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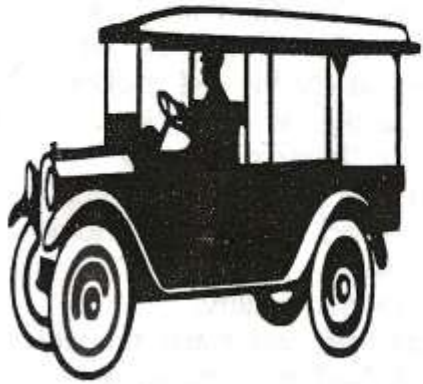
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**SWAP MEET HIGHLIGHTS**

Set up day dawned sunny and not to warm for the many workers who showed up to help set the swap meet up. There were approximately 20 - 25 people who showed up to help. Martha Shreve made a big batch of spaghetti, Dolores Mc Clary made garlic bread and Lindell Smith made a tossed salad and a couple varieties of cookies for dessert. There were coffee, sodas and bottled water to drink. From my perspective of watching things get set up, it appeared that it went well.

Due to my work schedule I didn't get to the swap meet until about 2 p.m. The day was sunny and breezy. There were still some interesting cars, car related items and other items at the swap meet still available to be sold. Although, it didn't look or appear that there were much selling or buying, I heard that it went well.





Hi All,

HAVE YOU BEEN ENJOYING THE SPRING WEATHER EXTREMES? WE GO FROM COLD AND WET TO HOT AND DRY, THEN BACK TO WARM AND WET, VIOLENT THUNDERSTORMS. WE DON'T LIVE IN A BORING PLACE WEATHER WISE. HOPE YOU ARE

GETTING THOSE OLD CARS ALL SPIFIED UP AND READY FOR THE TOURING SEASON. THAT BRINGS ME TO THE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

THE FIRST IS A LOCAL WEEKDAY EVENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>. WE'LL GATHER AT THE ANTIQUE MALL ON COLUMBIA DRIVE IN KENNEWICK. THIS IS THE ONE THAT WAS A FURNITURE STORE AND HAS THE FAKE CLOCK TOWER FACING THE ROAD. THERE IS A PARKING LOT IN THE FRONT. WE'LL GATHER THERE ABOUT 10 A.M. AND TOUR THAT FACILITY.

WE'LL DRIVE FROM THERE TO COLUMBIA PARK AND TRAVEL THROUGH THE PARK AND CONTINUE ON COLUMBIA PARK TRAIL TO QUEENSGATE. WE'LL HEAD TOWARD WEST RICHLAND, TAKE BOMBING RANGE ROAD TO VAN GIESEN AND GO INTO RICHLAND THAT WAY.

THERE ARE RUMORS THAT TERRY SHEGARD WILL OPEN UP HIS BARBER SHOP ON THAYER TO SHOW HIS COLLECTION OF THINGS THAT HIS CUSTOMERS GET TO ENJOY DURING HAIR CUTTING TIME. THEN WE'LL HEAD TO UPTOWN RICHLAND TO TOUR THE ANTIQUE STORES/MALLS LOCATED THERE.

OF COURSE WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO GO HUNGRY SO WE'LL FIND PLACES TO EAT IN THAT AREA.

THE SECOND EVENT IS AN EVENING POTLUCK PICNIC IN THE PARK ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>. I HAVE THE AREA RESERVED IN NORTH HOWARD AMON PARK BY THE BOAT LAUNCH. THE TIME WILL BE 6 P.M. SO FOLKS WON'T HAVE TO DRIVE THE OLD CARS IN THE DARK. THE EASIEST WAY TO GET THERE IS DOWN GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY UNTIL YOU COME TO STERLING'S RESTAURANT. TURN RIGHT ON THE ROAD IMMEDIATELY PAST STERLING'S AND THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO THE PICNIC AREA. WE WILL HAVE A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AND OF COURSE, VISITING.

HOPE TO SEE YOU!  
FRED

## LADIES' TEA



Ladies, keep reading the Gas Gauge. Mary Fraser is planning a Ladies' Tea for the latter part of August or the first part of September. The fellas may want to schedule a garage tour for the time that the club ladies are occupied. Further information will be in the newsletter.



## 4TH OF JULY

The club will be participating in the 4th of July parade in Pasco. The parade starts on 4th Ave at 10 a.m. so please be there by 9 a.m. to be judged.

After the parade, we will go to the Shreve's, at 31606 S. Gerards Rd for a picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be furnished. Please bring either a salad or desert and your own lawn chairs. Call 582-7530 for any questions.

## Manor at Canyon Lakes

The Manor at Canyon Lakes has invited us again this year to bring 4 or 5 cars to show to their residents on August 7th at 1 p.m. This is always a lot of fun for everyone. Any questions can be directed to 582-7530.

