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CALENDAR

Aug 3 - Car show, Vinland Fair, 6:30 PM, food provided by club

Sept 7 - Club picnic, Centennial Park, 6:00 PM, Beimers BBQ, bring guests for hopefully new members

WHAT IS AUGUST KNOWN FOR?

Aug 4 - International Beer Day

Aug 5 - International Hangover Day

Aug 6 - National Kids Day

Aug 14 - Navajo Code Talkers Day

Aug 27 - World Rock/Scissors/Paper Day

Aug 31 - National Matchmaker Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We held two car shows in June, the first on June 16 at Brandon Woods and the second at Presbyterian Manor on June 23, with an additional car club joining us. We had beautiful weather both days and a great turnout at both events.

The July membership meeting was held at the Sonic Drive-In on 31st St. A good number of our members attended, driving their antique cars for a mini show.

Nice weather, good friends and good food made for a wonderful time at all three events.

Our August meeting will be at the Vinland Fair which we attend yearly.

See pages 6-8 for pictures of vehicles at all these events.

Darrell Workman
President

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AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Russ French - August 4
Charles Eberhart - August 6
Robert Lagerstrom - August 7
Bill McCollum - August 11
Ralph Reschke - August 27
Delores Todd - August 27

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Phyllis Cragg
August 4, 1973 - 50 years
Craig & Peggy Stoll
August 4, 1978 - 45 years
Dave & Barb Maycock
August 21, 1965 - 58 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** (by email).

LAWRENCE REGION AACA JULY 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: Vice President Jack Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, at the 31st Street Sonic Drive-In for eats, treats and fellowship.

ATTENDANCE: (21)

Joe & Janice Arneson, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Tim Craig, Ken Filardo, Don Fornelli, Russ & Rosie French, K.L. Homolka, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, Bill McCollum, Adian Schmitz and his guest, Ken & Donna Tibbits, Jack & Deloris Todd.

CONDOLENCES: to Darrell Workman and family in the passing of his brother from Nashville, Tennessee.

NEXT MEETINGS:

August 3: Car show at Vinland Fair, 6:30. Food provided by our club.

September 7: Club Picnic, Centennial Park, 6:00 PM, with Beimers BBQ being served. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - bring a guest/prospective new member.

K. L. Homolka, Secretary

FACTS FOR THE MORE MATURE POPULATION

Aging gracefully is the nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

At my age, the only pole dancing I do is to hold on to the safety bar in the bathtub.

The older we get, the earlier it gets late.

You know you're getting older when you have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.

Am I getting older and wider instead of older and wiser?

These are not gray hairs! They are wisdom highlights! I happen to be very wise.

Allow me to politely suggest this be the year you start lying about your age.

Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.

You're not getting older, you're just becoming a classic.

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PERKS OF BEING BOLDER

Kidnappers aren't interested in you.

There's nothing more to learn the hard way.

When you say something like "I'm going to run to the store", nobody expects you to actually run anywhere.

You put things in a safe place so you'll always know where they are, and then you can't remember where the safe place is.

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2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

July 27 - Club car show Thursday at Meadowlark Estates, 5th and Folks Road, Lawrence, KS

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

2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb, 2024 - AACA Annual Convention, 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□

What happens when
Old Car Guys get sent
to a nursing home.

Thanks to Darrell Workman
for submitting this item.



QUESTION

What year did Henry Ford introduce
the Model A Ford?

Answer on page 10

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

DEAN WELLER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW AND DESOTO DAYS FESTIVAL

Dean Weller Memorial Car Show with over 11 classifications, AND ADDITIONAL 4-10 official judges (they will be announced closer to the event).

Participant AND spectator voting! - VOTE by taking a Picture of the QR Code.

EVERYONE CAN VOTE - AND - YOU CAN VOTE FOR EVERY CAR THAT YOU LIKE!

Convenient way to vote: Just go to www.carshowpro.com (see the QR Code in the menu and begin voting).

