

**LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**

A DIVERSE GROUP DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION/PRESERVATION/ENJOYMENT OF OLD CARS



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**CALENDAR**

**MAY 4** - Swap Meet Work Day, 8AM to dark.  
Dinner meeting at dark

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

**WHAT MAY IS KNOWN FOR**

- MAY 1 - May Day**
- May 5-6-7 - LRAACA SWAP MEET**
- May 10 - School Nurse Day**
- May 14 - Mother's Day**
- May 20 - Armed Forces Day**
- May 28 - Indianapolis 500 Day**
- May 29 - Memorial Day**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our April meeting, held at the Peaslee Tech Center, had 27 members and one guest. We had a great meeting.

We lost one of our charter members this week, George Lauppe. He will be missed very much. We send our condolences out to his family.

On April 24 the club will be awarding a college scholarship to a deserving young student who is going into the mechanical field.

We are getting close to our Swap Meet on May 5-6-7. There are over 450 spots sold so far. It takes a lot of hard work from everyone.

Enjoy your summer.

Darryl Workman

**LRAACA WEBSITE**

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

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2024 Board: Tony Mitchell  
5/17/75



## MAY CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Roger Bain - May 2  
Jeanne Spradling - May 3  
Barbara Maycock - May 12

### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Susan Mitchell  
May 11, 2001 - 22 years  
Roger Bain & Jan Arndt  
May 13, 1982 - 41 years  
Pete & Debby Maxim  
May 17, 1975 - 48 years  
Mark & Patti Ryan  
May 30, 1991 - 32 years

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Shirley Cormack, Editor

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2023

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 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 to share. Send items by the 15th to **[kstrunguy@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrunguy@yahoo.com)** (by email).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA  
JANUARY 5, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** President Darrell Workman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, April 13th at Peaslee Tech Center

**ATTENDANCE:** (26) Joe Arneson, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Russ and Rosie French, K. Homolka, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Dave and Barbara Maycock, Bill McCollum, Doug McNichols, Tony and Susan Mitchell, Tom and Sharon Stallings, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack Todd, Woody Woodring, Darrell Workman, Don Fornelli, Craig and Peggy Stoll, and prospective new member GARY KIEFFER.

**MINUTES:** Reviewed, motion to approve by Dave Maycock, second by Ken Tibbits, passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have 45 current members. 453 swap meet spaces sold to date. Motion to approve by Dave Maycock, second by Woody Woodring, passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Scholarships: Tony Mitchell reported a very qualified applicant from Free State High School (ADIAN SCHMITZ) was awarded or \$1,500.00 scholarship. He plans to attend Washburn Tech. in Topeka.

Swap Meet: Joe reviewed scheduling and duties. Jack reports a vendor from New Zealand has purchased a spot.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Maple Leaf Car Show – Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Margaret working with officials for a better location for the show.
2. Tony is working on updating the website and listing all “charter members”.
3. Shirley gave details of George Lauppe memorial service Saturday, April 22. The family requested club members bring and display their cars. Meet at First United Methodist Church at 10:00 AM.
4. Jack gave information on how to title antique cars (over 35 years old). They can be sold with Bill of Sale. For more information call Jack Todd.
5. Motion to donate \$500.00 to McPherson College to assist in their donation matching program. Motion by Margaret Barnes, 2nd by Shirley Cormack.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Joe Arneson won the door prize - \$20.00.

Barbara Maycock won the night vision glasses (donated by Bill McCollum).

**REFRESHMENTS:** Furnished by Russ and Rosie French.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tony Mitchell motion, second by Robert Lagerstrom, 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
K. L. Homolka, Secretary

## 2023 ANNUAL EVENTS

### 2023 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**May 17-20** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA

**Jul 26-29** - Special Eastern Summer Nationals Hamilton, NY

**Aug 10-12** - Grand Nationals Bettendorf, IA

**Oct 3-6** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

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### ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2023 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**May 5-7** - 59th Annual Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, Kansas

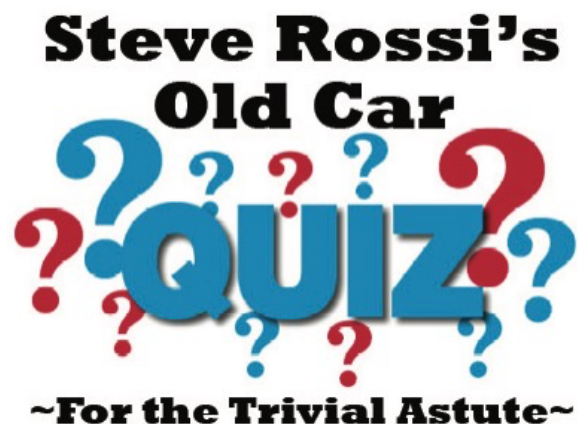
**May 11-13** - Chickasha Spring Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK

**Jun 14-17** - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR

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

### QUESTION

With sales plummeting and its market share being eaten by imports, Ford's design direction took a drastic shift after the company realized that its biggest risk would be to avoid taking one in the first place. Or in other words...to risk nothing, is to risk everything. What car ushered in this new way of provocative thinking in Dearborn when it came to styling?



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## **GEORGE LAUPPE**

January 2, 1935 - April 10, 2023

Memorial services for George Merrill Lauppe 88, Lawrence, KS will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, KS. We will be gathering to see friends and family at 10:00 a.m. in the gathering area at the church. Friends and family with antique cars are welcome to park around the church starting at 10:00 a.m.

George passed away on April 10, 2023, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held in Burden Cemetery on June 2, 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch meal at Tisdale Methodist Church east of Winfield, Kansas.



George was born on January 2, 1935, in Winfield, KS, the son of Harold Omer and Ione Elizabeth (Ruggles) Lauppe. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Darlene Hart, and brother, Dwain Lauppe.

He married Hazel Marceil Ring on December 27, 1955, in Burden, KS and she resides in Lawrence. Other survivors include his children, George/Monte Lauppe (Annette) and Sonya Anders (Dale), sister-in-law, Jaurene Lauppe, brother-in-law, Neal Hart, grandchildren, Shane Lauppe (Andrea), Craig Lauppe (Lindsay), Austin Anders, Aaron Anders (MiKayla), Augustus Anders, and great-grandchildren, Owen, Cora, Everly, Harper, Adam and AuRoara.

George enjoyed spending time with his family, teaching, woodworking, antique cars, and sharing stories with friends and family members. He passed on many of these skills to his family members.

George was raised on a farm near Burden, KS, attended the Silver Creek one-room grade school, was a Cowley County 4-H member, and graduated from Burden HS in 1953. He pursued higher education at Arkansas City Jr. College, BS degree in education from Southwestern College, and Masters from Pittsburg State University. He served 10 years in the Army Reserves.

Working for other local farmers, George saved money for college. While attending Southwestern College, he worked the night shift at the Armour and Company in their creamery department. After completing his education, he took a position at Haskell High School, currently Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, where he taught Driver's Education, Drafting, Blueprint Reading, and worked in the Dean of Instruction's office for 28 years. After retirement, he worked as an appraiser for Douglas County for several years before his final retirement.

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Restoring antique cars was George's passion. He helped restore the 1921 Milburn light Electric Car which is on display at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence, his 1917 Liberty, 1926 Chevy Coupe, 1929 Model A and a 1957 Chevy. George was a member of many car clubs, and his first club was the Lawrence Antique Automobile Club. He also was a member of the Topeka Regional Antique Automobile Club, Wichita Reg. Horseless Carriage Club, and Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club out of Kansas City. He enjoyed many car tours including driving his Model A to Alaska and back.

George and Marceil loved playing pitch, Chicken Foot dominos, and enjoyed eating with a group of friends for over 40 years. Vacations and traveling included many family reunions, plus trips to Hawaii and taking their entire family to the Rose Bowl parade for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Faith was always an important part of George's life starting out attending Tisdale Methodist Church and later becoming life members of the Lawrence First United Methodist church where he was an usher, attended adult Sunday school, and helped with many committees while making lifelong friends. If he thought he could help you with a kind word, a listening ear, or being generous he would.

The family suggest memorials in George's name to the Lawrence First United Methodist Church, Haskell Indian Nation University scholarship fund, Watkins Museum, or Visiting Nurses Association in Lawrence and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

### **ANOTHER INTERESTING GARAGE DOOR**



George Lauppe, a teacher, would have liked this one.

