



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club May 2019 Newsletter

The President's Message

Spring 2019 and another swap meet in the books. All in all I think it was a great success. I would like to thank all the club members that chipped in to help with all the aspects required to make it happen. Even though we have done this for many years it seems there are always obstacles to overcome. This year was no different but with a little effort everything worked out. The weather could not have been better! Plenty of sun, not much wind and no rain!

The highlight of the swap meet in my opinion was the after the setup pot luck. The chicken and jojo's were from Yokes Market in Kennewick and were enjoyed by all. I also would like to express my appreciation to Dolores McClary for organizing it and to everyone that provided the side dishes and desserts.

There will be an accounting soon as to the monetary success but it looks to be good. There were some things that could have worked better and if you remember some, jot them down and we will have a discussion at some point to try to improve the procedure.

Again, thanks and see you at breakfast.

John Hopkins

President

Ye olde car club

Bits and Pieces

**I can't wait to retire so I can get up at 6 in the morning and drive around really slow and make everybody late for work.

**One day you look in the mirror and realize the face you're shaving is your father's.

**If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

**When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

**I can't understand why women are OK that JC Penny has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."

**An optimist laughs to forget. A pessimist forgets to laugh. From Mort Walker's Beetle Bailey

**I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with Miller Lite than with Kay.

The Remarkable Body

You can see ultraviolet light, the ability is just filtered out by the eye's lens. Some people have undergone surgery to remove the lens and can detect ultraviolet light.

Where in the world.

The average depth of the ocean is nearly 12,100 feet.

Actual Label Instructions

"Do Not Eat." On a slip of paper in a stereo box, referring to the Styrofoam packing.

Fun Food Facts

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.
Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

May Ladies Lunch had 7 ladies present. Thanks Mary.

June Ladies Lunch will be held at the Country Mercantile on Ada in Richland. There will be no hostess but if you have questions call Dolores McClary at 509-783-3622.

Car shows:

April 27, Benton City Spring Opener. KiBe Middle School. 9 Am – 3 Pm. Registration \$20.

April 28, Old Steel Car Show. Union Gap Central WA Ag Museum. 10 Am – 3 Pm. Register at event.

May 11, Classy Chassis Show n' Shine. Downtown Kennewick. 8 Am – 4 Pm.

May 18, 8th Annual Harrington Car Show. 9 N. 3rd street, Harrington, WA 9 Am – 3 Pm. 208-882-6563
The studebakergarage@gmail.com

May 18, Liberty Christian School Patriot Car Show. Richland. 9 Am – 3 Pm.

May 18, Waitsburg Classis Car Show. Waitsburg, WA 8 AM – 4 Pm.

May 25, Benton City All School Reunion Classic Car & Truck Show n' Shine. Community Center, Benton City Park. 10 Am - 3 Pm. \$15. Send check to Margaret Schab, 164 Bradley Blvd., Richland 99352 by May 1.

Wheelin' Walla Wall Weekend. September 6 & 7. Celebrity guest Dennis Gage of 'My Classic Car'
<https://www.downtownwallawalla.com/wheelin-walla-walla>

John Hopkins has a Chevrolet 454 engine for sale, needs rebuilding. Asking \$200. If interested, please call John at 509-987-4504.

Bill Jarrard has a 1963 Pontiac Grand Prix for sale. It's red with white interior, new fuel pump, rebuilt carburetor, new rear brakes and master cylinder. 389 engine and 60,000 miles on the odometer. Asking \$12,000, please call Bill at 509-586-8967 or 509-392-1761.

Jim Newell has a 1974 Mercury Capri for sale. Needs carburetor work, \$3,000 OBO. 509-947-3371. He is also looking for a big block Chevrolet mockup and a Chevrolet 350/400 transmission mockup. If you have an engine and/or transmission mockup, please contact Jim at 947 – 3371.

Norm McFadden has a 197 CID L head engine and 3-speed manual transmission, from a 1960 Rambler for sale. The transmission is a Borg Warner T96-1A & R10B overdrive, \$500 or offer. Please call Norm at 509-375-0165.

Northwest Classic Car Auction, May 25

3135 Rickenbacker Dr
Pasco, WA 99301

Auction Catalog

<https://mbauction.hibid.com/catalog/161406/052519-northwest-classic-car-auction/>

1967 Chevelle SS 396

<https://mbauction.hibid.com/lot/50457208/1967-chevrolet-chevelle-ss-396/?q=&ref=catalog>

1968 Chevelle SS396

<https://mbauction.hibid.com/lot/50457206/1968-chevrolet-chevelle-ss-396/?q=&ref=catalog>

1954 Chevrolet 3100 pickup (VIN says it is a 1955)

<https://mbauction.hibid.com/catalog/161406/052519-northwest-classic-car-auction/>

First car crosses the block at 1pm

The Most Popular Vehicle You Didn't Know Existed

Last year, General Motors sold about 100,000 Chevy Express and GMC Savana vans in the United States, which is impressive since the company has those vehicles in the corporate version of a witness protection program. The full-size vans, which have been in production since Methuselah was a toddler, aren't even listed on GM's media site, scrubbed after the 2016 model year. Meanwhile, somewhere along the line, GM dropped its 2.8-liter Duramax diesel in this thing. Which means that you can buy a 12-passenger, four-cylinder diesel van for about \$35,000. Who knew? Oh, okay – 100,000 of you.

From Popular Mechanics magazine, May 2019

In the words of Fred Offenhauser, 'There are street rods and there are hot rods.

Street rods have a Chevy up front and a can of wax in the back.

Hot rods have a flathead up front and tools in the back.'

<http://www.btc-bci.com/~billben/flathead.htm>

LED headlight upgrade for classic cars

We love old cars, but we readily admit they have their weak points. Even in newer old cars like the NA-generation Miata, headlights are an issue. Today's cars feature brighter, farther-reaching light for safer nighttime driving. Thankfully, there are several ways to upgrade factory headlights in a classic car. We looked for an approach that wouldn't stand out as an obvious modification, which meant multisegment lights were out. Instead, we went with a pair of seven-inch LED headlights from VintageCarLEDs.com.

These upgraded lights use a German Hella H4 lens and cost \$269 for a pair, but sets start at \$189 and look just like OEM headlights. Each bulb puts out 4000 lumens compared with the typical 1700 lumens from a standard H4 headlight. Because they're LED and not a regular bulb, these use about half the wattage, so there's

no need for additional wiring or worrying about your charging system. LEDs should last much longer as well, with this set claiming 30,000 hours of run time.

LED replacements are direct swaps for any classic car that came with H4 bulbs. High-output LEDs have a passive heat sink that makes them deeper than original bulbs. On some cars, it's no problem, but if your headlight mounting has tighter packaging, VintageCarLEDs.com has a lower-output solution to fit.

Here are some tips to get you started:

1. Simply remove the trim and retaining ring, then unplug the old light and plug in the new one.
2. Once they're hooked up, make sure the new bulbs are aligned. Consult your owner's manual or shop manual for instructions.
3. The color temperature of the LEDs is whiter than that of the old bulbs, but warmer bulbs are available.

Hopefully this will help illuminate your path to safer and happier classic ownership.

From

www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/04/29/simple-led-headlight-upgrade-for-classic-cars

DID YOU KNOW?

In a residential section of West Pasco is a neighborhood of old car names. West of Road 84 and north of Sandifur Parkway, it includes these:

- Lasalle
- Zepher
- Tucker
- Stutz
- Overland
- Hudson
- Studebaker
- Packard
- Nash
- Desoto
- Cord

So far we have not observed any of these marques on their appropriate streets.



The Hornet, introduced for the 1951 model year, was based on Hudson's "step-down" design that was first seen in the 1948 model year on the Commodore. Unlike a unibody, the design didn't fully merge the body and chassis frame into a single structure, but the floorpan footwells recessed down, in between the car's chassis rails, which were in turn routed around them — instead of a conventional floor, sitting on top of straight ladder frame rails — a body on frame design that later became more widely adopted, and known as a *perimeter frame*. Thus one "stepped down" into a Hudson. Thanks to the step-down chassis and body, the car's "lower center of gravity...was both functional and stylish. The car not only handled well, but treated its six passengers to a sumptuous ride. The low-slung look also had a sleekness about it that was accentuated by the nearly enclosed rear wheels."

All Hornets from 1951 to 1953 were powered by Hudson's high-compression straight-six "H-145" engine. In 1954, power was increased to 170 hp (127 kW) from 145 hp (108 kW). Starting in 1952 an optional "twin-H" or twin one barrel carburetor setup was available at additional cost. A L-head (flathead or sidevalve) design, at 308 cu in

(5.0 L) it was the "largest [displacement] six-cylinder engine in the world" at the time. It had a two-barrel carburetor and produced 145 hp at 3800 rpm and 275 lb ft of torque. Hudson was the first automobile manufacturer to get involved in stock car racing. The Hornet "dominated stock car racing in the early-1950s, when stock car racers actually raced stock cars."

During 1952, Marshall Teague finished the 1952 AAA season with a 1000-point lead over his closest rival, winning 12 of the 13 scheduled events. Hornets driven by NASCAR aces Herb Thomas, Dick Rathmann, Al Keller, Frank Mundy and Tim Flock won 27 NASCAR races driving for the Hudson team. In the AAA racing circuit, Teague drove a stock Hornet that he called the Fabulous Hudson Hornet to 14 wins during the season. This brought the Hornet's season record to 40 wins in 48 events, a winning percentage of 83%. Overall, Hudson won 27 of the 34 NASCAR Grand National races in 1952, followed by 22 wins of 37 in 1953, and capturing 17 of the 37 races in 1954 — "an incredible accomplishment, especially from a car that had some legitimate luxury credentials." The original Fabulous Hudson Hornet can be found today fully restored in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, a facility that was formerly home to Miller Motors, the last Hudson dealership in the world.

In its final three model years, the Hornet became a product of the newly formed American Motors Corporation (AMC). Following the 1954 merger of the Hudson Motor Car Company and Nash-Kelvinator, Hudson's Detroit manufacturing facility was closed and production of Hudson models was shifted to Nash's Wisconsin factory. No longer built on the "Step-down" platform, all Hudsons were now based on the senior Nash models, but featuring distinctive Hudson styling themes.

From Wikipedia

Coming out of church, Mrs. Peterson asked her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is tinting her hair?" "I didn't even see her," admitted Mr. Peterson. "And that dress Mrs. Hansen was wearing," continued Mrs. Peterson, "really, don't tell me you think that's the proper costume for a mother of two." "I'm afraid I didn't notice that either," said Mr. Peterson. "Oh, for heaven's sake," snapped Mrs. Peterson. "A lot of good it does you to go to church."

AAA analysis reveals that gas with detergent additives can keep an engine running smoothly

By Jeff S. Bartlett, April 03, 2019

Location and price drive gasoline sales, according to a 2016 survey by the American Automobile Association. But an extensive study also conducted by AAA, reveals that consumers would be wise to factor the quality of the gasoline in their purchase decision. Using an independent engine testing lab that specializes in fuel analysis, AAA sought to answer the question: Is "Top Tier" gasoline worth the price? The short answer is yes.

What Is Top Tier Gas?

Gasoline is essentially a shared commodity, often stored in common containers until it is purchased by a major retailer. After that, the retailer treats the gas with a specific additive, thereby giving the fuel its brand identity. But are these additives just a dosage of marketing hype?

Top Tier gasoline was developed in 2004 to go beyond the minimum standard for detergent additives to better protect increasingly sophisticated engines from carbon buildup and deposits on the intake valves—which can result in a rough idle, acceleration hesitation, knocking/pinging, and reduced fuel economy.

Over the past 20 years, engines have become far more precise, operating under tighter tolerances and at higher compression ratios, while targeting cleaner emissions and improved fuel economy. To achieve these goals, eight automakers—Audi, BMW, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, General Motors, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, and Volkswagen—have united in support of Top Tier gas, specifically recommending it to their owners with the goal of preserving their engines' original performance and emissions over time.

Keeping things simple for consumers, when a participating retailer sells Top Tier fuel, all octane grades from regular to premium gasoline and diesel must adhere to the Top Tier standards. So, it is not necessary for drivers to upgrade to premium to gain the cleansing benefits.

Top Tier Retailers

76, Aloha Petroleum, Amoco, ARCO, Beacon, BP, Breakaway, Break Time, Cenex, Chevron, CITGO, Conoco, Costco, CountryMark, Diamond Shamrock, Entec, Esso, Express Mart, Exxon, Fast Fuel, HFN, Hele, Holiday, Kwik Star, Irving, Kirkland Signature, Kwik Star, Kwik Trip, Marathon, Metro Petro, MFA, Mobil, Ohana Fuels, Phillips 66, PUMA, QT, Quik Trip, Road Ranger, Shamrock, Shell, Sinclair, Sunoco, SuperAmerica, SuperFuels, Texaco, Valero, Value America, Wow, and Win Win.

Gas Test Findings

For its test, the lab operated an engine continuously for 100 hours on a cycle to represent 4,000 real-miles of use. The engine was then disassembled, photographed, and its key components weighed and measured to determine the thickness of carbon deposits. Six fuels were used, randomly selected and split among three basic gasoline sources and three Top Tier. The results showed that on average, Top Tier gasoline had 19 times fewer carbon deposits on injectors, intake valves, and in the combustion chamber when compared to regular gasoline.

AAA also found Top Tier gasoline can have a cleansing effect, reducing intake valve deposits by 45 to 72 percent when used over a 5,000-mile interval. Variation in the results is attributed to the detergents used by different brands. Further, analyzing gas prices over a 12-month period found just a three cent price difference between non-Top Tier and Top Tier gasoline.

Bottom line: For the nominal investment, this study shows that motorists would benefit from using Top Tier gasoline as their primary fuel.

Given the technological trend toward more sophisticated engines, we think the EPA should consider raising the minimum detergent standards to ensure all drivers benefit from the type of performance and longevity promised by Top Tier fuels.

www.consumerreports.org/car-maintenance/study-shows-top-tier-gasoline-worth-extra-price/

My son was flunking out of college so I told him, "You will marry the girl I choose."

He said, "No."

I told him, "She is Bill Gates' daughter."

He said, "Yes."

I called Bill Gates and said, "I want your daughter to marry my son."

Bill gates said, "No."

I told Bill Gates, "My son is the CEO of the world bank."

Bill gates said, "Ok."

I called the president of World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO.

He said, "No."

I told him, "My son is Bill Gates' son-in-law."

He said, "Ok."

And that's exactly how politics works here in Canada

And thus, began the practice of hiring morons to work in influential positions of government.

The practice is unbroken to this date.

WOMEN'S CORNER

REMEMBER WHEN

The little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street,
A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.
In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone,
And no need for recording things, someone was always home.
We only had a living room where we would congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.
We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine,
When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.
We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two,
But always there was one of them with something worth the view.
For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,
And if you wanted flavor there was Lipton's onion dip.
Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,

And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.
Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,
We all did things together -- even go to church to pray.
When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.
Then there were the movies with your favorite movie star,
And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.
Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.
Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball -- and no game video.
Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend,
And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?
The way that he took care of you or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.
Remember going to the store and shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?
Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,
Remember when the cashier person had to really count?
The milkman used to go from door to door,
And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.
There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door,
Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.
The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent;
There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."
There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.
They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some style.
One time the music that you played whenever you would jive,
Was from a vinyl, big-holed record called a forty-five.
The record player had a post to keep them all in line,
And then the records would drop down and play one at a time.
Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today,
And always we were striving, trying for a better way.
Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun,
How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?
And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle spokes,
And for a nickel red machines had little bottled Cokes?
This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways,
I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.
So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,
But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

Thanks to friend, John Butler

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



Birthdays

Russ Armstrong	May 27	David Gerkenmeyer	May 14
Susan Gerkenmeyer	May 16	Robert Hartwig	May 23
Don Meyers	May 6	Mary Ellen Nelson	May 14
Scott Noga	May 19	Paul Paulsen	May 25
Barb Paulsen	May 17	Audrey Simmelink	May 23



Anniversaries

Dave & Judy Bergum	May 4	Jim & Jeri Newell	May 26
Randy & Nancy Rutherford	May 23	BJ & Frances Wyland	May 7

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