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*Hello
Everyone!*

Hope all is well and you made it through all the weather safely! There's been lots of limb hauling by some of us.

Make sure you check out Hank and Sharon's article that appeared in **August 2025 edition** of **The Active Aging** free newspaper (www.theactiveage.com) that is printed at Valley Center and found at shops all around Wichita.

Have a safe month!
Dan and Shirley

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CHANGE TO SAT NITES

SPANGLES

Woodlawn & Central 6 PM



Melodee Rae Armfield

The British Car Club lost one of its members this past month. Dr. Melodee and her husband, Dr. Mark Armfield attended whenever their very busy lives permitted. Melodee and Mark had dental offices in Augusta. Melodee was a fun person who lighted up any room she entered. She was fully involved with life and will be greatly missed by our car club and by the many boards, organizations, clubs, associations, fraternities, societies, and schools of dentistry, as well as her many art friends.

Search: Melodee Armfield Headly Chapel, Augusta Ks

August Events

Every Fri, 2025 **Cars and Donuts**

FREE Plaza West Shopping Center at
West & Central behind the Taco Shop

Fridays WalMart 53rd N & Meridian

Any Saturday BCCW MEET at 6 PM

SPANGLES Woodlawn & Central

Aug 23 & 24 Autocross @ Yoder

August 31 All British Car & Cycle Meet

in the Marketplace, **Merriam, Ks**


Register NLT Aug 3 Shirt Blue Embroider

<http://www.heartlandallbritish.com/2025>

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IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



Should you run over a promising event, do **NOT** hesitate to call **Lewis Blackwell** with details of the event! 316-990-2533 or **Lewblac78@gmail.com**

AUTOCROSS 2025

Aug 23 & 24 Wichita Autocross

NOTE! Nearby in Yoder, Ks, will be Held at the same time as annual **YODER DAYS** on Sat 23 & Sun 24, but **YOU** can attend **BOTH!**

Hank & Sharon are glad to invite you into the passenger seat for a zoom around the track to see what time trials are like.

If you want to experience some of this action, call Sharon for your bucket list item of Autocrossing!

Sit Down, Strap In, & HANG ON!

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Sharon Brillhart

Couple finds navigating these obstacles enjoyable

Search Aug 2025 *The Active Age*

By Joe Stumpe

When Sharon and Hank Brillhart started dating, they found they had a few things in common.

For one: "We like to drive fast," Sharon said. But not recklessly.

Today, the Brillharts are regulars in the Sports Car Club of America's Autocrossing events. In Autocross, drivers compete to see who can complete an obstacle course in the fastest time.

"We just have a lot of fun doing it and have met so many good people."

But competition is definitely part of the appeal.

"We have a lot of young kids that think they can drive," Sharon said. "Then you have somebody like me and Hank come along and beat them. The they want to come ride with us and see how it's done."

The Brillharts met through a dating app after both lost their spouses to cancer. Hank spent his career at Beech Aircraft, and Sharon is the former owner of the Yoder Market. They've been married 11 years.

Hank has been a car guy his whole life, with an affinity for British sports cars. Sharon's first husband rebuilt and showed American hot rods.

The Brillharts belong to SCAA's Wichita region, which holds its event at the former Hutchinson Naval Air Station south of Yoder (the old runway is also leased by glider and parachute enthusiasts), as well as the Salina region.

Autocrossing course are typically one-half to one-mile long, with the twists, turns and straightaways marked by orange rubber traffic pylons. The half-mile-long Yoder course takes most competitors about 45 to 60 seconds to complete, depending on how it's been arranged. Knocking over a cone adds two seconds to a driver's time, so control is important since many wins are decided by a second or less. Drivers get between three and six attempts at the course to post their best time.

Vehicles used in autocrossing don't have to be race cars. Cars are divided into classes with similar abilities. For instance, a stock Camaro would be matched against stock Firebirds and Mustangs. There are other classes for modified cars.



