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SEP 3- Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center
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Peaslee Tech Center

CELEBRATIONS

Sep 2 - Hummingbird Day
Sep 7 - Labor Day
Sep 11 - National Grandparents Day
Sep. 17, 1787 - US Constitution Signed
Sep 23 - Native American Day
Sep 25, 1690 - 1st US Newspaper Printed

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a smaller group out at Vinland, but a great cross section of cars. It is a great representation of our club as well. Muscle cars for the adventure minded, classics for those who want to keep history alive, even motorcycles for the ones that may take the road less traveled. Our club is very unique and I'm proud to be a member with all of you. Well, my rambling is finished for another month. See you in September at our membership drive.

Robert Lagerstrom
President

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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Sep 16 - Freda Geyer
Sep 20 - Ken Filardo
Sep 20 - Linda Hayden
Sep 23 - Jessica Felton
Sep 23 - Norm Kressmann
Sep 23 - Jack Todd

MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Donna Tibbits
Sept 3 - 43 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
August 6, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Lagerstrom at 7:30 pm after everyone had enjoyed the meal furnished by the local 4-H club.

ATTENDANCE: (19) Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Don Fornelli, Russ French, Stanley and Linda Hayden, K. L. and Jean Homolka, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Carl Peer, Sharon Stalling, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack and Delores Todd, Darrell Workman and guests Dave and Barbara Maycock.

There were no official club reports discussed.

K. L. thanked the club for the nice card and fruit basket he received during his health issue.

A few up-coming car shows were announced.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM: Kenny Tibbits, Second Daryl Barnes - carried.

Respectfully submitted.

K. L. Homolka

Secretary

REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 MEETING WILL BE
AT THE FLORY BUILDING FROM 5:30 TO 9:00 PM
A CATERED BBQ MEAL WILL BE SERVED
SPECIAL NOTE: SEPTEMBER IS OUR "MEMBERSHIP DRIVE"
BRING A GUEST, FRIEND OR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

SEE YOU ALL THERE

QUESTION

On April 2, 1902, the first official meeting of what evolved into the American Automobile Association took place in New York. What were the six tenets identified that would go on to define AAA's purpose? And still do.

Answer on page 8

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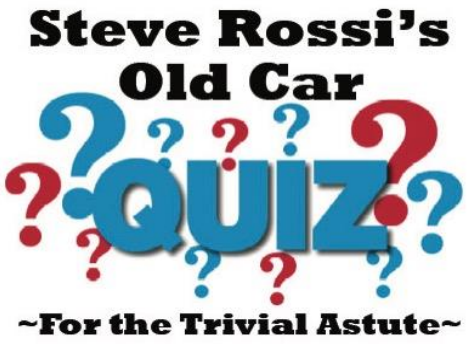

ROUTE 66 FACT

The Roadside Attraction Boom started with Route 66. Giant fiberglass figures, trading posts, teepee motels, and oversized dinosaurs were invented to lure travelers off the highway, creating a uniquely American roadside culture.

The Model A/dinosaur photo was taken during the summer of 2013 along Route 66 in Arizona. I traveled with my brother Pat in his '29 Model A on a 1900 mile adventure. As this month's Fact suggests, we were lured off the highway by a couple of large dinosaurs!

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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Labor Day is celebrated on September 7 as a federal long weekend marking the end of summer.

Patriot Day is observed on September 11 to remember the victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Rosh Hashana begins at sundown on September 11 and ends September 13.

Grandparents' Day is celebrated this year on September 13.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 and runs through October 15.

Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16.

Constitution Day is held on September 17, commemorating the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

The First day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) occurs on September 22 this year, marking the astronomical shift from summer to autumn.

2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2026 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Nothing scheduled

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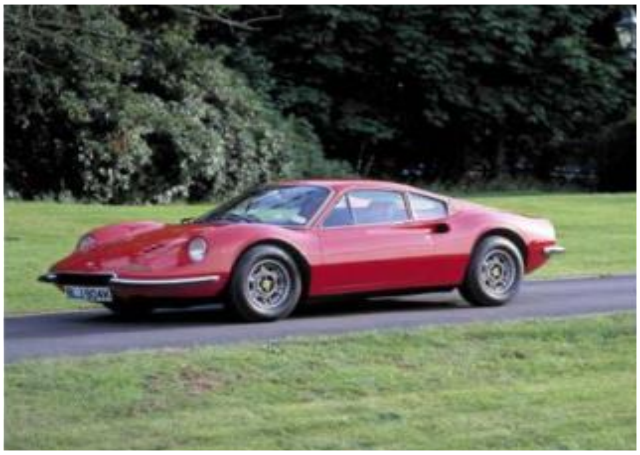
Information can be found on the National AACA website:
https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar

TRIVIA CHALLENGE QUESTION

QUESTION

Can you name this Italian supercar from the 1960?



Answer on page 11

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW

John Dwight and his brother-in-law, Dr. Austin Church started making sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) in their kitchen in 1846. The eventually started their own company, called John Dwight & Co.
The baking soda they manufactured was purer then most available at the time.
They registered their trademark of the Arm & Hammer symbol in 1867 which was inspired by a painting showing the arm of Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, with the hammer symbolizing strength, industry, and craftsmanship. The company promoted it for more than baking, claiming it was great for cleaning, laundry, and personal hygiene. By the early 1900s, the company was sharing recipe books and mail order guides with tips for household use of their product.

1920s Advertisement

A standard box of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda is still 100% sodium bicarbonate, much like the original product sold in the 19th century. The logo has changed very little over the decades, making it instantly recognizable to generations of consumers

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ERA FASHION
WEDDING WEAR

A. This fine lace and georgette chiffon bridesmaid dress is appropriate for a daytime wedding. A wide satin ribbon is tied just below the normal waistline.

B. This variation on the Robe de Style is made of different shades of taffeta. Scallops are formed at the bottom of the bodice and skirt.

C. A dress suitable for a maid or matron of honor is made of satin and georgette. The close-fitting hip line is achieved by the girdle of shirred satin edged with bands of crystal and rhinestone embroidery.

D. The silk chiffon and lace dress for this bride features a straight skirt with vest-like bodice that fastens at the hip in front. A long veil completes the ensemble.

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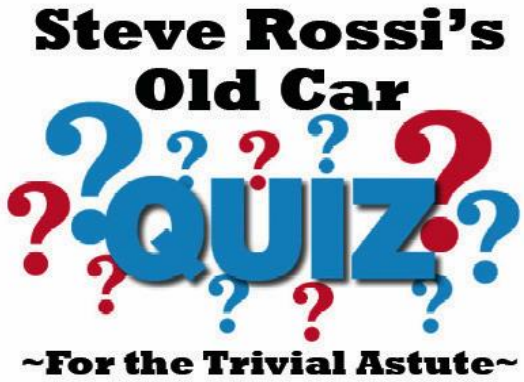
ANSWER

At the April 2, 1902, meeting, the purpose of the newly formed AAA was officially defined as: 1). To secure rational legislation; 2). To formulate proper rules governing the use of the automobile; 3). To protect the interest of automobilists against unjust discrimination; 4). To maintain their lawful rights and privileges; 5). To encourage the use of the automobile and its development; and 6). To promote the "Good Roads" movement.



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FUN FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER

September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month (nine).
The birthstone of September is the sapphire.
September was originally the seventh month of the Roman calendar.
September has two birth flowers: the forget-me-not and the morning glory.
In the Northern Hemisphere, September marks the beginning of fall (autumn), while in the Southern Hemisphere it marks the beginning of Spring.
September 1st is celebrated as Knowledge Day in Russia and many other countries.
September is National Honey Month in the United States.
September is the busiest month for birthdays in the United States.
September is the busiest month for weddings in the United States.
In Old English, September was called "Gerstmonat", which means "barley month" because it was time to harvest barley crops.
In ancient Rome, September was dedicated to the god Vulcan, who was associated with fire and metalworking.
The National Football League (NFL) season begins in September.
The famous novel "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte was first published in September 1847.
The United States Air Force was established on September 18, 1947.
The autumnal equinox also marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year.
The largest gathering of Monarch butterflies occurs in September in Mexico, as they migrate south for the winter.

THE ALL AMERICAN FORD FALCON

BY RUBY RAE SCALERA, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

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Towards the end of the 1950s, when keeping up with the Joneses had worn off with post-war bliss, and America was reassessing their bigger is better mentality, Ford came to a conclusion. It wouldn't do, they realized, to continue producing cars solely for the benefit of outshining thy neighbor. The larger and more luxurious, and therefore profitable, models, which had been the thought process behind most of the cars produced by the Big Three up until then couldn't last.

The times were changing, women were working, and families could no longer manage with a single enormous Buick or Chrysler glinting in the company parking lot. It was an era that would see the end of Hudson, Packard, and DeSoto, as those who did not sense the changing of tides suffered in the new age of American Automobilia. In order to survive, car companies needed to adapt to what the American public wanted.

And what the American public wanted was a little foreign invasion. The rising success of the Volkswagen Beetle, and increasing interest in Toyota, with other Japanese compacts soon to follow, made the choice clear. They needed small, dependable, inexpensive cars, the very antithesis of what had been a staple of American Auto from its incarnation.

But if the times were changing, so were automakers, and before long America was privy to the Plymouth Valiant, the Chevrolet Corvair and, on this day September 2, 1959, the Ford Falcon.

Before it would go on to become the less attractive older sister of the Ford Mustang, following just four years later, the Ford Falcon was an important, stylish and successful model in its own right. There would be three generations of Falcon, spanning the 1960s, as well as the singular 1970 ½ model.

From 1960 to 1963, the Falcon came with eight mix-and-match options of body style as well as three transmission options and three engine options, one of them the rare V8, which ran in limited quality, along with the convertible option for the First Generation, in 1963 ½. Variants of the convertible and V8, these Falcon Sprint Cars, would go on to be used as the basis for the Ford Mustang in 1964 ½, a car that remained nearly identical mechanically, but whose aesthetics and style would change the face of the American auto industry.

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This was to be considered a height of the Falcon's success, most especially in the form of the 1963 Sprint convertible. While fairly limited in its production, the 1963 Falcon+A426 was optioned with the V8 engine, and Ford began to move away from the budget mindset, introducing details and trim that would attract more buyers and move the car to a more respectable echelon.

The second generation of Falcon, lasting just from 1964 – 1965, would suffer for all that it had inspired, trying to battle the success of the Mustang in youth markets and finding it challenging. The Sprint package, which offered a V8 and changes to the suspension and exhaust, could offer nothing not purchased with a Mustang, and so the line was discontinued.

For the third generation, the Falcon underwent styling changes, basing it on the shorter platform of the Fairlane. It underwent certain safety and performance modifications, but the car simply could not manage to keep up with incoming safety requirements, and sales were dwindling.

In 1970 Ford gave the Falcon its swan song, transferring the name to the Fairlane mark and calling it the 1970 ½ model, available in three body styles. It was available with a series of performance options, though Ford knew it would soon be replaced by the Maverick. Unable to remove itself from the shadow of its siblings, the name went down in history in 1970, after only a decade.

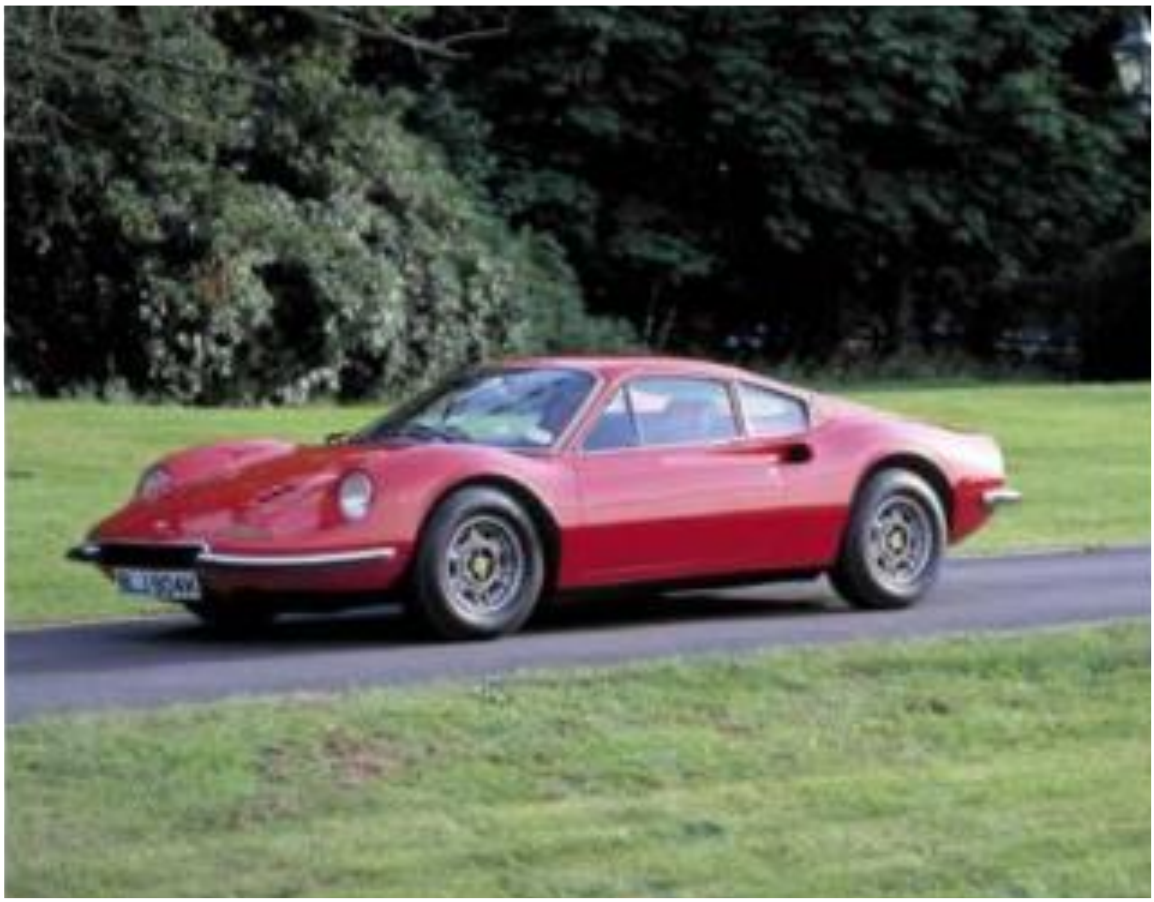
It is difficult to disentangle the Ford Falcon from the Mustang it would eventually help create, but perhaps we should do our best to try. This compact and sporty car was one of the first of its time, a bastion of American Automakers changing of ways, a telltale sign of the future success of small and foreign cars. It is important in that it revolutionized and created the pony car, but also for the simple and accessible presence it possessed in itself, a mighty little car, with all the options, a dash of style, and a whole lot of will to survive.

