

# LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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## CLUTCH CHATTER



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### WHAT JULY IS KNOWN FOR

**July 4 Independence Day**

**July 14-Collector Car Appreciation Day**

**July 14-National Motorcycle Day**

**July 23-National Parents Day**

**July 23-World Day for Grandparents**

**July 26-Armed Forces Unification Day**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a car cruise to Sonic Drive-In on the first of June. A good number turned out and we will return there for our July meeting. Everyone had a good visit and time.

Aidan Schmitz was introduced by Tony Mitchell as the 2023 LRAACA scholarship winner. He attended Free State High School and will study automotive technology at Washburn Technical Institute in Topeka. Aidan will be an Associate Member for one year.

I hope to see you all at the car show at Presbyterian Manor on June 23rd.

Darrell Workman  
President

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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

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### JULY CELEBRATIONS

#### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Stoll - July 7  
Margaret Kressmann - July 8  
Daryl Barnes - July 17

#### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sylvia McCollum  
July 8, 1977 - 46 years  
Joe & Janice Arneson  
July 31, 1971 - 52 years

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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](mailto:kstrunkguy@yahoo.com)** (by email).

## LRAACA MEMBERSHIP CRUISE

### 31st STREET SONIC DRIVE-IN, JUNE 1, 2023

**CALLED TO ORDER:** President Darrell Workman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Sonic on West 31st Street where we gathered for eats, treats and fellowship.

**ATTENDANCE:** Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Ken & Virginia Filardo, Fornelli, Russ & Rosie French, K. and Jean Homolka, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, & Barb Maycock, Bill McCollum, Doug McNichols, Tony Mitchell, Kent Ochsner & Jeanne Spradling, Tom & Sharon Stallings, Craig Stoll, Ken & Donna Tibbits, Jack & Delores Todd, and Darrell Workman. (Photos shown on page 5 )

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tony Mitchell brought & introduced ADIAN SCHMITZ. Adian is our winner of a \$1,500 Scholarship and now an associate club member. He will be attending Washburn Tech in Topeka.

Margaret Barnes moved that we issue a \$100.00 gift to Hospice in George Lauppe's memory, 2nd by Don Fornelli, motion carried.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**JUNE 10:** Caravan to a private car collection in Lenexa, Ks. Meet at Orschelns, on E. 23rd street before 9:00. We will caravan at 9:00 am.

**JUNE 16:** Brandon Woods car show. 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Grant Gerstenecker at 785-218-0373 with number to attend.

**JUNE 18:** A car/hot rod show from 8 AM to 12:30 PM at 4000 W 6th St. \$300 for First place, \$100 Second place, \$100 Kids Choice. In parking lot of old Hy-Vee.

**JUNE 23:** Presbyterian Manor car show, 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided. We will gather in church parking lot across the street.

**From July through September:** The first Sunday of each month the KOA will have a cruise-in at 2:00 PM on their campground. Shaded tables and food will be available. Put on by Ralph Newell. A good opportunity to view vehicles, buy some eats, and enjoy all.

**JULY 6:** Membership meeting/cruise at Sonic on 31st at 6:00 pm for eats and treats. Meeting adjourned

K. L. Homolka, Secretary

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE

What is the year and make of this beauty?  
What feature became standard in Detroit?

Answer on page 9



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## LRAACA MEETING JUNE 1, 2023



Darrell Workman, Stanley Hayden,  
K. L. & Jean Homolka



Bill McCollum, Doug McNichols, Rosie  
French, Jennifer Hayden, Russ French



Donna & Kenny Tibbits,  
Jack & Delores Todd



Karen & Bob Lagerstrom, Tom and  
Sharon Stallings



Ken & Virginia Filardo, Tony Mitchell,  
and Adian Schmidt



Unintentionally cutting Dave Maycock  
out, with Barb Maycock, Rosie French,  
Jane Spradling & Kent Ochsner, Craig  
Stoll and Don Fornelli



Margaret & Daryl Barnes

If I missed anyone, please  
accept my apologies.

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING!!

