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2026 CALENDAR

JUNE 4 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Sonic at 31st Street
JULY 2 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Peaslee Tech Center

CELEBRATIONS

June 4 - National Cheese Day
June 7-National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
June 14 - Flag Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
June 21 - First Day of Summer
June 21 - Father's Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Due to a scheduled vacation for several members, our President's Message will be missing this issue.

Can you guess where they were?

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JUNE CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Darrell Lamar
June 7 - Tim Cragg
Jun 12 - Joe Arneson
June 12 - Rosie French
June 14 - K. L. Homolka

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Patricia Peer
June 1, 1974 - 52 years
Bob & Karen Lagerstrom
June 21, 1968 - 58 years
Daryl & Margaret Barnes
June 21, 1968 - 58 years
Chris & Joanne Eichhorn
June 21, 1980 - 46 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 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
MAY PRE-SWAP MEET MEETING
April 31, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER: President Robert Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Peaslee Technical Center. He then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The May meeting was held on April 31 at the Flory Building at the fair grounds.
The early meeting was to review the preparations of the swap meet, beginning tomorrow, May 1.
A catered meal of BBQ pork, chicken and all the fix'ns was enjoyed by all. A very brief meeting followed, reviewing the swap meet preparations, a review of the pubic parking procedures, and the N/E Exit rules.

Good Night, tomorrow will be a "Biggie" !!!

K. L. Homolka
Secretary

Trivia

Can you identify this car?

Answer on page 13

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2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Jun 11-13 - Southeastern Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge, TN, Volunteer Region
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

No more scheduled through this date

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 18-20 - Winter Nationals Melbourne, FL, AACA National
Apr 8-10 - Southwestern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Jun 3-6 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Fredericksburg, VA
Jul 22-24 - Central Spring Nationals, New Ulm, MN
Aug 26-28 - Central Fall Nationals, Crystal Lake, IL, Northern Illinois Region
Sep 8-11 - Special Fall Nationals, Vernon, NY
Oct 5-8 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey Region, PA

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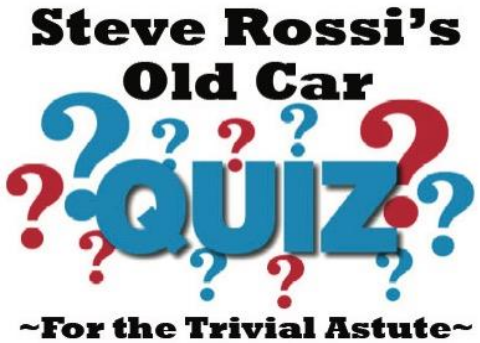
https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar

QUESTION



What industry mogul described the automobile as simply "a box with a motor" to convey the thought, "How hard could it be?" when he attempted to diversify into an all-new and totally different market category?

Answer on page 11

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TECH-ED STUDENTS CAR SHOW

April 25, 9 club members attended the "Tech-Ed Students " car show. About 40 cars were entered. Pete Maxon won't the "Exhibitor's Choice" trophy, Kenny Tibbits won the "Tech-Ed Student" trophy, and Ed Jankowski (former member) won the "best car" trophy. Glad the car show season is here!!!

Karen & Bob Lagerstrom - 1964 Mustang

Jack Todd - 1955 Chevrolet

Pete Maxon - 1960 Corvette

Sharon Stallings - 1938 Plymouth

K. L. Homolka - 1971 Dodge Superbee

Ed Jankowski - 1928 Ford Model A

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Trophy Winners - Tech-Ed Car Show

Pete Maxon - Exhibitor's Choice

Donna & Kenny Tibbits - Tech-Ed Student

Ed Jankowski - Best Car

Photos by K. L. Homolka

POST SWAP MEET MEETING

May 7, 2026

The post swap-meet meeting was held Thursday evening, May 7 at Joe's garage. There were 23 members and 3 guests present. Everyone enjoyed the pizza, drinks and cookies. Joe called out names for door prizes.

Joe thanked everyone for all their efforts in helping make the swap meet be such a great success.

Margaret mentioned her idea of giving a four-year continuous scholarship to McPherson

Russ French gave an overview of the public parking. He thanked everyone that helped in this important/sometimes hectic task. He mentioned a few ideas he has that could make the public parking even more efficient next year.

A huge THANK YOU to Karen and her helpers for the wonderful food and drinks that was ALWAYS available. Good job, ladies !!!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by

K. L. Homolka., Secretary

THE GOOD GUITARIST

As a guitarist I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my guitar and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost……

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Trivia Challenge Answered

Can you identify this car?

The 2000 GT was a 2-seater front-mid engine car made by Toyota in collaboration with Yamaha. It was a limited-production model offered between 1967 and 1970 and was dubbed the Japanese muscle car.