The SCAA emphasizes both safety and a welcoming attitude. Vehicles must undergo a technical inspection checking such things as their brakes, steering, seatbelts and tires before racing, and drivers must wear helmets (loaners are available for people who don't own one). Drivers must sign an insurance waiver, and rules are in place to keep the track clear of anyone not driving.

There's no training required for first-time participants but they must sign up ahead of time at wichitascca.org. The cost of a meet is \$30 for SCAA members and \$50 for non-members. There's no charge for audience members, and drivers are known to take onlookers for non-timed rides.

Since SCAA is an all-volunteer organization, participants are required to help out in some way, whether it's collecting cones at the end of the day or working the registration table. Meets are held one weekend a month March through November, and there's an awards banquet in January. SCAA claims more than 50,000 members and 100 regions nationwide.

The Wichita region also sponsors Street Survival, a defensive driving course for young drivers that teaches them how to brake, change lanes and do some basic car maintenance. The

next one is set for Saturday, Sept. 28.

The speeds reached in autocrossing aren't dangerously high, topping out at about 60 miles per hour due to the slalom-like course. The goal, Hank said, is to "get back into acceleration as soon as you can" after each turn and anticipate the next set of cones, and the ones after that. "If you look right in front of you, you're going to miss your next turn," Sharon said.

The Brillharts have also taken part in SCAA meets in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri. "Every time we go, the course is set up differently, so it is a new experience each week," Sharon said.



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The Brillharts say autocrossing also helps them do a better job at everyday driving. Hank recalled being run off the road onto the shoulder by the errant driver of a pickup truck coming back from Salina one day. He brought his vehicle back safely onto the highway.

"It keeps you alert to what's going on," he said.

"I think it helps you be more in tune to the situation so you don't panic," Sharon added.

Sharon currently holds family honors for fastest driver. "She's beaten me for the last few years," Hank said. "I'm just the mechanic."

That may be an understatement. In addition to the 1999 Miata (Hank's) and 2003 Toyota MR2 Spider (Sharon's) they drive in autocross, he maintains six other family cars. "Our insurance and our tag office love us," Sharon said.

Upcoming meets

The Wichita region Sports Car Club of America has several more autocrossing meets scheduled this year near Yoder: Aug. 23-24, Sept. 21; Oct. 5; and Oct. 25-26. For more information, visit wichitascca.org.

HARRY STILL HAS PARTS

Original Jaguar Tools

#1 For Sale, Mark 2 tool kit. Wrenches: two end and adjustable are **Garrington**.

Two end wrenches are **TW**. All are original finish except two end wrenches - de-rusted and primed flat black. Missing air pressure gauge. **Lodge** spark plug. **Dunlop** can has masking tape around the perimeter. Screwdriver handle in very nice condition. Toolbox needs restored on outside, Much scratching & small rust. Felt is fair. **\$625 HARRY PRICE IV** 650-6836
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#2 For Sale, Mark 2 tool kit. Missing air pressure gauge, one wrench and entire bottom of toolbox.

Wrenches: adjustable is **Garrington**; Two end wrenches are **TW**, and one **Snail Brand**. All tools de-rusted and primed flat black. **Champion** spark plug. **Dunlop** can very poor condition. Screwdriver has marks. Toolbox lid has scratching and some small rust. Felt is very poor. **\$250**



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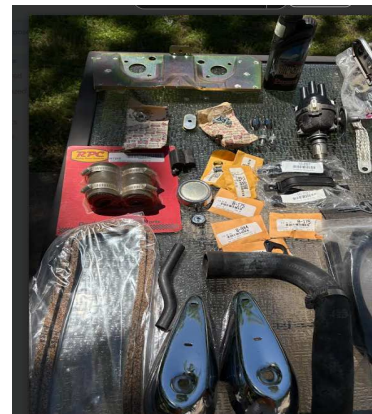
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Heartland All British Car and Cycle Meet is returning to **Merriam Marketplace Sunday, August 31, 2025.**

Register by August 3

Prices go up after that. Shirts are available but must be ordered by August 3rd. Shirts are royal blue embroidered this year's logo shown below.