**June 1, 2023** – The club membership cruised to Sonic on 31<sup>st</sup> Street for food, ice cream, and fellowship. Approximately 30 members attended.

**June 10, 2023** – Daryl Barnes arranged a cruise to Lenexa to see a private collection of unique and rare vehicles. This man buys, sells, collects, and restores various makes and models. You can purchase one of his cars (if you have a big enough piggy bank). After lunch, we caravanned to Gateway Classic Cars showroom where we viewed some very nice cars, trucks, and Jeeps. These vehicles are consignments that you can purchase.

**June 16, 2023** – Club was invited to Brandon Woods for a car show. Approximately 30 members/general public attended. A wonderful barbeque lunch was provided and enjoyed by everyone. The residents came out to enjoy looking at the cars and visiting with us. Door prizes were given out.

### **REMINDER of upcoming events:**

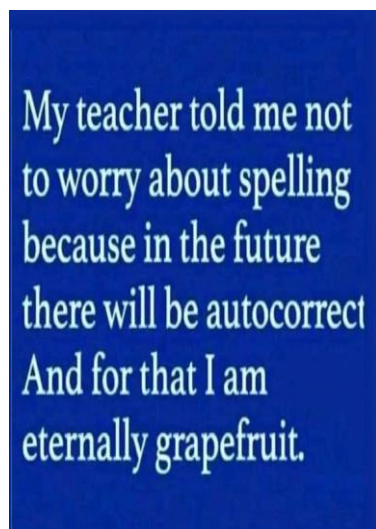
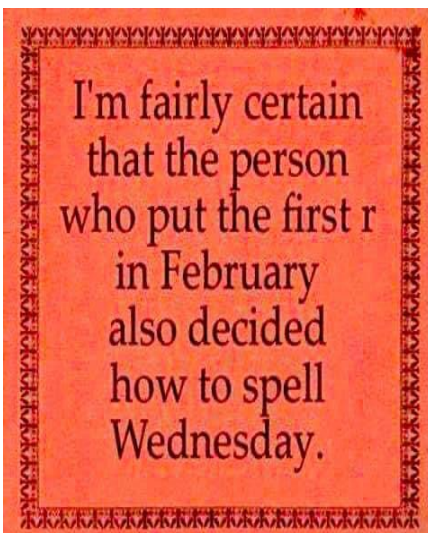
**June 23, 2023** - Our club has been invited by Presbyterian Manor to attend a car show. Lunch will be provided. We need to meet in the church parking lot across the street at approximately 10:15 am.

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Anatidaephobia is the  
fear that somewhere, a  
duck is watching you.



*From Gramma's Funnies*

## **2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**Jul 6-8** - Central Spring Nationals, Waterloo, IN

**Jul 26-29** - Special 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**

**Jul 14** - Collector Car Appreciation Day

**Oct 1** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

## **2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**Feb 8-10** - AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly/Dulles, VA

**Mar 21-24** - Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

**Apr 4-6** - Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Charlotte, NC

**Apr 18-20** - AACA Western Spring Nationals, Tucson, AZ

## **DON'T MESS WITH A PROFESSOR**

Five friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to go to a picnic and party with some friends. However, after all the partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to college until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, exhausted and unprepared, they decided to wait until after the final to appear and speak to their professor.

According to their explanation, they had gone to an old age home in the nearest town to spend some time with the elderly for the weekend. They had planned to come back and study, but unfortunately, they had a flat tire on the way back. As they didn't have a spare, and couldn't get help for a long time, they ended up missing the final.

The professor thought it over and then agreed they could make up the final the following day.

The guys were elated and relieved. They studied that night and went in the next day at the time the professor had told them. He placed them in separate rooms and handed each of them a test booklet, and told them to begin.

They looked at the first problem, worth 5 points. It was the easiest question in their entire syllabus. "Cool," they thought at the same time, each one in his separate room. "This is going to be easy."

Each finished the problem and then turned the page. On the second page was written: "For 95 points: Which tire?"

*Copied from the Internet*

## NASH - FROM BICYCLES TO JEEPS

By Bob Marlow, News, Motorama

It was over 100 years ago this month that automotive pioneer Charles W. Nash, at the time a former president of General Motors, acquired the Thomas B. Jeffery Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and renamed it the Nash Motors Company. Nash automobiles would then live on as a brand through 1957, when the Nash name was retired in favor of Rambler.



But the Rambler name was not new. The Jeffery Company began manufacturing a car known as the Rambler in 1902, the name being applied to the automobile following its use on bicycles, which were quickly growing in popularity at the time. Nash Motors Company continued the use the Rambler name, and after Nash and Hudson merged in 1954 to form the American Motors Corporation, AMC kept the Rambler nameplate alive through 1969, helping to make it an American classic.

The names "Nash" and "Rambler" were inexorably entwined in the minds of the public, as perhaps best demonstrated by the 1958 hit record, "Beep-Beep".

AMC bought Kaiser-Jeep in 1970, and AMC itself was later acquired by Chrysler, at which point we can place the end of what had been Nash Motors Company. Nash automobiles were in their day innovative and distinctive, pioneering features seen on the cars of today. But the "big three," GM, Ford, and Chrysler, made life increasingly difficult for manufacturers, which led to the Nash-Hudson merger and later to the Chrysler acquisition. We are only now seeing independent automakers finding success on the mainstream market, though the backing of enormous private wealth still seems to keep to survival.

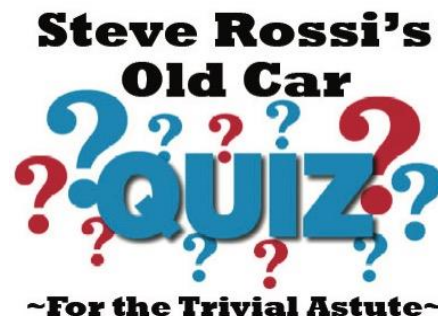
Jeep, of course, thrives today as a component of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, and so it is easy to draw a line from the Jeffery bicycles of the late 1800s through Nash Motors Company to the Jeeps of today's ever-evolving automotive world.

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### QUESTION

What classic car model has outsold Volkswagen Beetle and Model T Ford?

**ANSWER on page 9**



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## Henry's Fleet By Sherry Wink

Did you know the Ford Company owned a whole fleet of ships? When Henry built the Rouge plant, he planned to use the Rouge River to bring in his raw materials from coal mines and lumber mills. By the mid-1920s, it had become such a large operation that multiple ships were required to keep up.

Henry started his own fleet by having two ore carriers built, the Henry Ford II and Benson Ford. They were named after his grandsons and they remained in service on the Great Lakes for over 50 years.

By 1925, the Ford Company had a Marine Department to handle the overwater fleet. At one point, Henry bought 200 surplus WWI ships, and although he scrapped most, using the metal in the Rouge furnaces, he converted 22 to keep sea worthy. At least two of these, sister ships "Onondaga" and the "Oneida" were used as freighters. The ship the Model A is being loaded onto (below left) is mostly likely the Oneida.

The fleet kept growing, and eventually expanded overseas to export Ford products. During WWII, most of Ford's ocean going ships were recruited by the US government. Both the "Onondaga" and the "Oneida", along with others were sunk by enemy submarines in 1942.



The "Oneida", date unknown



Hull of the freighter "Onondaga" loaded with automobile parts, circa 1929



Model A being loaded onto what appears to be the Oneida, date unknown



Ford freighters in Boat Slip at the Ford Rouge Plant, April 28, 1931

*Shared by Sherri Wink, of the Road Runner*



## Fashion Era from Yesteryear

### 1920 Cloche Hat



The cloche hat was a popular style of women's hat that emerged in the 1920s and became an iconic symbol of the era. The word "cloche" comes from the French word for "bell," and the hat got its name from its bell-like shape that fit closely to the head. Designed to be worn low on the forehead, the cloche covered the ears and often part of the neck as well. It was typically made of felt, straw, or another flexible material, and came in a variety of colors and sizes to suit different outfits and occasions.

