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CALENDAR

FEB 1 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

MAR 7 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

WHAT IS FEBRUARY KNOWN FOR?

Feb 2 - Groundhog Day

Feb 8 - Boy Scout Day

Feb 11 - Super Bowl LVIII (58) Day

Feb 12 - National Football Hangover Day

Feb 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday

Feb 18 - Daytona 500 Day

Feb 22 - George Washington's Birthday

Feb 29 - Leap Year Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm very honored and excited that you asked me to be your President. I plan to do my best to serve you and the club well. Thank you for this privilege and honor.

I'm glad it is time to begin our monthly meetings again, although the summer outings and cruises were great.

One new item to note, in the opening of the meetings, we will be reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

I'm sure with the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairman we have, we will have a very fun and successful year.

Jack and Joe have updated the Swap Meet map, redefining the vendor and parking spots. This will make it much easier and less confusing to assist the vendors in find their spot(s).

Happy New Year everyone.

K. L. Homolka

President

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bunce - February 4
Donna Tibbits - February 17

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Margaret Kressmann
February 24, 1996 - 28 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 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 JANUARY 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was held Jan. 04, 2024 at the Peaslee Tech Center, Haskell, Lawrence, KS 66046. Meeting was called to order by President K. L Homolka with the Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum present.

ATTENDANCE: Joe & Janice Arneson, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Don Fornelli, K. L. Homolka, Norman Kressmann, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Kenny Tibbits, Jack Todd, Woody Woodring, Darrell Workman.

MINUTES: December minutes were approved by motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pete Maxon distributed annual finance report with current balances and annual income and liabilities. See attached. Pete was collecting annual local dues for anyone interested. Dues are \$3 per member. The Ralph Reschke memorial fund was \$581.00 and it was that the funds be used to have a one-time scholarship for \$500 this year in addition to our usual annual scholarship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swap Meet - Jack Todd gave an overview of changes made at the Douglas County Fairgrounds that will impact our vendor layout and vendor parking. The map is being updated and should be available this week. Joe Arneson had flyers available for distribution for members to take to any upcoming events and pass out. This is our 60th annual Swap Meet and it was suggested that we do something special to celebrate. Suggestions included hand-out ballpoint pens with logo and bigger buttons. Also, we are still in hopes of having journalism students write up an article for publication on the history of our Swap Meet and have published in the Antique magazine. It was suggested that maybe the Ralph Reschke special funds could be used as a scholarship to the journalism student. If anyone knows of a high school student interested in reporting or historical writing this might be an opportunity for award. Some discussion followed on getting the advertising in the Antique magazine and Hemmings. There are plans developing to have a central location for parts hauling and carts will only be used for hauling, not cruising the meet.

Car Show - After the Swap Meet, Daryl Barnes would like to start visiting some changes to the annual Car Show to make it more efficient and aligned with policies. Please let Daryl know if interested on being on the Car Show committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- K. L thought the handout business cards with our meeting time and place was a good idea and Jack is having some printed for members to distribute as appropriate. Our meeting will remain on the first Thursday of the month at the Peaslee Tech Center at 6:30 PM. The door code currently is 1930# but that may change on January 8th to 8933#.

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- It was asked that members review the current chair committee positions and advise if willing to remain and for members to advise if they are interested in a specific committee.
- There are two annual national awards available for 2024 is anyone knows of someone interested in joining Lawrence Region AACA. The annual fee for national memberships is \$45.00 and members of the Lawrence Region AACA must be member in good standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The January door prize of \$45.00 for reimbursement of annual dues was won by Carl Peer.

REFRESHMENTS: Joe and Janice Arneson will bring refreshments for February.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Barnes, Secretary

JANUARY 10, 2024 LRAACA FIELD TRIP

It was a cold day, down to 14 degrees this morning. We had a snow storm the previous day and there was ice on the roads, with the parking lots being covered with a layer of ice. It was very hard to walk on.

We had a very good time seeing all the new farm and home improvement items. I found a tractor for my operation but it was too pricey. They wanted \$650,000 for it. It was a big tractor, nice to look at, but I couldn't take it home with me.

It was a small turnout, only four club members but mainly because of the weather, so we stopped by the airport, had lunch, and then came home.

Darrell Workman



Submitted by Tim Cragg



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2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 8-10 - AACA Annual Convention, Cantilly, VA (Washington, D.C.)
Feb 29-Mar 2 - Winter Nationals, Tennessee (**Proposed**)
Mar 21-24 - Special Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Apr 4-6 - Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Jun 20-22 - AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY
Sep 12-14 - AACA Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, CO
Oct 8-11 - AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Oct 23-26 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, AL

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2024 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 1-2 - Sunflower Swap Met for Charity, Wichita, KS
Mar 15-16 - Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha OK
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

Apr 3-5 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Apr 10-12 - Western Spring Nationals, Tucson, AZ
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QUESTION

Every car has a seat. But there's also a car company that's just so-named....with that same spelling. What is its history and where is it from?

[Answer on page 11](#)

WISHING EVERYONE
A
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

CHARLES KETTERING CHANGED CARS FOREVER

The Kettering self-starter was an innovative device developed by Charles F. Kettering, an American inventor and engineer. Charles Kettering was a prominent figure in the auto- motive industry and made significant contributions to the development of automotive technology. The Kettering self-starter was a key invention that addressed a common issue in early automobiles: the need for a reliable and convenient means to start the engine.

In the early days of automobiles, starting an engine involved a manual crank that the driver had to turn to initiate the engine's combustion process. This process was not only physically demanding but also posed safety risks, as the crank could sometimes kick back and injure the person attempting to start the car. To address these challenges, Charles Kettering, along with his colleague, Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (DELCO) developed the electric self-starter in 1911. The Kettering self-starter replaced the manual crank with an electric motor that could turn the engine over, allowing for much easier and safer engine starts. This innovation marked a significant advancement in automotive technology and contributed to the widespread adoption of automobiles by making them more accessible to a broader range of people.

The introduction of the Kettering self-starter is often associated with the Cadillac brand, which was among the first to incorporate this technology into its vehicles in 1912. The convenience and safety offered by the self-starter played a crucial role in popularizing automobiles, as it eliminated a major barrier for potential buyers. Today, electric starters are standard in all internal combustion engine vehicles, contributing to the ease and efficiency of starting an automobile.



Charles Kettering, driver, tests the Delco Self-starter system, Feb 17, 1911. Kettering created the self-starter to eliminate the need to crank cars manually. The technology is still in place today as the self-starter creates and sustains energy by utilizing electricity to start a vehicle. The first starter was installed February 17, 1911.

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Driving Miss “WHO” ?

By Wayne Tuck, Vice President-National Activities

A few years back as New Jersey Region President I received quite a few interesting phone inquiries; looking for cars to use in a wedding, to display at a party, or to do a photo shoot.

This one got my attention. Looking for a 1950 Oldsmobile to use as a photo opportunity depicting the car used in the movie “Driving Miss Daisy”. What?!!, I couldn’t let this one go unanswered! As a dyed-in-the-wool Hudson fan everyone has to know the car used in that movie was a 1948 Hudson Commodore! It would be sacrilegious to use an Olds to depict a Hudson. I was insulted. Had to get this misguided fellow on the right track.

After indignantly informing the gentleman of his sins, he questioned if I knew anyone with a Hudson? Of course, I know many Hudson owners, in fact, I own one myself.

How about meeting us for some photos? Well, maybe but where? Drive all the way to the northern part of the state for you to take a couple of photos? After a bit of conversation back and forth it was evident that we were not going to come to an agreement. I just dropped the conversation and left it up to him to find a car.

Fast forward a few years. I was recently on the internet and saw a photo depicting “Driving Miss Daisy” riding in a Packard! Why not change the name from “Daisy” to “Matilda”? Driving Who? I wonder to this day if that was the same person looking to find the car for the photo opportunity. If it was, I guess he just wasn’t a car guy. If I had to explain it, he just wouldn’t understand.

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Anonymous

ERA FASHIONS: SHOES...FOR THE MEN

Spectator Shoes for Men. Original 1920s ad with details. Pictured below are Brentano reproduction spectator shoes. These are correct leather uppers, leather soles, and rubber heel...as in the original ad. Look on eBay, Amazon, etc. for brand new pairs. Another source... Men's Historical Shoes and Boots by American Duchess. Well-made, sturdy, and attractive, made of top-grade materials and built to last. Correct silhouettes, fit, and materials expected in refined historical footwear.



Left: 3/4 Business/Dress Shoes. Pictured is an original era ad and a reproduction Madison Boot from Stacey Adams.

Compiled from Facebook posts by Tom Rock in Henry's Model A Ford Fashion 1928-1931.

As found in the January 1924 issue of "The Ford Squeaks", the official newsletter of the Piney Wood Model A Club.

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

Hamilton Carhartt founded the Carhartt Company in 1889, in Dearborn, Michigan. The company started with 5 employees and two sewing machines. Carhartt's goal was to provide work clothing for manual laborers that would stand up to the harsh working conditions. The first product was bib overalls from duck and denim, and were targeted toward railroad workers. Carhartt talked directly with the railroad workers to ensure his products met their needs, and the results were a best seller. He then expanded the product line to other work wear. Carhartt's first slogan was "Honest value for an honest dollar."

Within 20 years of its founding, Carhartt had expanded its facilities into eight other cities, including locations in the United Kingdom and Canada. The depression in 1929 took them down to just 3 facilities and almost shut them down. In the early 30's, a new campaign "Back to the Land" was established, to open plants in impoverished places in the US that would benefit from new jobs. It was a huge success, endearing the company to new customers.



1920 Ad

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE



The Olds Toronado has a very special distinction. Do you know what it is?

Answer on page 11

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DID YOU KNOW?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armhole.
16. The condition of finding it hard to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible handwriting is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or "a" is called tittle.
19. That sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

And for all you Oreo cookie lovers, Oreo is launching three new cookie flavors in 2024 to satisfy diverse tastes. A Golden Gluten-Free, and a Peanut Butter Cakester, both permanent editions. And a limited edition Black & White Oreo. Enjoyoo!!



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TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER

March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Toronado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with the honor of the 100th million car built in the U.S.



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SOMETHING TO PONDER

I'd never realized that cottage cheese really isn't cheese. It's just a curd to me.

Anonymous

ANSWER

SEAT (pronounced say-ahht) is the Spanish Touring Automobiles Company (Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismo). It was founded in 1950 through a partnership between the state-owned Spanish financing company, some private Spanish banks and Fiat. Since 1986, it's been a wholly owned subsidiary of Volkswagen and now produces almost 500,000 vehicles annually. Coincidentally, its single most successful market outside of Europe happens to be nearby Mexico.

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THREE DIFFERENT STORIES

Three writers, Jack, Eddie, and Carl, who were attending a writing convention, booked a 3 bedroom suite on the 75th floor of a hotel. When they arrived back at the hotel from the convention, the receptionist told them, "I'm terribly sorry, but all the elevators are broken. In the meantime, you will have to take the stairs"

Now, Jack was a writer of funny stories, Eddie was a writer of scary stories, and Carl was a writer of sad stories. The three of them agreed that, to make it less boring, Jack would tell the other two his funniest stories while they climbed from floors 1 to 25, Eddie would tell his scariest stories from floors 26 to 50, and Carl would tell his saddest stories from floors 51 to 75.

They started to climb the stairs, and Jack started to tell funny stories. By the time they reached the 25th floor, Eddie and Carl were laughing hysterically.

Then Eddie started to tell scary stories. By the time they reached the 50th floor, Jack and Carl were hugging each other in fear.

Then Carl started to tell sad stories. "I'll tell my saddest story of all first" he said, smiling nervously, "There once was a man named Carl who left the hotel room key in the car...."

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MNEMONIC

Thirty days hath September
April, June and November.
Unless a leap year is its fate,
February has twenty-eight.
All the rest have three days more,
excepting January,
which has six thousand,
one hundred eighty-four.

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CAR ONE-LINERS

I work to buy a car so I can get to work.

To avoid a collision I ran into the other car.

That car looks nice but the muffler seems exhausted.

New Teslas don't come with a new car smell, they come with an Elon Musk.

Get a new car for your spouse - it'll be a great trade!

Today is sad - my sister got hit by a car and I lost my license as a driver.

Anonymous - received in several different emails

A LITTLE HUMOR

**WHEN COMFORTING A
GRAMMAR NAZI**



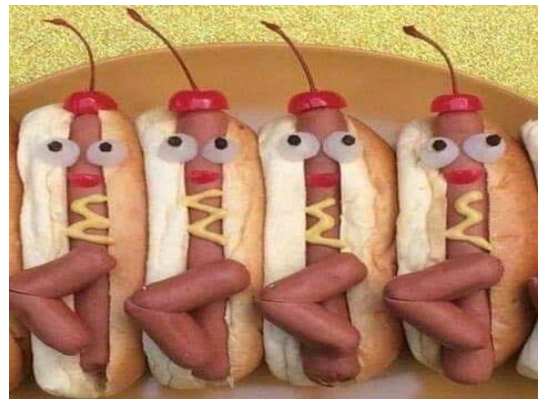
**I ALWAYS SAY SOFTLY,
“THERE, THEIR, THEY’RE”**

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Jokes*

My grandpa told me that he got to see the Titanic and that from the beginning he told them not to get onboard because he knew it was going to sink. But no one listened and he repeatedly told them until the minute he got kicked out of the movie theater...



Anonymous



Dancing Hot Dog Ladies

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Funnies*

I have literally waited my entire lifetime to see this...



AND THE COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON