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OCT 3 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

OCT 6 - Club car show, Broken Arrow Park,
Lawrence, KS

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

DEC TBA - Christmas party, Flory Building,
Further information to be announced

WHAT IS OCTOBER KNOWN FOR?

Oct 2 - Name Your Car Day

Oct 13 - Silly Sayings Day

Oct 14 - Columbus Day

Oct 18 - National Chocolate Cupcake Day

Oct 27 - Navy Day

Oct 31 - Halloween

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to realize the summer is about over. It sure went by in a hurry, but don't put your car to bed for the winter yet. We still have our Car Show, the Maple Leaf parade, Veterans Day parade, and maybe more activities ahead of us yet.

Another way we know summer is about over is when our meetings are held at Peaslee Tech. That starts next month.

Summer is great, but fall is too. Just think about it, cooler temperatures, trees turning beautiful colors, the farmers are busy harvesting their crops, and we don't have to mow the lawn as often - you can't beat that!

Nominations for next year's officers coming up soon. Consider running for an Keep Shirley in your thoughts & prayers for a speedy recovery.

K. L. Homolka
President

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OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

None

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

None



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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
MONTHLY MEETING
September 5, 2024**

Due to circumstances out of our control, minutes will be included in next month's newsletter

2024 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 8-11 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Oct 23-26 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, AL

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2024 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 6 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

2025 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 6-8 - AACA Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC
Apr 3-5 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
May 1-3 - Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Tucson, AZ
June 26-28 - Eastern Spring Nationals, West VA
July 2-5 - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN
July 24-26 - Grand Nationals/Zenith, Dayton, OH
Sep 18-20 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Corydon, IN
Oct 7-10 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Oct 22-25 - Central Fall Nationals, Galveston, TX

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Information can be found on the National AACA website:
<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar>*



QUESTION

Throughout the 1920s, Studebaker design remained somewhat staid... until the President came along, and a new decade dawned. There was a logical reason why the automaker -- better known for value and durability -- was late to the styling party. What was it?

Answer on page 12

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

VINLAND FAIR CAR SHOW

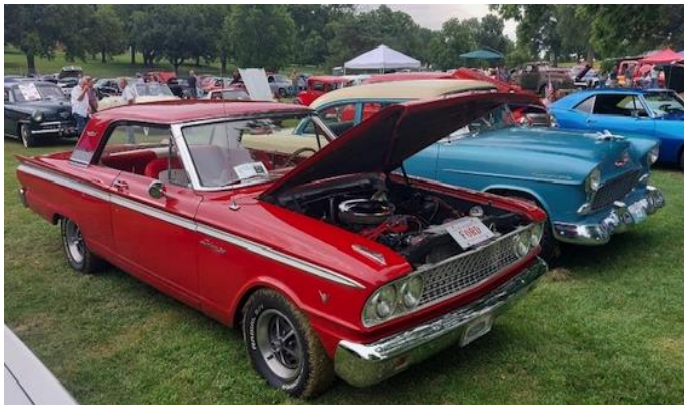
August 8, 2024



Photos provided by K.L.Homolka

LEAVENWORTH CAR SHOW August 10, 2024

On Saturday, August 10, 2024, a group from our car club went to the car show in Leavenworth, Kansas. Participants were Darrell Workman and Linda Lambert, Bob and Karen Lagerstrom, and Stanley Hayden. All went in a car and a van and had a great time. Each received a goodie bag with lots of items in them. There were 256 cars there. No trophies or plaques were won, but it was a very pleasant day.



Comments and photos provided by Darrell Workman

SHRINER'S CAR SHOW, TOPEKA, KS.

August 30, 2024

Four of our club members attended the Shriner's car show in Topeka, Kansas on August 30, 2024. Joe Arneson, Doug McNichols, Jack Todd and Darrell Workman were judges at the show. There were 2,000 people in attendance and the judges were there for many hours, working together, and enjoying their time looking at the cars and giving each a score. The Jeepsters all had orange colored vehicles and the Shriner's owned cars all had Chevy three-fifty engines in them.



