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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 6, 2022 was our first meeting of the year for the Lawrence Region Antique Auto Club of America. It was very cold that night, about 10 degrees. Nine members attended the meeting. The members voted to make a donation to Peaslee Tech Center. It is very nice of them to let us open the building for our meetings.

Seven members attended the Topeka Farm Show in Topeka on January 12, 2022. We had a very good outing.

On Wednesday evening, the first meeting for the Lawrence Swap meet took place. There were eleven members who attended ready to work. We need volunteers and members to get with Joe so we can have a very good swap meet this year.

Remember to pay your National Dues and our local dues if you have not already done so.

Darrell Workman, President

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.,
Peaslee Tech Center

MARCH 3 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.,
Peaslee Tech Center

WHAT IS FEBRUARY KNOWN FOR?

Groundhog Day - February 2

Valentine's Day - February 14

Martin Luther King Day - February 17

President's Day - February 21

EDITOR'S NOTE

Just a friendly reminder - all items for our newsletter are due by the 15th, monthly. Thank you.



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FEBRUARY
CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bunce
2/4/22

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Margaret Kressmann
February 24, 1996 - 26 years

EDITOR'S NOTE

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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CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes

SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson

SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell

TRAILER - Joe Arneson

SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock

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**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region Antique Auto Club of America was held on January 6, 2022 at the Peaslee Tech Center, Lawrence, Kansas. President Darrell Workman presiding and 9 members in attendance.

December 2021 Minutes read and approved by motion.

Treasurer's Report was published and distributed by Pete Maxon; this report was approved by motion. Please note that 2022 dues for national and local are due now. Please get with Pete to pay local, and national can be paid online or by mail. K. L. needs to finalize the membership registry and send to nationals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Margaret Barnes and seconded by Carl Peer, to give a donation of \$500 to Peaslee Tech Center. Motion approved by vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Joe Arneson will have the first planning meeting for the Swap Meet on this Wednesday, January 12th at Perkins at 6:30. All hands are needed so please plan on helping if you can to execute our 59th annual Swap Meet, to be held on May 6, 7, and 8, 2022 at Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Joe Arneson ordered 20 new summer caps for members without caps. Please see Joe if you need a cap.

Jack Todd will be ordering the Swap Meet business cards and flyers.

Motion made by Margaret Barnes and seconded by Dave Maycock to authorize Joe to order name tags for members at Jayhawk Trophy for members to pin on.

It was discussed that both Becky and Shirley will need new computers to continue on with Swap Meet and Clutch Chatter business. The executive board has approved for Shirley to go ahead and get new equipment and Jack would get with Becky to find out what she needs and order it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Several members will be attending the Farm Show in Topeka on Jan. 12th and have invites for those that might be interested in going along. To meet at the old Hy-Vee parking lot on 6th Street by 8 AM if interested.

Joe had been in contact with Ralph Reschke and he is still the same and can't get out much. George Lauppe was contacted and he wasn't able to attend the meeting but is still doing well.

Joe Arneson provided refreshments and Pete Maxon will provide for our February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Barnes for K. Homolka, Secretary

2022 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

February 10-12 - AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910
February 24-26 - AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL, Cape Canaveral Region, 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. Hornet's Nest Region, 704-847-4215
April 21-23 - Special Winter Nationals and Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, PR, Puerto Rico Region 305-978-8037 **(RESCHEDULED)**
May 5-7 - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN 717-534-1910
May 19-21 - Annual Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA Tidewater Region, 618-363-6730
June 16-18 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Beckley, WV, White Water Region 681-220-8186
August 11-13 - Central Fall Nationals, East Moline, IL, 319-373-2169
October 4-7 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA, Hershey Region, 717-566-7720
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2022

March 18-19 - Chickasha, OK Pre-War Swap Meet, Grady Co. Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK.
April 28-30 - Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX
April 29-May 1 - Lawrence Region AACA Annual Swap Meet, Lawrence, KS
June 2-7 - Midwest Regional Meet, Plain Ol' A's, Embassy Suites, Olathe, KS **
October 2 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

** PLAIN OL' A'S MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET

The Plain Ol' A's Model A club has been hard at work planning for the Regional Meet that they originally planned for 2020. The dates are Thursday, June 2 through Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

The Meet Headquarters will be at the Embassy Suites Olathe, 10401 S. Ridgeway Rd Olathe, KS 66061, with a special rate. Watch for updated info at [this website: https://plainolas.com/regional](https://plainolas.com/regional).

