

GAS GAUGE

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Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club



Fun, friends, & (Where's the beef?)

Ye Olde Car Club members have been making the rounds lately to retirement facilities. Canyon Lakes served Ye Olde Car Club members well, as seen above. The outing had beautiful weather and even more beautiful cars. We were well fed, too.

In May alone, we were invited to three "shine and dine" events at retirement centers. The first was May 10 at Charbonneau in Kennewick, then May 12 at the Royal Columbia Retirement Center and a week later at Canyon Lakes.

June began with another opportunity to let our cars bring smiles to the faces of senior citizens. Four of us joined the Tri-Cities Retirement and Assisted Living Center folks in Pasco June 8 for a western style BBQ of burgers and dogs with potato salad.

Word is getting around that YOCC is a soft touch for retirement gigs, provided we bring our cars and our appetites. Ymmm, good.

An Inside/Out tour of Mustangs at Horse Heaven



Saturday, June 2, turned out to be a fine day to take a ride out Badger Canyon Road to visit the Horse Heaven Mustang Restoration Shop owned by Harland Lippold. The place was pretty impressive, with just about everything one could imagine for a total body rebuild. YOCCers who attended learned that it takes Harland's crew



Way Back When

(Taken from the Feb. 19, 1950 edition of the Tri-City Herald. We pick up the story in the late 1880s.)

By Mrs. R.E. Reed

SIZZLING SUMMERTIME

The year proved to be one of the hot ones. On July 28, the thermometer registered 115 in the shade, and there was very little shade.

The cemetery association was organized. Earlier in the year our telephone system was installed.

As 1906 arrived, on Jan. 1 the Kennewick post office was raised to third class and made an international money order office.

Soon after the first of the year our electric light and water plants began to operate.

The strawberry crop brought \$55,000 into the community.

We enjoyed our first Fourth of July celebration in appropriate manner. People began to talk of a public park and a wagon bridge across the Columbia was given consideration.

The first teachers reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson.

With the arrival of 1907 the first school house on Washington Street was completed. This was then used for our high school. We have several members of our first graduating class (in May 1908) living here -- Ethel DuSair, Jay Perry and Guy Story.

FIRST COMMERCIAL CHERRY ORCHARD

The first commercial cherry orchard was planted.

A volunteer fire department was organized.

The Columbia River Clay company operated a brickyard near the Northern Pacific railroad bridge on the north side of the track.

In 1908 Church and Stringer established the Twin City Ice and Storage Co., forerunner of the Church Grape Juice factory.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5th Jane Armstrong

6th Joe Kuhns

7th Carolyn Johanson

8th Norma Kummer

9th Marilyn LaFortune

9th Barb Donaldson

10th Eli Kaczynski

11th Pete Jackson

12th Richard Kuch

12th Guy Welker

14th Linda Kehl

14th James Stafford

18th Mike Bughi

20th Ruth Ilten

20th Dean Hinkson

24th Sue Bowers

24th Robbin Johanson

26th Bob McClary

26th Helen Duffield

29th Marty Jackson

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2nd - Jim & Sue Bowers

5th - Larry & Sue Campbell

5th John & Thora Trumbo

6th - Joe & Jolene Kuhns

10th - John & Mary Ellen Nelson

12th - Richard & Marlene Kuch

27th - Helen Duffield

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The Highlands was being surveyed and land sold.

Finley, Hover, Richland and Pasco joined with Kennewick and had a grand Four of July celebratio.

The Congregational church was built - the building now owned by the Baptist Church.

There was much talk about good roads, and a district roads meeting was held her Nov. 20.

Ford's failure



The Model K, shown here, didn't sell because it was too expensive for the everyday man, so Henry came up with the Model T instead, and it changed the world.

Prez sez

By Jim Ayers, president

There goes another month and boy what a month.

We provided entertainment for three different retirement communities, put on a very successful swap meet and went to the Benton City Class Reunion and Car Show, ending the string of busyness with a fine outing on June 2 with a visit to the Horse Heaven Mustang restoration shop in Badger Canyon. Thanks to Ron Smith for that one. Thanks, too for the chili feed at Ron and Patricia's home where we also savored Patricia's fine antique collection.

Besides that, our little car club has increased in ranks by five new or returning members this month. Our supply of club clothing is being restocked with polo shirts, hats and fleece jackets for men and ladies, in multiple colors.

So far, 10 YOCCers plan to participate in Cool Desert Nights this month. Not bad for a car club that's been around all these years. Thanks to all, and let's keep on rolling through June.

Nuts & Bolts . . .

By Bare Knuckles

Here's a couple of neat tricks for removing broken studs from engine blocks, head and manifolds -- *cast iron and aluminum*.

TIP No. 1 -- Position a large washer over the hole with the broken stud, then use tig weld to fill in the washer so it is welded to the stud. Lastly, weld a large nut to the washer so you can use an impact wrench on the lowest setting to back out the nut, washer and stud as a single unit. Using Kroil Penetrating Oil will make it easier. This is from the Model A & B Ford Garage guy at www.fordgarage.com.

TIP No. 2 -- Use a torch on the stubborn stud and melt some paraffin so it will flow around the stud and penetrate into the threads. As good as or better than WD-40 and those other products. Cheaper, too, says YOCC member Tim Benton of Sedro Woolley.

Fender chatter

By John Trumbo, editor

Where did summer go? Rain, followed by scattered showers with wind. What is this? Global warming?

I need some sunshine so I can paint my car parts that have been in repose all winter.

On a personal note, I finally gave up trying to salvage pistons and wrist pins on ye olde Model A pickup. Had to purchase new stuff, so next up is matching the set with resized original rods to approximate an even weight down the line for all four cylinders. Wish me luck.

Some of our YOCC gang who belong to another car club (gasp), also known as the Columbia Basin A's, will be heading to Boise this week for the Model A Ford Club of America Regional Roundup. Wish 'em well there and back.

June is a heavy month for birthdays and anniversaries. Take a moment, and call someone with a word of congrats.

Finally, please do your editor a favor and call or email if you know of a mistake in this or any other communication. I'm at 582-4297 or jtdugan@owt.com.

And lastly, anyone receiving the Gas Gauge by mail can, if they wish, have it sent by email. It saves the club about 60 cents per month in postage and paper if we can email instead of regular mail. The choice is yours.



**Western BBQ
was served at
the Tri-Cities
Retirement
and Assisted
Living Center
in Paso June
8. Four YOCC
members**

June-July Activities

Ladies Luncheon, **June 14**, 1 p.m. at the Shanghai Restaurant, 3013 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick. RSVP Martha Shreve at 582-7530.

Dayton Days, **June 15-17**, starting 4 p.m. Friday and at 6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday on Main Street. Free admission, \$35 to show.

LeMay Museum, **June 17**, noon to 5 p.m. Father's Day special, only \$5, at Marymount, 325 152nd St. Tacoma.

Cool Desert Nights, **June 21-23**, starting at 7 a.m. in downtown Richland. Kiwanis Club will serve breakfast in Amon Park at the gazebo, and donate proceeds to worthy projects. A morning breakfast will be served at the Richland Airport to raise gas money so children can have free airplane rides.

Historic Races, **June 29-July 1**, 8:30 a.m. At Pacific Raceways, 31001 144th Ave. SE, Kent, WA. \$25 admission.

Fourth of July Parade, **July 4**, at 9 a.m., meeting on Fourth Street in Pasco. YOCC gathering afterward at 12 p.m. at Bob and Delores McClary's home, 5624 W. 8th Ave. in Kennewick.

Kennewick swap meet, **July 15**, at Benton Co. Fairgrounds.

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In the rearview mirror...

Our **Guess Who???** for June has owned 68A and a 68B Fords. If you don't know what those are, just look down at your feet the next time you are at his front door, ringing the door bell. ??? grew up in Spokane, went to college and earned the right to put "P.E." on his door. He has been re-tired for some time now, but still is into old cars. They've included a 1949 Jeepster, a 1967 Valiant and a 1930 Model A

Town sedan. Another clue is that ??? has a birthday this month. An even better clue is that his wife is a genuinely gracious person. So who is this mystery longtime member of YOCC?

The answer is plainly visible at right. He's the one holding the U.S. Flag and standing in front of Kennewick's 911 Memorial. None other than Pete Jackson, with his wife Grace. And if you don't know, a 68A and a 68B are designations for a Model A Ford cabriolet, 1929 and 1930. The "P.E." means professional engineer.



Pete & Grace Jackson with their Ford at Kennewick 911 Memorial. Photo by Jan Jackson.

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