Thanks to Darrell Workman for photos

SET 'EM UP JACKS CAR SHOW

September 14, 2024

The Set 'Em Up, Jack's benefit car show was held at Broken Arrow Park, Lawrence, Kansas on September 14, 2024. Two club member's cars won trophies that day – Kenny Tibbits and Tom and Sharon Stallings. Darrell Workman was a judge and stated it was a beautiful day and he had enjoyed watching some of the cars he had judged become winners.



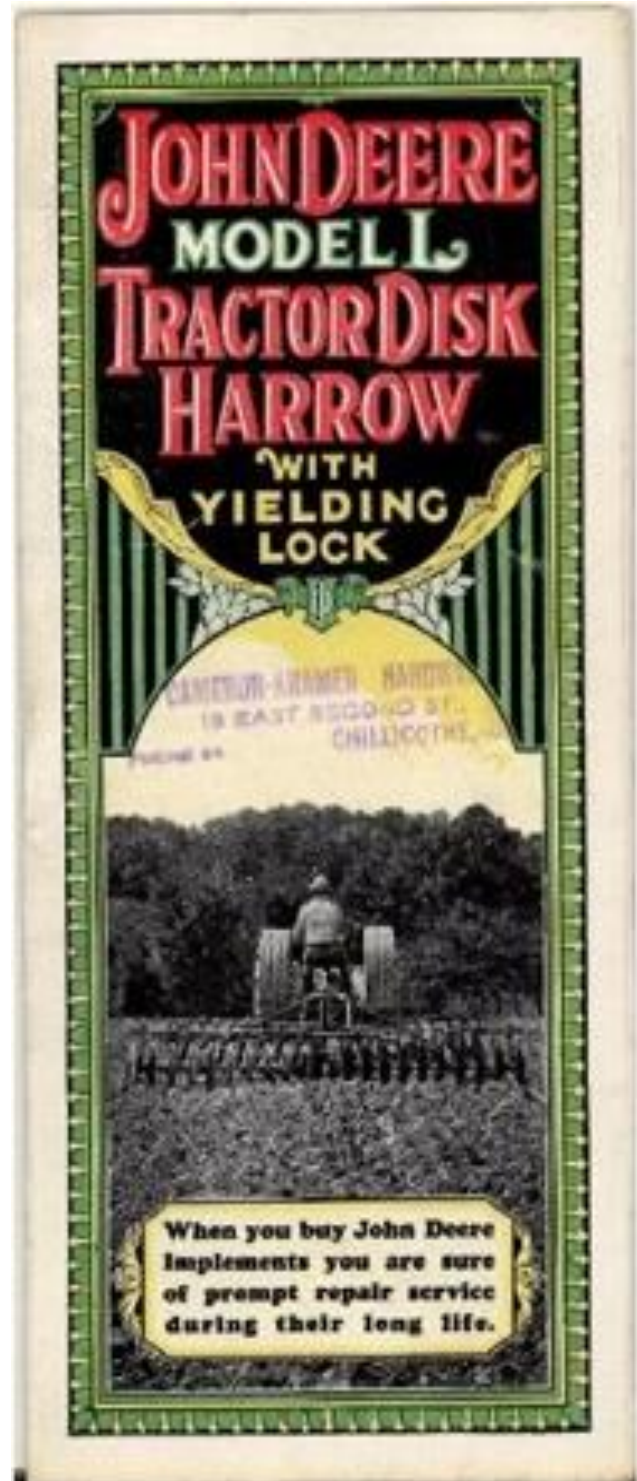
They say that age is all in your mind.
The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.
Anonymous

BRANDS WE STILL KNOW □

John Deere was born and lived in Vermont, and worked as a blacksmith. He moved to Illinois in 1836 at the age of 32 to open a new business. He soon realized that the traditional cast iron plows worked very poorly in the sticky soil of the area. Deere reasoned that a highly polished surface would solve the problem and made a prototype from a broken steel sawblade. Hundreds of farmers are said to have showed up to watch his new plow in use for the first time, and his business promptly became a “self-scouring” plow manufacturing company.

