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1913 Coey Flyer

This is one of the most unusual and advanced American cars of 1913; yet it is virtually forgotten by all but a number of dedicated antique car enthusiasts.

The Coey flyer was advertised as "The World's Best Value" for \$2,000: "a car at manufacturer's costs, plus a reasonable profit." Sales were direct from factory to buyer, so distribution was limited mostly to the greater Chicago area. The Flyer was attractive, with an "underslung" design and a sloping back.

Charles A. Coey was the founder of Coey Motor Co. and had been associated with automotive ventures since 1902 when he built and rented out small electric cars. He also operated a driving school in Chicago, and, for a time, sold Thomas automobiles.

In 1914, Coey also produced two models of cyclecars: the Coey Bear and the Coey Junior. The Junior was soon renamed the "C-A-C."

In addition to Coey White, the illustrated car was also available in "Bottle Green," "Golden Brown," or other colors on special order. If special colors were desired, the manufacturer warned that a waiting period of 30 days might be necessary. Car painting in those days was laborious—often done by hand brushing and hand rubbing, with a slow drying process between the many coats that were applied. Quick spraying was virtually unknown in that era.

Cars without dealerships have seldom stayed on the market for long. In 1916, Coey sold out to the Wonder Motor Truck Co., which produced a few more Flyers until sometime the following year.

GAS GAUGE MAY 2010

Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club

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Our trip to Hood River

On the morning of April 14th we all met at Sterling's in Kennewick for our weekly breakfast meeting. The usual stories and jokes were told and a good deal of food was consumed, fortification for the arduous journey we were

about to undertake. We hit the road with clear skies and very little wind. It took 6 cars and trucks to carry the 18 souls on this trip. All of them were modern because of the 340 miles



we would travel in one day. We didn't make it too far before we needed a potty stop and to have coffee and goodies supplied by the McClary's. THANKS !!

The museum was great. There were two buildings each as big as a 24 lane bowling alley. The 2 year old facility was nearly full of vintage air planes and cars. The unique thing was that we were told that they all were in flying condition or drivable. I actually flew one of these (a long time ago).



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There was a nice lounge near the entrance with drinks (the soft kind only) and snacks which we took full advantage of. At the Dalles on the way home, Cousin's Restaurant was the

scene of mass food consumption and meaningful conversation. The 2 hr trip home went by quickly. This trip is rated an 8 out of 10. A good time was had by all.



One very interesting thing was a short video that can be viewed at this address <http://>

www.youtube.com/ then in the search type flight of fancy Portland. It is really worth the trouble to watch it I will post some more pictures of the trip on the blog., as well as the video of the flight of fancy.

Story submitted by Jim Ayers

We Went to Benton City

Why do you think this gentleman is smiling not unlike a Cheshire Cat? Me thinks it is because he won this award at the Benton city Car show. It was an award called The Kid's Choice. The show was to support the Kids projects in Benton City.



There was about 7 of us and our cars and Dick Johanson won for his "T" bird. In fact the kids at the school made the trophies. John Nelson came in his screen side, Jim Ayers in his Vette, Jack in his 32 Caddy, Phil in his 68 "T" bird, Martha in her Dodge truck, and me in my Cruiser. Oh yes and Dick Johanson was there too.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 1st

Our annual swap meet at the Fairgrounds. We need some help setting up. If you can help please call Ed Edwards @ 967-9361 or Jim Ayers @ 619-1895.

May 7th & 8th



Historic Downtown Kennewick
MAY 7TH & 8TH
Friday & Saturday
Friday Night Registration & Poker Run,
starting at Overturf Motors, Columbia Drive
Saturday - Show & Shine • Poker Walk • 50/50 Drawing
Over 40 Trophies for a Variety of Classes!
For Registration or Vendor Information,
Call Tom Dalton at (509) 582-7221

May 29th

Benton City All School Reunion Picnic and Car Show

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Community Center, Benton City Park

Car entrants eat for **FREE**

TROPHYS WILL BE AWARDED

**BRING YOUR CAR AND HAVE A DAY OF FUN
AND GOOD FOOD**

Contact: Dick Johanson -- Ph. 627 6740 or 366 1810

PREZ SEZ

Another month has passed so quickly but, it turned out better than expected. Our trip to the Hood River museum was really worth the effort. Lots of old cars and great vintage planes, plus some old military vehicles. We enjoyed the trip down and back. Lots of fun and laughter, besides being such an ideal time of year, to see our great northwest.

On April 24th. Seven cars from our club, showed up at the Benton City opener. Our newest car to the club, got a trophy, "Way to go Dick"

Lots of activities coming up in May (To mention a few)

May 1st Swap meet at the Benton County fair grounds. May 7th Classy Chassy Kennewick May 11th Kennewick Life Care

May 29th Class reunion, picnic and car show at Benton City

Also don't forget the Show & Shine every Friday night at Wendy's on Canal Drive. Between 6 and 8 P.M. Lots of nice cars show up.

Inform all your car friends about our club breakfast every Wednesday morning. We need all the new members we can get.

Thoughts to ponder

One of the weaknesses of our age is our apparent inability to distinguish our need from our greeds.

My ear is always open for appreciation, but for criticism you need to make an appointment

May Birthdays

2nd	Lenora Jackson	19th	Scott Noga
6th	Don Meyers	20th	Aline Sanders
12th	Ioretta Underwood	23rd	Audrey Simmelink
14th	Gary Sybouts	23rd	Gill Linden
14th	Mary Ellen Nelson	27th	Russ Armstrong
17th	Helen Duffield		

Anniversaries

4th	Dave and Judy Bergum
7th	Gary and Marlene Sybouts
11th	Bud and Theora Williams
29th	Oden and Aline Sanders

ADDITIONAL INFO

There is something else going happening on the **8th of May**. Richland will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Saturday May 8, 2010 in Howard Amon Park in the vicinity of the Cresht Museum and the Community Center. They would like some old cars on display from the years of the late 20s early 30s and older. There will be demonstrations during the day showing what life was like 100 years ago. Among these will be a Victorian fashion show, various people dressed in vintage costume, quilts and quilting demonstrations, weaving, spinning, plus many more demonstrations. The event will begin at 10:00 am and go to approximately 4:00 pm

On This Day

In 1916 An advertisement, During the next 30 days we will wire your house in Pasco for electricity at very special price payable in low monthly payments. Five rooms for \$10.75 and as a special inducement we will give you free of charge a \$3.50 flat iron.

Pacific Power & Light

Reader's photos

Somebody got a new car. Not going to mention names but his initials are Phil Prather



A pretty clean 56 Chevy

Cars For Sale

While I was running around the other day, I came across these cars in Union



Gap They are on a car lot. If you are interested, call Bill @ 509-248-9632