Next Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting is July 13 in Belle Plaine

The next meeting of the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association will be held on Saturday, July 13 in Belle Plaine, Iowa. Coffee and rolls will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m., and co-presidents Dean and Jeannie Parr will open the meeting at 9:30.

It will be an enjoyable meeting, especially after the Lincoln Highway Centennial Celebration and Conference in Kearney, NE earlier this month. You won’t want to miss the reports from those who were in Kearney. Be sure to attend to hear the latest about the Lincoln Highway Association, both in Iowa and across the country!

We will meet at the Belle Plaine Area Museum, located at 901 Main Street in Belle Plaine. Following the meeting, lunch will be at the Lincoln Café in Belle Plaine.

For more information on the meeting, please contact Jeannie or Dean Parr at 319-366-0552.

Iowa to Participate in Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale August 8-10

Yard sale enthusiasts, buyers and sellers both, can become part of a nearly 1000 mile long yard sale event on August 8, 9, and 10 during the 8th Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Yard Sale. Iowa is participating for the fourth time, joining West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The yard sale concept began in 2006 in Ohio and is planned for the second full weekend in August.

This event not only encourages individuals and small businesses to gain revenue through increased tourism, thereby helping the local economies, but also promotes and educates the public about the Lincoln Highway. Groups and individuals may participate, and vendors retain the proceeds.

Communities benefit by exposing travelers to the charms of their town, their retailers, local attractions and restaurants. The yard sale also gives local organizations and churches a way to make money. Communities are encouraged to hold citywide sales, serve food and offer other entertainment and activities. There is a sign up form for participants to register their sales on the Iowa Lincoln Highway Association website at www.iowalincolnhighway.org. The Cities that are participating will be listed on the site.

Help us to organize one of the largest garage sales in the nation for the Lincoln Highway Centennial. Encourage your town to sign up for the Buy-Way Yard Sale!

Save the Date! Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

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LH2013 Centennial Tour Comes to Iowa all the way from Europe!
100 Classic Cars from Europe
4 Weeks: New York to San Francisco

A Norwegian emigrant played a significant role in early Lincoln Highway history. Anton Westgaard from Hamr was Vice President of the National Highways Association and Pathfinder & Field Representative for the American Automobile Association (AAA). He was also the first person to cross the American continent by truck in 1910. In 1913 he helped map and select the final route of the Lincoln Highway while participating in a 34 day vehicle expedition, “The Trail Blazer Tour,” from Indianapolis to San Francisco.

Travelers from Norway and other countries in Europe will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway by making their own trek across the country in July. The trip starts in New York on July 1st and will overnight in Cedar Rapids on the 10th and Omaha on the 11th. Go to www.LH2013.com for more information.

LHA Centennial Motor Tour in Iowa and National Celebration in Kearney

Above: Bob Owens and Motor Tour travelers share their Lincoln Highway stories.

Right: Seeing a 1948 Tucker was one highlight of the Motor Tour’s dinner in Colo.

Right: Joyce Ausberger, Brian Butko, Kevin Patrick, and Bob Ausberger shared a panel with Drake Hokanson on the re-establishment of the LHA.

Above: Margaret Elbert, Jeff Benson, and Joyce Ausberger at the Museum of American Speed.