The tradition of only making plows upon order was determined to be too slow to meet the demand, so Deere focused on making them as quickly as possible, trusting them to sell once made. The new practice worked, and the company sold over 100 plows in 1842 and over 400 the year after that. In 1848, the company moved to Moline, Illinois, and by 1849, production reached over 200 plows per month. By the 1850s, they had expanded to make other farm equipment such as wagons, planters, and cultivators.

In 1912, the company entered the tractor market, eventually buying out the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company in 1918. The tractors were sold under that name until 1923, when the John Deere Model D was introduced. The first John Deere-branded gasoline harvester was sold in 1927.



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FASHION ERA FROM YESTERYEAR Flapper Era

Many people associate the Flapper Era as the Roaring 20s; however, the Flappers did not truly emerge until 1926. A fashionable flapper had short sleek hair, a shorter than average shapeless shift dress, a chest as flat as a board, wore makeup and applied it in public, smoked with a long cigarette holder, exposed her limbs, and epitomized the spirit of a reckless rebel who danced the nights away in the Jazz Age.

Construction of the flapper's dress was less complicated than earlier fashions, which women were able to construct much easier as it was a straight shift. It was easier to produce up-to-date plain flapper fashions quickly using flapper fashion dress patterns.

The flapper fashion style flourished amid the middle classes. The rich still continued to wear beautifully embellished silk garments for evening, but the masses reveled in their new found sophistication of very fashionable flapper clothes.

Many have the misconception that all dresses, day and evening, were short in every year of the twenties and that flappers were the only fashion style of the twenties. Dress and coat lengths were actually calf length and quite long for most of the decade.

Skirts only revealed the knee briefly between 1926 and 1928, and this was the only period when evening dresses were short in line with day dress lengths. This was the true flapper fashion era.

Three dress patterns available today that would work for a Flapper-era dress include: Past Patterns 4560 Slip-on-Dress, visit pastpatterns.com. Past Patterns 6471 Wrap Dress, visit pastpatterns.com. Butterick 5898 Wrap Dress with true-to-body sizing.

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Photographer Daniel S. Sorine took pictures of two mimes in 1974, and 35 years later discovered it was Robin Williams before he was famous.



This is such a powerful photo. It was taken in April, 1945, by Major Clarence Benjamin and shows a train of Jewish prisoners that had been intercepted by Allied Forces. This is the moment they learned that the train would not be heading to a Concentration Camp and they had been liberated.



In 1959, a coffee maker was an optional extra in Volkswagen cars.



Despite being dead for over a year, famous author Agatha Christie saved a baby's life in 1977. Her novel The Pale Horse described thallium poisoning so well that a nurse who had been reading it was able to diagnose a sick 1-year-old who had doctors stumped. The baby was immediately tested, they found traces of thallium, doctors changed treatments and her life had been saved by an old murder mystery novel.



