

ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

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A Word from the LHA

Well now! Wasn't the state meeting at the King Tower Cafe just overwhelming? More than 100 members and friends of the highway participated in the meeting and tour.

I was hoping for 50, we set the room up for 60, then people just kept coming in until there was a feeling of "sardinism." It was so packed that we had trouble with the program as there was not a good place for the speakers to stand, and there was not a good place to show slides where everyone could see.

Highlights of the meeting were the Iowa River Corridor presentation by Dave DeGeus; the History of King Tower and the "one-stop" service concept by Lyell Henry; an overview of the Youngville project by Anne Schoonover; discussion of bridges and the historic Toledo bridge by Jim Hippen; a display of a complete set of original Burma Shave signs by Ed Baily; the latest production of Burma Shave signs by Clare Robson (these will be erected in Boone County); of course our Boy Scout model was present, courtesy of John Fitzsimmons, which have now been displayed in six Lincoln states. Also, the wooden LH marker constructed by Bill Kupka, was handy for the scout to lean on. To round out the morning session, Mary Gift announced that her Shady Oaks would be included in the Historic Iowa Trees book compiled by the Sesquicentennial Committee.

The afternoon tour included the Toledo Bridge (just north of the Lincoln Highway), Jack Kupka's station (Red's 66) in Montour, Mural, Marker, and Bridge at Tama, Otter Creek wetlands and Bill Kupka's woodcarving welcome at Chelsea, George Preston's station, Sankof's Garage and Lincoln Cafe at Belle Plaine, and we finally ended our chilly, windy tour at Youngville where we saw the rehabilitation and had coffee and cookies. Thanks to all who helped and participated and were great sports about the day.

Western Iowa Tour

We have moved to the Western Iowa Highway walk on April 13. We will meet at the Merry Brook School at 9:30 and walk and examine the original brick section of the Lincoln Highway in Woodbine. Those coming in from the east - let's meet at Cronk's Cafe in Denison at 8:30 and car caravan the original route through the country to Arion and Dow City and then again take the graveled road to Dunlap and Woodbine. Dress for the weather, we'll take half-mile hikes.

Tentative game plan after Woodbine calls for walk down the dirt section south of Woodbine behind the apple orchard, walk to the bridge in the quarry in Logan, walk and explore several of the abandoned original Honey Creek Hill Segment.

We'll try to eat our sack lunch at the "perfect stop" along the way, and hopefully finish at 5:30 for a hamburger at the Aeroplane Inn at Honey Creek.

Bus to Reno! It looks like the bus to Reno is a go!! We are about 85% toward our minimum so the historic, scenic, meals and lodging stops are being planned. We will be hosted at the Fallon Museum, Middlegate Ranch, Eureka Opera House, Goodyear Cutoff on the Dugway Proving Ground, Orr's Ranch and in Tooele and Lyman, so a lot of hospitality is waiting for us.

What's New

New projects include double signing of the original route of the Lincoln Highway through Carroll. This is a joint effort of the Historical Society and the City Council with Marie Hackett spearheading the project. Also, we have had two meetings with the Iowa River Corridor Project group, and it looks like a partnership will promote the Tama-Chelsea-Belle Plaine-Marengo-Iowa City Scenic Historic Byway. This looks like a great tourism, preservation, and natural resources project. It is exciting that both the Lincoln Highway and the Iowa River Group are organized and ready to go with the areas that require joint cooperation. Of course for the Lincoln Highway, this Iowa River Corridor extends west through Montour (photo above), Butlerville, LeGrand, and Marshalltown.

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