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Trivia Challenge

What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?



President's Message

Hi folks,

I'm filling in for Thomas Hudson this month, as he's been out of town addressing some family matters.

Why in the world would anyone want to buy and keep an antique auto? New cars are so much more reliable, efficient, and cheaper to maintain.

The reliable part was front and center the other day as I was sitting on the side of I35 waiting for a tow truck to come and collect the '48 Packard and run it back to the garage. The motor had just mysteriously cut out while tooting along at 65 mph and we were lucky to make it over to the shoulder. Ugh.. not a good afternoon.

One answer to the originally posed question (of why do we own these heaps) is camaraderie. The tow truck driver had a '67 Mustang he was restoring and was more than happy to outline his plan, for a disc brake swap, as we drove the Packard back home.

Another answer might be education, as he asked me how long it took me to install the wood on the car and was interested to learn that it had come new from the dealer that way.

Yet another reason might be pride in owning something neat and out of the ordinary as the driver had to get a picture of the Packard on his flatbed, for bragging I guess, with the other drivers.

Lastly, for me at least, is the fun of tinkering, sleuthing out answers to problems and setting things right. The Packard will soon be providing extra helpings of the latter, thank you very much.

It's our chosen hobby and I think the best part is the big grin we have when someone waives or honks as we're enjoying an evening drive.

At our May 15th club meeting, Thomas Hudson will be presenting a video program on "*5 Reasons Why Old Cars are Better than New Cars.*" If you would like, please bring a dessert to share." Hope to see everyone at our meeting.! Oh! and please bring your Harvester donations.

Best regards,

Tom Ricker

May Activities and Meetings

Mid-America AACA Official

May 6-8, Lawrence AACA Swap Meet

Our club volunteers works only

Friday, May 6th and Saturday, the 7th

Bonnie Johnson is coordinating club members to work at the Swap Meet gate, collecting entrance fees, and talking to buyers at the trailer on Friday and Saturday only.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. We still need some help at the gate on Saturday May 7th. One person from 9 to noon and two people from noon to 3 pm.

**Contact Bonnie to volunteer for shifts
816-353-4114 or jbillybob562@aol.com**

NOTE: An email with directions to the Swap Meet will be sent to volunteers on Thursday, May 5th.

MAAACA SWAP MEET TRAILER

Items are needed for sale at the club trailer. This is a great chance to clean out your garage and help our club treasury! Gary Crispin is handling trailer "for sale" items.

Contact Gary Crispin 816-918-7258 or gcrispin51@att.net

MAY 15th CLUB MEETING AND PROGRAM

The program is a video presentation, "*5 Reasons Why Old Cars are Better Than Modern Cars.*" If you like, please bring a dessert to share.

2022 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Dates



Club meetings are held at Your Classic Ride, 2711 Warwick Trafficway, KCMO the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm unless noted below.

May 15, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

Program: "*5 Reasons Why Old Cars are Better than Modern Cars.*"

June 12, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

July 17, we will meet at YCR in the am for convoy to the Great American Car Show at Liberty Memorial This month's meeting will be held on the show field (details to follow.)

August 21, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

September—December meetings will be posted later

Club Meeting & KC Historic Tour

On the afternoon of April 16th the club met at Your Classic Ride. We discussed activities. Bonnie Johnson took Club T-shirt orders and Martie Kernodle took MAAACA name badge orders. President Thomas Hudson presided over the meeting.



Club members



Club Secretary, Penny Boyle



Thomas Hudson

After the meeting, 21 club members attended a tour of historic transportation landmarks around Kansas City as presented by Roscoe Yoder of the Kansas City Auto Museum (Roscoe is also a member of Mid-America AACA.) The tour commenced at the Auto Museum Underground location at 600 W 31st St.



First Stop

The first tour stop was at the Filling Station Coffee House at 2980 McGee Trafficway. The building was originally a service station for the Greenlease Cadillac dealership.



L-R Jon Kernodle, Norm Kressmann, (seated Tom Ricker) (waving Penny Boyle) Paul Williamson, Meredith Williamson, Bonnie Johnson, Bill Johnson

Across the street is the original Greenlease Cadillac building. In 1908 Robert C. Greenlease, Sr. had the first Cadillac franchise west of the Mississippi River. He began selling the Cadillacs faster than they could be manufactured. In 1918, he designed and constructed his building, which stands on the corner of McGee and Gilliam Road. The original structure still displays the famous Cadillac signature emblems that are terra cotta-carved into the upper exterior walls.

This move from his smaller building was necessary as Mr. Greenlease became one of the largest stockholders in General Motors and in the 1940s even loaned General Motors \$1,000,000, so the growing General Motors could expand.

The business was sold in 1970 to Major's Cadillac and in 2007 to Conklin-Fangman. The building has now been converted to condominiums.



Second Stop

The next stop was in the 18th and Vine area.

How many of you have heard of Homer B. Roberts? Probably, like most of us on tour, very few.

In 1919, he began selling Hupmobiles from a curb. Yes, a curb was his office.

In 1923 he bought a building at 1826-30 Vine Street for \$70,000. The Robert's Motor Mart, not only had a car showroom, it contained a restaurant, shops, and offices. There is no historic proof, but many believe it was America's first shopping center.

Mr. Roberts was the first African American to own a car dealership. By 1928, he had sold more than \$2,000,000 in car sales to mostly African Americans and he sold primarily Hupmobiles.

In World War I he served in the Army Signal Corps and rose to become the first black Lieutenant.. He also served in World War II in the Army, at the Pentagon in the Public Relations Dept.



The Homer Robert's Mart (blue building) is now the Blue Room in the 18th and Vine District.



Homer Roberts, an Army Veteran and a retailing giant, remained in business until 1929 at which time he moved to Chicago. But that's another story.

Last Stop



Viaduct to the West Bottoms. Just too cool!



Site of the original Union Station

The West Bottoms was the site of the original Union Station. After a smaller depot burned, the new Union Station was built in 1878 at Union Avenue and Santa Fe Street at a cost of \$410,028. It was the largest building west of New York. It served the need of transporting passengers and merchandise to the West, due to the construction of the Hannibal Bridge, the first over the Missouri River. It was expanded in 1880 for \$224,083. The flood of 1903 severely damaged the station raising the concern for a new station.

The last train to leave the old station was October 31, 1914. The building was razed in 1915 and is now an empty lot.



Roscoe points out the building corner etching reads 1951 HWM. The remainder of the 1951 Flood's High Water Mark.



The original Union Station was quite a beautiful building.

Construction of a new station at Pershing and Main began in 1906 and was opened October 30, 1914.

This tour was so interesting and Roscoe Yoder was an excellent tour guide. If you didn't attend and would like an historic Kansas City tour, contact Roscoe Yoder, 913-710-7720 or the Kansas City Auto Museum, 913-322-4227.

Thank you, Roscoe, for a fascinating tour of our city.

Story Contributors: Tom Ricker, Bonnie Johnson, Martie Kernodle

Beautiful Woodyes!



The Kansas City Auto Museum has an area designated to a special theme that changes each month. The month of April featured "woodies".

I have been aware of woodies since my teen years, but I was surprised at the variety on display. Bill and I spent the afternoon viewing detailed dashes and interiors, rich paint colors and the outstanding workmanship on the different types of wood. Also, impressive was the enormous amount of chrome and the artistic hood ornaments.



1946 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible



1947 Chrysler Town & Country



1948 Packard Sedan Station wagon



1950 Mercury 3rd seat station wagon



1950 Mercury front end



1947 Oldsmobile Deluxe 66 wagon RARE



1947 Olds Hood Ornament



Bill Johnson admires a 1932 Rolls Royce Shooting Brake





Pam Wilson & Bonnie Johnson



Roscoe Yoder and sister, Pam

Bill & I had the opportunity to meet Roscoe’s sister, Pam. She is just as nice as Roscoe.

In the month of May, Ford Performance vehicles will be at the museum.

Kansas City Auto Museum
15095 W. 116th, Olathe, KS.66062
Olathe, Ks. 66062
913-322-4227

www.kansascityautomuseum.com

Hours

Monday..... Closed
Tuesday 10 am to 5 pm
Wednesday.....10 am to 5 pm
Thursday.....10 am to 5 pm
Friday..... 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday..... 10 am to 5 pm

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Mid-America AACA “The Fun Club”



This and That

PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO PAUL WILLIAMSON @ pawmew54@GMAIL.COM if you would like to share your birthday or anniversary.