A popular choice among women of all ages and social classes in the 1920s, the cloche was seen as a stylish and practical accessory that complemented the new, shorter hairstyles that were in vogue. The hat was also favored by women who wanted to make a statement with their fashion, as it was a departure from the larger, more elaborate hats of the previous decade.

The cloche hat became an important part of the "flapper" style of the 1920s, which was characterized by short dresses, short hairstyles, and a more relaxed, independent attitude toward fashion and life in general. The cloche hat was seen as a symbol of this new, more liberated spirit, and helped to popularize the style both in the United States and abroad.

Today, the cloche hat is still remembered as an iconic accessory of the 1920s and is often seen in fashion exhibitions, movies, and vintage-inspired fashion collections. Although the style has evolved, the cloche hat remains an enduring symbol of a time when women were breaking new ground and setting trends in fashion and society.

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## TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER

### 1948 Tucker Sedan



The maker of the Tucker sedan was way ahead of the time. Its engine, a Franklin sourced from a helicopter, was air-cooled and rear mounted. Rubber suspension softened the ride. It provided stability by lowering the center of gravity. And it was equipped with a center headlight that would swivel with steering.

The 1948 car was made by Preston Tucker. His most out-of-the-box thinking in the 1948 Tucker was its attention to safety. In case of collision, the windshield ejected, the dashboard was padded, and there was a “safety crash chamber” under the dash. The Tucker sedan did not make it to the ‘50s, but its padded dashboard became standard in Detroit.

*Shared by the Ex Generator*

### ANSWER

The familiar red/orange & yellow Little Tykes Cozy Coupe has outsold the Volkswagen Beetle and the Ford Model T. According to *Smithsonian Magazine*, production of the foot-powered Flintstone-like kiddiecar had already exceeded 22 million by 2012. The Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum in Cleveland has the first one made from 1979 in its permanent collection. It was designed by former Chrysler stylist Jim Mariol.



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**Steve Rossi's  
Old Car  
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~For the Trivial Astute~**

## EATING in THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties ... was *elbows, hats and cell phones*.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The first cars didn't have a steering wheel. People had to steer them with a lever.

*Copied courtesy of Spokesman newsletter*

Approximately 75% of the cars that Rolls Royce has produced in its history are still on the road.

Ralph Teetor (1890-1982) invented an effective cruise control for cars in the 1940s after becoming frustrated with the way his lawyer would speed up and slow down frequently. In addition to being a prolific inventor, he was also blind.

*Courtesy of Factretriever.com*

Regarding the statue of a horse and rider:

If the horse has both front legs in the air, the person on the horse died in battle. □

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

*Items found on the internet*

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

Last night the internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.

Sometimes not saying anything is the best answer. Silence can never be quoted.

*Courtesy of iliketoquote.com*

## ALL ABOUT TOM STALLINGS

Name \_\_\_ William Tom Stallings \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_ Sharon Stallings \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_ August 25 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_ January 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary date \_\_\_ November 26, 1983 \_\_\_\_\_

I was born in \_\_\_ North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ and grew up in \_\_\_ Rocky Mountain, North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_

When I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be \_\_\_ Policeman \_\_\_\_\_

My profession is/was \_\_\_\_\_ Toll Custodian III, Kansas Turnpike Authority \_\_\_\_\_

I've been a member of this club since \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Grandchildren? Names/ages \_\_\_ Aubrey 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Cameron 6 \_\_\_\_\_

First Car I owned was \_\_\_\_\_ Ford Falcon \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent car I owned was \_\_\_\_\_ 1947 5 Window GMC \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite car I've ever owned was \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 Corvette \_\_\_\_\_

The car I wish for but never owned \_\_\_\_\_ 1959 Corvette \_\_\_\_\_

The craziest thing that ever happened to me in an antique car was \_\_\_ I won my first award among lot of other great cars and trucks \_\_\_\_\_

There's something about me that most club members don't know, and that is \_\_\_\_\_

I was in the Army at Camp Casey, Korea and went to the DMZ. Very scary to know what could happen at any time.

## ANOTHER INTERESTING GARAGE DOOR



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DID YOU EVER GET THE FEELING  
YOU WERE BEING WATCHED?