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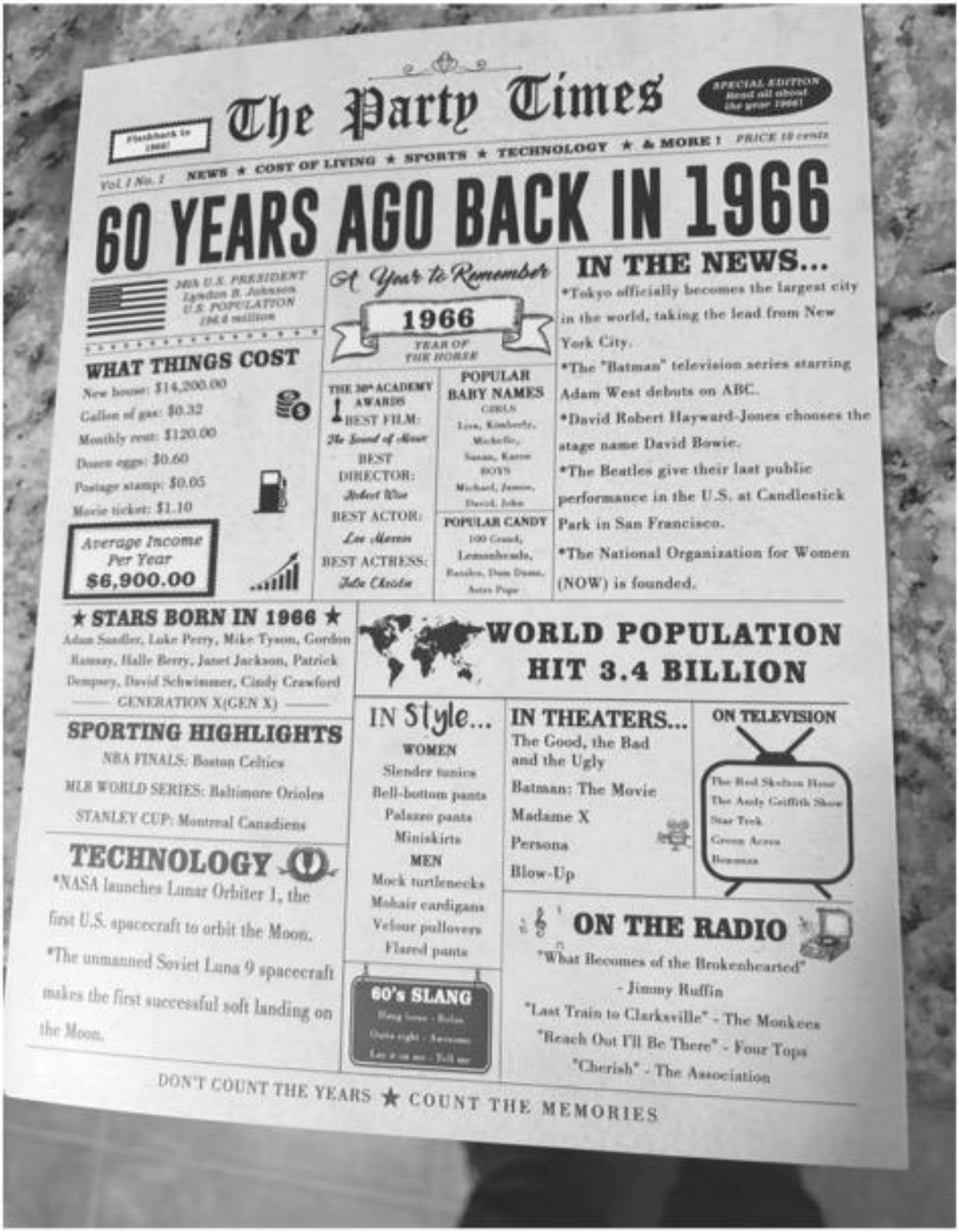
62ND LAWRENCE REGION AACA SWAP MEET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

A few minutes rest for some of the many workers at the swap meet



The Party Times

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60 YEARS AGO BACK IN 1966

36th U.S. PRESIDENT Lyndon B. Johnson
U.S. POPULATION 196.6 million

WHAT THINGS COST

New house: $14,200.00
Gallon of gas: $0.32
Monthly rent: $120.00
Dozen eggs: $0.60
Postage stamp: $0.05
Movie ticket: $1.10

Average Income Per Year $6,900.00

A Year to Remember

1966
YEAR OF THE HORSE

THE 38th ACADEMY AWARDS
BEST FILM: The Sound of Music
BEST DIRECTOR: Robert Wise
BEST ACTOR: Lee Marvin
BEST ACTRESS: Julie Christie

POPULAR BABY NAMES
GIRLS
Lisa, Kimberly, Michelle, Susan, Karen
BOYS
Michael, James, David, John

POPULAR CANDY
100 Grand, Lemonheads, Razzles, Dum Dums, Astro Pops

IN THE NEWS...

*Tokyo officially becomes the largest city in the world, taking the lead from New York City.

*The "Batman" television series starring Adam West debuts on ABC..

*David Robert Hayward-Jones chooses the stage name David Bowie.

*The Beatles give their last public performance in the U.S. at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

*The National Organization for Women (NOW) is founded.

