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MAR 4: Monthly Meeting - Peaslee Tech Center, 6:30 PM. Zoom available.

APR 1: Monthly Meeting - Peaslee Tech Center, 6:30 PM. Zoom available.



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EDITOR'S NOTE DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES

Just a friendly reminder - all items for our newsletter are due by the 15th, monthly. Unfortunately, waiting for items after that delays us, and members living out of town do not receive it before the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So! We just survived (at least I hope all of you did) the coldest February on record. Daryl and I went out at 4:30 am Tuesday morning to stoke the wood boiler and the temperature was a negative 14.4 degrees. Our house furnace couldn't keep up and it was a frozen wonderland. Our beloved Chiefs lost the Super Bowl and we are still dealing with Covid-19 issues. Even with all these problems we still have many things to enjoy. I hope you're all bundled up and doing those winter things you like to do. Our next meeting will be March 4th at Peaslee Tech and with luck Pete Maxon will have a great program for us. One of the TV stations did an article on Dean Weller and Pete was able to get a copy. If you have not seen it, it was a nice piece. If you have seen it, it's worth watching again. Sorry, I am not technical enough to know how to show on Zoom, but a Zoom meeting will be available. I will send info later.

A Board Meeting will be Feb 25 here. Primary item will be discussing Swap Meet planning. We are still in limbo and holding on a thread of hope that we can have it on April 30, May 1 and 2.

Please save the date and await notice. We should have a final verdict on April 1. Prayers for peace and warmth to all.

Margaret

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Tony Mitchell - March 17
Dave Maycock - March 20

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

K. L. & Jean Homolka
March 21, 1961 - 60 years

If we have missed anyone, it is because we do not have the information. Please ask K. L. Homolka for the "Information Form".

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SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson
SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell
TRAILER - Joe Arneson
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BY-GONE DAYS

BY GEORGE LAUPPE



10 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 2011

President Jack Todd's message stated: "2011 is going to be a year for memories for me. I will remember all the snow and all the cold days. Not necessarily good memories, especially if you had to get out in the weather every day. And that brings another memorable event --- my retirement. After working 44 years at the same place, I'm calling it quits. Worked for three corporations, FMC, Astaris and ICL, and never changed jobs; just company names." Under calendar of events: March Meeting - Watkins, 6:30 NOTICE: NEW MEETING TIME. March 17- Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade. At that February 3rd meeting at Watkins Museum on a bitterly cold night 8 members and 1 guest attended.

20 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 2001

(YES-10 YEARS LATER-Jack Todd was president again) His message—"I feel we had an excellent February meeting with Steve Jansen's presentation--The month of February has been very busy for the club with the good turnout for Glen's Opry in Tonganoxie.--The Wyandotte Swap meet was this past Saturday, members George Lauppe, Mike Cormack, Bill Bunce and myself left around 8:00 am, 12 degrees was not the perfect temperature, but the good company and the car stories made the trip well worth it." Minutes of the February meeting reveals that 23 members attended. Joe Arneson reported that vendor swap meet packets had been sent. The decision as to what to do with the club's fire truck was delayed until after the swap meet.

30 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 1991

Minutes of the March meeting reported the meeting convened at 8:35 pm with 25 members present. One of two guests was Joe Arneson. Steve Jensen gave the program on "Changes on Massachusetts Street". A garage tour was held in February with eight members attending, which saw over thirty old cars. (No description of the tour.) Announcement made that the east fence at the fairgrounds would be moved at the end of March. Treasurer reported club had \$16,268.12. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

40 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 1981

March meeting was held at Watkins Museum with 23 members answering roll. Lauppe, Swap Meet Chairman, reported 64 vendors had reserved vendor spaces, 44 from Kansas. Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Pate Swap Meet, requesting they move their swap meet to the last full weekend in April (no

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**LAWRENCE REGION AACA MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS
PEASLEE TECH CENTER
February 4, 2021**

Call To Order: President Barnes

Minutes: Minutes of January reviewed and approved.

Attendance: In person - Joe Arneson, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Darrell Workman, Pete Maxon, Ken Filardo, George Lauppe, Dave & Barb Maycock, Tony Mitchell, Rosco Yoder, K. L. Homolka. Via Zoom - Shirley Cormack, Carl Peer, Russ & Rosie French, & Norm Kressmann.

Treasurer's Report: Pete reported the 2020 standings along with graphs showing the breakdown of income and expenses. Dave M. moved to approve the report, second by K., motion carried.

Swap Meet Report: Joe reported everything is still on hold with the fairgrounds and Douglas Co. Health Dept. Joe suggested that we either keep on "hold" or "Cancel" by April 1. Daryl B. said the rental of golf carts and portable bathrooms are on "hold". Joe stated he has contacted each of the vendors, and they are OK with us holding their vendor fees until the next swap meet. One fee was returned due to a death.

Scholarships: Tony contacted all Douglas County high schools and had more interest than last year. McPherson Tech has not responded yet. George L. suggested we contact Peaslee about their students applying. Membership agreed.

Election of Officers: Candidates were asked to leave the room. Vote was by show of hands. Simple majority ruled. Your new officers are:

PRESIDENT: Margaret Barnes
VICE PRESIDENT: Daryl Barnes
SECRETARY: K. L. Homolka
TREASURER: Pete Maxon
BOARD MEMBERS: Tony Mitchell (Through 2021)
Rosco Yoder (Through 2022)
Darrell Workman (Through 2023)

New Business: Motion made by George Lauppe to issue a \$50.00 memorial to Arnie Morgison family. Second by Tony, motion carried. Pete will handle.

Refreshments furnished by Dave & Barb (KC Chiefs theme). Next month: Arneson.

Adjourn: Motion by Tony, second by Daryl Barnes, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Homolka, Secretary

2021 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- March 19** - Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- April 8-10** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N.C. *Hornets Nest Region 704-847-4215
- April 15-17** - AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910 **(RE-SCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 11-13)**
- April 21-23** - Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico Region 305-978-8037 **(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 17-20)**
- Apr 30-May 2** - Lawrence Region AACA Annual Swap Meet, Lawrence, KS (Temporary date)
- June 17-19** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY, Saratoga Region 585-474-2406
- June Dates TBA** - Midwest Region, by Plain Ol' A's, Kansas City, MO
- July 1-3** - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn IN 717-534-1910 **(RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 6-8)**
- July 22-24** - Annual Grand Nationals, New Ulm, MN, Minnesota Region 320-290-4285
- August 13-14** - Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO, Poudre Valley Region, 970-686-9291
- September 9-11** - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville, SC, South Carolina Region 717-534-1910
- October 3** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS (Temporary date)
- October 6-9** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region 717-566-7720
- November 4-6** - Special Western Nationals, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix Region 602-999-6594

2022 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- February 10-12** - AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910
- February 24-26** - AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL 717-534-1910
- March 10-12** - Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas, NE 717-534-1910
- April 7-9** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, Hornets Nest Region 704-847-4215
- May 5-7** - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN 717-534-1910 (tentative date)
- May 19-21** - Annual Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Region 618-363-6730

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word I came across the other day, "rat fink". Ohh, what a nasty put-down!

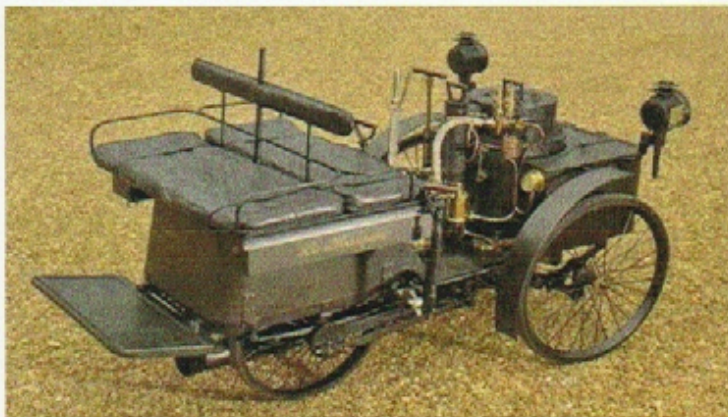
Another word I miss - "percolator". That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffeemaker". How dull....Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "Dyna Flow" and "Electrolux" and "Frigidaire". Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "Spectra Vision"!

Food for thought: was there a telethon that wiped out "lumbago"? Nobody complains about that anymore. Maybe that was Caster Oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids kids with Caster Oil. Some words aren't gone but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is "supper". Now everybody says "dinner".

Save great words!! Discuss fender skirts!

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Oldest running car on the planet,
1884 De De-Bouton et Trepardou
Dos-a-Dos

First Ford car factory in US, 1926



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WHY JAY LENO THINKS EVERYONE NEEDS TO DRIVE A FORD MODEL T BEFORE THEY DIE



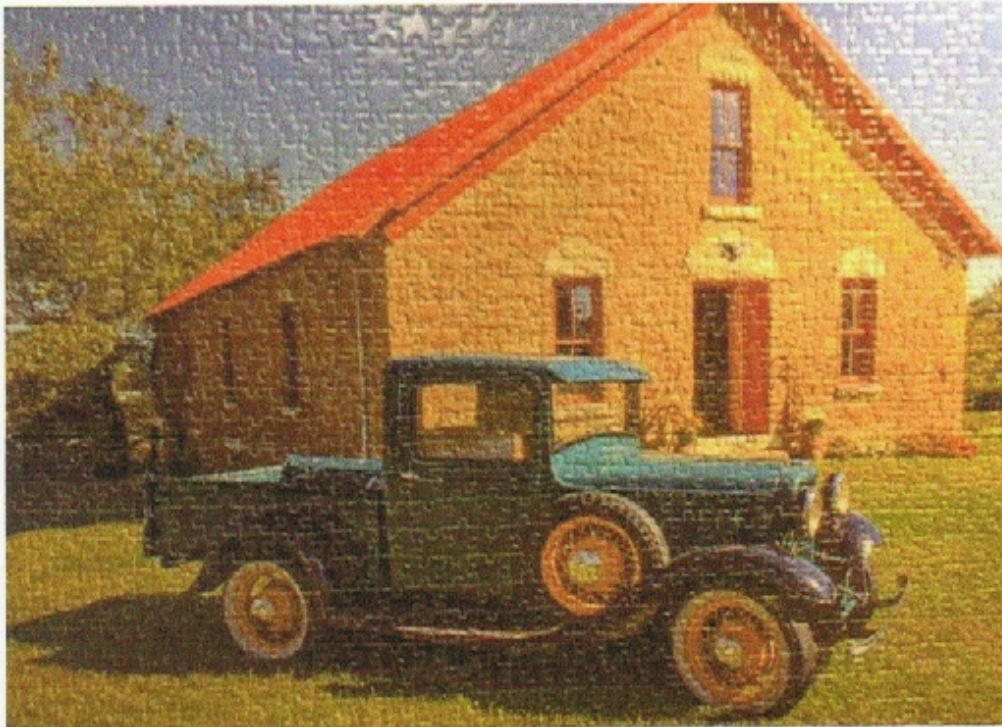
Henry Ford's Model T has changed the world for the better. The rather conservative innovator kept the versatile workhorse in production from 1909 until 1927, making the automobile affordable to millions in the process. Of course, throughout those highly progressive years, Ford made a number of technical and design changes to the T without ever sticking to model years, arriving to what is known as the "high hood" Model T for 1926 and 1927. These cars featured a larger hood more in line with the cowl panel, and more metal between the firewall and the windshield.

Interestingly, the Model T got significantly cheaper as the years went by, only to be gradually replaced by the less-revolutionary Model A. What didn't change, however, was the quality, with many parts including the axles and gears being made of forged vanadium steel. The choice of this durable alloy led to many Model T's being still drivable today, well over a century after their production. It's understandable why seasoned car enthusiasts like Jay Leno became fans of the Fords their grandparents drove, yet once the younger generation represented in the YouTube noted below, by 24-year old Brandon Fay also gets into the Model T scene, these basic machines will have every chance to survive for yet another 100 years. After all, they aren't all that fussy when it comes to what sort of fuel you could find.

Brandon Fay's 1927 Model T was saved from a farm in Wisconsin and is so late into production that it features a number of Model A components, along with such modern upgrades as a water pump, an electric fan and ignition system, and various hot rod elements the owner considers to be period correct. On a good day, a Model T's 20-horsepower engine would grant you a top speed of 44 mph, as long as you remembered that the gas is operated by your hand, the gears by your feet, and the brake is something you shouldn't even think about. The gearing should slow you down sufficiently, especially with one accessory that make a Model T much more useable than the standard two-speed planetary gearbox. First introduced in 1917, the three-speed Warford transmission offered

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FOCUS ON MEMBERS



What is it?

