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

FEB 12 - Swap Meet Meeting, Joe Arneson's
garage, 6:30 PM



EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

I hope you are as excited about the
coming year as I am. We have a lot of
great things to look forward to. The most
current is meeting at Joe's to begin the
swap meet meetings. That is always
exciting.

I really liked the idea of having a
Progressive Dinner event. That sounds
like a lot of fun!

My apologies, I failed to acknowledge and
introduce our guest and 2024 Scholarship
winner, Cole Flory. So sorry.

Stay warm & safe. We'll see you at the
next meeting.

K. L. Homolka
President

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Donna Tibbits - Feb 17

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Margaret Kressmann
Feb 24, 1996 - 29 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).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, January 2, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was held on Jan. 2, 2025 at the Peaslee Tech Center. President Kay Homolka led us in the Pledge of Allegiance at half-staff in honor of President Jimmy Carter. Roll call was answered with car the most popular boy in High School drove.

ATTENDANCE: Joe Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Russ French, Stanley Hayden, Kay L Homolka, Bob/Karen Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Tony Mitchell, Mike/Lisa Petersen, Ken Tibbets, Jack Todd, Woody Woodring and Darrell Workman. Guest 2024 Scholarship winner, Cole Flory.

MINUTES: No minutes were taken at the December meeting, so no meeting approval.

TREASURER REPORT: Pete Maxon passed out our annual report. Annual report approved by motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swap Meet: Planning meetings will start on Feb. 12th at Joe's shop. Jack had first call for reservation on Dec. 31st. Gauging from the pre-enrollment and interest it looks like we could have a busy year. Swap Meet will be May 2,3,4, 2025 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Jack moved and Darrell seconded a motion to reimburse Chris Barlow for upgrading the vendor map for \$50. Motion carried.

Scholarship: Tony has contacted local schools for 2025 Scholarship applications and they will be due by mid February. It was a pleasure to have Cole Flory with us and he expressed his gratitude for scholarship as he will be attending Pittsburg State University.

Programs: Jack had a suggestion with holding a Progressive Dinner program sometime after the Swap Meet. Anyone interested in hosting please let Jack or Margaret know and dates and details will be announced later.

Car Show: Daryl reported that the use of judges went well last year and that looking into having a motorcycle category because several members have bikes to show, too.

Sunshine: Shirley reported that Phyllis Cragg is in poor health if someone wanted to send a card. Received a thank you from the Clinton Eagles 4-H club for our support to their program. Kay reminded the newer members of his hope for a chairperson apprenticeship program. If members are interested in working on committees to back up the current chairperson it would be appreciated.

History: Margaret gave a brief history on the 1920 Milton Brougham Electric Car that is displayed at the Watkins Museum of History. The car is our logo and the Lawrence Region Chapter was responsible for restoring the car from 1973-1975 and past members volunteered 2 years and over 1000 hours to its restoration. Much discussion followed about what members were involved and that we should have documentation in historical records for this important project for club archives.

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Announcements:

The Topeka Farm Show is Jan. 7th-9th and anyone interested in going contact Darrell Workman or Joe Arneson for Car Pool. It was decided at the meeting that Jan. 8th would be the day going and meet at the old Hy-Vee (now a church) on 6th street at 9 AM if wanting to carpool.

Door prize won by Pete Maxon.

Refreshments for our next meeting will be by Mike and Lisa Petersen.

Our next meeting will be February 6th at Peaslee Tech Center.

Meeting adjourned by motion at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Barnes, Secretary

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 Nationals, Huntsville, AL

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2025 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 1-2 - Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity, Wichita, KS

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

2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 6-9 - AACA Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC

Apr 3-5 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N. C.

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 17-19 - 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>

TOPEKA FARM SHOW

January 8, 2025

Several of our club members and one guest attended the Topeka Farm Show in Topeka, Kansas on January 8, 2025. The two tractors below were shown along with other interesting items on display.

In looking at the green tractor below, you will see a man in front of it - to show the size of the tractor.

Those attending were Darrell Workman, Joe Arneson, Daryl Barnes, Don Gillette and Darrell Lamar, with a friend of the club members, Allen Pryor.