★ STARS BORN IN 1966 ★

Adam Sandler, Luke Perry, Mike Tyson, Gordon Ramsay, Halle Berry, Janet Jackson, Patrick Dempsey, David Schwimmer, Cindy Crawford

GENERATION X(GEN X)

WORLD POPULATION HIT 3.4 BILLION

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

NBA FINALS: Boston Celtics
MLB WORLD SERIES: Baltimore Orioles
STANLEY CUP: Montreal Canadiens

TECHNOLOGY

*NASA launches Lunar Orbiter 1, the first U.S. spacecraft to orbit the Moon.

*The unmanned Soviet Luna 9 spacecraft makes the first successful soft landing on the Moon.

IN Style...

WOMEN
Slender tunics
Bell-bottom pants
Palazzo pants
Miniskirts

MEN
Mock turtlenecks
Mohair cardigans
Velour pullovers
Flared pants

60's SLANG

IN THEATERS...

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
Batman: The Movie
Madame X
Persona
Blow-Up

ON TELEVISION

The Red Skelton Hour
The Andy Griffith Show
Star Trek
Green Acres
Bonanza

ON THE RADIO

"What Becomes of the Brokenhearted" - Jimmy Ruffin
"Last Train to Clarksville" - The Monkees
"Reach Out I'll Be There" - Four Tops
"Cherish" - The Association

DON'T COUNT THE YEARS ★ COUNT THE MEMORIES

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ANSWER

William C. “Billy” Durant is said to have used the simple “box with a motor” analogy when he personally invested in the struggling Guardian Frigerator Company in 1918, which later became Frigidaire. The remark signaled his confidence in his ability to expand from automobiles into refrigeration. General Motors would go on to own Frigidaire from 1919 to 1979.

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Steve Rossi's Old Car QUIZ

~For the Trivial Astute~

THUNDER ON THE BRICKS

The "Thunder on the Bricks" car show was held in Baldwin, Ks. on May 9. It was a wonderful day with well over 200 cars entered. Our club had 5 cars entered, K. L. Homolka with this 1956 Dodge Coronet, Daryl Barnes with his 1994 Corvette, Doug McNichols with his 1967 Chevy Impala, Darrell & Linda Lamer with their 1938 Chevrolet, and Chris & Joanne Eichhorn with their recently acquired 1970 Pontiac Catalina.

Thanks to K. L. Homolka for the pictures

A LITTLE HUMOR

What did the drummer name her twin daughters??
Anna 1, Anna 2

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?
Ten-tickles

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity.
I can't put it down.

Why are pirates called pirates?
They just ARRRR!

What do you call a hippie's wife?
Mississippi

Why don't melons get married?
Because they cantaloupe.

Why are spiders so smart?
They can find anything on the web.

How do you identify a bald eagle?
His feathers are combed over to one side.

Can February March?
No, but April May.

It was an emotional wedding - even the cake was in tiers.

A Buick - (emphasis on "ICK")

Haven't we all owned one looking like this? Thanks to Don Forelli for the photo.

Ford's Quadricycle from The HistoryChannel.com

At approximately 1:30 A.M. on June 4, 1896, Henry Ford test drove his Quadricycle, the first automobile he ever designed or drove. Ford was working at the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit at the time that he began building the Quadricycle. He had reportedly seen an article on the gasoline engine in the American Machinist while in the company of friend and fellow engineer Charles King. In King's recollection, Ford claimed: "I want to build one of these." Ford employed the help of his friends in the Detroit engineering community to build an internal combustion engine on his kitchen table. It is important to note to what extent Ford was a visionary and an organizer. He was an engineer, of course, but he didn't, by any means, accomplish his engineering feats alone. Men like King, along with a slew of other engineers, volunteered their time to Ford's projects. King provided Ford with a whole crew of workers who labored in the makeshift machine shop Ford had constructed in his garage behind his Bagley Avenue residence in Detroit. Ford even convinced his neighbor, Felix Julian, to donate his half of the shed to the cause. King was building his own vehicle at the time and actually preempted Ford in testing the horseless carriage in March of 1896. Ford followed King's carriage's test-run on his bicycle. Ford did make one major innovation in building his first vehicle: his decision not to attach an engine to an existing carriage but rather to construct a four-wheel body based on the principles of bicycle manufacturing. Ford completed his Quadricycle early in the morning on this day in 1896. He couldn't wait to test the invention. Only one of his associates, Jim Bishop, was present at the time of the vehicle's completion. In all of his enthusiasm in getting the car together Ford failed to consider that his contraption was wider than the doors of the shed in which he built it. He and Bishop set upon the door and adjacent walls with axes in order to hack an entrance sufficient for the Quadricycle. The 500-pound, two-cylinder vehicle came to life in the alley behind Ford's house. Ford drove it down Bagley Avenue to Grand River Avenue, to Washington Boulevard, where the Quadricycle stopped. Bishop and Ford pushed the automobile to the Edison plant where they replaced a nut and spring that had come loose. The next month Henry drove his vehicle to his father's farm to show it off. His father apparently walked around it cautiously. Later he expressed his doubts to one of his neighbors: "John and William [Henry's brothers] are alright, but Henry worries me. He doesn't seem to be settled down and I don't know what's going to become of him." Little did his father know that his son Henry would do just fine for himself!

See Ford in his quadricycle on the next page!

FORD'S QUADRICYCLE