

The GAS GAUGE

Official newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club
Club



Dennis and Karla Jackson's
1960 Mercedes 190 Diesel

I understand all the "richfolk"
drive Mercedes. So now that I
Drive one, How come I'm not
rich ??



MAR 2002

HAPPY SAINT PATTY'S DAY

CLUB OFFICERS

We had a great meeting on Feb 10
we had 60 or so people turn out.



A lot of the members had their
pictures taken to be put in this
years Roster. We still have a lot
who haven't had theirs taken yet.



Bill Sheller told us the details
about the Freeze Your Fanny Tour
in March, and about the Ford Day
celebration in Sunnyside in June.



Grace and Pete Jackson had a door
prize drawing and everyone went
home with a prize. The decision
was made to conduct business
meeting in conjunction with
monthly activity. A request to do-
nate to Ronald McDonald House
was presented. A donation of
\$100 was suggested. Red Ruther-
ford made a motion that we do-
nate \$100. It was seconded by

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED
DON'T TRY SKY DIVING



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John Nelson. The motion was voted on and passed.



Anybody recognize any of these people? Are they party crashers?



Can you name these cars and their owners

Don't forget the Freeze Your Fanny tour on the 15th of March. Contact Martha @582-7530 for details. You need to get your reservations in ASAP



For sale

- **1973 Mercedes 280** 6 cylinder 4 door double over head cam rebuilt front seats good paint Eldon Reiman **509-585-8276**
- **1946 Chevrolet pickup.** Short bed, 235 chev engine needs rebuilt (doesn't run) 1962 manual transmission and rear end front end rebuilt by Cassidy Beeline, re-arched leaf springs extra parts \$1300 Mark Reeder 1302 Thayer **942-9008**
- **1940 Packard Model 1800**
122 inch wheel base 6 passenger
This is a drivers touring car with overdrive, new red leatherette interior and a new padded convertible top. The car is beautifully detailed with a clean, rewired engine and new (DP 90) undercoating. The engine is all original except for an electric fuel pump and runs smoothly. The glass and rubber is in great shape and the chrome on the car has been renewed. A new gas tank and driving lights have been added also stainless on the running boards. Stainless steel grill work completes the front end of this wonderful cigarette tan (yellow) car with 700 x 16 4 inch white side wall tires.



Walker young
1040 West 27th
Kennewick, Wa. 99336
1-509-582-8582

ASKING PRICE \$20,000

I received a letter from Jack Yale the other day that caused me some concern about Jack's stability. Here is a copy of that letter, see what you think.

Hi Dennis,

The other day I went up to a local auto parts store and I saw a "honk if you love old cars" bumper sticker. I was feeling pretty sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling antique car show followed by a great swap meet, so I bought a sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, I'm glad I did! What an uplifting experience that followed! I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the antique car I was driving and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves old cars because if he hadn't honked. I'd never have noticed.

I found that LOTS of people love old cars! Why, while I was sitting there the guy behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and yelled real loud "WAY TO GO. WAY TO GO" or something like that. What an exuberant cheerleader he was for old cars. Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share the love.

"There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my grandson in the back seat what that meant, and he said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing. I thought he's sure enjoying this ride in my antique.

A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their

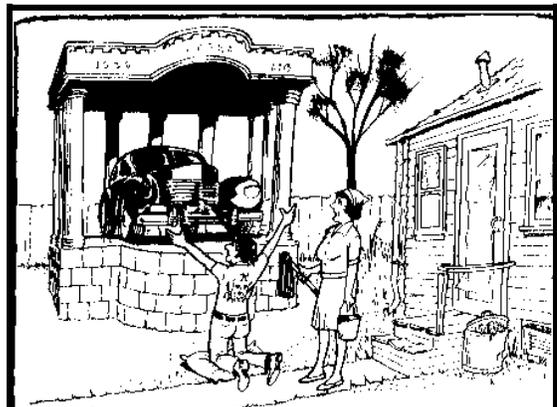
cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to know where I got this great car - what year the car was or who made it; but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, I waved to all my admirers grinning, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again. I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Aren't old car lovers just great??

