

**LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**

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**CALENDAR**

**June 1** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center

**July 6** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center



**WHAT IS JUNE KNOWN FOR?**

- June 4 - Native American Day**
- June 6 - D-Day Remembrance Day**
- June 14 - Flag Day**
- June 18 - Father's Day**
- June 21 - First Day of Summer**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Lawrence Region Antique Automobile club's 59th Swap Meet was held on May 5, 6, and 7 this year. We had a great turnout, with a little sprinkle on Friday morning.

Saturday was a beautiful day with a lot of sunshine. We had our bean and corn-bread dinner for our club members and visiting vendors, with a big turnout for that.

Sunday was a bright day for our cleanup crews to get everything back to normal for the Douglas County fairgrounds.

A good and successful time was enjoyed by all. Thank you for all who helped.

Darrell Workman  
President

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

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

June 7 - Tim Cragg

June 12 - Joe Arneson

June 12 - Rosie French

June 14 - K. L. Homolka

### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Pat Peer

June 1, 1974 - 49 years

Robert & Karen Lagerstrom

June 13, 1983 - 40 years

Daryl & Margaret Barnes

June 21, 1968 - 55 years

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Shirley Cormack, Editor

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

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA  
MAY 4, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was held May 4, 2023 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St, Lawrence, KS. The meeting was presided by President Darrell Workman.

**ATTENDANCE:** Don Fornelli, Doug McNichols, Bob & Karen Lagerstrom, Bill McCollum, Tom & Sharon Stallings, Joe & Janice Arneson, Kenny & Donna Tibbits, Jack Todd, Becky Todd, Tim Cragg, Russ & Rosie French, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Tim Cormack, Craig Stoll, Tony & Susan Mitchell, and guest Don Gullett. I apologize if I missed anyone. Preceding the meeting was a catered dinner by Biemer's BBQ. The meeting was held after the work day at the fairgrounds preparing for the 59th annual Swap Meet.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

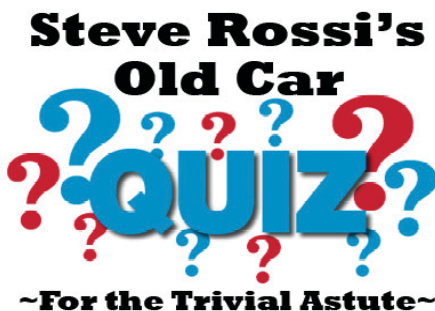
**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report until after the Swap Meet.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Joe Arneson reviewed work schedules and followed up with any issues that anyone had. A follow-up meeting will be announced TBD.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jack announced that he had been asked to support a Car Show that was being held at Presbyterian Manor. This was their first year and in honor of our longtime member George Lauppe. Since the date of June 16th was in conflict with our traditional attendance at Brandon Woods Retirement Home on the same date, the date has been changed to June 23rd at 11:00 AM at Presbyterian Manor, 1429 Kasold, Lawrence KS, 66049 and a meal will be provided. The standing Brandon Woods Father's Day Car Show will be June 16th at Brandon Woods, 1501 Inverness Drive, Lawrence, KS at 11:00 AM. A meal will be provided for participants.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Barnes  
Proxy Secretary



**QUESTION**

Can you name America's oldest automobile collection, and also identify where it is located?

Answer on page 10

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## 2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

<b>Jul 6-8</b> - Central Spring Nationals, Waterloo, IN	727-415-7679
<b>Jul 26-29</b> - Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Hamilton, NY	607-334-2907
<b>Aug 10-12</b> - Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA	309-373-2169
<b>Oct 3-6</b> - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA	717-566-7720

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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2023 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Jun 14-17** - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR  
**Oct 2** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

## 2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

<b>Feb, 2024</b> - AACA Annual Convention, Dulles, VA	717-534-1910
<b>Mar 21-24</b> - Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	
<b>Apr 4-6</b> - Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Charlotte, NC	707-847-4215
<b>Apr 18-20</b> - AACA Western Spring Nationals, Tucson, AZ	520-591-1140

## LOCAL EVENTS FOR LRAACA

**Jun 1** - Club meeting - ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sonic on 31st St, 6:00 pm

**Jun 10** - Car tour to JB's Car Collection in Lenexa, then lunch at Calhoun's Bar & Grill in Lenexa. After lunch, travel to the 7 & 56 Hwy Consignment garage and later to the KC Auto Museum.

Meet at Orscheln's (BaumGards), 1541 23rd St, Lawrence at 9:30 AM (sharp)!  
If questions, call Daryl at 785-594-6408.

