



Ye Olde Car Club

January 2015 Newsletter

The President's Message

Welcome to 2015! The 52nd anniversary of the Ye Olde Car Club. What is the secret of longevity of this club when others have come and gone over the years? Of course, it's the members and their commitment to each other to ensure YOCC maintains a core set values among a group of people who have a common interest in the preservation and enjoyment of automobiles, regardless of make or year. The number of annual events including the swap meet, social gatherings and participation in local Tri-City retirement home events keeps the club a tight-knit group. Weekly breakfast meetings draw between 35 and 45 members. I believe the frequency of our weekly meeting keeps the membership active. Other clubs, not necessarily car oriented, may meet once a month and if one misses a meeting or two, it can be several months between contact with one another. This infrequency can cause members to drift apart. The Ye Olde Car Club is vibrant and active and will continue to thrive many years to come.

As your new YOCC President, I very much appreciate the confidence you have placed in me. This club is very fortunate to have had past leaders who have done exceptional jobs in this role...certainly our outgoing President, Dave Hannah, is a tough act to follow. But, with your help, we all will do just fine.

Carolyn and I have been members of the club for several years and became much more active upon my retirement in 2012. I have always been a "car nut" long before legal driving age. I remember using my summer earnings from the family fruit ranch to buy a set of mechanics tools, arc welder and acetylene torch set on my 15th birthday. My best friend and I spent countless hours working on his 1930 Chevy Pickup, rebuilding it from the ground up. My first car was a 1959 Chevy 2-door Biscayne with a 348 cu.in. with tri-power and a 3 speed. What a hot rod! When I sold the car, my dad remarked it was a great car because virtually every mechanical part in it was brand new...from me breaking and replacing every part including the crankshaft. The upside was that is how I learned auto mechanics and my 50 plus year love affair with cars!!!

On to another great YOCC year!

The December Holiday Party at The Country Gentlemen was a big success with 85 members in attendance. The White Elephant was lively and loads of fun. Each of our past officers and leaders were thanked for their service and the new incoming leadership team was welcomed. The Wednesday morning breakfast and meeting is still a popular event with 35-45 members attending. Come join in on the fun and conversation.

YOCC started the new year with the first Ladies Luncheon on January 8 at The Manor at Canyon Lakes at 1:00, hosted by Myrtle Nesbitt. 18 ladies had a wonderful lunch and much conversation. Thanks, Myrtle.

A fun Pizza Party on January 22 at the Round Table Pizza Parlor at 1769 Leslie Road, Richland from 6:00 to 8:00. Contact Matt Radar, 628-9895.

A Chocolate Extravaganza at the Kiona Winery is on Thursday, February 5, 44612 N. Sunset Road, Benton City. 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Get out your favorite chocolate recipe and prepare for a sweet evening.

On February 12, the second Ladies Luncheon, hosted by Jane Armstrong to be held at Hanford House Restaurant in the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Contact Jane: 509-627-2954

A St. Paddy's Day Cruz-In is happening on March 14 on Willow Street in Heppner. 9:00 AM.
Registration is \$20.

March 21 in Sunnyside is the Show & Shine Senior Car Show Fundraiser. 1801 E. Edison Ave.
10:00 AM. Registration is \$10.

Hello, I am Frances McGillis, the new newsletter editor. My husband, Dennis and I moved to Pasco last April from southern California. Our two daughters, along with four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren live in Washington. Our son, his wife and their two daughters live in Carlsbad, CA. We own a 1951 Plymouth Concord fastback coupe and a 1953 Chevrolet pickup bought here in 2008. Our daughter and son-in-law kept the pickup in their garage for us and attended many car shows with it. You'll see Dennis driving both vehicles in nicer weather. I plan to talk with a lot of members to collect stories about their vehicles and how and when they were acquired in order to include it in a future newsletter. If there is anything you want included, please call me at 545-4077, mail to 5003 Santa Fe Lane, Pasco 99301 or email me at sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com. I would very much welcome anything of interest.

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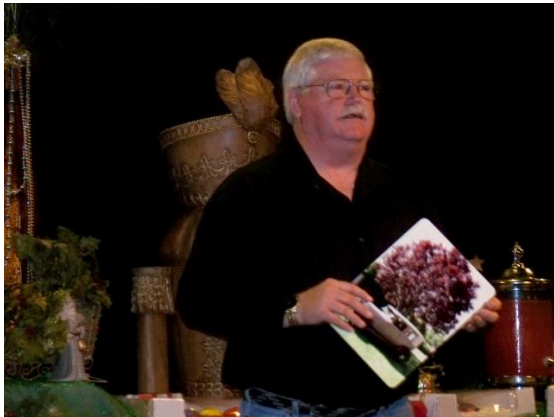
Some pictures from the Holiday Party.



Bill Houchin & Pat Linse



Dolores & Bob McClary, Randy Bunch,
Jim & Ginger Vetrano, Bob Rupp



Dave Hannah makes announcements.



2015 Officers

Dolores McClary, Randy Bunch, Robbin Johanson,
Bob Gough, Frances McGillis, Cory Hannah and
DaJuan Recknagle



2014 Board of Directors

Randy Bunch, Robbin Johanson, Dave Donaldson,
Willie Gould, Bob Gough, Jim Ayers, Dave Hannah



2014 Officers

Randy Bunch, Robbin Johanson, Bob Gough,
Dave Hannah



YOCC helped Bob Rupp celebrate his 100th Birthday

Bob Rupp turned 100 years old on 12-23-14 but those at the YOCC Holiday Party helped him celebrate a few days early. Bob is the oldest living retired state trooper. He also served as the Benton County sheriff, elected three consecutive terms. He helped to modernize the department getting the Benton County Justice Center built including the jail, added a reserve unit, started marine patrols and got a new fleet of vehicles and helped secure a plane for the department. In total he served for 46 years in law enforcement. He has participated in many organizations including the Tri-City Cancer Center, Kiwanis Club, Public Employees Association and Ye Olde Car Club. Nowadays, Bob likes to cruise around his retirement home on his souped-up golf cart. He is in good health and we wish him many, many more healthy years.

Taken from Tri-City Herald/Tyler Richardson

Car Stuff

- Some are certainly aware that 1928 to 1931 was not the first time Ford used the Model A designation. Ford originally used the first letter of the alphabet in 1903, with the arrival of Ford Motor Company's first production car. Most might think that the Model B was simply the four-cylinder alternative that succeeded the 1928-1931 Model A, and marketed alongside the Ford V-8 when it was launched in 1932. In fact, there was another Ford Model B and, coincidentally, it was Ford's first four-cylinder car. It was produced from 1904 to 1906 at the ancestral Piquette Avenue plant (the birthplace of the Model T), which still stands and is open for tours. For more information on the early Ford letter-series cars and the historic crown jewel that is the Piquette plant, visit tplex.org.

- From the days when carmakers would pull out all the stops and resort to dramatic demonstrations to help entice a disbelieving buying public: "I can recall seeing these Nash automobile demonstrators (with Weather Eye heating systems) cruising downtown New York and Detroit streets in mid-winter. The right rear door had been replaced by a clear plastic panel. Passersby could see a lovely model clad in summer garments seated inside, beaming with joy in the comfort of a Nash Weather Eye forced-air environment - a first in automobiles. The snow may have been flying, but pedestrians, huddled against the elements, could not help but see the balminess inside that car." (Philip S. Egan, *Design and Destiny: The Making of the Tucker Automobile*, On the Mark Publications, 1989.)

Taken from *Antique Automobile*, Nov./Dec. 2014, by Steven Rossi

Stearns - The Ultimate Car

The Stearns 15-30 H.P. Limousine



Richly upholstered in broadcloth, goatskin or whipcord, and appointed with every imaginable convenience,, the 15-30 H.P. Stearns Limousine is a perfect example of closed car construction. The body is roomy and comfortable, easily accommodating five people inside. The interior of the car is finished with the utmost regard for the comfort of the passengers; the trimmings and fittings harmonizing perfectly with the luxurious upholstery.

Although the body is absolutely weatherproof, it is well ventilated. In pleasant weather all the windows may be dropped providing a car open to the warm breezes of spring, summer and early autumn. The body fittings include speaking tube, dome light, card case, note book, flower vase, cigar and cigarette cases, cigar lighter, ash tray, etc.

If desired, a touring body may be substituted for the Limousine during the summer months, in this way providing two complete cars at slight additional cost.

Limousine prices vary from \$4000 and \$4600 for the 15-30 H.P. model to \$5750 for the 30-60 H.P. car. The 30-60 H.P. type is larger and roomier but for all practical intents and purposes the 15-30 H.P. model serves as an ideal closed car. Our literature describes all closed cars in detail.

Frank B. Stearns built his first car in 1896 at the age of 17 and founded the Cleveland, OH-based F. B. Stearns and Company just two years later. His cars were built for the more affluent, but sold reasonably well. Fifty cars were made in 1900, and that number quickly rose to 2,415 in 1914.

Despite his success, F. B. Stearns and Company was subject to the instability of the industry. In the early 20th Century, there was an explosion of individuals and small companies looking to strike it rich making and selling cars. Much like the Alaskan Gold Rush of the 1890s, thousands tried to make their mark and thousands failed. Competition was far too fierce for everyone to become the next Ford or Studebaker.

His company eventually suffered the same fate of other manufacturers. Sales began to dip from 1922 onward, and John North Willys purchased the struggling business in 1925. 1925 would also be the last profitable year for Stearns automobiles, and the stock market crash of 1929 laid the final nail in the coffin for this luxury brand.

Although the Great Depression signaled the end of F. B. Stearns Company, it didn't stop F. B. Stearns himself from pursuing other interests. Before the crash he had been hard at work on creating a 2-stroke overhead cam diesel engine, and the U.S. Navy later purchased his design. He also discovered a passion for organic farming, an interest he continued to cultivate until his death in 1955.

From the library of the AACA

THE BACK NINE HOLES OF LIFE

I first started reading this article fast until I reached the third sentence. I stopped and started over reading slower and thinking about every word. This story makes me stop and think and read slowly! And then it is winter !!!!

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

My friends are retired and getting gray. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant, but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit! And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last. This I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember, and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY IN 2015! LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~Your kids are becoming you, but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good. Coming home is better!

~You forget names. But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"... "when?"... ???

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet, 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" It's Not What You Gather ,But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived. TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

By Fred Fossek, OCVCCA

'T WAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.
I said to myself, as only I can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So... away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore.
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Thanks to my sister-in-law, Sharon for reminding us once again of our gain in 2014!

1914 - 100 Years ago

Jan 5th - Ford Motor Co wages jump from \$2.40/9-hr day to \$5.00/8-hr day

Jan 6th - Stock brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch founded

Jan 7th - 1st steamboat passes through Panama Canal

Feb 7th - Charlie Chaplin debuts "The Tramp" in "Kid Auto Races at Venice"

Feb 12th - Dedication ceremony for the about to be constructed Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC

May 7th - US Congress establishes mother's day

Jun 30th - Mahatma Gandhi's 1st arrest after campaigning for Indian rights in South Africa

Jul 10th - Boston Red Sox purchase Babe Ruth from Baltimore Orioles

Jul 29th - 1st transcontinental phone link made between NYC & SF

Aug 5th - 1st traffic light installed in USA (Euclid Ave & E 105th St, Cleveland)

Aug 11th - John Wray patents animation

Sep 1st - The last passenger pigeon, a female named Martha, dies in captivity in the Cincinnati Zoo.

Sep 8th - HMS (formerly RMS) Oceanic, sister ship of RMS Titanic, sinks off Scotland

Sep 26th - Federal Trade Commission formed to regulate interstate commerce

Oct 19th - US post office 1st used an automobile to collect & deliver mail

Nov 20th - US State Department starts requiring photographs for passports

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



Birthdays

Aaron Brooks	Jan. 6
Judy Bugli	Jan. 25
Jim Davis	Jan. 31
Mary Fraser	Jan. 22
Bob Jahn	Jan. 10
Marlene Kuch	Jan. 9
Carol Nelson	Jan. 2
Patty Osborn	Jan. 26
Gary Osborn	Jan. 6
Frank Osterwyk	Jan. 27
Terry Shegrud	Jan. 14
Ron Smith	Jan. 6
Jack Vornado	Jan. 1
Martha Vornado	Jan. 2
Bill White	Jan. 4



Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Donaldson	Jan. 6
Bob & Ruth Ilten	Jan. 28
Bob & Dolores McClary	Jan. 23