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## 2025 CALENDAR

**JAN 4** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center  
**FEB 7** - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Peaslee Tech Center



## WHAT IS DECEMBER KNOWN FOR?

**Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day**  
**Dec 7 - Hanukkah Begins**  
**Dec 21 - First Day of Winter**  
**Dec 25 - Christmas Day**  
**Dec 31 - New Year's Eve**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, with the summer winding down, we can reflect on the terrific activities we all experienced. With the great 60th anniversary swap meet, the successful car show, all the cruises, meetings at Sonic, Dairy Queen, KOA, numerous car shows, parades and several nursing home visits, I would say we kept ourselves very active.

I am happy to see that the "apprentice" program is catching on. So far we have two people signed up to begin learning and become a key player in their areas. Russ French/ Scholarships and Steve Humbert/Car Show, and of course, we can have more than one trainee to work and learn with each chairman.

With our choosing of our leaders for next year, I feel we will have another successful, productive and fun year.

Kay Homolka  
President

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

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## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Pete Maxon - Dec 5  
Craig Stoll - Dec 14  
Debby Maxon - Dec 17  
Carl Peer - Dec 18  
Virginia Filardo - Dec 25  
Michael Petersen - Dec 28

### MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Phyllis Eberhart  
Dec 14, 1956 - 68 years  
Ken & Virginia Filardo  
Dec 19, 1998 - 26 years  
Doug & Diane McNichols  
Dec 22, 1984 - 40 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

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 **[kstrunguy@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrunguy@yahoo.com)** (by email).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Friday, November 1, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe/Janice Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Ken/Virginia Filardo, Russell/Rosie French, Stanley Hayden, Kay Homolka, Steven Humbert, Norm Kressmann, Bob/Karen Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Sean Lewis, Doug McNichols, Anthony Mitchell, Tom/Sharon Stallings, Jack/Delores Todd, Woody Woodring, Darrell Workman and new members Michael/Lisa Peterson.

The regular monthly meeting was held at Peaslee Tech Center, Lawrence, KS on Nov. 1, 2024 with President Kay Homolka presiding. Meeting opened with a flag salute.

**MINUTES:** Approved by motion.

**TREASURER:** Approved by motion. Balance sheet to be provided later.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Swap Meet:** Planning meetings will begin in January, nothing new right now.

**Car Show:** Daryl Barnes ask for comments on the show, several positive that it went much smoother with judges. A big thank you to Ken Filardo for MCing and using his equipment. A note from the secretary. A 50/50 pool was suggested to benefit the 4-H club serving and that went over well, the 4H club uses the funds for scholarship and activities that benefit the members. They earned extra this year because the man that won the pot turned it all back to the 4-H club. Very generous of him and a great idea from Tom.

**Scholarship:** No changes at this time.

**Sunshine:** Shirley thanked the club for the fruit basket and cards she received when she was ill. It was noted that Bill McCollum passed away.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Christmas-Installation of Officers party this year will be held on the regular meeting night of December 5th at the Flory Meeting Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds. The date change is to accommodate Kay since he will be celebrating his birthday on a family cruise and would be gone in December date.

Election of officers was held and the current slate of officers were elected by unanimous motion. They are Kay Homolka – President, Jack Todd Vice President, Pete Maxon – Treasurer, Margaret Barnes - Secretary. Darrell Workman will replace Dave Maycock on the Board of Directors for 2025-2028.

Jack Todd, vice-president in charge of programs, asked for suggestions for 2025. Several were suggested, such as the General Motors plant in Fairfax, McFarlane Aviation at Vinland, the collection of Chevy Chevelle's in Bashor (didn't catch the name), the Hwy 9 White Run, a progressive dinner in the summer, the Milburn at Watkins Museum, Kansas City Auto Museum, Kyle Carter's Auto restoring a 1953 Chevy pickup. All were great ideas and Jack will try to set some of them up this spring and summer.

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## 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

**Jun 19-21** - Eastern Spring Nationals, Beckley, WV

**Jul 2-5** - Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN

**Jul 24-26** - Grand Nationals/Zenith, Dayton, OH

**Sep 18-20** - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Corydon, IN

**Oct 7-10** - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

**Oct 23-25** - 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>*

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2025 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Mar 1-2** - Sunflower Swap Meet 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



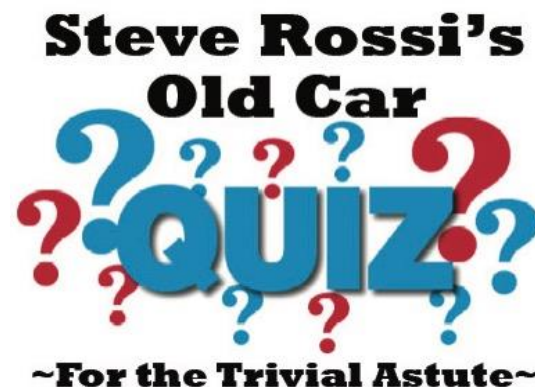
### QUESTION

According to Norman Bel Geddes (*Magic Motorways*, 1940), there were four basic gospels of good road construction, which all must be achieved in unison. And it seems that they still need to be, but often aren't.

