



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Presidents' Corner

By Dean and Jeannie Parr, Co-Presidents
Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

We hope everyone is enjoying the good weather. Are we the only ones that think we went from running our furnaces to A/C almost the same day? I really don't mind running the A/C - much better than worrying about ice storms.

As usual, this year is just whipping past. We are looking forward to the conference in Utah and hope to see you there. I'm sure all of you know that Dean has accepted the nomination for the position as our state director. We're hoping that you will vote for him - he's going to be a fantastic director!

Deb Rothmeyer has really stepped up ensuring the Iowa based conference in 2017 will be THE best conference ever and one that all future conferences base their success on. She started the same day at our meeting in Denison last April and has been the driving force in getting that whole town and even Carroll behind us 100%. I realize it's still early...

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Byway Updates

By Angie Hettinger

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring and a great start to summer so far! We have been staying busy at Prairie Rivers of Iowa by attending various events and spreading the word about the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. In April, I had the opportunity to travel to Manhattan, Kansas to attend the Heartland Byways Conference. There were programs focused on byway sustainability and preserving the road's intrinsic qualities as well as national byway designation discussion. A leading national scenic byway, the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway, showcases its intrinsic qualities throughout the road. We traveled by charter bus and visited various communities and destinations along the byway. This was a fantastic opportunity to see restoration of land and buildings and witness the elevation of the road's story.

I see the potential in the Lincoln Highway to become THE vessel of economic growth for the communities along the byway and it is important for everyone to participate in our corridor management plan development. John Mazzello has been working to develop our meeting process and we are excited to start public meetings this Fall. Please keep in touch with Prairie Rivers of Iowa about any concerns or ideas you have for the Corridor Management Plan. I hope to see many of you this summer at various activities along the byway!

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City Buys Police Car



Chief of Police Mick Parr pauses for the cameraman just before he drives for the first time the new city police car purchased from the Cornell Chevrolet company. The car is to be used by the police in night "cruising" and for emergency calls. Until the new car was purchased the individual policemen were using their own cars for which they were paid mileage costs. The city hopes to be able to effect a saving with the police car and also to increase the efficiency of the force.

News clipping of Jefferson's first police car. Full story on page 6.

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.

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**Lincoln Highway Association Announces
New Award Program**



A map of the route taken to qualify for the award.

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln Highway Association approved the initiation of a new recognition program called “The Coast-To-Coast Completion Award” at its Board Meeting on February 13, 2014. The new program provides a means for recognizing individuals who have traveled the entire distance of the Lincoln Highway. A certificate of achievement and a commemorative pin will be issued by the LHA to those who qualify for the award based upon successful processing of the application form designed for this purpose.

Anyone who has traveled the entire route is eligible but are required to fill out the application form. The form is available at www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org and must be forwarded to the address indicated on the form for processing. There is no application fee or deadline for submission. As many applications as possible will be completed by the review committee in time to announce the names of recipients during the Annual Conference in Tooele, Utah the week of June 17-21, 2014.

Future applications can be submitted and awards issued at any time during the year but only those applications received by April 30th will be announced at each year’s Annual Conference.

Many Lincoln Highway enthusiasts have already completed the coast-to-coast travel. This is a significant achievement which warrants recognition in a special way through this program. The recognition program is also intended to inspire others to consider such an adventure as a way of enriching their Lincoln Highway experience.

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New Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Map Packs are available! Newly updated in 2013 with route corrections, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway route, and more. Map Packs are available for \$10 each from:

**Lincoln Highway Museum
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Mystery Place

By Van Becker

Can you identify the Mystery Place?

This photo comes with 3 hints:

1. This Indian head is NOT on a five-cent coin.
2. The photographer was facing east.
3. There is another LH landmark close by.



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If you think you can identify the Mystery Place, send an email to lincolnhighway@prrcd.org or call 515-232-0048. The first person to identify the Mystery Place will receive a 2013 Iowa Lincoln Highway Map Pack!



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Last Issue's Mystery Place

Several readers contacted us with the correct answer for last issue's Mystery Place.

The Mystery Place was the Abbey Creek Schoolhouse near Mt. Vernon. Congratulations to Cindy Lundine and Junior Sander for the first correct responses!

Plan to Attend the Next Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting

July 12, 2014

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum



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A Canadian National Railroad engine now owned and operated by the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad.