We hope our club members will attend the Meet and support this club who had to change their planning due to the Pandemic. You'll have a great time!!

LAWRENCE REGION AACA HISTORY

by George Lauppe, Retired LRAACA Historian

At the 1963 April Lawrence Region monthly meeting the discussion was: How do I find parts for the car/cars I am restoring? All of the 12 members were restoring cars or were in need of parts to finish one. One suggestion was to invite other restorers to Lawrence with parts to trade or swap with another restorer. They decided to do that, so the question was where and when? They decided the following weekend would be a good time. The fairgrounds east of Lawrence would be a good place. So Lyle Hemming agreed to check with Douglas County fairgrounds authorities availability. He said, "If I do not call you we will have the event first Sunday of May." One member suggested we call it a trade meeting, another said we might be able to swap parts with someone else. Hence the swap meet has been the first Sunday of May since. At the first meets, vendors arrived through the entrance off Harper Street near Buildings 1 and 2, were told to go up to the central opening and display their merchandize as they pleased. Vendor fee of two dollars was not collected at that time. That was the method used the first four meets. (I missed the first meet due to military obligation.) At the second, third and fourth meets, the Club President and Secretary/Treasurer (ME) went around and talked to each vendor and collected the vendor fee. By the end of the fourth meet we realized major changes had to be made. With so many more vendors showing up and scattered all over the vending area, the President and Secretary/Treasurer did not have time to talk to all vendors. In fact we observed vendors leaving in the afternoon without paying. Following that meet, we had to decide whether to continue the meet or make changes in vendor displays. Most of the club wanted to make changes and continue offering the swap meet. In fact, Charles Hoffman said, "I got parts I needed for my Chevrolets, so I think we should have a meet next year".

So we set to work planning how to have another meet. How are we to control where vendor displays? What size should a vendor space be? And determine the cost for a space. To determine space for a vendor, we measured automobiles as most vendors were coming in auto sedans. We found most autos at that time were about 15/16 feet long and 7 to 7 1/2 feet wide. Thus we decided a space 20 feet long would provide about 4/5 foot vending space behind cars. If parked near the side of space, one would still have 7/8 feet of vendor space at the side of his vehicle to vend. Hence, now we answered space size, so how do we provide a lot of vendor spaces to set up? No field maps were available from the County, so we measured various ways and locations on the fairgrounds. A rumor was heard that sometime in the future, the County planned to build a new building just north of the center large opening. Nothing was planned south of the livestock buildings, so we measured and planned and discovered we could get four rows of 15 ft by 20 ft spaces. One row was backed up to the south fence, and two rows down the middle, with two 20 ft rows against

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the other. That allowed a vendor to buy two 20 ft spaces end to end, which gave us 40 ft of space. Then another row facing south just south of the livestock barn was available. That arrangement allowed for two 25 ft roadways, east and west through the field, which we still lay out at our current meets. That field was also desirable because a small wood concession stand was just a few feet west of the field. With that field problem solved, it was time to determine how to use the 8 to 10 livestock barns for vendors. There was no way we could determine how to make a 15 by 20 space in the barns. The way they were constructed, it created 12 by 12 spaces. The decision was to sell vendor space in the barns, 12 by 12 feet.

Not long after the club gained regional status the club decided to set up a Swap Meet Committee. Three members were named: Lanny Racke, a recent high school graduate who had never attended a swap meet, a second member was Ron Thornton who had attended one swap meet in Ottawa, and the third was me, who had attended several meets. It was about two years later that the club wanted to start taking reservations. I designed a reservation form, based on a map of the vendor spaces, with instructions to make the vendor's number on choice, then skip three spaces, then mark his second choice of spaces, and finally skip another three spaces then highlight his third choice of spaces. That worked very well as most vendors were able to get their first choice. At that time one hundred transactions were by mail. Somewhat later, the need arrived to use a telephone to solve some vendor concerns. For several years Ralph Reschke, Delbert Felts, and myself traded off during reservations received.

