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1926 Ford Model T Fordor sedan owned by Keith and Pam Jones

Keith Jones' dad bought this Model T about 25 years ago from Phil Slankard of Broken Arrow. They are the 4<sup>th</sup> owners of the car. According to Phil Slankard the car had very low mileage and was stored inside most of its life. Keith and Pam have had the car on many tours and parades in different states for the past 20 years. They also had the car in a couple of documentary films here in Tulsa. Keith has used the car for a couple of weddings and proms and a number of car shows with the club over the years. Ten years ago, Keith "freshened up the engine and interior". They plan to continue to enjoy driving and having fun with the car.





## **President's Notes**

by Joe Smith, President

*Tour, March 26* – What a great event David & Betty Turner put together for our club. Great turnout from club members, 19 members The Howard's Toy's for Big Boys attended. had about 26 beautiful cars 7 motorcycles, many pedal cars and automobilia for us to view. Lunch at Opie's was very good. thing of all was learning about Kansans Martin & Osa Johnson's filming adventures in the South Pacific and Africa. The first people to film with movie cameras in those areas beginning in 1910. I rode with Steve Schnitzer and Keith Jones thus we had over three hours of automobile related discussion.

Triple J Ranch Collection - Did you know there was a private collection of over 280 cars and probably 100 motorcycles near Miami, I learned of it when the owner Oklahoma? contacted Auto Appraisal Group to consider an appraisal of the collection. The appraisal did 170 of these cars are up for not happen. auction in Houston in April 1st. collection was put together by a Houston couple in less than 10 years. Their wealth was due to him creating the formula for Royal Purple Synthetic Motor oil. After he died the widow opened a car museum in Baxter Springs, Kansas and after 2 years she closed it in June When you have 9 minutes go to 2021. YouTube and look for "The Triple J Ranch Auto Collection" to see some of the cars at auction.

<u>Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet</u> – This event started in 1991 and I think I've been to all but a couple. We even came all the way from Louisville Kentucky during the years we lived there. Usually, I'm a customer and sometimes

I get a space to sell stuff. I had a space indoors away from the extreme wind and cold outside this year on Friday that inspired some to visit longer. During the day I saw AACA Tulsa Region members — Lee DeBoer, Walt Knickerbocker, Bill Ruedy, Steve Schnitzer, Bob Strattan and David & Betty Turner. That makes a sometimes-boring task more bearable seeing all these great members of our Region.

Past Member Memories- Norman Jones worked at the CADILLAC dealer in downtown Tulsa from 1932 to 1976. Began as a mechanic and retired as a salesman. He was addressed as Mr. CADILLAC by CADILLAC collectors. The club was caravanning together to Eureka Springs the long route through a part of Missouri and we stopped to visit a private car collection in a large chicken coop. Norman and I were walking in a field behind the coop and he spotted a V8 engine, he says you know what that is? It is a 1917 CADILLAC V8. bought it and restored it. He donated it to the CADILLAC Museum. In 1996 when we went as a group to the AACA 100 years of celebrating the automobile in Dearborn, we visited the CADILLAC museum and got to see Norman's 1917 engine on display. Today that engine is in the GM Heritage collection, when I visited there in 2011 unfortunately, they did not have it on display that day. We also visited in 1996 the 1938 CADILLAC 60 Special that he had restored that was in the Henry Ford The best thing was that Norman Museum. Jones was with all of us visiting his former engine and former car. We used to meet at his shop every Tuesday then caravan to lunch in Broken Arrow. It was not unusual for this lunch group to far exceed 20 people.





# Tulsa Region AACA Meeting Minutes

by Chuck Mahan, Secretary/Treasurer

Joe Smith led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Joe started the meeting with the introduction of five guests. This was followed by the introduction of the club's Directors and chairmen. He then described how to obtain name badges, car signs and window cards.

Chuck Mahan read the minutes of the December 2021 General Meeting followed by the Treasurer's report.

Then it was time for jokes. Mike Halley, Steve Schnitzer, Carolanne Mahan and David Turner took their turn in telling jokes.