The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum is located at 225 10th Street, Boone, Iowa. This museum features history of depots in Iowa and includes several rare telegraph instruments on display. The original track was built in the 1890s. After many years of being owned by the Chicago & North Western a section of railroad was purchased by the Boone Railroad Historical Society in 1983. Since then, this historical line has continued to grow.

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Upcoming Iowa LHA Meetings

October 11, 2014	Tama, Iowa
January 10, 2015	TBA
April 11, 2015	TBA

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...but we're hoping to instill the excitement in each of you. Plan on attending our July meeting and hear first hand about things our planning committee has already accomplished. Prepare to be amazed. It's A Wonderful Road will be the theme of our conference. And it IS a wonderful road.

Don't forget to check our website for all the summer activities in all the communities along our beloved highway. Try to attend as many as possible to support all our members and their efforts to promote the Lincoln Highway.

And don't forget to submit information about your individual communities so that anyone accessing our website will be able to plan their personal driving tours across our state. Any and all information should be sent to Sandii at nilandcafe@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another year along our beloved Lincoln Highway.

Happy traveling!

Dean and Jeannie Parr

Co-Presidents, Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

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Bringing Back the Past

By Marcia Quick

As the Lincoln Highway winds its way along State Center's paved Main Street, the City's streetscape seems to have been frozen in time, a time when State Center's "Remarkable Row" of historic buildings first witnessed Model Ts, Packards, and Maxwells traveling the "new" Lincoln Highway on its dirt streets of 1913. This Iowa Main Street town of 1,468 located in the geographic center of Iowa, has been working hard to recapture their Main Street's early 20th Century charm by preserving the town's century-old buildings for the 21st Century. The community has already saved many of its decaying structures from the wrecking ball and has restored them to their former glory. The State Center Development Association (SCDA) and the City of State Center, along with a large crew of hard-working volunteers, are currently in the process of restoring four more historic buildings, including the Woods Hospital Building and the Benson Building on West Main Street, the Home Oil Gas Station located along the 1931 route of the Lincoln Highway, and the transplanted Centre Station Depot on E Main Street.

The Woods Hospital is a Colonial Revival Style



© Marcia Quick
Woods Hospital located on West Main Street

building built on State Center's Main Street in 1911, shortly before the Lincoln Highway came into existence. The building was originally built as doctors offices and later became a hospital. It

remained a hospital until 1953. In 1955, it became a nursing home. Later it was used as a personal residence, a daycare, and a restaurant. The SCDA purchased the building in 2012, updated and restored it, and recently sold it.

The SCDA recently purchased the Benson Building, located next door to the Woods Hospital. They have replaced the dirt floor basement with a full basement and concrete floor. The roof has been repaired, and the main floor is being replaced. The front of the building will be rebuilt to resemble the original 1895 façade. When the restoration is completed this fall, the building will become a drug store.

The cottage-style Home Oil Gas Station was built in 1932 as a Continental Petroleum DX station. In 1938, it became a Mobil Oil station and remained so until 1968 when

Remember that you can share your photos of the Lincoln Highway, too. You can submit a photo for use in the newsletter or on the ILHA website, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa is always seeking new photos to help promote the byway.

it became a Skelly station. The station closed in the late 1980s. The City of State Center purchased the vacant building in 2006. The town finished restoring the structure this June. The building is now home to the State Center Police Department.



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Old Home Oil Gas Station

This railway depot is similar to an 1881 Iowa Central Railway Depot, which sat at the west end of State Center's Main Street. In 2012, the depot was moved to State Center's East Main Street from the town



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Centre Station Depot originally from Zearing, IA

of Zearing, 17 miles northwest of State Center. The SCDA is in the process of restoring the depot, which will become an historic interpretive site. The depot sits across the street

from the Washington Township Country School, which was brought to town and restored in 2003.

State Center has successfully restored a number of Main Street buildings sitting along the historic Lincoln Highway. Now folks are busy searching for the next building to be brought back to its glory from another time.

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Motor Tour Update

By Bryan and Caron Osberg

This year's one-day Lincoln Highway Motor Tour is shaping up to be a great time. The day's plan is set, starting at Squaw Creek with stops at "The Seedling Mile",



© Osberg
Espresso 134 located in Lisbon, Iowa

"Abbey Creek School", "Mt. Vernon", "Lisbon", and more. There is one change in our itinerary. Our stop at the Sutliff Cider Company has been replaced due to a schedule conflict. In place of this...

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PROCLAMATION



LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

WANTED

For Not Being in its Proper Location

1928 Lincoln Highway Marker

Your help is appreciated in learning of its new or current location.

