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2026 CALENDAR

- Mar 5** - Monthly Meeting, 6:30P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center
- Apr 2** - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center



CELEBRATIONS

- March 3 - National Anthem Day
- March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 12 - National Girl Scouts Day
- March 15 - Ides of March Day
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - First Day of Spring
- March 29 - Palm Sunday

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It takes awhile for me to condense all the the input and ideas from our monthly meetings. I came home feeling refreshed in the direction we're heading as a club. This morning as I was preparing for my day and thinking about the club, it hit me. It's the volunteer spirit displayed by all of us through our love of old cars and the charitable giving it provides to enable kids to get a better education or providing food to shelter pets, and clothe veterans. We can be proud of our club and those whose shoulders we stand on that made all of this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Lagerstrom
President

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

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(785) 979-4562

Doug McNichols - through 2028
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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

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

K. L. and Jean Homolka
March 22, 1961 - 65 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 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 NOTE

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).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MONTHLY MEETING
February 5, 2025**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Robert Lagerstrom with the Pledge of Allegiance, February 5, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: (29) Joe Arneson, Daryl & Margaret Barnes, Jace Bayless, Russell Benke, Chris & Joanne Eichhorn, Ken & Virginia Filardo, Don Fornelli, Russ French, Stanley & Linda Hayden, K. L. Homolka, Steven Humbert, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell Lamer, Sean Lewis, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Tom & Sharon Stallings, Ken & Donna Tibbits, Jack & Delores Todd, Darrell Workman.

MINUTES: Motion to approve as posted in newsletter by Margaret Barnes, second by Carl Peer, no corrections, Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No new business. Pete reminded everyone to get their National dues in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SWAP MEET: Joe reported 500 flyers are printed, and are on the back table for distribution. Planning meeting will be in March, details T.B.A. soon. 4-H will be assisting as in past years. Jack says spot orders are coming in good.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: National AACA solicited "Director/Officer Liability Insurance" plan. Cost is \$110.00 per year. Motion was made to purchase, after discussion and explanation of plan, vote was taken and motion failed by a "show of hands" (8-21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Margaret thanked the club and individuals for their support of her "SWEATS FOR VETS" project.

We received Thank You letters from the BALLAD CENTER, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY and LAWRENCE HUMANE SOCIETY for the \$100.00 donations we gave from the Christmas party "sing".

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE is March 17, our entry fee of \$150.00 has been paid. If you want to drive your car in the parade, contact SEAN LEWIS (785-393-9078) by March 1.

DOOR PRIZE: Delores Todd was our winner.

Thank you Daryl and Margaret for the refreshments.

Ken and Donna Tibbits will host refreshments in March.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Tom Stallings, seconded by Carl Peer, carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

K. L. Homolka
Secretary



2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 5-7** - Annual Convention/National Awards, 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

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 8-10** - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Jul 22-24 - Central Spring Nationals, New Ulm, MN

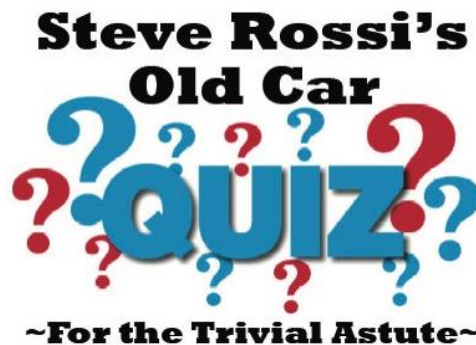
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Information can be found on the National AACA website:*

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

QUESTION

In addition to the Model T, what other landmark Ford idea was harvested out of Detroit's Piquette Avenue Plant parts inventory?

Answer on page 9



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ALL ABOUT MARCH

According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December.

March was actually named for the Latin Martius—aka Mars, the Roman god of war.

The “Ides of March” was a day in the Roman calendar equivalent to March 15th. It was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

Daylight savings time begins in March.

Saint Patrick’s Day occurs every March 17th, celebrated in many western countries to commemorate the day Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick’s Day turns the Chicago River green, among other festivities.

March is known for one thing above all others: March Madness. According to USA Today, unproductive workers cost their employers \$4 billion in 2019, paid to employees spending company time on betting pool priorities.

The March equinox occurs on Monday, March 20, 2023. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season. In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn begins. The sun shines on the equator for the Vernal Equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night.

March’s Zodiac signs are Pisces (February 20 to March 20) and Aries (March 21 to April 20).

March’s birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. These stones symbolize courage.

March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.

The popular social media outlet Twitter was launched on March 21, 2006, with the first tweet going out the same day.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call.

Slightly less groundbreaking than the telephone, perhaps, but the 7th of March 1933 marked the invention of the family board game Monopoly.

Coca-Cola was invented by John Pemberton in March of 1886.

The Girl Scouts was officially founded on the 12th of March, 1912.

On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy founded the successful nonprofit volunteer organization known as the Peace Corps.

Chuck Norris, Jon Bon Jovi, Shaquille O’Neal, Bruce Willis, Elton John, and Denny Howell are some of the people who celebrate birthdays in March.

Daffodils have been designated as March’s birth flower.

March 14th is celebrated as ‘International Pi Day’ as March 14th is known as 3/14, which is also in honor of Albert Einstein’s birthday.

On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower was ascended for the first time. The journey had to be made by foot as the elevators were not in operation yet, and took over an hour to reach the top.

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THE MOON

Our latest full moon, or Snow Moon, was on February 1st and 2nd.

Fun fact about full moons: At full moon, the sun, Earth and moon are aligned in space, with Earth in the middle. And the moon's day side, its fully lighted hemisphere, faces us. That's why it appears full. So a full moon always lies opposite the sun in our sky. And on the night of full moon, the moon and sun behave as if they're on 2 ends of a seesaw: the sun goes down, and the moon comes up.

Sometimes February doesn't have a full moon. About once every 19 years, February has no full moon at all. The last time that happened was in 2018. The next time February won't have a full moon is 2037.

North American full moon names by month:

January: Wolf Moon, Old Moon, Moon After Yule

February: Snow Moon, Hunger Moon

March: Worm Moon, Sap Moon, Crow Moon, Lenten Moon

April: Grass Moon, Egg Moon, Pink Moon

May: Flower Moon, Planting Moon, Milk Moon

June: Rose Moon, Flower Moon, Strawberry Moon

July: Buck Moon, Thunder Moon, Hay Moon

August: Green Corn Moon, Grain Moon, Sturgeon Moon

September: Fruit Moon, Harvest Moon

October: Harvest Moon, Hunter's Moon

November: Hunter's Moon, Frosty Moon, Beaver Moon

December: Cold Moon, Moon Before Yule, Long Night Moon



FUN FACTS ABOUT CLASSIC CARS

Different automotive groups have different definitions of what makes a car a classic. But, it's safe to say an older model with some sort of icon status – something that will never, ever see the scrap yard – can be considered a classic.

One thing is for sure: They're much more than a mode of transportation. Often-times, classic cars are coveted family heirlooms, and they're as interesting as the people who collect them.

To celebrate classic cars and those who cherish them, we're offering a few fun facts about the hottest cars in history.

1. The first full-scale, self-propelled mechanical vehicle was released in 1769. It was a steam-powered tricycle that was used to haul cannons around town. (But, it weighed 8,000 pounds!)
2. The Benz Patent-Motorwagen is believed to be the first modern automobile. German inventor Carl Benz applied for the patent in 1886, and later, his wife took it on the first ever, long-distance drive.
3. In 1913, the Ford Model T became the first mass-produced automobile. Three years later, 55 percent of all cars in the world were Model Ts, which is a record yet to be broken.
4. The 1964 Pontiac GTO is widely regarded as the first "muscle car." Pontiac owned the muscle scene in the early 1960s, but by 1968, that car had plenty of competition.
5. The Ford Mustang also made its debut in 1964. It was officially unveiled at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. That same day, the car also debuted in showrooms across America, and close to 22,000 Mustangs were purchased.
6. The first Chevrolet Camaro to ever come off the production line was black. And originally, the Camaro was going to be called the Panther.
7. The 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona was banned by NASCAR. The car was named for the Daytona 500, and with its record-breaking speed, it won the first race it was entered in. Unfortunately, however, it was just too fast to last.
8. Pontiac's "The Judge" (a 1969 GTO) was named after a TV show skit. At the time, John DeLorean was the man in charge, and he chose to name the car after a show he watched and liked: "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In."
9. "The Judge" was also featured in what's considered the first-ever rock music video. In the original TV commercial for this car, Paul Revere and the Raiders sang a song they wrote about it.
10. The original "Dukes of Hazzard" show featured a total of 309 Dodge Chargers – all 1969 editions. How can you tell a 1969 Charger from a 1968? Look for the split grille on the front of the '69 model.
11. A 1977 Pontiac Trans Am starred in the movie "Smokey and the Bandit." Four were provided for the movie – all of which were badly damaged during production.
12. Each member of The Monkees was given a new Pontiac GTO. As part of their contract, everyone on the hit TV show got a hot car for personal use.

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13. Flip-out headlights on the Dodge Charger were used for the last time in 1973. Apparently, they didn't seem very family friendly.

14. There is no 1983 Chevrolet Corvette. Instead, Chevy skipped a year and introduced an all-new model in 1984. However, there were prototypes of the car, and all but one was destroyed. It now lives in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

15. Only 11 prototypes of the Porsche 916 exist. It's one of the rarest cars in the world, as it was soon replaced by the less expensive Porsche 911.

16. Chrysler's 426 HEMI engine was called "the elephant." It was extremely large and extremely powerful. In fact, at Daytona in 1964, the vehicles that placed first, second and third all had this engine – which is why NASCAR would eventually change its engine-related rules.

17. The most expensive car ever sold at a public auction was a 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196R Formula 1 race-car. In 2013, it went for a staggering \$30 million.

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

In 1853, Levi Strauss moved to San Francisco to open a branch of his brother's New York based dry goods company. Jacob Davis, a tailor who often bought bolts of denim from the company, came up with the idea of using copper rivets to reinforce pockets and such on pants that he often did repairs on. Not being able to afford a patent for the idea himself, he proposed a partnership with Strauss, who accepted. Their joint patent was received in 1873 and soon became a mainstay of the clothing they produced together. They started with denim overalls in the 1870s. The first modern style "blue jeans" appeared in the 1920s, but were used for workers and cowboys, etc. It wasn't until the 1930s that the general public got in on the trend.

Interesting note: During World War, blue jeans were declared an essential commodity and sold only to people engaged in

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THEY ALL WEAR
LEVI STRAUSS
COPPER RIVETED WAIST OVERALLS

Here Are a Few 1926 Records We Are Proud of:

- Glenn Hibbs, Golconda, Nev., Winner of First Prize in Bucking Horse Contest, Winnemucca, Nev., Rodeo, Sept. 4, 5 and 6, 1926, wore Levi's during the contest.
- Bud Arnold, Elgin, Ore., Winner of Broncho Riding Contest at the Union County Fair, Elgin, Ore., Sept. 22 to 25, 1926, wore Levi's during the contest, and all the other contestants wore Levi Strauss Leather Label Overalls.
- Perry Ivory, Winner of Best All-Round Cowboy Contest at the San Joaquin Valley Rodeo, Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1926, wore Levi's through the four-day show, and says they are the only ones he wears.

At the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Frontier Days, held July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1926:

- In the Daily Wild Horse Race on July 27, this event was won by Yakima Kid;
- On July 28, won by Bud Clark;
- On July 29, by Floyd Stillings;
- On July 30, by H.W. Collin;
- On July 31, won by Albert Christenson.

Each and every winner wore Levi's, as the following shows:

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the recent Cheyenne Frontier Days Celebration, the result was remarkable, in that every man who received first money was wearing the Two Horse Brand of Overalls. The Company is to be congratulated, as the result shows that to a man, they all wear Levi Strauss Two Horse Brand Overalls. They are truly the Overalls of the Rider of the Range. [signed]

Wm. G. Haas, Chairman, Cheyenne Frontier Days, 1926"

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Salesman's flyer, given to retailers, circa 1926

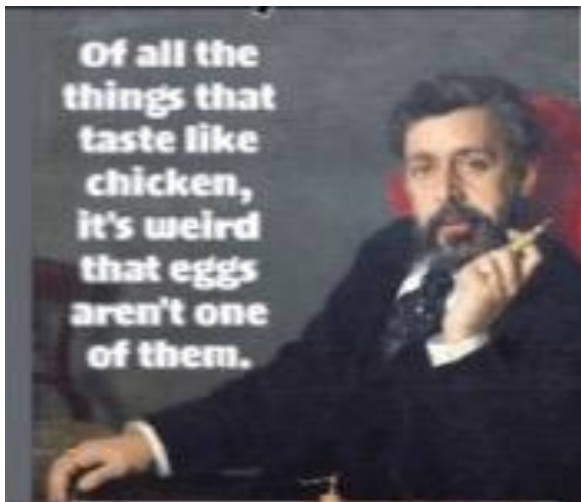
ANSWER

As the Model T was in final development, Henry Ford also began experimenting with the lightweight farm tractor which he called the “automotive plow.” The 1907 prototype included such Piquette-sourced components as a 1905 four-cylinder Model B engine/transmission and Model K front wheels, front axle and steering gear. A photo of Ford’s “experimental farm motor” appeared in the November 15, 1908, edition of Farm Implement News. In 1918, Ford would go on to introduce the affordable Fordson (Henry Ford & Son) tractor in the U.S. (From Tractor Wars)

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

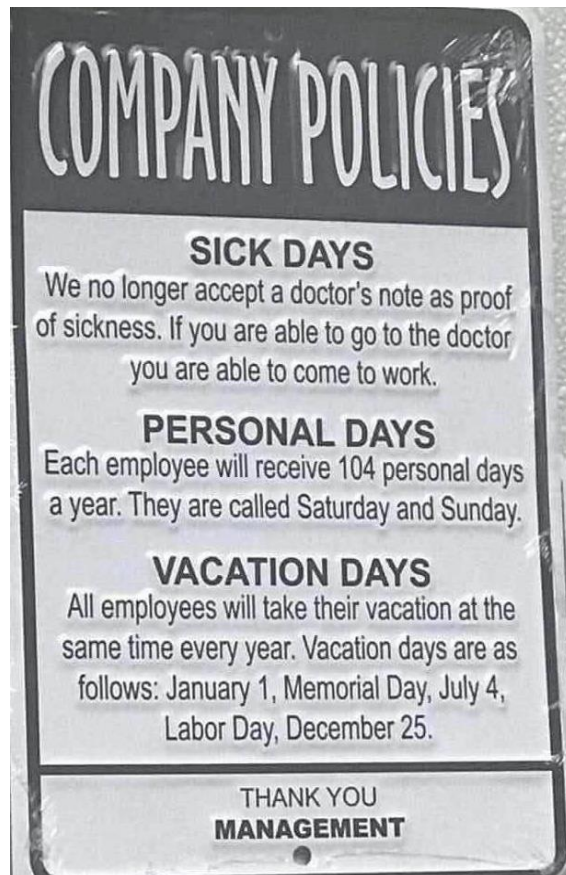
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A LITTLE HUMOR



Ike -“Hey Mike, how’d you ever manage to get rid of that danged old Ford?”

Mike - “Well, it wasn’t easy, Ike. First, we advertised it for sale and nobody wanted to buy it. Then we advertised it for FREE and nobody would take it. Finally, we parked it around behind the house and moved away!”



QUIRKY COMMENTS

Where did Captain Hook buy his hook? At a secondhand store.

Stephen King has a son named Joe. I'm not joking, but he is.

I have a fear of speedbumps. I'm slowly getting over it.

Remember slinkies – some people are like them, but they make you smile when you push them down the stairs.

Cannibal. Someone who is fed up with people.

If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

Police have confirmed that the man who fell from the roof of a nightclub and died was not a bouncer.

If anyone gets a message from me about canned meat, don't open it. It's Spam

I don't mean to brag, but cashiers are always checking me out.

Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?

I just read a book entitled "How to Survive Falling Down a Staircase". It's a step by step guide.

There are 5 types of fear: terror, panic, username or password is incorrect, "we need to talk", 20 missed calls from mom.

Sign on highway construction site: Slow Down - We Will Call Your Mom.

I wasn't planning on going for a run today but those cops came out of nowhere.

My therapist told me "Write letters to the people you hate, then burn them." Did that, but now I don't know what to do with the letters.

"I'm sorry" and "I apologize" mean the same thing. Except at a funeral.

Anonymous

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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Please note AACA Dues: \$45.00

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FRIENDLY REMINDER:
MEMBERSHIP IN AACA NATIONAL
MUST BE RENEWED BEFORE
RENEWING LRAACA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026

Memberships are for Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2026



**62nd ANNUAL
LAWRENCE SWAP MEET**

FRIDAY NOON TO SUNDAY NOON

MAY 1, 2, 3, 2026

AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
¼ MILE NORTH OF EAST 23RD ST ON HARPER ST.

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Space Sizes

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