A trip worth remembering.



Thanks to Darrell Workman for the article

QUESTION

When Chrysler got serious about the export market, it turned to its DeSoto brand to lead the charge.

Why?

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Old Car
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~For the Trivial Astute~**



FASHION ERA FROM YESTERYEAR MEN'S SWEATERS

Sweaters have come a long way since their humble beginnings as practical garments worn by fishermen in the early 19th century. Over time, they evolved into fashionable clothing items in every wardrobe.

The sweater can be traced back to the early 19th century when fishermen in Ireland and Scotland wore them on the high seas. These early sweaters were made from thick, heavy wool and cable knit designs. The wool was treated with oil to help make it water-resistant, a critical requirement for fishermen braving the elements.

By the turn of the 20th century, sweaters had become popular for men and women. They were still largely practical, with designs being created for specific activities such as golf or tennis. The popularity of Hollywood films helped to make sweaters more fashionable. This was especially true in the 1930s when movie stars Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers popularized the classic V-neck sweater.

During World War II, sweaters continued to play a practical role as part of military uniforms. It was not long before they began to be worn in more casual settings. In the 1950s and 60s, sweaters became an integral part of the Ivy League look, with many young men wearing cardigans and V-neck sweaters as part of their wardrobes.



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A story of evolution, from their early beginnings as practical garments for fisherman, sweaters have become essential clothing items, loved for their versatility, comfort, and style. Whether you're wearing a cozy sweater on a cold winter's day or a chic sweater to a formal event, the sweater has become an integral part of our wardrobe for years to come.

LADIES 1919 DRAPED DRESS

In 1919, draped dresses for women were at the height of fashion, reflecting the transition from the highly structured garments of the Edwardian era to more relaxed and fluid silhouettes that came to define the early 1920s.

These dresses were influenced by several trends of the time, notably the Art Nouveau movement, World War I's impact on practical fashion, and the increasing popularity of looser, more comfortable clothing for women.

The relaxed, flowing dresses had a relaxed silhouette compared to the corseted styles of previous years. The waistline allowed for a freer, more comfortable fit. Skirts tended to fall around the ankle, and the straight, column-like shape began to replace the hourglass figure, foreshadowing the flapper style of the 1920s.

The asymmetrical draping with soft fabrics like silk, satin, chiffon, and crepe was gathered and pinned at one side, creating an interesting flow, and incorporating sashes, wraps, or other details that gave a graceful, layered appearance. Sashes often tied loosely were designed to hang down the side, adding to the elegance of the dress. Soft fabrics like silk, satin, chiffon, and crepe were popular. These materials draped well and enhanced the flowing effect of the dress, creating a look of natural elegance and movement.



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Art Nouveau influences brought intricate embroidery, beading, or lace overlays. Some dresses included beadwork, which added a touch of sparkle and sophistication, especially for evening wear.

Draped dresses were a shift away from restrictive corsetry and voluminous layers, setting the stage for the shorter, even more streamlined styles of the 1920s.

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MOST VALUABLE PENNIES

The ten most valuable pennies to look for and their value, indicated in 2023 are:

1. 1943-D Lincoln Bronze Wheat Penny — \$2.3 million
2. 1793 Strawberry Leaf Cent — \$862,000
3. 1944-S Steel Wheat Penny — \$408,000
4. 1943-S Lincoln Cent Struck on Bronze — \$282,000
5. 1909 VDB Matte Proof Lincoln Penny — \$258,000
6. 1958 Doubled Die Obverse Cent — \$224,831
7. 1856 Flying Eagle Cent — \$172,500
8. 1864 Indian Head Penny “L” on Ribbon — \$161,000
9. 1914-D Lincoln Penny — \$159,000
10. 1926-S Lincoln Penny — \$149,500

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DARN!! DIDN'T WIN FIRST PLACE - AGAIN!!



14 Fascinating Facts about February

February is the shortest month of the year (even in leap years, when it has 29 days instead of 28), but there's no shortage of interesting facts about it. From weird holidays to astronomical oddities, this month has a bit of everything.

So with a nod to what February is perhaps best known for-Valentine's Day on Feb. 14- here are 14 things we bet you didn't know about the second month of the year.

1. February (do you see that extra "r"?) is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language. In 2015, even the White House press office got it wrong-several times over the course of the month.
2. For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month. The precursor to Black History Month, however, is a lot older. Black leaders in 1926 dedicated the second week in February to the recognizing the history of African-Americans-a week chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14).
3. It's the month for a lot of other causes, too. February also marks American Heart Month, along with some other "months" you might not recognize: Canned Food Month, Grapefruit Month, Hot Breakfast Month, and our favorite, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month.
4. February got its start as a spring-cleaning festival. Well, kind of. It's named after one: "Februa" was an early Roman festival and cleansing ritual held on Feb. 15.
5. It's the only month that can pass without having a full moon. That doesn't mean February never has a full moon-it usually does, as a matter of fact. The last time it didn't was 2018. The next time it won't have a full moon? 2037!
6. Groundhog Day-Feb. 2-is based on a German superstition. In Germany, though, it's not a groundhog that forecasts either an early spring or a longer winter: It's a badger.
7. February is the only month that gets longer every four years. Sure, everybody knows about leap years, and most know why we have them. But did you know that every so often, we need a "leap second," too? This is typically added to Coordinated Universal Time in June or December, because of irregularities in our planet's rotation.
8. The odds of being born on Feb. 29 are about 1 in 1,461. If you're born on a leap day, you're typically known as a "leaper" or "leapling." And depending on where you live, Feb. 28 or March 1 is considered your birthday in non-leap years.

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9. We misspelled "February" in item No. 7. Did you catch it?

10. Valentine's Day did not start on a romantic note. According to historians, the day now synonymous with "love" probably began as a pagan fertility festival in ancient Rome. We'll leave it at that, because some of the other details are disturbing.

11. And maybe it's more commercial than romantic now, anyway. It's estimated that Americans spend more than \$18 billion on gifts, chocolate and more for Valentine's Day.

12. Valentine's Day isn't just about humans, either. Almost 9 million people in the U.S. buy their dogs gifts or cards for Valentine's Day.

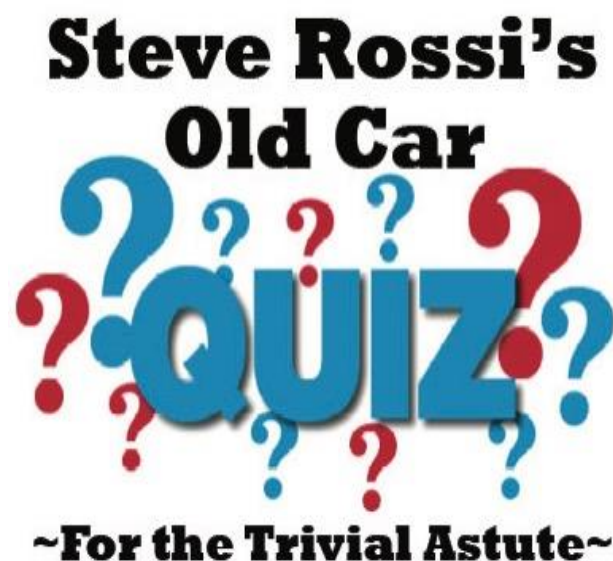
13. The first Sunday in February is Super Bowl Sunday (at least for the foreseeable future). It wasn't always that way-until 2001, the game was played in January. But we'd say that's a pretty good way to kick off a month.

14. Speaking of that, February is National Snack Food Month as well. Way before the Super Bowl took over the first weekend of February, the month was pretty slow for snack sales-and National Snack Food Month was born. We're guessing sales are up a little bit now.

Found online at Safeco.com

ANSWER

Chrysler leveraged DeSoto for export markets because the name was derived from the Spanish explorer, Hernando de Soto (1500-1542), who was the first European to make his way across the Mississippi River. He died on its banks. The company felt that DeSoto was a more worldly designation in comparison to such America-focused entries like Plymouth... particularly in many Spanish-speaking countries. DeSoto was always recognized by its mid-priced, value-for-money ethic, which is why it also became a darling of the taxi fleet. Just watch Turner Classic Movies (TCM) and see.



