



# Gas Gauge



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## Monthly newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club



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## Our Walla Walla Trip



Now this was a great trip that Fred Fraser put together for us as you can see we had a pretty good turn out. Jack Yale, Pete & Grace Jackson, Jim Ayers, the Nelson trio, Bob & Delores McClary, Dave & Paula Stands, Fred and Mary Fraser, Guy & Evelen Welker, and last but not least Dennis & Karla Jackson. Oh wait I almost forgot our guest of honor, Dave & Janice Underwood, do you believe that?



The Corvette that is behind Fred Fraser belongs to one of the new guys Jim Ayers. He really does have eyes he just doesn't want to show them because of their power over women.



The fellow that Pete Jackson is talking to is Dave Stands and the vehicle is Dave's Australian 35 Ford UTE that he picked up in Australia and completely restored it himself. Sorry I didn't get a better picture of it.

OK off to Walla Walla. We left the Red Lion parking lot and rode the back roads as much as we could. The weather couldn't have been better so the drive even though it took quite a bit longer was a beautiful drive. We met up with our hosts Bill and Nancy Betts in Walla Walla at their home. We met one of their friends (can't remember his name) who had an interesting vehicle a Model "A" that he put a Toyota automatic transmission in. Jack Yale thought he was being put on until he did some inspection and yep it was true. Can't imagine why.



Bill and Nancy had some really nice cars that they were happy to show us. Check out the picnic basket on the back of this



1912 Model "A" The picture on the right is of the brass headlight on this car. They also have a really nice 32 coupe and a Phaeton but I don't know the year.



There seemed to be some confusion as to when we were to have lunch. we decided to go visit some fellow who has a great collection of restored gas pumps first and then go to lunch. Boy did he ever have a great collection, they were all lighted and he had not only pumps, but an impressive collection of globes as well. I couldn't find where you put in your credit card in any of them. His wife had a beautiful flower garden that impressed the ladies in the group and some of the men too, but they would never admit it being macho men like they are. Well back to the gas pumps.



What brand is this with the bird?



Check out the next page to see what I want from his collection..



Cool HUH. Just a dream though the wife would never let me have it unless I buy a couple million in life insurance then I wouldn't be able to afford to buy the bike. OH WELL!! Now on to the flower garden. Oh by the way they have a rather large farm where they grow raspberries that they sell to Klicker.



Check out the price of the gas.



Now comes the best part, The food. We changed our plans as to where we were going to eat. I forgot where we were going to eat ;but on the suggestion of Bill Betts we went to the "The Fat Cat's Tavern". Good suggestion the food was tremendous.



Not only was the food very good but the waitress was kinda cute as well as being efficient. She was a little overwhelmed with all of us



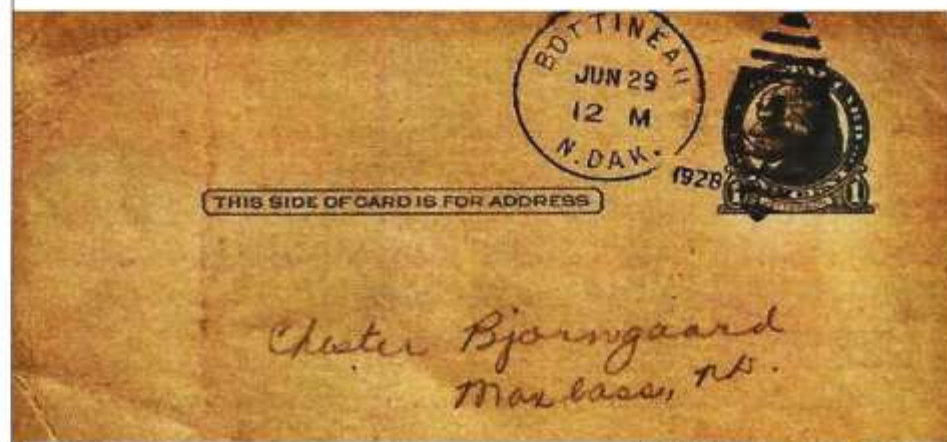
.Our hosts .....  
Bill and Nancy Betts.  
We are off to their house again for coffee and cookies then off to some place called "Clay in Motion"



All in all it was a very fun trip. I am glad to see such a big turnout and I hope now that you see the fun that can be had on these little trips you may decide to come on our next trip with us.

