work tasks will be performed in developing systems and products to facilitate sustainable organizations for the partnering byways located throughout the state of Iowa. Our overall goal is to establish a byway stakeholder group, facilitate the creation of a sustainable byways organization and facilitate revision of the corridor management plan for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. The comprehensive plan will provide the needed planning information to enable byway stakeholders and the organization to successfully implement sustainable byway development, marketing, and promotional activities.

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

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for their help and assistance over the past two years. The association is only as good as its members and we have some great ones.

Even though I will no longer be President, I still plan to attend meetings. It's an exciting time for the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association and I don't want to miss out on anything. Thank you again for everything and I hope to see you in Clinton

Happy Traveling.

Kathy**EUREKA BRIDGE UPDATE**

Kenny Russell reports that the Eureka Bridge construction is slowed due to rainy weather and high water. The original completion date was to be in the early summer of 2010. The new target date is sometime in November for the bridge to be opened. The new bridge, pictured to the right replaces a vintage 1930's bridge along the Lincoln Highway west of Jefferson. Thanks to Kenny for the update! L



**MOTOR TOUR MEMORIES-PHOTOS BY TAMMY LAFOLLETTE
MORE PHOTOS WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE SOON!**



EASTBOUND AND DOWN, LOAD IT UP FOR CLINTON FOR THE LAST ILHA MEETING OF 2010

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association autumn meeting takes us as far east on the Lincoln Highway as we can get in Iowa as we will hold the final meeting of 2010 in Clinton. This will be our first meeting in Clinton County since 2005. We will meet on **Saturday October 9, 2010** at the Clinton County Historical Museum in downtown Clinton at 601 S. 1st St, right along the edge of the Mississippi River. Coffee, donuts & pastries will be served beginning at 9:00AM. President Kathy Dirks will drop the gavel around 9:30. There will be several items for discussion at the meeting. Also, new officers will be elected to two year terms. After the meeting we'll go to the north side of Clinton in the Lyons District and have lunch at Rastrelli's Restaurant. We'll have a room and can order lunch from a limited lunch menu. We may plan a short tour after lunch. **PLEASE RSVP TO JEFF L. IF YOU PLAN TO HAVE LUNCH.** See you there!

DIRECTIONS: Entering Clinton on US 30 (aka Lincolnway), you will pick up US 67 along with US 30. Follow the highways to the old Chicago & Northwestern Depot where the road curves left. Get in the right lane as you go past the US 30 bridge that crosses over into Illinois. Go one block past the bridge and follow the sign directing you to turn right on US 67. Turn right and go one block east to a traffic light. US 67 will turn left at the light...you will go straight one block on a brick street and then turn left on S. 1st St. and go one block to the Museum which will be on your right. There is parking on S. 1st St. and 6th Ave. S. around the museum. The phone number for the museum is 563-242-1201.





Along The Lincoln Highway

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME OUR NEW IOWA LHA OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

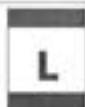
The Iowa LHA conducted its quarterly meeting on Saturday October 9, 2010 in Clinton, IA and one of the items of business was to elect new officers for a two year term to serve in 2011 and 2012. Our new slate of officers is **Allan Richards**, President, **Dean & Jeannie Parr**, Co-Vice Presidents, **Jeff Benson**, Secretary and **Joyce Ausberger**, Treasurer. Starting with our president, Allan has served as our association vice president for the past two years, and is currently the Tama County Consul. Allan resides in Tama. Co-Vice Presidents Dean & Jeannie Parr are very active in the state and national LHA organizations. Dean & Jeannie live in Cedar Rapids. Jeff Benson has been elected to a third term as secretary. Jeff has been active in the Iowa LHA since the beginning and is currently working on the Greene County Interpretive Site and has been working diligently with the three Iowa RC&D's and the Iowa DOT getting the Lincoln Highway listed as a Heritage Byway and is now working on the final stages of getting the route signed, which should take place in 2011. Jeff and his wife Margaret live in Ames. Joyce Ausberger has been involved with the Iowa LHA since the beginning as well and has been treasurer since before the editor of this newsletter became a member of the Lincoln Highway Association. Joyce and her husband Bob, who was a president and

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State Director of the Iowa LHA and has served in various other capacities within the Iowa and National LHA, live on their farm near Jefferson.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank outgoing president Kathy Dirks for her service and dedication to the Iowa LHA. Kathy attended national conferences, has worked with the RC&D's in the Heritage Byway project and has represented Harrison County and the Iowa LHA in various tourism conferences through her day job at the Iowa Welcome Center just east of Missouri Valley. Kathy stated at the close of the meeting that she was not going anywhere and would continue to be at meetings and functions. I wish to thank Kathy for her help out west in helping me set up stops for the motor tour. Since I live out in the east along the mighty Mississippi, I doubt I could have gotten the job done of putting those stops together as smoothly and efficiently without her help. Her support and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated and she always has a smile to share. If you are heading toward Missouri Valley, stop at the Welcome Center, say hi and thank her for a job well done.