Joe announced that the Tulsa New Car Show had been cancelled due to lack of inventory. He then asked if anyone would volunteer to be chairman of our club's car show. The past couple of years car show had been held at the Heart of Route 66 Museum but due to lack of exposure because of the Museum's location we are looking for a new location.

David Turner, the club's tour chairman, announced instructions for the modern car tour to Chanute, Kansas to see "Toys for Big Boys" and the Johnson Museums. The club will leave IHOP in Owasso at 9:00 am on March 26. The second tour that David described was Jefferson Highway "Parade of Cars" celebrating the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday of the highway. This will be an overnight tour where on the way to Pittsburg Kansas, we will visit "Big Brutus" in West Mineral Kansas. The Texas tour is still in the planning stage.

Someone questioned the club's participation in Route66fest. Because cars will be shown individually, not allowing for club identification, and because some makes (i.e. Packard, Studebaker, etc.) are completely eliminated, the Board decided that it would not be a club function. Information of how to enter a car as an individual into Route66fest will be provided in the Running Board Ramblings.

Joe Smith awarded David Turner a plaque for his service as club president for 2021.

Joanne Cooper showed the club the award it received for the "Best Divisional AACA Tour for 2021". The award was given to Joanna Cooper at AACA's National Convention.

Bill Ruedy indicated that he needed more articles about club members and their cars for the Running Board Ramblings. He passed a sign-up sheet to obtain volunteers.

Joanna Cooper volunteered her Model T for the Pittsburg "Parade of Cars" if someone would drive it. Steve Schnitzer's son volunteered.

Steve Schnitzer complemented Bill Ruedy on the club's newsletter stating that everyone should take the time to read it. In particular he pointed out Randy Beeson's monthly article on "100 years ago today".

Mike Halley gave the monthly program on War Eagle Raceway.





## Let's Tour!!!

by David Turner, 2022 Tour Director

Hello everyone! We have several tours planned for this year so far with a couple quite well along in details. Get these dates on your calendars and plan to join us!!

*Friday-Saturday June 3&4* -- Overnight Trip to Pittsburg, Kansas & 15-mile Jefferson Highway Parade

**Friday 3 June** – depart Owasso IHOP (Hobby Lobby parking lot) to caravan to Pittsburg. First Stop – Big Brutus in West Mineral Kansas Afternoon Stop – Historic Fort Scott, Kansas. Overnight in Pittsburg

#### Saturday 4 June –

10 AM - Line up for Historic Jefferson Highway "Parade of Cars" 11 AM – Parade with oldest cars first. Cruise-in at Parade beginning for the afternoon 3 PM – return home

#### Late October - Joint Tour with Texas Region

This tour is in the early stages of planning but currently is centered on Hugo, Oklahoma We will caravan from Tulsa to Hugo where we will meet the group from the Texas Region and tour together two days and one night and return home on the afternoon of the second day. Stay tuned!!!



Jim Jones driving his 1965 Plymouth on our club tour to Chanute, Kansas.





#### **April**

May

1 <sup>st</sup>	Melvin	<b>Burton</b>
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4th Pat DeBoer

10<sup>th</sup> Suzy Lytle

13<sup>th</sup> Jeff Lytle

15<sup>th</sup> Chuck Mahan

26<sup>th</sup> Tom McGahan

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6th Grant Aldrich

7<sup>th</sup> Richard Holmes

10<sup>th</sup> Walter Knickerbocker

31<sup>st</sup> Clyde Harding



#### **April**

May

9<sup>th</sup> Mark and Carla Randel

12<sup>th</sup> Richard and Lina Holmes

28<sup>th</sup> David and Betty Turner

30<sup>th</sup> Clyde and Debbie Harding

22<sup>nd</sup> Joe and Joyce Smith

# **Sunshine Report**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam Jones.

If you know of anyone we should include here, please let us know so we can share with the membership.