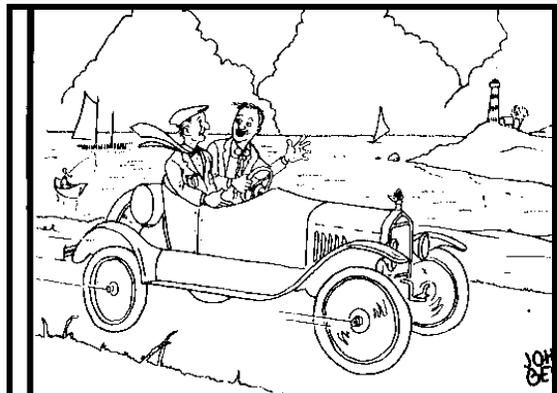
See you at breakfast.

Your friend Jack

Now you be the judge does he need to be watched ???



Some times I think you like that old car more than you like me !!



I had it up to 110 mph once !
But there was a **DeSoto** pushing it.

Calendar of events for the month of Mar

- **The Freeze Your Fanny Tour** is the 15th of March. We will be meeting at the Flash Cube Building in Kennewick at 9am with a departure time of 9:30am. Our eventual destination will be Pendelton where we will visit the Underground. How we will get there and what will happen on the way, no-one knows. I do know we will be fed a lunch. Dinner banquet is paid for. Plenty of fun and prizes. We will be staying at the Pendelton Red Lion. Rooms are \$59.
- **Every Wed morn breakfast** at the new IHOP restaurant on Canal Drive. Time 8am. No admission. (ha-ha) .
- **Any time of the month**, anything you think we might have fun doing.

APRIL'S GARAGE TOUR TO THE LINDENS AND DUFFIELDS

On April 20th 2002, we will be touring to Yakima to visit the garages of Gil Linden and Russ Duffield. It should be a fun tour as Gil and Russ have lots of "stuff". And we all know "stuff" is good!!! We will assemble at the Flash Cube Building at 8:30 and leave at 9:00am sharp. It will be a fairly long trip for one day so we need to leave on time. This is the time for apple blossoms and should be a beautiful drive up and back. We plan to arrive for lunch at Miners in Union Gap around noon. Then we will proceed out to Lindens and the Duffields. On the return trip we will take Konnowac Pass which is an absolutely stunning drive especially at apple blossom time. We should be home by sunset. If you have any questions call Russ or Jane Armstrong @ 627-2954

**Start planning now for our trip to
Moab Utah May the 12th 2002**

MISC CLUB INFO

Martha has Outlined the year as to activities planed so far.

- Mar 15th Freeze Your Fanny Tour
- Apr 20th Tour to Lindens
- May 4th Swap Meet
- May 12th Moab Tour
- June ? Ford Days
- June ? Snake River Trip
- July 4th Parades
- Aug ? B-F Fair Parade, and Jacks place
- Sept ? Prosser States day
- Oct ? Elbe train trip
- Oct ? Apple Squeezin Trip
- Nov ? Farm machine light show
- Dec ? Christmas Party.

MORE ON MOAB

Make reservations for May 12th thru the 16th. We arrive on May the 12th and tours begin the 13th. We leave Moab on the 17th to return home. Call

1-800-831-6622 for reservations at the motel. Let them know you are with Ye Olde Car Club. The reservations are under Martha Shreve.

We now have 11 couples going on this tour. We would like to shoot for 20. Can we do it???



