

# LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

A DIVERSE GROUP DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION/PRESERVATION/ENJOYMENT OF OLD CARS



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**OCT 1** - Annual Car Show, Douglas County Fairgrounds

**OCT 5** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center

**NOV 2** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our September 7th meeting and Membership Drive picnic was a big success. Great food, plenty of happy conversations visiting with members and friends.

Daryl Barnes spoke about the upcoming car show on October 1st.

Our October meeting will be open to nominations for officers. Please talk with Jack Todd or an executive board member if you're interested in running for an office.

Darrell Workman  
President



### WHAT IS OCTOBER KNOWN FOR?

**Oct. 2** - Name Your Car Day

**Oct. 9** - Columbus Day

**Oct 10** - Motorsports Memorial Day

**Oct 16** - National Boss's Day

**Oct 24** - United Nations Day

**Oct 31** - Halloween

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

### LRAACA WEBSITE

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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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2024 Board: Tony Mitchell  
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## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

## MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

None

## MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

None

Editor's note: I just realized that it's been a long time, if ever, that we had a month with no birthdays and no anniversaries.

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**[kstrunkguy@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrunkguy@yahoo.com)**

***Please use the above email as it goes directly to the Club's computer.***

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

## SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP BBQ MEETING CENTENNIAL PARK

**CALLED TO ORDER:** President Darrell Workman called the meeting to order at 6:30 at Centennial Park on September 7, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE:** (25) Joe & Janice Arneson, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Ken & Virginia Filardo, Don Fornelli, Russ & Rosie French, Stanley & Linda Hayden, Darrell & Linda Lamer, K. L. & Jean Homolka, Doug & Diane McNichols, Ralph Newell, Ralph Reschke, Aiden Schmiz, Jack & Delores Todd, Darrell Workman and long-time member Bill Bunce. Don Fornelli and Ralph Newell each brought a guest but your editor did not get their names.

No formal business meeting was conducted.

Daryl Barnes reviewed our upcoming car show at Broken Arrow Park on October 7. This year, 3 club members will judge and choose "Best of Show". Club members will park their cars together, separate from the public car show entrants. Club members are asked to display the cards Daryl Barnes furnished.

Jack Todd asked for suggestions and ideas we could do to promote and celebrate our "60th ANNUAL SWAP MEET" for 2024.

THANK YOU JACK TODD for arranging another wonderful catered meal.

ELECTIONS COMING UP: If you want to nominate someone, or to run for an office yourself, notify Jack Todd as soon as possible to be put on the ballot.

Nominations will be accepted at our October meeting.

Elections will be held at our November meeting.

Officer Installation will be held at our December Christmas Dinner meeting.

K. L. . Homolka  
Secretary



Listen carefully - your car is talking to you.

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## 2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 3-6 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA  
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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2023 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**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

## KNOCK-KNOCK CAR JOKES

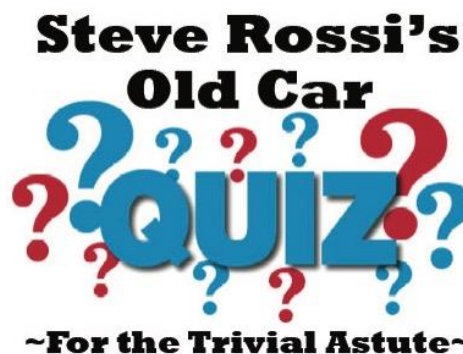
Knock, Knock Who's there? Iona Iona who? Iona new car	Knock, Knock Who's there? Carl Carl who? Carl go faster than a bike	Knock, Knock Who's there? Wanda Wanda who? Wanda where my keys are
Knock, Knock Who's there? Colin Colin who? Colin all cars!!	Knock, Knock Who's there? Renata Renata Renata gas for my car!	Knock, Knock Who's there? Cargo! Cargo who? Car go "Beep", "Beep"!

## QUESTION

When and where did the tradition of spraying Champagne in a car race Winner's Circle begin?

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## McPHERSON COLLEGE'S STUDENT RESTORED CAR

By Laura McMillan, [www.ksn.com/news](http://www.ksn.com/news)

Students, faculty and staff at McPherson College are celebrating today after a student-restored car came in second in a prestigious competition.

The school's 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet took second in the postwar luxury class division at the 72nd Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Thousands of car owners worldwide tried to get their cars shown at the event, but only 200 were invited to compete, including McPherson College.

This is the first time in the event's history that an entirely student-restored car has made it into the top three in class. McPherson College automotive restoration students spent the last seven years restoring the Cabriolet.

"Many car collectors dream of just competing at Pebble Beach their entire lives, so for our students to earn second in class is truly an exceptional achievement," McPherson College President Michael Schneider said in a news release. "This is 10 years in the making, with students, alumni, and faculty pouring their heart and soul into this restoration project of the Mercedes-Benz to make this vision a reality. This accomplishment puts our students on par with the professionals of automotive restoration".



McPherson College alums and friends gather for a photo by the school's 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet at the Pebble Beach d'Elegance, August 20, 2023

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**VINLAND FAIR CAR SHOW**  
**August 3, 2023**

Our club held a car show at the Vinland Fair in Vinland, Kansas, on August 3rd, Vehicles shown included 10 automobiles, one truck, and one motorcycle, all of them very beautiful. Shown below are the vehicles in the car show.



Darrell Workman



Daryl & Margaret Barnes



Doug McNichols



Daryl & Margaret Barnes



Tom & Sharon Stallings



Don Fornelli

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Dave & Barb Maycock



K. L. & Jean Homolka



Bob & Karen Lagerstrom



Stanley & Linda Hayden



Unknown



Dave & Barb Maycock



## BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

Gabrielle Chanel, famously known as Coco Chanel, and already a famous fashion designer, decided in 1920 it was time for a scent for the “new modern woman.” Working with master perfumer Ernest Beaux, who also created scents for the Russian Tsars, Chanel released Chanel No. 5 in 1921. The usual fragrances of the time were soliflores, scents that focused on one flower. Chanel wanted a perfume that was complex; a scent that was crafted



1928 Chanel Bottle

and composed of many components, just like the clothing she designed. It was said that she was “the first to bring together, the woman, the dress, and the perfume.” The name Chanel No.5 came from several sources; Chanel thought of the number five as her lucky number. In fact her new design lines were always released on the fifth day of the fifth month. Beaux provided her a number of test fragrances during development; the scent she chose was sample number five. Chanel No. 5 has notes of rose, jasmine. Interesting note: Chanel No.5 is classified as an “unstable” perfume, which means it smells unique on each wearer.

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## HENRY TAKES A RIDE ON HIS FIRST AUTOMOBILE

From the Script A News The Quadricycle was the first automobile built by Henry Ford. It was built in 1896 and powered by ethanol. It had a two-cylinder engine and developed a whopping four horse power. It was driven by a chain, and the transmission had only two gears - first for 10 MPH, and second for 20 MPH. It did not have a reverse gear.



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### ANSWER

Dan Gurney invented champagne spraying on the victory podium at LeMans in 1967. He placed his thumb over an open bottle, shook the bottle, and intentionally sprayed the onlookers, thus, beginning a tradition that has transcended all sports. In his words, "What I did with the champagne was totally spontaneous. I had no idea it would start a tradition. I was beyond caring and just got caught up in the moment. It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime occasions where things turned out perfectly. I thought this hard-fought victory needed something special."

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**Steve Rossi's  
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## **AACA REGION AND CHAPTER UPDATES**

### **Free Region/Chapter Membership Applications**

Four 2024 FREE membership applications have been mailed to your current region/chapter President. These applications can only be used for the recruitment of BRAND NEW AACA NATIONAL MEMBERS and must be signed by your President and Secretary. These membership forms must be used by September 1, 2024. All membership applications received after September 1, 2023, will be applied to the 2024 membership year.

### **AACA Oral History Center**

We are currently developing an interactive timeline for the Oral History Center. Plans are to launch the first stage of the project this year during Hershey Fall Meet Week. The timeline focuses on the club's history and we would like to include important milestones and history from your Region and/or Chapter. Please submit a brief description and images related to the milestone(s) to: [general@aaca.org](mailto:general@aaca.org). Images are not required.

### **AACA Region Nominated Scholarship - Young People's Award**

The AACA Young People's Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the successful operation of an AACA region or chapter, and/or has demonstrated a sustained active interest in owning, restoring or preserving antique vehicles or automobilia. The candidate, parent or grandparent must be an AACA member in good standing for a minimum of five years, and the candidate must be nominated by a region or chapter. The minutes of the meeting where the nomination occurred must be included with the application, along with a copy of the letter of acceptance to the institution they are or will be attending. In addition, a resumé, essay and transcripts are required with the application. (Deadline for application is December 1, 2023).

### **It's 2024 Membership Renewal Time**

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2024 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

**Members can also use our new and improved online renewal option on our website: <https://members.aaca.org/membership/ReNewMembership.php>**

Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and choose your payment type. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or PayPal. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

An email will be sent to members next week explaining the new online renewal process. Their membership number and pin number will be included in the email.

**REMINDER:** To regions and chapters that collect yearly National dues and send one bulk payment. Please send in your payment, along with the members name and AACA membership number, as soon as possible. This will give us time to renew your member's 2024 dues before the end of the year

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## THE JACQUET AUTOMOBILE

In January of 1920, the Grand Rapids Brass Company was looking to sell its building due to financial troubles. At the same time, the Jacquet group was looking for a place to build their vehicles in hopes of becoming the next Detroit or Flint.

On January 27, 1920, the Jacquet Motor Corporation of America purchased the property with the option to purchase additional property for expansion in the future.



The Jacquet Motor Corporation of America was formed. The name of the company was derived from a combination of Jackson (President) and Marquet (Production and Experimental Manager). The officers of the company had experience in other auto and truck ventures. A. J. Jackson, the President of the company, worked with Republic Truck in Alma. Initial investment was \$100,000 in stock and production started on February 17 with just 5 men. The first vehicle was to be completed March 15 and the first shipment of motors had arrived in May. In early June, Jackson was voted out and L. W. Wilson was put in charge. The company was reorganized with \$30k of stock underwritten by the board. The Belding Banner News featured Jacquet Motors in July, 1920 celebrating the company and hoping there would be big things for Belding.

The factory was ready and suppliers were lined up. Parts were to come from many different manufacturers. Auto painting was also done out of the Jacquet building. The car was to be comparable to a Stutz Bearcat with a similar Wisconsin Engine. It boasted an aluminum body and 82 h.p.

In August another meeting was held, to raise even more money for the company. It is known that at least one car was built before the Labor Day Parade of 1920 as it appeared in the parade and was shown around the grounds of the Ionia fair. A possible second car was built and 4 to 5 were in various states of assembly when the company went under, according to records.

The company continued in November and December to raise money. Finally on December 22, Jacquet officially announced it had "temporarily sidelined car production" to manufacture the B. J. Steam Gas Generator. By March 1921, the company was producing the Little Giant cement mixer.

August of 1921 was the end of the car building business for the company. The car was given away through a raffle and the winner George "Leo" Bowler, eventually sold it. The whereabouts of this vehicle, a second possible vehicle, and the possible 4 or 5 partially assembled vehicles is unknown.

To read the full account and newspaper clippings, go to:

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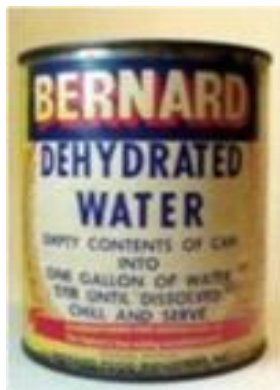
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## DEHYDRATED WATER??

Every once in a while you may see someone sharing a picture of a can of "Dehydrated water." There seem to be many of these old cans around and some have been sold on eBay. These cans of dehydrated water are actually empty tin cans made by a real food company, Bernard Food Industries, who began making the cans in 1964. The comedian Stephen Wright may or may not have been familiar with these cans when he joked "I bought some dehydrated water but I didn't know what to mix it with." If he had read the label, he would have known, of course, to add water - duh.

From 1947, Bernard actually sold many dehydrated foods, canned foods, dietetic products, and other products meant for institutional or restaurant food use. Bernard's dehydrated water in a can is not the only reference to dehydrated water. Another dehydrated water novelty is 'Dr. Health's Dehydrated Water,' and attractive blue can with the slogan Spring Water Without All the Wetness. Yes, I contacted Bernard Foods and they told me that you can buy cans of Bernard Dehydrated water through eDiet.com. If you are not a collector and you want to give someone a can of dehydrated water as a gag gift, you may be better off with one of the new cans.

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It's Clyde's first day of grade school after being homeschooled for several years. The teacher asks the young boy if he knows his numbers.

"Yes," he says. "My daddy taught me."

"Can you tell me what comes after three?"

"Four," answers Clyde.

"What comes after six?"

"Seven," answers little Clyde.

"Very good," says the teacher. "Your father did a very fine job. What comes after ten?"

"A jack," answers Clyde.

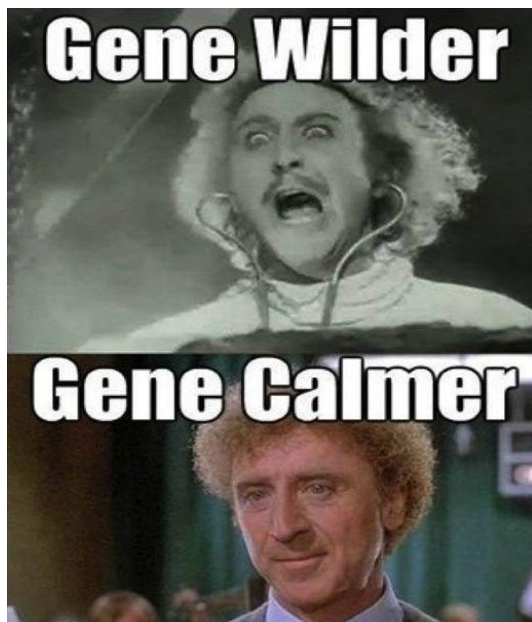
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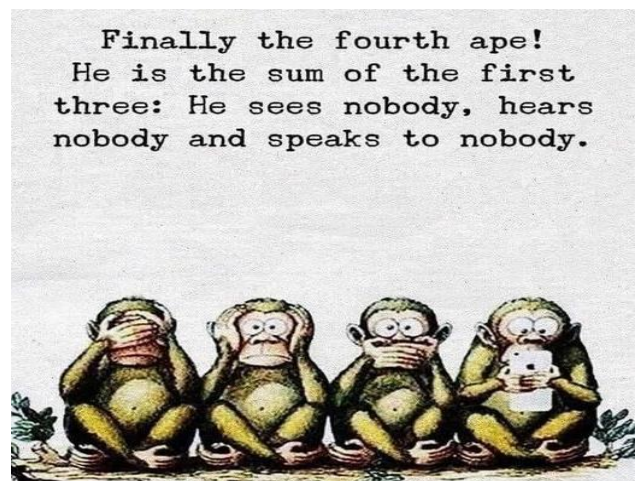
## A LITTLE HUMOR



First ever photo of "Hold My Beer"



On this day in history: In 1927, Ricky Dale Everclear becomes the first man to put oversized rims on his truck with his girlfriend's tax return.



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## **ELECTION OF 2024 CLUB OFFICERS**

It's time for the election of LRAACA club officers for 2024. Listed below are the members who have volunteered for these positions; however, if anyone else is interested in serving any position, let Jack Todd know and he will change the list and assure you will be considered. Jack can be contacted at 785-917-2372.

**President:** K. L. Homolka

**Vice President:** Deloris Todd

**Secretary:** Margaret Barnes

### **Following is the schedule for nominations, voting, and induction of new officers**

**October meeting** - Nominations reported in meeting minutes.

**November meeting** - Voting and final assignments reported in meeting minutes.

**December meeting** - Installation of new officers in each position.  
Christmas dinner for club members and families.