1911 WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION ARTICLE

These two outfits are from a September 1911 "Woman's Home Companion". They were from a catalogue. The suit cost \$15.00, the blouse \$2.00 and the skirt \$5.00. The suit was made of wool broadcloth. The blouse was embroidered net. The skirt was also wool. When Ken and I joined the Horseless Carriage Club in 1954, we dressed in our antique clothes for every event. (Local and National) After a while, we stopped wearing our antique clothes for monthly tours, and only wore them on our Autumn Leaf Tour and National Tours. Today our vintage clothes are becoming very fragile and can easily fall apart when worn, especially when touring.

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CRAZY TRANSPORTATION

The 1936 Stout Scarab is one of the first minivans.



A Futuristic-looking 1938 Dymaxion designed by American inventor Buckminster Fuller



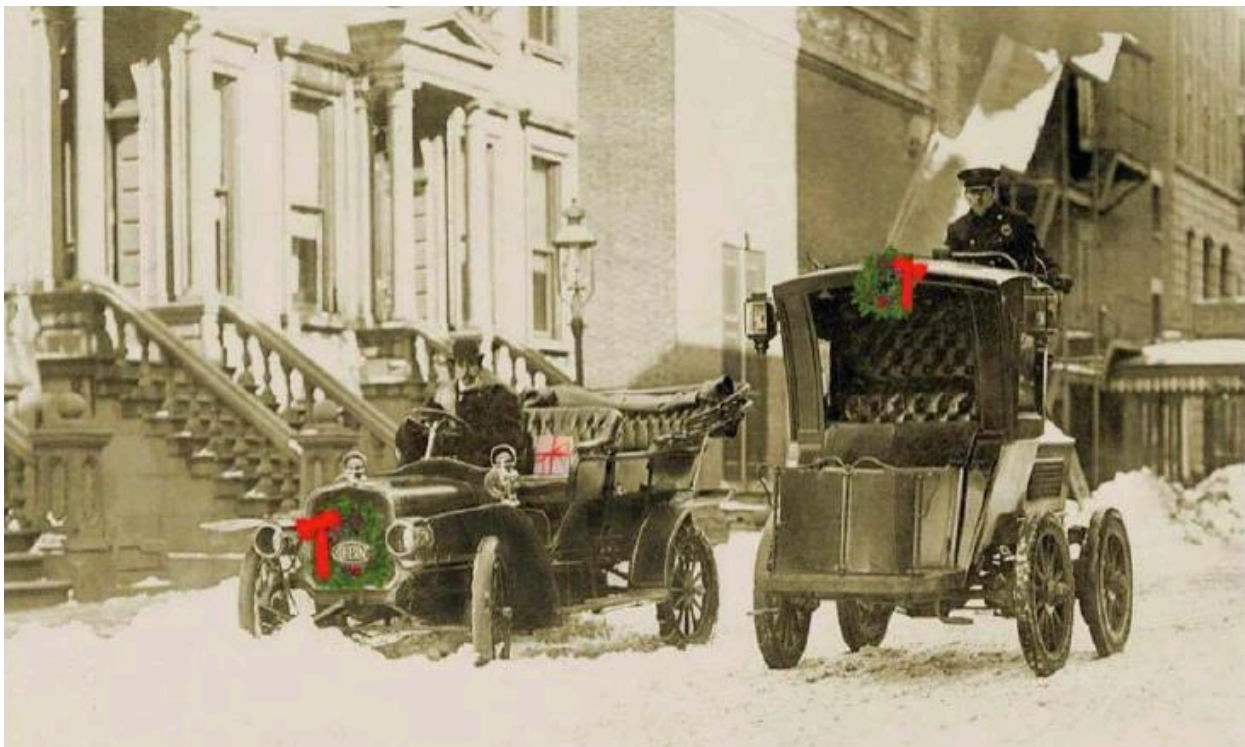
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1908 CORBIN TOURING
and
1908 COLUMBIA HANSOM ELECTRIC CAB

Two 1908 Connecticut-made vehicles are pictured here in this 1908 winter scene in New York City. Pulling out from the curb is a 1908 Corbin Touring car, built in New Britain, CT. It was the last year for the air-cooled engine on a Corbin. The driver has his chains on the rear wheels for the snow-covered streets.