**Jun 16** - Car show at Branden Woods: Be there between 10:30 and 11:00, and each person call 785-218-0373 to tell how many will come with them. Or call the office at 785-838-8000. Luncheon will be served at noon for all participants.

**Jun 23** - Car show at Presbyterian Manor: Be there by 10:30. Lunch will be served at noon. No calls necessary.

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Adian Schmidt is the club's recipient of the 2023 LRAACA Scholarship, presented at Lawrence Free State High School, with the presentation rolled into an automobile. Adian will study automotive technology at Washburn Technical Institute in Topeka.

Pictured above are Adian, with Darrell Workman and Tony Mitchell, presenters.

Congratulations, Adian!



## **AACA Welcomes the Class of 1998**

By Steven Rossi, AACA National VP Public Relations & Event Planning

Images provided by the Chris & Kathleen Koch AACA Library & Research Center

As you know, AACA considers any vehicle 25-years-old-or-older an antique. This year, AACA recognizes the Class of 1998 that's crossed that 25-year-old threshold. Here a sampling of some recognized examples that now enjoy antique automobile status and are welcome on AACA show fields across America and around the world:

### **1998 New Volkswagen Beetle**

In a nod to its iconic heritage, Volkswagen rolled back the clock and treated automotive enthusiasts to a reimagined 1998 VW Bug in anticipation of the soon to arrive new millennium. The company said that, "A car like this only comes around twice in a lifetime." But they weren't thinking small...this time...with this all-new edition. Built off the Golf, the last one would leave the line in 2019.



### **1998 Mercedes-Benz ML 320**

Remembered as the first modern luxury sport utility vehicle, the Mercedes M-Class pioneered the idea of combining off-road prowess with utmost creature comfort, along with refined performance, on-road handling precision and steadfast safety sentiment. It was assembled in a purpose-built plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

### **1998 Ford Crown Victoria**

In 1998, Ford took the opportunity to redesign its mainstream, full-sized four-door sedan for the masses with a more elegant and formal execution. Versions specified for law enforcement were now designated Police Interceptors. Over what would become a fourteen-year lifespan, just under 1 million were manufactured.

### **1998 Toyota Sienna**

The then-ever popular minivan segment enjoyed the arrival of a new entry from Toyota. Replacing the rear-wheel drive Previa, the front-drive "Camry of minivans" was designed specifically for the North American market. Now in its fourth generation, the award-winning Toyota Sienna remains with us to this day.

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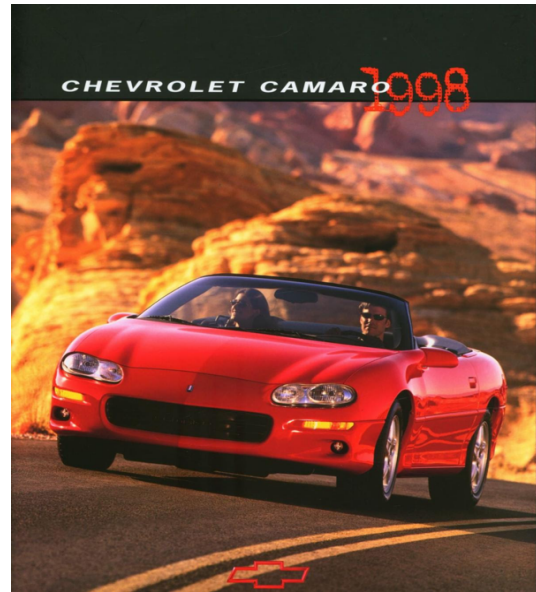
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### **1998 Chevrolet Camaro/Pontiac Firebird**

The bowtie brand took its new-for-1997 LS (Luxury Sport) 1 Corvette engine and dropped it into the Camaro for 1998. It was considered “balanced and brutally fast” with a 0-60 mph elapsed time of 5.2 seconds. A sister Pontiac Firebird F-body was also offered.

### **1998 BMW Z3 M**

Likewise in the performance domain, BMW breathed on its Z3 sports car with factory “M” treatment. Engine and chassis upgrades were calibrated specifically for enthusiasts, and the Z3 M is now considered BMW’s last analog sports car.

