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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Swap Meet is just weeks away and I'm excited for us to have another successful event.
 The ladies are arranging a great feast for our meals.
 Joe and Jack are working hard planning and reserving spots.
 I think we are almost there.

Let's all have fun!!

Bob Lagerstrom
 President

CALENDAR

**APR 30 - WORK DAY 8 AM TIL DARK;
 ALL MEMBERS DINNER MTG AT DARK**
MAY 1 - WORK 8 AM until gate opens:
 10:00 AM or earlier
**MAY 2 - GATE OPEN 6 AM, WITH BEAN
 DINNER AT 4:00**
**MAY 3 - ALL CLUB MEMBERS HELP
 CLEANUP - AFTER 12 PM OR BEFORE**
JUN 4 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
 Peaslee Tech Center

LRAACA WEBSITE

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

CELEBRATIONS

May 10 - Mother's Day
May 16 - Armed Forces Day
May 22 - National Maritime Day
May 25 - Memorial Day
May 31 - National Smile Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

2026 LRAACA OFFICERS

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(3 year terms)

Russ French - through 2026
(816) 616-8554
Darrell Workman - through 2027
(785) 979-4562
Doug McNichols - through 2028
(785) 243-0883



MAY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

May 2 - Roger Bain
May 12 - Barb Maycock
May 29 - Janice Arneson

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Roger Bain & Jan Arndt
May 13, 1984 - 42 years
Pete & Debby Maxon
May 17, 1975 - 51 years
Tony & Susan Mitchell
May 11, 2001 - 25 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 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** (by email).

LAWRENCE REGION AACA MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER: President Robert Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at the Peaslee Technical Center on April 2, 2026, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: (25) Joe Arneson, Jace Bayless, Shirley Cormack, Tim Cragg, Chris & Joanne Eichhorn, Don Fornelli, Russ & Rosie French, K. L. Homolka, Steven Hubbard, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell Lamer, Sean Lewis, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Tony Mitchell, Carl Peer, Tom & Sharon Stallings, Ken & Donna Tibbits, Jack Todd, & Darrell Workman. □

MINUTES: Motion to approve as posted in March 2026 Clutch Chatter by Jace Bayless, second by Carl Peer. Motion carried with one change, (phone number correction for Russ French).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pete reviewed monthly income & expenses activity. Motion to approve by Tim Cragg, second by Carl Peer. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Scholarships: Tony reported he has not received any applications yet. Will contact schools again. Suggested talking to Peaslee director.

NEW BUSINESS:

SWAP MEET MEETINGS: Joe scheduled a work assignment meeting for Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 P.M. at his home. Jack stated that our vender sales are running ahead of last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Lagerstrom briefly mentioned about starting a "steering committee" to prepare other members for chairmanships of our major events.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

We experienced computer problems for St. Patrick's Day Parade pictures so although it's even past April Fool's Day, we wanted to mention it and the great work our members did to coordinate and complete our club's involvement in the parade.

Sean Lewis did a great job getting everyone set up for the parade. 11 cars participated: Sean Lewis & Jessica Felton, Darrell Workman, Jack & Delores Todd, Joe & Janice Arneson, Kenny & Donna Tibbits, Robert & Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell & Linda Lamar, Pete Maxon, Kay Homolka, Tim Cragg & Jace Bayless. The spectator attendance & excitement was fantastic.

PROGRAMS: K. handed out papers with pictures of front turn car signals and rear tail lights and quizzed everyone to identify the brand and age of each.

THANK YOU: Chris and Joanne Eichhorn for the refreshments.

DOOR PRIZE: Won by Rosie French.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Ken Tibbits, second by Russ French. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully
K. L. Homolka
Secretary



PRE-SWAP MEET MEETING

A pre-swap-meet meeting was held Tuesday April 7 at Joe Arneson's garage. There were 17 members present. Joe handed out the work assignments to everyone. Joe reported everything is coming together nicely (golf carts, port-a-pots, yellow shirts/caps, 4-H duties, etc.)

Jack reported we have about 290 spots sold. This is going to be a huge event!!

Our web site was discussed briefly, with no resolve.

Meeting closed with everyone enjoying Janice's wonderful cookies and snacks.

Reported

K. L. Homolka

Secretary

2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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 1-3 - 62nd Lawrence Swap Meet, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS

Jun 11-14 - Petit Jean Swap Meet, Petit Jean, AR

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:

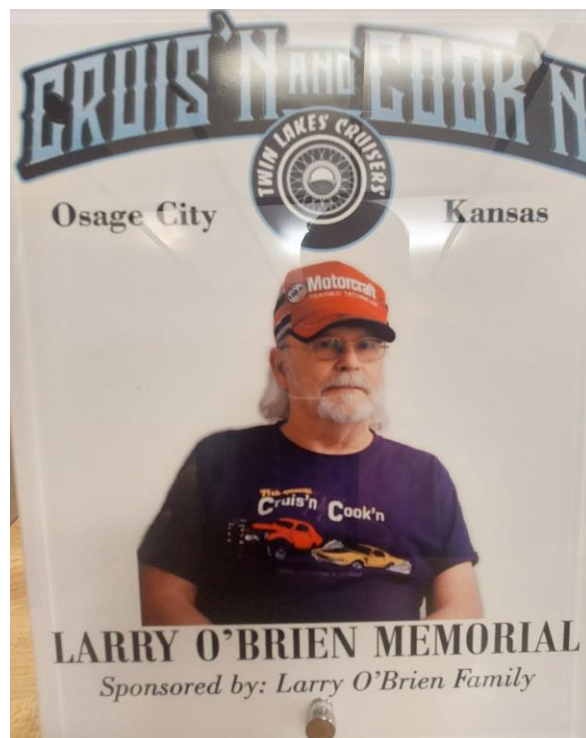
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OSAGE CITY CAR SHOW



Board of Director Darrell Workman attended the Osage City, Kansas Cruis'n and Cook'n car show on April 12, 2016, and his vehicle received a plaque. His friend, Ike Taylor from Baldwin City, Kansas also received a plaque. The memorial picture is of the man for whom the car show was held, Larry O'Brien. His daughter and grandson are also pictured as they presented a plaque to Darrell.

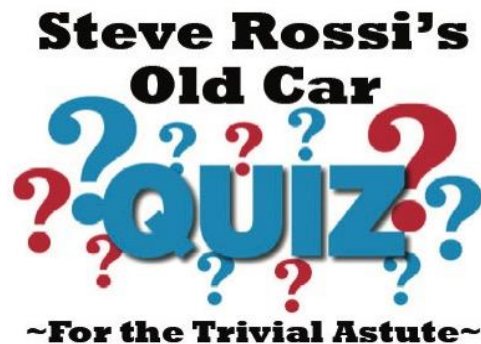


It's been well recognized that General Motors clearly went into overdrive in 1929, when Chevrolet offered a "Six cylinder engine in the price range of the four!".... in an attempt to out maneuver the Model A Ford.

What previous sales success led GM to such a strategy?

Answer on page 9

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

- May 2, 1904 - Bing Crosby, singer, actor
- May 3, 1937 - Frankie Valli, singer, the "Four Seasons"
- May 6, 1931 - Willie Mays, Hall of Fame baseball player
- May 8, 1884 - Harry S. Truman, 33rd U.S. President
- May 10, 1899 - Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, born Frederick Austerlitz
- May 12, 1820 - Florence Nightingale, British pioneer in the field of nursing
- May 13, 1923 - Beatrice Arthur, actress, starred in TV sitcom "Golden Girls"
- May 16, 1955 - Olga Korbut, Olympic gymnastic champion
- May 17, 1972 - Mia Hamm, Hall of Fame soccer player
- May 20, 1908 - James Stewart, actor
- May 22, 1859 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer of detective stories
- May 24, 1819 - Queen Victoria, of Great Britain
- May 26, 1907 - John Wayne, western actor
- May 26, 1951 - Sally Ride, astronaut, First woman in space
- May 28, 1888 - Jim Thorpe, Olympic champion pentathlete/decathlete
- May 29, 1903 - Bob Hope, comedian, actor
- May 29, 1917 - John F. Kennedy, 35th U.S. President

TRIVIA

What kind of car is this?



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ANSWER

General Motors first deployed the idea of a six-cylinder engine for every man and woman with the arrival of Pontiac in 1926. As a low priced companion car to the more upscale Oakland, Pontiac was created to bridge the gap between Chevrolet and Buick.

After its first year in existence, Pontiac became the most successful new car ever sold at the time, with some 100,000 sold in a mere 15 months.

Pontiac engineers leveraged the purpose-built six with the then-existing GM parts bin... which included an assortment of Chevrolet chassis and body components.

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Steve Rossi's Old Car

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~For the Trivial Astute~

BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

Max Factor was born in Russia and was apprenticed a wig maker and cosmetician by age nine. He later opened his own shop selling homemade products.

Discovered by a traveling theatrical group who performed for Russian nobility, he was soon appointed as the official cosmetics expert for the royal family. In 1904, he and his wife emigrated to the US. He settled in Los Angeles to seek opportunities in the Movie industry. He revolutionized the cosmetic products used in the film industries, coining the term "Make-up" and promoting "color harmony".

In 1916 he began selling make-up to the public the first time the Joan Crawford commercial cosmetic became available. He earned an Oscar for his makeup techniques in film, but believed that any woman could be glamorous given the right tools. National distribution began in 1927 and due to his connection with the film industry, his ads included many Hollywood stars.

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1928 Ad with Joan Crawford

TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER

What was this car known as?

The Superbee

The Superbee was produced between 1968 and 1971 by Dodge. It offered comparable performance to the brand's more expensive cars at a better price point and was known for its attractive design and peppy engine..



WHY DO GARDENERS MAKE EXCELLENT GOSSIPERS?

BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE BEST DIRT

WHY DO WE NEVER TELL SECRETS IN A GARDEN?

BECAUSE THE POTATOES HAVE EYES, THE CORN HAS EARS, AND THE BEANS STALK

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEAR CAUGHT OUT IN THE RAIN IN SPRING?

A DRIZZLY BEAR

WHY DID THE SCARECROW WIN AN AWARD?

BECAUSE HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

WHAT DOES A CLOUD WEAR UNDER ITS RAINCOAT?

THUNDERWEAR

HOW EXCITED WAS THE GARDENER ABOUT SPRING?

SO EXCITED HE WET HIS PLANTS



Wedding Wear 1931



- A. This lovely example of the bride has a bodice that accentuates the bust, and is fitted through the waist, with flairs below the hipline.



- B. With a deeper shade of blue this gown in lace for the maid of honor features puff sleeves and ruffles at the front that extend around the back in a charming line. A sash at the waist finishes the gown.
- C. The frock for the flower girl is of the same shade of blue with tiny ruffles along the neckline, armholes and hemline.
- D. The color of choice for this bride is blue. Diamond seaming enhances the gracious lines of this blue satin gown; the back panel forms a train.

A Book of Fashion Facts ,page 1

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Spring and Summer Hats

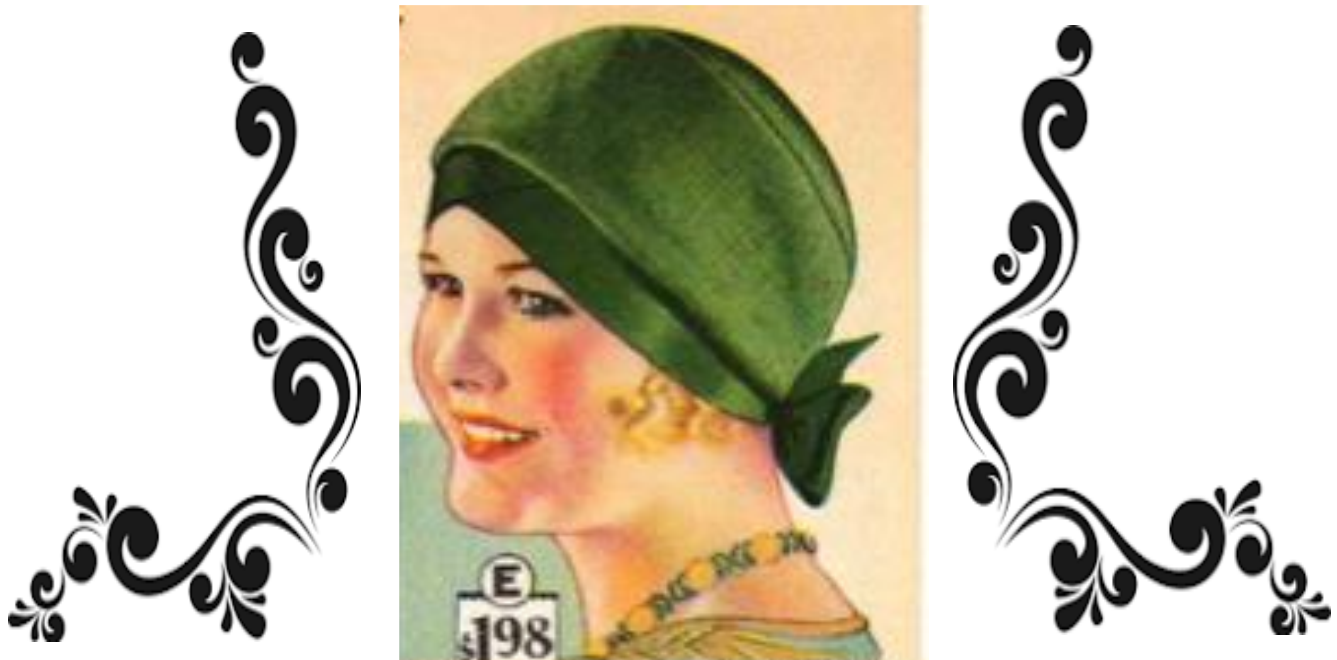


F Y15V1262—Fits heads 21¼ to 22¼ inches.
 Y15V1428—Fits heads 22¼ to 23 inches.
COLORS: Lido sun tan (illustrated), woodbine rose, (soft medium rose), linen blue (light Copen), hyacinth (new orchid) or white.
 Here's a beautiful, summery large Hat with an "air" that belies its very moderate price. It is made of Snake Hemp Straw Braid and has brim inserts of fancy transparent hair braid. The large flowers at the side with a grosgrain ribbon motif background, are characteristic of the season's trimming for large hats. Grosgrain ribbon **\$1.98** encircles the crown.



For the Ladies

A 78V6843—Fits 21¼ to 21¾ inches.
 78V6844—Fits 22 to 22½ inches.
Colors: Shell pink (as illustrated), peach beige, or Nile (light) green. Measure and state color.
 There is a delightful, summery note to this attractive transparent hair braid model. Silk cord in matching color adapts itself splendidly to the all-over design. Pleated grosgrain ribbon trim. Narrow pedaline braid edges the narrow brim. Postpaid..... **\$2.98**



E Y15V1260—Fits heads 21¼ to 22¼ inches.
COLORS: Bermuda green (illustrated), Lido sun tan, Japanese red (bright red), linen blue (light Copen) or white.
One of season's most popular Hats for sports and general wear is this smartly youthful little Beret Tam of Crocheted Visea Straw Cloth. It is soft and crushable, molds itself close to the head and frames the face in a bewitching line, finished with good quality grosgrain ribbon band and a bow in the back. **\$1.98**

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CRAZY QUESTION

IS IT CRAZY HOW

SAYING SENTENCES BACKWARDS

CREATES

BACKWARDS SENTENCES SAYING

HOW CRAZY IT IS?

FUN FACTS ABOUT MAY

May 1 is May Day. Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs from your region. May Day is also “Lei Day” in Hawaii. Leis are garlands or wreaths that are often made with native Hawaiian flowers such as plumeria. Nowadays, they are given as a symbol of greeting, farewell, affection, celebration, or honor, in the spirit of aloha.

May 10 is Mother’s Day—don’t forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for your mother?

May 16 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.

May 22 is National Maritime Day. Created in commemoration of the first transoceanic voyage via steamboat (completed by the U.S.S. Savannah in 1819), this holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.

May 25 is Memorial Day—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It’s tradition to raise the flag on this day; know how to fly your American flag properly.

May is the National Good Car-Keeping Month.

May was the month in 1873 when blue jeans were created.

May was once considered as bad luck to marry. There's a poem that says "Marry in May, rue the day".

GREAT MEMORIES FOR EVENTS IN MAY

May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark began their trip up the Missouri River.

May 20, 1862, during the Civil war, President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act.

May 15, 1918, regular airmail service began.

May 1, 1931 the Empire State Building opened.

May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

May 27, 1937, The Golden Gate Bridge opened.

OTHER FUN FACTS ABOUT MAY

May -1 - National Chocolate Parfait Day

May 3 - Kentucky Derby Day

May 4 - International Firefighters Day

May 6 - National Foster Care Day

May 10 - Mother's Day

**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.

PUBLIC ADMISSION- FREE

PARKING:

\$5.00 per vehicle

Trucks with trailers: \$10.00

PARKING AREAS

North end of fairground

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VENDOR FEES

RESERVATIONS- BOTH DAYS

\$40.00/space - Advanced

\$50.00/space -At Gate

Car Corral— same as above

Space Sizes

Inside: 12 x 12 feet

Outside: 15 x 20

SET UP

Friday: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am to 2:00 pm

No admittance to fairground

10:00 pm to 8:00 am

At 12:00 to Vendor

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