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JUNE 3 - Monthly meeting - **CANCELLED**

JULY 1 - Monthly meeting - 6:30 PM,
Peaslee Tech Center

AUGUST 5 - Monthly meeting - 6:30 PM,
Peaslee Tech Center

EDITOR'S NOTE

DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Swap Meet is over for 2021 and for an event so quickly planned, it was great! Joe and Jack once again pulled it off so well. It was a huge success given the challenge of an updated fairground, working with confused vendors, working with a confused public and just having to adapt to each situation as it came along. I heard many times over the weekend and was stopped a couple of times giving praise for having it and for all the wonderful people. Joe and Jack had great help from new members, former members and current members. I want to thank everyone for pitching in so faithfully and working together. A special thank you to Becky and Janice for all their hard work and their organizational skills were excellent. I think there were many people wanting to get out and the weather cooperated for this year.

Please stay tuned for upcoming summer events. Brandon Woods is having their annual Father's Day Car Show on June 18th. Look in the Chatter for the flyer and instructions for registering. I would sure like to see us out there in full force in support of that community. If you know of other events, please let us know and we will get the word out. Carl noted the Louisburg Cider Mill is

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Tim Cragg - June 7
Joe Arneson - June 12
Rosie French - June 12
K. L. Homolka - June 14
Jeff Sigler - June 25

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Pat Peer
June 6, 1974 - 47 years
Daryl & Margaret Barnes
June 21, 1968 - 53 years
Jeff & Suzi Sigler
June 27, 1981 - 40 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 "Info Form".

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

BY-GONE DAYS

BY GEORGE LAUPPE



10 YEARS AGO - JUNE, 2011

President Todd wrote "Well we did it! Number 48 is out of the way and we are already working on #49. We had the usual upset vendors - the ones who did not renew and still expected their spaces to be available, the ones who thought their spaces were not marked correctly, and the one who thought their space was too short. We also had many compliments on how well our swap meet is organized. We know Joe did a good job as usual. Freda, Mary Reschke, Margaret and Mary Haid kept us well fed. Delores, Shiley, Alicia and Marceil handled the registrations and kept things moving, even with all the vendors' registration at the gate." The May meeting of the LRAACA was held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 5th, 2011. During a very short meeting he reminded that the club had approved serving the evening meal on Friday, September 2nd, for the Air Capital Tour held by the Wichita Regional Horseless Carriage Club. Mike Cormack had an article encouraging members to sign up for a Second Saturday event, which takes very little planning.

20 YEARS AGO - JUNE, 2001

Front page of the June 2001 Clutch Chatter announced a change in the regular meeting place to Montana Mike's Steak House at 7:00 pm for the "Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner." Also on the front page is an announcement for June Social Outing. "Freda and the Cormacks have a really fun day planned for LRAACA members". That event was to Leavenworth, Kansas Saturday, June 9, which was to leave from Tanger Mall at 8:45 am. Two historical homes were toured, one before lunch at Western Sizzler and the other after lunch. The drive back to Lawrence was to be a different route. Aerial photos of the 8th annual swap meet and the 38th annual swap meet are drastically different. Seventeen photos of different club activities are in that issue. Minutes of the May 3rd meeting, held at the fairgrounds, reveals it started at 8:45 am with 30 members present. An announcement was made that the club had received a medallion from the National AACA Museum for our contribution of \$5,000. Also announced was that the club's first truck had been donated to a fire museum in Topeka.

30 YEARS AGO - JUNE, 1991

June's issue of the club's newsletter is missing as well as the monthly minutes. However, May 9th Board minutes indicate the June meeting was to be held at Perry Park at 7:00 pm with members to bring snacks and desert. 1991 swap meet reports 678 vendors reserved 1260 & 1/2 spaces. That compared to 648 vendors and 1241 & 1/2 spaces the previous year (678 vendors is highest ever).

