

**LAWRENCE REGION
Antique Automobile Club of America**

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City Commission
City Hall
6 East 6th
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Commissioners:

In accordance with City Code Section 5-705, Part (G), "Signs of community interest which are approved by the City Commission.", this letter is a request for approval to temporarily erect directional and notification signs along 23rd street in the area of the Douglas County Fairgrounds. These signs are in connection with "The Lawrence Swap Meet" to be held on May 2, 3 & 4, 2008. Pursuant to the code, we ask for exemption from any permit or fees.

The Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America is a non-profit organization and one of 400 regional clubs of the Antique Automobile Club of America. The AACA was founded in 1935 and is the largest antique automobile club in the world with over 60,000 members.

2008 will mark the 45th year that the LRAACA has conducted its annual swap meet in Lawrence. This swap meet is one of the largest in Kansas and attracts an average of 600 vendors from many areas of our nation. Attendance for the three-day swap meet, which is open to the public and free of charge, is an estimated 35,000 patrons (fig. 1).

"The AACA is dedicated to perpetuating the memories of the early automobiles by encouraging their history, collection and use." According to Article 1, Section 2 of the LRAACA by-laws, "The purpose of this region shall be to supplement the activities of the Antique Automobile Club of America and to provide mutual enjoyment to its members."

The LRAACA supplements the activities of the AACCA are through community service. Over the past 44 years, LRAACA has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to local charities and health organizations, such as United Way of Douglas County, Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, Douglas County Visiting Nurses, Heart of America Hospice, Parkinson Foundation, and American Heart Association. In addition LRAACA has furthered the education of Lawrence youth by sponsoring the Lawrence High School Auto Club and providing yearly scholarships to students at Lawrence High School, Free State High School, and contributing to McPherson College.

Elsewhere in the community, the Douglas County 4-H Club, Troop 247 of the Boy Scouts of America, other community and regional car clubs, as well as city and county businesses, benefit from working with the LRAACA and providing support during the swap meet. Further LRAACA has provided funding for several improvements to the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Directional signs:

The directional signs requested are constructed of heavy gauge aluminum and measure 24 X 48 inches. All signs have red lettering on a yellow background of reflective "Scotchlight" material. They are supported by 2 X 4 posts, 5 feet tall, and anchored with large tent stakes and chains.

Four (4) of these signs read: VENDOR ENTRANCE
AHEAD

A fifth two-sided sign reads: VENDORS
(directional arrow to left on one side, right other side)
(Fig.2)

These signs are to be placed along the south side of 23rd Street and/or median at the locations indicated on map (fig.3).

The purpose of these signs is to direct swap meet vendors to the proper entrance onto the fairgrounds. The directional signs are needed for a period from 12:00 p.m. Friday May 2, 2008 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday May 3, 2008.

Notification Signs:

The notification signs requested are constructed of heavy gauge aluminum and measure 48 X 48 inches. All signs have red lettering on a yellow background of reflective "Scotchlight" material. They are supported by 2 X 4 posts, 5 feet tall, and anchored with large tent stakes and chains.

These two (2) signs read:

SWAP
MEET
(directional arrow to left or right)
(fig.4)

One sign would be located about 100 feet to the west of the intersection of 23rd Street and Harper Street on the south side of 23rd Street. The other sign would be located the north side of 23rd Street about 100 feet to the east of the east entrance to the fairgrounds (fig.5).

These notification signs are needed for a period from 6:00 a.m. Saturday May 4, 2008 to 12:00 Noon, Sunday May 6, 2008. The purpose of these signs is to direct the public to the proper entrances onto the fairgrounds.

The Lawrence Region Antique Automobile Club of America appreciates your help as we continue to serve Lawrence and the region.

Sincerely,

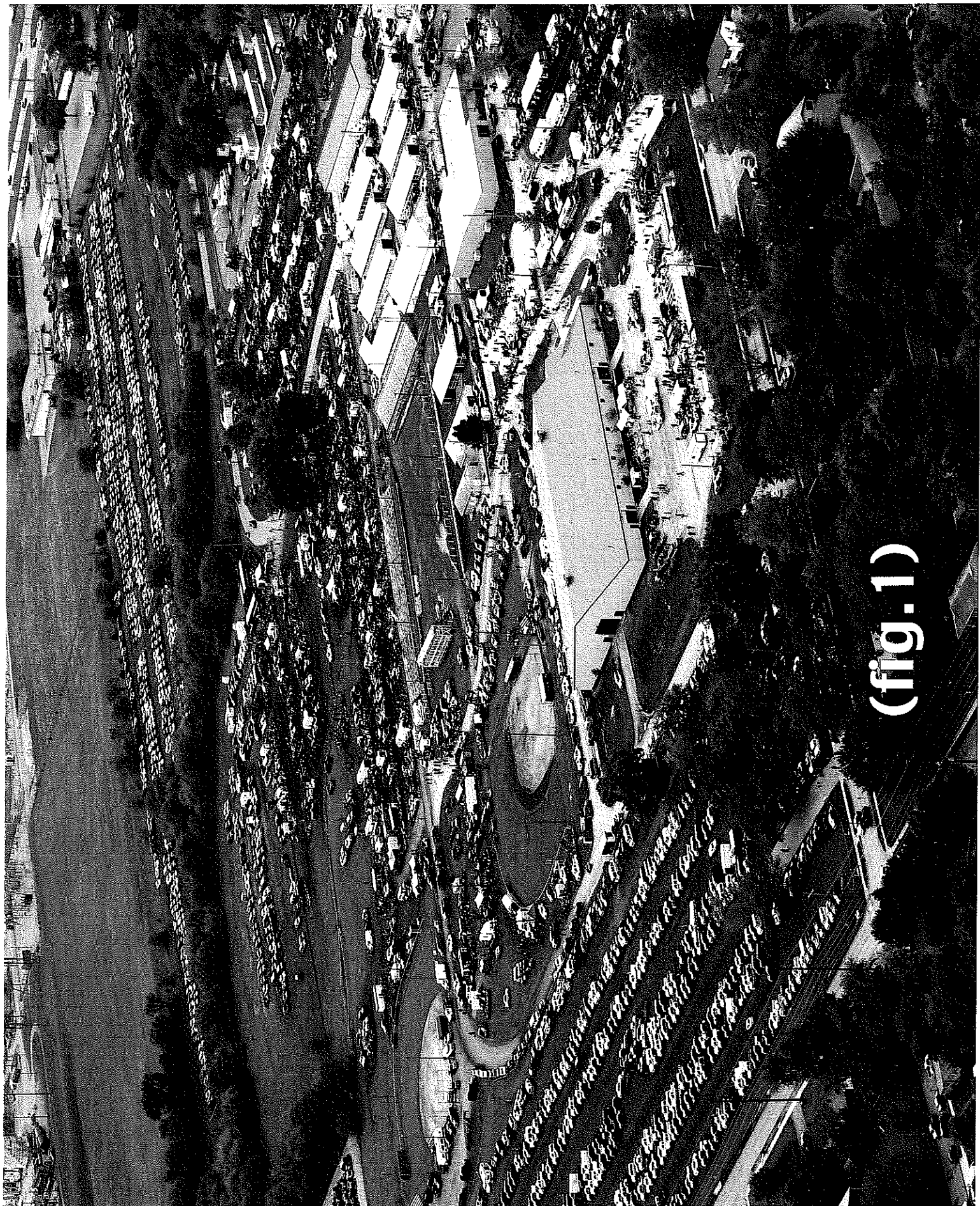
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger C. Bain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Roger C. Bain

Swap Meet Committee 2008
785-393-0112

Approximate Locations of Signs (fig.5)

- #1 - 1541 East 23rd Street
- #2 - 1919 East 23rd Street
- #3 - 2176 East 23rd Street
- #4 - 1600 Road
- #5 - Entrance to Farmland



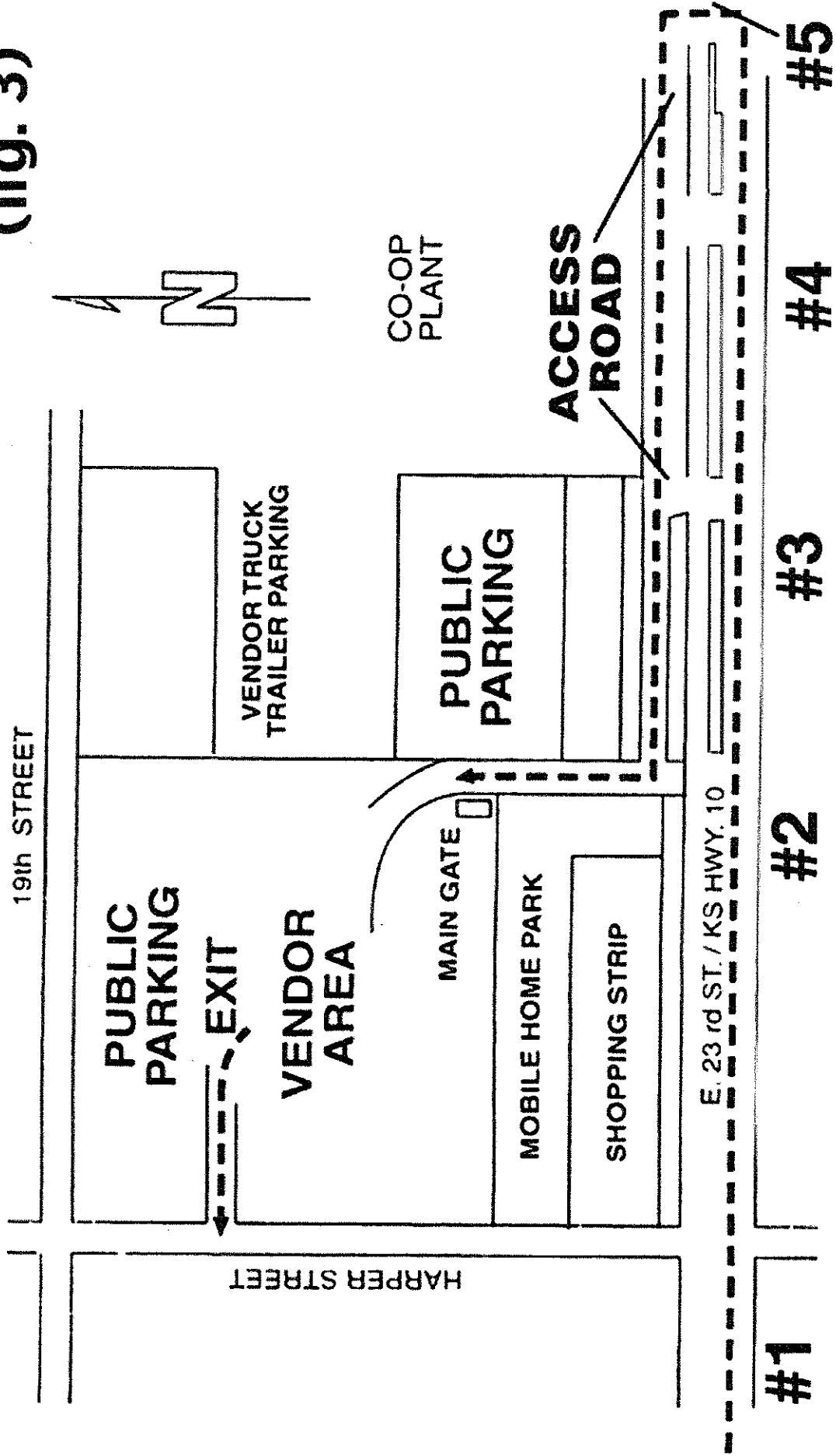
(fig.1)



(fig. 2)

