



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club January 2018 Newsletter

The President's Message

How Time Flies:

2017 has vanished like a vapor, 2018 emerges with a fresh beginning.

This year will be a fun filled year with different activities. I have already received a lot of great suggestions that with some teamwork can be implemented and enjoyed.

I appreciate the chance to be your president and for your confidence. I do not make the club, you the members do. My goal is to make a great group get back to the reason for it being created. I am open to all suggestions, in the end it is the club that makes the decisions.

Unfortunately, I'm not a car enthusiast, but do love the cars and the owners. The family atmosphere is wonderful. I appreciate that everyone comes to the aid of each other.

Together we can be a great team. 2018 Look out Here We Come.

Thank you

Sharon Wells

2018 President, Ye Olde Car Club of the tri-cities

2018 Dues are due. Pay early. Your dues are due by January 1, 2018 and delinquent on March 1. The price is still \$15.

Bits and Pieces

*** I prefer not to think before speaking. I like being just as surprised as everyone else by what comes out of my mouth.

*** Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

*** My goal for 2017 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go!

***Some prophetic words from 1932: "Today, not only are women in the family the determining influence in the purchase of a car, they are at the wheel weaving confidently through crowded traffic, driving at express-train speed along the highways, parking with dexterity, shifting noiselessly, and steering with one finger control." *The Saturday Evening Post*

*** Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbor, your surroundings, your country. We are never old as long as we have intelligence and affection.

*** Why do Tennessee fans wear orange? So they can dress that way for the game on Saturday, go hunting on Sunday, and pick up trash on Monday.

The Remarkable Body: Your liver is so busy over the course of a day, it is almost impossible to summarize its activities. It manufactures cholesterol, vitamin D and blood plasma; it identifies the nutrients your body needs and stores some away for future use; it filters 1.53 quarts (1.43 liters) of blood every minute and produces a quart (0.94 liter) of bile every day to help you break down your food. Basically, you have a factory plant running inside of you every day, which is pretty amazing!

EVENTS

Pizza Party: January 20 at Round Table Pizza Parlor on Leslie & Gage.

Chocolate Extravaganza: February 10, 6:00 – 8:00 at Kiona Winery, 44612 N. Sunset Road, Benton City.

Ladies Luncheons:

January 11 Ladies Luncheon had 13 ladies attend. Thank you to Ginger and Myrtle.
February 8 Ladies Luncheon to be held at Clover Island Inn at 1:00. Hosted by Laura Osterwyk.
Respond to Laura: 509-783-7161.

Create an article about your collector car for the newsletter

Answer these questions to provide most of a feature article. Not every question needs to be answered but more is always better. And do include at least one picture.

1. What year, make and model is your vehicle?
2. Does it have any unusual equipment? Is it stock, or modified?
3. When did you buy it?
4. Why did you want it?
5. From whom did you buy it? Where?
6. Was there anything interesting about the purchase?
7. What do you like about it? Is it: Fast? Small? Large? Stylish? Really old? Customized?
8. Do other people like it? Why?
9. Did you or a friend once own a similar vehicle?
10. What kind of running gear does it have; engine, transmission, rear end, etc.?
11. Have you done anything to it?
12. Does it need any work done to it?

Which foreign city is the world's most well-connected one for internet use?

Seoul, South Korea...Surprisingly, despite China 's 618 million internet users who spend an average of 18.7 hours a week surfing the net, China didn't even make the top 10 for internet connection. Seoul, Korea is a different story considering the average connection speed, availability, (including free access), openness to innovation, support of public data, and privacy/security, Seoul, South Korea is the champion of internet-connectedness. With 10,000 government supported **free WiFi spots** dotting the city, and an internet speed that goes unchallenged globally, Seoul is an internet junkie's paradise.

1942 Packard

by Lee Noga

I have my '42 Packard nearly completed and will be using it at some of the activities. With a finished auto I feel more of a purpose to be more involved. At my age, things don't move as fast as I like anymore, but am gradually making progress. Still working on the suspension and this spring I will take the body to get it repainted. I have most of the other stuff such as fenders painted already. The metal running boards have been remade and sent to Canada to have the rubber duplicated to match the original. Won't be cheap however. Still need to get the dashboard finished in wood grain and if anyone knows of a reliable source, please let me know. Have not had much luck in this area.

I am also restoring a 1934 Lafayette Coupe from the ground up.

Even though have not been to meetings still want to keep in touch. Still keeping busy at my age of 87! I want to do more touring this coming year and looking forward to it.



Before any restoration.

SUCCESS:

Great truths that little children have learned:

1. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
2. You can't trust a dog to watch your food.
3. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
4. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

Great truths that adults have learned:

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-o to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
4. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Great truths about growing old:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health foods. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

The 4 Stages of Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is...not piddling in your pants.

At age 12 success is...having friends.

At age 17 success is...having a driver's license.

At age 35 success is...having money.

At age 50 success is...having money.

At age 70 success is...having a driver's license.

At age 75 success is...having friends.

At age 80 success is...not piddling in your pants.

Thanks to Barbara Baker for this contribution.

Auto Trivia

Q: What was the first official White House car?

A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.

Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?

A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

Q: What city was the first to use parking meters?

A: Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.

Q: Where was the first drive-in restaurant?

A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.

Q: True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.

A: False. The 1953 'Vettes were available in one color, Polo White.

Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960s?

A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.

Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?

A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?

A: The 1924 Chrysler.

Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.

Q: What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?

A: The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.

Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?

A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.

Q: What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?

A: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Q: What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?

A: The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V-16.

Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

A: Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.

Q: What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S.?

A: March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.

Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?

A: Camden, NJ in 1933.

Q: What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?

A: The 1949 Chryslers

Q: What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?

A: 4-barrel carburetor, 4-speed transmission, and dual exhaust.

Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?

A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.

Q: What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?

A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409 did it in 4.0 seconds.

Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?

A: The Mustang

Q: What was the lowest priced mass-produced American car?

A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.

Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?

A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.

Q: What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?

A: The Dodge Brothers.

Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8?"

A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.

Q: What car was the first production V-12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?

A: The 1915 Packard Twin-Six used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzo Ferrari to adopt the V-12 himself in 1948.

Q: What was the first car to use power-operated seats?

A: They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.

Q: Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?

A: Only 400 1963 300Js were sold (they skipped "I" because it looked like a number 1).

Q: What car company was originally known as Swallow Sidecars (aka SS)?

A: Jaguar, which was an SS model first in 1935, and ultimately the whole company by 1945.

Q: What car delivered the first production V-12 engine?

A: The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six.

Q: When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?

A: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph on Staten Island!

Q: In January 1930, Cadillac debuted its V-16 in a car named for a theatrical version of a 1920's film seen by Harley Earl while designing the body. What's that name?

A: The "Madam X", a custom coach designed by Earl and built by Fleetwood. The sedan featured a retractable landau top above the rear seat.

Q: Which car company started out German, yet became French after WWI?

A: Bugati, founded in Molsheim in 1909, became French when Alsace returned to French rule.

Q: In what model year did Cadillac introduce the first electric sunroof?

A: 1969

Q: What U.S. production car had the largest 4-cylinder engine?

A: The 1907 Thomas sported a 571 cu. in. (9.2liter) engine.

Q: What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines air sickness bag and released on April Fool's Day 1970?

A: 1970 Gremlin (AMC)

Q: What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?

A: The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce, she is the lady on top of their radiators. Also known as "Nellie in her nighty."

Q: What was the inspiration for MGs famed octagon-shaped badge?

A: The shape of founder Cecil Kimber's dining table. MG stands for Morris Garages.

Q: In what year did the "double-R" Rolls Royce badge change from red to black?

A: 1933

Trivia...Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks.

And now you know the "rest of the story." How many could you answer?

Thanks to Denny Wellington for this contribution.

The **Ford Model A** was the second huge success for the Ford Motor Company, after its predecessor, the Model T. First produced on October 20, 1927, but not sold until December 2, it replaced the venerable Model T, which had been produced for 18 years.

By 4 February 1929, one million Model As had been sold, and by 24 July, two million. The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US\$500 (in grey, green, or black) to the Town Car with a dual cowl at US\$1200. In March 1930, Model A sales hit three million, and there were nine body styles available.

Model A production ended in March, 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles.

Prices for the Model A ranged from US\$385 for a roadster to US\$1400 for the top-of-the-line *Town Car*. The engine was a water-cooled L-head inline 4-cylinder with a displacement of 201 cu in (3.3 l). This engine provided 40 hp (30 kW; 41 PS). Top speed was around 65 mph (105 km/h). The Model A had a 103.5 in (2,630 mm) wheelbase with a final drive ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a conventional 3-speed sliding gear manual unsynchronized unit with a single speed reverse. The Model A had 4-wheel mechanical drum brakes. The 1930 and 1931 models were available with stainless steel radiator cowl and headlamp housings.

The Model A came in a wide variety of styles including a Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), the Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Convertible Cabriolet, Convertible Sedan, Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe), Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe), Town Car, Fordor (2-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Fordor (3-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Victoria, Town Sedan, Station Wagon, Taxicab, Truck, and Commercial.¹ The very rare Special Coupe started production around March 1928 and ended mid-1929.

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle, and gearshift. Previous Fords used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes. The Model A's fuel tank was situated in the cowl, between the engine compartment's fire wall and the dash panel. It had a visual fuel gauge, and the fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. A rear-view mirror was optional. In cooler climates, owners could purchase an aftermarket cast iron unit to place over the exhaust manifold to provide heat to the cab. A small door provided adjustment of the amount of hot air entering the cab. The Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.

In addition to the United States, Ford made the Model A in plants in Argentina, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom.

From the mid 1910s through the early 1920s, Ford dominated the automotive market with its Model T. However, during the mid-1920s, this dominance eroded as competitors, especially the various General Motors divisions, caught up with Ford's mass production system and began to out-compete Ford in some areas, especially by offering more powerful engines, new convenience features, or cosmetic customization.

Also, features Henry Ford considered to be unnecessary, such as electric starters, were gradually shifting in the public's perception from luxuries to essentials.

Ford's sales force recognized the threat and advised Henry to respond to it. Initially he resisted, but the T's sagging market share finally forced him to admit a replacement was needed. When he finally agreed to begin development of this new model, he focused on the mechanical aspects and on what today is called design for manufacturability (DFM), which he had always strongly embraced and for which the Model T production system was famous. Although ultimately successful, the development of the Model A included many problems that had to be resolved. For example, the die stamping of parts from sheet steel, which the Ford company had led to new heights of development with the Model T production system, was something Henry had always been ambivalent about; it had brought success, but he felt that it was not the best choice for durability. He was determined that the Model A would rely more on drop forgings than the Model T; but his ideas to improve the DFM of forging did not prove practical. Eventually, Ford's engineers persuaded him to relent, lest the Model A's production cost force up its retail price too much.

Henry's disdain for cosmetic vanity as applied to automobiles led him to leave the Model A's styling to a team led by his son Edsel, even though he would take credit for it despite his son doing more of the work. It was during the period from the mid-1920s to early 1930s that the limits of the first generation of mass production, epitomized by the Model T production system's rigidity, became apparent. The era of "flexible mass production" had begun.

From Wikipedia

WOMEN'S CORNER

Lunch with girlfriends

By Kathy O'Malley

Elaine's vertigo has never been worse
Kay can't recall where she left her purse
Rhonda's about to replace her knees
Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze

Donna's left boob has a troublesome lump
Diane's on her third trip to take a dump
Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing
Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring

Marlene is dealing with another UTI
Sally's giving a hearing aid another try
Marie has decided she can't drive at night
Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight

They've been through divorces and babies and wakes
 They do for each other whatever it takes
 They've already buried Marcia and Kate
 And truthfully, Lizzie's not looking so great

So whenever they can, they get out to eat
 Open bottles of wine and forget their sore feet
 There's laughing and crying and letting down guards
 And when the bill comes, there's ten credit cards

So here's to the waiters who keep orders straight
 And to the places that let lunches run three hours late
 And here's to the girlfriends, those near and those far
 Here's to the girlfriends, you know who you are...

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



Birthdays

Barry Blondheim	January 17	Bev Boothe	January 13
Ron Buckles	January 31	Judy Bughi	January 25
David Calhoon	January 24	Jim Davis	January 31
Jerry Fairchild	January 22	Mary Fraser	January 22
Randy Garner	January 21	Sandra Morgan	January 9
Curtis Kooiker	January 5	Marlene Kuch	January 9
Marilyn LaFortune	January 17	Krista Lawty	January 31
Barb Meyer	January 22	Gary Osborn	January 6
Laura Osterwyk	January 9	Judy Ostler	January 9
Terry Shegrud	January 14	Sherrie Tamburello	January 10
Jack Vornado	January 6	Martha Vornado	January 2
Gene Wattenburger	January 27	Bill White	January 4



Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Donaldson
Bob & Dolores McClary

January 6
January 23

Terry & Sandra Kirkwood

January 15

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