Music, food and festive atmosphere!!

For more information registering for the car show the website is:

<http://desotodays.com>.



Thank you to The Plain Ol' A's club for letting us copy this notice

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

What is the make of this car? And what feature was groundbreaking?

Answer on page 10



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**Photos from June 16 Car Show at Brandon Woods
and June 23 at Presbyterian Manor**



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Many thanks for all the members who brought their beautiful cars.

THE 1906 KRIEGER ELECTRIC CARRIAGE

The 1906 Krieger Electric Carriage was an early electric automobile produced by the Krieger Motor Company of Philadelphia, PA. Established in 1902, it was one of the first companies to manufacture electric cars in the United States.

The car had an electric motor and a lead-acid battery. It had a top speed of around 20 miles per hour and a range of around 40 miles on a single charge. It was designed to be comfortable and luxurious, with amenities such as a roof, windows, and a leather seat.

The Krieger Electric Carriage was well received by the public, and was considered a stylish and convenient alternative to the gasoline-powered cars of the time. However, despite its popularity, the Krieger Motor Company faced financial difficulties and was forced to close its doors in 1907.

The Krieger Electric Carriage is now considered an historical artifact and a symbol of the early days of the automobile industry. It is a reminder of the important role that electric cars played in the early years of motoring, and of the innovations and challenges that faced the industry in its early years. Despite its brief lifespan, the 1906 Krieger Electric Carriage remains an important part of automotive history.



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TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER



Gearheads spotted this little marvel zipping around streets in the '70s during the heart of the oil crisis. The Citicar was made by Sebring-Vanguard, who is no longer in business. But their innovative car, powered by an electric motor, was groundbreaking. The Sebring Citicar came from Sebring, Florida and was named for that city. Given that it was styled on a golf cart, its Sunshine State background makes sense.

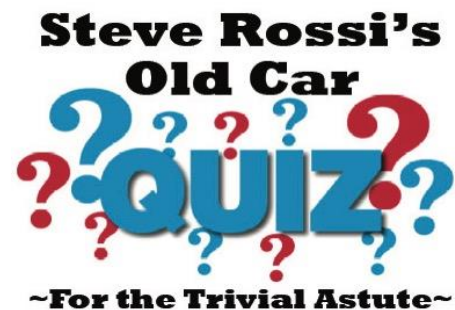
The Citicar used an 8 x 6v lead-acid battery with a range of around 50 miles, and it could go 40 mph thanks to its 8-horsepower electric motor. It was the only all electric car, but a few years later, it was gone. Still, the Sebring car brand ranked No. 6 in U.S. auto manufacturers until 1977.

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ANSWER

The Model A Ford was introduced in 1903. It was a two-cylinder runabout and was Ford Motor Company's first product....and was superseded by the Model C in 1904. The more recognized Model A appeared for 1928, of course, and was the second so-named Ford, following in the wake of the Model T. Sorry to try and trick you.

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The First Plymouth Was Not a Chrysler

By Lt. Com. Marvin F. Studebaker

The Chrysler-Plymouth has been on the nation's streets since about 1928, but did you know that there was a Plymouth automobile during the brass age?

There isn't much information about the vehicle in the usual reference books but this presents no great problem. The successor company, Plymouth Locomotive Works, is still in business in a little village in North-Central Ohio.

The company began as the Commercial Motor Truck Company in Toledo in 1906. One friction drive truck was produced which operated sufficiently well to induce a group of Plymouth business men to finance the venture. A new brick plant was opened in Plymouth in November, 1906.

After about a year of experimentation it became apparent that there were serious shortcomings in friction transmissions when employed in trucks. Walter C. Guildler, formerly with Pope-Toledo, was called in as supervising engineer. The corporation name was changed to Plymouth Motor Truck Company about 1909 and it continued its manufacturing operations until 1914 or 1915.

The total output of 150 to 200 vehicles included two and three ton stake and sideboard trucks, covered vans, twenty and twenty-four passenger busses, and twenty to forty passenger sight-seeing vehicles. It also included one touring car, lovingly hand-crafted by Plymouth workers about 1910. Because of the unique configuration of this automobile its picture has crept into several books and left the impression that it was a production model. But Mr. D.E. BeVier, still active as general superintendent of the locomotive works, has set the record straight. He recalls that the car was powered by a 4-cylinder Wisconsin engine, had a double-disc truck transmission and chain drive. The remarkable feature of the vehicle was a dome surmounting the hood. Mr. BeVier explains that this accommodated a gravity feed gas tank. In order to take care of the driver who pressed his luck and ran out of gas along a country road at midnight, the filler cap was made big enough (8") to handle the lip of a 3-gallon bucket.

With two 1909 Cadillacs in company, Mr. BeVier set out on July 8, 1911 for a test drive to New York City. The Plymouth performed well but broke a cylinder casting in Atlantic City on the return trip. It was hauled by rail back to Indiana. The company directors decided to stay with trucks.

In 1933 the Chrysler Corporation sought to establish prior right to the pages, quickly came to terms.

Mr. D.E. BeVier, still with the company, is behind the wheel of the Plymouth in this photo. The dome is clearly seen in this 1910 picture.

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Sharp indeed! Note the disk wheels and position of the coil box . . . and the impeccable dress of the passengers.

This 15-passenger job was designed for sight-seeing and for shuttle use between hotels and rail stations.



The original letterhead of the company, showing its officers. Note that it hopefully features the word "cars" although it was essentially a truck manufacturer.

H. H. FATE, President	H. S. FATE, Vice President
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D. F. IRWIN, General Manager	W. C. GUILDER, M. E., Supt.

THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR TRUCK CO.

Plymouth Cars

PLYMOUTH OHIO.

Two and Three Ton Stake and Sideboard Trucks, Covered Vans, Twenty and Twenty-Four Passenger Busses, Twenty to Forty Passenger Sight-Seeing Vehicles

ALL ABOUT PETER MAXON

Name _____ Peter Maxon _____ Spouse's Name _____ Debby Maxon _____
Date of Birth _____ Dec 5 _____ Date of Birth _____ Dec 17 _____
Anniversary date _____ May 17, 1975 _____

I was born in _____ Syracuse, NY _____ and grew up in _____ Bern, KS _____
When I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be _____ a banker _____
My profession is/was _____ a banker _____
I've been a member of this club since _____ 2015 _____
Children/Grandchildren? Names/ages _____ 2 children, 1 boy, 1 girl _____
_____ and 3 grandchildren, all girls _____

First Car I owned was _____ 1952 Chevy 2 door, 6 cylinder, 3 speed _____
Most recent car I owned was _____ 1960 Corvette _____
Favorite car I've ever owned was _____ 1960 Corvette _____
The car I wished for but never owned _____ the only car I ever wished for is a _____
_____ 1960 Corvette _____

Brands We Still Know

Dentist Thomas Bramwell Welch was a Methodist who objected to wine being used in communion services. But it was hard to have a steady supply of grape juice, with no refrigeration at that time. In 1869, after years of experimenting, Welch finally perfected a juice pasteurization process in his kitchen and began selling "Dr. Welch's Unfermented Wine" to churches. Eventually, as demand grew, he formed the Welch's Fruit Juice Company. Later, when the prohibition movement started to grow, and Welch's Grape Juice was the only nonalcoholic fruit drink on the market, it was used as a substitute drink. In 1918, the company answered a call from the military, and developed the first every grape marmalade, called Grapelade, which was provided to soldiers overseas. In 1923, Welch released a new product to the market as Welch's grape jelly. Note: PB&J is purported to have been invented during WWII when soldiers took pre-sliced bread, topped it with Welch's jelly and added peanut butter for protein.

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Guess I've had too much caffeine...I thought this lady was a Muppet.



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