What were/are they?

*Answer on page 9*

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# VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, November 9, 2024



Darrell Workman, Stanley Hayden, Karen and Bob Lagerstrom, Doug McNichols. Also present were Linda Hayden and Kay Homolka, who missed being in the photo.

Everyone is getting lined up to be in the parade.



A little rain but lots of beautiful cars.

Beauty and the Beast



Thanks to Kay Homolka for the photos

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**New Business:**

It was suggested to think about compensating Ken Filardo for the use of his equipment during Car Show. No motion and idea tabled.

Kay suggested that we start an apprenticeship program with some of the long-term chairpersons on some of the committees, since we need to be prepared for continuity. Steven Humbert, Bob Lagerstrom and Tom Stallings want to apprentice to the Car Show committee with Daryl Barnes. Russ French would like to work on the Scholarship committee. Thank you for stepping up. Unfortunately, no one picked the Swap Meet but hope springs eternal.

Jack asked what happened to the young lady that interviewed and wrote article for the Swap Meet. She presented her program but we did not hear back. We have wanted to have a published article on the Swap Meet for some time. 2025 will be 61 years and we are the oldest and at this time largest swap meet in Kansas. It was suggested that she be contacted and see if we could get a copy of her article and send in to the AACA magazine.

Kay had some business cards made and distributed to the members should they meet someone that might be interested in joining our chapter. Members took several that they could pass out.

Refreshments served and Shirley Cormack given door prize. Meeting adjourned by motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Barnes, Secretary

**WE ALL HAVE DAYS LIKE THIS**

This is something that happened in an old peoples home. The people who lived there have small apartments but they all eat at a central dining room.

One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so another guy's wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly so she went back to the dining area. An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the handrail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.

## THE WHEELMEN

By Robert E. McNair

*HERE they come, looking like a page of gay nineties history come to life. They are The Wheelmen, members of a group “dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of our bicycling heritage.” Established in 1967, The Wheelmen collect bikes, restore them, research their history and of course, ride them. Since many Wheelmen are also members of AACA and own antique autos, author McNair (Commander of the Wheelmen) felt that the following short story about bicycles and cyclists would be of interest to ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE readers.*

The automobile has often been cited as the culprit that put an end to the great cycling boom of the nineties. Not so. The bicycle industry ran into trouble as early as 1898 when autos were still little more than a promise for the future. The tremendous bike craze apparently subsided all by itself. True the bicycle industry was badly afflicted by overproduction in the late years of the nineteenth century - but individual use of the vehicle also declined very sharply. By 1900, the golden age of bicycling had ended. The bike dug in for a more subdued, but quite successful, future as a vehicle most beloved by the nation's youth.

For more than 70 years the old-time bicycles were largely neglected and forgotten. Meantime, the bicycle made its impact on the design of early automobiles. The auto got its wooden wheels, its body styles and its springs from carriages. But it got wire spokes, tubular frames, pneumatic tires, chain and shaft drives from the bicycle. Even the clever differential gear was first devised for the ladies' tricycles of the eighties. Perhaps the auto should have been called a “pedalless quadricycle” rather than a horseless carriage. (*Quadricycle WAS the name given by Henry Ford to an 1896 vehicle. EDITOR*)

In the early years of the twentieth century, many carriage builders, as you know, turned to the manufacture of automobiles - Brewster, Studebaker, Olds and others. But for every carriage builder that made cars, I can name you *two* bicycle companies that did the same thing. The list includes Columbia, Lozier, Orient, Peerless, Pierce, Pope-Hartford, Stearns, Stoddard-Dayton, Rambler, Waverly, White and Winton.

So, in a sense, the bike might be said to be father to the auto. Moreover, some of the great auto racing drivers started out as *bicycle* racers - for example, Albert Champion and Barney Oldfield.



Photo courtesy THE EVENING BULLETIN, Philadelphia.

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The AACA was founded in 1935, with the idea that old autos were objects for admiration and preservation rather than ridicule and neglect. The Wheelmen organization has the same idea as concerns *bicycles*. It may be stated here that the sporting cycle of 1900 has never been surpassed in lightness, workmanship and design when matched against any but the highest priced modern machines.

So The Wheelmen are embarked on the job of bringing the old-time bike out of obscurity making Americans newly proud of their bicycling heritage and fostering a revival of bicycling generally. They also “lobby” for the building of special bicycle paths.