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# MEN'S SWEATERS FOR SPRING

By Sherry Wink

As spring marches in, it is still a little cool in most parts of the country. Especially when driving a Model A! If you want to add a little era fashion to your drives, check out these sweaters. A button down cardigan would be a fairly easy item to find. And pullovers were also popular. Options for both are wide-ranging.

A solid color is always a winner, from red to brown to grey, all look good. You can add a shawl collar, or a simple no-collar version.

The printed version might be a little more difficult to find but it would be worth the hunt! Plaids, checks, herringbones, all add interest, and a touch of whimsy to your Model A wardrobe.

## Sears Fall and Winter 1931-32



## The Robert Simpson Catalog Fall & Winter 1928-29



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## **BRAKE PADS, HEATERS AND WIPERS, OH MY!!**

By Paula Ruby, AACA National VP Membership

The month of March marks National Women's History Month. Have you ever stopped to think about the important roles that women have played in the automotive industry? Where would the automobile be today if it weren't for the roles that women have played? Strong women have creative ideas, tenacity and those traits show in the roles they have played.

**Bertha Benz** – Brake Pads and the First “Road Trip” – Bertha took her children out for a long-distance trip in her husband's motorcar and during that trip the wooden brakes failed. Needing to find a solution to get her family safely home, she developed the first brake pad, made of leather.

**Margaret Wilcox** – Car Heater – In 1893, Margaret received a patent for the interior car heater that pulled heat from the engine into the vehicle for the passengers to be warm.

**Mary Anderson and Charlotte Bridgwood** – Windshield Wipers – While on a trolley ride and not able to look out the window due to accumulating snow, Mary thought up a spring-loaded arm with a rubber blade that would wipe the windshield when activated from within the car. Charlotte updated it a mere 14 years later to be electrically operated and use rollers instead of a blade.

**Florence Lawrence** – Turn Signals – This very elementary design which raised and lowered a signal arm was placed on the back fender of the vehicle and would indicate a stop or a turn. The patent was never issued but certainly transpired into what we know today as turn signals and brake lights.

**June McCarroll** – Road Markings – While driving her Ford Model T down the roads of California, a ten-ton truck took a bit more of the roadway than she desired. It was then that she launched a letter writing campaign for painted lines, which became California law in 1924.

**Gladys Mae West** – GPS System – Gladys worked as a mathematician in the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory when she and her team built the GEOSAT satellite creating simulations of the earth's surface. This work on the GEOSAT and other satellite systems emerged into the GPS system we have today in our vehicles.

This is certainly not an all-inclusive list of women's roles in the development and progression of the automobile, but it is of interest that many of the features mentioned above are safety features that are so important today.

When sharing your membership opportunities to new individuals, think outside the box and pay attention to the women who come to the shows and tours with their own vehicles. The teenager or young girl who is hanging out with their grandfather or father at the event you are hosting are our future. Those ladies, regardless of age, already have the automobile hobbyist spark, so don't miss the opportunity to recruit them into the best car club around.

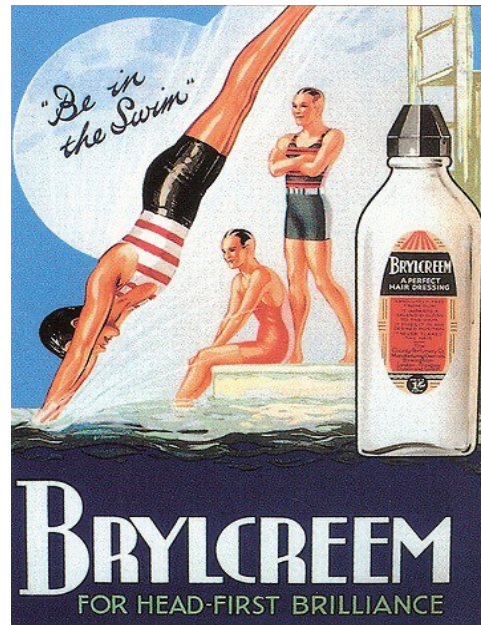
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## BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

by Sherry Wink

Brylcreem is a hair dressing cream that's purpose is keep men's hair in place and add a shine. It was invented in 1928. The Birmingham County Chemical Company, a British firm, first sold it as "Elite Hair Dressing Cream." It is said the original formula was a emulsion of water and mineral oil, and beeswax. The name Brylcreem comes from the shine it imparts, from the words brilliant and cream. It was originally only sold directly to barbershops, but was quickly in such demand that it began to be sold publicly.



*Note: You probably recognize Brylcreem from its most recognized slogan, first heard in the 1950s: "Brylcreem—a little dab will do ya! "But do you recognize the rest of the jingle? -"Brylcreem—a little dab will do ya! Use more only if you dare; but watch out! The gals will all pursue ya! They'll love to run their fingers through your hair!"*

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*From the internet*

## **GAS LINES DURING THE ARAB EMBARGO,**

Boston, MA 1973

According to the ADST: “On October 16, 1973, the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) raised the posted price of oil by 70 percent, and the next day, oil ministers agreed to a cut in production.” Following that “Saudi Arabia and the other Arab oil-producing states joined the embargo on October 20, 1973,” which lasted until March of 1974.

Vehicles lined up at filling station in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, MA.

The price of oil jumped “from around \$3 to nearly \$12 per barrel. Gasoline prices that had been hovering around 34 cents per gallon pre-embargo shot up to 84 cents per gallon and rationing was enacted in many states.”



This entry below was posted in Auto photos 1946 - 1965, Gasoline stations and tagged 1960s autos, Arab Embargo Gas Lines. Filling Stations.



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## GOOD GROANS

If you cannot master the guitar, don't fret.

Local apartment building has one unit left. It's last, but not leased.

Man injured in bizarre Peek-A-Boo accident. He's in ICU.

Why did the ghost cross the road? To get to the other side.

If you're ever attacked by a group of clowns, go for the juggler.

Never trust a statistician. They're always plotting something.

SCUBA enthusiasts. Now there's a divers group of people!!

Police car loses wheels to thief.....cops are working tirelessly to nab suspect.

In high school, Robert E. Lee was voted most likely to secede.

A perfectionist walked into a bar, but apparently it wasn't set high enough.

Overeaters anonymous 888-888-8888

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## ANSWER

The 1983 Thunderbird was the first Ford to assume an aerodynamic, German-inspired image with robust, solid style. It would be followed by the Tempo/Topaz, Taurus/Sable and Aerostar minivan. Through 1988, some 885,000 such personal sport coupes would be produced. Car and Driver magazine called it, "Detroit's design triumph of the year," and the Thunderbird's roadworthiness and powertrain was reimagined as well to harmonize with its suggestive new look.  
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## ALL ABOUT MEMBER MARK RYAN

Name Mark Ryan Spouse's Name Patricia Ryan  
Date of Birth July 15 Date of Birth September 23  
Anniversary date May 30, 1991  
I was born in Lawrence, KS and grew up in Douglas County  
When I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be older  
My profession is/was Union construction laborer - 50 year member  
I've been a member of this club since January 1, 2023  
Children/Grandchildren? Names/ages 3 children - 47 - 45 - 30  
5 grandchildren - 28 - 26 - 20 - 18 - 13

First Car I owned was 51 Pontiac 2 door hardtop  
Most recent car I owned was 52 Studebaker Starlight Coupe  
Favorite Car I've ever owned was 69 Firebird convertible  
The car I wish for but never owned 32 Ford five window coupe  
T+A42he craziest thing that ever happened to me in an antique car was Voltage Regulator shorted out and blew all the lights out of a 51 Pontiac about 11:00 pm in East Lawrence. Drove to North Lawrence with no lights

There's something about me that most club members don't know, and that is Hate all Asian brand cars and most people who drive them. Buy American Made !! American Brands !!

## THE MAKING OF A MOVIE

Dave Marshall of the Spark Plug newsletter of Wichita has been requested for the use of his antique automobile in the filming of a movie.

His car and the mansion behind it make a beautiful photograph.



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## A LITTLE HUMOR

On the first day, God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?"

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

*Item found on the internet*

## THE CHICKEN AND THE FROG

A chicken walks into a library and up to the desk. "Buk" says the chicken so the librarian gives him a book. The chicken leaves with the book and returns five minutes later. "Buk" he says so the librarian gives him another book. This goes on about eight more times so finally the librarian leaves the library and goes outside on break in back where there's a pond. The chicken is standing on the edge of the pond tossing the books to frog on a lily pad. The chicken says, "Buk, Buk" and the frog says, "reddit, reddit".

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