



President's Corner

By Deb Rothmeyer, President
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Wow! What a winter we have had so far. The good news is spring is right around the corner. I can't wait for warmer weather to get here, so we can get to traveling our beloved Lincoln Highway.

The plans for the 2017 National Conference to be held in Denison, Iowa, are coming along smoothly. We are looking for volunteers to help out. A list of committees and duties is available on page 4 of this newsletter. If you're interested in helping you can call me at 712-263-8356 or email me at debbierothmeyer55@outlook.com. We need all the help we can get so, look over it and sign up!

With the Lincoln Highway conference coming to Iowa, it would be great to get a membership drive started. Let's get the word out!

Happy traveling the Lincoln Highway!
See you in Belle Plaine for the March general meeting!



Clean Up Day

Cleanup at Clinton Pony Truss Bridge has been organized for April 23rd at 1:00 PM. Volunteers should meet at the bridge over the Wapsie at the Syracuse Access on Hwy 30 in Clinton County.

If you're interested in volunteering we need help trimming trees, cutting brush, mowing, and weeding. There is a lot of poison ivy in the area so, wear appropriate clothing.

To sign up or if you have questions, contact Cathie Nichols at 563-659-8050 or email her at scampcat@iowa.telecom.net



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Happy Birthday Woodbine, Iowa!

Submitted by Mary Eby
Woodbine 150th Committee

Woodbine was platted in the year 1866 and will be celebrating its sesquicentennial throughout the year of 2016. Woodbine is located in southwest Iowa on the historic Lincoln Highway. Woodbine is known for being home to the brick highway, a bricked portion of the Lincoln Highway that is still in use today.

The committee has special events planned for every month throughout the year hoping that the varied activities will appeal to many different age groups and interests.

There are two major events planned. The first event is the giant parade to be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00 AM. This parade is in conjunction with the annual URA Rodeo parade. Big name entries are involved in the parade, as well as local floats from Woodbine and surrounding areas. An afternoon of events will follow the parade, which will include tours of Merry Brook School, an authentic one-room schoolhouse, children's games, and many other exciting events. The day will conclude with the annual URA Rodeo at 7:30 PM.

The second major event is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th. There will be a ceremony for the opening of the time capsule. Throughout the day, there will be a Civil War Encampment in the city park, Civil War reenactments, and a concert featuring the Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band, the Iowa Western Community Band, and The Notables (a local singing group).

For upcoming events, please check out the Facebook page, Woodbine Iowa's 150th birthday.



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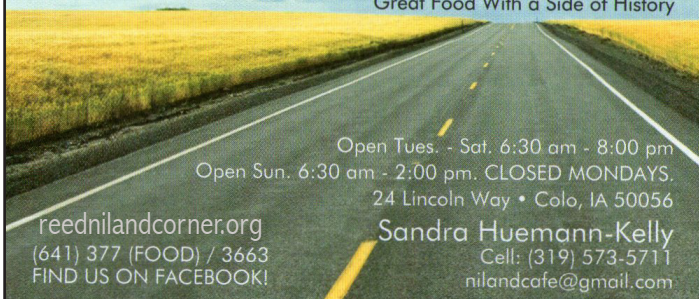
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Mystery Photo

By Van Becker

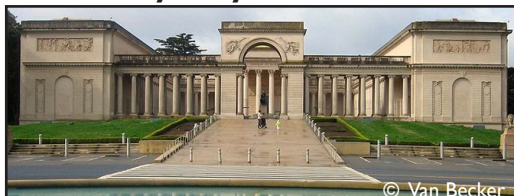
Can you identify this building?

1. Whether it says Hotel or Apartments on the cornerstone, this hotel was a thriving business from 1913 to 1928 for the Lincoln Highway and beyond.
2. This site has been a star featured in books and motor tours. It should be an easy building to identify.
3. The Lincoln Highway in front of the building was in one of the last Iowa towns to pave the Lincoln Highway "main" city street.
4. In early times, the next "big city" for overnighting Lincoln Highway travelers was 30+ miles away over dirt and gravel roads.



Last Issue's Mystery Photo

The Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park, San Francisco at the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway.



If you think you can identify the Mystery Photo, send an email to lincolnhighway@prcd.org or call 515-232-0048. Call with the correct information and we will take your name and contact information. We then will hold a random drawing for a winner to receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack! This is to accommodate for the varying time and travel the postal system can take and to give all a fair try.

2016 Iowa Motor Tour

By Bryan & Caron Osberg

Mark your calendars for August 19-21 for the 2016 Motor Tour! This summer will be here before we know it and as promised we have more details about this year's event. We are sending out registration forms. You should receive it some time in March. The registration form is also located on the website.

The tour will begin in Clinton, Iowa and finish in Boone, Iowa. Hotel arrangements are in Clinton, Iowa City, and Marshalltown. Featured stops will be in Clinton, Lowden, Dewitt, Iowa City, The Amana Colonies, Marshalltown, State Center, Ames, and Boone. The pre-tour will be Thursday, August 18. The tour will leave from Clinton, Iowa and drive to Galena, Illinois. Attendees will enjoy an early supper in East Dubuque. The group dinner will be in Marshalltown on August 20. The evening will include a lot of raffle prizes and is an additional cost of \$25 per person. These plans are subject to change. We will keep the website updated with information as the event comes closer.

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Intern Update

By Meredith Ponder, ILHA Intern

Hello! To ensure everyone is kept in the loop, I was asked to write a short summary about what I've been doing since I started in September. Following training I completed the fall ILHA Newsletter as my first big project. After getting my feet wet, I picked up a little more responsibility and started doing the updates to the Iowa Lincoln Highway website. Some of these updates include: writing and posting press releases, reviewing county pages, and formatting the site for easier use. However, the majority of my time spent working on the website is filled with keeping the upcoming events page updated and other small, yet time consuming, tasks to keep the site running efficiently and professionally.

In the beginning of 2016, I took over the ILHA Facebook page from Jessica Johnson, the Marketing Director at Prairie Rivers of Iowa. I have created a six-month draft of post ideas and ways to encourage Lincoln Highway lovers to get involved. Along with those two on-going projects, I have also completed the winter and spring ILHA Newsletters, a presentation about Denison to be shared at the 2016 National Lincoln Highway Conference, and I am currently brainstorming for a couple new brochures that will be created for the Lincoln Highway in 2016.

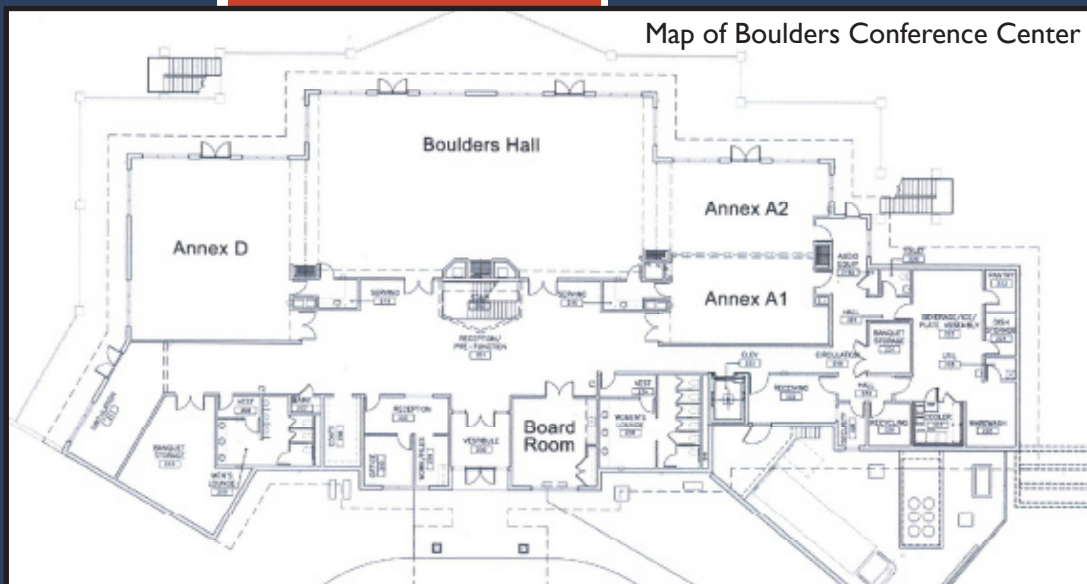
I've enjoyed my time so far with the organization and look forward seeing what this year brings!

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2017 Conference Committees

As mentioned in the President's Corner, here is a list of the committees, the duties that they will be responsible for, and where they will be needed during the conference. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please call or email Deb.