- 4th Denny & Janice Wellington
- 5th Jeff & Judy todd
- 12th Dennis & Linda McGrath
- 14th Mike & cindy Underwood
- 20th Rick & Lois Rutherford
- 26th Dave & Jan Underwood
- 28th Chuck & Kay Sundgren
- 28th Herb & Lois Mettler
- 29th Wayne & Lorraine Williams



- 2nd Bud Williams
- 3rd Eldon Reiman
- 6th Tony McKarens
- 8th Doris Johnson
- 11th Pete Reiland
- 12th Patti Ybarra
- 12th Richard Kuch
- 12th John Kutrowski
- 14th Jacki Geiger
- 17th Ted Freemire
- 21st Martha Shreve
- 25th Lenora Jackson
- 26th Floy Durham
- 31st Dave Underwood

If any of this information is incorrect please let me know @ 547-0916 Or it will not be changed.

Fashion By Jane Armstrong



DRESSING THE PART (GETTING STARTED)

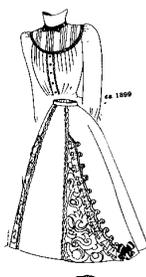
For Russ and I part of the fun in driving old cars is dressing tile part. Some of you have vintage clothing but have not been wearing it. Dig out those classic clothes and inspire the rest of us to dress the part. Others may not know how to get started. I guess for one thing a person needs to have an interest in dressing the part, you just need to keep your eyes open to what's available either at Swap Meets, in antique stores or in the mall.

An interesting thing is that many modern styles can be used to look the part. One of the advantages of modern clothing over antique is that the antique clothes are so fragile. My rule of thumb is if I'm going to sweat, don't wear an antique.

The other day I went to JoAnn's fabrics to see what is available in patterns. I was amazed at the variety of patterns available in "Retro Style". Most were of the 30's and 40's, some 50's, but there were also patterns from turn of the century through the 20's. Vogue and Butterick had the most but McCalls and Simplicity also had retro patterns. So there is plenty of choice. When you go pattern shopping look in the Retro section and the costume section.

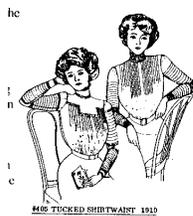
For those of you who want more choice for clothing from 1900 thru the 20's, I have a patterns from the Past catalog from Amazon Vinegar and pickling Works. They have lots of pattern and also some accessories. The only problem is they are copies of authentic patterns and do not have the easy instructions we are used to in today's patterns.

Unless you must have an authentic costume for competition, there are general garment lines that convey the feel of different eras without being slavish to a particular year. For the early part of the century, the easiest way to assemble a costume is a flared full length skirt, cinched waist and a soft blouse.



Ladies, don't be intimidated by those tiny waists. Girls as young as 8 began wearing "training" corsets to get their bodies to grow in the exaggerated form associated with the 19th century and to prepare them for the real "hardware" of adult life. Think

shortened life span. Around 1910, straight lines were the Fashion, lingerie dresses are a good example. The



Movie Titanic had some beautiful examples and Simplicity has two patterns of this era. To me these are the prettiest clothes of the century. The late teens showed tunics over an underskirt. and skirts were

beginning to be shorter.

From 1920 to 1929 styles changed dramatically. Styles were looser, starting at 5" above the ankles in 1920 to just below the knee by 1929.



Movies have given us the idea that 20's styles were very short, but the average woman never wore her skirts above the

knee. Only the rebellious "flapper" was so daring. For the 30's and 40's styles were fitted, in the 30's skirts were longer again and in the 40's shorter. (Makes one dizzy.) Some of the styles were very glamorous. For the 50's a poodle skirt and plain sweater would be appropriate.

I don't know if this article will be one of a kind or the first of many. Depends on how much more information I can

find floating around in my head. I feel I've kind of rambled but wanted to cover several bases the first time. If I write more. I'll be more specific about different years.

