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CALENDAR

APR 29 - Monthly meeting for **May!** 6:30
At the fairgrounds in the Flory Bldg. A
catered Bar-B-Q dinner will be served.

Jun 3 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 pm., at
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.
Unfortunately, members needing a paper
copy and living out of town do not receive
their copy before the next meeting.

The Swap Meet is moving forward at a very fast pace and looking good. Joe has once again done a fantastic job and much appreciation to Jack and all the others that have devoted much time and sweat to pull this off. At first, I thought this may be a light year but we are all thinking now that with the vaccine roll out and fine weather, we may actually be very busy. Jack reported we had about 325 vendors at that time and they were still coming in fast and furious. To go from cancelling last year to having to speed up planning this year has been a Herculean effort and thanks to all those members who stepped up. George announced at the last meeting that he will have to give up doing the History report due to his health. We certainly appreciate all those years of commitment and the fine job that he has done.

After the Swap Meet we need to make a concerted effort to take this burden and help get rid of the materials that he has stored up over the years. George is one of the last charter members of this chapter and we certainly don't want to lose any historical information. I will contact the AACA library, see if they are interested in any of it and if so what they may be interested in. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Swap

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BIRTHDAYS

Roger Bain - May 2

Jeanne Spradling - May 3

Dan Cary - May 12

Barb Maycock - May 12

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Susan Mitchell
May 11, 2001 - 20 years

Roger Bain & Jan Arndt
May 13, 1984 - 37 years

Pete & Debby Maxon
May 17, 1975 - 46 years

We apologize to Ken Ochener and his wife, Jeanne Spradling, for missing his birthday Apr 27th and their anniversary April 14, 2006 - 15 years.

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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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2021

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes

SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson

SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell

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SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock

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BY-GONE DAYS

BY GEORGE LAUPPE



10 YEARS AGO - MAY, 2011

President Jack Todd did not have a message in this issue. Minutes of the April 7th monthly meeting indicate it was called to order at 7:00 pm in Watkins Museum with 19 members in attendance. Minutes were accepted as published in the Clutch Chatter. Joe passed around a work schedule for members to sign up to help at the Swap Meet. Ralph has flyers ready for distribution for the Car Show. The George Redding Memorial Plaque was to be presented at the annual Officer Installation banquet. Only four cars from our club participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Lauppe shared info on the National Air Capital Tour that was to be held in Topeka the following September. Treasurer received a bill for \$70.00 for safety deposit box, no one knew contents in box. Norm Kressmann won the door prize. Minutes submitted by Delores Todd.

20 YEARS AGO - MAY, 2001

President Jack Todd wrote a full page of his problems following the 1957 Chevy being "rear ended" over Labor Day weekend. It took six months of hasseling with the insurance company and auto body shop, and then he had to do most of the repairs himself. Announcement made that the May meeting would be at the fairgrounds Thursday May 3rd, to prepare for the Swap Meet. April 4th meeting minutes reveal 26 members were in attendance. Bill Bunce's motion was approved that the member who drove his or her antique vehicle to club meetings and activities the most times by April, 2002 would receive a \$25.00 prize. (Who won the prize?) At the most recent Board Meeting it was agreed "We need to set a budget". Dave Ross's motion was approved that the club would decide what to do with its fire truck. President Todd told of his \$1600.00 radio he purchased for the '57 Chevy and it still did not work. At an April 19th Swap Meet meeting Linda Heavin, Swap Meet Reservation Chair, reported we had 340 reservations and they were still coming in. That issue has a page and a half of members' work assignments for the Swap Meet. Saturday, April 28, was the first scheduled work date. Under bold heading "Future of Fire Truck To Be Decided". A YES vote meant the club would keep it and fix it up and a NO vote meant it was to be given to the Topeka Fire Museum. (It received the most NO votes.) May's Social Outing was to Lake Shawnee Car Show, Topeka, Sunday, May 20th. Those going departed Westlake's Hardware at 9:00 am.

30 YEARS AGO - MAY, 1991

Minutes of the April meeting reported Joe Arneson attended for the second time. Lauppe, Scholarship Chairman, reported three applicants for the club's scholar-

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ship. Lauppe, Swap Meet Reservation Chairman, reported 111 telephone calls that year as compared to 45 a year earlier, for the same time period. Reservations made were 141 vendors reserving 675 spaces as compared to 101 vendors reserving 496 spaces a year ago. Motion was approved to keep the same phone number year around. A motion was approved to charge \$20.00 advance reservation and \$25.00 at the gate for the 1992 Swap Meet. Club members moved the East fairgrounds fence April 13th (80 feet East). The club had an overnight tour to Salina and Lindsborg April 27-28. Curtis Dalton and the Studebaker Club invited club members to participate in their annual Economy Run April 21st.

40 YEARS AGO - MAY, 1981

The May meeting was held in Building #1 at the fairgrounds following set up for the Swap Meet. It was called to order at 8:00 PM. Twenty answered roll. Treasurer reported \$3,119.46. Ralph Reschke reported no applicants for our \$250.00 scholarship and he indicated the new lights the club bought for the fairgrounds would be adjusted after the meeting, when it was dark. Lauppe, Reservation Chair, reported 95 vendors had reserved 176 spaces. (That year the club provided two areas on the fairgrounds for registered vendors and non-reserved to park prior to the gate opening at 8:00 PM. Those line up spaces were: behind/north of the new extension building for reserved and north and east on the roads, we now call Maxwell and Pontiac. Prior to that time vendors lined up on Harper Street, which caused major problems for the club.) That meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM to do more work. At the May Board meeting Lauppe reported 282 vendors purchased 427 1/2 spaces. One space was half full of sand. That count was 50 spaces less than the 1980 Swap Meet. Two suggestions for the 1982 Swap Meet, "Make sure we get security next year" and "Open the gate at 7:00 PM".

50 YEARS AGO - MAY, 1971

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Chapter AACA was called to order by Vice Chairman Pete Schutter at 8:00 PM in the University State Bank. There were 13 members present and one guest, Dave Trillich. Treasurer reported \$1,010.49. Swap Meet discussed. Suggestion was made to provide more toilets. Other suggestions were to keep alcoholic beverages under control, especially beer; and to buy a P. A. system. A two-day meet was discussed. Dave Murphy made the motion, seconded by Ron Thornton, to have a catered picnic party on Sunday, June 13. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Trivia Challenge from The Generator

What was the first car to use power "operated seats?"

Answer on page 10

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

Meet so be there with your sneakers on. We will have a box dinner from Bigg's BBQ for the Thursday night meeting, so come hungry.

God Bless,
Margaret

LAWRENCE AACA MINUTES

April 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was brought to order on April 1, 2021 at the Peaslee Tech Center. Members in attendance were Roscoe Yoder, Bill McCollum, George Lauppe, Russ French, Tim Cragg, Darrell Workman, Ken Filardo, Dave and Barb Maycock, Joe Arneson, Carl Peer, Daryl and Margaret Barnes. No zoom participants. The meeting presided by President Margaret Barnes.

Minutes were approved as posted through the Clutch Chatter.

No Treasurer's Report was given.

No communications read.

Committee Reports:

Swap Meet - Joe passed out work schedules and final planning was discussed. Daryl Barnes has ordered the golf carts and they will be delivered on April 28th. Daryl will also take care of the toilets. A work day is scheduled for April 19th to lay out the plots, the mowing will be on April 26th, and opening work will commence on April 29th. There needs to be a little work done to repair the trolley and Joe will take care of that. George is loaning us his trailer for front gate again but will need help and his grandson will help. Darrell Workman was working on getting a security patrol for Friday and Saturday night. He has asked the Shriners and was waiting for confirmation. We are hoping to have the Flory building for headquarters, if not may have to move to Bldg 21. We will have a catered dinner and a brief meeting on April 29th in the headquarters building at 6:30 PM, open to all members. Shirley Cormack has been approved to have a vendor spot in Bldg 21.

No Scholarship Report.

History: George reported that he will no longer be able to do the history article for the Clutch Chatter and needs help getting rid of or storing the materials that he has at his house. We will have to come up with a solution in the near future and relieve George of this burden. We certainly appreciate all the years of dedication that he has put in and hope we can continue moving forward.

Sunshine: George and Dean Weller had both been hospitalized.

Meeting adjourned with refreshments from K. L. Homolka.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Barnes

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

QUESTION

In 1969, an American automaker headlined an upcoming press launch in Arizona with the slogan "That's all, Volks" in an attempt to bolster media attention. And a year later, another US competitor urged buyers to compare "against the foreign devil, inch for inch, tooth for tooth",

Who were these desperate companies and what models were they introducing?

ANSWER ON PAGE 10

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PHOTOS OF 2018 SWAP MEET by Don Fornelli



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 Region - 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
785-843-2222
- Oct 6-9** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region
717-566-7720
- 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
- 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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DO YOU KNOW?

1. What was the first official White House car?
2. What was the city to use first parking meters?
3. Where was the first drive-in movie opened and when?
4. Where was the first drive-in restaurant and when?
5. What was the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of both Times and Newsweek?
6. Where were the first three colored traffic lights in the world installed?
7. What was the lowest priced mass produced American Car?

Answers on page 9

Courtesy of Mary Agnes and Les Boni and Rumbleseat Review

INDY 500 PACE CARS by John McCarthy

I recently saw a list of the Indy 500 Pace cars. While I'm not very interested in motor racing, the Indianapolis 500 is the king of car races. I always envisioned Indy 500 Pace cars as prestigious and powerful cars that led the race cars in their famous "rolling start". Packard certainly was in this category of being the Pace car in 1915 with a "6", in 1919 with a Twin Six and in 1936 with a 120. Tommy Milton, a 2-time Indy 500 winner was the driver of the 1936 120 Pace car and proposed that the Pace car be given to the 500 winner, which then became a tradition that exists to this day. Surprisingly many of the Pace cars do not fit the prestigious or powerful category.

The Indianapolis race track opened in 1909 as a race track but more importantly as a test track for production cars from Indiana and surrounding states. Indiana in the early 1900's was famous for producing such cars as American, Apperson, Auburn, Cole, Haynes, Marmom, Maxwell, Overand, Pope, Simplex, Star, Stoddard Dayton, Studebaker and Stutz. All of these manufacturers needed a good test track and thus the Indianapolis track was born. It was not until 1911 that the first Indianapolis 500 was run and a Stoddard Dayton, a luxurious and powerful car produced in Indiana, was the first Indy Pace car winner, followed by Stutz in 1912. Then Stoddard Dayton in 1913 and 1914. Prestigious and powerful Pace cars were used until 1938 when a Hudson 6 with 83 HP was the Pace car, 1940 when the first closed car, a Studebaker Champion 6 two door sedan with 78 HP, led the pack, 1947 when the first four door sedan, a Nash Ambassador 6 with 112 HP, was used, and 1948 when a Chevrolet 6 with 90 HP led the pack. From this point until 1976 when a Buick V-6 Turbo was used, all Pace cars were V-8's. The cylinder count dropped to 4 cylinders for 1984 with a Pontiac Fiero, 1985 an Oldsmobile Calais convertible (the roof was cut off a sedan), 1987 a Chrysler LeBaron Turbo, 1988 an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Turbo, and 1990 the final four cylinder car, a Chevrolet Beretta.

Things didn't always go as planned. In 1962 a Studebaker Avanti was supposed to be the Pace car but production was delayed and a Studebaker Lark Daytona V-8 was the replacement, and in 1991 a Dodge Stealth which was made in Japan was scheduled to be the Pace car but the UAW objected and a preproduction version of the Dodge Viper took its place.

Chevrolet's first Pace car was a 1948 Stylemaster convertible but Chevrolet is the leading marque pacing the Indy 500 28 times, including 9 Camaros, 14 Corvettes and even an SSR convertible pickup in 2003. Surprisingly, Corvette was not the Pace car until 1978 but has since been the Pace car 14 times. Since 2002, a Chevrolet has been the Pace car every year. Oldsmobile comes in 2nd being the Pace car 11 times, Ford was 3rd being the Pace car 7 times (including

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ANSWERS TO DO YOU KNOW (page 7)

1. 1909 White Steamer ordered by President Taft



2. Oklahoma City, OK on July 16, 1935



3. Camden, New Jersey in 1933



4. Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas, TX in 1921



5. The Mustang!



6. In Detroit, MI, 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights



7. 1925 Ford Model T Runabout sold for \$ 260 which was \$5 less than in 1924



Courtesy of Mary Agnes and Les Boni and Rumbleseat Review

ANSWER TO TRIVIA CHALLENGE (page 4)



They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.

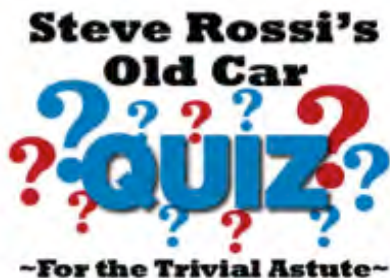
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INDY 500 PACE CARS (Continued from page 8)

1 Thunderbird and 3 Mustangs followed by Buick and Chrysler at 6 times each. The following are the manufacturers and the number of times they have been the Pace car: Chevrolet 28, Oldsmobile 11, Ford 7, Buick and Chrysler 6, Dodge, Pontiac and Studebaker 4, Cadillac, LaSalle, Mercury, Packard and Stoddard Dayton 3, Lincoln and Marmon 2, and one each for Cole, Cord, DeSoto, Duesenberg, HCS, Hudson, Nash, National Sextet, Plymouth, Premier, Rickenbacker and Stutz. Of the 27 marques that have led the pack at Indy, only 7 remain.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway and and Museum are in Indianapolis, Indiana and an excellent place to visit. In addition to approximately 75 vehicles on display there is a considerable amount of Indy 500 memorabilia, and you can also ride around the Indy track in a small bus.

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ANSWER (from page 6)

Ford Motor Company coined the "That's all, Volks." slogan as a swipe at the Volkswagen Beetle as it prepared to introduce the Maverick for 1970. Of course, Ford's cartoon character-inspired offense certainly didn't forestall VW's sales success.

Then AMC got a bit more pointed with their launch of the Gremlin...."the kind of car this country has needed for a long time." Down to this closing sentiment in the period marketing materials, "Sort of makes you glad you're an American." However, it turns out that Henry Ford II became a bit more responsibly observant when he concluded...."You can't beat that act by sticking an American flag in the rear window." But you could with the right set of regulatory requirements, which followed. In the words of former VW PR executive Arthur Railton, the Beetle was the original "maverick".

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A LITTLE HUMOR

Sir I have been trying to reach you

After hearing this
over and over all
winter long,



About your extended car warranty

Spring is in the Air!

isn't it nice to
realize this
instead!



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**SPRING IS HERE - LOOK WHO STOPS TO SMELL THE FLOWERS
BLOOMING IN MAY FROM APRIL SHOWERS**







Best barstools ever!!!



Do you remember going to raves?
Me neither. This is a rug under a
coffee table



