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2026 CALENDAR

JAN 8 - Monthly meeting, 6:00 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

FEB 5 - Monthly meeting, 6:00 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

CELEBRATIONS

Jan 1 - New Year's Day

Jan 4 - National Spaghetti Day

Jan 8 - World Typing Day

Jan 14 - Dress Up Your Pet Day

Jan 15 - Martin Luther King's Birthday

Jan 22 - Celebration of Life Day

Jan 27 - National Chocolate Cake Day

Jan 28 - National Fun At Work Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this will be my last message as your President, I want to thank you for the privilege to serve as your President. It was a great honor and I sincerely thank you for the support and patience you gave me, even when things got tense. As the strong club that we are, we handled our problems and challenges with grace and professionalism. I am excited that we have a new set of officers to lead the club in the coming years. Please give our new officers the same support you gave me and our outgoing officers.

THANK YOU for the privilege and honor to serve you and our great club.

Keep safe & happy.

K. L. Homolka
President

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Darrell Workman - Jan 6
Don Fornelli - Jan 6
Karen Lagerstrom - Jan 9
Sharon Stallings - Jan 9
Margaret Barnes - Jan 17
Mary Haid - Jan 18

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Steven & Sarah Hubbard
January 1, 2011 - 15 years
Russ & Rosie French
January 11, 1997 - 29 years

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2026

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes
SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson
SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell
TRAILER - Joe Arneson
SUNSHINE - Margaret Barnes
CONTRIBUTIONS - Pete Maxon
HISTORICAL - **Vacant**
MEMBERSHIP - Pete Maxon
PROGRAMS - Jack Todd
REFRESHMENTS - Daryl Barnes

EDITOR'S NOTES

If we have missed a birth or anniversary date it is because we don't have the information. Please ask K. L. Homolka for the "Information Form" and return to him. 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).

2026 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, Galveston, TX

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2026 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 7-8 - Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity, Wichita, KS
May 1-3 - 61st Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS
Jun 11-14 - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR
Oct 2-4 - Lawrence Region AACA Car Show, Lawrence, KS

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 5-7 - Annual Convention/National Awards, Chantilly, VA
Mar 19-21 - Special Nationals, Guaynago, Puerto Rico
Apr 9-11 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
May 28-30 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Indiana, PA
May 28-30 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Jul ?? - Annual Grand Nationals (Senior Cars), Allentown, PA - **TENTATIVE**

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Information can be found on the National AACA website:

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

After Volkswagen...and the War...a 1950s engineering relationship was established between Studebaker and Porsche.

For what purpose?

Answer on page 9

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**Steve Rossi's
Old Car
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~For the Trivial Astute~**

LRAACA CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America held their Christmas Party in the Flory building at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on December 7, 2025. Everyone had a good time, the food was good, the friendship was flowing, and it was a relaxed and happy event. New officers and board members were introduced and retiring officers and board members were presented a gift for their service. Each table had their attendees select a Christmas carol, stand up and sing it, and then everyone there joined in and sang it again. Club members were presented a gift. Pictured below are the carolers joining others for the evening.



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Jack Todd, the gentleman who has set up all our club's trips, visits, luncheons, and fun times for the entire year.

Thank you, Jack, for all the good times.



MARCEIL LAUPPE

Memorial services will be held for Hazel "Marceil" (Ring) Lauppe at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the First United Methodist Church of Lawrence, 946 Vermont Street, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Marceil was married to George Lauppe, a long-time member of the Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America, in December, 1955. Together they enjoyed traveling in their 1929 Model A, which they drove to the Arctic Circle and back.

She was the Executive Director of the Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association from 1980 to 2002. ☒

She is survived by her son, George (Annette) Lauppe of Manhattan and daughter Sonya (Dale) Anders of Chapman, and several grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents, her husband George, and sister Claudine Mae (Ring) Lundy.

BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

Joseph Breck founded Joseph Breck & Company, in 1818, in Boston, Massachusetts. From 1822, until 1846, he was the editor of an early agricultural magazine. In 1840, Breck published the company's first catalog to sell his products. He continued to write and publish books about gardening until his death. The company remained in the family for 5 generations as a garden supply company until the 1950s. In that general time frame, the company moved from simple gardening 1016 Breck's Catalog Cover supplies to become a mail-order Dutch bulb importer. Today, the company is one of the largest importer of Dutch Bulbs in the United States.



1916 Breck's Catalog Cover

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ANSWER

In the early days, Porsche was living from hand to mouth, though its arrangement with Volkswagen dictated that consulting services remain exclusive in the minimalist category. Simultaneously, Studebaker was considering a small, but still Amer-sized, people's car of its own for the U.S. masses so they contracted with the German engineering firm to produce a Porch 542 four-door prototype in 1953. Actually, a stretched/taller four-passenger 356 (the 530) was proposed first, though

up to such demand. Studebaker ultimately rejected the second iteration which was known as Z-87 in South Bend (due to their own financial distractions, it took them until 1956 to finally evaluate the concept), though the lucrative \$500,000 consultancy contact was able to fund Porch production expansion. And they never looked back since. It's been said that the initial 530-idea sparked similar thinking for the landmark 911 that followed.

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Steve Rossi's Old Car ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ~For the Trivial Astute~



TRIVIA CHALLENGE

In 1969 one intrepid Jack Boyle and his buddy went down to the _____ dealership and attempted to win a prize by finding the radio antenna on a new car. They crawled all over the car, top to bottom and never found it?

What manufacturer was the first to hide their antenna and where did they hide it?



Answer on page 10

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AN AIRPLANE INCIDENT

A lady gets an opportunity to fly to a nearby country. She has never been on an airplane anywhere and was very excited and tense. As soon as she boarded the plane, a Boeing 747, she started jumping in excitement, running over seat to seat and starts shouting, "BOEING! BOEING!! BOEING!!! BO....."

She sort of forgets where she is, but the pilot in the cockpit hears the noise and the lady. Annoyed by the goings on, the Pilot comes out and shouts "BE SILENT!"

There was pin-drop silence everywhere and everybody is looking at the lady and the angry Pilot. She stared at the pilot in silence for a moment, concentrated really hard, and all of a sudden started shouting, "OEING! OEING! OEING! OE...."

EAT WHATEVER YOU LIKE BECAUSE.....

The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54.

The inventor of gymnastics died at age 57.

The world bodybuilding champion died at age 41.

The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at 60.

and then -

The KFC inventor died at 94.

The inventor of Nutella died at 88

The inventor of Hennessy died at 98

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when

- The rabbit is always jumping but it lives for around 2 years, and
- The turtle that doesn't exercise at all lives over 200 years

TRIVIA ANSWER

1969 Pontiac Grand Prix

The antenna was placed in the windshield between two layers of glass.

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WILL ROGERS

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your
8. There are three kinds of men:
The ones who learn by reading.
The few who learn by observation.
The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier' n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral : When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

FUN FACTS ABOUT JANUARY

500 copies of the novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley and The Modern Prometheus were published anonymously in London.

The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908.

In 1946, the first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania at the Moore School of Engineering.

The History Channel was launched in 1995.

The plum blossom is the Chinese floral emblem of January.

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god that has two heads, one to look backward and one to look forward towards the New Year.

In 1890, the Rose Parade started in Pasadena, California. Today the parade is broadcast in more than 100 countries.

January was excluded from the Roman calendar which only had 10 months.

The 31st day of January was added to the month by Julius Caesar.

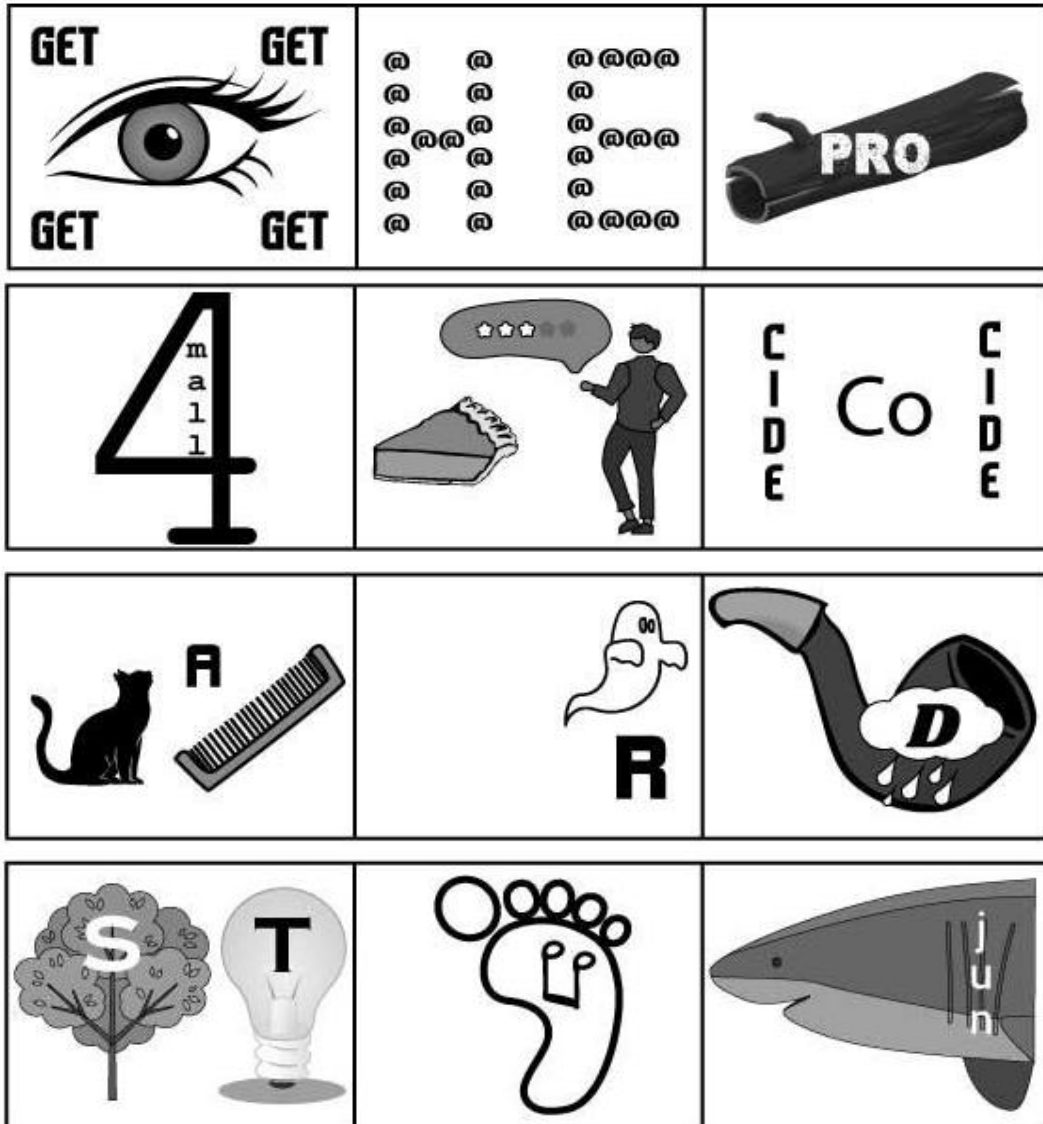
Ellis Island opened on January 1st, 1892 allowing more than 20 million immigrants to enter the United States.

CHRISTMAS CONSEQUENCES

**'Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste,
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber),
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared:
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt ---
I said to myself, as only I can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So -- away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
All last bits of food I like must be banished
Till all additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll just want to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore ---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!**

By the world's most famous poet - Anonymous

REBUS PUZZLES



- 1. I forget
- 4. Informal
- 7. Catacomb
- 10. Streetlight

- 2. Heat
- 5. Pirate
- 8. Ghostwriter
- 11. Footnote/Soul Music

- 3. Prologue
- 6. Coincides
- 9. Drainpipe
- 12. Jungle