THE HISTORY OF APRONS

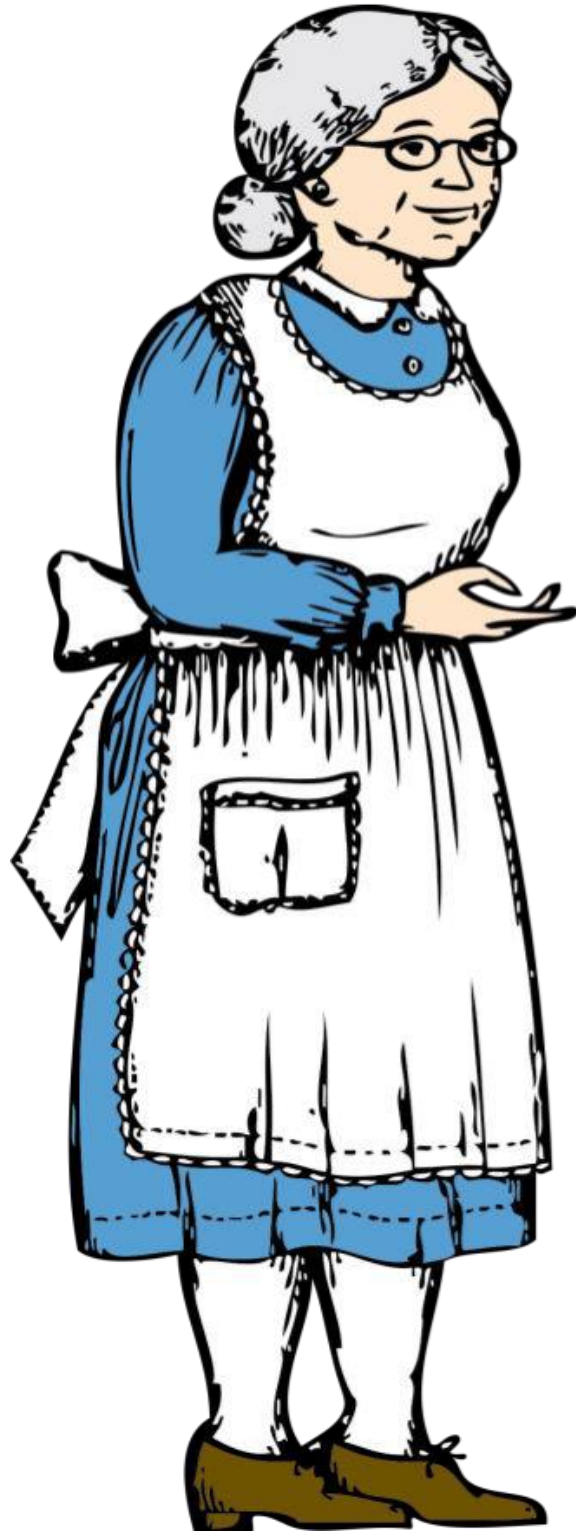
I believe that most children today are unaware of what an apron is. The primary purpose of Grandma's apron was to safeguard the dress beneath since they only had a few. Also, aprons were easier to clean than dresses and used less material. However, they also served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion even for cleaning our dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the house in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas were shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, and waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

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The neighbors didn't like my decorations for some odd reason 🤪 **Not my picture ;) **



During the early/mid 1920s, Studebaker was still migrating what was previously E-M-F production (the cooperative relationship which turned into an acquisition that allowed the company to enter the auto industry in a truly meaningful way) from Detroit, Michigan, to South Bend, Indiana. In addition, Studebaker's previous horse-drawn heritage was primarily in utilitarian wagons, as opposed to fine carriage construction...which they were still producing through 1920. Eventually, Studebaker would be best remembered for its focus on design distinction, particularly after WWII.

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

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SKELETON CREW WORKING ON THE HOUSE TODAY



51st ANNUAL LAWRENCE REGION AACA ANTIQUÉ & CLASSIC CAR SHOW LAWRENCE KANSAS Sunday October 6, 2024

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

LAWRENCE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW CLASSES & AWARDS

- Class A - 1900 –1929, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class B - 1930 – 1939, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class C - 1940 – 1949, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class D - 1950 – 1959, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class E - 1960 – 1969, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class F - 1970 – 1974, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class M - MODIFIED TRUCKS/CARS, FIRST & SECOND PLACE

VEHICLES MUST BE 50 YEARS OR OLDER IN THE ANTIQUE CLASSES FOR AWARDS

CLASSES A – F, AND MODIFIED TRUCKS AND CARS ARE JUDGED AND NOT CAR CLUB MEMBER ENTRIES.

MEMBER ENTRIES ARE AWARDED BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOTS ISSUED TO REGISTERED DRIVERS ONLY. CLUB MEMBERS ARE GIVEN ONE FIRST AND ONE SECOND PLACE AWARD.

DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 140 ENTRIES

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
 - Disc brakes
 - Seat Belts
 - Custom wheels of original diameter
 - Dual exhaust system
 - Radial tires
 - Some chrome components in the engine compartment, i.e., chrome valve covers and chrome air breathers

FOR INFORMATION

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Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. with Lawrence Region AACA Plaques & cash presentation @ 2:00 P.M.

CARS DISPLAY IN DESIGNATED AREA

FREE ENTRY, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NOT A SWAP MEET, JUDGING BY ASSIGNED JUDGES

NO FOR SALE SIGNS,

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS