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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I feel this is the best time of the year being in the car club.

We meet socially for a meal, show off our cars, and get to cruise to shows together.

With Kay and everyone's help with car show dates and locations, this could be the best summer yet. Keep the dates coming and let's show everyone why this club is so strong.

Have a great summer.

Bob Lagerstrom
President

2026 CALENDAR

JULY 2 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
at Sonic on 31st Street

AUG 6 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
at Sonic on 31st Street

CELEBRATIONS

July 4 - American Independence Day

July 7 - World Chocolate Day

July 14 - Bastille Day

July 14 - National Mac and Cheese Day

July 19 - National Ice Cream Day

July 26 - National Disability Independence Day



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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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

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JULY CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

July 3 - Lisa Petersen
July 17 - Daryl Barnes
July 27 - Jean Homolka
July 31 - Sean Lewis

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Janice Arneson
July 31, 1971 - 55 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 MONTHLY MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER: The June meeting, as usual, was a very short meeting held at the Sonic drive-in on 31st. St. President Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: There were 24 members and spouses in attendance. Joe Arneson, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Jace Bayless, Russell Benke, Tim Craig, Stanley and Linda Hayden, K. L. and Jean Homolka, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Pete Maxon, Doug and Diane McNichols, Carl and Penny Peer, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack and Delores Todd, Don Fornelli, and Darrell Workman.

MINUTES: No minutes of the previous meeting were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS Nothing reported.

NEW BUSINESS: Daryl Barnes handed out the new car show flyers. Several car shows and events were mentioned, especially the Brandon Woods event on June 19th and the Walmart event on June 27th.

DOOR PRIZE: Karen Lagerstrom won the door prize.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The July meeting will be at Sonic again.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned around 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
K. L. Homolka, Secretary



2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

Jun 27 - Walmart CMN Car Show, 3300 Iowa, Lawrence, KC 11:00-2:00

Oct 4 - Lawrence AACA Car Show, Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper, Lawrence, Ks 9:00-2:00

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 4-6 - Annual Convention - King of Prussia, PA - AACA Nationals

Feb 18-20 - Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL - AACA Nationals

Apr 8-10 - Southeastern 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

Sep 8-11 - Special Fall Nationals, Vernon, NY

Oct 5-8 - Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

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Information can be found on the National AACA website:

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



QUESTION

As automobile sales expanded exponentially in the 1920s, what unfortunate irritant arrived...was eradicated over time...and has now returned?

Answer on page 9

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

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I've received information that the restaurant Stanley James Smokehouse, 1500 East 23rd Street in Lawrence, will be having a 1/2 price breakfast for antique car club members on the second Saturday of each month, for those who drive their antique car to the restaurant and park facing the street. Hours for the event are 8:00 am to noon. Thanks to Darrell Workman for the information and Bob Lagerstrom for the photos.



The left three cars, Darrell Workman's, Jack and Delores Todd's, and Karen and Bob Lagerstrom's also participated in the Eudora, KS parade on June 12th.

FUN FACTS ABOUT JULY

Stone of Destiny Returned: Sometimes, countries misplace some of their most important things. Other countries sometimes take them. That's what happened with Scotland's Stone of Destiny. England took the stone, an oblong block of red sandstone in 1296. They returned it on July 3, 1996. During that time, British kings and queens used it in crowns. This is despite how ancient the stone was, and how important it was to Scotland.

Declaration of Independence Published: The Continental Congress published the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It stands as one of the most important documents in United States History. John Hancock was the first to sign it. You may hear people today saying, "Give me your John Hancock," when asking for a signature. After it went to print, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and other well-known historical names added their signatures.

Pokemon GO Released: Released on July 6, 2016, Pokémon Go became one of the most popular games on the planet. Pokémon Go has garnered over 1 billion downloads since its launch.

Hollywood Sign Constructed: They first put up the Hollywood Sign on July 13, 1923. In 1949, they temporarily took it down to make it look nicer and fix some damage. The sign originally read Hollywoodland. In 1949 they removed the last four

Amazon is Born: Amazon is a global online store. The largest online retailer and technology provider in the world. Surprisingly, Amazon is younger than most people realize. Jeff Bezos founded it on July 5th, 1994. It began as an online book marketplace and quickly grew into what it is today.

Those born or died on July 4th: Calvin Coodige was born on July 4, 1872, whereas Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826 and James Monroe passed away on Independence Day in 1831.

Americans purchase over 200 million pounds of fireworks annually for July 4th. The tradition of fireworks dates back to the first anniversary celebration, inspired by John Adams' vision of "illuminations" marking the holiday.



ORIGINAL COLOR PHOTOS FROM 1931
"BATHING POOL SCENE"



In 1931, photographer Nickolas Muray took the above photos he titled "Bathing Pool Scene," for the June, 1931, issue of Ladies Home Journal.

This advertisement was the first color advertisement from a color photograph to be published in an American mass-publication magazine. So this is an actual color photo, not a colorized black and white!

Check out the beach pajamas, the shoes, the hats, the swimsuits, everything in full color and real life.

While still a posed picture, it shows actual existing clothing, not an artistic interpretation such as catalogs often used. And it is a great group scene of multiple beach fashions, all in one place. Quite an historic set of pictures!



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ANSWER

As more and more cars hit the road, headlight glare became a rather significant issue. So much so that everything from anti-dazzle lenses and lamp deflectors to unique headlight designs such as Woodlights were employed. The then-common flat plate glass certainly didn't help, either.

The good news is that through careful lighting management, improved window glass design/manufacturing processes, and industry standardization, the problem was very much alleviated. The bad news is that night time glare has returned.

Because car makers now design their own unique headlights, which are therefore inconsistent across the industry, to further serve as brand-specific styling elements, the car park is full of vehicles with very different ride heights.

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

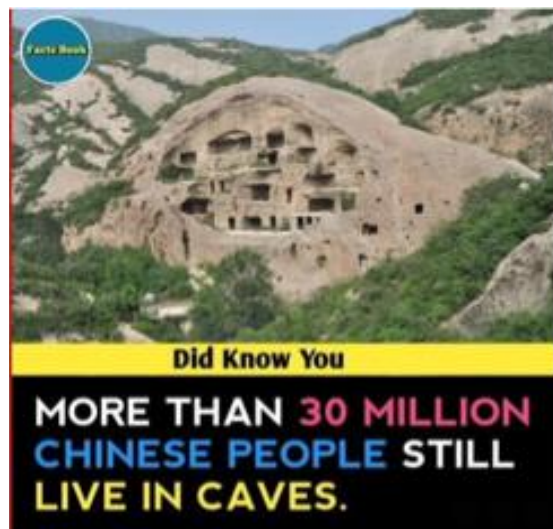
FASHION FOR FUN



Evening bags with beads or metal mesh are the perfect accessory for the era-fashion fun look.



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THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS

When Dad had worn his trousers out,
they passed to brother Jon.
Then Mother turned them round about
and Michael put them on.
When Michael's legs too long had grown,
the trousers failed to hide 'em.
Then young Tim claimed them for his own
and stowed himself inside 'em.
Next Tom's fat legs they close invest
until they won't stretch tighter.
And then they turned and washed and pressed
And fixed on me, the writer.
Mom worked them into rugs and mats
when I had burst the stitches,
At doomsday we shall see, perhaps,
The last of Dad's old britches.

Written by Anonymous, 1934

FLY HUNTING

A woman walked into her kitchen and found her husband stalking around the room with a flyswatter in his hands. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies". He responded. "Oh. Killing any?" she asked. "Yes. 3 males and 2 females", he replied. "Intriguing" she said, "How can you tell them apart?" He responded "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

A LITTLE MORE

A tourist is a person who travels for days to get a picture of himself standing by his car.

A highway has three lanes: the left lane, the right lane, and the one you're in when you pass your exit.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

A sign on the lawn of a drug rehab center... Keep Off The Grass!



On December 20, 1920, Emma Kipp, my great-grandmother, at the age of 56 decided it was time to buy the first family car. She ordered a 1921 Cadillac from a traveling salesman from the dealership of Nagelvoort-Stearns of Wichita, Kansas. It was shipped by rail to the small town of St. John, Kansas, and delivered on July 27, 1921. My great-grandfather, Hiram Kipp, was not in a hurry to get a car. Being a Kansas farmer, he was content with his work horses. As the story goes, the only time he drove the car was when he was trying to put it in the garage and accidentally wrecked it into a tree. This may account for the crumpled left front fender and used 10-spoke front wheel on the car when we started the restoration. I am told he never drove the car again.

The car made many trips from the farm to the small towns nearby, and in 1927 it was taken on a family vacation to Colorado by my great-grandparents, grandparents, two aunts, and my mother. Dad recalls that the last time the car was driven before restoration was in 1941, when my mother and he took it jackrabbit hunting . . . "Mom could out-shoot just about anyone with her octagon barrel "22".

The Cadillac was passed down in 1946 to Emma and Hiram's only son, Roy Kipp, my grandfather. In 1966 after my grandmother, Nellie Kipp, passed away, the car was left to my aunt, Royena, and mother, Phyllis. Aunt Royena's half was purchased by my mother and dad, and the restoration was soon underway.

The first few years were spent disassembling and cleaning parts. My

brother, Kipp, carefully labeled parts and helped dad restore the frame. The engine was taken to a machine shop in Great Bend, Kansas, to be rebuilt. The aluminum body was taken to Wichita, Kansas, where it was straightened and painted by George Osborne. Frustrated after waiting 2 years for work to begin on the engine, we picked it up and delivered it to Motor Machine in Wichita, Kansas. Pistons and rings were ordered from Jahns Pistons and a local junior college student turned out new rod and main bearings. Local shops in Pratt, Kansas, repaired the starter/generator, radiator, and other miscellaneous parts. The rolling chassis was taken to Wichita and the body and rear fenders were mounted to the frame. We picked the engine up from the machine shop and installed it with the help of a local mechanic.

Mother kept busy writing letters and gathering information on needed items. She received several samples of upholstery and found that the only source for wool mohair of the quality that matched the original was in England. She ordered the upholstery and carpet in 1967. Mother wrote Wayne Sackett with the Cadillac Company and received a copy of the original sales order, which confirmed when the car was ordered and delivered to my great-grandparents.

In October of 1970, mother passed away and the restoration stopped. The car sat in the shed, painted in nitrocellulose lacquer with the engine re-installed, but never started. The front fenders, hood, and radiator shell had not been installed, nor had any of the interior work been started.



In 1927 the Cadillac took the family on a trip to Colorado: (L to R) great grandfather Hiram Kipp, aunt Royena, my mother, Phillis, and grandfather Roy Kipp. Great-grandmother Emma Kipp and grandmother Nellie Kipp stayed inside the car.

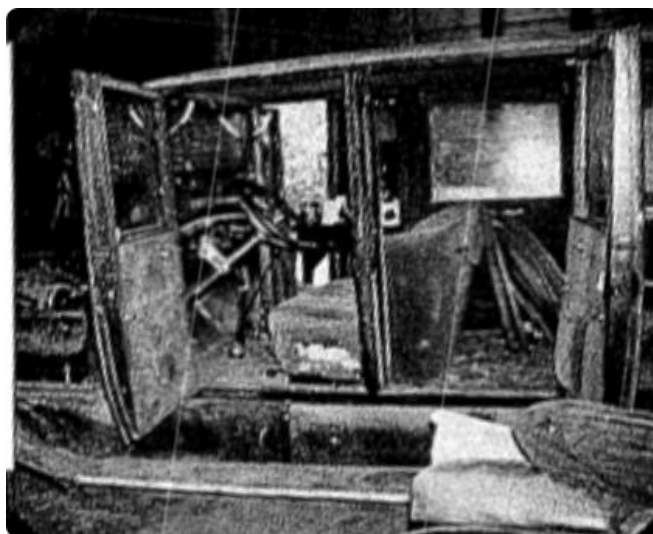
In November of 1980 my brother, Chris, got us back on track by purchasing a shop manual on the car. I studied the manual and began working on the carburetor. Dad and I rebuilt and installed the distributor, water pumps, exhaust, and other items. My brother, Phil, welded and help fabricate the horn mount, battery hold down, tag holder, and other needed parts. Many parts were found on a couple of trips to the Hershey swap meet and through several ads placed in *Hemmings*. A horn was located in Lincoln, Kansas. (We suspect the original horn was transplanted to my grand-dads coyote wagon.) After many hours of adjusting, cleaning, and lubricating we started the engine. It was an exciting day when we drove the Cadillac out of the shed for the first time in 40 years. (We sat on inverted 5-gallon buckets for seats.)



The "camper" unloaded, the family posed for this picture: (L to R) Roy and Nellie Kipp (grandparents) and Emma and Hiram Kipp (great-grandparents and original owners).

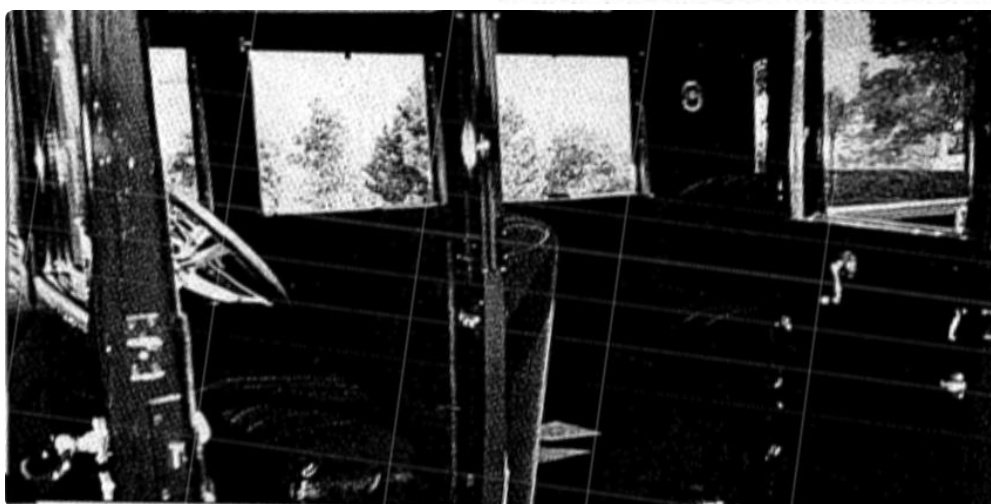
We took the car to the small town of Greenwich, Kansas, where Gary Young stripped the lacquer paint that had begun to check. He restored the paint and body work and cast new interior door hardware. The interior was then installed by Paul Matz of Wichita, Kansas, and after 18 years of restoration, the car was again complete.

In October of 1984 the car was ready for the Pratt, Kansas, centennial celebration. With the car originally from Pratt County, we were fortunate to win best entry in the parade. Since then Dad has enjoyed showing the car at many local and national events. In June of 1986 we attended the Mid-America Old Time Auto Association car show on top of Pettit Jean Mountain in Arkansas, where we won first in our class. Later that year we traveled to our first AACA National event held in Arlington, Texas, and received our First Junior. We took the Cadillac to Chicago in July of 1988 for the Cadillac/LaSalle Grand National and received top honors in our category.



Interior view before restoration, 1966

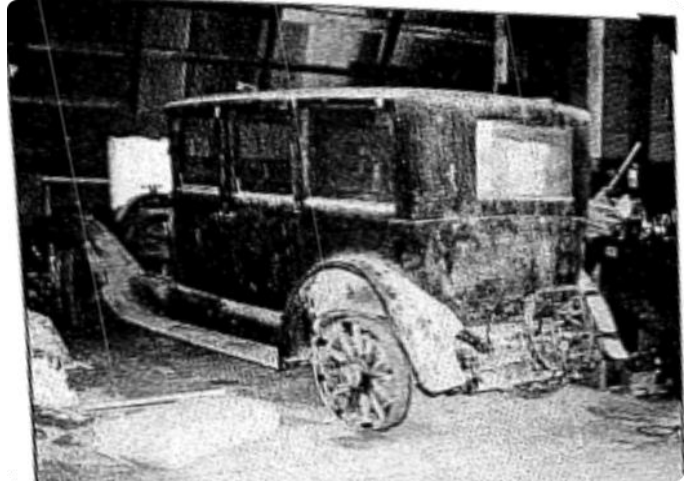
Just three weeks later we arrived in Mason City, Iowa, at the AACA National in hopes of gaining our Senior. Although we were unable to make the required points for a Senior, we did receive some valuable knowledge of items needing attention. We changed the rubber valve stems to brass stems with nickel covers, changed the plating on the grease cups on the frame from chrome to nickel, and made numerous miscellaneous changes to prepare for the AACA National held in Topeka, Kansas, in June of 1990. We



The wool mohair upholstery material was special ordered from England

received our Senior in Topeka, which qualified us to go to the AACA Grand National held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August of 1991. With the combined help of Dad, his wife, Royena, my brother, Kipp, sister, Louise, the Stanions from Pratt, and my wife, Karen, we were able to gain the needed points for a First.

