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2026 CALENDAR

NOV 5 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center
DEC 3, Christmas Dinner, 5:00 P. M.
Flory Bldg, fairgrounds, catered dinner

CELEBRATIONS

November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3: Election Day
November 11: Veteran's Day
November 11: Armistice Day (WWII)
November 18: Apple Cider Day
November 26: Thanksgiving Day
November 27: Black Friday

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month is short and sweet. My 1st term as club President is nearing an end. Russ is stepping up to fill Pete's office as Treasurer, and Kenny is filling his shoes as a new board member. Jack, myself, and Kay have stepped up to serve for another term.

We are seeing fresh faces joining us and hope they will help to strengthen us in the coming year. Pete, I want to give you a personal "thank you" for keeping us financially sound and on the straight and narrow with the club's accounts.

President,
Robert Lagerstrom



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Jack Todd
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3 year terms)

Russ French through 2026
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Darrell Workman - through 2027
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Doug McNichols - through 2028
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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Chris Eichhorn - November 2
Stanley Hayden - November 2

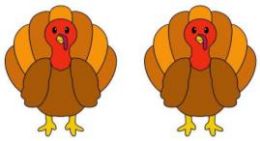
MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sharon Stallings
November 22, 1983 - 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
October 1, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER: President Robert Lagerstrom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Peaslee Technical School, by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: (22 members) Joe Arneson, Daryl and Margaret Barnes, Ken and Virginia Filardo, Don Fornelli, Russ and Rosie French, K. L. Homolka, Steven Humbert, Robert and Karen Lagerstrom, Doug and Diane McNichols, Mike Porter, Sharon Stallings, Ken and Donna Tibbits, Jack and Delores Todd, and Darrell Workman.

MINUTES: Motion to officially install new member MIKE PORTER into the membership by Russ French, second by Steve Humbert, carried. Welcome Mike!

K.L. asked for volunteers to handle the car show registration table, and briefly explained the new registration forms. Daryl Barnes made a motion to increase the $10.00 prizes from10 to 20 prizes now totaling $200.00, Second by Rosie French, carried.

K. L. passed out paper to sign up for Maple Leaf parade. Seven planning to attend.

Margaret thanked the club and individuals for last year's donations to her "Sweats for Vets" project and asked if we would participate again this year. Russ French made a motion to increase the donation to $500.00, Second by Rosie French, and it passed.

Russ French has accepted the position of Treasurer for the club as Pete has asked to be relieved of his Treasure's duties.

THANK YOU, PETE FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Ken Tibbits has agreed to take Russ French's Board position.

Jack said he had 7 calls this week about registering for the swap meet.
Thanks for the refreshments. Russ & Rosie French volunteered for November.

DOOR PRIZE: Rosie French won the $20.00 door prize

K.L. Will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for anyone wanting to drive in the Veterans Day Parade on November 14th.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Homolka, Secretary





2026 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

NONE

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2026 - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

NONE

2027 SCHEDULED NATIONALS - NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 4-6 - Annual Convention, King of Prussia, PA, AACA National
Feb 18-20 - Winter Nationals Melbourne, FL, AACA National
Apr 8-10 - Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
Jun 3-5 - Eastern Spring Nationals,, Fredericksburg, VA
Jul 22-24 - Central Spring Nationals, New Ulm, MN
Aug 25-28 - Central Fall Nationals, Crystal Lake, ILL - Northern Illinois Region
Sep 8-11 - Special Fall Nationals, Vernon, NY
Sep 19-24 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943), Branson, MO, VMCCA hosted
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

LAWRENCE REGIONAL AACA CAR SHOW
REPORT AND RESULTS
October 4, 2026

The car show was another big club success. The participants were fewer than last year as Topeka also had a car show that day. We had 48 entrants plus 9 foreign car and 12 Studebaker entrants, plus 1 motorcycle.
$208.00 was received in the "donation" box.
Everyone enjoyed the prize drawings. There were 20 prizes of $10.00 given out.
The 4-H club had a 50/50 drawing. Their share amounted to $37.50.
We had 4 persons fill out the National AACA membership application to be able to join our club. Their names, etc. will be announced soon.
The participants cars & trucks were judged by 3 professional men hired by Daryl. The participants place Cadd Rico judged our club's cars

Participants and award winners are listed on the next page.

PARTICIPANT AWARDS

Class A - 1900-1929

1st place – Lanny Rake, 1929 Studebaker Commander
2nd place – Gary Grimes, 1925 Chevy "K" coach

Class B - 1930-1939

1st place – Jeff Sigler, 1936 GMC Cadillac Fleetwood T14

Class C - 1940-1949

1st place – Alex Wiley, 1941 Studebaker Champion
2nd place – Tom Imig, 1948 Cadillac Fleetwood 60

Class D - 1950-1959

1st place – Rico Godines, 1955 Ford T-Bird
2nd place – Danny Rake, 1953 Studebaker Commander.

Class E - 1960-1969

1st place – Ted Geiseert, 1961 Studebaker Hawk
2nd place – Steve Tinbury, Plymouth Barracuda

Class F - 1970-1976

1st place – Randy Carn, Mercury Cougar **(JUDGE'S PERFECT SCORE)**
2nd place - Mike Pattersen,1974 Chevy Camaro

Class G - Motorcycles

James Ortiz – 1979 Harley

Class MC - Modified Car

1st place - J. P. Pacels, 1932 Ford Coupe
2nd place – Chuck Vervynek, 1939 Chevy Sedan

Class MT – Modified Truck

1st place - Ken Vervynek, 1950 GMC 100
2nd place - Clifford Smith, 1956 Ford F-100

Class – FOREIGN

1st place – Stuart Greenblatt – 1976 MG "B"
2nd place - Tom Sim – 1966 MG "B"

Award winners shown on next page

AWARD WINNERS



PEOPLE'S CHOICE
1ST PLACE, Mike and Lisa Petersen
1958 Ford Fairlane 500
With Retractable Hard-top
2ND PLACE, Bob & Karen Lagerstrom
1974 Oldsmobile Hurst Cutlass



1ST PLACE, CLASS B
Jeff Sigler
1936 GMC Cadillac Fleetwood T14



BEST IN SHOW, MOTORCYCLE
ames Ortiz, 1970 Harley



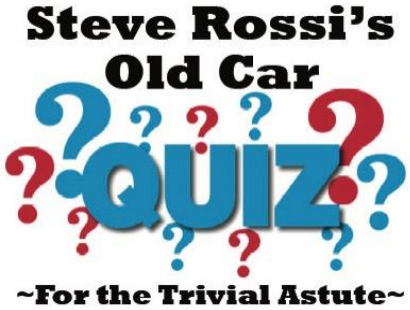
1ST PLACE, CLASS F
Randy Cavner, 1970 Mercury Cougar

RANDY WAS AN ENTRY THAT RECEIVED A PERFECT SCORE BY ALL JUDGES

Thanks to club members for taking and sending pictures and award lists.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Charles Brady King, who drove the first automobile on Detroit city streets in (March 6, 1896) is credited with initiating a then-innovative shipping tactic for the fledgling automotive industry which contributed to its ability to transportation development.



Answer on page 9

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McPHERSON COLLEGE CAR SHOW AT GARNETT, KANSAS

The students at McPherson Car College put together a running and driving Model T at the Garnett, Kansas Square a couple of times the weekend of October 11 during the annual Garnett Races. A large crowd showed up and enjoyed their day.

As an exciting event, the students (and others) took the Model T completely apart, piece by piece, and then timed themselves as they put every piece back in it's proper place. Many of the visitors timed the work, along with the students actually doing the work. The Model T took a total of 7 minutes and 50 seconds to put it back and finish it - perfectly!



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The Chevrolet shown here is huge and is available for many uses.





Russell Benke showing just how big that truck really is.

Thank you to Don Fornelli for the pictures.

FUN FACTS ABOUT NOVEMBER

November, the 11th month of the year, has 30 days and marks the beginning of the winter holiday season for most folks, even if the winter solstice doesn't occur until late December.

We've made this month, named for the ninth ***(novem)*** month in the early Roman calendar, into a social time of community suppers, feasts of thanksgiving, and general elections.

November 1st at 2 A.M. is the end of **Daylight Saving Time**. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!

If you're fortunate, you may experience an "**Indian Summer**" in November, but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11th and 20th!

November's traditional birthstone is the **topaz**, usually a yellow to amber color. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

THE OFFICIAL NICKNAMES FOR ALL 50 STATES

Alabama Yellowhammer State
Alaska The Last Frontier
Arizona The Grand Canyon State
Arkansas The Natural State
California The Golden State
Colorado The Centennial State
Connecticut The Constitution State
Delaware The First State
Florida The Sunshine State
Georgia The Peach State
Hawaii The Aloha State
Idaho The Gem State
Illinois The Prairie State
Indiana The Hoosier State
Iowa The Hawkeye State
Kansas The Sunflower State
Kentucky The Bluegrass State
Louisiana The Pelican State
Maine The Pine Tree State
Maryland The Old Line State
Massachusetts The Bay State
Michigan The Great Lakes State
Minnesota The North Star State
Mississippi The Magnolia State
Missouri The Show Me State
Montana The Treasure State
Nebraska The Cornhusker State
Nevada The Silver State
New Hampshire The Granite State
New Jersey The Garden State
New Mexico The Land of Enchantment
New York The Empire State
North Carolina The Tar Heel State
North Dakota The Peace Garden State
Ohio The Buckeye State
Oklahoma The Sooner State
Oregon The Beaver State
Pennsylvania The Keystone State
Rhode Island The Ocean State
South Carolina The Palmetto State
South Dakota Mount Rushmore State
Tennessee The Volunteer State
Texas The Lone Star State
Utah The Beehive State
Vermont The Green Mountain State
Virginia The Old Dominion State
Washington The Evergreen State
West Virginia The Mountain State
Wisconsin The Badger State
Wyoming The Equality State/The Cowboy State



November Weather Folklore

"If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck."

"November take flail; let ships no more sail."

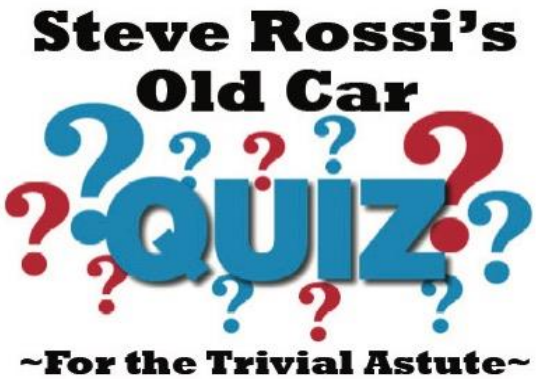
"If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May."

"There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November."

"Ice in November brings mud in December."



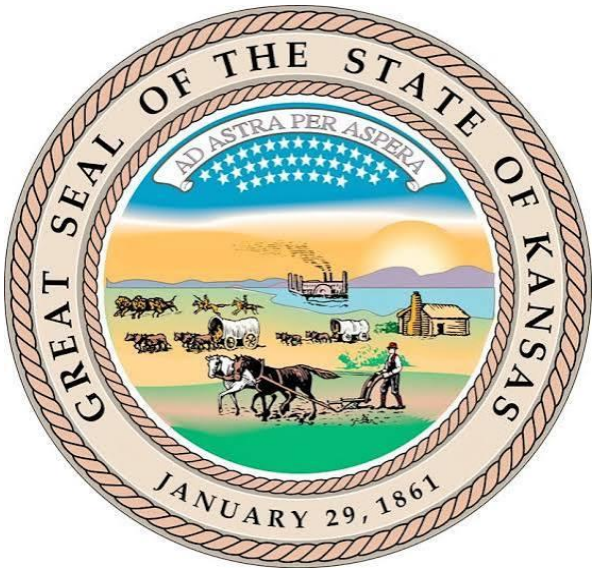
Charles B. King applied the FOB (Freight on Board) concept to the early automotive industry, which accelerated the point at which ownership was exchanged from manufacturer to recipient. With FOB, the legal transfer occurred when freight was loaded for shipment…instead of waiting for final delivery…which therefore relieved manufacturers from having money tied up in finished goods/inventory during transport. So, scarce funds could immediately be re-invested into day-to-day operations. □



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THE GREAT SEAL OF KANSAS

(from Wikipedia)



The Great Seal of the State of Kansas tells the history of the U.S. state of Kansas.

The seal contains:

Landscape with a rising sun (the east)

River and steamboat (commerce)

Settler's cabin and a man plowing a field (agriculture) [foreground]

Wagon train heading west (American expansion / pioneer life)

Native Americans hunting American Bison (the buffalo are fleeing from the Native Americans)

Cluster of 34 stars (top of the seal) – identifying Kansas as the 34th state to be accepted into the Union of the United States.

State motto "Ad Astra per Aspera" (Latin: "To the Stars through Difficulties")

A LITTLE HUMOR

Always borrow money from a pessimist. They'll never expect it back.

People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.

Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

A perfectionist walked into a bar… apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough.

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye!"

If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?

A clean house is a sign of a broken computer.

Don't spell 'part' backwards. It's a trap!

If at first you don't succeed, don't let anybody know you even tried.

Did you hear about the preacher who called another preacher on the telephone? It was a parson-to-parson call.

The curious thing about grass is that it grows greener on the other side of the fence but grows faster on your side.

A censor is a person who knows more than they think you ought to.

A parrot was sold at an auction. When the highest bidder paid for the parrot, he asked the auctioneer if the bird could speak. "Sure can" said the auctioneer. "It was this parrot that was bidding against you."

The sole purpose of a middle name is so the child can tell when they're in trouble.

The only thing worse than an alarm going off in the morning is the one that doesn't.

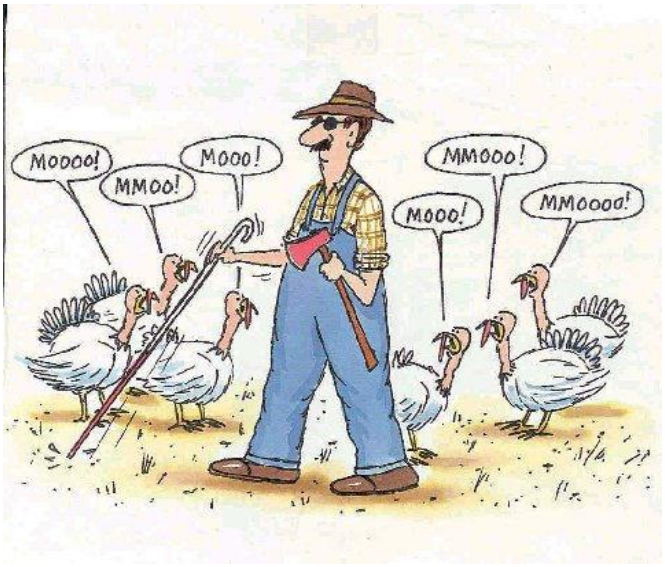
Remember, a closed mouth gathers no foot.

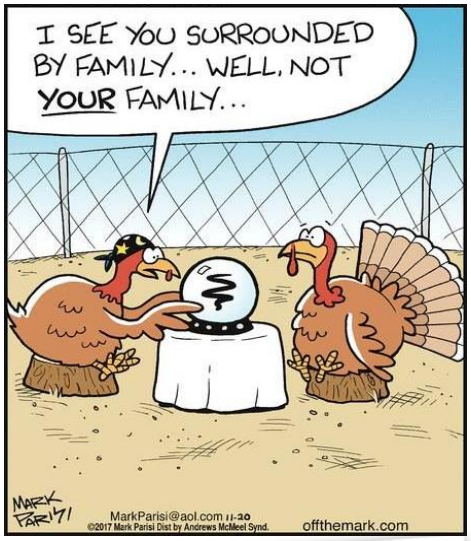
The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades!

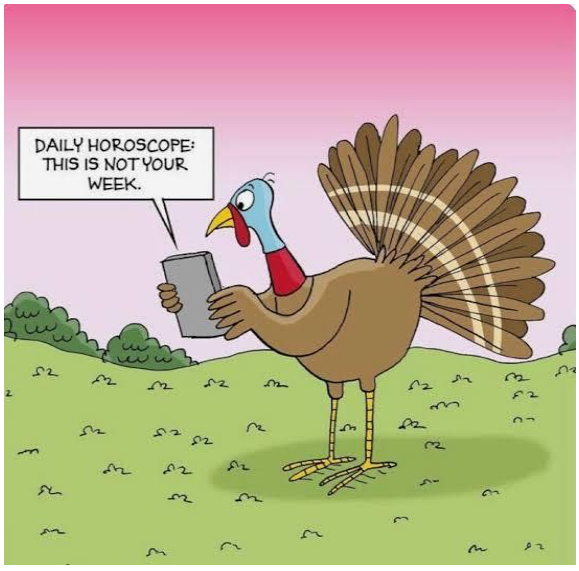
What do you call an old snowman? Water.


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GENE WAS BEGINNING TO REGRET HIS NECK TATTOO


SOMETHING'S UP
THE FARMER JUST UNFRIENDED ME ON FACEBOOK


MOOOO!
MMOO!
MOOO!
MMOOO!
MOOO!
MMOOOO!


I SEE YOU SURROUNDED BY FAMILY... WELL, NOT YOUR FAMILY...
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DAILY HOROSCOPE: THIS IS NOT YOUR WEEK.


One day is Leg day, the next is Chest Day ... over and over and over. I'm beginning to wonder if this Free Personal Training thing is all that it's cracked up to be.
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Blazek

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