VENDOR'S ENTRANCE MAP

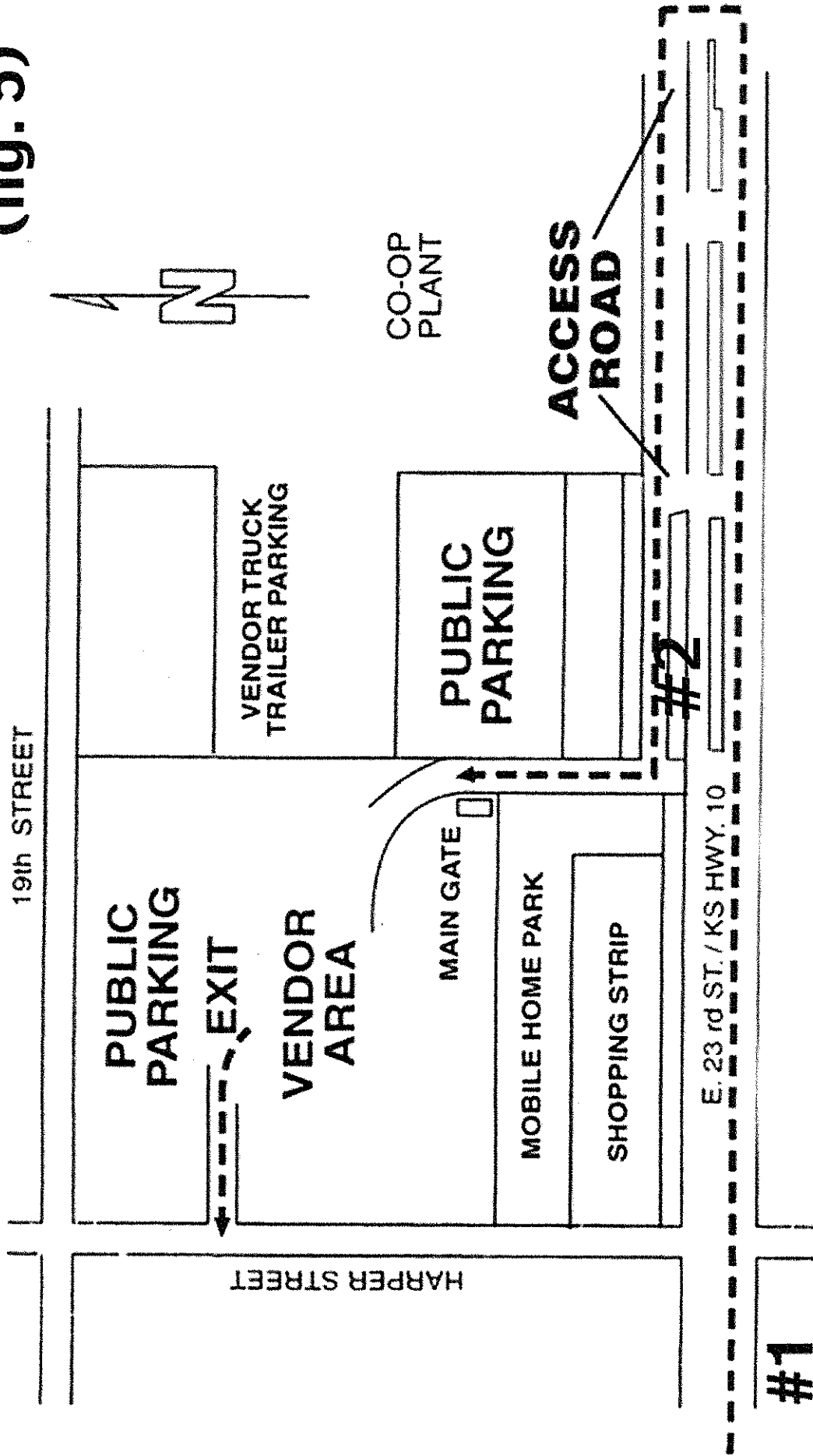
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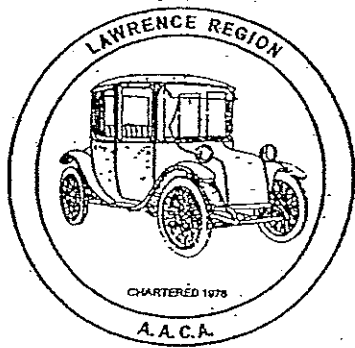




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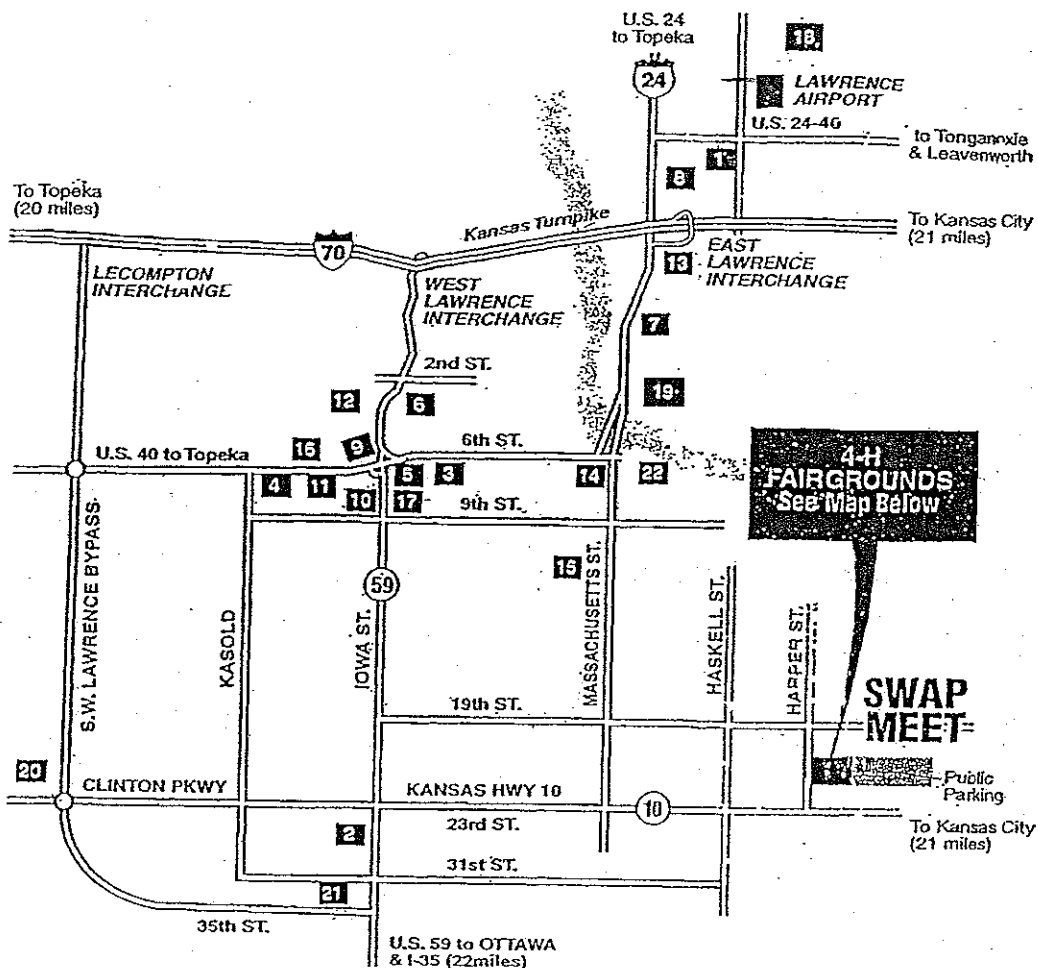
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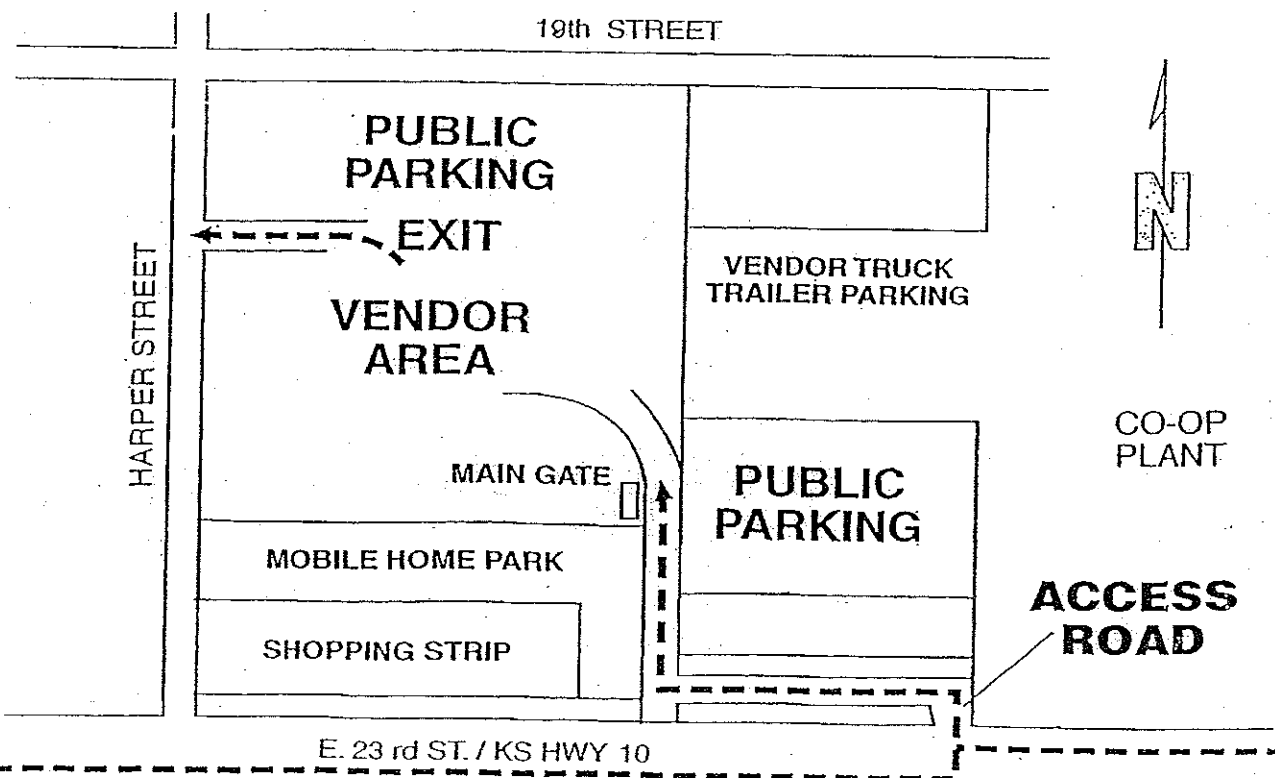


MOTELS & CAMPGROUNDS AREA CODE (785)

1. AIRPORT MOTEL..... 749-3355
2. DAYS INN..... 843-9100
3. COLLEGE MOTEL..... 843-0131
4. VIRGINIA INN..... 800-468-8979
5. BEST VALUE..... 841-6500
6. HOLIDAY HOLIDOME..... 841-7077
7. JAYHAWK MOTEL..... 843-4131
8. KOA CAMPGROUND..... 842-3377
9. RAMADA INN..... 842-7030
10. QUALITY INN..... 842-5100
11. WESTMINSTER INN..... 888-937-8646
12. SUPER 8 MOTEL..... 842-5721
13. BISMARCK INN..... 749-4040
14. ELDRIDGE HOTEL..... 749-5011
15. HALCYON HOUSE B&B..... 841-0314
16. HAMPTON INN..... 800-841-4994
17. BAYMOUNT INN..... 838-4242
18. CIRCLE S GUEST RANCH..... 843-4124
19. VISTORS BUREAU..... 865-4411
20. CLINTON LAKE STATE
PARK CAMPGROUND..... 842-8565
21. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS..... 749-7555
22. SPRING HILL SUITES..... 841-2700



VENDOR'S ENTRANCE MAP



Watch for SWAP MEET ENTRY SIGNS!