The club is now engaged in the huge job of researching the history and manufacturing data of early bikes. As a

source of identification, dating, etc. for use by restorers, an index is now being compiled of every known bicycle catalog. “How to do it” restoration hints are gleaned from old literature and magazines.

Meantime, members develop riding skills (and publicize their club and its activities by participating in tours, rallies and parades. Millions of spectators have seen The Wheelmen in action in such events - with the cyclists authentically fitted out right up to the dashing twirl of their handlebar mustaches.

Perhaps you have seen The Wheelmen on parade at such events as the Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village or at the Indianapolis Speedway Hoosier Auto Meet. Many Wheelmen who are also AACA members journey to Hershey each year for the AACA National Fall Meet.

The Wheelmen also publish an informative magazine with the true old-time look for the benefit of the membership.

Readers who wish detailed information regarding membership in this young but growing national organization are invited to write to Keith Larzelere (secretary) at Petersburg, Michigan.

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EDITOR NOTE: The Wheelmen club was founded in 1967 and includes bicycles from pre-1918 to 1932 and before. By their website they have a very active group and are still going strong. The website also includes a large amount of information and history of these bicycles. For more information the website is: <https://thewheelmen.org/>



The Wheelmen Magazine

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## BRANDS WE STILL KNOW □ Early A&W Root Beer Stand

Roy W. Allen opened a root beer stand in Lodi, California on June 20, 1919. His first day, he was opened only for soldiers who had returned from battle in WWI. The next day, he opened for regular business. He sold root beer for 5 cents a glass. He did so well he opened a second location in 1920. In 1922 Allen partnered with a local man, Frank Wright. They named their new business A & W (Allen & Wright). They then leased 2 original stands to new operators so they could open a new location themselves.

In 1924, Allen bought Wright out but kept the early A&W Root Beer Stand name. In 1925, the company started franchising the business to open locations along well traveled roads. This was the first fast food franchise in existence. The original menu was mostly root beer and snacks, popcorn and peanuts, and in some places include sandwiches on sliced bread. By the 1930s, A&W had over 171 franchised locations.

Interesting note: In 1963, A&W became the first restaurant to serve a bacon cheeseburger.

*Contributed by Sherry Wink*



### ANSWER

Per Bel Geddes, the four basic tenets of good road construction are, or should be...

1. Safety: "The safe guiding of the individual along the highway."
2. Comfort: "A high degree of ease. It must be built into the automobile and the roadway."
3. Speed: "The time it takes to travel, achieved not only by fast moving automobiles, but by laying out highways along the shortest possible distance."
4. Economy: "Not only in the financial sense: the economy of time and energy, as well as money."

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

## WORDS WE UNDERSTAND

Those of us in the Antique Car hobby do not see anything unusual about some of the words we hear as we enjoy the conversations on tours or at our region/chapter meetings.

If some of the younger people and those not in this hobby were listening; they may not know to what we are referring. But aren't they precious words and don't they bring back great memories?

There are many words that have been lost in our present daily lives but we are fortunate that we can still use these words and know exactly what they mean and they aren't only within our conversations but items we see and use on tours. What picture or memories do these words bring to mind when you read or hear them?

Aerial  
Fender Skirt  
Steering knob (or sometimes called a "spinner knob")  
Steering Wheel Cover  
Running Board (did you ever stand, sit or run and jump on one?)  
Rumble Seat  
Continental Kit  
Window Winder  
Side Mount  
Side Curtains  
Spoke Wheels

We have opportunities to tour with our wonderful vehicles of past years and these words enrich our memories of both past years and our pleasure of enjoying these mechanical pieces of automotive history.

*By Fran Shore. Permission to copy received from The Headlights*



## OUR FAVORITE DR. SUESS'S GRINCH POEM

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,  
Stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?  
It came without ribbons. It came without tags.  
It came without packages, boxes or bags.  
And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore,  
Than the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.  
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store,  
What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

## CARE OF FURS

By Joni Morgan

The current condition of a vintage fur depends much on the treatment it received in the past. While the average life of a fur is 20-25 years, even the most durable fur can be ruined sooner by improper care. The greatest enemies are moths, heat, sunlight, and friction. If you find a vintage fur that has escaped most of these ravages, then you owe it to yourself - and to the fur! - to continue its proper treatment. The following points will give you a better understanding of how to care for and preserve your era fur.

**Cold Storage.** Proper storage with a furrier is usually the best method of preserving a fur. It will be protected from excessive drying, from heat and light, and from moths, as well as from fire and theft. This may not be economically feasible for vintage furs, which have begun deteriorating from age and have decreased in value. If you decide against cold storage, the following suggestions will help you maintain your fur at home.

**Moth Protection.** Some moths love to lay their eggs in fur. To prevent their larvae from turning your prized fur into a Caterpillar Cafe, enclose the garment in a moth-proof bag of tightly-woven cloth (never plastic). This also protects the fur from the unwanted attention of the family cat or dog, who may want to sleep or play with it. Adding a moth preventative such as crystallized camphor will help repel adult moths, but the odor will also be absorbed by the fur and will be quite difficult to get rid of. Keeping the garments in a cedar chest or closet would be preferable.

**Keep Furs Clean.** Dirt, dust and grime invite moths. A gentle shaking of the garment or a light beating with a rug beater should remove most of the dirt or dust. However, care should be taken not to strain the leather or split the seams. Take your fur to a reliable cleaner for any serious dirt.

**Heat and Light.** Heat dries out the oils in the leather, which leads to hair loss and tears in fragile seams and skins. Vintage furs cannot be "re-oiled," so it is of utmost importance to not expose furs to heat. An unheated closet is a good storage place, provided the fur will not get too cold and freeze. Strong sunlight will also discolor furs. Undyed furs will fade; white furs will turn yellow; and even dyed dark furs will change shades when exposed to sunlight.



"Silver fox color Manchurian Wolf."  
Actually Chinese dog, dyed and pointed  
to resemble silver fox.  
National Bellas Hess Fall/Winter 1928

## A LITTLE HUMOR

### EVER WONDER WHY?

Why do people go up in tall buildings and put money in binoculars to see things on the ground?

Why do they sterilize a needle for a lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are 4 billion stars, but has to check when you say the paint is wet?

Why is "phonetically" spelled with a "ph"?

They threw me out of the movies today for bringing my own food. But let's be honest, the prices are way too high. Plus, I hadn't had a barbecue in months.

The shortest known unit of time is that between the change of the traffic light and the honk from the car behind you.

A teacher asked her student, "If there are seven flies and I hit one with a ruler, how many are left?" One boy replied, "Just the squashed one."

A woman saw her husband tiptoe past the bathroom. She asked him why. He said "I don't want to wake up the sleeping pills."

A pickpocket was in court for petty theft. The judge declared, "Sir, you are hereby fined \$100." The lawyer stood up and said, "Your honor, my client only has \$75 on him at this time. If you'd allow him a few minutes in the crowd...."

I call my car Baby. It never goes anywhere without a rattle.

A sick man asked a friend to recommend a doctor and he gave him his doctor's name and phone number.

"Is he expensive?" the man asked.

"He's not really cheap" the friend admitted. "He charges \$100 for the first visit but after that it's only \$25.00"

So the sick man made an appointment and as the doctor came in, he exclaimed "Well, doc, here I am again!"

A Game Warden found a man standing at the edge of a lake, with a fishing pole.

"Sir, you can't fish here", he said.

"I'm not fishing" the man replied. "I'm teaching my worm to swim."

Love may not make the world spin, but it sure makes a lot of people dizzy!

A boy told his mother, "Mom, there are a half dozen men downstairs with vacuum cleaners. They all say they have an appointment to give demonstrations." "Great", she said, "Put them in different rooms and tell them to get busy."

A movie star who had been married and divorced four times proposed again. "I feel deeply for you" the young woman replied, "but the things I've heard".... "Darling", the actor said, "you mustn't believe those old wives' tales."

Maybe they call it middle age because that's where it shows up first.

I'm not overweight. I'm just easier to see.

## TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

LRAACA dues: \$3 for individual, \$6.00 per family

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MEMBERSHIP IN AACA NATIONAL  
MUST BE RENEWED **BEFORE**  
RENEWING LRAACA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025



## JUST FOR YOU

If I were ol' Santa, you know what I'd do?  
I'd dump silly gifts that are given to you  
And deliver some things just inside your front door  
Things you have lost, but treasured before.  
I'd give you back all your youth and your vigor,  
And to go along with it, a neat tidy figure.  
Then restore the old color that once graced your hair  
Before rinses or baldness took residence there.  
I'd bring back the shape with which you were gifted  
Things now not shapely need not be lifted.  
I'd draw in your tummy and straighten your stance  
Till you'd be a dream in those tight fitting pants.  
I'd remove all your wrinkles and leave only one chin  
So you wouldn't spend hours rubbing grease on your skin.  
You'd never have stumbles or queer dizzy spells  
And you wouldn't hear noises like ringing of bells.  
No sore aching feet and no corns on your toes,  
No searching for glasses - they're right on your nose  
Not a shot would you take in your arm, hip or fanny  
You'd not be thought of as old gramp or grammy.  
You'd never have headaches, no pills would you take.  
No heating pad needed, your muscles won't ache.  
I wish I could tell you all the symptoms I've got  
But I'm due at my doctor's for my annual shot.  
But hey! I'm not Santa. I'm simply just me  
The most normal of normal you ever did see.  
Though we've all grown older this wish is sincere  
Merry Christmas to you and a Happy New Year!



*Anonymous*