## OUT OF PLINY OLDS' WALNUT STREET BLACKSMITH SHOP

Oldsmobile is the oldest manufacturer of passenger cars in the United States, and among the oldest in the world, yet the many contributions of Ransom Eli Olds to the automobile industry are often overshadowed by those of more colorful personalities or financial wizards like Ford, Durant, and Chrysler. Olds was the first to explore all three types of automobiles: steam, electric, and gasoline, all before the turn of the century. It was also Olds who pioneered the techniques for mass producing automobiles. The Olds Motor Works was the first company organized specifically to manufacture automobiles on a quantity basis, and this concept served as a model for Ford. In 1887, Ranny Olds built his first steam-powered horseless carriage in his father's Walnut Street Blacksmith Shop. By 1893, he was devoting his efforts to development of a gasoline internal-combustion engine. In 1895, he and a friend, Frank Clark, whose father operated a small carriage works, drew considerable attention when they drove their first gasoline-powered horseless carriage out of Pliny's shop. On August 21, 1897, a group of local businessmen incorporated the Olds Motor Vehicle Company, with Olds as principal stockholder. Their enthusiasm was well founded, and in their first year their new corporation had built four automobiles. Olds felt that Lansing offered too narrow a sphere for his early activities, while Detroit might provide considerably greater possibilities. In 1899, with the help of financiers like Edward Sparrow of Lansing and Samuel Latta Smith, of Detroit, the Olds Motor Works was organized in Detroit; the Lansing plant was retained to produce stationary engines. In 1901, the Oldsmobile Curved Dash Runabout was developed and produced on the assembly line at the Detroit plant. Unfortunately, only 425 of them had been built when the Detroit plant was gutted by fire, and the whole operation had to be moved back to Lansing. This setback was only temporary, though, and by the end of 1904 the Lansing plant had produced another 12,000 Curved Dash Oldsmobiles.

This made the Olds Motor Works of Lansing Michigan the most successful and most influential American automobile concern of the first few years of this century. The Oldsmobile Company introduced nickel plating to the auto industry in 1907, and chromium plating in 1925. In 1939, Oldsmobile also became the first manufacturer to offer a fully automatic transmission, *Hydra-Matic Drive*, available on a volume basis. Pliny Olds' Walnut Street Blacksmith Shop may be only a memory today, but the Oldsmobile plant now stands on the very property where it once stood.



### EXPO UPDATE

The Three Rivers Transportation Expo has been granted certification as a Non-profit Corporation in the State of Washington. We are now in the process of applying to the IRS for our 501 ( c ) 3 Charitable status. We have a qualified Board of Directors and a manager in place. We have received names of several individuals interested in becoming volunteers to help in this effort. If you would like to be a part of the Transportation Expo, contact Fred Wattenburger at: wattenburger@verizon.net , 967+9850 or cell 531-8874. A bank account has been set up and we are now soliciting funds for the purpose of start up and operation of this corporation.

Fred Wattenburger, Registered Agent.



## AND WHAT TIME MIGHT IT BE IN CHINA?

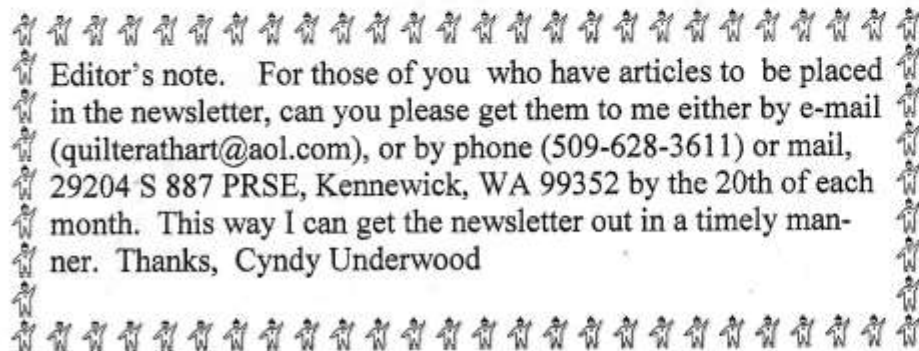
Did you know that China uses just a single time zone? Although China's broad expanse would otherwise straddle five time zones, all of China's 1.26 billion residents are on Beijing time. The country's eastern and western extremes are at least two hours out of sync with those nations on the other side of their borders. In the remote Pamir Mountains, a noontime hop across the border into Afghanistan would transport a traveler back to 8:30 in the morning, just in time for a leisurely breakfast.

### Editor's Moving

Yes, that's right! We are moving. It looks like it will be in June. The new address is:

29204 S. 887 PRSE  
Kennewick, WA 99338

The new phone number is 628-3611. If you have something for July's newsletter please send it to the new address. If you need to contact me by phone you can use the new number and leave a message.


 Editor's note. For those of you who have articles to be placed in the newsletter, can you please get them to me either by e-mail (quilterathart@aol.com), or by phone (509-628-3611) or mail, 29204 S 887 PRSE, Kennewick, WA 99352 by the 20th of each month. This way I can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thanks, Cyndy Underwood

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Eli Kaczynski
- 5 Jane Armstron
- 9 Earnie Oeder
- 11 Pete Jackson
- 14 Linda Kehl  
James Stafford
- 20 Ruth Ilten
- 25 Victor Nelson  
Bob Mc Clary
- 26 Russ Duffield

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Joe & Jolene Kuhns  
Jeff & Sheila Schroeder
- 7 Roy & Sharon Holmes
- 9 Charles & Wandola Benson
- 10 Scott & Sandy Klipper  
John & Mary Ellen Nelson
- 12 Floyd & Barbara Harrow  
Richard & Marlene Kuch
- 18 Walker & Kay Young
- 20 Gil & Odetta Linden
- 21 Dale & Kathy Petty
- 26 Frank & Lindell Smith
- 27 Russ & Helen Duffield