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I'll bet this is the kind of service you would have gotten from Jack Yale when he ran his service station. This is a 1928 service mailer. Wouldn't it be nice to get that kind of service today at those kind of prices?



Dear Sir:—  
We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.  
It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.  
The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.  
Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.  
New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.  
The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.  
A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.  
Very truly yours,  
Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.

This is quite a lengthy article so I will break it up into three or four additions of the news letter.



**Leslie Roy, left, a Moxee farmer, will team with County Commissioner Rand Elliott to drive a 1935 Ford nearly 9,000 miles from China to France. They're among 100 teams from around the world in the challenging road rally.**

Be looking for some very interesting articles on great events in the history of automobiles from John Trumbo.

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Also don't forget the car show in Joseph Or. on the 13 of June and the Parade and festivities in Joseph again on July 25th

### Thoughts to Ponder

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

Is there another word for synonym?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell is he homeless or naked?

If you tried to fail and you succeed, which have you done?

### May Birthdays

2nd	Loretta Jackson	23rd	Audrey Simmelink
6th	Don Meyers	23rd	Gil Linden
14th	Mary Ellen Nelson	27th	Russ Armstrong
17th	Helen Duffield		
19th	Scott Noga		

### Anniversaries

11th Bud and Theora Williams

### Prez Sez

The busy season of the year is here. As it warms up, we will be having more and more activities. I was not able to go to Walla Walla because the Pasco Athletic Boosters honored Vern at the Pasco Invitational Track Meet. I attended with 15 of my family and friends to receive a plaque in Vern's name.

We have been receiving calls from different people asking if we would bring cars to their events:

Pasco Farmers Market would like us one Saturday this summer.

Sacajawea volunteers invited us for any of 3 weekends:

June 12, 13, and 14

Pioneer day - June 27th

September 25, 26, and 27th

Sunset Memorial Gardens would like some cars on Memorial Day.

If you are interested in doing any of these, please call and let me know at 582-7530.

The swap meet will probably be over by the time you receive this letter. Thanks to all of you for all of your help.

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### 1917 "Golden Submarine"

Good news! Barney Oldfield's famous 1917 racecar, the "Golden Submarine," has recently been restored and now can be seen by the public—after having rusted in obscurity for many decades.

The Golden Submarine was unique: a super-streamlined, enclosed racing car in a day of antique, open speedsters. With its metallic-gold colored, egg-shaped aerodynamic body, the Golden Submarine was a futuristic sensation back in '17!

The car was designed in 1916 by Harry Miller, who also custom built it for Oldfield. It was revealed to an amazed public at Chicago's Maywood Stadium in June 1917.

Oldfield drove the car, and his mechanic (Waldo Stein) sometimes rode with him. Will Pickens was Oldfield's mechanic, and he informed the

press that the new racer would do "180 miles per hour," which was a highly exaggerated claim. In its first race at Maywood, the "Sub" clocked at 107.4 in the qualifying runs, and in the 250-mile initial race it was unable to finish because of engine problems.

The Golden Submarine won a few races, but one time at the Springfield track it hit a fence and overturned. Then it caught fire! Oldfield's shirt was aflame, and his hair was singed badly, but he managed to scramble out with minor injuries.

After '18, Oldfield left auto racing, becoming involved with Firestone Tires (where he headed the Oldfield Tire subsidiary for a time). He also tried producing a new automobile bearing his name. Only one known Oldfield car was completed: an attrac-

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