

# LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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### CALENDAR

**APR 4** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center  
**MAY 2** - 60th Swap Meet Meeting, 6:30 P.M.,  
Flory Building, Douglas County Fairgrounds

### WHAT IS APRIL KNOWN FOR?

**APR 1** - April Fool's Day  
**APR 7** - Easter Sunday  
**APR 14** - Moment of Laughter Day  
**APR 17** - National Ford Mustang Day  
**APR 22** - Earth Day  
**APR 28** - National Superhero Day

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isn't it great – SPRING is here! Time to get our cars out, dust them off, take them for a run and wake them up. It's an exciting time with the swap meet coming up, the St. Patricks Day Parade, anticipated cruises, numerous car shows, museum visits, OUR CAR SHOW this fall, etc. It should be a fun Spring, Summer and Fall.

Joe and his team (that's us) are finalizing the plans for a super swap meet for this year. It's our 60th you know.

I'm happy to see that our membership continues to grow. Glad to see younger members coming on board. We need younger men and women to carry on our great club and all that we do. Welcome aboard, don't be shy, volunteer for a job or office.

See you at the next event.

K. L. Homolka

President

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(3 year terms)

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## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Cormack - April 13  
Kent Ochsner - April 29

### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Woody & Penny Woodring  
April 1, 1977 - 47 years  
Jack & Delores Todd  
April 8, 1966 - 58 years  
Kent Ochsner & Jeanne Spradling  
April 14, 2006 - 18 years  
Stanley & Linda Hayden  
April 27, 1968 - 56 years

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2024

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 Margaret Barnes for the "Information Form" and return to her. 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).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA  
MONTHLY MEETING  
Thursday, March 7, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region Antique Auto Club of America was held Mar. 7, 2024 at the Peaslee Tech Center, with President Kay L Homolka presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was answered by 22 members.

Minutes of Feb. 1, 2024 were approved by motion by Stanley Hayden & Tom Stallings.

Treasurer: The treasury report was distributed by Pete Maxon and voted as approved by motion by Daryl Barnes and Stanley Hayden.

**Committee Reports:**

Swap Meet: Chairman Joe Arneson distributed pens to be given to vendors, 1 per vehicle. He ordered 300 pens. Buttons for the 2024 Swap Meet were distributed and he ordered 500. Joe will have contact information and work schedules for everyone working at the Swap Meet. The next planning meeting is Mar 14, 2024 at Joe's home at 6 PM. Need to order 500 more flyers for handout.

Car Show: Planning and finalizing will be after the Swap Meet. Chairman Daryl Barnes will reserve the Broken Arrow Park soon.

Membership: Chair Margaret Barnes reported on the AACA National reporting that was turned in and discussed some changes to members that either have not renewed membership or renewed national membership.

Scholarship: Chair Tony Mitchell reported that we had 3 qualified applicants for scholarship and would be advising upcoming settlement. 1 application was from Overbrook area and may not be eligible depending if we want to extend our area or whether he lives in Douglas County. Annie Kennedy applied for the special Ralph Reschke scholarship of \$500. One applicant, though highly qualified, was going into aeronautical mechanics.

**New Business:**

Motion by Margaret Barnes and seconded by Darrell Workman that Lawrence Region pay \$110.00 for the Insurance Policy provided by National to cover officer liability. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

K. L. would like a listing or something to advise of upcoming Car Shows being held in Kansas. It was suggested that <https://www.facebook.com/p/Kansas-Car-Shows-100064673260390/> would be a good resource. Shirley could include some of this information in the Clutch Chatter.

Kay L was approached by someone from Heathsville, VA that will be moving here and looking for storage for his 1949 Packard and space to work. Tony Mitchell may have a little space just temporarily and Kay will give the person Tony's info if interested.

Door Prize of \$20 won by Bob Stallings.

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Next meeting will be April 4, 2024 at Peaslee Tech Center at 6:30 PM. Daryl and Margaret Barnes will be responsible for refreshments for April.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Barnes, Secretary

### 2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Apr 4-6** - Two Nationals: Southeastern Spring AND Annual Grand Nationals, both in Charlotte, NC

**Jun 20-22** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY

**Aug 22-24** - Special Fall Nationals, Hampton, VA

**Sep 12-14** - Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, CO

**Oct 8-11** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

**Oct 23-26** - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, AL

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2024 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Apr 25-27** - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR

**May 3-5** - 60th Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS

**Oct 6** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

### 2025 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Feb 6-8** - AACA Annual Convention (1932-1999), Charlotte, NC

**Apr 3-5** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC

**May 1-3** - Two Nationals: Western Spring AND Special Annual Grand Nationals, both in Tucson, AZ

**June** - Annual Grand Nationals - Dayton, OH

**Sep 18-20** - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Corydon, IN

**Oct 7-10** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

**Oct 22-25** - Central Fall Nationals, Galveston, TX

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*Information can be found on the National AACA website: <https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar>*

### QUESTION

Nowadays, curved window glass is taken for granted. When did the first curved windshield appear in series, and on what production car?

Answer on page 10

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**SWAP MEET MEETING March 13, 2024**  
**Joe Arneson's Garage**

Attendance: Joe Arneson, Jack Todd, Darrell Workman, Russ French, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Bob & Karen Lagerstrom, Carl Peer, Harlan Woodring, Stanley Hayden, K. Homolka, Sean Lewis, Jesse Felton, Dave & Barb Maycock, & Daryl Barnes. Meeting was held at Joe Arneson's garage.

Joe opened the meeting and reviewed the work schedule and the time line for the functions (mowing, marking spots, etc.).

Jack reports that as of today, 295 spots have already been reserved and more coming in every day. He has people from many states, the Netherlands and England planning to attend.

Security being handled by Sean Lewis. There will be security personnel on duty from closing to 6:00 A. M. Friday and closing to midnight Saturday. The security fee is \$750.00.

Considerable discussion about different ideas of East bound vendors getting to the entrance gate. Many ideas mentioned but no final resolve yet. Will finalize at next meeting.

More "60th" Anniversary ideas needed.

Darrell Workman briefly reminded everyone about the St. Pat Parade. 16 cars are signed up to attend.

Thanks to the Maycocks for the refreshments.

Reporting,

K. L. Homolka

**OKAY FINE! I'LL GO CAMPING..**



## IN THE BARN - LIBERTY LUNCH BOX

Mr. Severine G. Leoffler was the entrepreneur behind the "Liberty Lunch," which came in neat pasteboard boxes labeled "Noon Time Friend" and saved Washington war-workers from a nerve-racking fight at overcrowded restaurants back in 1919.

The "Liberty Lunch Box," contained two sandwiches in waxed paper, a sweet of some kind, and fruit. There were chicken sandwiches, raisin and nut sandwiches, Spanish pickle sandwiches, olive sandwiches, all sorts of sandwiches. But there was a little element of surprise every day, something a little different. Sometimes, you found a quarter of an old fashioned mince pie that reminded you of Thanksgiving, sometimes a slab of brown gingerbread.

The company had 130 employees and sold 10,000 lunches every week day. Six big motor trucks were used to deliver the lunches across the city.



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## **A LITTLE HUMOR**

### **COMMENTS BY THOSE WHO KNOW OR KNEW**

1. The problem with political jokes is they get elected. - Henry Cate, VII
2. When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it. - Clarence Darrow
3. If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. - Jay Leno
4. We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. - Aesop
5. Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even when there if no river. - Nikita Khrushchev
6. Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy more tunnels. - John Quinton
7. Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other. - Oscar Ameringer
8. I offer my opponents a bargain: If they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. - Adlai Stevenson, 1952

*As found on the internet*

### **MY, HOW TIME FLIES!**

1. If you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape it into the trash.
2. The Beatles broke up in 1970 - 54 years ago.
3. The Wizard of Oz premiered in 1939 - 85 years ago.
4. Elvis died at 42 years. He would be 89 years old today.
5. Jimi Hendrix and Janice Joplin died 54 years ago, 16 days apart.
6. John Lennon died 44 years ago.
7. Mickey Mantel retired 55 years ago.
8. First "Back to the Future" film came out 39 years ago.
9. Saturday Night Fever is 47 years old.
10. The Ed Sullivan Show ended 53 years ago.
11. The Brady Bunch premiered 55 years ago.
12. Tabitha from Bewitched is now 60 years old.

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## BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

A group of clock builders headed by Charles Stahlberg chose Peru, Illinois as their new business location in 1884. They were basing their designs on a new idea of Stahlberg's. They called their new company "The United Clock Company" incorporated in 1885. Unfortunately, the new company quickly went bankrupt.

Reorganized as the "Western Clock Company" in 1887, it again failed and was then again reorganized it in 1888, this time as the Western Clock Manufacturing Company, which finally was viable. The company was a significant maker of dollar watches, beginning in 1899 and until the 1990s.

The dollar watch was intended to be affordable to any working person. The company patented "The Big Ben" alarm clock in 1908 and began marketing it in 1909. In 1910, The innovative design became the the first alarm clock advertised nationally, with ads placed in the Saturday Evening Post.

The company's trademark of "Westclox" was first used on the Big Ben alarm clock of 1910, but was officially trademarked until 1916. In 1919, the company incorporated as the Western Clock Co., Ltd. In 1931, the company merged with the Seth Thomas Clock Company.

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## TRIVIA CHALLENGE


What was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?

Answer on page 10

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**NASCAR  
2024 RACING SCHEDULE**

**2024 RACING SCHEDULE** 

DATE	TRACK	LOCATION	TIME	TV
2/17	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, FL	12:30 PM	<b>FS1</b>
3/8	Phoenix Raceway	Avondale, AZ	7:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
4/20	Talladega Superspeedway	Lincoln, AL	11:30 AM	<b>FS1</b>
4/26	Dover Motor Speedway	Dover, DE	4:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
5/4	Kansas Speedway	Kansas City, KS	1:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
5/24	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, NC	5:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
6/14	Iowa Speedway	Newton, IA	7:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
6/21	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	Lexington, OH	5:00 PM	<b>FS2</b>
6/29	Berlin Raceway	Marne, MI	7:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
7/19	Lucas Oil Raceway	Brownsburg, IN	4:30 PM	<b>FS1</b>
7/27	Salem Speedway	Salem, IN	7:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
8/3	Elko Speedway	Elko New Market, MN	8:00 PM	<b>FS2</b>
8/16	Michigan International Speedway	Brooklyn, MI	5:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
8/18	Illinois State Fairgrounds	Springfield, IL	1:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
8/25	The Milwaukee Mile	West Allis, WI	12:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
9/1	DuQuoin State Fairgrounds	Du Quoin, IL	7:30 PM	<b>FS1</b>
9/13	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, NY	4:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
9/19	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, TN	4:00 PM	<b>FS1</b>
9/27	Kansas Speedway	Kansas City, KS	4:30 PM	<b>FS1</b>
10/5	Toledo Speedway	Toledo, OH	3:00 PM	<b>FS2</b>

Times listed are in Central. This schedule was accurate at the time of print, however is subject to change due to many factors beyond our control. Be sure to check [ARCARACING.com](http://ARCARACING.com) and local listings for date, time, and programming updates.

*Submitted by K. L. Homolka*

## ANSWER

The aerodynamic icon...Chrysler Airflow...is said to have included the first, single-piece curved windshield in 1934. It was incorporated on the CW Imperial Custom limo.

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## TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWERED

The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy. These motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.



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**A VERY SPECIAL PLACE**

# 60th ANNUAL LAWRENCE SWAP MEET

**FRIDAY NOON TO SUNDAY NOON**

**MAY 3, 4, 5, 2024**

AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
¼ MILE NORTH OF EAST 23RD ST ON HARPER ST.

**PUBLIC ADMISSION - FREE**

**PARKING:**

\$5.00 per vehicle  
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**RESERVATIONS - BOTH DAYS**

\$40.00/space - Advanced  
\$50.00/space - At Gate

Car Corral - same as above

**Space Sizes**

Inside: 12 x 12 feet  
Outside: 15 x 20 feet

**SET UP**

Friday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Saturday: 6:00 am to 2:00 pm

**No admittance to fairground**

10:00 pm to 8:00 am  
At 12:00 to Vendor

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