Coming down the middle of the street is a 1908 Columbia Hansom Electric Cab built in Hartford, CT. Hansom cabs were becoming popular in major cities in the United States. In 1899, Columbia introduced their version with heavy pneumatic tires and an optional glass panel in the front for the passengers. It was run by storage batteries and two electric motors.

The wreaths and gifts on the seat add color, as this was the holiday card used by the Klingberg Motorcar Series in 2018.



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SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!

Hearing Aids, RolAids, Walking Aids, Government Aids, Band Aids, and most of all, Monetary Aids to their kids!!!

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MY FIRST CAR

By Jim Elliott, AACA President

It is always interesting to ask others about their first car. My Dad's first car was a 1946 Ford that he purchased upon his return from France at the conclusion of World War II. He had hoped to purchase a Chevrolet, but the waiting list was just too long.

My Dad was frugal and often told me that if I could afford my own car, I could afford my own college tuition. Needless to say, that stymied my purchase. However, after I finished my sophomore year, my Dad partially relented. I would be allowed to purchase a car in May as long as I sold it in August before I returned to campus for my junior year. So the search began.

I wanted a station wagon as I mowed lawns and did odd jobs in the summer. My Dad vetoed the first car I found. A 1959 Edsel with seats that "crunched" as the seat foam was disintegrating. The second car received a similar veto. It was a 1958 Chevrolet with rust holes and a generator light that was blinking.

The third candidate became mine. It was a 1963 Rambler 770 which I purchased for \$235.00 and drove it home. In addition to being a station wagon, it had reclining front bucket seats.

It served me well over the summer even though it got better gas mileage than oil mileage. While gas was 23 cent a gallon, I could buy "reclaimed" (used) oil for 19 cents a gallon. It changed its own oil as it used a quart every fifty miles.

As with every year, summer ended too soon. I sold the Rambler for \$250 and took my cash back to college, being the only car I ever sold at a profit.

From AACA Fall 2021 Rummage Box

FARM SHOW ROAD TRIP, January 12, 2022

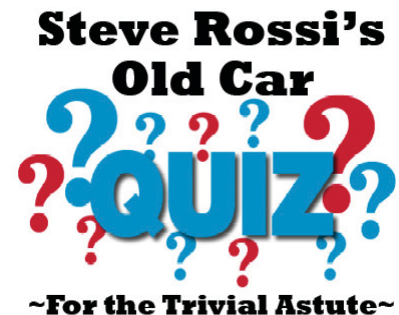
Wednesday morning, Joe Arneson, Darrell Workman, Daryl Barnes, Jack Todd, Don Gullett, Carl Peer, & K. Homolka took a road trip to Topeka to the Farm Show. It was exciting to see all the HUGE (and expensive) tractors and equipment. We all agreed we did not have deep enough pockets to start farming!

K. Homolka, Secretary

QUESTION

Before the establishment of the Edison Institute (The Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village) in Dearborn, Michigan, when and where did Henry Ford dabble with the idea of recreating the preserving a disappearing way of American life?

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INITIAL SWAP MEET MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2022
Perkins Restaurant

Attendees: Margaret & Daryl Barnes, Dave & Barb Maycock, Joe Arneson, Bill McCollum, Pete Maxon, Darrell Workman, Woody Woodring, Russ French and K. Homolka

Swap Meet Chairman Joe Arneson reviewed the individual duty assignments, which have been emailed to all members.