MISSING, MOVED, HIDDEN, STOLEN



LAST SEEN: Front yard of Maggie & Steven Elliott at 401 E. Walnut Ogden, Iowa.

Ms. Elliott has not responded to emails or mail.

We assume Ms. Elliott and the Marker are traveling together.

Let's keep the Iowa Marker Register current and accurate.
Maggie Elliott can keep the marker. All we want is information on
its current location.



If Found Please Contact Van Becker at
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Motor Tour Update, Continued from Pg. 4

...we will visit the History Center in Cedar Rapids with historian Mark Hunter as our host. From there, we drive to the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum to view the Grant Wood stained glass window and learn of the significance of both the 2nd and 1st Street bridges to the early Lincoln Highway.

To help with planning, please register before August 10th. To accommodate everyone, we will be taking same-day registrations the morning of the tour at Squaw Creek. When you pre-register, I will send hotel information to you in case you care to stay before or after the tour.

We look forward to seeing all of you August 23rd!



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History event at the Lisbon History Center in Lisbon, Iowa

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Jefferson's First Police Car

By Dean Parr

Having seen this undated clipping in my grandmother's scrapbook many years ago, I was happy to find the high quality B&W photo in the box of family photos. I still had little idea exactly what year or where in Jefferson the photo was taken. Last fall I learned that the Jefferson newspapers were put online. I found the article on page 5 of the June 26, 1941 Jefferson Harold. Then I noticed that the brick work in the Cornell Garage matched that of the Greene county Historical Museum building. This is at the corner of Lincolnway and Locust. I thought this would make a great then and now photo. So, on our way back to Cedar Rapids from the April ILHA meeting in Denison we stopped and took a second photo. Our Honda Civic looks little like the 1941 Ford in the original photo, but the angle is nearly the same and I am the grandson of Chief Mick Parr in the original.

1941

2014



Before and After: A photo taken in 1941 of the first police car in Jefferson on the corner of Lincolnway and Locust. Parr recreates this photo in front of the Greene County Historical Museum building in April of 2014.

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Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan Update

By John Mazzello, Project Coordinator

Exciting work is continuing on the new Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for Iowa's Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. As you may recall, a CMP is a long-term plan to protect and preserve a byway's most important assets, and to elevate the marketing and interpretation of the roadway to increase heritage tourism, community support, and local economic development. This is truly an important effort because it allows everyone who supports the Lincoln Highway—LHA members, local residents, historical societies, neighborhood businesses—to contribute to a plan that strengthens the byway and its communities for years to come. A new CMP is also critical because it is required in order to eventually apply for National Scenic Byway status for the Lincoln Highway in Iowa.

Since the last newsletter, many of you have stepped forward and provided us with some early information about the Lincoln Highway in your area. Thank you to all the members who have completed our survey and signed up for our CMP mailing list. If you haven't, please visit our CMP website at www.prrcd.org/cmp and click "sign up to get involved." This is your first of many opportunities to share your unique knowledge of the Lincoln Highway for this project.

Beginning this summer, we will be scheduling numerous meetings with individual stakeholder across the state to begin developing the Lincoln Highway's long-term plan. These summer meetings will be followed by larger public community meetings in every county across the state later this year. All LHA members will be invited to the public meetings, but don't be surprised if you get a call even earlier to solicit your input.

In April, Angie Hettinger and I had the opportunity to meet with our Midwestern byway colleagues at the Heartland Byways Conference in Manhattan, KS. There, we had the opportunity to meet with folks from Nebraska's Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway, as well as from many other scenic and historic roads. This conference reaffirmed to us the importance of our work toward strengthening the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. I really encourage you to contact me anytime, but especially to talk about the CMP.

Please call me at 515-216-4005 or email me at jmazzello@prrcd.org.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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Kids on the Byway

By Magon Liu

Kids on the Byway has finished its second year in great success! Each school was able to experience three capstone events throughout the school year based on their respective unit whether that was "Energy in the Environment" or "Space and Weather in the Environment." The teachers and Kids on the Byway staff are already eagerly awaiting next Fall when we can begin planning for next school year! As the summertime rolls in, KOTB begins planning and spreading the word of their kids conservation day camp that will be held July 28th – August 8th. If you're interested in getting involved or want more information, check out www.prrcd.org/camp/



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A Meeker 4th grader peers through a binocular telescope with Ames Area Amateur Astronomer's member Joe Kollasch at the Adams Observatory.