# Calendar of Events 2022

April			
3	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
7-9	Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC – Hornets Nest Region		
21-23	Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals – San Juan, PR		
May			
1	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
19-21	Grand Nationals – Virginia Beach, VA – Tidewater Region		
21	Route 66 PatriotFest - https://www.rt66patriotfest.com/		
22-25	Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) – Johnstown, PA – Flood City Region		
June			
3-4	Overnight Tour to Pittsburg, Kansas & Jefferson Highway Parade – David Turner		
5	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
16-18	Eastern Spring Nationals – Beckley, WV – West Virginia Whitewater Region		
25-26	AAA Route 66 Road Fest - <u>Car Shows - Route 66 Road Fest</u>		
July			
3	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
August			
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11-13	Central Fall Nationals – East Moline, IL – Mississippi Valley Region		
September			
4	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
10-16	Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) – Gettysburg, PA – Buzzards Breath Region		
18-23	Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier) - Shepherdsville, KY – Kyana Region		
25-30	Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (1942 and earlier) - Central New Jersey – NJ Region		
October			
2	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
4-7	Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA – Hershey Region		
TBD	Joint tour with Texas Region – David Turner		
November			
6	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
December			
4	General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium		
Tulsa regio	on club events are in red bold print.		

Note: All events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Owasso Cruise-In -north side of Main Street

Recurring Events:



Every Tuesday - Tulsa Cruise-In – Jason's Deli - 61st & Memorial - 5 pm – 8 PM - (Mar – Oct)

## Welcome New Members



Andrew Berryman and Jacklin Aguilar



Tom and Liga McGahan



Bill Kenny and wife Patricia (not pictured)

# 2022 Tulsa AACA Meeting Cookie Sign Up Sheet

February	Meeting Cancelled			
March	Linda Beeson	918-455-2541	LaVon Ruedy	918-810-3956
April	Betty Turner	918-527-9561	Debbie Harding	918-706-3536
May	Jim Jones	918-485-9606		
June				
July				
August	Pamela Jones	918-671-5868		
September				
October	Carolanne Mahan	918-631-9393		
November	Marjorie Knickerbocker	918-272-2517	Penny Downey	918-438-8220
December				

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Cookie Chairman Debbie Harding needs your help to fill up our cookie sheet, so we can continue to have great snacks at our meetings. Two volunteers are needed each month. Please call Debbie at 918-706-3536 to volunteer or sign up at our next meeting.

# Club Tour to Chanute, Kansas March 26, 2022



Howard's Toys for Big Boys Antique Car



Our tour group to Toys for Big Boys in Chanute, KS



Steve Schnitzer and Joe Smith



Howard Alger, Paulette Clawson, and David Turner



Teresa Wilkinson-Strode and Paulette Clawson



Debbie Harding and Carolanne Mahan





Overlooking one area of Toys for Big Boys



Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum



Martin and Osa Johnson



Peddle cars at Toys for Big Boys



Chanute, Kansas Historic Santa Fe Depot



Debbie Harding standing by a Martin and Osa Johnson Sculpture.

## **National AACA News**

## Rummage Box



## **New AACA Website**

by Steve Moskowitz, AACA Chief Executive Officer

AACA has a new website! The club has had a decade plus long website that was powered by an old version of Joomla which was no longer a supported software and did not work well with mobile devices. We have wanted to change it for years but costs and some technical issues held us back. It finally became intolerable and we went ahead with a program to change <a href="https://www.aaca.org">www.aaca.org</a>.

Our new website debuted the day before our Annual Convention but it is not a finished project. We have lots of features to add and a second phase of a special page for prospective new members only. However, we are now working with a WordPress site that is very compatible with most mobile devices and computer software. You might have to adjust the resolution to properly see the slide show of

cars but we think you will find the site much easier to read.

Our biggest hurdle is to change our "store" which also handles renewals. This feature of our site must integrate with our custom software for membership and therein lies a huge problem for us. Quotes to accomplish this have run into the tens of thousands of dollars and we simply have to find a more economical solution.

We are pleased to have finally upgraded our website presence and promise you that as time goes by we will make many more improvements to make communication with you easier. If you have any thoughts or ideas of features you would like to see please contact us.







## One Hundred Years Ago

by Randy Beeson

It was a light news month. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, an ailing Lenin appointed Josef Stalin General Secretary of the Russian Communist Party. Millions would die under his 31-year dictatorship. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Treaty of Rapallo between the German Republic and the Soviet Union was signed in Italy, normalizing diplomatic relations between the two countries, with each side renouncing their territorial and financial claims against the other.

Commercial radio continued to be big news this month with several new stations coming online in what we today would call secondary markets. Station WAAB went on the air in Baton Rouge, LA on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Stations KOB (Albuquerque, NM) and WDZ (Decatur, IL) went on the air the following day. Finally, station WOI (Ames, IA) began broadcasting as the first licensed educational station on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Here at home, Harding's Interior Secretary Albert Fall leased the Teapot Dome oil reserve on April 7<sup>th</sup> to Harry Sinclair, setting up the Teapot Dome Scandal. Annie Oakley set a women's record by breaking 100 clay targets in a row on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

This month saw the births of several future entertainers and authors. Singer and actress Doris Day was born in Cincinnati, OH on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fellow singer and actress Gale Storm (My Little Margie) was born in Bloomington, TX on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Actor Michael Ansara (Broken Arrow) was born in Lowell, MA on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Actress Barbara Hale (Della Street in Perry Mason) was born in DeKalb, IL on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Actor Jack Klugman (The Odd Couple) was born in Philadelphia, PA on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Novelist Kingsley

Amis was born in London, England on April 16<sup>th</sup> while novelist Alistair MacLean (Guns of Navarone) was born in Glasgow, Scotland on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Finally, future NFL coach George Allen was born in Nelson County, VA on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

In the world of technology, the Chicago Police Department was experimenting with an early version of the personal pager. When paged by the device, a patrolman hurried to the nearest telephone and dialed his station for instructions. Experiments with tellurium, then considered a waste metal, indicated that, if added to gasoline, the compression ratio of the motor fuel could be raised, thus increasing engine efficiency.

The U.S. Postal Service was experimenting with two different types of experimental armored trucks in major U.S. cities. The purpose was to foil mail robberies. A device containing 1,000 miles of maps was now available for the cross-country traveler. This was a predecessor of the GPS systems we now have on a screen in our modern vehicles. The screen-equipped device bolted to the steering column below the steering wheel. Additional maps could be purchased and placed in the device to guide the owner across the U.S. Finding one of these in a swap meet would be quite an accessory find for a 1920s vehicle!

A new automobile radiator heater was available this month. Hung from the radiator hose the heater plugged into a 110-volt household outlet to prevent the radiator from freezing. Finally, early exploratory work near Point Barrow, AK indicated the presence of oil.





## Unusual Old Automobiles 1900 Knox

by David Turner, Board Member

I first attended the large Hershey swap meet in 1998 when most of the swap meet was held on grass and dirt fields and the car show on Saturday was held on the paved parking lots of Hershey Park. Today, it is the exact opposite! In 1998, we appreciated the hard surface pavement as it had rained all night before the show. The wet pavement in the images confirms this. However, it did not rain during the show!

The car chosen for this month's article caught my eye immediately, first because it is a tricycle and second because of its unusual engine. A tricycle design



1900 Knox – built in Springfield MA

simplifies the steering. Early automobiles often employed such a design. No standard style or design existed for automobile bodies, except for horse drawn vehicles, so many unusual designs appeared.

Successful gasoline engines were still in their infancy. Since most contained only a single cylinder, such as this Knox or in some cases two, air cooling proved to be immensely popular. However, the issue of heat



The Porcupine Engine



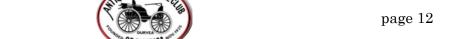
1900 Knox with simple tiller steering and tricycle wheels

dissipation was yet to be settled. Fins of all shapes and sizes were commonly used to draw the heat from the cylinder and dissipate it into the airflow. The designers of the Knox chose a little different approach and selected what looks like very large nails protruding from the single cylinder on all possible external surfaces. Whether they worked better than other arrangements seem iffy to me. With all its spines protruding from the engine, it quickly gained the nickname of "Porcupine Engine".

The Standard Catalog of the American Cars reports that 100 Knox automobiles were produced in 1900, its first year of production. Production continued until 1914. Interestingly, the Catalog also reports that Mr. Knox was encouraged to build an automobile by his next-door neighbor, J. Frank Duryea, whose own creation graces the emblem for The Antique Automobile Club of America.



Standard engine placement of the time was beneath the seat





# Automobile Accessories: Windshield Wipers

by Bill Ruedy, Editor

I can't imagine a modern vehicle without windshield wipers.

Windshield wipers don't seem very exciting, but their history is interesting. The first window cleaning patent (no. 609787) was renewed in Jan 5, 1898. G.J. Capewell proposed a moving circular window that would be cleaned by scraping the glass. The scrapers were fixed and the window rotated. I won't mention it further as it was not a movable wiper.

The "window-cleaning device" was patented in 1903 by Mary Anderson. Mary was riding in a New York City streetcar in the snow. "She

observed that the streetcar driver had to get out and continually clean off the windshield." Mary thought the travel delays could be avoided if there was a way to wipe the windshield from inside the streetcar. Mary returned home to



Mary Anderson inventor

Birmingham, Alabama, and created her device. Patent no. 743,801 was awarded on November 10, 1903. Mary tried, but could not get any manufacturers interested in making the device. Mary tried to sell her patent in 1905 via a patent broker. The response from the broker said there was no commercial value in her patent! Mary was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2011.

The next improvement is from <u>Charlotte</u> <u>Bridgewood</u> who patented (no. 1,274,983.) an electric window cleaning device using rollers in 1918. The patent was only valid for 2 years due to a lack of commercial production.

Manual windshield wipers seem to be common by 1915, but the first reference I could find to factory installed production wipers was by Cadillac in 1922.

Hawaiian dentist Dr. Ormand Wall created an electric windshield wiper motor in 1917. It mounted in the center of the windshield and wiped in a semi-



1926 Ford Accessory Equipment Price \$3.50 installation \$0.75

circle to clear the windshield.

Inventor William M. Folberth, patented a vacuum-powered automatic windshield wiper system in 1919. Vacuum-powered systems had the drawback that the wipers slowed down or stopped when the engine accelerated.

The next major advancement was created by mechanical engineer Robert William Kearns. Robert took 10 years to perfect the intermittent windshield wiper and installed it in 1963 on his Ford Galaxie convertible. Robert shared the details of his design with Ford engineers expecting to license the technology to one of the big car manufacturers. Ford introduced the first factory installed intermittent windshield wiper in 1969, but did not give any credit or compensation to Robert Kearns. In 1976 Kerns son discovered the intermittent windshield wiper controllers had copied several key elements of Kerns design. This began a legal battle that raged until the 1990's when Kearns was finally provided a settlement for his original design of the intermittent windshield wiper.

In 1970 Saab introduced a headlight wiper that had rain-sensitive intermittent wipers. Cadillac in the 1990's introduced infrared micro sensors built into the windshield to sense rain and determine the wiper speed. My current 2018 Suburban uses an infrared sensor from inside the car to detect water spots on the windshield and perform the "rain sense" wiper mode. The Suburban will automatically provide either intermittent wiping of the windshield or set the low speed or high speed for the wipers.





## 1922 Packard Heart of Route 66 Museum

by Tom McGahan

At The Museum.....



When The Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum initially opened in 2016, one of the first cars, on loan, was a stunning 1922 Packard. The car, owned by Robert and Carol Parker, graced the main exhibit area for over 6 years. 2022 marks the 100th year anniversary for this cream-colored gem.

Not running when received, the museum was anxious to see if the Packard could be brought to life for its centennial milestone. An initial assessment pointed to a suspect fuel system. Fuel lines appeared to be clogged and the fuel tank was in question after sitting for such a long period. The fuel tank was removed, boiled out, recoated internally and painted. Elbert Polk spearheaded in house operations as the new tank was repaired. New fuel lines and filters were installed.

The Packard team of Keith Jones, Grant Aldrich, Colby Kasinger and Matt Westerguard provided the initial assessment and returned for a follow-on visit in mid-March to restart the vehicle. Sporting fresh 91 octane, a new battery and nearly 3 gallons of fresh coolant the Packard was ready for another attempt. Fuel priming followed and the ignition system spark was verified by Elbert Polk (OUCH !!!). The 100 year old Packard came to life. The straight



eight runs surprisingly smooth considering the downtime of several years.

Drivetrain, brakes and other systems will require additional analysis but a smooth-running Packard is a great start for this 100th anniversary antique. The Museum Board of Directors would like to thank Rob Cortez for offering his team of experts to assist in bringing this marvel back to operating condition.



## **Barn Find**

by Tom McGahan

Yes, they are still out there to be discovered.... BARN FINDS!!

Knowing that AACA member Tom McGahan was a "car guy" who volunteered at the Heart of Route 66 Museum, a neighbor casually made



1956 Ford Pickup "Barn Find" reference to an old truck.

"Yeah," he said, "It's been in that garage forever. Wife's parents are gone and we need to clean out the house, garage and property. The truck is a 1956 Ford if you or anyone you know might be interested. There is a catch, however. The truck has been in the garage for over 40 years, it's piled over with junk, the garage door is a permanent wall and there is a tree growing in front of the door."

A friend of Tom's was interested. And through a garage side door, was able to get a sense that yes, there is a truck under there somewhere. After additional investigation and junk removal a deal was struck and it was "game on" for a plan to rescue the vehicle. AACA member Bill Kenny offered his services and the use of his

flatbed trailer. The team assembled at the location with power tools, chainsaws, a



Rescued 1956 Ford Truck

portable air compressor and other needed items. Tree and door/wall removal took a couple of hours and for the first time since 1978 the truck saw the light of day. Maneuvering took some time due to tires that wouldn't hold air and knowing the brake system, including the emergency, was non-existent. Slowly, it all came together and the truck was trailered to its new home where the cleanup and inspection will begin. Keep your ears and eyes open. You never know when a find like this might be closer than you think.



#### **Share Your Story!**

Our club newsletter, **Runningboard Ramblings**, is only as good as you make it. We want to hear from you! We are always looking to feature articles from Tulsa Region members about your personal accounts of tours and shows you have attended, restoration projects, unique vehicle stories and history, and any other stories you think other AACA members would enjoy hearing about. And, of course, include plenty of photos to make your story come alive! Please send in your photos and stories to Bill Ruedy at: <a href="mailto:ruedy@valornet.com">ruedy@valornet.com</a>

#### **Car Show Windshield Cards**

By David Turner

As announced at the meeting a few months ago, I am willing to make laminated windshield cards for any member who wishes one for their car(s). All I ask is \$3.00 to cover the cost of materials and laminating. The lamination is 10 mils thick and quite rigid. As a result, they should be less likely to blow off the windshield in a heavy wind. They will all be 8.5" x 11" on white card stock. If you wish to order one, contact me or any of the club board members. An example shown below.



David Turner can be contacted by e-mail at <u>drenrut61@gmail.com</u> or phone 918-527-9560.

### **AACA Tulsa Region Magnetic Signs**

You, too, can look as cool as Phil by ordering your very own AACA Tulsa Region magnetic signs. The folks who see your car on display or on parade will know that you are a member of the best car club of all. Let's put our best foot forward for all our public events.



The cost is \$65.00 plus \$5.53 tax equals \$70.53. The supplier is A&B Identity and to keep it simple they would prefer that all the orders come through Keith Jones. Please contact Keith Jones with your order. Lead time is about two weeks.





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