

# LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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



## CLUTCH CHATTER



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### 2025 CALENDAR

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

**Mar 17** - St. Patrick's Day Parade. (See below)

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was so pleased to see the great attendance (25) at our last meeting. There was not an empty chair in the room!

The Board of Directors and I (with Tony's input) met to enhance and expand our "Post-Scholarship Winner" program. We feel after the award, we do not keep in touch with them. Our program is as follows: THEY WILL BE:

1. Referred to as an ASSOCIATE member rather than an HONORARY member.
2. Invited and encouraged to attend all LRAACA meetings and events.
3. After 3 or more club meetings or events, encouraged to join LRAACA as a voting member.
4. Encouraged to join NATIONAL AACA, using the "National Complimentary Membership Certificate" available to become a national member and satisfy the annual dues.

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### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Meet on 14th & Massachusetts Streets  
NORTH of Liberty Memorial Central  
Middle School, formerly known as Central  
Jr. High, between 10:30 and 11:00 AM

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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

### LRAACA WEBSITE

Website: [www.lraaca.org](http://www.lraaca.org)

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P.O. Box 442006

Lawrence, KS 66044

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(785) 842-7982

FAX: (785) 843-2222

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

## 2025 LRAACA OFFICERS

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(785) 594-6408  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 year terms)

Carl Peer - through 2025  
(913) 856-7481  
Robert Lagerstrom - through 2026  
(785) 766-9847  
Darrell Workman - through 2027  
(785) 979-4562



## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

March 1 - Kenny Tibbits  
March 3 - Doug McNichols  
March 17 - Tony Mitchell  
March 20 - Dave Maycock  
March 21 - Ralph Newell  
March 25 - Susan Mitchell

## MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

K. L. & Jean Homolka  
March 22, 1961 - 64 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, February 6, 2025**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was held Feb. 6, 2025 at the Peaslee Tech Center, Haskell St., Lawrence, KS at 6:30 PM with 26 members present. The meeting WAS presided by President K. L. Homolka and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. No guests present.

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe/Janice Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Russell Benke, Tim Cragg, Ken/Virginia Filardo, Stanley/Linda Hayden, KL Homolka, Steven Humbert, Robert Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Michael/Lisa Petersen, Tom/Sharon Stallings, Ken/Donna Tibbits, Jack/Delores Todd, Woody Woodring, Darrell Workman.

**MINUTES:** Approved by motion as posted with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Reported the following expenditures and income in the amounts of: -\$95.00, -\$105.00, -\$14.79 & -\$291. Income +\$69 (member dues.) Treasurer report approved by motion.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** were read: Thank you from Clinton Eagles 4-H club, Newsletter from McPherson College, Christmas Card from Kansas City Auto Museum and ad for Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser.

**SWAP MEET:** Joe announced a planning meeting to be held Feb. 12th at Perkins Restaurant at 6 PM. Jack has had the map upgraded and announced 6 vendor reservations this month. Joe had new hats available for those that need one. The north field has been changed and the SE field closed and will be for parking. Jack will have business card handouts at next meeting for Swap Meet advertising. The 4-H club that usually handles the parking has many young members so will need some backup this year. Joe asked if members knew of anyone that could step up and manage the public parking; it may require members to be assigned to parking. The 4-H club is usually paid \$700 for managing on Friday and Saturday, if someone would be interested in fundraising.

**CAR SHOW:** Daryl announced that the Car Show will again be held at Broken Arrow Park and be much like last year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pete announced that we have 31 paid members to date and all are cleared by AACA.

**PROGRAMS:** Jack is working on upcoming programs. One is to hold a Progressive Dinner sometime in June or July.

**OLD BUSINESS:** KL reiterated asking for volunteers to help with backup chairpersons especially with Swap Meet and Car Show.

**NEW BUSINESS:** KL and Tony Mitchell proposed having scholarship recipients made associate members, that are to be sent the Clutch Chatter, invited to meetings and events, the membership dues to Lawrence Region paid by the club, and look into giving them the complimentary membership applications from AACA for the year of their award.