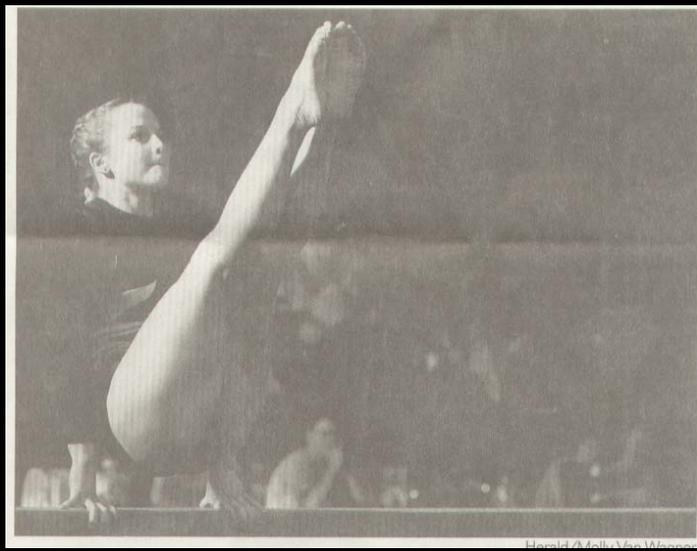
If there is an interest in this kind of article let me know at russ24star@juno.com or 627-2954 or 1060 View Drive. Richland. Tell me what you know, what you'd like to know. what you don't want to know. Jane Armstrong



CALL HER!!! THIS IS GREAT!!!

CELEBRITY

This young lady is the Grand daughter of our past President **Bob McClary**



Heather McClary of Southridge competes Saturday in the gymnastics district championships at Southridge High School. McClary placed second on the beam with a 9.4 and finished third overall with a 35.75

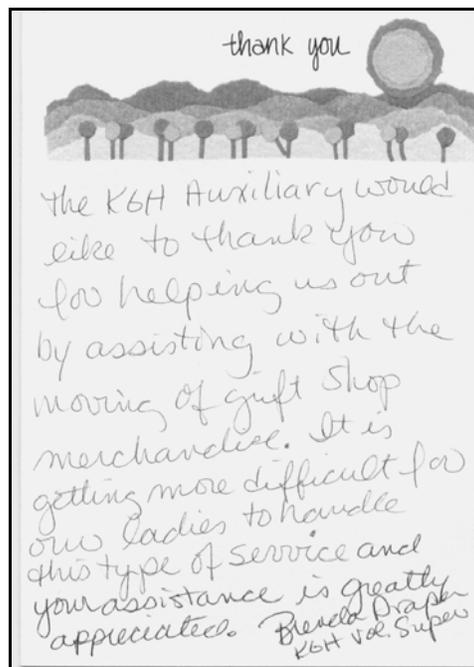
MORE FOR SALE

NOW HERE IS A GREAT BUNCH OF CARS FOR SALE CHEAP.

- **1929 PLYMOUTH 4 DOOR 4 CYL**
ASKING \$10,000
- **1936 Ford 5 WINDOW COUPE**
ASKING \$17,500
- **1970 CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE**
ASKING \$20,000
- **1969 FORD TORINO GT CONVERTIBLE**
ASKING \$12,500
- **1970 CADILLIAC DEVILLE CONVERT**
ASKING \$ \$14,000

**CALL FOR DETAILS
STAN NESBITT
1-360-665-6536**

Here is a card we received from Kennewick Auxiliary thanking us in advance for the help we are going to be in March



MORE READERS CORNER

THE LIFE OF "FANNEE"

My father, Frank W. Schmelzer, bought FANNEE, a 1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe Model 8P-20. He paid cash for her from G.E. Erickson Used Cars on Columbia Avenue in Kennewick, Washington. She was a six month old demonstrator from Slattard Windle car dealer in Spokane,



Washington who received her on February 20, 1950. The license filing fee at that time was fifty cents.

FANNEE was a dark green, four-door. Dad built a garage especially for her. Her color held up well, and she has never been repainted. He put seat covers on the seats to protect them, and they stayed there until she was sold the winter of 1995. The only dent she ever got was when dad forgot to put her in gear while working at a peach orchard, and she rolled into a tree. The small dent is still in the front left hand fender.

FANNEE got her name from the way she went over a small bridge that crossed the irrigation canal going to Bowles Road. Dad said she looked like a fat lady trying to get into a too tight girdle. One hip at a time! My dad had a great sense of humor. Dad and mom took several long trips in FANNEE. Two trips to southern California to visit mom's two sisters and several trips all over in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. They loved to camp out, and always had a shovel and axe in the trunk. I don't remember ever not seeing a metal can of motor oil wrapped in rags, safely stowed in a bucket in the trunk. Dad was always so careful about car maintenance. We teased him about pulling over to the roadside at 1,000 miles to change the oil. Even after his health failed, he would drive it out of the garage and he and mom would wash her.

After 17 years in the garage gathering dust, we sold her to Jim Mokler. FANNEE was a special car to my dad, and we are so happy that she is so spe-

cial to Jim. I think dad and mom are happy she is in such loving hands.

In 1995, a good friend of mine, Cork Simmelink wanted me to join Ye Olde Car Club. At that time my oldest car was a 1984 El Camino. Cork told me not to worry that an old car would come into my life. At one of our meetings, a few weeks later, Cork told me he had had a call from Sylvia Schmelzer Christensen, a native of our community. Sylvia told Cork that she had her dad's 1950 Plymouth for sale and she would like to see someone locally have the car. Cork told me that we should go and look at the car. After the meeting, we did that.

The car was in a garage that had no lights and the garage door would only open up about half way. Cork and I went into the garage, where the car had been stored for 17 years. The only light that we had was a flashlight. We checked the car over the best we could. Cork said that one thing that was in favor of the car was it only had approximately 60 plus thousand miles and everything seemed original. Well, in the daylight, the car had 90 thousand plus miles, but everything was original.

I bought the car. Now what do I do? I have no way to move it and a mechanic, I am not. At that time, another member of Ye Olde Car Club, Vernal Shreve, told me he had room for the car in his garage and also he would survey the car to see what had to be done after 17 years. After the survey. Vernal had a man working for him that was a Russian immigrant. He name was Feioder. This man is an artist. There seems to be nothing that he can't do. When he was finished, FANNEE was ready to hit the road in as good of shape as it was in 1950.

In the past six years, FANNEE has made several tours and rallies. She has a place in our garage and her own "blanket". Most of all a place in our family. FANNEE is also a member of the Plymouth club and the Cascade Pacific Plymouth Club. You know how FANNEE got her name, but didn't know that the name was part of the condition of the sale that she would retain that name. However, when I applied for the personalized plate for her, Fanny was already taken, so I took the liberty of "respelling" her name. So, if sometime you see a 1950 green Plymouth coming down the road with a Washington license plate with the name of FANNEE on it, you will know who this story is all about.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of Ye Olde Car Club for all of their halo and encouragement. I could never have made it without all of you.

Thank you, Jim Mokler

AND MORE READERS CORNER

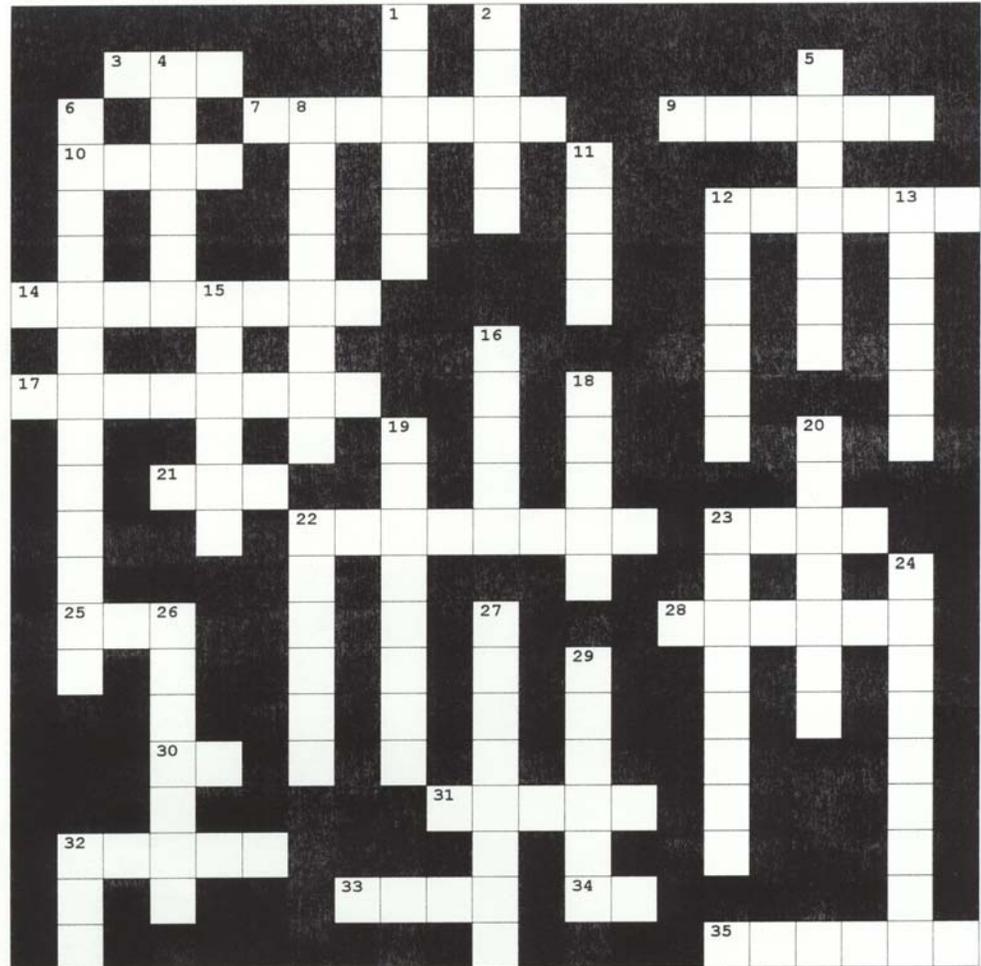
AUTOMOBILE NUTS AND BOLTS

ACROSS

- 3 Dutch belt-driven car
- 7 Jack Benny's famous machine
- 9 Denny & Karla's pride and joy
- 10 They put an Austin engine in their baby
- 12 Taxicabs & large commercial cars
- 14 Early air-cooled automobiles
- 17 Named for trader who sited Detroit
- 21 Dodge brothers built their early chasses
- 22 & 23. Decendent of the first auto maker
- 23 Part of clue #22
- 25 George Romney brought it to life
- 28 One of our biggest imports from Japan
- 30 Was the most common vehicle in the road
- 31 Gave stiff competition to Stanley
- 32 Invented the assembly line
- 33 Logo on hub caps has five points
- 34 Midget & TC, among others
- 35 American tire manufacturer

DOWN

- 1 Willie & Rachel have two of them
- 2 Bought DAF a few years ago
- 4 Once the most common car in England
- 5 Mercury's Canadian cousin
- 6 Tractors, cars, & trucks
- 8 & 22. Came from Nash; went to Chrysler
- 11 & 18. Agent 007 couldn't live without it
- 12 & 23. Truck chasses for Dodge Brothers
- 13 They're Jack's pride and joy
- 15 One of John & Nancy's oldest



- 16 & 27. Open car had Cathedral rear window
- 18 Part of clue #11
- 19 Now its part of Daimler Benz
- 20 Henry's luxury line

- 22 Part of clue #8
- 23 Part of clue #12 down
- 24 Named for the founder of Detroit
- 26 Six cylinder air-cooled engines

- 27 Part of clue # 16
- 29 Made the first "jeep" vehicles
- 32 You'll find a lot of them in Seattle

Here is another one of John Nelson's crossword puzzles Hope you have fun with it. The answer will be in next months newsletter, I really appreciate all the response I am getting to my request for articles for the Readers Corner. Keep them Coming!!

Any body know when this picture was taken and who the couple in the foreground is??





**Dedicated to
Having fun with the past**

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