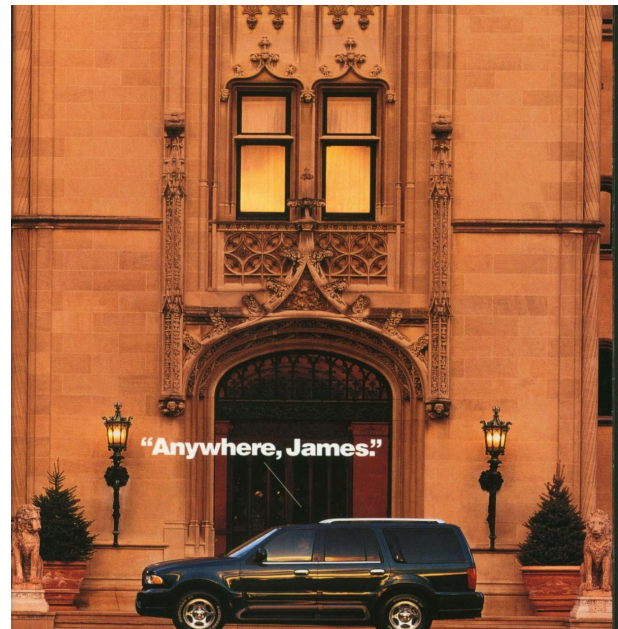


### **1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK**

In 1998, the Stuttgart automaker may have been busy with the groundbreaking ML sport utility, but that didn’t stop it from also introducing the SLK sports car. A bit tamer than the BMW Z3 M, it instead distinguished itself by taking a page out of automotive history and reintroducing the retractable hardtop.

### **1998 Mercedes-Benz CLK**

If that weren’t enough, Mercedes also launched the CLK sport coupe in 1998 in the U.S. As a company that previously produced primarily four-door sedans, it was intended to be a new expression of rolling sculpture. And succeeded.



### **1998 Lincoln Navigator**

Lincoln entered the full-size, luxury SUV fray with the Navigator, which was built off the Ford Expedition. It was advertised under the headline...“Damn the tuxedos, full speed ahead.” Over-the-road serenity has since been its objective.

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### **1998 Dodge Ram Quad Cab**

Dodge joined the door wars with the lure of more...actually, four...in its full-size pickup truck. The Quad Cab was marketed through an ambitious campaign that promoted, "More power. More torque. More towing. More payload. More room."

In conclusion, if you are the proud owner of any of these vehicles or one of the many other "new" antiques, please consider registering for a National AACA show this year and start showing off your 1998 treasures.

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## **BRANDS WE STILL KNOW**

by Sherry Wink

Harry Burnett worked for the Hershey Chocolate Company on and off for a period of time. At one point, he started a small candy company. When it eventually failed, he returned to work for Hershey in 1921, managing one of their dairy farms. Money was still tight so Harry began working with candy again. In 1923, he quit his job and opened the H. B. Reese Candy Company. But he actually asked the Hershey Company for permission first, and they agreed with the condition that he buy all his

chocolate from them. The new company started with chocolate covered goodies, then moved on to candy bars, which were successful enough that in 1926, he built a new factory in Hershey. In 1928, the Reese company came up with a new version of peanutbutter balls, making them as cups which were easier to package. The Great Depression almost wiped out the company, but it scraped through intact. The Peanut Butter Cups were a huge hit and eventually the company quit making other candy and focused on just this product.



**1928 Ad**

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## **A LITTLE HUMOR**

Two guys were walking in the woods one day when they came across a bear. The bear noticed them and started growling and generally getting really mean. It started to chase one of the guys, who, as it turns out, was from Czechoslovakia. Unfortunately, the bear soon caught up with him, and ate him alive. Meanwhile, the other guy turned around and ran for his life. A little while later, the second guy found a park ranger station and told his story. The ranger took his gun, and they both went out in search of the bear, in order to destroy it. Soon, they came across two bears, one male, and one female. The ranger turned to the other guy and said, "Quick... tell me which bear ate your friend!" The ranger levelled his gun and got ready to shoot. "I'm not really sure," said the other guy. "They both look so similar." "QUICK! Make up your mind!" demanded the ranger. "O.K.," said the other man, "It was the male." The ranger promptly aimed and shot the female bear. The male ran off. Using his knife, the ranger cut open the belly of the female and found the body of the other man. "But why didn't you shoot the male when I thought it was the male who ate my friend?" the other man asked. "Well", said the ranger..."I never trust anyone who says that the Czech's in the

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## **A BEAR IN A BAR**

A bear walks into a bar and demands, "I want a large rum and -----a coke. The barman enquires, "What's with the huge pause?" The bear answers, "Oh, them, I've had them all my life."

*Anonymous*

## **TRIVIA CHALLENGE**

What make is this sedan/station wagon?  
And... it was first to offer which new technology?