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IN THE BARN - THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

High-living with millions in the bank from striking it rich from oil on their backwoods home, the Clampetts refused to get rid of the clickety-clackety family wagon – a 1921 Oldsmobile customized by the late George Barris, "Kustomizer extraordinaire." The truck has a huge screen presence throughout the series, which aired on television from 1962 to 1971.

Car "Kustomizer" George Barris put his spin on the 1921 Oldsmobile truck that was featured on the television series, "The Beverly Hillbillies."

During those nine seasons, the ensemble cast featured family patriarch Jed Clampett (Buddy Ebsen), Granny Daisy Moses (Irene Ryan), Sweet, sexy Elly May (Donna Douglas), and know-it-all cousin Jethro Bodine (Max Baer, Jr.). This classic fish-out-of-water platform resonated with viewing audiences for its

comedic situations and has enjoyed a long history as a television classic.

According to research, the old jalopy was based on a 1921 Oldsmobile Model 43. A touring car, named such because it was powered by a four-cylinder, 43-horsepower motor. When it was new from the factory, the touring car was priced at \$1,445 and was considered a medium-range priced car.

Barris was tapped to create a vehicle suitable for a hillbilly family and set out to find something that would render it both practical and nostalgic. His answer came in the form of a 1921 Olds he found behind a feed store in Fontana, California. And, although the previous owners had not kept it pristine, that was just fine with Barris, who intended to leave the weathered and rusted patina, and missing back end, just the way it was.



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1915 INDY PACE CAR

Packard Model 3-38 Runabout

Packard introduced its smaller 6-cylinder motorcars in 1912, offering a choice of 14 different body styles, all built from aluminum over white ash framing. The Model 38 was Packard's first car to have a left-hand drive and an electric starter.

This Model 38 Runabout was ordered by Carl G. Fisher, one of the founders of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway who opened what is believed to be the first automobile dealership in the United States. It was built using a 1913 chassis shortened by 9 inches and added a 1915 3-38, six-cylinder engine. An aluminum body was installed with reduced-diameter wheels. This resultant 'special' is described as a 2-38 Special Runabout.

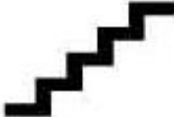

Mr. Fisher used this car to survey the route for the first transcontinental Lincoln Highway, for which he is also famous, and in 1915 he drove it as the pace car at the fifth Indianapolis 500. In storage for over 80 years, its current owner cleaned it up, got it running again, and took it back to the Indianapolis track 101 years after its last visit. This car is the earliest surviving Indy 500 pace car and a direct link between the world's most famous race track and its founder.



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REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the words or expressions?

<p>MY LIFE</p>	<p>Get it Get it Get it Get it</p>	<p>Try $\frac{\text{stand}}{2}$</p>
<p>TRAVEL ----- CCCCCCC</p>	<p>FAST</p>	<p>T O W N</p>
<p>EYE EYE</p>	<p>father </p>	<p>ONCE </p>
<p>POT OO OO OO OO</p>	<p>D movie D movie D movie</p>	<p>SECRET ← SECRET SECRET</p>



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Answers:

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1-For once in my life (Four ones in my life) | 2-Forget it |
| 3-Try to understand | 4-Travel overseas |
| 5-Breakfast | 6-Downtown |
| 7-Eyeshadow | 8-Stepfather |
| 9-Once upon a time | 10-Potatoes (Pot eight Os) |
| 11-3D movie | 12-Top Secret |

Some fun Valentine's Day cards I found that were car-related:

**I'll never tire of our
friendship!**



**Happy
Valentine's Day**

From:

**I wheelie love having
you as my friend !**



**Happy
Valentine's Day**

From:

**You make my
heart race!**



**Happy
Valentine's Day**

From:

**You're just my speed,
Valentine!**



**Happy
Valentine's Day**

From:

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