A cookout and boot sale for those preregistered will be held Saturday, August 30th. Bring items to sell or look for that part you're missing.

We have a PDF registration form and online registration available at:
<https://www.heartlandallbritish.com/2025show/>



Please register and bring your car even if it isn't a "show winner." It is always good to see a variety of cars and talk to their owners.



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Not putting his wine on a pedestal, but I like all of them. Sample Sangria at Brian's winery.

D'you like your fav spot? WHERE IS IT?!

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Your Editor

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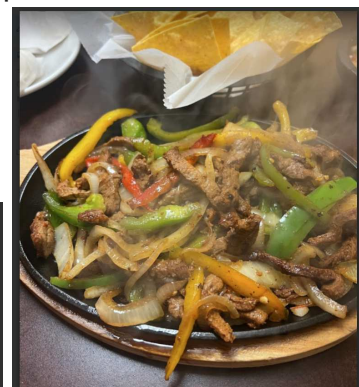
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316-295-3398

I like Mexican food. Fresh, crisp chips start my dinner, but Vaquitas has a salsa that comes in big, tasty chunks that make you forget that dinner is still coming! This family restaurant is a great place for You Two or your whole darn bunch.

North across street from Walgreen's, you need to plan to get there early, because the world has found out about Las Vaquitas Salsa. Here are some samplings:

Chicken Fajitas



Carne Asada

Tacos Del Valle



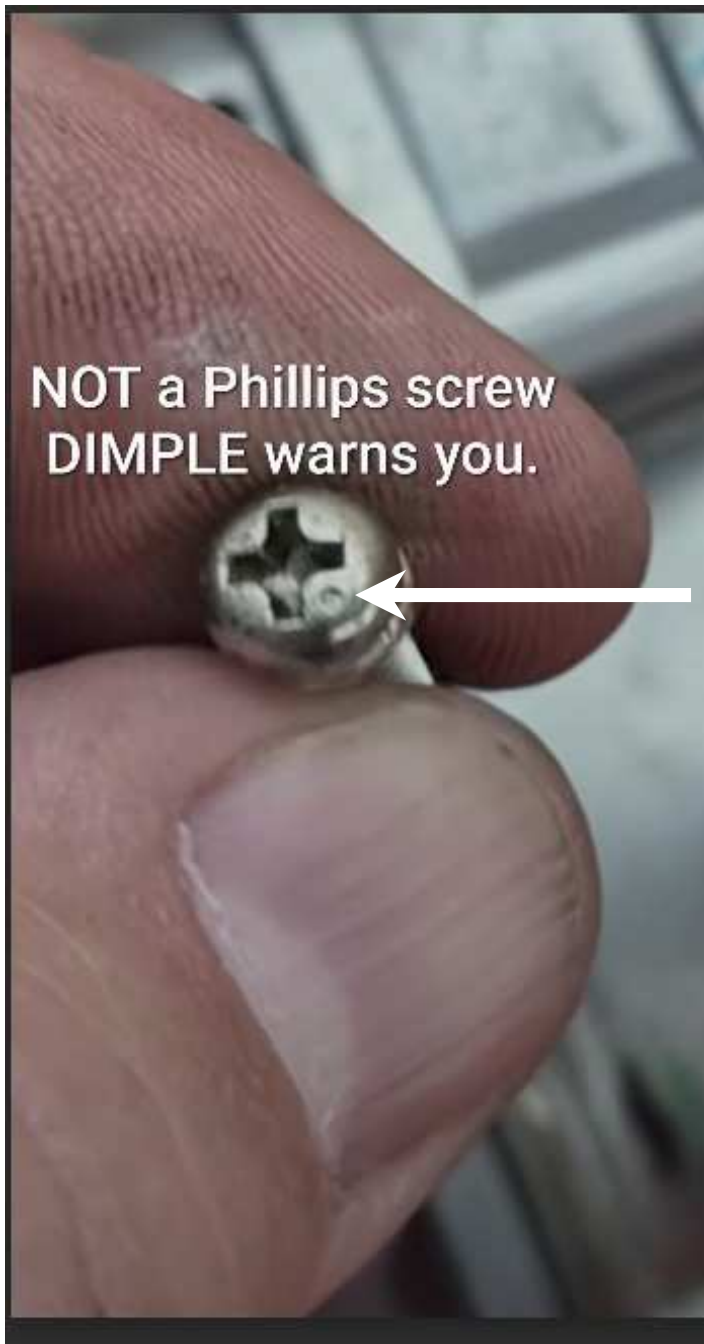
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- See a well-known friend of 20th-century writers.
- Because accumulated with his in 19th-century Cuba.
- List of names for specialized services.
- Enjoy fresh fun and entertainment in the park.
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- Send through the word from Thomas Sunley's children.