FAMOUS SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Actress Zendaya	9/1 Actress Lily Tomlin
9/2 Actor Keanu Reeves	9/4 Singer Beyonce
9/6 Actor Idris Elba	9/9 Actor Hugh Grant
9/10 Actor Colin Firth	9/11 Singer Harry Connick Jr.
9/15 Prince Harry	9/16 Actor/Singer Nick Jonas
9/18 Actor James Marsden	9/18 Actor Jason Sudeikis

TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWER

FERARRIO DINO



"The Dino is known for having one of the most unusual engines of any supercar. It came with a 2.0L V8, a very lively power unit, as most low-displacement high-cylinder are.

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat in a public restroom is worse.

Apparently RSVPing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is a deterrent.

Have you ever listened to someone for a minute and thought "Their cornbread isn't done in the middle."

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made an appointment for Tuesday.

Aliens probably fly by Earth and lock their doors.

"You will hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me because you saw that sign two miles ago just like I did."

I asked my wife if I was the only one she had ever been with. She said yes, all the others were nines and tens. Give it a minute…

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I miss the '90s when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate."

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have ideas.

As I watch this new generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of… it will be misspelled, have no punctuation and very likely will be printed, rather than

Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

Family Trees producers of a wild variety of nuts!

An auto mechanic teaching a group of trainees: “The first lesson today is how to open the hood and slowly shake your head”

At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog that he's adopted?

It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of the little Irish pub. An old man stood beside the puddle, holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water. A curious gentleman asked what he was doing.
“Fishing” the replied the old man.
“Poor old guy” thought the gentleman so he invited the old man to have a drink in the pub. Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the gentleman asked,
And how many have you caught today?’ “You’re the eighth.”

Jill’s car was old and unreliable and she called John for a ride every time it broke down.
One day John got yet another one of those calls.
John - What happened this time?
Jill – My brakes went out. Can you come get me?
John - Yeah, all right where are you?
Jill – I’m in the drugstore.
John – Okay, but where’s the car?
Jill – It’s in here with me.

Car Classifications

There seems to be a bit of confusion about the names of various auto body styles in recent years. Nowadays, most any two-seater with a folding top is called a "phaeton," with a dual-cowl phaeton being about the ultimate in desirability. A hundred years ago, a "phaeton" was a horse-drawn vehicle and any two-seater car with a folding top was simply a "touring car."

Any such long elegant car with that second small windshield back of the driver's seat was practically unknown in my part of the country anyhow. Such machines were driven only by the "Swells" in New York City, or perhaps California, and seem by us only in magazine accounts of the antics of the rich.

The following was taken from a 1921 text book for auto mechanics in vocational education schools:

Cars may be further classified as to construction, into a large variety of types. The nomenclature of the Society of Automotive Engineers includes:

Roadster - An open car seating two or three. It may have additional seats on running boards or in a rear deck.

Coupelet - Seats two or three. It has a folding top and full height doors with disappearing panels of glass.

Coupe - An inside-operated, enclosed car seating two or three. A fourth seat facing backward is sometimes added.

Convertible Coupe - A roadster provided with a detachable coupe top.

Clover Leaf - An open car seating three or four. The rear seat is closed to the divided front seat and entrance is only through doors in front of the front seat.

Touring Car - An open car seating four or more with direct entrance to the tonneau.

Salon Touring Car - A touring car with passage between front seats, with or without separate entrance to the rear seats.

Convertible Touring Car - A touring car with a folding top and disappearing or removable glass sides.

Sedan - A closed car seating four or more all in one compartment

Convertible Sedan - A salon touring car provided with detachable sedan top.

Open Sedan - A sedan so constructed that the sides can be removed or stowed so as to leave the space entirely clear from the glass front to the back.

Limousine - A closed car seating three to five inside, with driver's seat outside, cover with a roof.

Open Limousine - A touring car with permanent standing top and disappearing or removable glass sides.

Berline - A limousine having the driver's seat entirely enclosed.

Brougham - A limousine with no roof over the driver's seat.

Landaulet - A closed car with folding top, seats for three or more inside, and driver's seat outside.

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