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## 2025 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**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 7-8** - Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity, Wichita, KS  
**May 3-5** - 61st Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS  
**Jun 11-14** - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR  
**Oct 5** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

### FEBRUARY 6, 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We realize their time and participation will be very limited by school, family, etc., but encourage them to be as active as possible. We have a volunteer who will keep in contact with them, keeping them advised as to what is happening.

SWAP MEET'S COMING -- ATTEND THE MEETINGS!!

Have a great day - see you at the next meeting.

K. L. Homolka  
President



## FEBRUARY 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Lincoln, NE Swap Meet to be held the first weekend in March.

Upcoming Wichita Swap Meet to be held the second week in March.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Darrell Workman awarded the door prize.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Stanley and Linda Hayden will provide refreshments in March.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Barnes

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE QUESTION

Only 88 cars were produced from 1950 to 1957. What is it?



Answer on page 10

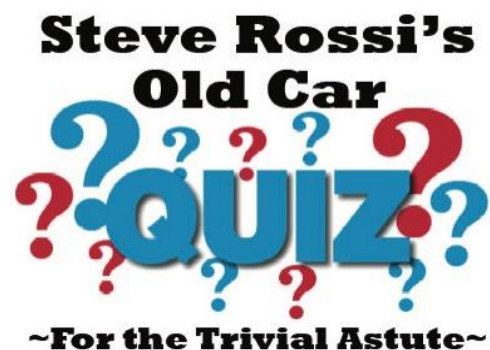
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## QUESTION

Who is the sentiment "The automobile race is true democracy. The best men win. If I achieve my goal, I will participate in their ruling of the country without having to bother with petty politics" attributed to?

**Answer on page 7**

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## **IN THE BARN - TACONITE AND THE EDMUND FITZGERALD**

by Rosebud, rosebud49301@gmail.com

Taconite was officially documented on the Mesabi Iron Range years before mineable natural ore was found near Mountain Iron, MN in 1870. Researchers found that the iron in taconite can be accessed by grinding the rock into fine particles and then running them through magnets to separate the iron from the waste rock.

The taconite was mined and tested it to see if it could consolidate the iron into pieces suitable for smelting. The first product they created was called sinter, which was a rock-like product that had higher iron content than raw taconite. The Mesabi Iron Company opened the first commercial taconite facility on the Iron Range in 1919. However it was largely unsuccessful. The sinter product couldn't compete with the natural ore mined elsewhere on the Mesabi Range. In 1924, only two years after shipping its first load of sinter, the Mesabi Iron Company suspended mining.

The cost of processing the ore was too high and their main customer — the Ford Motor Company — was dissatisfied with the low-iron product.

The Edmund Fitzgerald was built specifically for carrying taconite iron ore, a key raw material for steel production, from mines near Lake Superior to steel mills in the Detroit and other Great Lakes regions. The iron ore was essential for Detroit's booming automobile industry, which relied on a steady supply of steel to meet high production demands. This connection helped shape the Fitzgerald's purpose and routes, as the ship became a critical part of the supply chain for Detroit's automakers.

Launched on June 7, 1958, the Fitzgerald was in service for 17 years. It began its maiden voyage on September 24 of that year. The Fitzgerald served as one of the largest and fastest freighters on the Great Lakes until its tragic sinking on November 10, 1975, during a severe storm on Lake Superior.



## SECOND TRIVIA QUESTION



What is the year and make of this car?

Answer on page 10

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### ANSWER

Henry Ford, of course, concluded that "the automobile race is true democracy" and set out to prove it upon the establishment of the Ford Motor Company to supply affordable automobiles for the masses because "the automobile is the guarantee of universal prosperity". (From the non-fiction novel, *The Life of the Automobile*.)

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## BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

By Sherry Wink

Royal Gelatin was introduced in 1925 by the Royal Baking Powder Company. Later in 1929, the company, along with the Fleischmann company and others, merged to become Standard Brands Incorporated. Royal Gelatin was marketed as a direct competitor to Jell-O Brand gelatin. Although new on the market, the company used the popularity of its other products to convince consumers to try it. It was promoted as superior to its competitor due to its use of fresh fruits for the flavoring instead of the artificial flavoring sometimes used by Jell-O.

March, 1931 LADIES' HOME JOURNAL

TRY THESE DELICIOUS FRESH FRUIT COMBINATIONS

*Left: Lemon-Lime: Prepare 1 package Royal Quick Setting Gelatin (Lemon-Lime flavor) in 1 cup boiling water. Add 1 cup cold water. Pour into shallow pan and chill. When firm, cut into small cubes. Sprinkle with fresh fruit—grapefruit, orange and cranberry, with slices of gelatin in glass and serve on fruit cup. *Center: Raspberry: Prepare 1 package Royal Quick Setting Gelatin (Raspberry flavor) in 1 cup boiling water. Add 1 cup cold water. Pour into small, cold mold. When firm, unmold on plate and garnish with fresh fruit—orange slices and slices of gelatin. *Right: Cherry-Orange: Prepare 1 package Royal Quick Setting Gelatin (Cherry-Orange flavor) in 1 cup boiling water. Add 1 cup cold water. Pour into small, cold mold. When firm, unmold on plate and garnish with fresh fruit—orange slices and slices of gelatin.***

All afternoon for ordinary Gelatins to set?  
**Only 1 hour for Royal!**

You'll be delighted with this new Quick Setting Gelatin. It's so much faster . . . so much more delicious than any you've ever used before.

"I USED to prepare my jellied dessert the night before. Now, I make Royal an hour before I want to serve it."

No wonder busy women are turning to Royal. It's so much quicker. So much more convenient than ordinary, slow setting jellied desserts. No more bother planning your dessert hours ahead. No more worry—wondering if it will jell in time. When you start to cook the rest of the meal, just mix a package of Royal and slip it in the refrigerator.

At dessert time there it is . . . perfectly set. Chew, sparkling morsels of tender jelly . . . quivering . . . aglow with color!

It's so simple, so easy. Prepare it just as you always prepare your favorite jellied desserts. But make it only an hour ahead!

With electric refrigeration, you can cut down the setting time even more. Chill the jelly in shallow molds that fit in your freezing tray.

Or, if you're in a hurry, pour the liquid gelatin right into the freezing tray itself . . . it will jell in 15 or 20 minutes.

No other gelatin sets so fast. No other gelatin tastes so good. For Royal flavors taste like real fresh fruits.

Have red raspberries . . . scarlet strawberries . . . ruby red cherries—that's what you taste in Royal Gelatin Dessert. The rich juiciness of oranges, the sharp tang of lemons, or limes.

Serve Royal for dinner tonight. And for your own satisfaction, just compare its flavor with that of usual fruits. You'll find it hard to tell the difference.

But remember, when you buy—all gelatins are not alike. To get the quick setting kind, ask for it by name—Royal Gelatin. Tell your grocer nothing else will do.

Six delicious flavors: Raspberry, Strawberry, Cherry, Orange, Lemon, Lime.

**ROYAL**  *Quick Setting*  
**GELATIN**

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Interesting note: Rudy Vallee's widely popular radio show, originally titled "the Fleischman's Yeast Hour", was renamed "The Royal Gelatin Hour" in 1936. This show made history in 1937 when Vallee insisted that Louis Armstrong be hired as the show's host during Vallee's summer vacation, making Armstrong the first black American to host a major network program.

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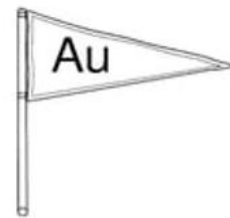
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1. Leftover Pizza for Breakfast

2. Mandate

3. Backspin

4. Father-in-Law

5. No cost for all

6. Gold Pennant

7. Poison Ivy

8. Sea Salt

9. Round Trip

10. Wagon Train

11. Seashells on the Sea Shore

12. Forty Days and Forty Nights

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER



JENSEN INTERCEPTOR

If you thought the Jensen Interceptor was a car from the 1960s, you're both right and wrong. Jensen's most famous Interceptor was made from 1966 to 1976, but the car was originally made from 1950 to 1957.

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## SECOND TRIVIA ANSWER



1950 HENRY J

The Henry J is named for the chairman of the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, Henry J. Kaiser. The Henry J was designed to truly be a car for everyone, cheaper than any other car on the market at only \$1,300. To make it work at such a low cost it had fixed rear windows, there were no arm rests or a glove box.

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## **A LITTLE HUMOR THOUGHTS ON AGING**

by Dave Marshall

1. Old age comes at a bad time. (Ed Sullivan)
2. Inside an old person is a younger person wondering what happened. (Stevie Wonder)
3. Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there's nothing you can do about. (Golda Meir)
4. The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. (Mark Twain)
5. Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere. (George Burns)
6. You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're really not THAT tired. (Princess Grace)
7. Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get. (Bob Hope)
8. It's like you trade the virility of the body for the agility of the spirit. (Ed Sullivan)
9. The years between 55 and 75 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things and yet you aren't decrepit enough to turn them down. (T. S. Elliot)
10. When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When in the 50s, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm called senile. (Milton Berle)
11. The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget. (Martin Scorsese)
12. We don't grow older, we grow riper. (Pablo Picasso)
13. It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to every one, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone. (Andy Rooney)
14. The older I get the better I used to be. (Lee Trevino)
15. I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me - they're cramming for their final exam. (George)
16. Everything seems to slow down with age except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips. (Elizabeth Taylor)
17. There are three stages in a man's life: he believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus.
18. I'm at the age where my back goes out more than I do. (Phyllis Diller)
19. Time may be a great Healer, but it's a lousy Beautician. (Zsa Zsa Gabor)
20. Looking 50 is great - if you're 60. (Joan Rivers)

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## TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

OR mail to  
PETE MAXON  
1111 Brynwood Court  
Lawrence, KS 66049  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO LRAACA

Please note AACA Dues: \$45.00

Mail check to  
AACA  
800 W. Hersheypark Drive  
Hershey, PA 17033

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

Memberships are for Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2025



# **61st ANNUAL LAWRENCE SWAP MEET**

**FRIDAY NOON TO SUNDAY NOON**

**MAY 2, 3, 4, 2025**

AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
1/4 MILE NORTH OF EAST 23RD ST ON HARPER ST.

**PUBLIC ADMISSION - FREE**

## **VENDOR FEES**

### **PARKING:**

\$5.00 per vehicle  
Trucks with trailers: \$10.00

### **PARKING AREAS**

North end of fairground

### **PARTS SHUTTLES AVAILABLE**

### **ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS**

Featuring hand-crafted, antique  
and market day type items  
Free vendor booths:  
Call Jeanna 785-393-1388



### **RESERVATIONS - BOTH DAYS**

\$40.00/space - Advanced  
\$50.00/space - At Gate

**Car Corral - same as above**

### **Space Sizes**

**Inside: 12 x 12 feet**  
**Outside: 15 x 20 feet**

### **SET UP**

**FRIDAY: 12:00 PM TO 8:PM**  
**SATURDAY: 6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**No admittance to fairground**  
**10:00 PM to 8:00 AM**  
**At 12:00 to Vendor**

**KANSAS' OLDEST AND LARGEST SWAP MEET**  
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### **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

NO VENDOR OF FOOD OR DRINK, CONCESSIONS & CLEAN-UP EXCLUSIVELY BY 4-H CLUBS, PUBLIC PARKING BY 4-H CLUBS

PROHIBITED-OPERATION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES, ATV, OR BICYCLES ON GROUNDS

HANDICAPPED CONVEYANCE MUST REGISTER AT MAIN GATE.