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40 YEARS AGO - JUNE, 1981

June minutes reveals the meeting was held in Capital Federal on North Iowa at 8:00 pm. Lauppe, Swap Meet Chairman, reported 284 vendors occupied 427 & 1/2 spaces, which was lower than the previous year. One suggestion was made that vendors be allowed to reserve the same space as this year. A request was to be sent to former vendors 30 to 45 days prior to opening for reservation to the general public. A motion was approved to spend up to \$300.00 for three large banners with wording WELCOME, HEADQUARTERS, AND LAWRENCE REGION AACA. A motion was approved to investigate the price of 100, 4" diameter brass plate badges for our license tags.

50 YEARS AGO - JUNE, 1971

The June regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Chapter AACA was called to order at 8:15 pm in the University State Bank. Ten members were present. The \$200.00 deposit on the 4-H fairgrounds was returned. The club had a picnic at the 4-H fairgrounds June 13th at 2:00 pm. The menu was hot and cold. Hot friend chicken, roast beef, baked beans and cold potato salad, beer and pop. Local member Ralph Hoffman reported on the Burley Hills Tour of 180 miles with 50 cars. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

THANK YOU, GEORGE

George Lauppe has retired from the position of Historian for our club. He has spent decades covering items about members, meetings and motions of the club. He was bringing back memories of the 50+ years in his By-Gone Days and they were interesting, informative and sometimes funny. Do you remember when our Swap Meet was held only on the paved area of the fairgrounds? It went from the entrance off Haskell Street, east past what is now the Flory building, on east to the 4-H sheds, with Building 21 on the north side and extending south only as far as the south side of the Flory Building. That was the total area of the early Swap Meets. Look at how we've grown since then - and George covered it all in his By-Gone articles. Each month George searched the minutes of the club's meetings of all those years, bringing up items and comments of club members that still interest us. A lot of the people mentioned worked so hard year after year at the Swap Meets and are not still with us - but by adding them in his By-Gone Days he's been letting us reminisce about the people we miss, and "the good old days". Thank you, George, for the memories.

Shirley

**LAWRENCE REGIONAL AACA
SWAP MEET WORK DAY MINUTES**

April 29, 2021

Call to order: President Margaret Barnes, 6:15 PM with a meal prayer.

Attendance: Don Gullet, Steve Hubbard, Shirley Cormack, Russ and Rosie French, Virginia and Ken Filardo, Carl Peer, Pete Maxon, Jack Todd, Becky Todd, Darrel Workman, Ken Ochener, Jeanne Spradling, Barbara and Dave Maycock, Bill McCollum, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Joe Arneson, George Lauppe, K. Homolka.

Dinner, consisting of chicken, pork, and beef sandwiches, baked beans, slaw and dessert, was catered by Biggs BBQ and was enjoyed by everyone.

President Barnes presented a potted flower and a Certificate of Appreciation to Shirley Cormack for her many years of dedicated services to the club.

Joe covered the work that had been done today and reviewed duty assignments for the swap meet.

Jack Todd updated everyone on a few of the changes on the map.

New club shirts and jackets are available.

K. Homolka thanked Russ French for filling his times at the swap meet during K's absence.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Homolka, Secretary

FROM YOUR EDITOR

It's wonderful being back with my antique car friends, at the meeting Thursday night and all during the Swap Meet Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It seems like I haven't seen many of you for years - and actually it WAS more than a year! The weather was beautiful for the Swap Meet, the crowd was much bigger than I expected it would be, everyone sold a lot of items and were happy. I don't know how our members did it, because they had such little time to prepare, yet they succeeded so greatly. I hope we can start getting all the members back to our meetings because we miss every one of you! Stay safe and come back, everyone.

Thank you to the entire club membership for the beautiful floral plant and the Certificate of Appreciation for the many years of participating in preparing and publishing the Clutch Chatter.

Shirley

2021 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Jun 3-5** - Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA **(RESCHEDULED)**
Jun 17-19 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY, Saratoga Region
585-474-2406
July 1-3 - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN 717-534-1910
(RESCHEDULED)
July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals, New Ulm, MN, Minnesota Region
320-290-4285
Aug 13-14 - Western Fall Nationals, Poudre Valley Reegion - Loveland, CO
Sept 9-11 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville, SC, South Carolina Region
717-534-1910
Oct 3 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Broken Arrow Park, Lawrence, KS
Oct 6-9 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, Pa, Hershey Region 717-566-7720
Oct 14-16 - Chickasha Fall Swap Meet (any year vehicle) - Chickasha, OK
Nov 11-13 - Special Western Nationals, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix Region
602-999-6594 **(RESCHEDULED)**

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
March 18-19 - Chickasha, OK Pre-War Swap Meet, Grady Co. Fairgrounds
April 7-9 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, Hornets Nest
Region 704-847-4215
April 21-23 - Special Dual Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico **(RESCHEDULED)**
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
June 2-7 - Midwest Region, by Plain Ol' A's, Kansas City, MO
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QUESTION

During his tenure at the helm of General Motors, what competitive company did Alfred P. Sloan not only personally invest in, but often embark on vacations with its founder?

ANSWER ON PAGE 8

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having a show on June 6th with a \$20 registration fee. I love to go to the Mill but we will be gone, so I'm sorry we will miss it. We will be back in time to go to Brandon Woods, so looking forward to that. (See page 17)

I have talked to a few of you about having some summer Cruise In's, and would like to have an outing at the home of Ken Filardo and his terrific theatre and show the movie "Horatio's Journey". The movie is about the first continental crossing by an automobile and is narrated by Tom Hanks. I saw it at McPherson and really enjoyed it. Please let me know if you are interested in that sort of thing. If you have never been to Ken's theatre you are in for a treat. Darrell does such a great job of setting up tours so I am hoping he has some great ideas. Also, some years ago the club had progressive dinners and that was a lot of fun. That is when we go to different homes for appetizers, salad, entrees, deserts and anything else we can think of. It would be fun to see what everyone is working on or has finished up.

I have been given raffle tickets for a drawing for a 1973 Jeep Commando or \$5,000 cash. This is a fund-raiser for the Antique Auto Club of America in Hershey (not the Museum but the club), so if you're interested, see me. I am attaching a flyer to the Chatter. (See page 15)

Please stay safe and healthy and may God bless and keep you.

Margaret

FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

His dizzy aunt-----Verti Gogh
Brother who worked at a convenience store-----Stop N Gogh
Grandfather from Yugoslavia-----U Gogh
Magician Uncle-----Where-diddy Gogh
Mexican Cousin-----A Mee Gogh
Mexican cousin's American half-brother-----Gring Gogh
Nephew who drove a stage coach-----Wells-far Gogh
Ballroom dancing aunt-----Tang Gogh
Bird lover uncle-----Flamin Gogh
Aunt who taught positive thinking-----Way to Gogh
Little bouncy nephew-----Poe Gogh
Sister who loved disco-----Go Gogh
Brother-in-law with low back pan-----Lum Bay Gogh
Niece who travels he US in an RV-----Winnie Bay Gogh

I'm pretty sure you're smiling right now-----there ya Gogh

From Gramma's funnies

WHERE HAVE ALL THE JUNKYARDS GONE?

By Don Barlup
National HQ & Library

When I first got involved in the hobby in 1971, (I still have my first antique car, a 1940 Pontiac 50 years later) junkyards were everywhere. I spent many an afternoon visiting my favorite yards, looking for treasures for that car. It was a plain Jane 4-door sedan with the only option being an under seat heater. It was sold new by N. E. Black Pontiac/Buick in New Bloomfield, PA to Earl Rempher, a local farmer, who had problems driving in and backing out of his small 1-car garage. All four fenders were a testament to his lack of driving ability.

Hap Gemmel's Salvage Yard, outside of York, PA was a gold mine. It covered both sides of a country road and had many classics and convertibles resting peacefully in the woods. He had no less than a dozen 40 Pontiacs in various stages of decay. A radio from one, a cigar lighter from another, a clock from another, etc. My plain Jane car soon became a well optioned ride!

The barn on the property was full of cars, trucks, and an assorted disarray of parts. You literally walked over parts to get to parts.

Hap, short for Harold, was a character who would rival any junkyard dog with his green and white checkered pants and red and white striped shirt (yes, both worn at the same time) he was a sight to behold. In the upper level of the barn sat a long forgotten early solid tire truck covered with all sorts of car parts. You could easily have walked past it. I didn't! Turns out it was a 1914 Hahn Huckster truck, which I still own. Hap named a price, I countered. Hap liked to flip coins yes, I lost, but would have paid his price anyway.