**Answer on page 13**

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## LRAACA POST SWAP-MEET MEETING

The post Swap Meet meeting was held at Joe's barn on May 16, 2023. Twenty-seven members attended and enjoyed pizza, cookies and drinks.

Joe & Jack thanked everyone for working hard & making the swap meet another great success. 320 spaces have already been reserved for next year.

The 4-H club sent a very nice "thank you" note for the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Gary Crispin with the "Mid-America" car club was present. Joe thanked him and their club for their parking assistance.

Jack announced the following events:

**JUNE 1** – club meeting – ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Sonic on 31st St. 6:00 pm

**JUNE 10** - Cruise to Lenexa. See page 4 for details

**JUNE 16** – Brandon Woods – Car Show – 10:30 am. Lunch furnished. RSVP to Grant Gerstenecker at 785-218-0373 to attend and how many people you have.

**JUNE 23** – Presbyterian Manor – Car Show – 10:30 am, lunch furnished

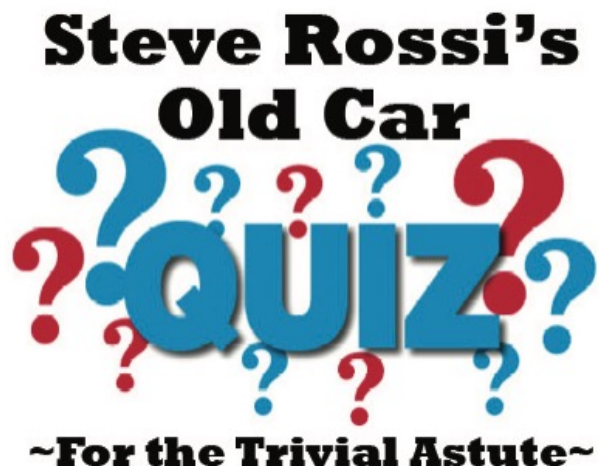
Meeting adjourned with members selecting and receiving old "Street Signs" used long ago at the swap meet to help direct vendors to their spots.

K. L. Homolka  
Secretary

## ANSWER

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum is home to "America's Oldest Car Collection". For more than 85 years, the Larz Anderson Auto Museum has supported the community through a variety of educational programs, exhibits and lectures. Located at 15 Newton Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02445.... just ten minutes from downtown Boston... the collection occupies a spectacular 1888 Carriage House. Its oldest artifact is an 1899 Winton, which is a one owner car (bought new by Larz and Isabel Anderson) and still resides in its original garage." To learn more, visit [www.larzanderson.org](http://www.larzanderson.org).

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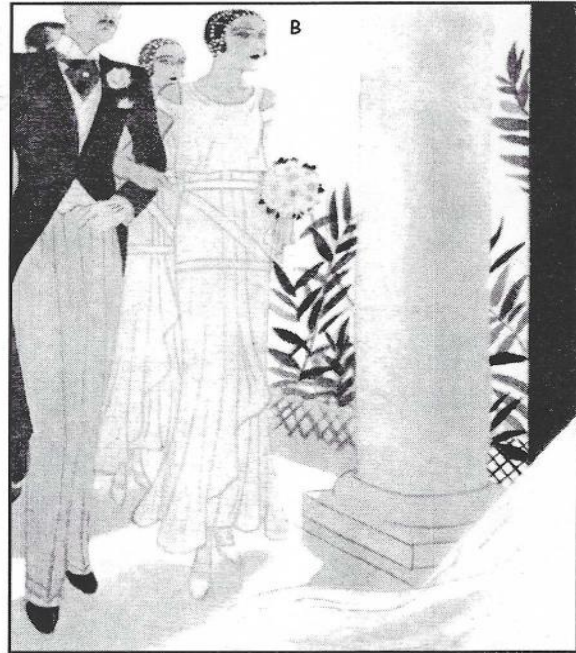


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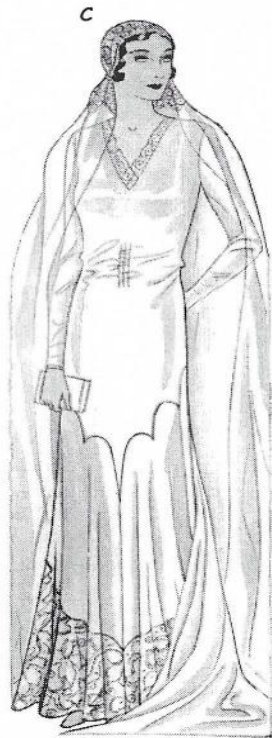
By ERA Fashion



- A. The 1930 adaptation of the Grecian line is simply and clearly illustrated in this satin dress. The gown is complemented in its simplicity by an unadorned veil of white tulle and a bouquet of white lilies.



- B. For the bridesmaid, this gown of georgette repeats the styling of the bridal gown.



- C. Satin and lace are at the neck and hem of this lovely gown. Diagonal shirring at the waist and fitted sleeves contribute to a slim look.

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## ALL ABOUT ROBERT LAGERSTROM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Lagerstrom \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Lagerstrom \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ August 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ January 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_ June 18, 1983 \_\_\_\_\_  
I was born in \_\_\_\_\_ Salina, Kansas \_\_\_\_\_ and grew up in \_\_\_\_\_ Salina, Smolan, and Lindsberg KS \_\_\_\_\_  
When I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be \_\_\_\_\_ an Astronaut \_\_\_\_\_  
My profession is/was \_\_\_\_\_ Storeroom/Receiving Clerk at Lawrence Memorial Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
I've been a member of this club since \_\_\_\_\_ May, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_  
Children/Grandchildren? Names/ages \_\_\_\_\_ Daughters: \_\_\_\_\_ Stephanie – 38, Ashley – 30; \_\_\_\_\_  
Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_ Henry – 15, Logan – 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
First Car I owned was \_\_\_\_\_ 1969 Ford Galaxy 4 door \_\_\_\_\_  
Most recent car I owned was \_\_\_\_\_ 2006 Escape \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite car I've ever owned was \_\_\_\_\_ 240Z Datsun \_\_\_\_\_  
The car I wish for but never owned \_\_\_\_\_ 1977 Hurst Cutlass \_\_\_\_\_  
The craziest thing that ever happened to me in an antique car was \_\_\_\_\_ I got a speeding ticket in my \_\_\_\_\_  
240Z, going 30 over \_\_\_\_\_  
There's something about me that most club members don't know, and that is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I'm crazy about model trains \_\_\_\_\_

## HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS "2023 GREAT RACE" VISITS KANSAS

The 2023 Hemmings Motor News Great Race will have an overnight stop in Wichita Thursday, June 29, 2023. Approximately 120 vehicles will be competing for \$150,000 in prizes. The cars will begin arriving at Riverfront Stadium, in Wichita, starting at 4:45 PM. They will overnight on Mosely Street in Wichita's Old Town District. It is unknown where cars will be on display at Old Town but you can apparently see them come in at the Riverfront Stadium starting at 4:45 PM. Parking will be a problem.

Other places you might see the cars will be Lyon Co. Fairgrounds on June 29th at 1:00 PM for lunch; then Friday, June 30th, lunch at the SRCA Drag Strip at noon; and overnight in Garden City on Main St./Stevens Park, at 5:00 PM.

The event starts in St. Augustine, Fl on June 24th and finishes in Colorado Springs, CO July 2nd. It's to cover 2,300 miles in nine days. Entrants from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Japan, and numerous locations from the United States will be included. Vehicles dating back to 1916 are competing. The newest car allowed this year is 1974.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The first car phone was by Bell Phone Company, first used in St. Louis, Missouri on June 17, 1946. It weight was 80 pounds

The first car radio used by Chevrolet was in the early 1920s.

*Submitted by Darrell Workman*

The last car with a cassette player was the Ford Crown Vic in 2011.

The best selling car of all time is the Toyota Corolla, with over 30 million sales since 2009. One Corolla is sold every 40 seconds around the world.

When Volvo invented the modern three-point seatbelt 50 years ago, they made the patent open and free to all car manufacturers. Seat belts now save over 13,000 lives in the US each year.

Electric cars are not new. In fact, in 1900 38% of cars were electric, 40% were steam, and 22% were powered by gasoline.

Although Henry Ford (1863-1947) did not invent the modern car or the assembly line, he was the first to manufacture cars that many middle-class Americans could afford. His introduction of the Model T automobile in 1908 revolutionized transportation and American industry.

*Courtesy of Faceretriever.com*

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER



The revolutionary 1980 AMC Eagle anticipated the all-wheel drive (AWD) Subaru. The four-door station wagon or sedan was the first crossover utility car made, even if SUV terminology wasn't there yet.

As a sort of mash up between the AMC Gremlin, the Pacer, and the Rebel, the Eagle was the first American car to come with AWD. It also featured a raised chassis.

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I'm hiding and you can't see me.

