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### **Dave Edwards speaks about Cars**



Dave Edwards from Edwards Auto Center in Council Bluffs spoke. Edwards has two sons who are in the middle of buying him out.

Dave stated in 48 years he's never seen the way it is now with the car business.

He stated the public has a six

month memory and forgets quickly. Gas is high now and a lady came in to buy a minivan which would use less gas and take a \$10,000 loss for a suburban. He told her a lot of gas could be purchased for the suburban with that \$10,000, but that fact didn't convince the buyer.

Dave said electric vehicles are coming whether we want it or not. The government is making it happen. He believes every manufacturer will be fully electric by 2030 (that's seven years away). However, he stated full electrification has different variations. Some will be hybrids or some cars with gas with battery assistance up to 20 mph.

The main issue Edwards feels is that the infrastructure needs to be developed first before the consumer will buy the product. Where will raw materials be gotten to make the batteries needed? What will happen to old batteries? Edwards stated some people are building back batteries so there are two sides to all of this. We don't have the power plants which will cause some environmental concerns. Even if we have coal fired plants, electrical grids won't handle the need. Will there be enough electricity in a subdivision to handle the need? Will the electrical circuit in a home be able to charge? In a storm, he said a house could be run off the battery of an electric car which would be beneficial.

Dave believes we need to pump U.S. oil and refine it, also for national security. We have the ability to make the exhaust out of our cars cleaner and could clean the air through the exhaust in the cities as well. Why hasn't natural gas caught on?

It's very volatile. He looks at it like propane. Gas is also very volatile, but we do a better job safety wise in handling it. But Edwards does feel we could liquefy natural gas and send to our allies.

The car industry is competing with everyone else for chips, and Edwards feels the US needs to be able to make our own chips. There is a chip in the remote and now just one remote is being included with the car. Chip manufacturers make more chips for iPhones than for a car.

Dave stated that road tax is paid for each time we pay for gas. With electric cars it will likely be tacked on to the cost of a license plate which will be a lot higher – possibly up to \$800 instead of \$80. It also could be that it will be determined how many miles are driven in a year and you would be taxed on that. A \$700 part is needed to be purchased for plugging in an electrical car in addition to the cost of the car.

**IMPORTANT:** If an electric car catches on fire, it is very difficult to put it out, and is so hot it can burn the concrete. Dave stated it would be better to charge outside the house so you don't risk losing your house with a fire.

Regarding self-driving vehicles, he believes it all seems really good, but if the government can be hacked so can a car. In the future, we may see Amazon and Neb Furniture Mart using self-driving vehicles to deliver.

There are no used cars out there. Edwards stated if you bought a car last year, you could sell it now for the same price. But if you are selling it, what will you be able to replace it with?

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**Next week's speaker will be:**

**Scott Strohmeier, IWCC Football Coach**

**All are welcome!**

**Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays**

**Treynor Community Building**

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## FAMOUS QUOTE

*"There is not only utility in labor,  
but also beauty and dignity."  
Booker T. Washington*

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 14 members plus guests, Glenrose Meier and Dave Edwards.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Keith Denton.

50/50 was won by Jeff Jorgensen. Linda Danker won the Attendance Drawing but was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Irwin's birthday was observed.

### Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Marsha Underwood gave \$10 to celebrate it being ten years since she had her brain aneurism.
- Jeff Jorgensen donated \$20 to announce the event at Tish's Restaurant this Thursday, May 26 from 5-7 PM. Mike Foley, Lt. Governor of NE will be the speaker. The public is invited. RSVP 402-517-8943.
- Ken Graham had his annual physical and was told by the doctor he was due for a tetanus shot, but to wait until he had a cut or scrape, then Medicare would pay for it.
- Judy Gutttau reported she and Mick and Gary and Julie Funkhouser had lunch with former Optimist Larry Kramer and his wife Sharon this week.

### BUSINESS:

- Dale Willenborg stated he put in nine new footings and has also ordered 15 new flags and poles. We are still taking flag orders to be put up for holidays. A citizen has requested flags be also put up for Veteran's Day on Nov. 11. This will definitely be considered, depending on the weather.
- Next Saturday, May 28 after the meeting, the Optimists and volunteers will put up flags.
- John Klein reported the swimming lessons project has to be cancelled as he was not successful in securing a swimming pool that could promise lessons.
- Can Kennel sorting will take place this Wednesday at 2:30 PM to benefit the Boy Scouts.

- John Klein praised Gary Funkhouser for the work he does at the can kennel on his own time throughout the week. Gary will also be marking flag holders ahead of time this week to make flag raising easier! A big thank you to Gary Funkhouser!!
- A very nice thank you from Ashlyn Vorthmann was received for her Optimist scholarship award.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Dale Willenborg promoted TeamMates. He stated there are 15 mentors that meet for an hour one on one with students at the school playing games and getting to know each other. More mentors are welcome.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

## HUMOR



## Calendar

### Events

May 25 Can Kennel Sorting – 2:30 PM

### Birthdays

May 27 Kirk Vorthmann

### Anniversaries

### Programs

May Dale Willenborg  
June Steve Irvin (first 2)  
Steve Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)  
Jeff Jorgensen (4<sup>th</sup> Sat)

### Speakers

May 28 Coach Scott Strohmeier – head FB coach IWCC  
June 4 Jeff Schoening – Rose Parade trip with American Bandmasters  
June 11 Carrie Currin, Treynor K-5 elementary counselor  
June 18 Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls Basketball

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