The restoration and the showing of the Cadillac has been a family venture from the start. We have enjoyed getting together at the AACA shows and are looking forward to going on tours with the car in the near future. 🚗

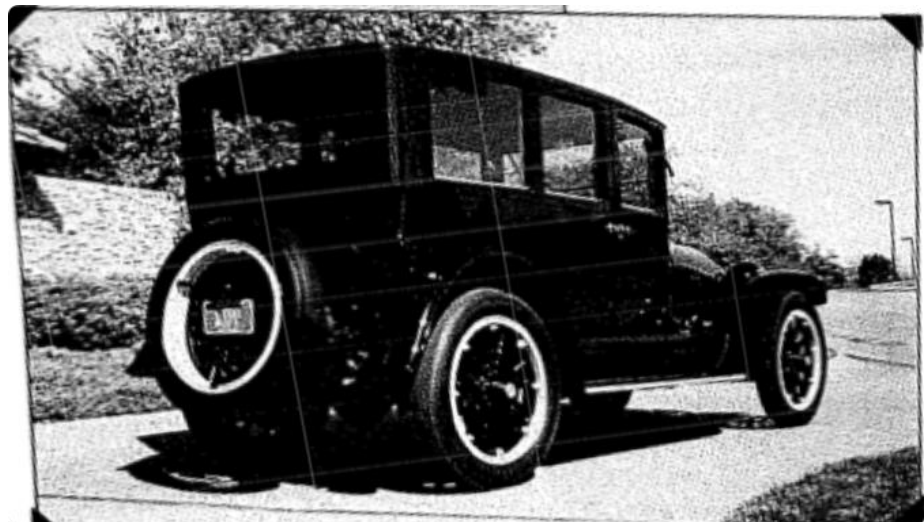


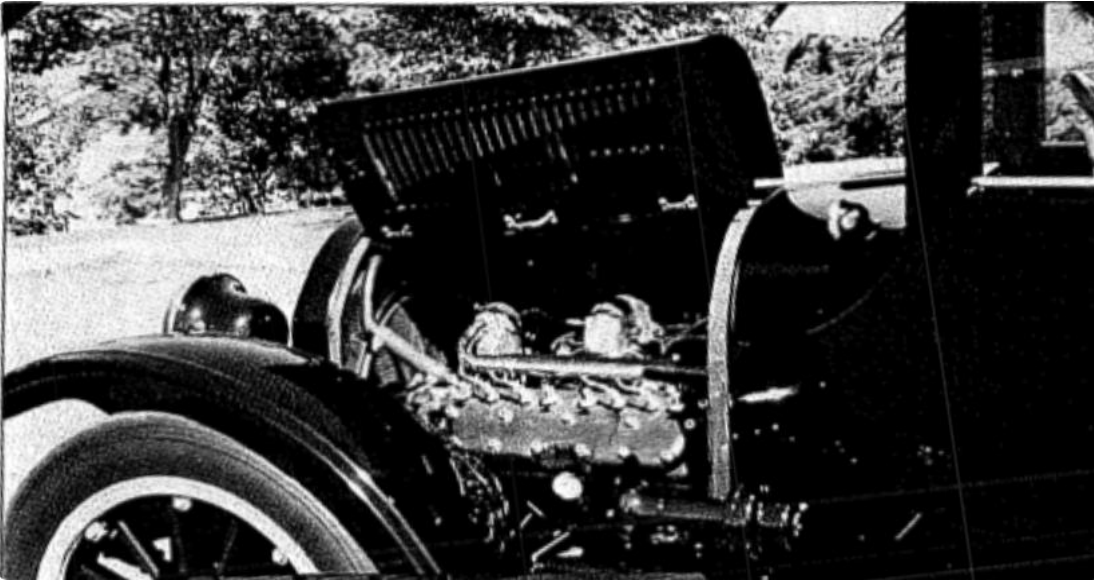
Exterior view of Cadillac, 1966



This family venture really paid off - a prize-winning 1991 Grand National Car

Note license plate on rear-view.





Engine compartment "cleaned up" real nice



Engine compartment awaits restorer's attention

Special Items on a 1921 Cadillac

All aluminum body with a full top
(no insert like many cars of this
era)

Headlamps that dim by
mechanically pivoting the
silvered reflectors down

Window operators that allow the
window to be lowered onto a
lip for sealing weather tight

Roll-out cigar lighter that can be
pulled from the dash

Compressor mounted on the side
of the transmission with an
outlet and hose to pump up
any of the tires while on the car

Aluminum block flat-head V-8 with
314 cu. in. developing 78
horsepower

Direct opposing cylinders using
forked connecting rods and an
eight lobed cam with pivoting
roller tappets

Up-draft-type carburetor with
horseshoe-shaped intake

Porcelain exhaust manifolds
mounted toward the center of
the engine with dual exhaust
pipes

Combination starter/generator

Radiator overflow recovery system
Silk shades on all five rear
windows

Pressurized gas tank with a hand
pump on the dash for starting



Flag Day

140th

1777-1917

The Birthday of the Stars and Stripes

June 14th 1917

'Tis the Star Spangled Banner; Oh, long may it wave, O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!"