



# CLUTCH CHATTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With Fall approaching, we are going to be busy, folks !

Our CAR SHOW will be a little different this year due to a new location and that may create a few new challenges.

MAPLE LEAF PARADE: Saturday, October 18, 2025. If you are planning to drive your car in the parade, I will need the following information at our October 2nd Meeting: Your name, year, make, model, & color of your car and any information you would like to have announced, such as "Original"- "Unrestored"--"2nd owner"--"Car I got married in" etc., I will turn the complete list in immediately to get a good position for our club.

ELECTIONS; Nominations will be at our October meeting, Election of officers will  
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## 2025 CALENDAR

- OCT 5** - LRAACA car show at Dale Willey Auto, 2840 Iowa, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- NOV 6** - Monthly meeting, 6:00 P. M. Peaslee Tech Center
- DEC 9** - Christmas Party/Meeting, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Flory Building at the fair-grounds. Meal and gifts provided.

## CELEBRATIONS

- Oct 1 - Yom Kippur Begins**
- Oct 4 - Dick Tracy Day**
- Oct 9 - International Beer & Pizza Day**
- Oct 13 - Columbus Day**
- Oct 22 - 1st day of Autumn**
- Oct 25 - World Pasta Day**
- Oct 31 - Halloween**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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

## LRAACA WEBSITE

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 (785) 842-7982  
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Here you can find information on being a member, upcoming events & general information about the club.

## 2025 LRAACA OFFICERS

President: K. L. Homolka  
(785) 865-8503

Vice President: Jack Todd  
(785) 919-3459

Secretary: Margaret Barnes  
(785) 594-6408

Treasurer: Pete Maxon  
(785) 608-4222

## 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



## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

No club members with  
October birthdays

### MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

No club members with  
October anniversaries

Apologies to Kenny and Donna Tibbits:  
I showed their anniversary date as  
September 2, and it should have been  
September 3, 1983 - 42 years

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**[kstrunkguy@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrunkguy@yahoo.com)**

***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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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be at our November meeting, and new officers will be installed at our Christmas party December 7, at the FLORY Bldg. Jack and I encourage you newer/younger members to STEP UP for an office. None of the offices are difficult and we older members will always be around to help assist you. THINK ABOUT IT.

Stay happy & safe!

K. L. Homolka  
President

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**September 4, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Joe/Janice Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Russell Benke, Shirley/ Tim Cormack, Tim Cragg, Don Fornelli, Russ/Rosie French, Stanley/Linda Hayden, Kay/Jean Homolka, Bob/Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell/Linda Lamer, Pete Maxon, Doug/Diane McNichols, Tony/Susan Mitchell, Carl Peer, Sharon Stallings, Kenny/Donna Tibbits, Jack/Delores Todd, Darrell Workman, Steve/Penny Hubbard & guest Don Gullett.

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region AACA was held Sept. 4, 2025 at the Flory Building, Do. Co. Fairgrounds, 2100 Harper, Lawrence, KS. The meeting was the kick-off membership drive for 2025-2026. A meal catered from Biemer's BBQ was served. A big shout-out to Jack Todd for arranging a wonderful evening with no flies, no mosquitos and a wonderful meal enjoyed by all. President K. L. Homolka presiding.

**MINUTES:** No minutes were approved since there was not a formal meeting at the Vinland Fair on August 7, 2025.

**TREASURER:** Pete Maxon passed out balance sheets for 2025. (see attached). If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Pete for clarification.

**COMMUNICATION:** A thank you card read from Tom & Sharon Stallings for the donation made to church in memoriam of Tom's mother.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** K. L. announced that now is the time for renewal membership to national AACA. November is voting month so please notify K. L. or Jack if interested in an office. There is need for volunteers for President, VP, Secretary and Board Member. The job is not hard, so please consider stepping in to a leadership role.

**Programs:** Jack Todd asked about members preference for entertainment at the annual Christmas dinner. It was decided that it would continue as in the past few years with tables singing Christmas Carols and each table would decide a local charity that they would donate to. Motion was made by Margaret Barnes and seconded by Rosie French that we increase the donation limit to \$500, so that would be \$100 to charity of choice per table. Motion carried.

**Car Show:** Daryl Barnes handed out flyers for distribution. Car Show is coming up very soon on Oct. 5, 2025. Some changes to this year's show will be, most importantly, a change of venue to Dale Willey Chevrolet. Dale Willey Automotive has graciously given us the use of their used car lot and show room for the show. Members cars will be shown on the Show Room floor. The show will have 3 judges for the public display and people's choice for the member display. Judges will be paid \$100 each for their help. Daryl ordered the plaques made by Shawn Barnes for \$150. and Jayhawk Trophy will make the plates. A Best-of-Show class was added this year for motorcycles and the modified cars and trucks were separated. Daryl received a refund from the City of Lawrence for the \$500 paid for renting Broken Arrow Park. Auto Zone has been contacted to allow some spaces for public parking.

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## LAWRENCE REGION MONTHLY MEETING

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### Announcements:

**Oct. 4th** - PreWar Car Show at Turner Barn, Gardner, KS

**Oct. 18th** - Maple Leaf Parade, Baldwin City- K. L. needs entries by Oct. 10th with name, model & color.

**Carl Peer** has a person in Gardner wanting to sell a 1929 Model A Roadster, if you are interested, contact Carl Peer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Barnes, Secretary

## AACA NATIONALS

### 2025 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

**Oct 23-25** - Central Fall Nationals, Galveston, TX

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2025 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Oct 5** - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

### 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, NE

**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

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*Information can be found on the National AACA website:*

*<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar>*

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## MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The Membership Dinner held on September 4th, was very nice and the food was excellent. Jack Todd did a great job getting the Flory building and the food. And a big hand for the people who helped set up the tables and chairs and then cleaned them up and put them back in the storage location after the dinner. A great time was had visiting with each of our members.

## MEADOWLARK RETIREMENT HOME CHEESEBURGER FEST

On Thursday, September 18th, the Meadowlark Retirement Home celebrated the annual Cheeseburger Day and invited members of the Lawrence Antique Car Club to bring their vehicles and enjoy a lunch of cheeseburgers and sides. The day turned out to be an all-day rain. Several of the bravest accepted and attended, showing their vehicles and visiting with the residents and each other, even though it did rain all day. Members attending were Doug McNichols, Darrell Workman, K. L. Homolka, and Jack and Delores Todd. It was a small crowd and they decided since it was still raining after a couple of hours, they thanked the Retirement Home staff and headed home. Even with the rain, they had a good time.

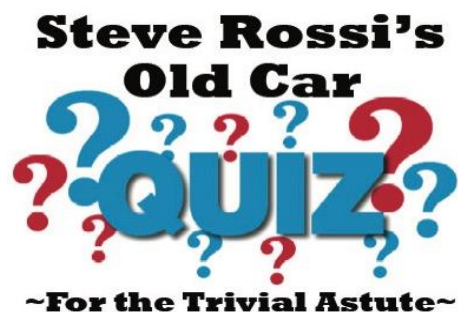
*Thanks to Darrell Workman for the two above messages.*

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What car was it?

[Answer on page 10](#)

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## FUN CAR FACTS

### Car Maintenance Fun Facts

1. **Nearly 900 Million Oil Changes Are Performed Each Year.** Getting your oil changed regularly is very important. We recommend changing your oil every 3,000-5,000 miles.
2. **The Average Car Owner Spends About \$400 On Diagnostics, Scheduled maintenance, and Tune-Ups Every Year.** If you own a vehicle, odds are you will be spending about 400 a year on maintenance. These maintenance services are very important to the longevity of your vehicle. Avoiding these services could lead to breakdowns or other expensive services.
3. **60 Billion Dollars Worth Of Car Maintenance Does Unperformed Each Year.** It is very important to take care of your car's maintenance because unperformed maintenance services can lead to more expensive breakdowns. If you need an oil change, tire rotation, or another maintenance service, book an appointment with a qualified mechanic right away, so you don't contribute to the 60 billion dollars of unperformed car maintenance.
4. **Cars Are Made Up Of Approximately 30,000 Parts.** There are so many different parts in a car, it is almost impossible for the average car owner to know all of them. That's why it is so important to hire a knowledgeable technician to repair your car when there is a problem. You might know of a few of the more common auto parts such as the battery, engine, headlights, brake pads, and more. But there are hundreds of parts you may have never even heard of, like the combination valve, distributor, spacer ring, fuel injector, and more.
5. **In 2019, The Most Common Reason For An Illuminated Check Engine Light Was A Problem With The Catalytic Converter.** Catalytic converter replacement services are more common in older vehicles, and since the average age of cars on the road is becoming older, this service is needed more often.
6. **60 Billion Dollars Worth Of Car Maintenance Does Unperformed Each Year.** Many car owners put off car maintenance services because they don't want to spend their money, but avoiding maintenance can lead to more severe problems. [Click here](#) to learn why car maintenance is so important to your vehicle's health.

### Automotive History Fun Facts

1. **Windshield Wipers Were Invented By A Woman Named Mary Anderson.** In 1905, Mary Anderson invented windshield wipers to remove the hassle of driving in the rain or snow. Before windshield wipers were invented, drivers would have to repeatedly get out of their cars and clean off the windshield by hand.
2. **Antilock Brakes Were Invented Over 50 Years Ago.** The first antilock brakes were invented in the 1920s, and they became more popular in the 1990s. Today, most modern cars have an antilock braking system, or ABS.

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3. **The Term "Tune-Up" Was Created By Henry Ford While Working On His First Automobile Prototype.** Henry Ford spent a lot of time working on the automobile, and he noticed that when the coils worked together properly, they would buzz. If the coils didn't make the buzzing sound, it showed they needed an adjustment that he later called a "tune-up."

4. **The First Electric Vehicle Was Created In 1832.** Robert Anderson created the first electric-powered vehicle in 1832. Then in the 1990s, General Motors produced the EV1, otherwise known as the first mass-produced electric car. Today, many drivers are opting to purchase an electric car to reduce their carbon footprint.

5. **The Worlds First Automobile Race Was In 1895 With A Winning Speed Of 15 MPH.** Things have changed quite a bit since 1895, and luckily, cars can move a lot faster than 15. If cars could still only drive a maximum of 15 mph, it would take a long time to get around.

6. **Brake Lights Were Invented In 1905.** Prior to the invention of brake lights, many drivers relied on hand signals to let others know where they were going. This was problematic at night time as the dark made it difficult to see hand signals. Now, brake lights are a requirement for vehicles as they are an important safety feature!

7. **The First Recorded Road Trip Was In August Of 1888 By Bertha Benz.**

The wife of Karl Benz, who invented the first practical motorcar, and her two sons took a road trip from Mannheim to Pforzheim, Germany. The 66-mile trip was the first long-distance road trip ever recorded and took about 7 hours to complete.

8. **The Inventor Of Cruise Control, Ralph Teetor, Was Blind.** Ralph Teetor got into an accident when he was five years old that caused him to be blind. The accident never stopped his curiosity though! He eventually set out to create a mechanism that could keep the vehicle speed constant in order to save fuel. This first cruise control mechanism was called a "Speedostat."

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10. **The Car Radio Was First Introduced By Chevrolet.** In 1922, the first car radio was introduced by Chevrolet. The government wanted to ban it because it could be considered a distraction, but the ban didn't go through. By 1963, most vehicles had radios in them.