Central Iowa Celebrations along the Lincoln Highway

By Marcia Quick

As you travel the historic Lincoln Highway through Central Iowa this summer, we hope you'll slow down and stop to spend some time with the friendly folks in western Marshall County and eastern Story County. There are exciting celebrations and weekly events taking place in State Center and Colo, seven miles apart on the Lincoln Highway. Not only do these two small towns share the Lincoln Highway and the Union Pacific Railroad line, they also share a lot of small town pride and hospitality!

The State Center Development Association is busy preparing for the upcoming season of events. The State Center Farmers Market is already in full swing, having opened for its 14th season on Friday, May 16. The market runs from 5-7 p.m. each Friday evening on West Main Street, aka the Lincoln Highway, and runs through Friday, October 10. The market features homegrown fruits, vegetables, and plants, along with baked goods, crafts and other locally produced merchandise. Each week, the market features a food vendor, free children's activities, and live entertainment.

The folks in Colo also have an outdoor Farmers Market! Their market is held each Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Reed-Niland Corner, where the Lincoln Highway meets the Jefferson Highway. The Colo market features live entertainment, along with free lemonade and tours of the historic Reed-Niland Gas Station. The vendors offer locally produced fruits, vegetables, baked goods and crafts.

Both communities host annual celebrations during the summer months, as well.

The 56th Annual State Center Rose Festival is set for June 19-22nd. The Rose Queen Pageant and the opening day of the carnival, set up "on" the Lincoln Highway, kick things off on Thursday, June 19th. Friday brings the Rose Queen Coronation in the Municipal Rose Garden and the Backyard BBQ Judging Competition. Saturday starts things off with the Grand Parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Third Annual Rose Festival Car Show. The Sixth Annual Rose Festival Criterium (bicycle races) and a street dance and fireworks wrap up the day on Saturday. Sunday, June 22nd, features a Truck & Tractor Pull at the West Marshall High School athletic complex, starting at 1:00 p.m.

June also brings the first of Colo's three Classic Car Roll Ins. They are scheduled to take place from 6-9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month at the Reed-Niland Corner (June 27, July 25, and August 22). In celebration of its strategic location at the very crossroads of the historic Lincoln and Jefferson Highways, the city of Colo will be celebrating its Annual Colo Crossroads Festival July 11-13th. This year's theme is "Get Fired Up!" celebrating the centennial of the Colo Fire Department. Friday, July 11th, sees the crowning of the Crossroads' Princess and Prince, Kiddies Pedal Pull and other competitions, with a free movie at dusk. On Saturday, July 12th, the tractor ride launches with breakfast at Niland's Cafe. The Crossroads Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. (kiddie parade at 10:15am) followed by car, firetruck and tractor shows. Special historical photographs and items will be on display at the fire station. A street dance wraps up festivities in the evening. Sunday, July 13th, "Higher Power" performs at the city park at 10:30am. The Colo Truck Pull starts at 1:00 p.m.

Now, all we need is you! We cordially invite you to come and help us celebrate the happy days of summer in small town Iowa with shopping, dining, and family entertainment along the historic Lincoln Highway in Central Iowa.



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The Lincoln Highway garden in progress. The garden is located in Grand Junction, IA near the Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum on Main Street.

The Lincoln Highway Garden in Grand Junction

By Bob and Joyce Ausberger

For years we have discussed a large Lincoln Highway Map painted on a large floor at an interpretive site or a large wall, or in concrete such as the Missouri Valley Welcome Center has done. As the large green space east of the new bank which is east of our old bank (the Lincoln Highway museum) became available it seemed like a no brainer to put the map there as part of a garden lay-out. We intended to get started in 1913 and finally got started in 2014. It will be a map of the United States with the Lincoln Highway crossing from New York to San Francisco. At this point we have the outline of the east coast and gulf coast and placed the Appalachian Mountain rocks. Flowers

have been planted in several areas. This will be an ongoing work in progress. The garden state of New Jersey will have cucumbers and Kansas has several sun flowers growing. No doubt Iowa should have corn!

If you know of plant sales or have any seeds you would wish to donate to the garden please contact Bob and Joyce at bobjoyce@netins.net.

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Are there upcoming events happening in YOUR community? Spread the word with an article in the newsletter, by posting on www.iowabyways.org, or by adding an event to the ILHA website. Contact the editor for more information at lincolnhighway@prcd.org

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