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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for all your support. I certainly appreciated all your help, understanding, and patience, it made my job easy, pleasant & rewarding. Please give our new president the same help and support you gave me.

Thank you all, what a great club we have!!!

Keep safe & happy.

K. L. Homolka
 President

2025-2026 CALENDAR

DEC 7 - Christmas Dinner, Flory Bldg, fairgrounds; meeting at 5:00 PM with introduction of new officers; dinner at 6:00 PM, gifts for members

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

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



CELEBRATIONS

Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

Dec 14 - Hanukkah Begins

Dec 21 - First Day of Winter

15 - Christmas Day

31 - New Years Eve

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

LRAACA WEBSITE

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

2025 LRAACA OFFICERS

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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



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

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

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Ken and Virginia Filardo
Dec 19, 1998 - 27 years
Doug and Diane McNichols
Dec 22, 1984 - 41 years

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Please use the above email as it goes directly to the Club's computer.

Shirley Cormack, Editor

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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 your items to **kstrunkguy@yahoo.com** (by email).

LAWRENCE REGION AACA MINUTES

November 6, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Carl Peer, Joe Arneson, Ken/Donna Tibbits, Bob/Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell Workman, Russ/Rosie French, Shirley Cormack, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Stanley Hayden, K. L. Homolka, Darrell Lamer, Doug McNichols, Chris Eichorn & Jack/Delores Todd

Meeting called to order by President K. L. Homolka with Pledge of Allegiance on November 6, 2025 at the Peaslee Tech Center, Lawrence, KS.

Minutes: Approved as posted by vote.

Treasurer: No report but funds were noted as status quo.

Correspondence: Thank you from Sweats for Vets.

Committee Reports:

Swap Meet: Joe said that planning meetings would probably start in January or February.

Car Show: Daryl reported on some things that may change next year, no specifics. He did ask Dale Willey Automotive if they would be able to allow us to hold there next year and Ryan stated that would be possible. However, Daryl noted that things could change in management in a year and could be a risk for next year. Daryl had reserved the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds for October 4, 2026 and wanted the club members to decide whether to go ahead and hold the Car Show at the Fairgrounds or at Dale Willey Automotive. Motion made by Joe Arneson and seconded by Stanley Hayden that the Car Show be held at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds and we pay the \$475 for rental of Bldg 21 and surrounding lot. Motion approved by vote.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that we had a good turnout for the Maple Leaf Parade and Carl noted that the parade was well organized and fun event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Eichorn was installed into membership by motion by Shirley Cormack and Bob Lagerstrom. Chris had attended his three events and been accepted in national membership. Chris owns 1965 Rambler convertible and we look forward to seeing it at our events. Welcome Chris!

The nominations of officers for 2026 were posted and ballot accepted unanimously by motion by Margaret Barnes and seconded by Rosie French. Motion carried. The 2026 officers are as follows: President – Bob Lagerstrom, Vice-President - Tom Stallings, Secretary - K. L. Homolka, and Treasurer - Pete Maxon. Board of Directors for 1 year to complete Bob Lagerstrom's position is Russ French thru 2026 and Doug McNichols for 3 year term thru 2028. Darrell Workman will continue thru 2027.

K. L. also asked standing committee chairmen if they were willing to continue. Committee chairmen as follows:

Swap Meet: Joe Arneson/Jack Todd; **Car Show:** Daryl Barnes-Bob Lagerstrom to help; **Sunshine:** Margaret Barnes & Rosie French; **Historian** None; **Membership:** Pete Maxon and K. L. Homolka; **Programs:** Jack Todd; **Refreshments:** Daryl Barnes.

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2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 5-7 - Annual Convention/National Awards, Chantilly, VA

Mar 19-21 - Special Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Mar 26-28 - Winter Nationals, Cartersville, GA

Apr 9-11 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC

Apr 23-25 - Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas, NV

May 28-30 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Indiana, PA

Jun 11-13 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge, TN

Jul 23-25 - Central Spring Nationals, Green Bay, WI

Aug 19-22 - Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards, Allentown, PA

Oct 6-9 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2026 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

May 3-5 - Swap Meet, Doublas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS

Oct 4 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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Information can be found on the National AACA website:

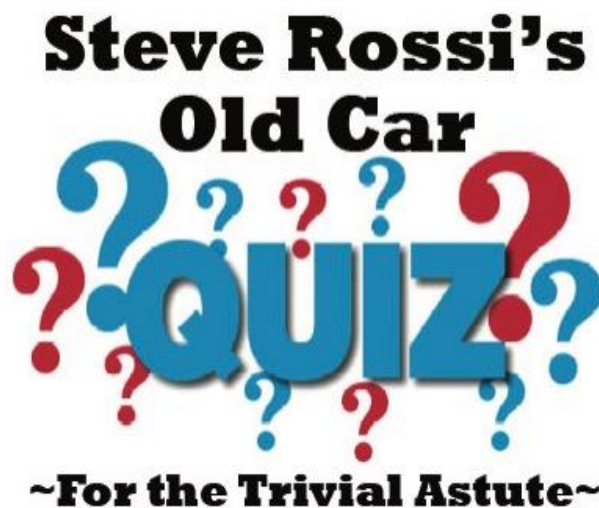
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QUESTION

Having enjoyed a phenomenally successful though somewhat tumultuous career as America's leading European car importer, New York's Max Hoffman (of the Hoffman Motors Corporation) was known to have made more money settling Distribution Contracts than he did from actually selling cars.

Though Hoffman did have a hand through varying degrees, in establishing a legendary hierarchy of German sports cars (among others) which were destined for U.S. shores.

What were they?



Answer on page 9

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VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

A Veteran's Day parade, held in Lawrence, Kansas on November 8th, a little early, due to the actual date of Veteran's Day being on a week day. The parade featured various entrants, including members of the Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America, trucks, floats, motorcycles, bands, walking groups of people with their different clubs, emergency vehicles, etc. The weather was cooperating, and the crowd watching was huge!! Below are club member's vehicles in the parade.



Stanley & Linda Hayden
1963 Ford Fairlane



Bob Lagerstrom
1974 Oldsmobile Cutlass - Hurst Olds



K. L. & Jean Homolka
1971 Dodge Super Bee



Darrell Workman
1985 GMC Caballero



Karen Lagerstrom
1966 Ford Mustang



Doug McNichols
1967 Chevrolet

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Russ & Rosie French
1959 Metropolitan



Steven Humbert
1956 Dodge Coronet



Joe & Janice Arneson
1969 GTO



Pete Maxon
1960 Chevrolet Corvette



Unknown



Carl & Pat Peer
1957 Chevy Belair 2D HT

Thank you to Darrell Workman and Tim Cormack for the photos



DOWN IN THE BARN WEED TIRE CHAINS

from A Eye

Harry D. Weed invented the first practical tire chains in 1904, inspired by the makeshift solutions early motorists used to gain traction on the unpaved, muddy, and snowy roads of the era.

Weed, an American inventor from NY, noticed drivers wrapping their tires with various materials, including rope and even vines, in a desperate attempt to gain grip on slippery surfaces. Recognizing the inadequacy and lack of durability of these temporary fixes, he sought to create a more effective and durable solution.

His solution was a series of interlinked metal chain sections designed to wrap around the tire treads. This created a rough, high-friction surface that could "bite" into the mud, snow, and ice, dramatically improving traction and making automobile travel possible in poor conditions.

Weed received U.S. Patent 768,495 for his "Grip-Tread for Pneumatic Tires" on August 23, 1904. The patent described a flexible and collapsible grip composed entirely of chains linked together, which could be easily fitted and removed.

A key part of the design was that the grip was held in place by the inflation of the tire, which caused the transverse chains to partially embed themselves into the tire's periphery, preventing slippage.

While initially designed for mud, the chains worked equally well on snow and ice, quickly becoming a vital safety accessory for winter driving.



Weed's invention was an immediate success in the burgeoning automotive industry, as most rural roads were unpaved and snow plowing was rare. He formed the Weed Chain Tire Grip Company, which later became the American Chain Company. The company's success was so significant that in 1908, they challenged the famous escape artist Harry Houdini to free himself from a set of their looped and locked tire chains in a promotional stunt, which garnered national attention.

Weed eventually sold his patents and company, but his basic design for tire chains remains the concept used for metallic chains today.

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AACA MEETING MINUTES
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The **Christmas Party** will be held **Dec. 7th** at the Flory Meeting Hall, Douglas Co. Fairgrounds. **Set up to be at 5 PM and meal at 6 PM.** Entertainment will be same as last year. Each table to sing carols and each table will select charity of choice for total of \$500. Meal catered by Hy-Vee (not sure). Thank you Jack for setting this up. **Next meeting: January 8, 2026** and refreshments by Bob & Karen Lagerstrom. Meeting adjourned by motion at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Barnes, Secretary



CANDY CORN OR CHICKEN FEED?

Before it was a Halloween staple, candy corn went by a different name: chicken feed.

Back in the 1880s, when it was first mass-produced, the colorful treat wasn't associated with costumes or trick-or-treating at all.

It was marketed as a wholesome, farm-inspired snack. That's because at the time, corn was mostly fed to livestock, not people. Packaging even featured roosters to help sell the theme!

It was only in the 50s, when individually wrapped candies became the go-to for trick-or-treaters, that candy corn really claimed its spot in the Halloween lineup.

Love it or hate it, it's now one of the most iconic (and divisive) seasonal sweets out there, and it's come a long way from its barnyard branding.


So the next time someone side-eyes your love of candy corn? Well, just tell them it's vintage!

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FOR XMAS

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- Roller Skates
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- Boxing Gloves
- Footballs
- Basketballs
- Backgammon Boards

- Air Rifles
- Pop Guns
- Doll Buggies
- Aeroplanes
- Trains
- Drums
- Bussees
- Automobiles
- Aeroplane Swing
- Doll Houses
- Tractors
- Trucks
- Pool Tables
- Game Boards

PRACTICAL GIFTS

- Casseroles
- Baking Dishes
- Teapots
- Waffle Batter Jugs
- Pyrex Glass Ovenware
- Aluminum and Enamel Roasters
- Wagner Cast Aluminum Ware
- Decorated Cake Covers
- Decorated Bread Boards
- French Drip Coffee Pots
- Scissors and Shears
- Carving Sets

- Bird Cages & Stands
- Decorated Heat-Proof China
- Auto Robes and Shawls
- Auto Tools
- Coleman Lamps & Lanterns
- Flashlights
- Safety Razors
- Cutlery
- Pocket Knives
- Guns & Rifles
- Tool Sets
- Carpenter Tools
- Hunting & Fishing Supplies

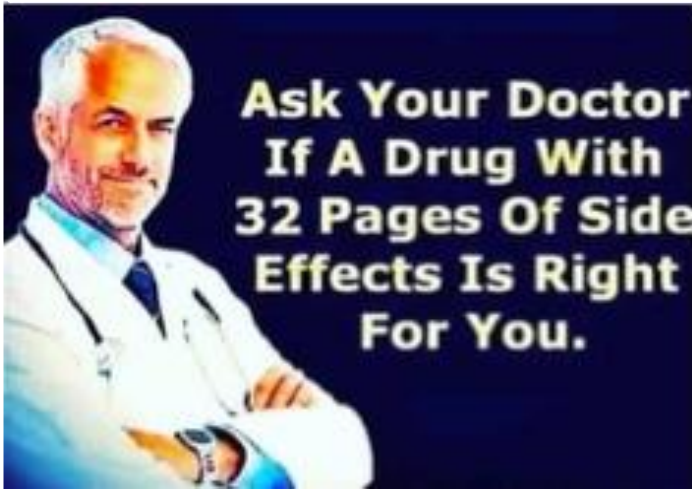
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A LITTLE HUMOR



Lawrence Region Antique Auto Club of America



Invites you

**To the annual dinner & installation of
officers for 2026**

When: Dec. 7, 2025 - Sunday

Where: Douglas Co. Fairgrounds
Flory Meeting Hall East Side
2120 Harper
Lawrence, KS

Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
SPOUSES AND GUESTS WELCOME!

RSVP: Margaret Barnes
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Try your hand at these popular Christmas carol titles, now slightly reworded in “government-ese.”

1. Move hitherward the entire assemblage of those who are loyal to their beliefs.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sound.
3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
4. Small municipality in Judea, southeast of Jerusalem.
5. Exalted heavenly beings we have perceived by our auditory mechanism.
6. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.
7. May the omnipotent supreme being grant you ecstatic respite, personages of the male gender.
8. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
9. Royal person nominative plural of a triumvirate of oriental potentate
10. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity

Answers

1. O Come All Ye Faithful; 2. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; 3. Silent Night; 4. O Little Town of Bethlehem; 5. Angels We Have Heard on High; 6. Little Drummer Boy; 7. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen; 8. Go Tell It On The Mountain; 9. We Three Kings; 10. O Holy Night!



**WE WISH EVERYONE MERRY HOLIDAYS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**