11. **The First Three-Point Seatbelt Was Introduced In 1959.** The Volvo Amazon 120 and PV 544 were the first models to have the three-point seatbelt that we know today. Nils Bohlin, a Volvo engineer, is credited with their development. And as of 1968, all vehicles were required to have this three-point seatbelt as a safety feature.

More Automotive History Fun Facts will be included in the November Clutch Chatter.  
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## Trivia

Many cars had tailfins in the '50s but this car arguably had the most extreme ones. What was it?



Answer on page 10

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## QUESTION

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## **OLATHE GATEWAY AUTO CAR SHOW**

Several club members went cruising to the Gateway Auto Car Show in Olathe, Kansas on August 30, 2025. There was a big crowd of people, cars and trucks, with an estimation of near to 150 vehicles in the show. Darrell Workman, Stanley and Linda Hayden, Joe Arneson, Doug McNichols and Jack Todd were all cruising. After the show, they went to lunch at the Jumping Catfish and had very good hush puppy, cole slaw, navy bean, all of which were very tasty. It was a great day.



### **READ FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, THEN REVERSE AND READ**

I'm very ugly  
So don't try to convince me that  
I'm a very beautiful person  
Because at the end of the day  
I hate myself in every single way  
And I'm not going to lie to myself by saying  
There is beauty inside of me that matters  
So rest assured I will remind myself  
That I am a worthless, terrible person  
And nothing you say will make me believe  
I still deserve love  
Because no matter what  
I am not good enough to be loved  
And I am in no position to believe that  
Beauty does exist within me  
Because whenever I look in the mirror I always think  
Am I as ugly as people say?

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Trivia Challenge Answered



In 1954, Cadillac started using more pointed tailfins in contrast to the rounded ones previously used. By 1959, the Cadillac Eldorado was sporting fins so dramatic they looked like rear stabilizers on an airplane.

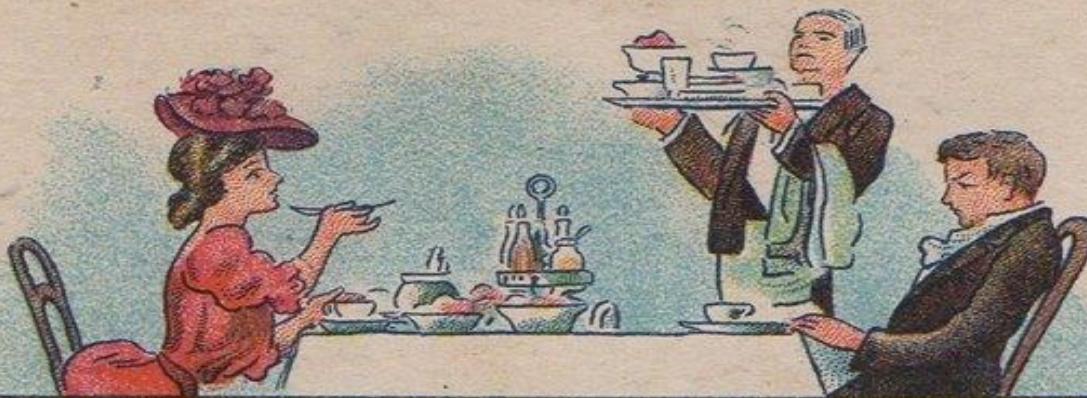
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**ANSWER**

In 1916, a group of Elgin National Watch Company executives assumed the assets of Joliet, Illinois' New Era Engineering Company, which was only just organized in mid-1915 to produce a small four-cylinder entry. The automotive enterprise was moved to a new plant in Argo, Illinois, and a rather fine six-cylinder model followed. Elgin took its time and built a quality reputation by successfully competing in Midwest endurance races. In 1920, Elgin's best year, 4,600+ cars were produced. The company was reorganized in 1923 and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where it soon failed, in 1924. (From The Standard Catalog of American Cars: 1805-1942.)

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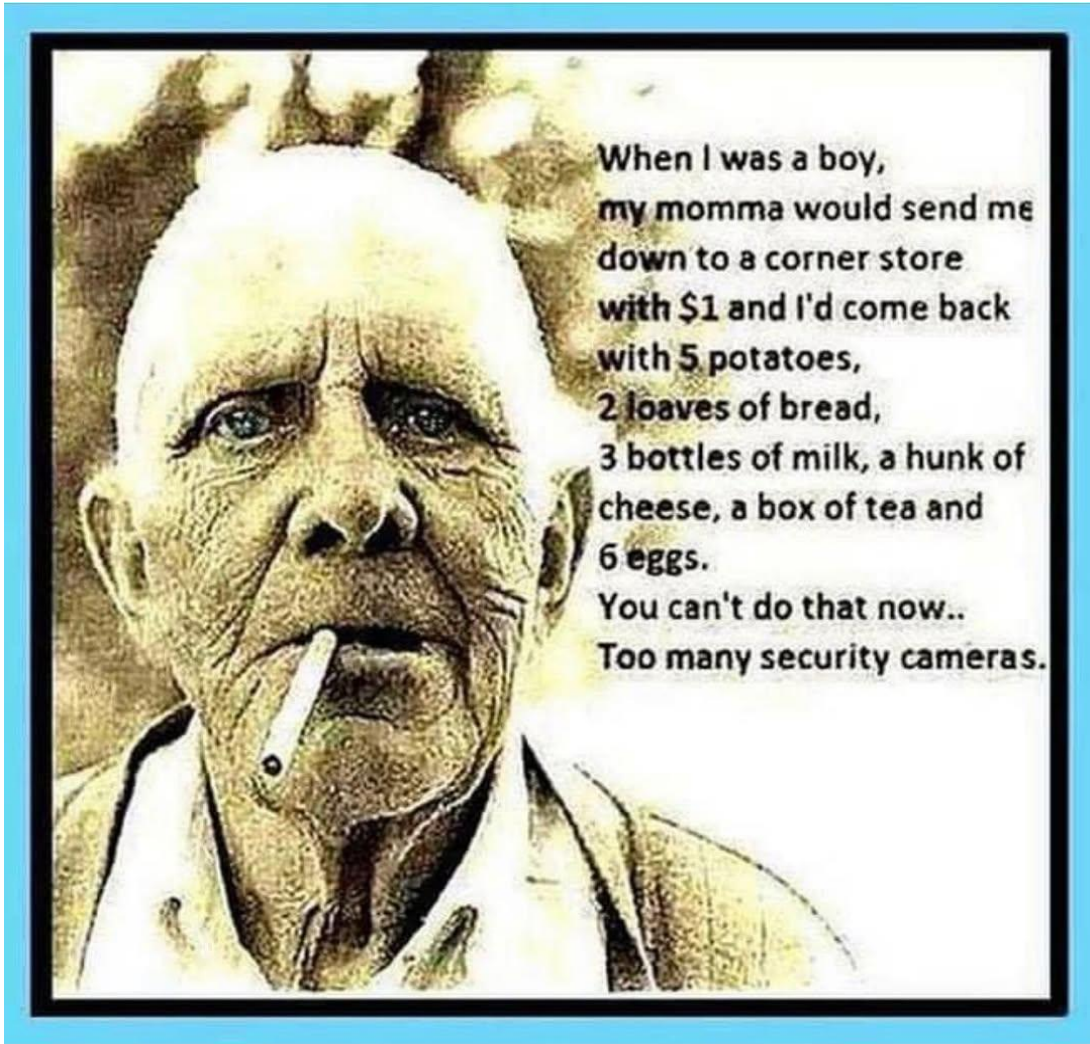


### I HAD BUT FIFTY CENTS

I took my girl to a fancy ball —  
It was a social hop,  
But we stayed until the folks went out,  
And the music it did stop ;  
Then to a restaurant we went —  
The best one in the street ;  
She said she wasn't hungry,  
But this is what she eat :  
A dozen raw, a plate of slaw,  
A chicken and a roast,  
Some sparrow grass and apple sass,  
And soft shell crabs on toast ;  
A big box stew and crackers, too,  
Her appetite was immense.  
When she called for pie I thought I'd die,  
For I had but fifty cents.

You bet I wasn't hungry —  
I didn't care to eat,  
Expecting every moment  
To be kicked out in the street ;  
She said she'd bring her family round  
Some day, and we'd have fun,  
Then I gave the man the fifty cents,  
And this is what he done :  
He tore my clothes, he smashed my nose,  
He hit me in the jaw ;  
He gave me a prize of a pair of black eyes,  
And with me swept the floor ;  
He took me where my clothes hung loose  
And threw me over a fence.  
Take my advice, don't try it twice,  
When you've got but fifty cents.





*Anonymous*

**EDITOR'S NOTES**

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 include in the newsletter, so please send anything you have that you'd like to share. Send items to **kstrunguy@yahoo.com** (by email).

## A LITTLE HUMOR

*Thank you Sharon Cygan for funnies!*

95% of electric vehicles are still on the road.  
The remaining 5% made it all the way home.

**Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again....**

**MY WIFE ASKED ME WHY I SPOKE SO SOFTLY IN THE HOUSE. I SAID I WAS AFRAID MARK ZUCKERBERG WAS LISTENING! SHE LAUGHED. I LAUGHED. ALEXA LAUGHED. SIRI LAUGHED.**



This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!



# 52nd ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB  
OF AMERICA  
Sunday October 5, 2025

**NEW LOCATION:**  
DALE WILLEY AUTO, 2840 IOWA, LAWRENCE, KS

## LAWRENCE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW CLASSES & AWARDS

- Class A - 1900 – 1929, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class B - 1930 – 1939, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class C - 1940 – 1949, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class D - 1950 – 1959, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class E - 1960 – 1969, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class F - 1970 – 1975, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class MC - MODIFIED CARS, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- Class MT- MODIFIED TRUCKS, FIRST & SECOND PLACE
- CLASS G- MOTORCYCLE, BEST IN SHOW ONLY

**VEHICLES MUST BE 50 YEARS, OR OLDER, IN THE ANTIQUE CLASSES FOR AWARDS**

CLASSES A – G, AND MODIFIED TRUCKS AND CARS ARE JUDGED BUT NOT CAR CLUB MEMBER ENTRIES.

MEMBER ENTRIES ARE AWARDED BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOTS ISSUED TO REGISTERED DRIVERS ONLY. CLUB MEMBERS ARE GIVEN ONE FIRST AND ONE SECOND PLACE AWARD.

DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 140 ENTRIES

STOCK VEHICLE GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS: ALL OTHER VEHICLES SHALL BE CONSIDERED MODIFIED

- 1) Original body shape. No chopping, channeling, nosing, decking or sheet metal changes
- 2) Original chassis and engine sizes available from the factory for the vehicle model and year
- 3) Original wheels and hubcaps available from the factory for the model and year
- 4) Original interior or a fabric change to original interior components
- 5) Original paint colors or other color but no graphics or murals
- 6) Following added safety and accessories:
  - Extra tail or fog lights
  - Rear view mirror
  - Hazard flashers
  - Bumper accessories
  - Disc brakes
  - Seat Belts
  - Custom wheels of original diameter
  - Dual exhaust system
  - Radial tires
  - Some chrome components in the engine compartment, i.e., chrome valve covers and chrome air breathers

## FOR INFORMATION

LAWRENCE REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

813-522-8296: OARYL BARNES      Web site: [www.lraaca.org](http://www.lraaca.org)

Registration begins at 9:00 AM with Lawrence Region AACA    Plaques & cash presentation @ 2:00 PM

CARS DISPLAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS -

FREE ENTRY FEES, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

JUDGING BY ASSIGNED JUDGES

NO FOR SALE SIGNS,

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS**