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Ye Olde Car Club

September 2018 Newsletter

The President's Message

September comes from the old Roman word “septem”, meaning “seven.” It is the start of the Fall season. The birthstone is the sapphire. The flowers are the forget-me-not, the morning glory, and the aster. On September 2, 1789, the United States Department of Treasury was established. On September 3, 1783, the Revolutionary War in America ended after Great Britain signed the Treaty of Paris. On September 10, 1847, Elias Howe patented his sewing machine. September is national potato month. September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day. Labor Day is the first Monday in September. September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the Twin Towers in New York City were hit by coordinated attacks against the United States. More than 3,000 people lost their lives during what the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil to date.

Bits and Pieces

- *** Money cannot buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
- *** Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- *** In filling out an application, where it says, “In case of emergency, notify...”I answered “a doctor.”
- *** Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.
- *** I couldn't hear you so I'll just laugh and hope it wasn't a question.
- **It's more fun to drive an underpowered car fast, than an overpowered car slowly.
- *** For better digestion, I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In the case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In the case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps. When do I drink water? I've never been that sick.

The Remarkable Body

For every pound of fat or muscle gained, your body creates seven miles of new blood vessels

Where in the world.

The world's largest desert (outside of the polar regions) is the Sahara. It covers about one third of Africa!

Actual Label Instructions

On Boot's Children's cough medicine: Do not drive car or operate machinery. (We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction incidents if we just kept those 5 year olds off those fork lifts.)

Fun Food Facts

Chipotle peppers are not a unique pepper, but are simply smoked jalapeño peppers. The practice dates back to the Aztecs who would dry the jalapeños (that dried too slowly in the sun) over fires to preserve them.

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

September 13 – Ladies Luncheon had eleven present and lots of very interesting crafts and collections.
October 11 – Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Barbara Baker. Destination TBD. Contact Barbara at 509-783-0380 if you plan to attend.

For the longest time, it was believed that humans were the only mammals that liked spicy food. Mammals, universally, have abundant receptors for capsaicin—the compound in peppers that creates the spicy “burn”—and, as a rule, don’t enjoy eating it. Dusting the bird seed you place outside with pepper powder, for example, is a great way to keep the squirrels away, but the birds won’t mind. (Birds don’t have receptors for capsaicin and, in fact, there’s an evolutionary argument to be made that pepper plants evolved to harbor a compound that drove mammals away while still attracting birds in order to more successfully spread their seeds.)

With that in mind, it was understood only humans enjoyed torturing themselves with the dubious pleasure of lighting their mouths on fire with increasingly spicier peppers. But it turns out we’re not alone in the mammal family when it comes to avid pepper consumption though. The humble little tree shrew loves chowing down on peppers and spicy plants too.

Interestingly enough, however, the tree shrew doesn't eat peppers for the thrill of it, but solely for the nutrition. In fact, they don't seem to feel the burn at all. Researchers at the Kunming Institute of Zoology found that a single genetic mutation in tree shrews radically dampens their perception of capsaicin. They believe the shrews originally adapted in order to eat Piper boehmeriaefolium, a spicy plant with leaves that produce capsaicin—their ability to eat hot peppers with immunity is just a side effect of their original adaption.

From www.howtogeek.com



Common Tree Shrew

Equip Your Car For Emergencies

Take the junk out of your trunk and put this gear in instead.

Summer road trip season is that liberating time when we actually leave the HOV lane and drive farther than Costco. It's also a time when you need to be ready for emergencies on the road in unfamiliar or remote places. Instead of using your car's trunk as a free storage unit, clear out the junk and replace it with this comprehensive list of gear that will prep you for almost anything. Watch the video, and then use our checklist below to gather the gear.

- Jumper cables or a portable battery pack made for cars: The former never needs charging, but the latter frees you of having to find a Good Samaritan.
- A quart of oil and bottle of coolant: Honestly, if you drive a late model car you'll probably never need these on the road but if your car is 10 or more years old, pack them.
- A fire extinguisher: Get the dry type, rated A-B-C, to cover almost any kind of fire in or around your car.
- Roadside indicators: This used to mean smoky, sulfur-smelling flares but today you should look into folding reflective triangles or flashing LED light pucks.
- A radio: An FRS family radios, like the ones you may already own, should be packed away with a fresh set of batteries stored outside the radio. Bonus points: Get your ham radio license and handheld dual-band radio and really be able to reach someone.
- Flashlight: Ideally, one with no batteries. Get a rechargeable LED flashlight that lives in a charging mount. Bonus points: A headlight for your head, which is real handy when both hands are busy fixing something in the dark.
- A tool kit: Even if you don't know what to do with it, a kindly stranger might.
- Duct tape: Everything you've heard about it, short of neurosurgery, is true.
- A ready spare tire: If your car has a spare, make sure it's not flat. If your car uses a slime & inflator kit instead, make sure the slime hasn't expired. And if your car has run-flat tires, you're all set.
- First aid kit: Spend the \$25 to get a good one, not the silly one you got for free at the office CPR training fair. And carry a tourniquet made from the rubber tube of that exercise band you never use. You may never need it, but when you do, you really do.
- Towels and gloves: A box of nitrile gloves make every roadside problem more palatable, and those blue-paper shop towels are second only to duct tape in usefulness.
- High-vis windbreaker: Takes up almost no room, and you'll thank me when you're replacing a tire on the driver's side in the rain at night.
- A thermal blanket: Do not count on running your car for heat.
- Pen and paper: Keep a set separate from the ones in your glove box, which always get lost.
- Energy bars and bottled water: Both will be gross after living in your trunk for years, but if you're stranded for a long time you'll devour them with relish.

From

www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/how-to-equip-your-car-for-emergencies/#

How Can Scientists Reconstruct The Path Lewis and Clark Followed?

If you were to think of ways to retrace the path the famed Lewis and Clark expedition took across the American landscape in their bold early 19th century quest to be the first Americans to travel to the Pacific Ocean, surely you'd think rather pragmatically. Maybe they took such good measurements and kept such good logs, you could simply walk the route they described (they certainly kept good notes, but that wouldn't help us locate the exact places members of their party stood on today). Maybe they marked trees every few miles and branded a tree every time they struck camp for the evening. One thing that probably didn't cross your mind was that maybe they used incredibly potent mercury laxatives that indefinitely contaminated the soil they dug up to use as temporary latrines.

Yet that's exactly the kind of hard environmental evidence modern scientists can use to pinpoint exactly where on the described trail the Lewis and Clark expedition physically were. Among the many medicines they packed for the expedition—including zinc sulfate to treat eye conditions, magnesia in case of poisoning or illness, and laudanum, an opiate based pain killer—they also packed 600 of "Dr. Rush's Bilious Pills". The good doctor—a prominent American physician and Declaration of Independence signatory—crafted the pills out of calomel (mercurous chloride, six parts mercury to one part chlorine) and jalap (a plant root of Mexican origin historically used in medicine).

Now, why would anyone take such a pill? The pills were extremely potent laxatives. Elemental mercury is an intense laxative as is jalap, and the combination of the two could defeat exactly the kind of constipation a group of men living off hardtack biscuits and wild game meat would expect to encounter. Mercury doesn't break down in the environment and the soil they passed over, as it were, is to this day contaminated with the mercury from their laxatives.

Spontaneous Combustion

It was reported in the Auto Restorer in December 2017 that oily paper towels, newspaper and shop rags can combust spontaneously if left in a trashcan or a pile.

In February 2018, a forensic scientist and fire investigator, Dr. John Haan reported that those 4 items with motor oil, grease, gasoline, diesel, etc. are NOT chemically competent to self-heat and therefore do not represent a self-ignition risk. They are susceptible to ignition by welding slag, electric arcs, prolonged contact with incandescent light bulbs and, of course, burning matches and cigarettes.

The 'oily rags' that can self-heat are unsaturated oils – often linseed oil, tung nut oil, peaut oil and fish oils. These are found primarily in finishes for wood, not metal.

A serious self-heating risk today in auto shops are the polymer coatings, paints and fillers that use a separate catalytic agent. These can readily create heat as they cure.

All rags for these products (including drop cloths and papers) should be sealed in a closed metal can as soon as possible after use.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only! fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age! .

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.
"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.
It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.
The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
There are more chickens than people in the world.
There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous
There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.
Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

.....**Now you know everything** Thanks to cousin Jacki

5 Reasons the Model T was revolutionary when introduced in 1908.

1. **Light Weight.** It made for better performance and better fuel economy. It required less material and was made from vanadium steel. It used a single spring and the engine block was cast in one piece.
2. **Flexible Chassis.** Because it was light-weight, it was more flexible. The front axle was pivoted in the middle and had a pair of radius rods that kept it aligned. The rear axle was similar.
3. **Advanced Engine.** The engine was easy to make and easy to fix. The modern engine was cast in one piece. The cylinder head was removable. Both became standard.
4. **Flywheel Magneto.** Magnets mounted on the flywheel moved past coils mounted on the engine that generated electricity that fired the spark plugs. It was simple, elegant and was the most distinctive feature of the Model T.
5. **Planetary Transmission.** It was easy to learn and easy to drive. In 1908, most cars used sliding gears transmissions. They were difficult to learn. The planetary transmission was older but was great on light-weight cars. The driver shifted by using peddles on the floor that made it easy to learn.

From Bob Casey of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant.

Thanks to Dave Hannah for this information.

More about the Model T

The Ford Model T (colloquially known as the Tin Lizzie, Leaping Lena, or flivver) is an automobile produced by Ford Motor Company from October 1, 1908, to May 26, 1927. It is generally regarded as the first affordable automobile, the car that opened travel to the common middle-class American; some of this was because of Ford's efficient fabrication, including assembly line production instead of individual hand crafting.

The Ford Model T was named the most influential car of the 20th century in the 1999 Car of the Century competition, ahead of the BMC Mini, Citroën DS, and Volkswagen Type 1. Ford's Model T was successful not only because it provided inexpensive transportation on a massive scale, but also because the car signified innovation for the rising middle class and became a powerful symbol of America's age of modernization. With 16.5 million sold it stands eighth on the top ten list of most sold cars of all time as of 2012.

Although automobiles had already existed for decades, they were still mostly scarce, expensive, and unreliable at the Model T's introduction in 1908. Positioned as reliable, easily maintained, mass-market transportation, it was a runaway success. In a matter of days after the release, 15,000 orders were placed. The first production Model T was produced on August 12, 1908 and left the factory on September 27, 1908, at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit, Michigan. On May 26, 1927, Henry Ford watched the 15 millionth Model T Ford roll off the assembly line at his factory in Highland Park, Michigan.

The Model T was Ford's first automobile mass-produced on moving assembly lines with completely interchangeable parts, marketed to the middle class. Henry Ford said of the vehicle: I will build a car for the great multitude. It will be large enough for the family, but small enough for the individual to run and care for. It will be constructed of the best materials, by the best men to be hired, after the simplest designs that modern engineering can devise. But it will be so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one – and enjoy with his family the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces



1925 Ford Model T Touring

WOMEN'S CORNER

WORDS WOMEN USE!

FINE

This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks -this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES

This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

NOTHING

This means "something," and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with "Fine."

GO AHEAD (With Raised Eyebrows)

This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine."

GO AHEAD or WHATEVER (Normal Eyebrows)

This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care." You will get a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

LOUD SIGH

This is not actually a word, but is a nonverbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment, and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing."

SOFT SIGH

Again, not a word, but a nonverbal statement. "Soft Sighs" mean that she is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe, and she will stay content.

THAT'S OKAY

This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you back for whatever it is that you have done. "That's Okay" is often used with the word "Fine" and in conjunction with a "Raised Eyebrow."

GO AHEAD

At some point in the near future, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

PLEASE DO

This is not a statement, it is an offer. A woman is giving you the chance to come up with whatever excuse or reason you have for doing whatever it is that you have done. You have a fair chance with the truth, so be careful and you shouldn't get a "That's Okay."

THANKS

A woman is thanking you. Do not faint. Just say you're welcome.

THANKS A LOT

This is much different from "Thanks." A woman will say, "Thanks A Lot" when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have offended her in some callous way, and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh." Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh," as she will only tell you "Nothing."

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September



Birthdays

Jim Ayers	September 26	Laura Beaver	September 18
Sue Campbell	September 15	Rose Chastain	September 4
James Cole	September 10	Jim Galloway	September 18
Linda Jarrard	September 12	Marti Meyers	September 17
Suzett Niles	September 30	Lee Noga	September 28
Linda Porter	September 8	Dolly Prather	September 21
Rose Tarr	September 20	Ginger Vetrano	September 13
Don Woodford	September 10		



Anniversaries

Russ & Jane Armstrong
Richard & Rose Chastain
Ron & Patricia Smith

September 11
September 23
September 22

Rick & Wendi Ball
George & Lynda Deering

September 12
September 20

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