1932 Model BB Pickup, 4-cylinder, all original. Ford launched the Model BB in 1932 and they were produced from 1932 to 1934. Ford wanted a totally different vehicle than the Model A to include their newly developed V-8 engine. The Model BB truck was available in both 4 cylinder and 8 cylinder and both models looked very much alike. The 1932 BB model was the only year with this body style. The 1933 and 1934 models had a swooping grill. While I was researching this model, I discovered what a “little deuce Coupe” the Beach Boys sang about is; it was a 1932 Ford Coupe with the new V-8 flathead engine.

Who owns it?

Dave and Barb Maycock of Baldwin City. Members since 2016.

Why did you want this particular vehicle?

When Dave was 16 a guy across the street had a rodDED 1932 Chevy. The friend would drag the Coupe and when he was dragging, he blew out the rear end and then acquired a 1932 5-window Coupe. Dave would help him work on the cars and go to the drags with him. From that time forward, Dave just really liked the style of the 1932 models. This truck is actually his second 1932 pickup. The first was in 1965 when he was a poor KU student. This truck didn't have a bed and the taillights were bolted to the frame. Even then it saw a lot of action driving to and from Lawrence to St. Louis. This truck has now been restored also in beautiful condition.

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When did they acquire it?

Dave and Barb bought the truck in 1984 in Belleville, Illinois. The truck was amateur-restored, but in running condition. It came with a home-made tow bar and they towed it home in icy conditions. The truck had to sit at the top of the hill before being towed home because if Dave lost control it could roll into Table Rock Lake. They paid \$3700 for it. Currently, the truck is undergoing frame off restoration and has the motor and cab off frame.

What was the hardest part to find?

The back fenders had a lot of cracks and body putty and it had to be replaced. Because these models are so popular, parts are not that hard to come by.

Interesting points

Dave and Barb owned a resort in Branson, MO on Table Rock Lake. Dave would often drive the truck to pick up trash and jobs around the resort. It always took him a little longer because folks would like to look at and talk about the truck.

The picture of the truck is actually a 1000-piece puzzle custom-made from a photo. You can have any photo cut into a puzzle. Cost is around \$60 and Dave will be happy to give you information.

ANSWER TO HEADLIGHT QUIZ (Page 10)

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 1956 Ford Victoria | 11. 1957 Buick |
| 2. 1958 Plymouth | 12. 1957 Pontiac |
| 3. 1964 Oldsmobile Cutlas | 13. 1960 Cadillac |
| 4. 1950 Packard | 14. 1953 Corvette |
| 5. 1950 Pontiac | 15. 1957 Chevrolet |
| 6. 1957 Packard Clipper | 16. 1957 Chevrolet |
| 7. 1958 Pontiac Bonny | 17. 1960 Corvair |
| 8. 1949 Plymouth | 18. 1962 Mercury Comet |
| 9. 1964 Plymouth Fury | 19. Chrysler 300 |
| 10. 1955 Ford | 20. 1964 DeSoto |

Thanks to K. L. Homolka for sharing.

DEFINITION OF BEAUTY

Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes. Small. Large. Circle. Square. Thin Crust. Thick Crust. Stuffed Crust. Extra Toppings.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

THE WAY THE WORLD IS TODAY

Well, to be perfectly honest, in my humble opinion, of course without offending anyone who thinks differently from my point of view, but also by looking into this matter in a different perspective and without being condemning of one's views and by trying to make it objectified and by considering each and everyone's valid opinion, I honestly believe that I completely forgot what I was going to say.

Anonymous

CONVERSATION AT THE BAR

Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while, one guy looks at the other and says "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland". The other guy responds proudly, "Yes, that I am!"

The first guy says "So am I! And whereabouts from Ireland might you be?" The other guy answers "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first guy says "Sure and begorra and so am I! And what street did you live on in Dublin?" The other guy says "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town".

The first guy says "Faith and it's a small world, so did I! And to what school would you have been going?" The other guy answers "Well now, I went to St. Mary's of course".

The first guy gets really excited and says "And so did I! Tell me, what year did you graduate?" The other guy answers "Well now, I graduated in 1964".

The first guy exclaims "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self".

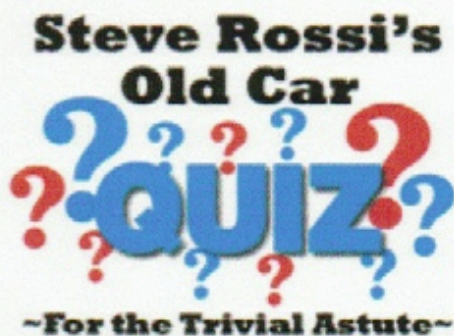
About that time, another guy walks into the bar, sits down and orders a beer.

The bartender walks over shaking his head and mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight". The new guy asks "Why do you say that?"

"The Murphy twins are drunk again."

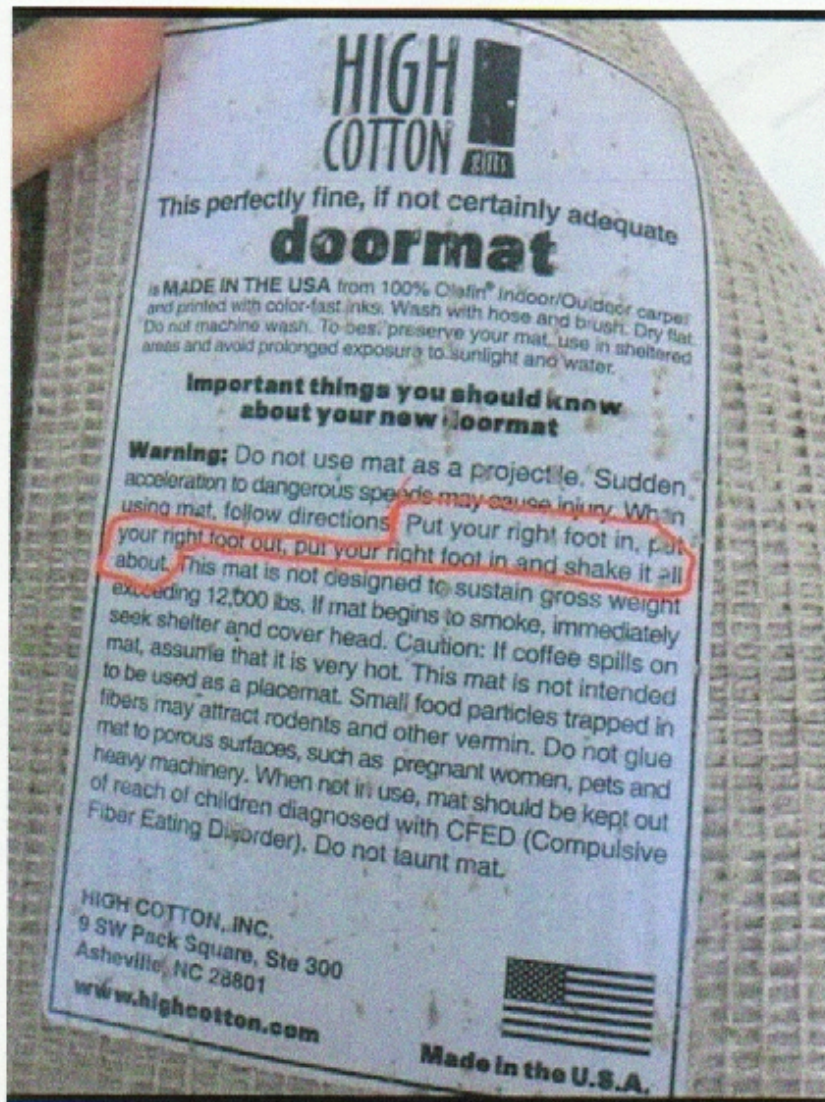
ANSWER

Painted, red inner fenders could be found on some 1953-54 Buick Skylark (wheel wells). Then, red lightweight plastic "inner fender liners" (for weight-saving, performance purposes) could be optionally had on 1966-67 Pontiac GTOs and 1967-71 Oldsmobile 442 W30 models. They were particularly memorable when combined with red line tires.



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Anonymous

