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CALENDAR

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

APR 4 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center



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WHAT IS MARCH KNOWN FOR?

Mar 1 - Irish Whiskey Day

Mar 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 15 - Ides of March

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20 - First Day of Spring

Mar ? - Memory Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are getting off to a fast start. We had a good turnout at our February meeting. We also had a very good turnout at Joe's first Swap Meet meeting. He has it very well planned out. There are several changes this year as the fairgrounds has had some physical grounds changes, requiring Joe and Jack to refine many of the vendor areas. We have several great ideas on different ways to celebrate and publicize our 60th swap meet. If you have any ideas, Joe would like to hear about them.

We are going to have a fun summer!!! There were numerous ideas and suggestions for cruises and outings at our last meeting. If you have any ideas, call Jack or me.

See you at the next meeting.

K. L. Homolka
President

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MARCH CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Tibbits - Mar 1
Tony Mitchell - Mar 17
Dave Maycock - Mar 20
Ralph Newell - Mar 21

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

K. L. & Jean Homolka
March 21, 1961 - 63 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** (by email).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 1, 2024

CALLED TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by President K. L. Homolka at 6:30 PM at the Peaslee Technical Center.

ATTENDANCE: Joe and Janice Arneson, Shirley Cormack, Tim Cragg, Russ French, Stanley Hayden, K. L. Homolka, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Sean Lewis, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Tom and Sharon Stallings, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack Todd, Woody Woodring and Darrell Workman. Two guests: Steven Humbert and Mark Herrmann were present.

MINUTES: Motion to approve and passed of the January meeting. Tim Cragg volunteered to take notes for Margaret.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ordered pins and buttons for Swap Meet. Reminded everyone that membership dues are \$3 each (and \$6 for family) and all members must be members of the national AACA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swap Meeting Attendance: Woody Woodring, Karen Lagerstrom, Steve Hubbard, Don Gullett, Sean Lewis, Darrell Workman, Stanley Hayden, Doug McNichols, Daryl Barnes, Joe and Janice Arneson, Russ French, Tony Mitchell, Dave and Barbara Maycock. Chairman Joe Arneson announced planning meeting to be held February 8th at 6:00 pm at the Peaslee Tech Center. Work assignments were passed out. Motion was made and passed to pay Chris Barlow \$200 for the replotting of the fairgrounds. Jack presented the new map and explained the changes. Jack ordered 500 business cards to advertise the Swap Meet. Joe displayed the 60-year pens to be given to vendors.

Car Show: No report.

Sunshine Report: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Workman volunteered to head up the St. Patrick's Day parade. He will advise later with details.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shirley Cormack advised that the Clutch Chatter can advertise parts, etc. for members only. To include items for sale or trade in the newsletter you must own the item. You can send your info to Shirley. It must include a description of the item, and the name and phone number to call.

Members were reminded that a club Historian is still needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting is March 7th at Peaslee Tech Center, 6:30 PM.

DOOR PRIZE: Sean Lewis received a gift card.

REFRESHMENTS: Provided by Joe and Janice Arneson.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to approve and passed. Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Barnes, Secretary

2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 21-24** - Special Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Apr 4-6 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Apr 5 - Grand Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Jun 20-22 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY
Aug 22-24 - Special Eastern 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

- Mar 1-2** - Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity, Wichita, KS
Mar 14-17 - Kansas City Auto Show, Bartle Hall, Kansas City, MO
Mar 15-16 - Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
Apr 6 - Vintage Car & Truck Show, University of KS Med Center, Kansas City, KS
May 3-5 - 60th Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS
May 14-17 - Kansas City Auto Show, Bartle Hall, Kansas City, MO
Oct 6 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

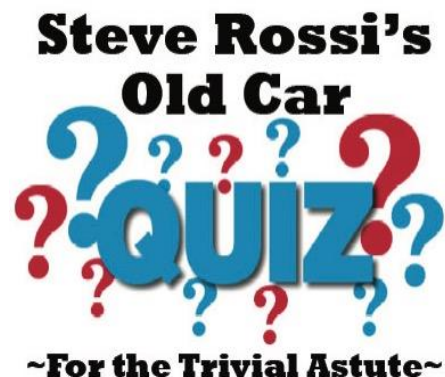
2025 SCHEDULED NATIONALS □ NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 3-5** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
May 1-3 - Western Spring/Grand Nationals, Tucson, AZ
Sep 18-20 - Southwestern Fall Nationals, Corydon, IN
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Information can be found on the National AACA website: <https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar>

QUESTION

Ford Motor Company is well remembered for identifying its early cars with simple, alphabetic letters....such as Model A, Model K, Model T, etc. Where else did Ford employ such a letter-series to establish similar market differentiation?

Answer on page 9



Report: California Looking To Restrict Travel For Classic Car

Posted on 09/25/2023 by Steven Symes
theautowire.com

The state is looking at instituting “zero-emission zones” soon.

The state of California is looking seriously at instituting or allowing local governments to institute zero-emission zones in the near future. In preparation for such a move, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) reportedly is gathering information about classic cars and how their owners use them. We knew something like this was coming to the US and California would likely be first, but this is still concerning.



According to a Daily Caller report, on August 2 CARB sent a survey to owners of classic cars from model year 1978 or earlier. The questions were aimed at ascertaining how those classics are used and stored, as well as where they’re driven. It even asks about how many miles show on owners’ odometers. Knowing how increasingly authoritarian many government agencies seems to be trending, this is concerning to many car enthusiasts who still live in the Golden State.

Back in the day, California was arguably the epicenter of cool car culture with many legendary brands, builders, and other hobbyists emerging from the state. That all emerged at a time when individual expression, no institutionalized expression, reigned supreme. Unfortunately, that looks to be going the way of the dodo before long.

Daily Caller also points out how CARB issued a report back in 2019 suggesting the state should allow “local jurisdictions to create zero-emissions zones.” If that sounds a little too similar to the ULEZ zones that have taken over all of London’s boroughs in the UK, with plate readers fining people daily for violations, you’re not alone.

California car culture already isn’t what it used to be but is still pretty amazing. However, moves like this could accelerate the current trajectory.

Of course, the justification for full-on banning older cars from certain areas or making the owners pay a daily fee to drive there is climate change. After seeing the amount of emissions produced by private jets, cruise ships, EV mining/production, Space X rockets, and many other things that are widely celebrated, defended, and/or enjoyed one can’t help but feel cynical about these mounting restrictions.

But California has a net-zero carbon emissions goal set for 2045 and so we can expect even more restrictions on the horizon. We hope it doesn’t get to the point that authorities go door to door looking for classic cars to seize and crush, but the mere mention of zero-emission zones would’ve been dismissed as crazy conspiracy theory only a few short years ago.

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LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA
SWAP MEET PLANNING MINUTES
PEASLEE TECHNICAL CENTER, FEB 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Woody Woodring, Bob and Karen Lagerstrom, Steve Hubbard, Don Gullett, Sean Lewis, Darrell Workman, Stanley Hayden, Doug McNichols, Daryl Barnes, Joe and Janice Arneson, Russ French, Tony Mitchell, Dave and Barbara Maycock.

NOTES:

- Tent and sign for Parts Shuttle Headquarters was ordered today.
- There will be a trailer brought in for members to place items for sale.
- The Bean Supper on Saturday evening was planned with the 4-H club at \$5 per person. Ordered for 300 vendors. \$1500. Order approved.
- Suggested a sign made for “Members Only” so vendors don’t expect to be able to eat at lunch counter.
- Distributed assignment sheets.
- The trailer for registration from Cordova Motors will be available again this year. Joe will make arrangements.
- Due to changes in the layout of fairgrounds, east bound vendors will have to go the stop light on O’Connell Road and north for entrance.
- There will not be food charged to the club at the 4-H stand, food is available at the lunch counter.
- Please advise Joe immediately if member can’t work the shift assigned.
- It was suggested that gift cards for \$60 be bought for vendor drawings throughout the Swap Meet and announced. Suggested from NAPA, O’Reilly’s, Auto Zone, etc.
- Tony Mitchell will update the website with flyer and Swap Meet information.
- Everyone will be given a current map of fairgrounds and layout.
- Some kind of GPS was suggested. Not sure what that entails.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next planning meeting will be March 14th at 6:30 pm at Peaslee Technical Center. Joe and Janice will provide light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Barnes, Sec'y



THE TALE OF THE "HELP YOURSELF" GAS PUMP

Reprinted from AACA National Magazine July-August, 1964

"History is written the way it is formed - little by little." With this introduction, AACA's chief of judges, Bert S. Harrington, Jr., recently informed ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE that his father, Bert S. Harrington, Sr., was himself a pioneer in the gasoline pump field. He submitted the information below on that venture to add to Dr. G. Richard Minnick's recent two-part series on the subject.

The senior Mr. Harrington, now retired and living in Chattanooga, Tennessee, had an idea for a coin-operated, self-service gasoline pump and, in 1924-25, he built and sold this pump.

A prototype unit was designed and built in the Armour & Co. machine shop, Fort Worth, Texas, under Mr. Harrington's close supervision. It incorporated the principles of a pump equipped for a micrometer length stroke adjustable for the desired volume of delivery.

This permitted adjustment to deliver a precise amount of liquid in return for coins inserted in appropriate slots. The unit was tested and found to be quite accurate and acceptable since it had the popular glass bowl at the top to receive the measured fuel for inspection before delivering the gasoline through a hose to the automobile.

A significant feature was the large circular star-wheel arrangement that allowed the last coins inserted to remain visible to discourage the use of slugs. Quarters, halves, and dollars could be used, each calibrated for value received.

The unit was assigned to The Mechanical Manufacturing Co., a Chicago meat packing machinery concern, now known as the Allbright-Neil Co., a division of Chemetron Corp. This concern was equipped to manufacture the pump, since similar pumps were in use, like-wise invented by Harrington, Sr., for dispensing lard, shortening, and cooking oils in retail-size containers.



Some 50 of the Harrington "Help Yourself" coin-operated gasoline pumps were sold and installed. The young man examining this pump in February, 1925 is none other than AACA's chief of Judges, Bert S. Harrington, Jr.

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This dispensing pump, by its own vacuum, lifted gasoline from the underground storage tank whenever the crank handle was released by the insertion of coins. The gasoline was then deposited overhead as described above.

Fifty units were sold. Patent applications were made, and manufacture of the pumps seemed assured. Then came the ruling from the Underwriters Laboratories, "Then when and where gasoline was dispensed to automobiles, there must be an experienced attendant present to actually dispense the gasoline."

It seems that a filling station in a town near Boston, Mass, devised a pan for holding gasoline under pressure in underground storage tanks. A devise was built to allow given amounts to be dispensed in some manner. One night, a purchaser forgot to take the hose out of his gas tank, cranked the car and drove off.

The hose ripped the unit loose from its moorings, permitting the storage tank to expel its load of gasoline on the ground since it was under pressure.

