SATURDAY JULY 9, THE IOWA LHA MEETS IN BENTON COUNTY AT YOUNGVILLE CAFÉ

Benton County is the place for the quarter’s meeting of the Iowa LHA. We will meet on Saturday July 9, 2011 at Youngville Café located on the Lincoln Highway about 18 miles west of Cedar Rapids. Coffee, juice and rolls will be available beginning at 9:00 AM. President Allan Richards will begin the meeting around 9:30 AM. Afterwards around noon, lunch will be served at the café. The cost of lunch is $8.00 per person and will consist of a choice of either a tenderloin, hamburger or cheeseburger, with either a lettuce salad or potato salad, a drink and pie for dessert. Contact Jeff LaFollette at jefflaf@gmail.com to make your lunch reservations.

This will be the last meeting before the two big summertime events that the Iowa LHA will conduct in August, the 2nd Iowa Buy-Way Yard sale and the 4th Iowa LHA Motor Tour. There will be updates on these items, plus a recap of the national conference and other items for discussion. The new signs are up at Youngville now and hopefully by the meeting they will be up across the state. So you can follow the signs to the meeting. Otherwise the directions are below. It’s easy to get there! We hope to see you there!

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE EAST—Travel west on US 30. (Lincoln Highway) Youngville is located about 18 miles west of Cedar Rapids.

FROM THE WEST—Travel east across US 30. (Lincoln Highway) Youngville is located about 11 miles east of the Bete Plaine junction and about 25 miles east of Tama.

In This Issue...

On The Radio, The Signs are Here!! & Mystery in Clinton

FIRST CLASS
Ogden 8, IA 50212
P.O. Box 14
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association
www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/ia

Along The Lincoln Highway
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION
Volume 16, Number 2 SUMMER 2011

THE SIGNS ARE HERE, THE SIGNS ARE HERE!!

In the last issue of “Along The Lincoln Highway” we proclaimed, the signs are coming, the signs are coming! Well, if you’ve traveled the Lincoln Highway lately, you have probably noticed in certain areas that indeed the signs are here. Yes, after many, many years of work, the dream has finally become a reality. The Lincoln Highway is now officially a Heritage Byway and the new signs say it is so. A report from Harlan Quick, Marshall County Council says: “The new DOT signs marking the route of the Historic Lincoln Highway through State Center are up. The Lincoln Highway ran down Main Street, across the railroad tracks at 3rd Ave N, and out past the Kaufman City Park, located across from the new West Marshall Middle School and High School. A loop route, a “temporary” route used from 1913 to 1922, is also marked. It ran along the gravelled street north of the high school football field.”

The new signs started going up around Ames and there are two sets of DOT crews working, one going west and another going east, installing the signs. Hopefully by either the Iowa LHA Buy-Way Yard Sale or the Iowa LHA Motor Tour, the installation of the signs will be completed. Either way, travelers will for the first time be able to drive the Iowa LHA using signs and be able to follow the entire route from Clinton to Council Bluffs with signage. Also folks leaving Iowa and traveling into Illinois can now drive over 500 miles of the route in the two states using signage.

So look for the signs when you are out and about on the Lincoln Highway. And let’s give a big THANK YOU to all of those individuals from the Iowa LHA, the three RD&D offices, the Iowa State Historic Society, and the Iowa DOT along with the 42 plus communities on the route for making this possible.

A side note to this story is that all of Iowa’s Scenic Byways will have new signage this year featuring the top portion of the sign seen below in the photo that reads “Iowa’s Byways.” Each scenic route will have its own logo. But the Lincoln Highway is the only Heritage Byway, so its status is truly unique to Iowa’s Byways.
NY2SF Wakes up a Sleepy One-Stop

We have done it again! This makes four years in a row—the Lincoln Highway Amateur Radio Group teamed with the Benton County (Iowa) Amateur Radio Club to wake up the sleepy Youngville One-Stop, which at one time included a vintage gas station, café and cabins along the original route of the Lincoln Highway in eastern Iowa. The teams of radio operators erected antennas and set up two shortwave radio stations and then settled in for two days of on-the-air contacts. 32 local amateurs visited our special event. 25 hard workers helped to put up antennas and staffed the radios. The other 17 were uniquely qualified to supervise. This “Special Event” station was celebrating “98 Years on the Lincoln Highway. We did a great job of spreading the word about the Lincoln Highway using our unique call letters, NY2SF (New York to San Francisco). The event was well-advertised in advance and was a highly-sought after radio contact.

Between multiple food and drink breaks, we spoke with almost 600 other stations in 44 states, 3 Canadian provinces, Mexico, Belgium and Spain.

We had a great time and are planning to spread the word of the Historic Lincoln Highway, our country’s first transcontinental highway, again next year.

We brought in a ringer, Wayne, KE6MS, kept the code station smoking.

(Photos Courtesy of Van & Bev Becker)
IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY
BUY-WAY YARD SALE COMING
AUGUST 4TH 5TH & 6TH

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for August 4th, 5th and 6th for the second annual Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Buy-Way Event. This is a state wide yard sale along the 330 mile route of the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. This is Iowas second year for a yard sale ad we join with other states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia to create a nearly 1000 mile long yard sale for the weekend.

Last year, 31 communities in Iowa participated in the event. This year, there may be close to 40 communities involved. Participants last year came from all over and some even visited yard sales in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. It is truly a large scale event that promotes the Lincoln Highway as a whole. The eventual goal is to get all 31 states involved in the sale to create a $339 yard sale which is the total mileage of the entire route of the Lincoln Highway.

Our very heartfelt thanks go to Deb Rothmeyer of Davenport for organizing this event for the second year. Deb has worked tirelessly to put this together and make it a successful event. Last year there were 500 yard sales in Iowa, which topped the mark Ohio set in the inaugural year of the yard sale in 2005. Deb is looking to break the 500 mark this year. If you would like to hold a yard sale in conjunction with this event, please contact Deb at either 712-263-8356 or by e-mail at debbie44@frontiernet.net. Deb has a list of people and places that are holding sales and she will put you on her list that will be available to those folks that are traveling the road on the sale.

If you would like to know where the sales in Iowa will be located, again call or e-mail Deb at the information above and get with her to get your list. Let’s fill the Lincoln Highway with yard sales and even more people out there driving to and from the sales. Let’s make this year the biggest and best!

IOWA LHA NEWSLETTER GOES GREEN WITH THIS ISSUE

Beginning with this issue of this newsletter, some of you will receive a newsletter by e-mail. We have started a database of those who wish to receive “Along the Lincoln Highway” electronically by e-mail. We will send you a link to the newsletter by a pdf file when it is sent to our webmistress Sandi and editor Jeff by our printer, Grant Wood AEA in Cedar Rapids. I will then send it out to those of you who requested an e-mail copy. You may receive a hard copy for this issue as well as we streamline our database. This is one less issue trial period, and your feedback is important to us. We are not discontinuing mailing the newsletter, we are just offering this as an option. If you are interested, contact Jeff at jeffitlq@q.com to receive an e-copy.
**Name That Lincoln Highway Spot**

This picture looks invigorating on a hot summer day, but it was not too nice in the dead of winter. This picture was submitted by Cathie Nichols of DeWitt, and two people besides the editor got it right. Van Becker of Cedar Rapids and Paul Fugate of Mechanicville recognized this wintry wonderland as the bridge over the Wapapinnicon River between Calamus and Wheatland about two miles west of the pony truss bridge. Van sent a warmer looking photo of the area that was taken in early April. Congrats to highway sleuths Van and Paul for their sharp eyes and highway smarts.

Now for this issue, we have a real mystery photo. This one comes from, who else but Van Becker. He writes that he knows it was in Clinton, but the real mystery is where was it in Clinton? We are hoping that some of our Clinton County members can give us an idea where this was. This photograph is a wonderful example of very early highway history. So please submit your answers to Jeff Lafalette by e-mail at jelfatariq.com. I’m looking forward to finding out where this area was as well. I’m guessing it was someplace west of the W.F. Coon marker, but I’m hoping it was along the older alignment heading toward Evans. We’ll hopefully know soon.

---

**The President’s Corner**

By Allan Richards, Iowa LHA President

The Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is officially here, signs in place and route ready for driving. Of course all fanatics realized the route was here, and ready ‘o driving all along.

Since I have the opportunity to drive one or two miles each day in Tama, Iowa, I now picture the route more clearly, as well as, many other travelers will be able to picture the route. The Tama drive now has 24 signs going through town, with half each direction. It is a pleasure to see the signs and enjoy the thoughts of the past and what the future will bring.

The new bridge north of the Lincoln Highway Bridge Park is nearing completion and planning has now begun on the 4 lane east towards Benton County. The issue of the new road will be the turn off towards Chelsea. The plan is to take the whole hill at the intersection going towards Chelsea and make a square corner, thus removing the old park on the corner and a good portion of the old US route. My vision would be to keep the road in place, improve the park, and dead end the road where the US joins new 30. This would serve as a place to view the old road, picnic and look out over the Iowa River Valley.

The question lurking in my thoughts is how the Lincoln Highway Association could more effectively influence the decision makers concerning the future. As many may agree, most elected officials have little concern other than pollie lip service to ideas and projects. We do need all the voices we are able to put together, projects to pursue and educational opportunities to promote.

As I continue on to Benton and Linn County, as I do at least once a week, I am proud of the Lincoln Highway efforts. The one item that we may be able to promote in Cedar Rapids is the marking and development of the new “Cedar Rapids Automobile Historic District”. In talking with political people there about the closing of a portion of 2nd Avenue and the tearing down of the parking garage on 3rd Ave. and 1st St., the city is to invest in preservation efforts to promote the importance of the automobile and the Lincoln Highway. Will this be completed and will the city follow through on promises?

My answer would be to continue my drive along the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Highway through Cedar Rapids. Saying to the leaders that as I drive the route, and comes upon Green Square Park, I would find myself at a site that has a nice monument to the Lincoln Highway, a row of historical places to visit, and a modern interactive computer terminal that would assist me with my questions about the past, the present and the future as I visit the city.

With the National Scenic Byways and All American Roads, an effort to create a forum or idea sharing site for our efforts has been in discussion. As suggested in the past, wanted are your stories or ideas. It is only a matter of taking the time to send over your thoughts and words. The suggestion is to create a link onto the web site to share files, create a forum on a commercial site, or as I say, let us just get going. Assigned is the dedicated email (temporary untilly) address of lincolnbyway@icu.com wherein, I will collect, store and hopefully be able make something good for the future in the new age of the internet highway. We must start as many have, and continue to work to add to this great road work of the past.

All that is being asked is to encourage you and others to share with everyone the direction you desire for the future success of the Lincoln Highway Association and the betterment of the Lincoln Highway. Respectfully yours.

---

**FOR SALE**

Original Bronze Medallion from Lincoln Highway Concrete Marker

Marked Whitehead-Hong, New Jersey

$500.00 Guaranteed Old

Lynn Christian 515-232-2222

---

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES**

Business card size ad Single ad placed on an inside page of the newsletter in black and white.

The card/ad should be in standard digital format (Jpg or scanner ready). Double size business cards will double the price.

**Rates:**

1 Issue: $10 2 Issues: $20

3 or 4 Issues: $30

(Buy three and get 4th free)

**Flyer:**

1 page 8¼ X 11 provided by the customer inserted into our eighth page newsletter.

**Rates:** 1 page Flyer- 1 issue: $50

Please visit our website for more information and to download an advertising rate sheet. Information about advertising on our website is also available. Check us out at:

[www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/iowa](http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/iowa)