Now its time to welcome and offer our support to our new leaders. If you have any ideas you wish to share, please feel free to contact our officers anytime through e-mail or by phone. Better yet, plan to attend our next quarterly meeting in Tama County on Saturday January 8. Also, feel free to contact our county consuls as well. There will be a lot of things happening on the LH in Iowa in 2011. **L**



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HAVE SPARE TIRE, WILL TRAVEL

BY VAN & BEV
BECKER

In late November 2010 a select group of Iowa LHA officers met with the Iowa RC&D people and a DOT representative in Ames. We met to look forward, seeking a way to accomplish our joint objectives. One of the major agenda items of the meeting was the listing and discussion of objectives, strategies and projects of the Iowa LHA. The group wanted to avoid duplicating efforts and re-inventing the wheel.

Plans & Projects: Have we ever listed them? If so, where can I find this list? I consulted Jeff LaFollette, our Iowa State Director, and together we compiled a list of what the Iowa LHA is now pursuing and projected plans for the future. As Jeff had work commitments, I attended the meeting in his place as a national director at large.

We realized that many, perhaps as many as 90% of the Iowa members are unaware of all our ongoing and projected plans. The list is not secret.

So, here in this column usually reserved for history with a hint of humor, I will share our list of projects and objectives as they were presented at the Ames meeting to keep the Lincoln Highway alive.

IOWA LHA OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

- 1) Finish the Grand Junction Lions Tree Park and Lincoln Highway interpretive site. Many years in process and so close to being finished. This project is funded.
- 2) Support Jeff LaFollette's River-to-River Motor Tour. This functions as a money maker and recruiting tool. Besides, it's fun too!
- 3) Support Van Becker's Amateur Radio Special Event Station, NY2SF. This functions as a recruiting tool and helps with public awareness.
- 4) Support Deb Rothmeyer's state-by-state LHA Buy-Way Yard Sale project. The first year in Iowa was a successful first step. This project needs the route prominently marked.
- 5) Push toward updated digital information sharing.
- 6) Continued updates to our Iowa LHA website including recruiting a replacement webmistress.
- 7) Support Brian Butko's (up and running...and quite popular) LH blog. www.lincolnhighwaynews.com
- 8) Encourage more authors and contributors of articles and photos. Reports on our activities and events. We need fresh ideas! Every member has a story to tell about the Lincoln Highway in their area or respective county.

9) Digital MAPS: GPS, CD, website printable maps. Goal - make them free or very low cost. Can we partner with a GPS manufacturer or, smart phone app writer??

10) Continued planning and support for the 2017 National LH Conference in Western Iowa. Ames Visitors and Convention Bureau has already expressed interest.

11) Support existing LH interpretive sites, i.e., Youngville, Colo, Harrison Co. Visitors' Center. (We no longer have the "Clubhouse" in Jefferson.)

12) Collect and warehouse materials for display at the Iowa Transportation Museum in Grinnell.

13) Ongoing discussions to add LH kiosks in Benton County at Youngville and in Cedar County.

14) Ongoing discussions to repaint faded poles from Youngville east, especially the "Christmas Poles."

15) Ongoing discussion to mark the site near Montour where LHA Field Secretary Henry Osterman fatally crashed his Packard.

16) Cooperate with Iowa State Tourism on matters along the LH corridor.

Of course, our core objectives remain to identify, recognize and protect historic sites, to preserve and protect remnants of the LH highway and vintage roadside culture and to support efforts to improve highway safety.

