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2026 CALENDAR

OCT 1 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P. M., Peaslee Tech Center
NOV 5 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P. M., Peaslee Tech Center

CELEBRATIONS

October 1 - Model T Day
October 4 - National Get Out N Drive Day
October 7 - You Matter To Me Day
October 9 - International Beer & Pizza Day
October 15 - National I Love Lucy Day
October 24 - United Nations Day
October 28 - National Chocolate Day
October 31 - Halloween

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The September meeting was another great get together. Jack deserves another round of applause for the great meal from Biemer's BBQ and for his efforts putting together the room before everyone arrived.

Now to the elephant in the room. This coming month's meeting is nominations for next year's club officers. Pete is stepping down and needs someone to replace him, as well as all standing officers. It's time for the younger members to step forward and take up the mantle. The election is in November with installation at the December Christmas party.

It's a great feeling being part of the club's guiding leadership and having your ideas giving us fresh prospective.

Robert Lagerstrom
President

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays in October

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries in October

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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
September 3, 2026

Before the meeting was called to order, a catered BBQ was enjoyed by everyone. Tom Stallings gave the meal prayer.

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President Lagerstrom at 6:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE: (40) Joe and Janice Arneson, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Russell Benke, Shirley Cormack, Tim Craig, Ken and Virginia Filardo, Don Fornelli, Russ and Rosie French, Stanley and Linda Hayden, K.L. and Jean Homolka, Steven Humbert, Steven Hubbard, Norman Kressman, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Darrell and Linda Lamer, Shawn Lewis and Jessica Felton, Pete Maxon, Doug and Diane McNichols, Tony and Susan Mitchell, Raymond Patterson, Michael and Lisa Peterson, Tom and Sharon Stallings, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack and Delores Todd, Darrell Workman and guest.

No official committee reports were given.

Tom Stallings thanked Jack Todd for the hard work of ordering and preparing the wonderful catered BBQ dinner, which was followed by loud cheering & applause from the members

Good job as always, Jack!

K.L. reminded everyone about attending the Maple Leaf Parade, October 17. Form to follow soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Thank You, Tim Cormack, for taking event pictures.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Homolka, Secretary

CAR SHOWS COMING UP

OCT 3 - SET EM UP JACK'S CAR SHOW, at fairgrounds, Lawrence

OCT 4 - LAWRENCE CAR SHOW, at fairgrounds,

OCT 10 - JEFFERSONS CARS and KICKSTANDS, Rev City Church, 700 Wakarusa Dr. Lawerence

OCT 24 - KEEP ON WORKIN CAR CLUB, Gene's Heartland Foods, Eudora. 10 AM to 2:00 PM; $20.00

2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 6-9: Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2026 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 4: Lawrence AACA Car Show at Fairgrounds. More information later.
Oct 10: Cars, kick stands; Rev City Church, 700 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

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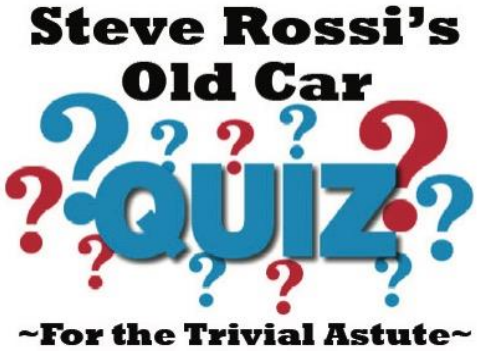
Information can be found on the National AACA website:
https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar

QUESTION

How long has Ferrari been using the iconic Daytona designation for its stellar sports car?

Answer on page 11



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SWEET WHEELS

Contributor Walt Gosden

Advertising on commercial vehicle bodies has been ongoing since “trucks” have been used to transport goods and products, dating back to the horse-drawn vehicle days. To get attention, special bodies were built to order at considerable expense for materials and labor. The body you see here was completed in early 1928 and was featured in the industry magazine *Autobody* in April of that year.

It was referred to as a Bungalow Candy delivery truck and was constructed on a REO truck chassis. The body was built by William Erby & Sons Co. of Chicago. The body was ordered by Mrs. Stover’s Bungalow Candies. The chassis could carry one ton of chocolate candy for delivery to stores!

