

**LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
A DIVERSE GROUP DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION/PRESERVATION/ENJOYMENT OF OLD CARS



# CLUTCH CHATTER



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## CALENDAR

**August 4** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.  
at Sonic on 31st St, ice cream and  
short meeting

**September 1** - Monthly meeting, 6:30  
Peaslee Tech Center

## WHAT IS AUGUST KNOWN FOR?

**Aug 1 - Motorsports Awareness Month**

**Aug 4 - National Chocolate Chip  
Cookie Day**

**Aug 13 - National Garage Sale Day**

**Aug 16 - National Tell A Joke Day**

**Aug 19 - National Aviation Day**

**Aug 21 - National Sr. Citizens Day**

**Aug 26 - National Women's  
Equality Day**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The car club traveled to Wetmore, Kansas  
Kansas on July 10, 2022.

We had a very good lunch on the way to  
Wetmore.

Due to the fact that we were late getting  
to our appointment time at the car col-  
lection and the owner was sick with  
Cover 19, we were not able to see his  
collection at this time.

I drove 171 miles from my home and  
back to my home. It was 98 degrees  
when I got home.

Darrell Workman

President



## LRAACA WEBSITE

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P. O. Box 442006  
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Here you can find information on being a  
member, upcoming events & general  
information about the club.

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Darrell Workman  
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(913) 710-7720  
2023 Board: Carl Peer  
(913) 856-7481  
2024 Board: Tony Mitchell  
(785) 840-4947



## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Russ French - Aug 4  
Charles Eberhart - Aug 6  
Bill McCollum - Aug 11  
Gene Stieben - Aug 23  
Ralph Reschke - Aug 27  
Delores Todd - Aug 27

### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Phyllis Cragg  
Aug 4, 1973 - 49 years  
Dave & Barb Maycock  
Aug 21, 1965 - 57 years  
Craig & Peggy Stoll  
Aug 4, 1978 - 44 years

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***kstrunkguy@yahoo.com***

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

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2022

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 NOTES

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 e-mail). Your Editor thanks you.

**CAR CRUISE TO WETMORE, KS JULY, 2022**  
**JUL 10, 2022**

Participants included Jack and Delores Todd, Joe and Janice Arneson, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, K. L. and Jean Homolka, Darrell Workman, Carl Peer. Guests Stanley and Linda Hayden joined the fun.

We took the “ scenic route” rather than the freeways so we got to see a lot of farms and small towns.

We had lunch at the “Dinner Bell Café”. A fantastic chicken dinner with all the fix’ens, home made chocolate cake, and home made cherry pie.

The car collection was closed due to one person being ill and the other person unable to meet us at that time. Looking through the windows, it appears to be a very nice collection. Maybe another trip there could be planned in the future.

Each person was able to drive their car up to the antique gas station and gas pumps and have their picture taken.

It was a nice day for a road trip that everyone enjoyed. Thanks, Jack, for planning this event.

K. L. Homolka, Secretary

In back row:

Jack Todd, Daryl Barnes, Stanley Hayden, Janice & Joe Arneson, K. L. Homolka, and Darrell Workman

In front: Delores Todd, Linda Hayden, Carl Peer and Jean Homolka

Thanks to Margaret Barnes  
for this photo



In back row:

Margaret & Daryl Barnes, Stanley Hayden, Joe Arneson, K. L. and Darrell Workman

In front: Jack Todd, Linda Hayden, Delores Todd, Jean Homolka, and Carl Peer

Thanks to Janice Arneson for  
this photo

**VEHICLES AND OWNERS ON WETMORE CRUISE**



Jack & Delores Todd's 1957 Chevrolet  
2-dr Hardtop



Daryl & Margaret's 1965 Ford  
Mustang Convertible



Joe & Janice Arneson's 1983  
Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme



Darrell Workman's 1985 GMC  
Caballero



Stanley & Linda Hayden's 1963  
Ford Fairlane

Thank You to Darrell Workman for the photos of these beautiful cars.