Additional discussions:

- Spectator use of golf carts
- Handicap labels/tags for certain cart needs
- Liability disclaimer on carts
- Margaret to handle advertising
- Need of an enclosed trailer at registration gate

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

K. Homolka
Secretary



TRIVIA CHALLENGE
QUESTION

Who opened up the first drive-in Gas Station?

Answer on page 14

Thanks to Tom Wedbush of the Mid-America AACA Club

A LITTLE HUMOR

A Texas rancher was visiting a farmer in Israel. The proud Israeli showed him his property. "Here is where I grow tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash. Over there I built a play set for my kids, next to the doghouse," the farmer said.

The land was tiny, and the Texan was surprised by its small size. "Is this all your land?" he asked.

"Yes," the Israeli said proudly. "This is all mine!"

"You mean this is it? This is all of it?" the Texan said incredulously.

"Yes, yes, this is really all mine!"

"Well, son," bragged the Texan, "back home I'd get in my car before the sun'd come up and I'd drive and drive and drive, and when the sun set, why, I'd only be halfway across my land!"

"Oh, yes," replied the Israeli farmer wistfully, "I used to have a car like that."

THE POPE AND THE LIMOUSINE

The Pope goes to New York, and gets picked up at the airport by a limousine. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you please let me?"

The driver is understandably hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that."

But the Pope persists, "Please?"

The driver finally lets up, "Oh, alright, I can't really say no to the Pope."

So the Pope takes the wheel, and boy, is he a speed demon! He hits the gas and goes around 100 mph in a 45 zone. A policeman notices and pulls him over. The cop walks up and asks the Pope to wind the window down. Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the chief.

Cop: "Chief, I have a problem."

Chief: "What sort of problem?"

Cop: "Well you see, sir, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit, but it's someone really important."

Chief: "Important like the mayor?"

Cop: "No, no, much more important than that."

Chief: "Important like the governor?"

Cop: "Way more important than that."

Chief: "Like the president?"

Cop: "Much more important."

Chief: "Who's more important than the president?"

Cop: "I don't know but he has the Pope DRIVING for him!"

Suggested by Reborn Pyrrhic

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. The world has turned upside down. Old people are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay home.
2. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do: canceled sports, shut all the bars and kept men at home.
3. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the backyard - I'm getting tired of the living room.
4. I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
5. Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting all restrictions now" is like saying: "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller, wear a mask, and ask for money.
8. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are.

Anonymous

BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

Clark W. Bryan was an American poet and successful publisher when he launched a new magazine called "Good Housekeeping" on May 2, 1885. Its purpose was as "a family journal conducted in the interests of the higher life of the household". In 1900, the magazine founded the Good Housekeeping Experiment Station (renamed the Good Housekeeping Research Institute in 1910), where recipes and other home processes were tested. They also tested foodstuff for purity and safety due to the adulteration and misbranding that was common at that time. In 1909 they created the Good Housekeeping Seal of approval. Products had to pass stringent testing to qualify for this seal, which carried a warranty of two years backed by the Institute. Always a very strong proponent for food safety, the organization played a large part of the public campaign that resulted in the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act. This act prohibited the sale of misbranded or adulterated food and drugs in interstate commerce, and ultimately led to the country's first consumer protection agency, the FDA.



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HETERONYMS - Words spelled alike but with different meanings

There was a "row" among the oarsmen about how to "row".

The dump was so full it had to "refuse" the "refuse".

When shot at, the "dove" "dove" into the bushes.

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CRAZY QUOTES ON CAR INSURANCE CLAIM FORMS

The following quotes show what people write on their car insurance claim forms. Apparently these are strange but true stories collected by assessors.

1. To avoid a collision, I ran into the other car.
2. A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
3. I thought the side window was down but it was up, as I found when I put my head through it.
4. If the other driver had stopped a few yards behind himself, the accident would not have happened.
5. She suddenly saw me, lost her head, and we met.
6. A cow wandered into my car. I was afterwards informed that the cow was half-witted.
7. Three women were talking to each other and when two stepped backward and one stepped forward, I had to have an accident.
8. There were plenty of lookers-on, but no witnesses.
9. A bull was standing near and a fly must have tickled him because he gored my car.

AN AUTOMOBILE STORY

To My Darling Husband:

Before you return from your overseas trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with the pickup truck when I turned into the driveway. Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me. I was coming home from Asda, and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake. The garage door is slightly bent but the pickup fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your car. I am really sorry but I know with your kindhearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you, my sweetheart. I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Tracey

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ANSWERS



This is what Tracey's husband saw when he returned home.....

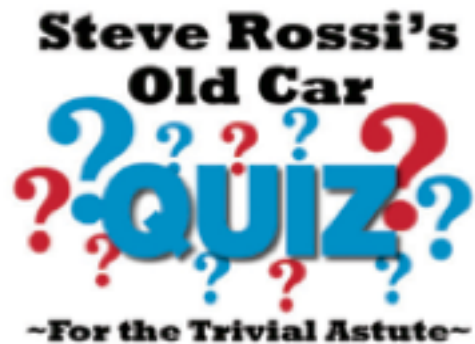
STEVE ROSSI'S ANSWER

Although the Edison Institute (The Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village) was dedicated in 1929 and opened to the general public in 1933, Henry Ford previously acquired the Wayside Inn (from 1716) in 1923. According to the Inn, Ford used his vast resources to acquire acreage, buildings and antiquities with the intention of creating a living museum of Americana. He expanded the property to almost 3,000 acres in not only the town of Sudbury, Mass. where the Inn is situated, but neighboring Marlsborough and Framingham. He added buildings to the property including a one-room Redstone Schoolhouse (relocated to the property in 1925), a fully functioning Grist Mill (built in 1929), and the Martha-Mary Chapel (built in 1940 from trees felled in the historic Hurricane of 1938).

From 1928–1947, Ford operated the Wayside Inn School for Boys, a trade school that prepared indigent boys for potential employment in Ford's factories. (Likewise, an Edison Institute School system followed on the grounds of Greenfield Village.) In 1944, a few years before his death in 1947, Henry and Clara Ford placed the central 100+acre parcel and nine buildings into a non-profit organization to preserve the Inn's historic legacy. Henry Ford was the last private owner of the Inn.

The Inn is well remembered, of course, from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's book of poems...*Tales of a Wayside Inn*...which was published in 1863.

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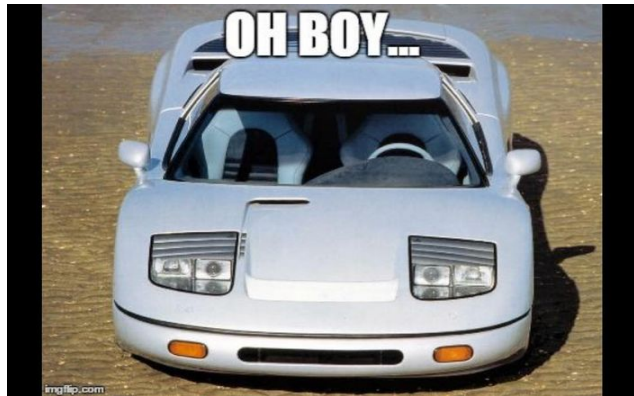
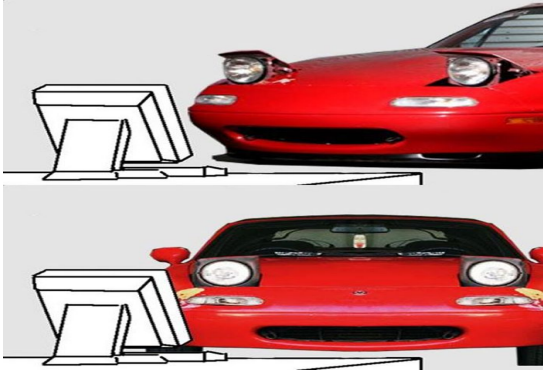
ANSWER

Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913

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Thanks to Tom Wedbush of the Mid-America AACA Club

FUNNY CAR FACES



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AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST !!!