L

2010 Iowa LHA Motor Tour Dash Plaques and Window Decals For Sale

We have dash plaques and window decals from the 2010 Iowa LHA motor tour left and we are offering them for \$3.00 each or a set of one decal and one dash plaque for \$5.00. If you are interested, in these, please contact Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflat@peoplepc.com. Or you can send a check or money order to Jeff at 2130 W. 4th St. Davenport, Iowa 52802. Make your check payable to the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association. There are also available a limited number of 2008 and 2009 dash plaques and decals for the same pricing (\$3.00 apiece or \$5.00 for a set.) Get yours today before they are gone. We hope you can join us for the 2011 Motor Tour! **L**

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DEAN PARR IS NEW ILHA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Dean Parr has assumed the reigns as the new Iowa LHA Membership Coordinator, taking over from long time coordinator Cecil Stewart. Dean and his wife Jeannie are newly elected Co-Vice Presidents of the Iowa LHA. Dean lives in Cedar Rapids and if you have inquiries about your membership, you may e-mail him at drparr@mchsi.com.

Cecil has been the Iowa LHA membership coordinator probably since the beginning of the association and he has done a great service to the organization. Cecil is stepping down from the position because he spends several months of the year in Seattle with his kids and grandkids. He resides in Ames when he's not in Seattle. We thank Cecil for his years of dedicated service and wish him the best. We hope to see him at future Iowa LHA meetings. **L**

ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY GOING GREEN?

The Iowa LHA is discussing ideas to save postage fees and paper by going green. We are discussing the possibility of sending out an e-newsletter to those of you who would like to receive it by e-mail. We are asking for your feedback if you wish to receive your newsletter as you do now or if you would like an e-copy. If you wish to receive an e-copy, you would be e-mailed a link to download a PDF file when the issue is ready. We need to hear from **YOU!** Please e-mail editor Jeff LaFollette at jefflaf@peoplepc.com to express your opinion. **Do not worry, we are not going to eliminate mailing newsletters.** But if you wish to receive an e-newsletter instead, we'd be happy to send one via e-mail. I encourage every member to let me know your opinion. I will tally the results and let everyone know the results in the next issue. If you do not have e-mail, please call me at **563-349-3047** and let me know your thoughts. Thank you for your help! **L**

Name That Lincoln Highway Spot

The last photo of "Name that Lincoln Highway Spot" produced only one correct guess. Photo contributor Van Becker stumped everyone but two people. One was the editor of this newsletter. Although the editor knew where this photo was taken, he doesn't count in this contest. The lone correct guess came from Stan Mizerny of New Liberty, Iowa in Scott County. This spot is east of Mechanicsville where the new LH curves left, and there is a section of Lincoln Highway gravel which is



the original route that veers to the right and goes right into downtown Mechanicsville. This old Willy's truck has been sitting here for a number of years. I'm going to guess at least 20 if not more. Congratulations to Stan for his keen eye. Now, we have not one, but two photos for you to check out for the next issue. Van Becker has submitted these photos for your inspection. Your mission is to guess where this Lincoln Highway spot is in these photos below and to the right. Send your guesses to Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com. If you are correct, we'll list your name in our next issue. **L**



Upcoming LHA State Meetings

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STATE DIRECTOR POSITION UP FOR ELECTION IN 2011

Iowa will be electing a state director to represent the state for the National Lincoln Highway Association in 2011. Current director Jeff LaFollette's term expires in June 2011. Jeff is eligible to run for another term which will go until 2014. We are always looking for candidates to serve the Lincoln Highway Association. If you are interested in this position, please contact either State Director Jeff LaFollette or Iowa LHA President Allan Richards at their e-mail addresses listed on page three.

Candidates need to submit brief statements on why they feel they would be qualified to serve, a brief biography and a willingness to serve. The Iowa LHA will submit its candidate or candidates at the January meeting in Tama and those candidates will be voted to the position by the general membership of the national LHA. If there is more than one candidate, the winner of the election will be announced at the national LH conference in Nevada in June of 2011.

The state director position represents Iowa at National LHA bi-monthly teleconferences, and at national conferences across the country. Also, the director gives national reports at the state quarterly meetings. The director files an annual report to the national LHA prior to every conference and other duties. The position does not take up a lot of ones time but it is important that a director does represent the state. The state director must also be a National Lincoln Highway Association member.

If you have any questions on the state director position, please contact current State Director Jeff LaFollette and he will be happy to answer your questions. As stated earlier, the Lincoln Highway Association is always looking for people who wish to offer their time and service to the association. We thank all of our members for their continued support of our organization. **L**





The President's Corner

By Allan Richards,
Iowa LHA President

Welcome to the new year of 2011 or 2K11 as some people may say. It will be another great year along the Lincoln Highway. My travels are extensive, but yours are greater I am sure and I look for your help in making this another successful year. Your efforts have made the LHA of Iowa a success.