Committee	Location	Description
Book Room	Annex A1/A2	Create layout and help vendors with set up.
Display Room	Annex D	Contact states to create displays & create Iowa display.
Art Room	Board Room	Create layout of room & help with set up.
Speaker	Boulders Hall	Create speaker schedule, introduce speakers, and help with equipment.
Registration	Reception Area	Set hours and man the table, help with swag bags and lanyards, and get list of registrants.
Program	Pre-Conference	Write articles, bios, and schedule information. Due to Deb by September 1, 2016.
East Tour	Two Buses	Head Count, script for each bus, and water/snacks.
West Tour	Two Buses	Head Count, script for each bus, water/snacks, and lunch orders taken and called in.
Awards Banquet	Cronk's	Decorations, center pieces, small place setting programs, and set up room.
Conference Security	All Rooms	Must have one person present on the Boulder's premises at all times between 7:00 AM and midnight.
Clean Up	All Rooms	All materials removed from each room and trash collected at the end of the conference.



January's ILHA Meeting Minutes

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Lincoln Highway was held January 9, 2016 at the Scranton Community Center. Those in attendance were: Joyce Ausberger, Jan Gammon, Cathie Nichols, Van Becker, Alan Richards, Scott Berka, John Fitzsimmons, Dean Parr, Bob Ausberger, Jeanne Parr, Randy Winkelman, Bryan and Caron Osberg, Bill Scrivner, Connie Scrivner, Melinda Hinners, Ethel Subbert, LeRoy Starrett, Maril Callery, Larry Teepler, Gerald Herrick, Joe McCullough, Joyce Frazier, and Larry Frazier

A guided tour was given to those interested to see the renovated school. The City Council Chambers (where the meeting was held) was a former shop class. It also includes offices for the mayor and city clerk. The group also saw the kitchen, meeting room, gym, and memory room. The downstairs has all been renovated and after doing some landscaping this spring, the focus will turn to the second story.

President pro tem Dean Parr called the meeting to order and the group introduced themselves. Scranton's newly-elected mayor, Randy Winkelman, welcomed the group to Scranton. Barbara Hackfort was welcomed as the new Carroll County Consul.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa is working on their Economic Impact study, creating maps of intrinsic quality points, reviewing City and County comprehensive plans, and writing sections of the Corridor Management Plan. The Plan should be ready this summer for another round of community meetings for attendees to review the plan.

The next ILHA meeting is in Belle Plaine in April and it was decided those interested in helping with the conference should meet in Denison in March to tour the Boulders conference center, prior to April. A tentative date has been set for March 16th with a meeting at 10:30 at Cronk's and tour of Boulders after that.

John Fitzsimmons would like to see a business association formed. Joyce suggested the ILHA hire another intern to help create a membership program. A job description and budget would need to be created and ads placed by at least the end of March to hire an intern for the summer and/or fall semester. The intern then would work with each County Consul to develop the program and identify/contact businesses. County Reports were given and the meeting was adjourned. Lunch was on your own at Uptown Café in Jefferson.

To view detailed minutes, please visit the website.

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Woodbine
sesquicentennial
"150 years"

July 9
Grand Parade: Downtown, 11:00 AM
old fashioned kids games & activities to follow
Tour Merry Brook: one room school house
Rodeo: Rodeo Grounds, 7:30 PM

August 27
Opening of Time Capsule: library lawn, 3:00 PM
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All Day
Community BBQ: City Park, 5:00-7:00 PM
Concert in the Park, 6:00 PM
Iowa Western Community Band & Woodbine Notables

August 28
Civil War Encampment: City Park, All day
Civil War relics on display: Main Street Station, All Day

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Events every month during 2016 - Check our Facebook pg "Woodbine 150th Birthday" for details

Book Signing at Reed Niland Corner

By: Scott Berka, Story County Consul

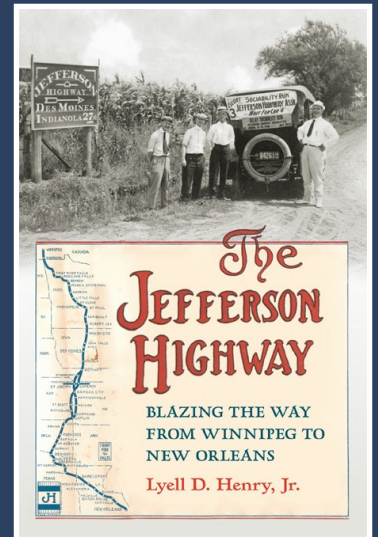
Lyell D. Henry, Jr. will be signing copies of his soon to be released book "The Jefferson Highway: Blazing the Way from Winnipeg to New Orleans". The event will be held on Sunday, April 24th at Niland's Café from 2:00-4:00.