Both Hap and the yard are long gone, but my memories of those frequent treks through that yard seem like yesterday. A housing development now sits on hallowed ground.

That's where all the junkyards have gone!!!

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ANSWER (from page 6)

Like Henry Ford who vacationed with high-powered non-company luminaries like Thomas Edison, John Burroughs and Harvey Firestone..to avoid the inevitable "business" discussions around the campfire Sloan enjoyed a long-lasting, personal relationship with....Walter P. Chrysler! So much so, that he privately invested in his best friend's company to help get it off the ground. In addition to mutual respect to not discuss the challenge of day-to-day affairs, the other thing Sloan and Chrysler had in common was complete frustration with one...Billy Durant.



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DO YOU REMEMBER THESE SMALL GAS STATIONS?



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A LITTLE HUMOR



I threw 5 shoes , 3 broom whacks
And Half a can of Raid extra power
Turns out it's a hair clip



What do we learn from hippopotamuses?



Have you ever noticed that all the instruments searching for intelligent life are pointed away from Earth?



That it's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking.

I ordered a chicken and an egg from amazon.

I'll let you know.

My little niece asked me "Why is his body so little?"
Now I can never unsee it.



ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

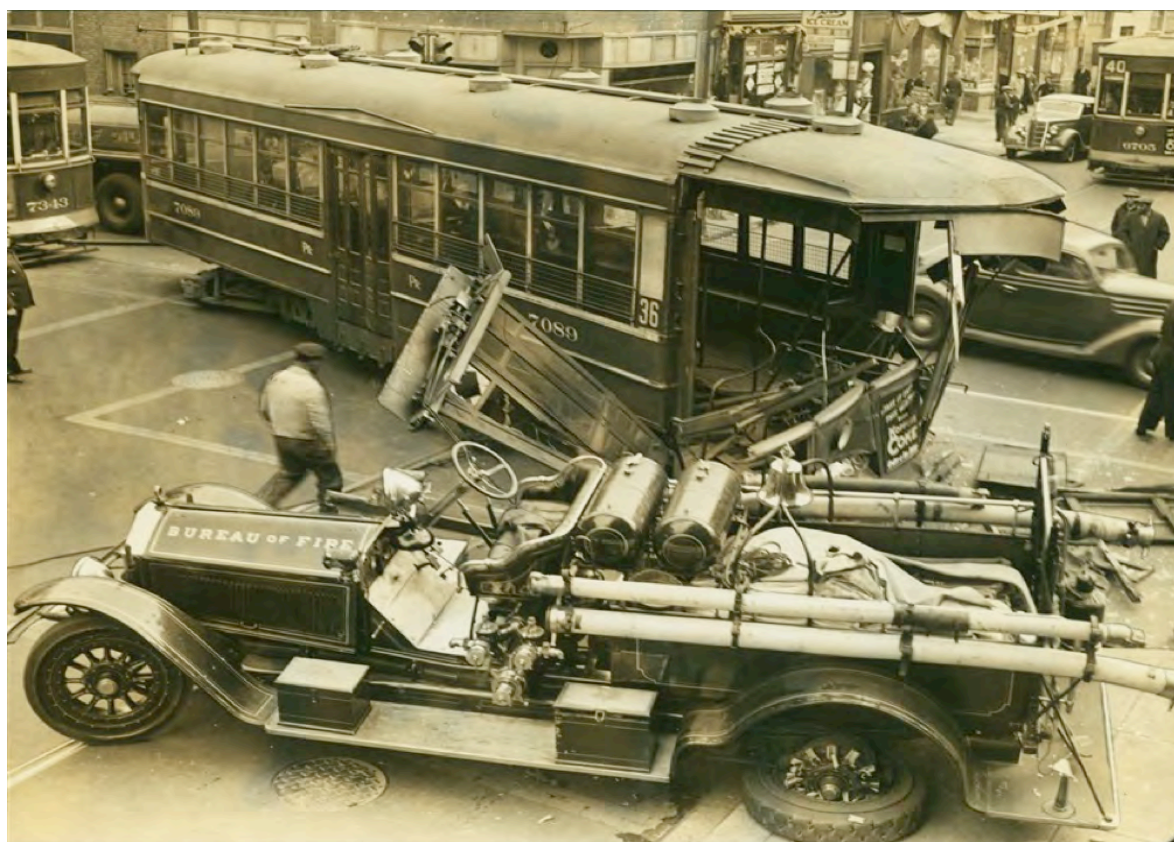
By Matthew Hocker, Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator, AACA Library