Tama County is my lifelong home along the highway and I am thankful for the many great places on the Lincoln Highway, with the Lincoln Highway Bridge in Tama, a true landmark for Abraham Lincoln. Remember that four miles North on US 63 you will find land that was deeded to Lincoln after his service days. I hope that we all remember the vast historical, natural and cultural enjoyment we all may experience along the highway.

My "Along the Highway" in Tama County would read like this: Arriving from Benton County a slow 10 minute drive to Chelsea you would experience the vast land of the Iowa River Corridor to the South and all of its natural beauty. You may wish to take in a historical cemetery to the North or just waiting to arrive in Chelsea. A stop at the Silver Dollar, which you may call one of the "Glad Hands Club" members of days past, where you will find a dozen historical pictures of early life in the town and stories of the floods. Or you may want to explore the early century library and other sites of the old home town for many.

Onward to Tama past the Otter Creek Marsh and an original one room school house on the right just before the intersection with new 30. The next two mile stretch of road takes you to Gladstone over the old Rail Road right away with the few remaining buildings that may soon go to another new road. A short jaunt further and you may take in the John Ernest Winery, or go over the hill and you will be surprised that a mile of the road is gone and you enter the new expressway. Remember exit 204 takes you down to the King Tower Café, another "Glad Hands Club" candidate.

Forward to the bridge, through Tama, including stop at Sweet Reaps for coffee and antiques, old pictures of Tama, the Glad Hands Club and maybe a short trip to Toledo, the Courthouse, Museum, Libraries, Schools or all the other local culture. Historical accounts will say that the original Army Convoy stopped in Traer with its Winding Stairway, and over to Gladbrook where there now is a Matchstick Museum.

The experience in Tama will be complete with the trip thru the Meskwaki Settlement, where the full history is shown on the walls and displays at the Casino Hotel. The original Lincoln Highway goes thru the settlement across the Iowa River on an old wooden bridge.

Up the hill to the west toward Montour brings you to the site of the Henry Ostermann fatal crash. Into Mont-

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our with an early 1900's bank building and Rube's Steakhouse, another Glad Hands Club candidate and all the surrounding farms, lakes, and just plain old Iowa life as it is and has been and on into Marshall County. The trip may have been an hour, a day, a week, or in my case a lifetime.

Dream for the preservation of individual stories, properties, and experiences on our historic Lincoln Highway. Together we will achieve an impact for the results we all desire in our associate. Any effort, any input, and any contribution adds to the success.

Allan

BOOK REVIEW:
IOWA'S AUTOMOBILES
 An Entertaining & Enlightening History
 By Bill Jepsen
 Review by Jeff LaFollette

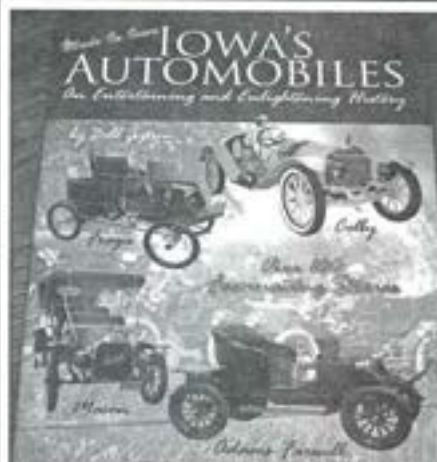
This is my first book review, and I couldn't have picked a better one to start with!

Growing up I had a love of cars and history. My dad was very meticulous on taking care of his cars and I guess I come by it naturally. I guess that is why I enjoy organizing the motor tour because I get to see so many unique styles of cars. I think that is why the book *"Iowa's Automobiles"* written by Boone, Iowa resident Bill Jepsen intrigued me so much.

Bill, who was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa has compiled a wonderful history of the early automobile industry in Iowa in the years of the early 20th century. Bill breaks down the history of the automobile in Iowa into six categories in his book, Dreams, Schemes & Misinformation, those that had an intention of being built but never got off the drawing board, Yes-No-Maybe, showing that there are entries for reference material but no evidence of an actual auto being produced, One-Off's & Limited, stating that there was one example produced, or a limited number for personal use, Prototypes, proving that there were one or two machines with the intent to attract potential investors, and Manufactured, meaning that there was a production facility set up to produce vehicles for sale. There is also a category called Just For Kids (Young & Old), for miniature automobiles that are propelled by an engine. Unfortunately pedal cars do not qualify, but this is a fun category nevertheless!

Each category lists Iowa's communities alphabetically and tells the story and history of autos that were dreamed, built, and actually manufactured in Iowa. Most of the automobiles in this book are from a time-frame of 1900-1920, with notable exceptions like the Morrison Electric from Des Moines built in 1890, with a total of 12 being produced, selling for \$3600 each, to a vehicle as recent as 1983-84 called the Lifestar, which resembled the fuselage of a jet engine at first glance. This vehicle was touted to go 100 miles per hour and get 100 miles per gallon, and was to be produced in the Carroll/Scranton area. I said "to be produced", because the vehicle was eventually produced in Michigan. There's a lot more interesting information to this story, but not enough space here to tell it.

Bill's book has 15 pages of color photos of vehicles that were actually built in Iowa and are still in existence, plus photos of manufacturing facilities then and now, and other bits and pieces of the Iowa automobile industry. The book has many, many pic-



tures throughout, over 200 photos of old advertisements, illustrations, etc.

Some other examples of Iowa autos include the Meteor from Bettendorf, The Mason from Des Moines, which became known as the "Maytag" because of an

investment from Fred Maytag of Newton, he of the well known Maytag Company which makes appliances. Mr. Maytag moved production of the car to Waterloo. The Spaulding from Grinnell, and many, many more.

The last section has personality profiles people who deserve special notice in Iowa history. These individuals are William Galloway, Fred & August Dusenbergh and Walter Chrysler. Yes, Walter Chrysler of Chrysler Motor Company. Mr. Chrysler had an Iowa connection, as a resident of Oelwein, with "experiences that would later propel him to become one of the true pioneers of automotive history".

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in automobiles and automotive history. Bill's research is extremely thorough, and he painstakingly put this book together to be historically accurate. He visited many libraries, viewed microfilms, and worked very hard putting this book together to piece together the history of Iowa's automobile industry, whether it was a manufactured auto or just a dream in one's mind. One part of the book that I give a big thumbs up to is on the inside of the back jacket where Bill states that "historical accuracy and credence are paramount in the book" Bill's effort is excellent because this is truly a first class book!

The book was published in 2007 and received the Thomas McKean Memorial Cup Award in 2008 from the Antique Automobile Club Association. This book is self-published meaning that Bill absorbed the cost of writing, research and production.

The book retails for \$39.95, but is available to Lincoln Highway Association members for a special price of **\$32.99 postage paid**. Bill will autograph the book if you request. You can get a copy from Bill by sending a check or money order to **Bill Jepsen c/o Iowa's Automobiles, 822 L Ave. Boone, IA 50036**. You can also contact him by e-mail at willin@galynx.com.

If you are traveling the Lincoln Highway and happen to be in Boone, look up Bill's home his is the one with a gas station in the front yard. That's a perfect fit for a man who loves automobiles.

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JANUARY 8 IS THE TIME, TAMA IS THE PLACE FOR THE FIRST IOWA LHA MEETING OF 2011

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Association's first meeting of 2011 takes us to the east central section of the state in Tama County where we will be meeting in Tama. The meeting will be conducted **Saturday January 8, 2011** at the **King Tower**. King Tower is located off the new US 30 bypass at exit 204 (another new alignment of the Lincoln Highway) on the east edge of Tama. Coffee and rolls will be available at 9:00 AM. New president Allan Richards will drop the gavel around 9:30 to begin the meeting. There will be several items for discussion, including the motor tour, the buy-way yard sale, and some of the objectives in Van Becker's "Spare Tire" article. We invite you to attend and see what will be happening on the Lincoln Highway in 2011. After the meeting around noon, we will have lunch at King Tower off the menu. Sandwich platters cost between \$6.00-\$7.00 per person, or order anything off the menu you wish. If you are planning to attend, please contact Jeff LaFollette by e-mail at jefflaf@peoplepc.com, or Allan Richards at AllanMaxRichards@aol.com. We hope you can join us and let's hope for good weather!

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE EAST- Travel west on US 30. (Lincoln Highway) There is a new four lane bypass as you approach Tama. You will need to take exit 204 to get to King Tower.

FROM THE WEST- Travel east across US 30. (Lincoln Highway) Follow 30 around Toledo & Tama until you come to the east edge of Tama. Take exit 204 to get to King Tower.

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