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JAN 2 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

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Peaslee Tech Center

MARCEIL LAUPPE MOVE

Marceil Lauppe, who has been living in the Presbyterian Manner in Lawrence, has moved to Manhattan so that she can be close to her children. According to George Jr., she is happy and doing well. If you wish to send her a card, your Editor will be happy to share her address with you.

Shirley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you everyone for the support and help you gave me last year, you made my job very easy and rewarding. Thank you again for the honor and privilege you gave me to be your president again this year.

Jean and I certainly appreciate your willingness to let me change our Christmas party date so we could catch the boat and go on our cruise. We had a wonderful time!!

I'm sure 2025 will be another GREAT year for our club.

THANK YOU JACK for another fantastic Christmas party !!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, May GOD bless you all.

K. L. Holomka, President

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Don Fornelli - January 6
Darrell Workman - January 6
Karen Lagerstrom - January 9
Sharon Stallings - January 9

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Steven & Sarah Humbert
January 1, 2011 - 14 years
Russ & Rosie French
January 11, 1997 - 28 years

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2025

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).

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 **CANCELED**
Oct 7-10 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Oct 23-25 - Central Fall Nations, Galveston, TX

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

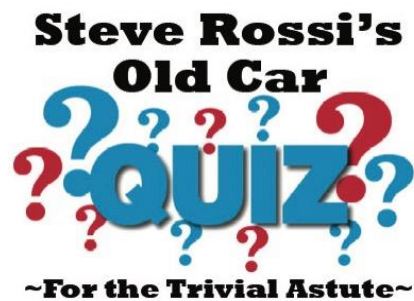
NATIONAL GINGERBREAD COOKIE DAY

National gingerbread cookie day, November 21st, is a Swedish tradition. You make a wish and then break a piece of gingerbread and if it breaks into three pieces your wish will come true.

QUESTION

When Packard introduced its first Post-War II cars, the company opted to retain a straight-eight engine. Obviously, tooling dictated the decision. But what else prompted Packard to stay the straight-eight course?

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CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTICIPANTS

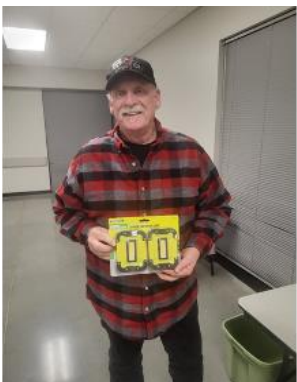
Attached are various photos of our club members at the December 5th Christmas Dinner at Douglas County Fairgrounds. I'm offering apologies to those we have not included and if you were not there, please know that you were missed!!





Gifts to members were tools and poinsettias







President

Vice Pres. starting the fun

Secretary

Treasurer

Thanks to Tim Cormack for all the photos

I apologize to our Vice President, Jack Todd, because I could not find a photo of him with his award. He was too busy taking care of everything so that the rest of us could all thoroughly enjoy this event.

Shirley

Abbreviated Meeting Minutes

The Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club met at 5:00 pm in the Flory building at the Douglas County fairgrounds on December 5th to celebrate a good year for the club activities. The 2025 officers were introduced and new people were welcomed into the club as members.

Following a prayer led by Margaret Barnes, a delicious dinner was served, which was very much appreciated by everyone. Afterwards, gifts were presented to club members.

A big thank you to Jack Todd and all those who helped to accomplish a much looked-forward-to end of the year activity.

Your editor would like to thank all those who helped on the newsletter throughout the past year. Without you, I could not have completed it.

Shirley

MEN'S PULLOVER SWEATERS

Men's pullover sweaters were considered sportswear in the Model A era. This would be an easy look to wear while driving your Model A in cooler weather! As you can see from the pages below, there were quite a few options. A nice fine-gauge knit with a "U" or "V" neckline and either a solid color or nice textured sweater over the top of a collared shirt with tie, and you have the look nailed. Add a fancy jacquard if you want to stand out.

SPORTSMEN!.. Here They Are!!
 YOU ALWAYS SAVE AT SEARS
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Youthful in STYLE Low in PRICE \$2.98
 Postpaid
 83F1573—Navy Blue
 83F1574—Buff Tan
 83F1575—Maroon
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Heavy Weight Stitch \$3.98
 83F1583—Black
 83F1584—Tan
 83F1585—Blue
 83F1586—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Fine Gauge Stitch \$2.69
 83F1587—Navy Blue
 83F1588—Black
 83F1589—Tan
 83F1590—Blue
 83F1591—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

All Worsted Yarns \$2.25
 83F1543—Navy Blue
 83F1544—Black
 83F1545—Tan
 83F1546—Blue
 83F1547—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Zephyr Wool Yarns \$2.98
 83F1548—Navy Blue
 83F1549—Black
 83F1550—Tan
 83F1551—Blue
 83F1552—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Reduced in Price \$3.95
 83F1592—Black
 83F1593—Tan
 83F1594—Blue
 83F1595—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

All Wool Flannel \$4.98
 83F1596—Black
 83F1597—Tan
 83F1598—Blue
 83F1599—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
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APPROVED for SPORT
 Sleeveless—All Wool \$2.98
 83F1601—Black
 83F1602—Tan
 83F1603—Blue
 83F1604—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

All Wool Worsted Yarn Baby Shaker Stitch
 83F1605—Black
 83F1606—Tan
 83F1607—Blue
 83F1608—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Durable and Colorful! \$1.98
 83F1609—Black
 83F1610—Tan
 83F1611—Blue
 83F1612—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Today's Most Popular Pullover \$3.98
 83F1613—Black
 83F1614—Tan
 83F1615—Blue
 83F1616—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

The Day Postage
 83F1617—Black
 83F1618—Tan
 83F1619—Blue
 83F1620—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Choice of the Campus \$3.98
 83F1621—Black
 83F1622—Tan
 83F1623—Blue
 83F1624—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

Snappy Sports Pullover \$3.89
 83F1625—Black
 83F1626—Tan
 83F1627—Blue
 83F1628—Grey
 Even sizes, 34 to 46.
 State sizes, Postpaid.

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

In 1866, bookkeeper Henry Sherwin, who came to Cleveland looking for work, invested in a paint distributorship, but in 1870, he left this position and, using his savings, started his own paint company. Sherwin joined with Edward Williams to form the Sherwin, Williams, & Co. They built their first paint factory in 1873 and manufactured an oil paint "Guaranteed Strictly Pure Raw Umber in Oil," the first ready-mixed paint ever marketed. In 1884 the company hired chemist Percy Newman, the first chemist ever employed by an American paint company. In 1894, they introduced a paste-based product called Q.D. Coach Colors, which was a "Quick Drying" paint for coaches. This was shortly after the first carriage accident was reported in the mid-1880s. This product line evolved into coatings for automobiles as they came on the scene. By the 1920s, Sherwin-Williams was the largest coating manufacturer in the USA. In 1928, they introduced some of the first synthetic aviation coatings, including that used on Charles Lindbergh's first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1930, the company moved its headquarters to Cleveland, Ohio, where it remained for over 75 years.

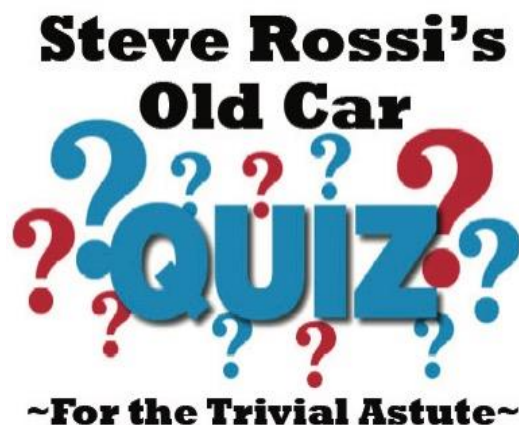


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ANSWER

With Ford having introduced the V-8 for every man or woman in 1932, Packard's Chief Engineer Jesse Vincent believed that there was no prestige in such an engine anymore. The straight-eight was clearly quieter and more refined, and did not require as much of a need to routinely adjust valve lash. Of course, such resistance wouldn't last long before Packard acquiesced to the V-8 onslaught in 1955.

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YOUR FIRST CAR

By Bob Parrish

Did anyone ever think their first car would become a collectible or better yet, a classic? Probably not.

I bought my first car in the summer of 1957 from a man that worked for the Virginian Railroad coal piers in Norfolk, VA. The \$700.00 I paid for this car had been saved from my paper route earnings and various grass cutting jobs. The car was a sporty 1951 Ford Victoria, which was Ford's first year for a 2-door hardtop. It was painted a yucky two-tone green with a flathead V8 engine and a 3-speed transmission and plenty of coal dust.

The cost of the car was not the only expense. My dad would not let me purchase a car until I could pay for the liability insurance attached to his policy. Can anyone else relate to this?

This car was my first attempt at car restoration. My dad had a beautiful 1953 Olds 98 Holiday Coupe painted dark blue roof and light blue bottom. I liked it so much that I painted the Ford the exact same colors. I also added the usual custom items of the day: fender skirts, spinner hub caps, the all-essential dual exhaust with glass pack mufflers, new seat covers and something special – a new 1954 Pontiac grill bar would fit perfectly in the Ford grill bar area, so I had to have one on this now modified car.

Who said modified cars were a new trend? The car to have when I was in high school was a 1949 - 1951 Ford or Mercury and now I was in the groove in my senior year at Maury High School.

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Editor's note for all new and long-time members:

Since we have so many new members, and we haven't requested this for several years, how about sending us YOUR memories of your car? And if you have a picture of it (and maybe even you in it), we'll do our best to get it in this newsletter. This way you can share your memories with everyone else in the club and then get together and compare notes.

And with the age differences of the members in our club, we could have some really interesting first car memories of cars of different years to share.

Please mail to kstrunkguy@yahoo.com. We can't wait to read them!

Shirley

Roosevelts (Teddy and Franklin) Model A's!

Model A Ford Parked Beside President Theodore Roosevelt's Brougham, 1928

While Theodore Roosevelt preferred the stately formality of a horse-drawn carriage, successor William Howard Taft motorized the White House fleet. The Roosevelt brougham remained in service until 1928 but assigned to less exciting duties like trips to the market. The brougham was finally replaced, even for these tasks, by the Ford.



Franklin D. Roosevelt Driving a 1929 Ford Model 'A' Cabriolet

Franklin D. Roosevelt, born into a wealthy family, could afford the best luxury automobiles. But it was a part of his "everyman" appeal that, when at home, he drove humble cars like this 1929 Ford Model A.

Many of his cars were equipped with special controls that allowed the partially paralyzed Roosevelt to operate the foot pedals with his hands.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

A Bad Day!

There I was, sitting at the bar, staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

“Well”, he says menacingly, “whatcha gonna do about it?” I burst into tears.

“Come on, man,” the biker says, “I didn’t think you’d CRY! I can’t stand to see a man crying.”

“This is the worst day of my life,” I answered. “I’m a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don’t have any insurance. Then I left my wallet in the cab I took home and my wife greets me with the news that she’s leaving me for another man. And then my dog bit me! So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule of poison in it and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you show up and drink the whole damn thing!”

“But heck, enough about me. How are YOU doin’?”

What's In A Name?

A woman who is three months pregnant falls into a deep coma. Six months later, she awakes and asks the doctor about the baby.

Doctor - You had twins, a girl and a boy and they are both fine. Luckily, your brother named them for you.

Woman - Oh, no, my brother’s an idiot!! What did he name the girl?

Doctor - Denise

Woman - Well, that’s okay. Not a bad name at all. What did he name the boy?

Doctor - Denephew.

A young man in Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, “Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup from the parking lot!”

Bubba replied, “Did y’all see who it was?”

The young man answered, “I couldn’t tell, but I got the license number.”

A Sheriff in Texas pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pickup into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, “Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don’t you see that sign right over your head?”

“Yep,” the guy replied. “That’s why I’m dumpin’ it here, ‘cause it says: ‘Fine For Dumping Garbage’.”

A Tennessee State Trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65. The trooper got out of his vehicle, walked to the driver’s window and asked, “Got any ID?”

The driver replied, “ID? ‘Bout whut?”

But on the other hand, you don’t see too many Southerners retirin’ and movin’ North!!!

IN THE BARN

Horseshoes are protective devices attached to the hooves of horses to prevent excessive wear and provide traction. Different types of horseshoes serve various purposes depending on the horse's activity, environment, and any specific health needs. Here are some common types of horseshoes and their purposes:

Regular Horseshoes - The most common type, used for general riding and work. They provide basic protection and support for the horse's hooves. Typically made of steel or aluminum.

Rim Shoes - Purpose: Designed with a groove (rim) around the edge to offer better traction. Often used in disciplines like jumping or eventing, where additional grip is needed on various surfaces. Usually steel or aluminum.

Bar Shoes - Purpose: Bar shoes have a closed heel that provides extra support to the hoof, particularly for horses with heel pain, laminitis, or other hoof problems



Types:

Straight Bar Shoes: Offer additional support to the heel and are often used for horses with heel injuries.

Egg Bar Shoes: Oval-shaped to provide more extensive support, often used for horses with navicular disease. Typically steel or aluminum.

Heart Bar Shoes - Purpose: Designed with a heart-shaped piece extending from the center of the shoe, providing extra frog support. They are often used for horses with laminitis or other severe hoof conditions. Usually steel.

Natural Balance Shoes - Purpose: These shoes are designed to mimic the natural wear of wild horse hooves, promoting a more natural hoof shape and encouraging proper movement. They are often used in corrective shoeing. Usually aluminum.

Racing Plates - Purpose: Lightweight shoes designed for racehorses to minimize weight and maximize speed. They provide traction and protection on the racetrack. Primarily made of aluminum.

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Sliding Plates - Purpose: Used in reining horses to help them perform long sliding stops. These shoes are wider and flatter on the bottom to facilitate the slide. Usually made of steel.

Glue-On Shoes - Purpose: An alternative to traditional nailed shoes, glue-on shoes are used for horses with brittle or damaged hooves. They are attached using a strong adhesive rather than nails.

Can be made from various materials, including plastic or composite materials.

Therapeutic Shoes - Purpose: Custom-made or specialized shoes designed to address specific health issues, such as laminitis, navicular disease, or other hoof and leg problems. They often have features like additional padding, different materials, or unique shapes to address the horse's specific needs. Depending on the therapeutic need, a combination of metal and composite materials were used.

Traction Shoes - Purpose: Equipped with additional traction elements like studs, cleats, or borium, these shoes are used in disciplines like polo, eventing, or work on icy surfaces where extra grip is essential.

Material: Typically steel with added traction elements. Each type of horseshoe is designed with a specific purpose in mind, whether it's for protection, traction, therapeutic reasons, or performance enhancement. The choice of horseshoe depends on factors like the horse's activity level, the terrain they work on, and any specific health concerns.



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