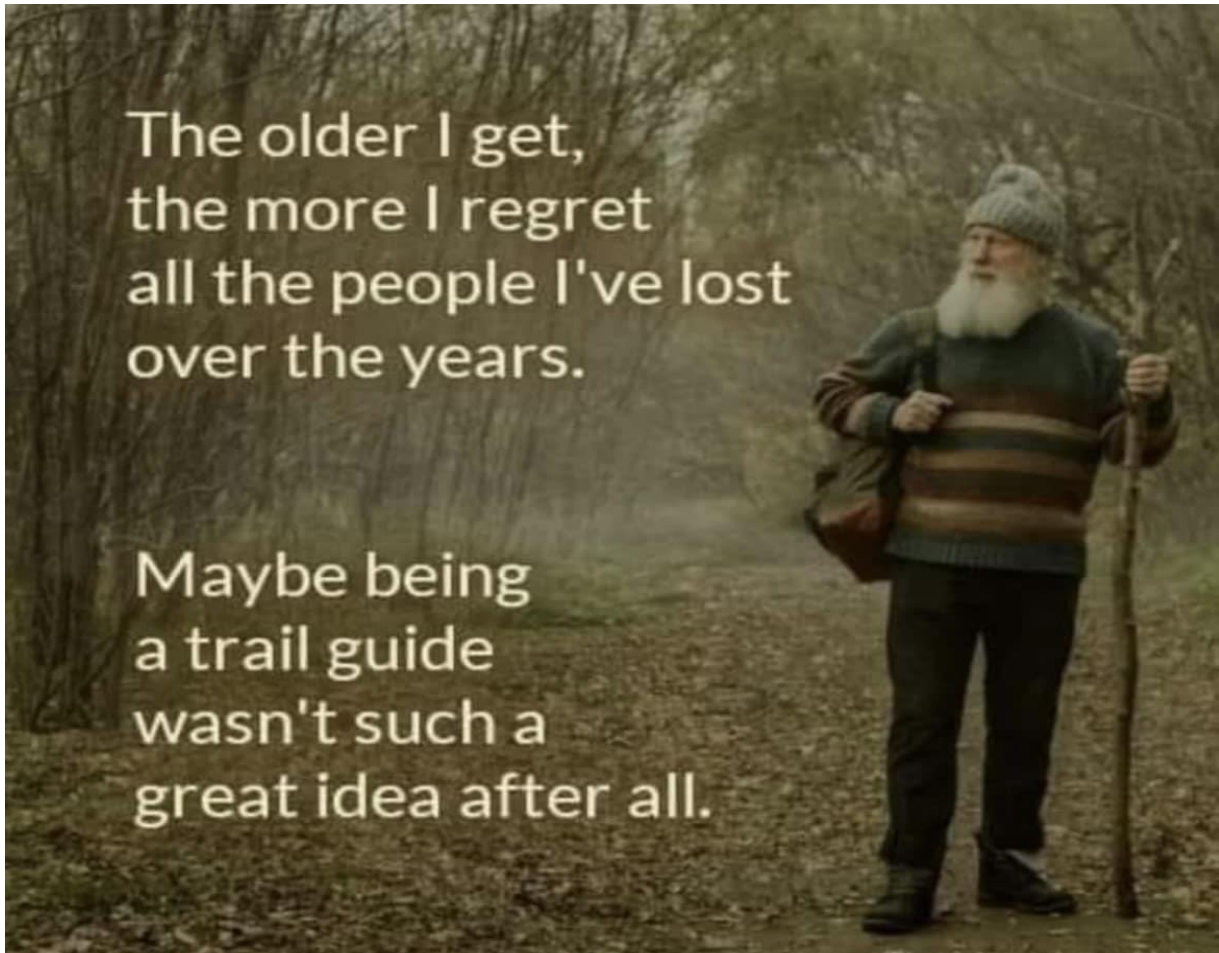
Yes, it caught fire and burned down a block of buildings. So, for another's blunder, there are no coin operated gas pumps.

In concluding, it is well to note that the coin-operated gasoline pump was not Mr. Harrington's only contribution to the automobile industry. He was also the first to build a power-driven siren. He built five in Rome, Georgia during 1912 and mounted them on fire trucks. American LeFrance purchased rights to manufacture the siren and install it on fire equipment in 1913. Previous to that, all sirens had been hand operated.



Bert S. Harrington, Sr.'s "Help Yourself" Gas Pump as it appeared in 1924. A good idea, it was unfortunately scrapped when the Underwriters Laboratories stated that it would be necessary to have an experienced attendant to pump gasoline.

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The older I get,
the more I regret
all the people I've lost
over the years.

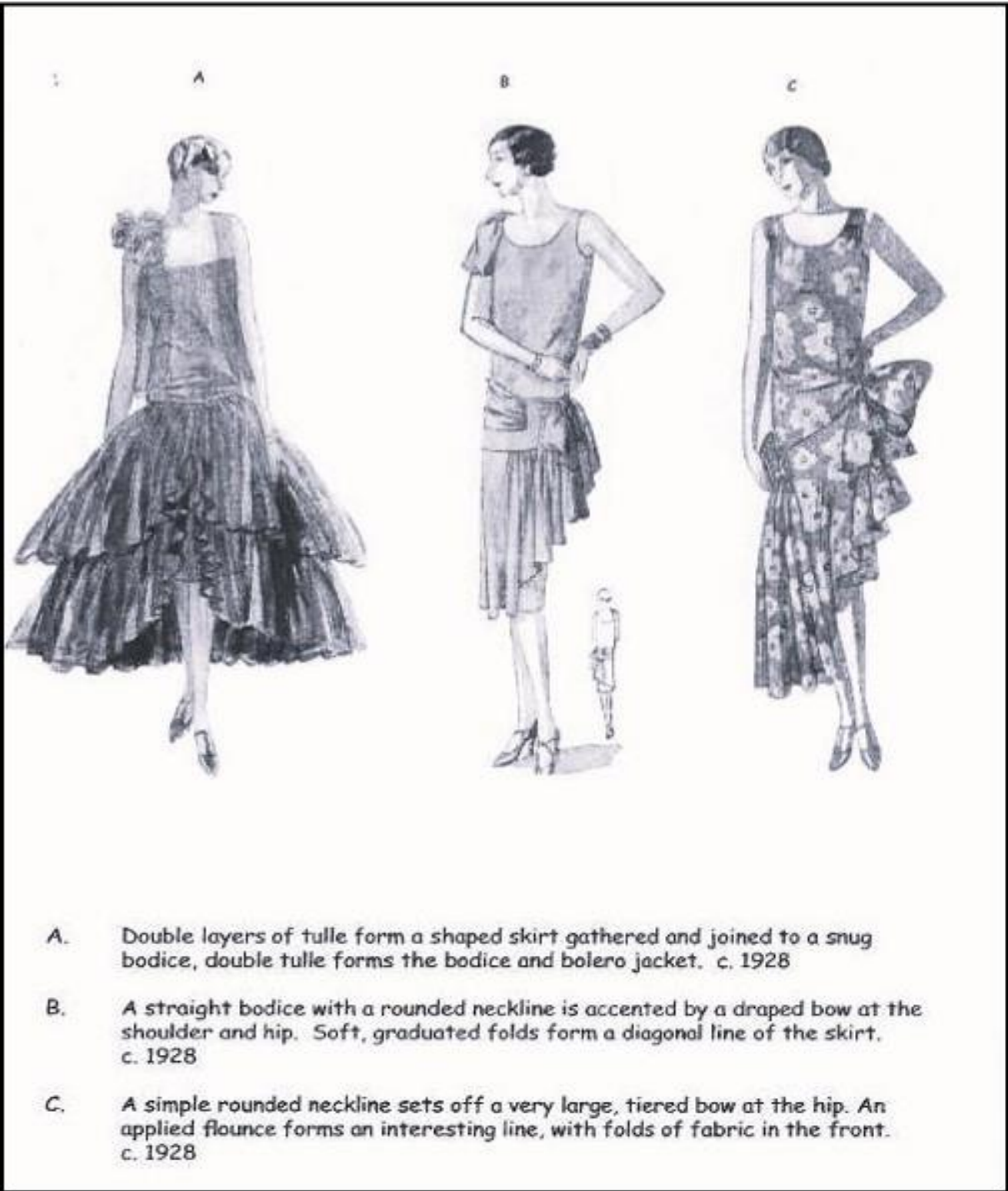
Maybe being
a trail guide
wasn't such a
great idea after all.

ANSWER

Having constructed a tractor plant in Dearborn during 1918, Ford quickly realized that there was a housing shortage in the area. So a year later, the Dearborn Realty and Construction Company was established (by Ford) to help solve the problem. By October 1919, 94 homes were constructed with an additional 156 built in 1920. An entry-level Model A sold for \$5,750 while the upscale F cost \$9,550 (there was also a Model B, C, D and E in between.) The area is now known as the Ford Homes Historic District. (See fordhomes.org.)

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From A Book of Fashion, page 82

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

The Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Sunday, March 17th, beginning at 1:00 PM. We will need to be there before that time so they can place our group of cars together in the parade.

If you are interested in being in the parade with your antique car, I will need to give the parade officials a head count so they will know how many cars we have, and where to place us, based on the number of cars.

Also, they request the name of the driver and the year, make and model of the antique car, so the announcer can let the visitors know while your car is passing the announcer's location.

This information is required from our club to allow us to be in the parade. So please text me at 785-979-4562 **BEFORE** March 1st so I have the correct count and information for the parade officials. They need this information before March 1st. We'd like to have a good showing from our club for those viewing the parade.

Darrell Workman

A REAL ALBINO DEER



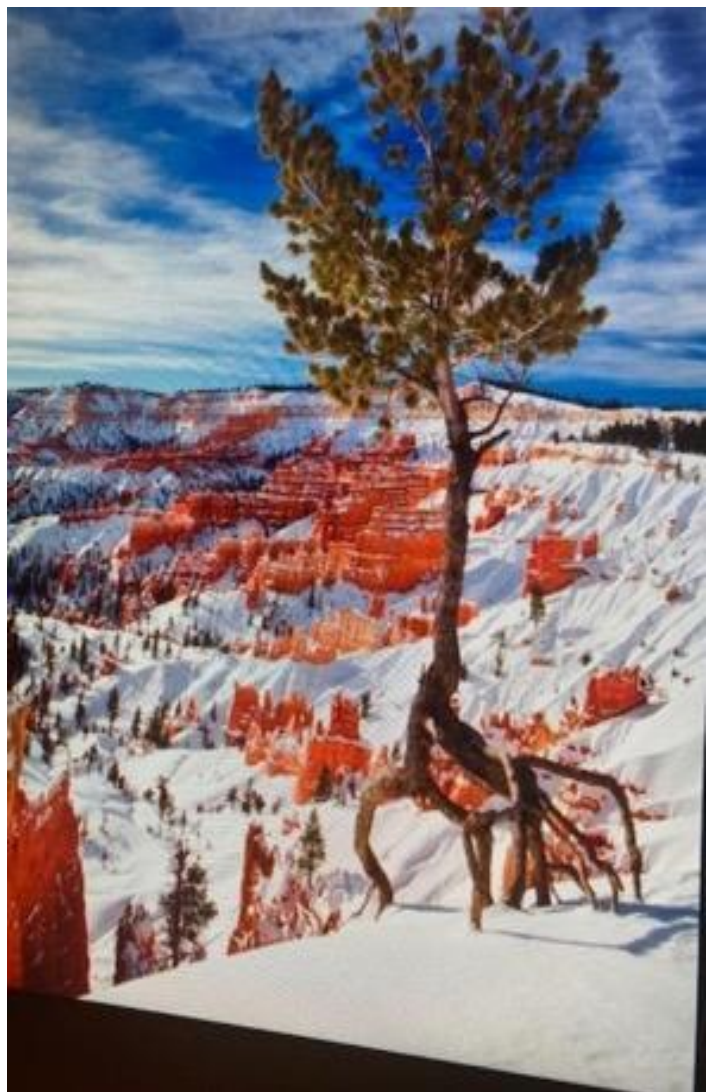
Copied from an item on authentic albino deer on the internet

A LITTLE HUMOR

Once Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, Bengali poet and scholar, jokingly asked Michael Madhusudhan Dutt, an Anglophile poet of great repute: "As you are a Master in English, can you make a sentence without using a single 'E'?"

Dutt, the genius, wrote this: "I doubt I can. It's a major part of many, many words. Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It's as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And, anyway, what would I gain? An award? A cash bonus? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It's not Copied with permission by Cartoons&Jokes

I don't mean to brag, but I've got a purebread cat



Even the tree is tired of so much snow.

Found on Gramma's Funnies, copied with permission

VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

- If life deals you lemons, make lemonade. If it deals you tomatoes, make Bloody Marys.
- Shopping tip: You can get shoes really cheap at bowling alleys.
- No one ever says, "It's only a game!" when their team's winning.
- Ever notice that people who spend money on beer, cigarettes and lottery tickets are always complaining about being broke and not feeling well?
- Why is it that most nudists are people you really don't want to see naked?
- I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I had any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't need the exercise class!
- Wouldn't you know! Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.
- Some of my friends exercise every day, meanwhile I am watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.
- Just once I want a user name and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH.
- Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.
- Two guys walked into a bar. The third one ducked!

Anonymous

So I went by the house that I grew up in. I stopped and asked if I could go in and look around and they said NO and slammed the door! My parents can be so rude!!

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If you feel tired and want to sleep, with kids in the house - tell them to wake you up in about 30 minutes so we can start cleaning the house. They will do literally anything to avoid waking you up.

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In class one day, Ms. Thompson pulled Jimmy over to her desk after a test, and said, "Jimmy, I have a feeling that you have been cheating on your tests."

Jimmy was astounded and asked Ms. Thompson to prove it.

"Well," said Ms. Thompson, "I was looking over your test and the question was, 'Who was our first president?' and the little girl that sits next to you, Penny, wrote 'George Washington,' and so did you."

"So? Everyone knows that he was the first president."

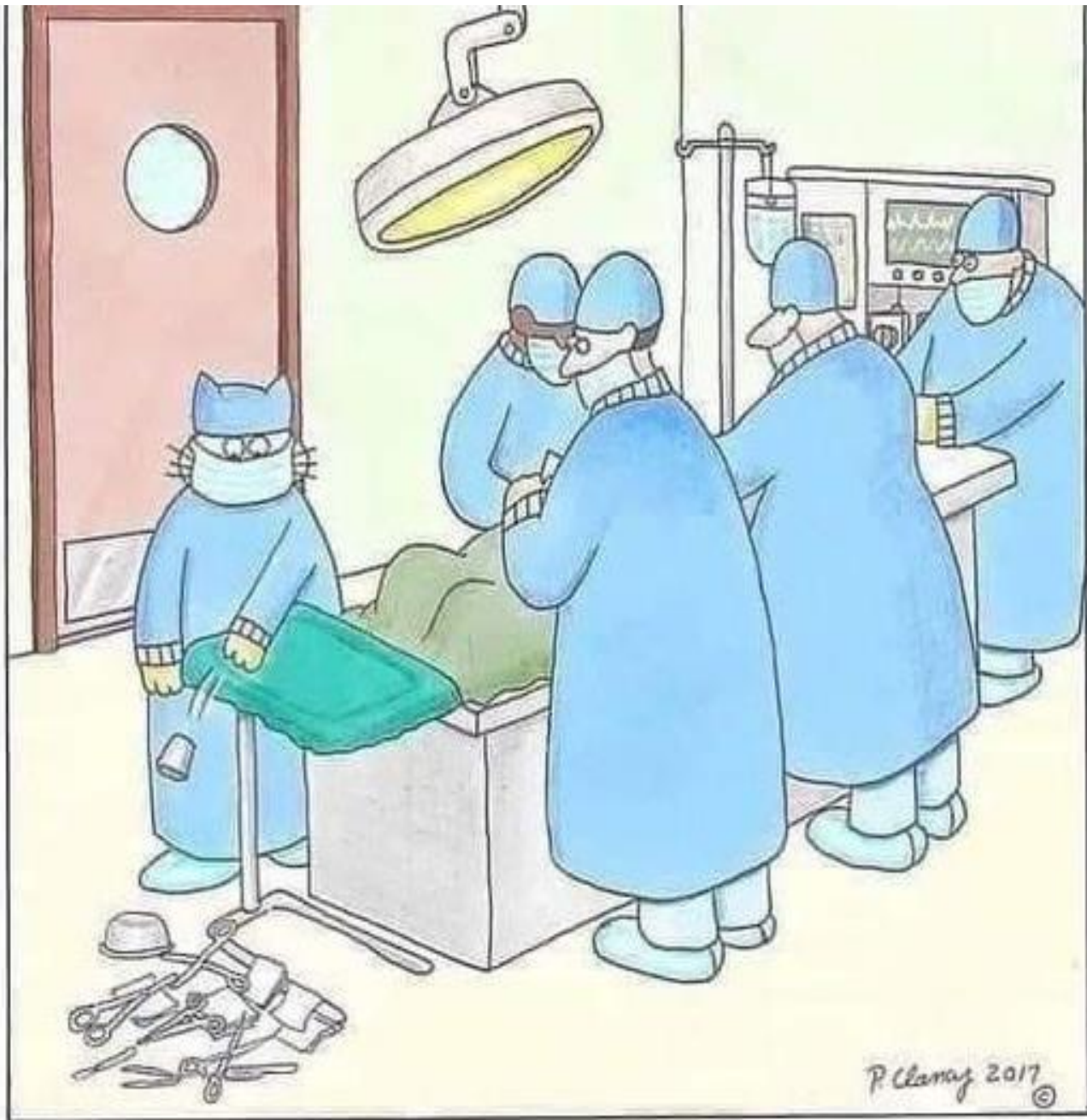
"Now, just wait a minute," said Ms. Thompson. "The next question was, 'Who freed the slaves?' Penny put 'Abraham Lincoln' and so did you."

"Well, I read the history book last night and I remembered that," said Jimmy.

"Wait, wait," said Ms. Thompson. "The next question was, 'Who was president during the Louisiana Purchase?'"

Penny wrote 'I don't know,' and you wrote, 'Me neither.'"

Found on the internet.



Why cats are not allowed in the operating room.

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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.

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RESERVATIONS - BOTH DAYS

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

Car Corral - same as above

Space Sizes

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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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