The body was designed to resemble a house style that was popular in the 1920s, known as a bungalow.

As you can see, it was quite striking in design and appearance. Some details of its construction were an oak and ash frame with poplar clapboards. The windows in the body of the house, aft of the driver’s compartment, were mirrored glass facing out to reflect the sun! The roof covering was metal tiles that were screwed in place. Note the attention to detail: even small garden trees were added to the running boards. No mention was made of the color, but to remain true to the bungalow-style house it resembled, the color was most likely white with a red roof.

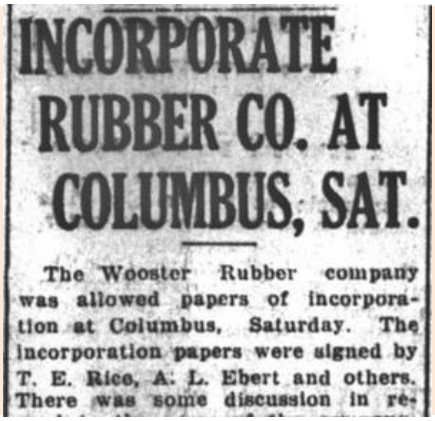
It was noted in *Autobody* that this truck attracted considerable attention when on the road making deliveries.

BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

In 1920, nine businessmen Nine men put their money into a new company to produce toy balloons. Building the company in Wooster, Ohio is probably why they named it the Wooster Rubber company, although this was a second choice for a name.

The company did well with their products until the stock market crash of 1929, which bottomed out the demand for non-essential toys. The company struggled for a few years, until making discovery of a blue rubber dustpan.

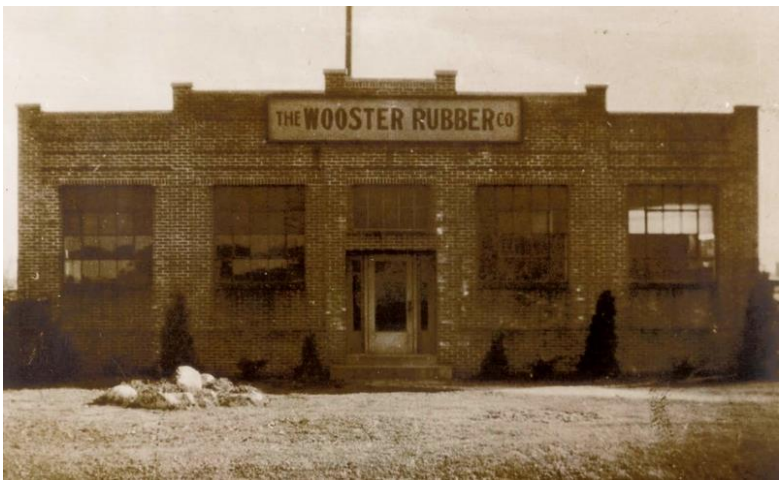
This 1920 *Daily Record* article announces the incorporation of Wooster Rubber Company.



INCORPORATE RUBBER CO. AT COLUMBUS, SAT.

The Wooster Rubber company was allowed papers of incorporation at Columbus, Saturday. The incorporation papers were signed by T. E. Rice, A. L. Ebert and others. There was some discussion in re-

This was an item being sold by James R. Caldwell and his Madeline, who had developed a line of 29 products made out of rubber, and, unusual for the time, were bright colors that stood out, instead of plain white, the natural color of rubber. They called their line "Rubbermaid" referring the material used for the item, and the job they assisted with "Rubber Maid" The companies merged in 1934.



Wooster Rubber Co. began manufacturing balloons in this building in 1920. Until the 1960s, it served as Rubbermaid's headquarters.

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NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES AND BACK - IN REVERSE

This article was in the September 2026 issue of "The Script A News" official newsletter of the Script "A" Ford Model "A" Club of Michigan.

Los Angeles Times, September 28, 1930

After 42 days on the road, James B. Hargis and his mechanic, Charles Creighton, returned to New York and laid claim to a new automobile record, the Times reported.

The two men had driven round trip to Los Angeles in a Ford roadster — in reverse. The car was left running the entire time, the newspaper said. “Throughout these 42 days, Hargis and Creighton traveled night and day at an average speed of 10 mph, sleeping in a specially constructed seat in their roadster,” the Time said.

However, in Los Angeles, the boys gave themselves a 48 hour rest while their motor chugged on while crowds gathered around the car which was making such a unique endurance record. “Before the boys left New York,” the newspaper said, the Texas Co., maker of the Texaco products used on the run, removed the low, intermediate and high gears from the transmission.

LAWRENCE CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP DINNER

It Takes a Tiny Blue Car to Meet My Neighbor John

By Dennis Moore, Coatesville, PA, dmoore@ameridrill.com

Living in the same house for my entire 68 years, I have experienced a time when everyone in the neighborhood knew each other's name, and more recently, a time when if I give a wave, I am lucky if I receive a wave back. This was never the case with John, who moved into the neighborhood a couple of years ago. I didn't know his name at the time, but whenever I waved, there was always a wave back. It might be the fact that John had a 1970 Impala convertible sitting in his driveway and I my 1953 Ford F-100.

One Friday afternoon, coming home from work, I drove by John's home and saw a tiny blue car sitting in his driveway. I had to stop by John's and learn about this vehicle — oh, and also John's name. John told me about his 1938 Austin Big 7, but more importantly, the story behind the car.

I enjoyed what he told me so much that I asked him if he would write down his story so I could share it with my local car club. What follows is John's story about the 1938 Austin Big 7. I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

All it takes is a tiny blue car on a Friday afternoon, on your way home from work, to hear a great story and get to know your neighbor.

"My grandfather, Frederick Naylor, was born in 1898 and joined the Royal Flying Corps at 17 after lying about his age. He spent World War I in France and Belgium repairing biplanes. By 1938, he was married with two children and working as a boiler inspector when he purchased the Austin Big 7 that would become part of our family history. Shortly after, World War II began, and Austin shifted from making cars to munitions. My grandfather, his family, and the car survived the war in London — even a bomb dropped in their back garden didn't take it from them.

After the war, he tried to buy a new Austin, but the waitlist was four years long. By the time his turn came, he had grown very attached to the Big 7 that had carried his family through wartime. He decided to keep it “a little longer,” which became 28 years. He maintained it himself, driving it daily until he passed in 1965.

A few months later, my grandmother gave the car to a friend's son who needed transportation for university. She couldn’t bring herself to watch it leave, so she asked them to pick it up while she was out.

Though I never met my grandfather — I was only a week old when the car was given away — the Big 7 was a constant story in my childhood. My mother, his youngest daughter, remembered watching him work on the car and handing him tools. It was their special connection, one that shaped her memories.

Years later, after I moved to Chester County and began visiting the Classic Car Auto Mall, I noticed several Austins and wondered if any resembled my grandfather’s. I asked my mum, now 87, and her description was remarkably vivid. She had spent her entire childhood and young adulthood in that car — vacations, learning to drive, even taking her driving test.

With her details, I looked up images online. My final question to her was whether she remembered the license plate. She immediately replied, “HPA 91.” I was stunned she recalled it after 60 years.

The next day, I searched for the number online. At first I found nothing — until I tried image search. There it was: a color photograph of HPA 91 on a jigsaw puzzle box. The car had clearly survived decades beyond my grandfather.

I called my friend Tom in the UK. He helped look up the plate, and we discovered it had last been inspected in 2012 — the year inspections were no longer required. That meant the car could still be out there.

After more searching, Tom contacted the Austin 7 Club Commissioner. Within an hour, he had tracked the car down. With the owner's permission, Tom and I spoke to him — and soon he was talking with my mum. They were the same age, both from London, and instantly connected.

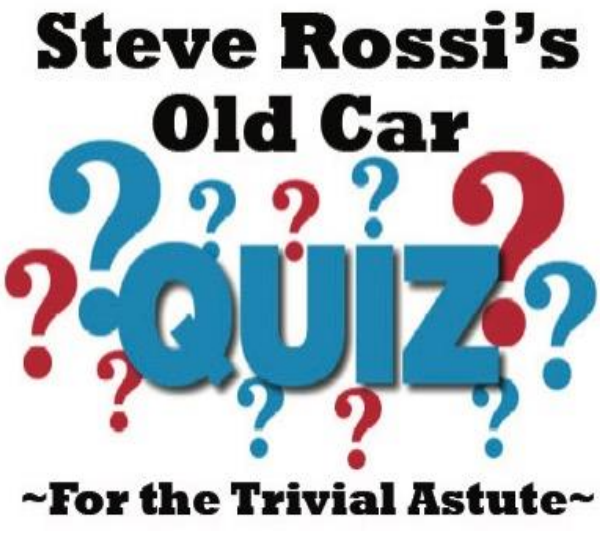
The current owner had found the car vandalized in a hedge decades earlier and restored it in the 1990s. He had worked in the automotive industry and even serviced cars for Princess Margaret.

Last summer, I visited England and saw the car in person. He took us for a drive. Later, when his health declined, he offered me first refusal if he ever needed to sell it. Over Christmas, he reached out — and I agreed to buy it.

On March 28, the Austin Big 7 arrived in the U.S. after traveling by ferry from Southampton to Newark. The little blue car that began in London nearly a century ago is now part of my family once again.

ANSWER

Ferrari only formally started using the "Daytona" designation in 2023 for its new SP3 which is part of its naturally aspirated V12 Icona range. From 1968 to 1973, "Daytona" was merely an unofficial nickname coined by enthusiasts and the Press for the 365 GTB4 (which is how it was marketed, as a Berlinetta coupe) because it placed first, second and third in the 1967 24 Hours of Daytona race. The Ferrari 365 GTS4 ("Daytona" Spider convertible) stablemate was produced from 1971 to 1973.



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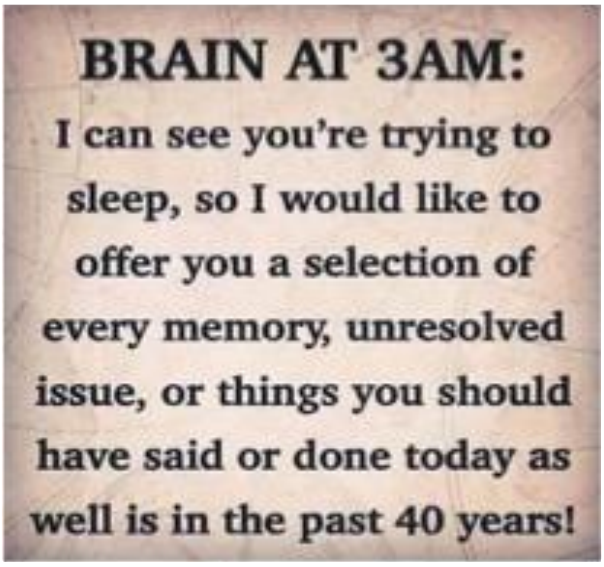
A LITTLE HUMOR



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"Did you hear about the boy who always carries a stone with him that he uses to throw at people who play Christmas music in October? He calls it his Jingle Bell Rock."

TONGUE TWISTER

Betty bought a bit of butter
But the butter Betty bought was bitter.
So, Betty bought a bit of better butter
And it was better than the butter Betty bought before.

FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

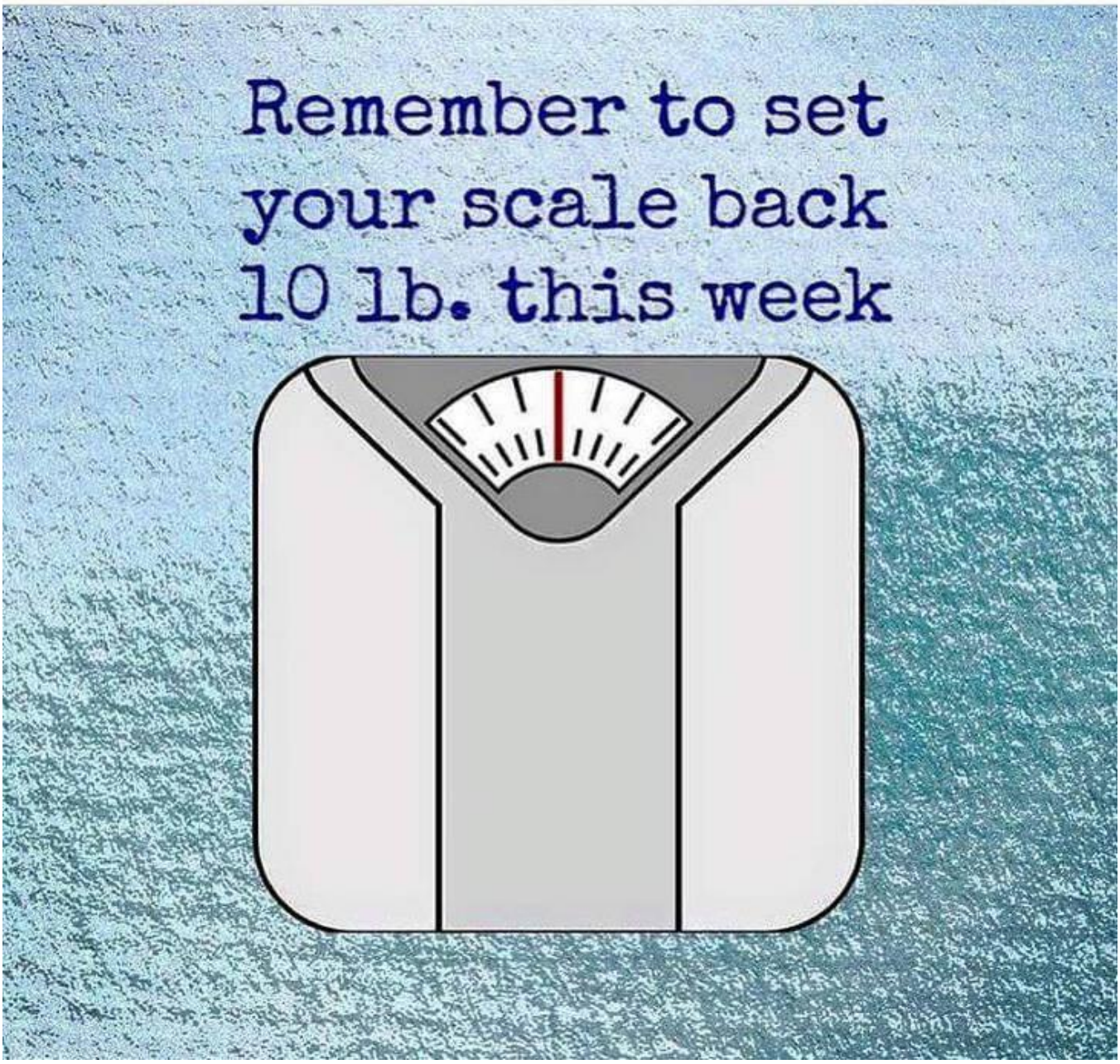
This month's name stems from the Latin octo, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck despite the fact that it's now the 10th month!

Keep an eye out for the Draconid meteor shower in the late evening of October 8-9, and the Orionid meteor shower in the predawn hours of October 21–22.

Why do leaves change colors? Did you know that fall's vivid colors are actually hidden underneath summer's green? The main reason for the color change is not autumn's chilly weather, but light—or rather, the lack of it. The green color of leaves disappears when photosynthesis (from sunlight) slows down, and the chlorophyll breaks down. Trees with a lot of direct sunlight will produce red leaves, while other trees may turn yellow, orange, or brown.

The October birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence. Opals symbolize hope and purity and were once thought to improve eyesight or enhance intuition. Throughout history, the gem's reputation has oscillated between standing for luck and standing for lack of luck. According to some, those born in October are immune from any possible negative effects.

October's names have interesting origins in different cultures. The Anglo-Saxons called it Winterfylleth, referring to the first full moon of the month as the start of winter. The Saxons named it Wyn Monath, meaning "wine month" due to wine-making season.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