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CALENDAR

2023

Jan 5 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

Feb 2 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

WHAT IS JANUARY KNOWN FOR?

Jan 1 - New Year's Day
Jan 2 - Tournament of Roses Parade
Jan 8 - Elvis's Birthday
Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
Jan 27 - Holocaust Memorial Day
Jan 29 - Grammy Awards Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, 2023 is just around the corner and a new year ahead of us. I'm happy to serve as President again and am looking forward to another good year for the club. It was a great year with the swap meet, the car shows, the Veteran's Day parade and the Christmas Dinner.

As the year 2022 comes to an end, we all realize it's time to get our antique cars ready for winter. We may try some short cruises during the winter, depending on weather, and it will be wonderful to see as many as possible at our meetings.

Of course we want to assure that all who worked to help set up tables and chairs and then take them down after dinner, and serve the Christmas dinner, are thanked. The food was delicious, the decorated tables were pretty, the gifts were great, and the carols after dinner were fun. It was a wonderful evening.

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Here you can find information on being a member, upcoming events & general information about the club.

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2024 Board: Tony Mitchell
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2025 Board: Dave Maycock
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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

George Lauppe - Jan 2
Darrell Workman - Jan 6
Karen Lagerstrom - Jan 9
Gary Landes - Jan 13
Margaret Barnes - Jan 17
Mary Haid - Jan 18

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Rosie French
Jan 11, 1997 - 26 years

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Please use the above email as it goes directly to the Club's computer.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2023

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes

SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson

SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell

TRAILER - Joe Arneson

SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock

CONTRIBUTIONS - Pete Maxon

HISTORICAL - Vacant

MEMBERSHIP - Margaret Barnes

PROGRAMS - Jack Todd

REFRESHMENTS - Daryl Barnes

EDITOR'S NOTE

If we have missed a birth or anniversary date it is because we don't have the information. Please ask K. L. Homolka for the "Information Form" and return to him. This will provide the dates to be in your newsletter at the appropriate time.

Your Editor needs articles to put in the newsletter, so please send anything you have that you'd like to share. Send items to **kstrunkguy@yahoo.com** (by email).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHRISTMAS DINNER MINUTES**

ATTENDING: (34) Joe & Janice Arneson, Shirley Cormack, Tim Craig, Ken & Virginia Filardo, Russ & Rosie French, Stanley & Linda Hayden, K. L. & Jean Homolka, Norman & Margaret Kressmann, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, Pete & Debby Maxon, Dave & Barbara Maycock, Bill McCollum, Carl & Patricia Peer, Ralph Reschke, Tom & Sharon Stallings, Ken & Donna Tibbets, Jack & Delores Todd, and Darrell Workman.

Margaret Barnes arranged for the meal through Hy-Vee. Linda Hayden gave the meal blessing, and Jack Todd arranged to furnish all of the drawing prizes and Poinsettia's. Names were drawn for all the prizes and each family was given a beautiful Poinsettia.

Jack hosted the entertainment: Each table chose a Christmas song, sang the first verse and all tables sang the second verse. Great fun & a lot of laughs!!! After each table sang, they were to name a charity to receive a \$50.00 donation. Harvester Food & Lawrence Habitat each will receive \$50.00; Lawrence Humane Society received 2 mentions and will receive \$100.00.

Vice-President Jack introduced this year's officers: President – Darrell Workman, Vice-President – Jack Todd, Treasurer – Pete Maxon, Secretary – K. L. Homolka, and Dave Maycock – Board of Directors (3 year term). Roscoe Yoder's term expired. Thanks for a good job, Roscoe.

Special thanks to Joe Arneson for bringing Ralph Reschke and Bill Bunce to the party. It was wonderful to see two of our members that have served for so many years.

Thank you to everyone who made the party such a success.

SIDE NOTE: The finance committee (Darrell, Pete, & K. L.) met at Capital Federal on Nov. 28th to renew three CDs that have matured.

Respectfully submitted
K. L. Homolka
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

There were 34 people in attendance. Jack Todd, Margaret Barnes, Karen Lagerstrom and Sharon Stallings did a great job and it was very much appreciated by all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !!

Darrell Workman
President

2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 26-28 - Winter Nationals, Miami, FL

Feb 9-11 - AACA Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA

Apr 13-15 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N. C. Hornets Nest Region

May 18-20 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region

Jul 26-29 - Eastern Summer Nationals Norwich, NY

Aug 10-12 - Grand Nationals Bettendorf, IA

Oct 3-6 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

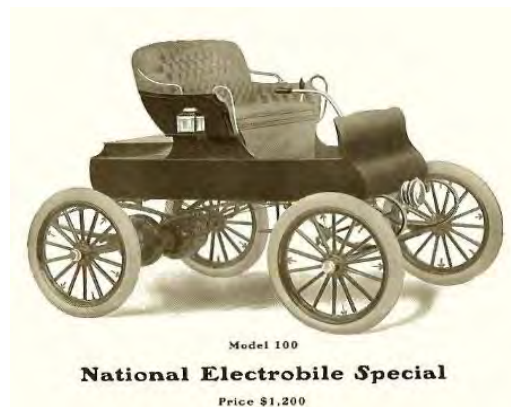
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2023 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

October 2 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

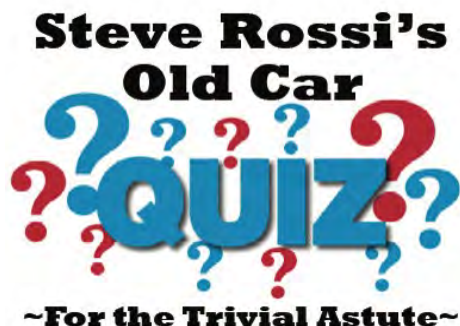
DID YOU KNOW

At first glance, we thought this was a Curved Dash Olds; it is similar, but not the same. The Olds dash curved outward; this one seems to be more vertical. This is a 1904 Model 105 National Electrobile Special, costing \$1,250.00 new. Automobile Review called it "The most powerful electric two-passenger runabout on the market."



(See page 7 for a beautiful building with this car parked at it.)

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QUESTION

What car helped inspire Pontiac's eight-lug, Grand Prix wheel design from 1960 through 1969.....which included an exposed/finned cast brake drum for improved cooling?

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CHRISTMAS DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS





It was so good to see Ralph Reschke and Bill Bunce again. They are both long-time members.

Special thanks to Vice President Jack Todd, who made the Christmas dinner possible, and to Margaret Barnes who arranged for the delicious meal.

2023 club officers were introduced and the 2022 officers acknowledged and thanked for their contributions.





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Editor's Note: This building was in Wichita, Kansas; however it is no longer there. The car parked by it is the 1904 National Electrobile Special, which is shown on page 4.

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

By Sherry Wink, Road Runner

In 1931, Adolph Rickenbacher and George Beauchamp founded Ro-Pat-In Corporation (ElectROPatent-Instruments) to sell electric Hawaiian guitars. Beauchamp was a vaudeville performer who wanted to make his guitar louder. In 1928, he and partners opened the National String Instrument Corporation to make guitars, mandolins, and ukuleles. Rickenbacher ran a metal stamping shop and was a skilled engineer and machinist. His company was hired to make metal bodies for the new instruments.

Disagreements among management led the company to split. Beauchamp experimented at home and, with the help of several others, came up with a prototype electric pickup.

In 1931, a group including Beauchamp and Rickenbacher formed the Ro-Pat-In Corporation (elektRO-PATent-INstruments) to make and sell electrically amplified musical instruments, which were the first solid body electric guitars.

In 1933, the Ro-Pat-In company's name was changed to Electro String Instrument Corporation, and its instruments were labeled simply as "Electro."

In 1934, the name "Rickenbacher" was added. The company's instruments went on to become the favorites of many musicians, especially during the rock and roll years.



1932 A25 nicknamed the "frying pan"

Model A Era Fashions - MAFCA

This page is created by the Era Fashion Committee (EFC) of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). This page will include articles written by EFC members, fun topics discussing era fashions, research from primary sources and we will have some fun learning about Model A era fashions. The EFC also provides information on Era Fashion judging within MAFCA. The EFC oversees the rules for judging era fashions, assists MAFCA chapters and regions with their Era fashion events and researches era fashions. The EFC is an integral part of MAFCA. Era Fashions are part of every MAFCA regional, divisional and national meet, as well as most chapter meets.

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**FUNNY
CARS**



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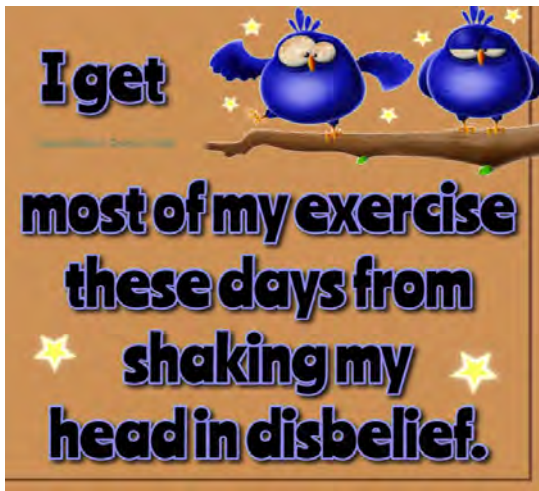
ANSWER

While Bugatti was known for integral brake drum wheels, the idea also appeared on GM's 1953 Firebird concept car. But by 1959, the exposed/finned brake drum was being produced by Panhard for its PL17 sedan. It was surrounded by a five-bolt, open center steel wheel (the spare tire was mounted under the hood...concentrically around the air filter). A so-equipped, Panhard-powered DB (Deutsch-Bonnet) racer won the Index of Performance award at Le Mans in 1956. Ford, of course, used an open face wheel design from 1936 to 1939, and VW did, too.... but with a conventional brake drum and hubcap/wheel cover.



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A LITTLE HUMOR



Oops - happened again, as with the invisible tape



Every Mama Loves Her Baby



It's been a hard day, and now a traffic jam.

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

LAVACA dues: \$3 for individual, \$6.00 per family

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FRIENDLY REMINDER:
MEMBERSHIP IN AACA NATIONAL
MUST BE RENEWED BEFORE
RENEWING LRAACA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

Memberships are for Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2023





I FINALLY FOUND THE SQUARE ROOT!!

Copied from a gentleman who allowed us to share.