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APR 1 - Monthly meeting - 6:30 pm,
Peaskee Tech Center, with Zoom

MAY 6 - TBA

EDITOR'S NOTE

DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES

Just a friendly reminder - all items for our newsletter are due by the 15th, monthly. Unfortunately, waiting for items after that delays us, and members living out of town do not receive it before the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOWZA!!!!

We are scheduled to have the Swap Meet this year, April 30, May 1 & 2. Joe has it going and with our help it should be great! I am so glad that we are moving toward some form of normalcy. We may have to wear masks and social distance, but that is by far a preference to being isolated and not able to get out anywhere. Who knows, with time we may be able to eat out, go to a ball game or see a movie without a mask. Definately the pandemic has been a learning curve and one I don't want to repeat in my lifetime. Do any of you remember the bomb shelter drills of the Cold War? This has been somewhat like that for me. Fear of the unknown and trying to be prepared for an unseen something seems similar to this for me. I will continue through April at least, to have Zoom meetings available. Also, at our last meeting Pete shared a small video clip on Dean Weller and it worked out just fine. I think we may be able to do some programming easily, so if anyone has anything they would like to share, please let me know and I may be able to set it up. We might even be able so share some YouTube video or photos that you are taking as you are working on
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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Cormack - April 13

Roscoe Yoder - April 16

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Woody & Penny Woodring

April 1, 1977 - 44 years

Jack & Delores Todd

April 8, 1966 - 55 years

Did we miss you? Then we don't have the information. Please ask K. L. Homolka for the "Information Form".

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

Shirley Cormack, Editor

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2021

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes

SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson+A147

SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell

TRAILER - Joe Arneson

SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock

CONTRIBUTIONS - Pete Maxon

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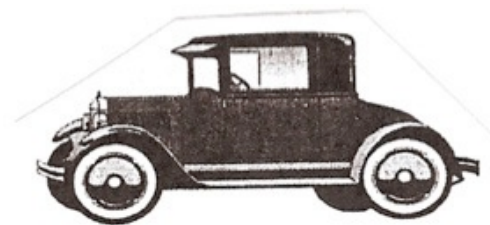
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Here you can find information on being a member, upcoming events & general information about the club.

BY-GONE DAYS

BY GEORGE LAUPPE



10 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 2011

President Jack Todd's message stated "Well, I've been retired three weeks now and been on the go every day. I go to Dean Weller's on Tuesdays, went to the Pre-war swap meet in Chickasha with George. I had a lot of fun, but have never seen so much rusted car parts. I've been working in my garage every day and getting a lot done on the 'Vette. Right now everybody wants their gardens plowed and tilled. I may have to go back to work to rest up." Minutes of the March meeting indicated the meeting started at a new time 6:00 pm. It was held in Watkins Museum with 23 members and guests present. George Lauppe won the door prize, a set of steak knives. Lauppe reported the county planned to install draining tile in the north parking lot. A motion was approved to donate \$100.00 for the St. Patricks Day Parade. Delores reported there is a website that has incorrect information about our swap meet. She needs help in correcting it or deleting it.

20 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 2001

(YES -10 YEARS LATER - Jack Todd was elected President again) His message—"Old Man Winter and his kinfolks Jack Frost, Wind Chill, Ice Strom, Frost Bite, Snow Flakes and Blizzard have really been active this winter. Well, I was wrong! The Lincoln Swap Meet tops it. We left Lawrence at 5:00 am, the streets were dry and the sky was clear. It was 40 degrees. By the time we passed Mayetta, it was raining. North on HI Way 36 it turned to ice, and by the time we got to Lincoln it was snowing and 22 degrees. To top it off we left at noon with nothing to show for it." Minutes of the March meeting reported 24 members were in attendance at 7:05 pm. Scholarship Committee reported two scholarships would be awarded. The Board met and discussed three issues 1,

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 1991

Minutes of the April meeting reported Joe Arneson attended for the second time. Lauppe, Scholarship Chairman, reported three applicants for the club's scholarship. Lauppe, Swap Meet Reservation Chairman, reported 111 telephone calls that year as compared to 45 a year earlier over the same period of time. Reservations made by vendors were 141, reserving 675 spaces, as compared to 101 vendors reserving 496 spaces a year earlier. Motion was approved for the club to keep the same telephone 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, 80 feet East, April 13.

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By moving it, that created a few over 100 additional vendor spaces. The club had an overnight tour to Salina and Lindsborg April 27th and 28th. Several members participated in the annual Economy Run April 21, sponsored by the Local Studebaker Club.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 1981

Minuters of the April monthly meeting are missing. However, minutes of the Board reveals the meeting was held at Lauppe's home. The whole meeting time was spent planning the swap meet. Lauppe, Reservation Chairman reported 90 vendors had reserved 157 spaces. Announcement was made that new caps will not be done in time for the swap meet.

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 1971

April meeting of the Lawrence Chapter of the Topeka Region AACA was called to order at 8:15 pm in the University State Bank. Twelve members were present. Treasurer reported the club had \$430.87. Reservation for the swap meet was approved, \$200.00 was the deposit. Lauppe gave a report on the swap meet. Boy Scouts were paid up to \$30 to clean up the fairgrounds before dark. Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 9:25 pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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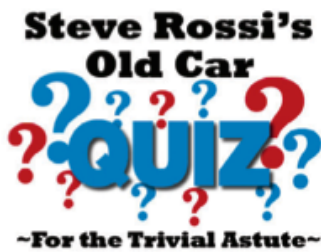
your projects. I'm looking forward to exploring this option.

A couple of things we voted on at the Board Meeting - 1) The Clutch Chatter will be available online only, starting with the May issue, unless you don't have an email address or you notify Shirley that you prefer a mailed copy. 2) Also, it was agreed that members could advertise up to 3 auto related items for up to 3 months in the Clutch Chatter, free.

Please keep our website in mind and if you have articles of interest, be sure and let Tony know. Previous editions of the Clutch Chatter have been posted, so you can have a reference if you need it. The website is Iraaca.org so check it out.

Peace be with you all and looking forward to being together again soon.

Margaret



QUESTION

Which historically significant automobile was initially sketched out on a pool table....supposedly, with billiard chalk?

ANSWER ON PAGE 9

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LAWRENCE AACA MINUTES
PEASLEE TECH CENTER, MARCH 4, 2021

Call to Order: President Margaret Barnes, 6:40 PM

Attendance: In person: Ken Filardo, Pete Maxon, Darrell Workman, Joe Arneson, George Lauppe, Bill McCollum, Daryl Barnes, Margaret Barnes, and K. L. Homolka. Via Zoom - Shirley Cormack, Norm Kressman, Dave Maycock, Carl Peer, Russ and Rosie French.

Minutes: Review of March 25 Board Meeting: Pete moved to accept, seconded by Joe, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pete presented graphs showing club's Net Worth, Income and Expenses for 2021. Report was approved as presented.

Clutch Chatter Editor: Shirley presented a motion that the club begin producing the newsletter via email to reduce costs. Paper copies as we now use would continue to be mailed to anyone without interest or access to a printer. Shirley was notified to request this. Motion seconded and carried.

Swap Meet Report: Joe stated the Health Department is still considering their options of opening the fairgrounds in time for the swap meet. He should receive the information very soon.

Club Chatter Ads: The motion was presented by the board on placing ads in the Club Chatter for autos, auto parts and auto related items (up to 25 words and 1 picture) free of charge to members, and to present the proposal to the membership for discussion and vote. Pete moved to amend it to include "up to 3 items per issue for a maximum of 3 months per item." Motion carried.

Car Show Plans: Daryl discussed moving the car show to Broken Arrow Park (\$50.00) versus fairgrounds (cost \$1500.00). Joe made a motion to move to Broken Arrow, George seconded. Motion carried. Advertising, orders for plaques, etc. will be handled by Daryl. A 4-H club will handle concessions.

George gave a short talk on knowing Dean Weller.

K. gave a short talk about auto manufacturer's headlights and tail lights in the '50's, '60's, and '70's.

Pete presented a very interesting video of Dean Weller's car collection, garage, and brief history of his life and projects.

Other Clubs Information: There will be a car show in Osage City, KS April 10th.

Refreshments were furnished by Joe Arneson. K. will furnish next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Homolka, Secretary

2021 SCHEDULED EVENTS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- April 8-10** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N.C. *Hornets Nest Region 704-847-4215
- April 15-17** - AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910
(CANCELLED)
- April 21-23** - Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico Region 305-978-8037 **(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 17-20)**
- Apr 30-May 2** - Lawrence Region AACA Annual Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS 785-843-2222
- June 17-19** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY, Saratoga Region 585-474-2406
- June Dates TBA** - Midwest Region, by Plain Ol' A's, Kansas City, MO
- July 1-3** - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn IN 717-534-1910
(RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 6-8)
- July 22-24** - Annual Grand Nationals, New Ulm, MN, Minnesota Region 320-290-4285
- August 13-14** - Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO, Poudre Valley Region,
September 9-11 - Sotheastern Fall Nationals, Greenville, SC, South Carolina Region 717-534-1910
- October 3** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS 785-843-2222
- October 6-9** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region 717-566-7720
- November 4-6** - Special Western Nationals, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix Region 602-999-6594

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
- 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

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THE FIRST SPEEDING TICKET ISSUED JANUARY 28, 1896

being so new, every motorist taking to the streets had to have a flag waver walk in front of them to alert people an automobile was coming through. God forbid you scare the horses! So when Walter Arnold raced through the streets of Paddock Wood, Kent on this day in 1896 in his new automobile at an astonishing 8 mph with no flag waver, bystanders were absolutely flabbergasted. A local constable was quick to give chase to bring this heinous crime to an end. The officer jumped on his bicycle and pedaled for 5 miles before catching the driver. Mr. Arnold's terror through town would earn him a spot in the record books, for built and sold Benz autos under license, using the name Arnold Motor Carriage. Later that year, the Locomotives Act raised the speed limit to a breathtaking 14 mph and removed the need for a flag waver. Auto enthusiasts held a race from London to Brighton, notably named the "Emancipation Run," to celebrate the event. Mr. Arnold participated, driving one of his own automobiles. There's no record on how fast he went!

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The 1896 Arnold-Benz

A Benz Velo upon which
the Arnold Benz was based



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SIDE WHEELERS ON THE GRAND RIVER



With the commercial development of steamboats by Robert Fulton in 1807, the growth of quick river travel began starting with the Albany NY to New York City. This was followed by travel on the Great Lakes, Buffalo to Detroit to Grand Haven. One of the first steams to reach Grand Haven was "Walk-In-The-Water" launched in 1818. Most of these steamers were known as side-wheelers. Early travel on the Grand River from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven was mostly by canoe. The first steamboats were

built at Grand Rapids and began regular service in 1837. This was the same year that Michigan became a state. The first steamboat was named "Governor Mason" who was the Governor of Michigan at that time.

Following the Governor Mason steamboat, numerous steamers were built and plied the Grand, bringing both settlers and supplies to Grand Haven and returning with lumber and other items manufactured in the coastal area of Lake Michigan, including fish and gravel.

Our Antiques in the Attic find is an old postcard of the last side-wheeler, the May Graham, which was sold to the Grand Haven Gravel Company in 1912. The hull was used as a barge and the cabin was converted into a cottage now located on the north side of the channel across from the Escanaba dock in Grand Haven.

Article by Elaine Zernec,
West Michigan Regional
Group



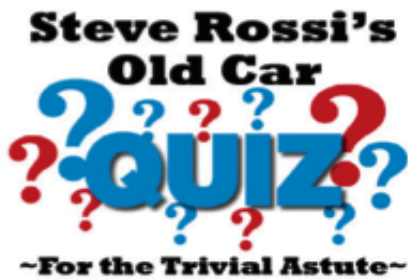
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PUMPING GAS IN 1925



This is how you pumped gas into your auto back in 1925. Looks like fun, right?

Photo submitted by Tim Cragg.



ANSWER

As legend has it, Herbert Austin first drew up the landmark Seven on a billiards table. A more palpable theory, perhaps, is that the table was simply used as a desk for more traditional drafting technique...without chalk?

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A LITTLE HUMOR

A man owned a small ranch near Great Falls, Montana. The Montana Labor Department got a tip that he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an investigator out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the investigator.

"Well," replied the rancher, "there's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1200 a week plus free room and board."

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$1000 per week plus free room and board."

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day, with no days off, and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week and pays his own room and board."

"But, I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night, and he also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to... the half-wit," says the investigator.

"You're talking to him" replied the rancher.

VICKS

A truck loaded with Vicks vapor rub overturned on the highway. Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours.

ATTORNEY'S QUESTIONABLE QUESTIONS

Attorney: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he does not know about it until the next morning?

Witness: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death

Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness: Take a guess.

Attorney: How many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

Witness: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

Attorney: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

Witness: Oral

MEN'S OVERCOATS



- A. A stylish English model of overcoating about three-fourths wool, in a modified herringbone weave with contrasting stripes interwoven. Warm French facing across chest and down the front.
- B. Another smart English style of 100% all wool overcoating in diagonal weave, with three roomy pockets. Colors: dark brown or blue-gray mixture.
- C. An "Alden" overcoat of all wool boucle', in solid color with a rich pebbled surface.
- D. All wool plaid back overcoating in a herringbone and diamond weave. Rayon striped French facing for warmth. Colors; reddish brown or medium gray.
- E. English style copied from an expensive London model. Double-breasted of warm all wool overcoating in herringbone weave, emphasized at intervals to form a cross-stripe effect, which combined with rayon stripes produces an almost indistinguishable plaid. Colors; medium tan or medium gray mixture.

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DR. DUSTY'S PRESENTATION



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