At the AACA Library, staff are continuing to process the vast collection which was formerly under the stewardship of the Free Library of Philadelphia. We still have a long road ahead of us, but that just provides us more time to make unusual discoveries, such as a box of car wreck photographs from the 1950s and earlier. This stuck out to me, as the AACA Library also has a file devoted to the subject.

As car ownership continued to grow throughout the 20th Century, so too did the number of car accidents. The photographs in the collection are but a small snippet of this history, showcasing the types of situations that would facilitate the development of safety measures in the automobile industry.

One of the images in the collection that stood out to me was of the fire engine in front of a streetcar with a demolished front-end. An accompanying newspaper clipping detailed the accident happened in the city -- most likely Philadelphia -- on 22nd and South Streets. Fortunately, although only the trolley motorman was hurt, there were no casualties.

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GREG'S GARAGE

It seems that the car pictured here took out a lamppost, then a call box, and finally stopped when a mailbox sacrificed itself to bring the automobile to a stop. Makes you wonder if Laurel and Hardy are somewhere in the vicinity!

This is what really happened according to what the press printed. Walter Mancer had a narrow escape from injury after making a sudden turn to avoid a collision with Charles Corby's automobile.

The automobile that he was driving skidded into a combined fire alarm station and mailbox. Both the mailbox and the front section of the automobile were damaged.



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DETROIT ELECTRIC **AN UPSTART IN AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION CITY**

Theoldmotor.com November 30, 2020

The photo on the right is a Detroit Electric 1932 Model "99" sedan based on a 112-inch wheelbase that sold for \$3750. This second to last model produced by the Company used a leftover bodies and other sheet metal made by other auto-makers previously. But that's getting ahead of the story, and let's start at the beginning. Like many early automobile manufacturers, the Detroit Electric Car Company got its start in the carriage trade. Milton, Ontario, CA native William C. Anderson began building buggies in Port Huron, Michigan, in 1884.

A year later, in 1885, Anderson relocated his enterprise to Detroit to be closer to his largest market. He was in a partnership with financier William A. Pungs and fellow Canadian William M. Locke and it led to eventual expansion into the manufacture of automobile bodies and thought of producing a complete car. It was determined that it was going to be an electric and was designed in collaboration with Anderson's chief engineer, George M. Bacon. Motors and sophisticated controllers were supplied by Elwell-Parker, which remains in business today.

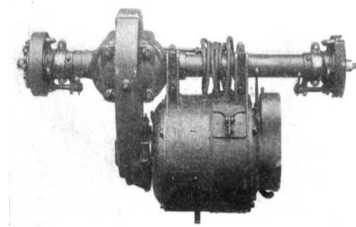
The first Detroit Electric appeared in 1907, and by the end of the year, 125 cars had been produced. The company name was chosen because a number of other builders were already using the name Anderson. The Company quickly established a reputation as well built, easy to drive cars. Sales grew in each succeeding year peaking at 4500 in 1914, after which their numbers began to decline, a trend widely attributed to the success of Charles Kettering's electric starter for gasoline engines.



The Chief of the Detroit Fire Dept. in his 1910 Model "L" Runabout, "Cycle and Auto Trade Journal", May, 1910. From New Jersey Headlights
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Chassis details of the 1910 Models "D" and "L", from The Automobile, Sep 1909



Motor Equipment, Model D, Detroit Electric

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**If you see a beach, you either have the
mind of an artist or you need a vacation...**



**It's actually the bottom of
a car door that needs repair.**

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