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2026 CALENDAR

FEB 5 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

MAR 5 Monthly meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

CELEBRATIONS

Feb 2 - Groundhog Day

Feb 7 - National Fettucini Alfredo Day

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb 16 - President's Day

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

Feb 22 - National Margarita Day

Feb 28 - Ramadan Starts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First off, welcome back after the holiday break! We are off to a good start with road trips in the planning stages, the swap meet, and car show in the future.

Jack, our man of many talents, has stepped up to be Vice President once again. With the talent pool and good people of our club this will be a great year. I will be leaning on you all for guidance. I welcome ideas and input to make it the best we can.

Bob Lagerstrom
President



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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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

2026 LRAACA OFFICERS

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Donna Tibbits - Feb 17

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Norman and Margaret Kressmann
Feb 13, 1996 - 30 years

Have you ever wondered why blowing out candles on a cake is tradition when celebrating a birthday? The ancient Greeks were said to be the first to put candles on a cake as an offering to Artemis, goddess of the moon. The round cake represented the moon while the candles provided a moonlight glow.

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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 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 and
K. L. Homolka
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**.

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MONTHLY MEETING
January 8, 2026**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Robert Lagerstrom with the Pledge of Allegiance, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: (21) Joe Arneson, Daryl Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Tim Cragg, Don Fornelli, Russ/Rosie French, K. L. Homolka, Steven Hubbard, Robert/Karen Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Tom/Sharon Stallings, Ken/Donna Tibbits, Jack/Deloris Todd, Darrell Workman, and 1 prospective member Jace Bayless.

MINUTES: Approved as posted by vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pete passed out our year-end financial report. Motion to approve by vote. Pete reminded everyone that your National Dues are due now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SWAP MEET: Joe reported planning a meeting in February. Date to be announced. Jack reported 270 spots have been sold so far.

CAR SHOW: Daryl reported the Car Show will be at the fairgrounds. A fee of \$475.00 is paid which includes the use of Building 21.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Stallings advised that he is having to resign as Vice President but will remain a club member. Thanks for your service, Tom. With no one stepping up to fill this vacancy, Jack Todd has accepted the position. Motion made and carried to install Jack Todd as Vice President for 2026. Thanks, Jack!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jack Todd asked for ideas for summer cruises, outings, etc.

Daryl Barnes told about the Maycock's health issues. Daryl talked about the historic barn and house on their property and is hoping to arrange a club event to visit their historic buildings.

Shirley Cormack presented the club with two huge photo albums full of car shows, many of which she and her late husband attended plus more recent shows. Anyone wanting any of these photos are welcome to them. Daryl Barnes has the albums. Check with Daryl.

Stanley Hayden has stated due to his health situation, he has decided to sell his 1963 Fairlane 2 door hard top. Call Stanley if interested.

NEW MEMBER: Jace Bayless was received in as a new member tonight. Jace has a 1966 Mustang and a 1965 Ford Fairlane 500. Welcome, Jace!

REFRESHMENTS: Daryl Barnes will bring for the February meeting.

DOOR PRIZE: Was won by Donna Tibbits.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Rosie French, seconded by Shirley Cormack. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Homolka, Secretary

2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 5-7** - AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly, VA
Mar 19-21 - Special Nationals, Guaynabo, PR
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

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

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Information can be found on the National AACA website:*

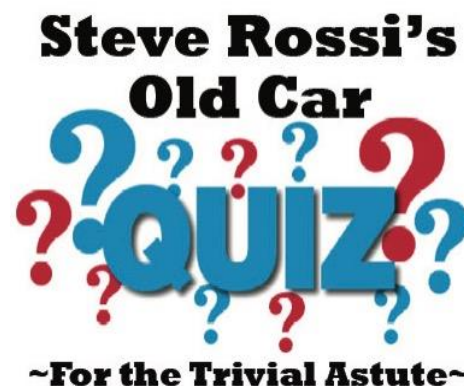
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QUESTION

Once upon a time, there was a U.S. Presidential family member that dabbled in the automotive industry.

Who was it?

Answer on page 9



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DID YOU KNOW?

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sounds a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found.

Why were the best watches found at the train station?

The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the tele-

graph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line.

Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches.

As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about nine years.

This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit.

That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers.

Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say.



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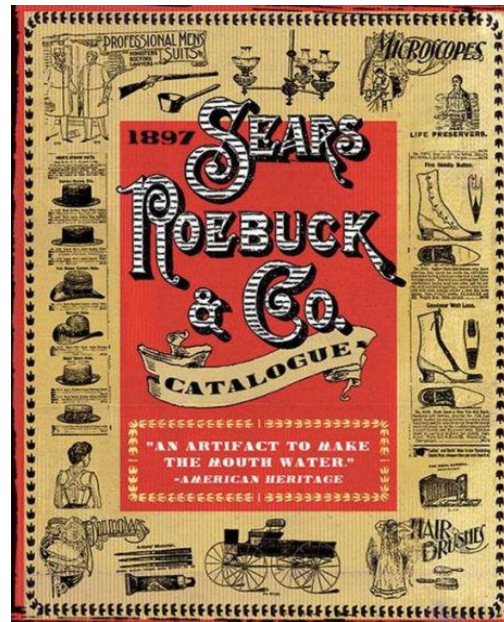
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The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago - and it's still there.

Yes, it is a little-known fact that for a while in the 1880s, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegrapher operator: Richard Sears and his partner Alvah Roebuck!

Bet you didn't know that!

Now that's history!



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TOPEKA FARM SHOW

A group of men from the Lawrence Antique Car Club, along with their friends, attended the Topeka Farm Show on January 7, 2026. Participants were Jack Todd and his brother John; Daryl Barnes; Joe Arneson; Don Gullet and his friend; Darrell Workman; and Darrell Lambert along with friend Tom from Atchison. They all had a good time, and the weather was beautiful. Darrell Workman was actually considering purchasing the Case Tractor (shown below) and eventually figured out that it wouldn't fit in his barn. Therefore, Darrell and his friends left for home but nobody took the tractor with them.



WHAT MAKES FEBRUARY UNIQUE?

February stands out for several reasons, not just for being the shortest month of the year. With 28 days in common years and 29 in leap years, this month packs a punch with holidays, historical events, and quirky facts that keep it interesting.

01 February was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification. The month was so named because of the purification ritual Februa held on February 15 in the Roman calendar.

02 Unlike other months, February can pass without a single full moon. This phenomenon next occurs in 2037.

03 Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is believed to have originated from a Roman festival called Lupercalia, which celebrated the coming of Spring and included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery.

04 In the United States, February is Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history.

05 Presidents' Day, falling on the third Monday of February, honors all U.S. presidents, though it originally began as a celebration of George Washington's birthday.

06 The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, often falls in February. The exact date changes each year, based on the lunar calendar.

07 Carnival, celebrated in countries like Brazil, marks the beginning of Lent. It's famous for its vibrant parades, elaborate costumes, and lively music.

08 Groundhog Day on February 2nd is a popular North American tradition where a groundhog predicts the weather by either seeing its shadow (six more weeks of winter) or not (early spring).

09 In some parts of the world, February is the coldest month of the year, while in others, it's a time of significant weather changes, signaling the end of winter.

10 Snowdrops, one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter, often begin to appear in February, symbolizing the hope of Spring.

11 February is the only month that can have less than four phases of the moon.

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12 The phenomenon known as "February thaw" refers to a period of mild weather that sometimes occurs in February, providing a brief respite from the cold winter temperatures.

13 The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed on February 2, 1848, ending the Mexican-American War and extending the U.S. territories to the Pacific Coast.

14 On February 12, 1809, both Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, and Charles Darwin, the English naturalist, were born.

15 Pluto was discovered on February 18, 1930, by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona, adding a new member to our solar system (though it was later reclassified as a dwarf planet).

16 In Old English, February was called Solmonath, which translates to "mud month," reflecting the wet weather conditions typical in England during this time.

17 The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461, making leap year babies, or "leaplings," a rare phenomenon.

18 An old superstition suggests that if a woman proposes to a man on February 29th, he must accept or pay a penalty. This tradition is believed to have originated in Ireland.

19 The violet and the primrose are February's birth flowers, symbolizing faithfulness, humility, and chastity.

20 Amethyst, the birthstone for February, is thought to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage.

Written by Dylan Ebs at ohmyfacts.com



Rebus Puzzles

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

The New England Glass Company was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts, by Amos Binney, Edmund Munroe, Daniel Hastings, and Deming Jarves in 1818, producing blown and pressed glass items. It became known for its cut and engraved glass. When pressed glass was introduced, the company quickly included it in their product line. When soda-lime glass (a cheaper option) was introduced in the 1870s, the company declined and was eventually sold to Libbey-Owens-Ford Factory in the 1930s; William Libbey in 1878, who renamed it the *New England Glass Works, Wm. L. Libbey & Sons Props.* In 1888, William's son, Edward moved the company to Toledo, Ohio. In 1892, it was renamed again to just *The Libbey Glass Company* and was soon involved in the production of automotive glass in partnership with the Ford Motor Company. The company also developed the first automatic manufacturing method for light bulbs, and other glass and bottling products and was one of the leading glass companies well into the 1930s.



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REBUS ANSWERS:

1. Negative feedback
2. Bermuda Triangle
3. Uphill Battle
4. Domino
5. Back to Basics
6. Up for Grabs
7. Think outside the box
8. Trash talk
9. Sign up
10. Hang in there
11. Coffee Rave
12. Too big to ignore



ANSWER?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr. imported and distributed both Fiats and Jaguars and was personally acquainted with the Gianni Agnelli family in Italy. The thought was that his Washington, DC, connections would help when it came to U. S. importation demands, along with more far-reaching legislative and industrial trade concerns. The Roosevelt Automobile Company, Inc. (not to be confused with the Marmon Roosevelt) was responsible for America's Southeast region throughout the 1960s and also ran U. S. based Team Roosevelt Racing with Abarth.

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

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A LITTLE HUMOR



**My grandson made the
mistake of telling me
I was being overdramatic
so I just changed the WiFi
password. We'll see
who's overdramatic in
about 5 minutes.**



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1929 Model A Cartoon Truck

I am fascinated by history and as a Model A owner, I am particularly fascinated by Model A history. Recently I was “Googling - Model A Cartoon” and came across a series of pictures of a 1929 Model A Truck that had been airbrushed painted with cartoons. Featured in Ripley’s Believe It or Not auto magazine, Marking the entrance to New York Comic Con on Barrett-Jackson TV show, this revelation was totally new to me. I am sure that many of you who have been in the Model A hobby for years may be familiar with the Cartoon Model A Truck, but for me it was totally new! Exciting to see and interesting to indulge my curiosity and read multiple articles about a Cartoon Truck I had never seen or heard about. Now you are probably asking yourself “What has this President’s Message got to do with our club?” Well, I will leave you with a quote from Henry Ford to ponder as your start 2026: “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” Sooo - for all you Model A Folks, keep learning, keep going.



Bob Luczun's 1929 Model A Cartoon Truck as featured in Driving Line

**62nd ANNUAL
LAWRENCE SWAP MEET**

FRIDAY NOON TO SUNDAY NOON

MAY 1, 2, 3, 2026

AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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