## 2022 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**August 11-13** - Central Fall Nationals, East Moline, IL 319-373-2169

**October 4-7** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA, Hershey Region

717-566-7720 **CHANGE: Flea Market set-up is Monday; show date is Friday.**

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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2022

**October 2** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

## 2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**February** - AACA Annual Convention-Date and location not determined at this time

**March 9-11** - Winter Nationals, Tallahassee, Florida

**April 6-8** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N. C. Hornets Nest Region

**May 18-20** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region

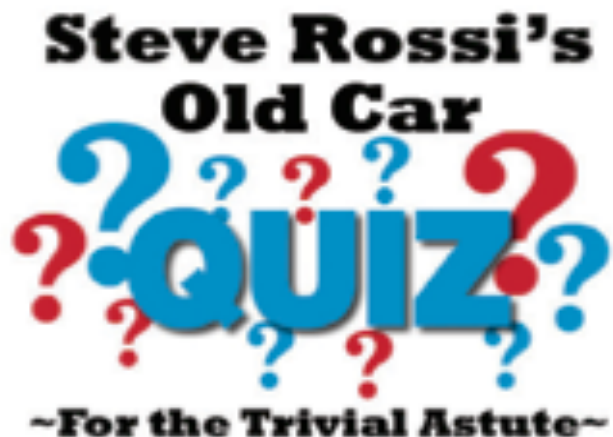
**October 3-6:** Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region

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### QUESTION

After two turns at the helm of General Motors, William (Billy) C. (Crapo) Durant went on to establish Durant Motors in 1921 in an attempt to maintain his involvement in the auto industry. Durant's goal was to provide yet another full line of competitive automotive products.

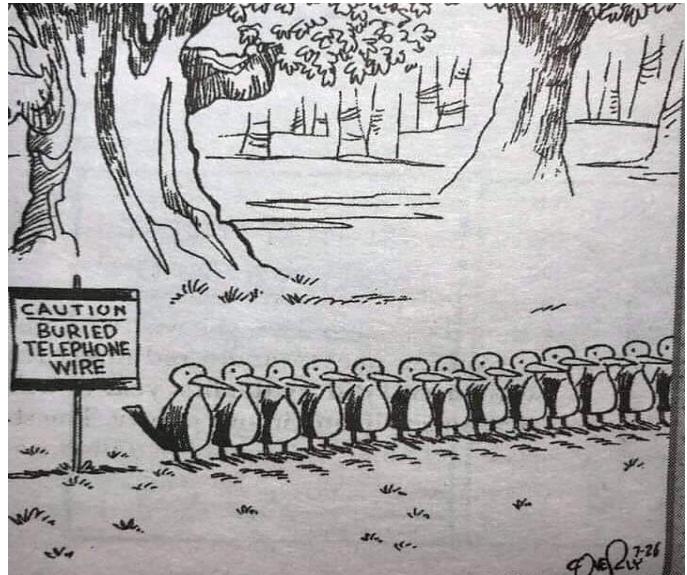
What brands did he create/acquire to do so?



**Answer on page 10**

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## A LITTLE HUMOR



## SILLY SAYINGS

(From various emails the Editor's funny friends sent)

Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.  
With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.  
My wife is so negative. I remembered the car seat, the stroller, AND the diaper bag. Yet all she can talk about is how I forgot the baby.  
My wife had her driver's test the other day. She got 8 out of 10. The other 2 guys jumped clear.  
A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway... Police advise citizens to be on the lookout for a group of hardened criminals!  
I bought a new Japanese car. I turned on the radio... I don't understand a word they're saying.  
Before I criticize a man, I like to walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when I do criticize him, I'm a mile away .... and I have his shoes.  
I always knock on the fridge door before opening, just in case there's a salad dressing.  
When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill, I'm scared of the lights.  
Did you know by replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack, you can lose as much as 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life?  
I just finished writing a book on penguins. Now that I think about it, it would have been a lot easier on paper.  
Did you know you can distinguish an alligator from a crocodile? Just pay attention whether the animal sees you later or in a while?

# Stylish Fashions from Yesteryear

## 1912 Duster

I happened upon this 1912 Duster, in cocoa linen and wide white lace. The wide lace caught my eye, making this very different from every duster I have seen.

To create the wide bands of Guipure lace that appeared on the original, the seamstress combined a wide Cluny lace with narrow lace, stitching it together to replicate the width of the original design.

I was familiar with Cluny lace, a coarse, bobbin lace used for clothing and interiors. I soon learned that Cluny lace is a type of Guipure lace, a heavy-weight lace with many uses; it is created with braids giving it a raised design. Made in France and England, this type of lace is coarser than most because of the yarns used.

Needlework lace is constructed mainly using a needle, thread and scissors, tends to feature mesh or not, and as a result, needlework lace can appear very dense.



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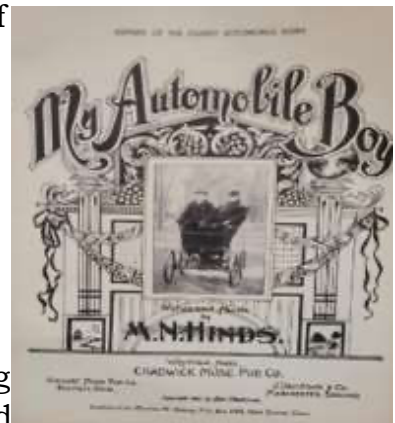
## MUSIC AND THE AUTOMOBILE

There were many songs published and enjoyed in the early days of the 20th century about the new curiosity of the automobile and they associated it with the old time days of courting. On a list of automobile songs they listed 466 songs. Some we have heard and just about every make, model and engine built had a song. We know about "Mustang Sally", "409" by the Beach Boys, "American Pie" by Don Mclean "Get Your Kicks On Route 66", "Little Red Corvette" and so many more. But the early song writers and publishers jumped fast onto this new concept of cars, dating, speed, and anything else they could tie into the automobile.

In 1913, this one said it all: "He'd Have To get Under; Get Out and Get Under" and in 1928: "Henry's Made A Lady Out Of Lizzie". These songs reflect drivers were then and are still "getting out and getting under" as all car hobbyists know very well.

The music for "My Automobile Girl" was published in 1900 with Lyrics by R. J. Morris. This sheet music was published in 1901, words and music by M. N. Hinds.

This song was one that started the idea to make money off of this new idea of the automobile at the beginning of the century. M. N. Hinds, a songwriter in 1900 wrote "My Automobile Boy" when he saw the early Loomis car made by his friend Gilbert Loomis at Westfield, Massachusetts. Loomis had exhibited this car at the Madison Square Garden Show. He closed his manufacturing plant after only seven years and he became the design engineer for Pope-Hartford. Unfortunately, this song did not have the catchy tune and the name of a specific car within the song so it did not catch on with the public as others did nor did it serve to promote the car make or model.

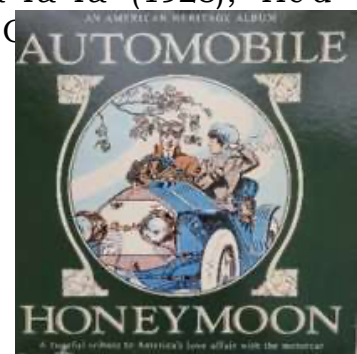


The automobile was a wonderful new idea that flowed into the music and added to the excitement of this new way of courting and excitement of this machine.