In previous years, voters made an attempt to vote the party platform, but the **2000 ELECTION** pushed us to register voters to use AD ballots or ballots in the state & NO "Party State" is a goal. Last year when results were posted, two years. They were not the standard of the track. We will reflect on the best to explain and ask them to begin for **NO SCHOOLS** to "SCHOOL" or finally state.



For more information, contact the person in the Office of the Registrar at the following address:

VOTING

VOTE ONCE - VOTE EARLY!

Students must be enrolled in one of the following courses:



Don't

**REGISTER
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Comparing this regulation and finding it more appropriate to all users (p. 5), 200 (or 5.30) have more than total satisfaction, and the majority (153) and more are satisfied (101). This result for the degree of satisfaction is correct.

Therefore, the position of our findings on the role of individuality, that is, the extent to which the individual is able to contribute to the group, is relevant for the understanding of the role of the individual in the group.

Next, importantly, your participation in the single buy agreement is making this year's Condave at Oak Park an event to remember.

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entirely, the individual in question, a man, a woman, a child, is not a person, is not a being, and is not a creature.



...and this is Harry's Track Beast!



Harry's Track Report

Harry Price Joins Terrible Race Team

Los Angeles, CA—

Today [**Car and Driver**](#) reported that **Harry Price**, against the advice of mental-health professionals, will compete in the **24 Hours of Lemons** - the wheel-to-wheel car race for heaps that cost \$500 or less.

Price's team -- the unpromisingly named "**LOOSE NUTS Racing**" -- hits your local track on 09/20/2025 to 09/21/2025, where therapists and junkyard operators are already standing by.

One relative, on condition of anonymity, described Price's family as "...saddened but unsurprised" by the news.

"Unfortunately, we've come to expect such lapses in judgment," the source told [**Car and Driver**](#).

Friends, coworkers, and relatives interested in staging an intervention and/or watching Price do something incredibly embarrassing can find more information on **Lemons' Race** information page.

Just for fun, I thought I'd include a promotion Volvo is using....

Suspension travel



Could "Safari" cars make suspension travel fashionable again? *Joe Macari/Singer Vehicle Design*

There comes a point in every car enthusiast's life where the idea of scraping along the ground in something low-slung no longer appeals. Perhaps that's why the ["Safari" 911 craze has taken off](#). Anyone actually able to afford a 911 is probably old and wise enough to be bored of dodging potholes and clattering their alloys against curbs. Back in the day, though, you could get this benefit from almost anything, as cars offered greater ride heights and plenty of suspension travel fresh from the factory, without resorting to the modern trend of enormous SUV-like bodywork and two-ton curb weights. A small salute, then, to the Volvo Cross Country and Audi Allroads of the world for keeping long-travel suspension alive in "normal" cars.



Gathering of BCCW Faithful at Braum's on Saturday Night, June 2025

Ron Lyon's 2003 Jaguar, Blackwell's 2016 Mazda, Hank & Sharon Brillhart's 1966 Midget, Rod MacLean's 1963 Austin Healy 3000



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The British Car Club of Wichita, Ks

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