The Jefferson Highway was the North-South counterpart to the East-West Lincoln Highway, and the two early U.S transportation routes intersected at the Reed/Niland Corner in Colo. The Jefferson Highway route was established in 1916 so the first book written on this important road will be published on its' 100th anniversary.

The Colo book signing is sponsored by the Colo Development Group and any profits from the sale of the book will go towards the maintenance and improvement of the Reed/Niland site.

To reserve your personal signed copy of the book, complete and return an order form before April 10th. The book sells for \$29.95 and order forms are available at Colo City Hall or can be downloaded at www.color-iowa.org. A full description of the book is also available on the Colo website.

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Greene County Foundation Grant Application

By Bob Ausberger, Greene Co. LHA Member

A grant application was submitted in February to the Greene County Foundation asking for funding for designing and installing 9 interpretive signs in Greene County. Bob Ausberger had identified fifty-two possible locations and will be prioritizing the locations. It is hoped that these initial nine signs will be just the start of signage in Greene County. If the project is funded, Jessica Johnson, Prairie Rivers of Iowa Marketing Director, will be designing the panels using the templates from the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Interpretive Plan. The panels and bases should be installed before the end of the year and will be an added feature to the bus tour stops during the 2017 National Lincoln Highway Association Conference.

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CMP and LHHB Coordinator Report

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

The Byway has been busy this winter doing more research for the Corridor Management Plan. We reviewed all of the county and city Comprehensive Plans and other plans created by public groups that will affect the Lincoln Highway Byway. This information along with information given during the public input meetings has given us a wealth of material to consider! We have started to write several sections of the plan and are working on analyzing the data that we received from our Economic Impact Baseline Study. Once the draft is completed, we will schedule community meetings to have people weigh-in on our findings and reports before the final document is submitted to the DOT. We hope you will be able to attend these meetings to be held late spring/early summer of this year.

The DOT has some upcoming projects that will affect the Byway and we have been attending related meetings and discussions. The Highway 30 project at Nevada would have put more truck traffic on the Lincoln Highway, but the citizens voted it down. The City of Nevada, county residents, DOT officials, and Nevada business owners have created a Task Force to develop a new solution and have held one meeting so far.

The City of Ames has hired an outside company to help develop their Lincolnway Corridor and meetings will be scheduled soon. Story County is working on a new comprehensive plan, called Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C). They are working with cities in the county to create a land usage plan, considering for growth and more industrial type businesses along the Ames- Nevada Lincoln Highway corridor. Belle Plaine is considering updating their Comprehensive Plan soon. Winter seems to be the planning season!

With spring right around the corner, I'm looking forward to attending events such as Belle Plaine's Tea, Woodbine's 150th this summer, riding the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad, and checking out many other locations along the Byway. 2017 will be a big year, too! The cities of Glidden and Dunlap should celebrate 150 years in 2017. Do you know of others?

The eleven Byways in Iowa are planning on having a booth at the Iowa State fair this year. Each Byway will take a day to man the booth and put out our own information. The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is working on a new brochure this spring, so it should be ready for the summer tourist season and for the State Fair. We also have several groups considering installing interpretive panels similar to the conservation panels done for the Lion's Tree Club Park near Grand Junction and the Lincoln Prairie Park in Ogden. It seems we are always busy with some kind of marketing project!

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Mystery Place

By Mike Kelley

Last issue's mystery device was a raisin seeder, which reminds us that while we miss many things from days gone by, but raisins with seeds are not one of those.

This issue's mystery place has stood by the Lincoln Highway since 1915 but it has recently undergone a total makeover. Anyone recognize it? The clue is that it may be more associated with George Washington than Honest Abe.

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Mahanay Bell Tower Festival

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

Fifty years! Yes, 50 years of the Mahanay Bell Tower Festival! Jefferson's annual Festival promises a weekend full of family-friendly fun and entertainment. Nestled in the middle of Greene County's county seat, the Festival is home to a broad spectrum of activities.

From free shows on the plaza stage, to events and attractions like craft and food vendors, the fun run and walk, basketball tournament, and the beverage garden with its nightly musical entertainment, to a couple of events with a bit of a twist, the Bell Tower Festival is the place to be the second weekend of June!

The Festival will be held June 10-12 and Bell Tower Tours with spectacular views are offered every day. Other events include a Show and Shine Car Show, A Motorcycle Poker Run and Motorcycle Show, and a Parade Saturday morning. Saturday night, "Pop Rocks" will perform in the Beverage Garden. A Guided Tour Ride to Templeton Rye will start at 9:00 AM Saturday. For more information about the ride go to www.btfcycle.info and register on-line.

If you are creative, enter the contest to design a 50 fest logo. Send your entry to angie@greencountyiowa.com. For more information about the Festival, check out the <http://www.greencountyiowa.org> website.

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Carroll County Check-In

By Barbara Hackfort
Carroll County Consul

Many things are happening along the Lincoln Highway as the Carroll County Chapter of the ILHA reactivates. After attending the January 9, 2016 ILHA meeting in Scranton, the newly appointed Carroll County Consul, Barbara Hackfort, set two goals: the first to increase membership, and the second to produce a brochure for the Lincoln Highway as it travels through Carroll County. Implementation of the goals proved to be both fun and rewarding.

To achieve the first goal, increasing the number of memberships, a decision was made to employ a basic rule of salesmanship: personal contact by visiting businesses along the Lincoln Highway, and making some phone calls. As a result, membership in Carroll County has tripled, with contacts still pending in Carroll, and in Arcadia and Glidden, two smaller towns in Carroll County. It was especially gratifying to have the two "Lincoln" businesses on Hwy. 30, The Lincoln Highway Trading Company and the Lincoln Highway Pharmacy, purchase state memberships.

The second goal, to design a brochure for the Lincoln Highway through Carroll County, was made much less daunting with the expert help of Vicki Gach, a colleague of Hackfort on the Carroll Historic Preservation Commission. The front of the four-fold brochure features a short history of the Lincoln Highway in Carroll County, with pictures of points of interest along the way. Of special importance to Lincoln Highway enthusiasts are the Gregory Corner near Ralston, the Merle Hay Memorial near Glidden, and the Lincoln Highway milepost, which stands in front of the Carroll County Museum on Highway 30. The back of the brochure contains a miniaturized version of the map of the Lincoln Highway as seen on page 27 in *The Lincoln Highway: Iowa Map Pack*, along with vintage pictures showing the Lincoln Highway in Carroll County during its early years. Of particular interest on this side are pictures of Lincoln Tourist Camps, the double canopy service station, and men grading the Lincoln Highway with teams of horses and wagons. Efforts to raise funds for the brochures have been successful, and they will soon be on their way to the printer.

As a final note, the city of Carroll has agreed to a Lincoln Highway webpage on their website, which is currently being redesigned and upgraded. The exact content of our page is currently a work in progress, but will certainly feature our brochure, information on purchasing memberships, and links to other sites.

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Thank you to Barbara Hackfort for providing pictures.

**The Next ILHA meeting will be
April 9, 2016 in Belle Plaine, Iowa
at The Ice House.**

**Refreshments at 9:00 AM,
general meeting to follow.**

The address is 1111 7th Ave. Order your lunch choice when you arrive. At 2:00 we are invited to attend the Swellest Little Spring Tea. The cost is \$14.30 for LHA members.

More information found on page six. Please RSVP to Kristine Pope at: herringhotel.pope@gmail.com

Directions to the Ice House: Coming from either the east or west on Highway 30, turn south onto Highway 21 and follow the gentle curve into the west side of Belle Plaine.

Go east to 8th St and turn 2 blocks south, crossing the railroad tracks. The entrance to the Ice House is directly after crossing the tracks to the right.

Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

April 9, 2016	Belle Plaine, General
July 9, 2016	Missouri Valley, Business
October 2016	TBD, General

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Sisters' Centennial Ride

By Jan Gammon, LHHB Coord.

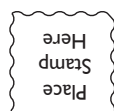
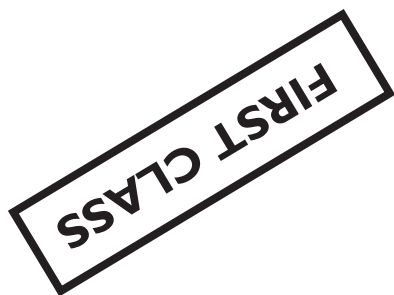
Prairie Rivers of Iowa

2016 is the 100th anniversary of Augusta and Adeline Van Buren's courageous and unprecedented ride across the United States on motorcycles. The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride July 3-24, 2016, will honor and celebrate our female motorcycling heroines of the past, as we promote the growth of women motorcyclists and the motorcycling community.

The group will be in Iowa on July 11th with a stop at the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa and traveling from Cedar Rapids to Omaha on July 12th. They are to send us a more detailed itinerary and we will share it on the ILHA website and social media when we receive it. They are "loosely" following the Lincoln Highway, so not sure exactly which communities they will travel through until we get the detailed route.

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Woodbine's Birthday, 2016 Motor Tour Details, Conference Committees and more!



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