May Birthdays

Penny Boyle	5/6
Alice Ferrante	5/9
Tom Ricker	5/14
Jerry Cygan	5/17



Jack & Penny Boyle	5/4
Thomas & Vera Thomas	5/10
Michael & Vicky Hemley	5/15

Two Lucky Ducklings

Bonnie Johnson and her neighbor, Cerise, while digging up hostas, found these two babies in a creek. Both were trying to swim upstream. Seeing their struggle, they enlisted the advice of Bill Johnson. He said to leave them as the mother could be close by. Suddenly, they heard their quacking and discovered these two were climbing up the fairly steep bank. The babies then came to their voices. Whether they were a pet that was used to human voices, the mother had lost them or the kind voices of these two ladies made them feel safe, these little ones came right up to Bonnie and Cerise for comfort. These were two lucky ducklings. They were taken to Lakeside Nature Center to be cared for and then released back into the wild. *Moral of the story: Kindness always reaps rewards.*



Trivia Challenge Answered



The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout

Cost \$260, \$5 less than in 1924

This and That

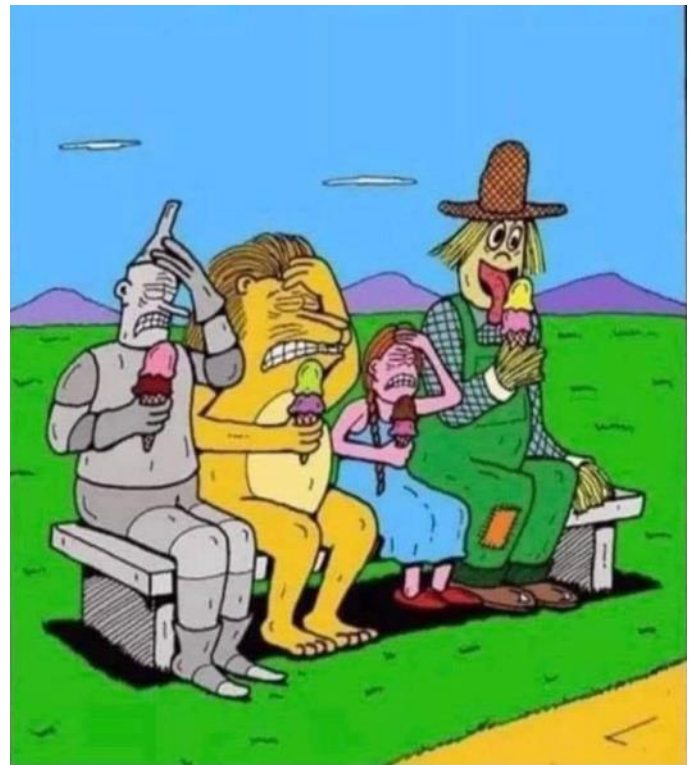
HA! HA! HA!



HOW GIRLS GET READY FOR A DATE



HOW GUYS GET READY FOR A DATE



Thank you Jack Boyd for the funnies!

Upcoming Events

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June Event— date to be determined

Driving tour to St Joseph, MO with lunch at Bob and Connie Wollenman's home.

July 17 (Sunday)

Great American Car Show

Liberty Memorial

Time to meet at YCR TBD so we can drive in as a group. More details will follow.

Other Events

May 21, Saturday, 10am—3pm,
Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post,
16701 E US Highway 40,
Independence, MO 64055

Biscuits and Gravy served at 8:00 AM.

Car Show: \$10 registration.

50/50 raffle.

Trophies for 1st & 2nd place in each category.

Benefits American Legion Post 21 and Midwest Poppies for Patriots.

Call 816-830-0758 if you have questions.

June 4, Sunday 10am-1pm

Olathe Police Foundation Annual Benefit Car, Jeep, Truck & Bike Show.

Olathe South High School,

1640 East 151st Street, Olathe, 66062.

(I-35 south/north to 151st {US 169 Hwy/K7 Hwy} and east or K7/Parker south/north to 151st Street and east).

Fundraising event for men and women of the Olathe Police Department

Pre-registration available

at www.OlathePoliceFoundation.com/car-event.html

\$20 donation requested for each vehicle (\$10 for students with school ID). Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Show starts at 10:00 AM.

Awards at 1:00 PM. Open to all classes. Show awards, dash plaques, door prizes and fun. Food trucks. **Rain or shine.**

Contact Kevin Conner at 913-558-5810 for more information.

Any upcoming car shows that you would like to see included as an "Other Event," please let Tom Ricker, VP and Director of Activities, know. email: tom.ricker@gmail.com

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August TBD

September through December schedule dependent upon Chiefs football. Plan on the Independence Halloween Parade in October and a chili dinner at the YCR in November.

Other Events

June 12, Sunday Elks Lodge Car & Bike Show.

Elks Lodge #2509,
100 NE Brizendine Road,
Blue Springs, MO64014.

\$25 Registration from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
Awards at 1:00 PM.

All makes, models and years are welcome. First 100 entries receive a goody bag and plaque. Rain or shine.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you want to locate events that you want to recommend to Tom Ricker as an “Other Event,” go to:

www.kansascityautomuseum.com/event-finder

Area car shows are now posted here: It is a great source of information

Any upcoming car shows that you would like to see included as an “Other Event,” please let Tom

2022 AACA National Meets & Tours

Shenandoah Region's 62nd Apple Blossom Meet

May 7th

Ontario Region AACA Automotive Flea Market & Car Show

May 8-9

Lindsay, ON

Annual Grand Nationals

May 19-21

Virginia Beach VA

Eastern Division Tour

May 22-25

Johnstown PA

54th Annual Collector Car Show & Swap Meet

June 11

Richmond, VA

Presque Island Region AACA 46th Annual Antique Auto Show

June 12-13

Waterford, PA

Eastern Spring Nationals

June 16-18

Beckley, WV

Pre-War Display at Historic Walnford -

June 25

Upper Freeland, NJ

Das Awkscht Fescht

August 5-7

Macungie, PA

Central Fall Nationals

August 11-13

Moline, IL

Snapper's Brass and Gas—'Puttering Around Princeton' Tour

August 22-26

Princeton, NJ

Sentimental Tour

September 10-16

Gettysburg, PA

Anthracite Region AACA 36th "See You in September" Car Show

September 18

McAdoo, PA

Revival AAA Glidden Tour

September 25-30

Princeton, NJ

Eastern Fall Nationals

October 4-7

Hershey, PA

Exmore Town Park Auto Show Part VI

October 15

Exmore, VA

Chef's Corner



At meetings and special events, when we have brought food to share, the one thing we know is that we have some fabulous cooks. So this new page has been added based on member requests,



PLEASE send recipes to your editor to share.

Martie Kernodle's Maryland Crab Cakes

Ingredients

1 lb crabmeat shredded
1 1/2 Tbl dry bread crumbs
2 tsp fresh chopped parsley
salt & pepper to taste
1 egg
1 1/2 Tbl mayonnaise
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1 dash hot pepper sauce

Step 1

Preheat oven broiler.

Step 2

Mix together crabmeat, breadcrumbs, parsley, salt and pepper

Step 3

Beat together egg, mayonnaise, hot sauce and mustard. Combine with other ingredients and mix well. Form patties and place on a lightly greased broiler pan or baking sheet

Step 4

Broil for 10 to 15 minutes, until lightly browned

Room for your recipe!

Your recipe could go here!



Minutes of Member Meeting

MA-AACA MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 16, 2022

President Thomas Hudson called the meeting to order and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. A short prayer was said.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Paul Williamson gave the treasurers report, it was approved.

Martie has made arrangement to have club name badges made at a cost of \$9.00 each. Contact Martie with the name as you want it printed and send to martie.kernodle@yahoo.com. The order will go in May 1.

Bonnie is placing an order for club T-shirts at a cost of \$10.00 each. They will be light gray with printing in maroon, the club colors.

Meredith Williamson passed out membership applications to be given to prospective new members.

Tom Ricker provided information for activities in the coming months. See them in the "Activities" section in this Generator.

After the meeting, 21 members met at The Underground for a driving tour of historic places related to transportation in Kansas City. Roscoe Yoder was our guide and narrator.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Boyle, Secretary

Mid-America AACA Mission Statement

Mid-America AACA mission is to:

- share our hobby and love of classic cars with fellow club members
- promote our club to others who share our interest in classic cars
- promote and organize outings to car shows and other functions
- build the interest of youth in our hobby
- support charitable organizations
- follow the guidelines of National AACA
- have fun together!

Advertising space is free to Mid-America AACA members.

Non-members, ad rate pricing is on our web site

www.Midamerica.aaca.org

or

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Any errors, please forgive your editor and send corrections to:

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Thank you.



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