This record has great songs. The "Automobile Honeymoon," "The Little Ford Rambled Right Along"(1914) "Tumble In A Rumble Seat" (1933), "Henry's Made A Lady out Of Lizzie," (1928), "Ray and His Little Chevrolet" (1924), "Git A Horse" (1902), "I'm Wild About Horns On Automobiles That Go Ta-Ta-Ta-Ta" (1928), "He'd Have To Get Under-Get Out and Get Under" (1913), "Take Me C " "The Fellow Who Owns An Automobile" (1912), "When He Wanted To Love Her (He Would Put Up The Cover)" (1915) and then on this recording the most famous----"In My Merry Oldsmobile" (1905).

The music associated with the automobile is another part of the hobby. These songs were enjoyed on pianos and Victrolas and reflected feelings and experiences as modern day songs.

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## **THE VOLKSWAGEN "BEETLE"**

### **A BRIEF LOOK BACK IN TIME - By Jeff Broadus, Vice President, Marketing**

The Volkswagen Beetle is probably the most familiar and easily recognizable automobile in the world. With more than 23,000,000 vehicles sold in over 30 countries, it is the best-selling model in history. Nowhere has the VW been more popular than among the world's young people, who took to it almost right away. It's popularity is still very strong with our youth today, just as it was in the 60s and 70s. It's affordable, inexpensive to maintain, and parts are readily available from numerous aftermarket parts suppliers. It's also an easy way to get started in the hobby with clubs like AACA. Most enthusiasts, however, don't know that the little "bug" almost didn't get off the drawing board, and that the man chiefly responsible for its eventual building was one of history's most infamous despots: Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

According to a standard VW press, "The Volkswagen's origins go back to 1931 when Ferdinand Porsche, one of Europe's leading automobile engineers, began working independently to design a small, inexpensive and economically operated car for the public. Unable to convince European automobile companies that they could tap a major market and increase sales tremendously with the low-cost 'people's car' (or Volkswagen) he envisioned, Porsche was turned down in all his requests for financial support. Professor Porsche poured his own resources into his design project, hoping against all odds that he could make a success of his small car dream. Then in 1933, shortly after the Nazi Party gained power in Germany, Hitler opened the Berlin Automobile Show with a speech in which he discussed the need for a small, inexpensive car for the average man. That same year, Hitler recalled meeting Dr. Porsche a decade earlier at an auto race and reached out to him about his plan. As it turned out, Dr. Porsche had already drafted the solution, "The VW

Hitler ordered Porsche and the standoffish Society of German Automobile Manufacturers to produce just such a small, low-cost auto. In fact, he told Porsche to design a car that could be sold for about \$140, a figure that the Professor himself regarded as impossible. Porsche knew that even with America's then vaunted mass production techniques, its least expensive automobiles then sold for about \$425.

Nevertheless, the Nazis went ahead with their plans and financial support of the embryonic VW, and the project. At the 1937 Berlin Auto Show, Hitler and Ley were briefed by Dr. Porsche on a VW prototype model, and it was agreed that the car would be manufactured and sold by the Nazi Kraft durch Freude, or KdF movement, which in English translates to "Strength Through Joy," under which German workers received discount vacations and other such niceties. And so a car is born.

After the war, a postwar British commission reported after visiting Wolfsburg, the VW "does not meet the fundamental technical requirements of a motorcar. As regards performance and design, it is quite unattractive to the average motorcar buyer. It is too ugly and too noisy...a type of car like this will remain popular for

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or three years, if that. To build the car commercially would be an uneconomic failure." Never was an official government report more inaccurate! Production increased from 100,000 in 1951 to over a million a decade later!

Still, negativism about the little car died hard. When Heinz Nordhoff, a VW executive, brought the plans to the US in 1949 to raise some American venture capital, a customs official in New York - after having seen photos of the vehicle - told the executive that he was sure no such car was produced anywhere in the world, and, even if it were, no one would ever buy it!

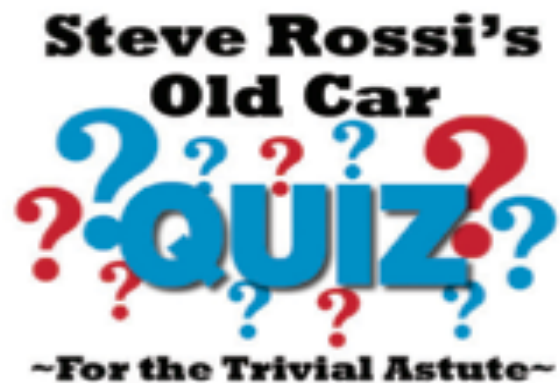
And the rest, as they say, is history.

### **ANSWER**

(Quiz on page 4)

At one time or another, the brands that fell beneath the Durant Motors umbrella included....Durant, Star, Flint, Locomobile. Rugby, Frontenac and Mason Truck. In 1931, the De Vaux picked up from where the then defunct Durant left off.

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### **WHERE ARE MY CAR KEYS?**

They weren't in my pocket. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was almost empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband. "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." I thought that the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me? I dropped you off!!" he barked. Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"

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## Do You Have an Official AACA Car Sign for Your Car?

(Continued from last month, with additional information)

Do you have an AACA approved car sign for your car? AACA members can have these custom signs created to showcase all of their car's great features or to share the history and story of their car.

The sign is 16.5" tall and 12" wide. They are made of a hard plastic to withstand the elements. All signs include the AACA logo and website, as well as the year/make/model of your car and car owner information. The rest of the content is up to you. You can add an image or photo to your sign for an extra \$5!

The signs cost \$45 plus shipping. Contact Jon Curtis at AACA Headquarters if you would like to have a sign made or need more information: [jcurtis@aaca.org](mailto:jcurtis@aaca.org) or 717-534-1910.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Members need to email (preferred) or mail the information they would like to appear on the sign (about 300 words or less).
2. A proof of the finished sign is emailed to the member for their approval before it is created. This provides members a last chance to make changes, corrections or add more information
3. Once the sign is approved, payment must be received before the sign is sent for production. Payment can be a credit card via phone (preferred) or a check made out to AACA and sent to: AACA car signs, 800 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 17033.
4. This entire process takes about 3-4 weeks.

For close-up photos of various samples of signs, contact:

Jon Curtis  
([jcurtis@aaca.org](mailto:jcurtis@aaca.org))



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**LAWRENCE REGION AACA  
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
49TH ANNUAL  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**BROKEN ARROW PARK, 31st & Louisiana, Lawrence, Kansas**

*THIS YEAR FEATURING ALL FORD CAR MODELS (CARS ONLY)*

VEHICLES MUST BE 30 YEARS OR OLDER TO RECEIVE AWARDS

**LAWRENCE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW CLASSES & AWARDS**

Club Participation 1st place - \$50.00; 2nd place - \$30.00

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| • Longest distance travel - driven- to show+ | Cash award of \$15.00          |
| • Class A Automobilia display                | Cash award of \$30.00          |
| • Class B Trucks                             | 1st/2nd place BS and BM        |
| • Class C Feature make vehicles              | 1st/ 2nd place CS and CM       |
| • Class D Passenger car 1943 & earlier       | 1st/2nd place DS and DM        |
| • Class E Passenger car 1945-1954            | 1st/ 2nd place ES and EM       |
| • Class F Passenger car 1955-1964            | 1st/ 2nd place FS and FM       |
| • Class G Passenger car 1965 -1974           | 1st/ 2nd place GS and GM       |
| • Class H Passenger car 1975 – 1992          | 1st/ 2nd place HS and HM Class |
| • Class J Foreign vehicles 1992 and earlier  | 1st/ 2nd place                 |
| • Peoples Choice (most overall votes) award; |                                |

Ribbons and dash plaques to the first 150 cars

SPECIAL DISPLAY; antique toys, model cars, auto related items

All vehicles must carry liability insurance, name of carrier on registration form

BS= class B stock: BM = class B modified (same for classes with stock & modified)

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**STOCK VEHICLE GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ALL OTHER VEHICLES SHALL BE CONSIDERED MODIFIED**

- 1) Original body shape. No chopping, channeling, nosing, decking or sheet metal changes
- 2) Original chassis and engine sizes available from the factory for the vehicle model and year
- 3) Original wheels and hubcaps available from the factory for the model and year
- 4) Original interior or a fabric change to original interior components
- 5) Original paint colors or other color but no graphics or murals
- 6) Following added safety and accessories:
  - Extra tail or fog lights
  - Rear view mirror
  - Hazard flashers
  - Bumper accessories
  - Some chrome components in the engine compartment
  - Disc brakes
  - Seat Belts
  - Custom wheels or original diameter
  - Dual exhaust system
  - Radial tires

FOR INFORMATION

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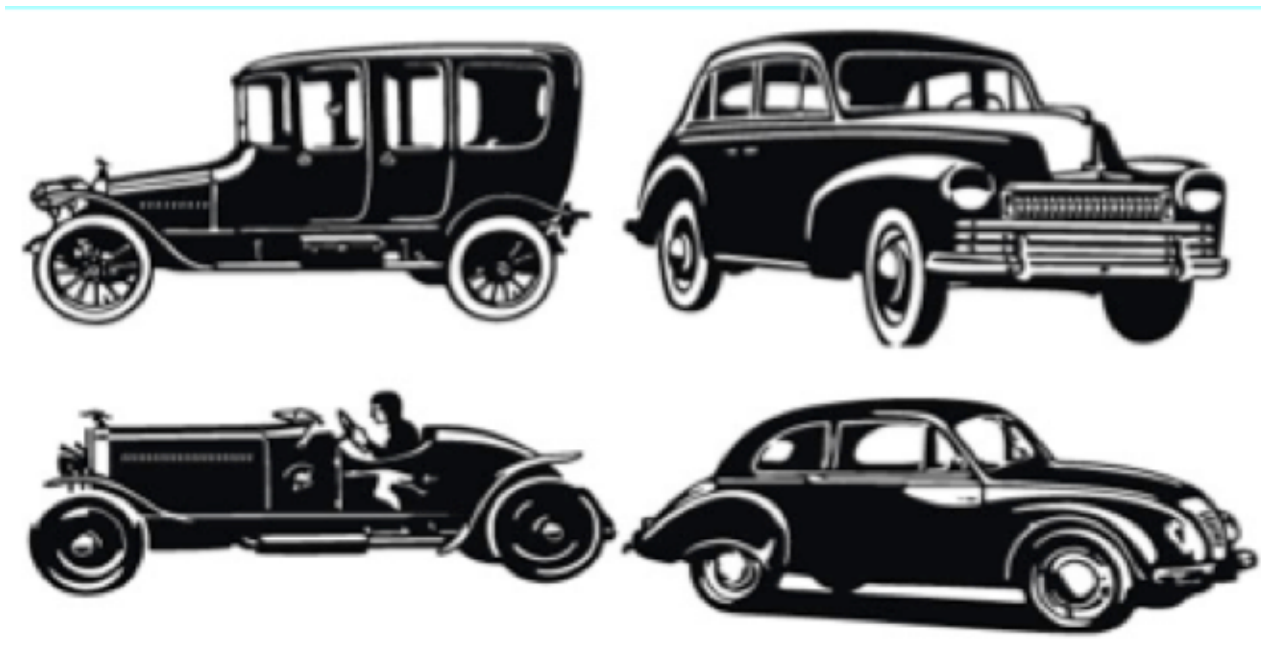
785-594-6408; Web site: [www.lraaca.org](http://www.lraaca.org)

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. At Lawrence Region AACA trailer, Trophy presentation @ 2:00 P.M.

CARS DISPLAY IN DESIGNATED AREA FREE ENTRY, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NOT A SWAP MEET, JUDGING BY THE PUBLIC, NO FOR SALE SIGNS, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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**Me yelling "REPRESENTATIVE!!!"  
to the automated customer service**

