



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club February 2021 Newsletter

A Note From The Pres

YE OLDE CAR CLUB missed a lot of fun activities in 2020. We expect to resume most of them sometime this year, as conditions permit.

ELDER CARE HOME VISITS might not resume in 2021 due to vulnerability of residents and staff. We will keep an eye on requirements.

CAR SHOWS with masks and social distancing are easy to do, I expect we should see close to normal activity at some point.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY sounds good. Let's all be healthy and vaccinated so we can make it happen.

OUTDOOR BREAKFAST and lunch meetings probably could resume when days are warm enough.

WEEKLY BREAKFAST MEETINGS in a restaurant will depend on how the rules evolve.

TOURS to interesting places

Do you have in mind a fun event for the club to try? Click **REPLY** and let me know, or email club VP John Hopkins at jhn_hopkins@hotmail.com

Ye Olde Car Club
Dennis McGillis, president

EDITOR'S NOTE

I will be ready to do an updated Roster the first part of March. Please let me know if anything has changed for you in the past year. New email? New vehicles? Sold any vehicles? New phone number? Email – sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com or phone 509-545-4077
Thank you. Frances

Don't forget to pay your dues!

Bits and Pieces

If 2020 was a math word-problem: If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle a roof?

I love approaching 80. I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

Why does 'fridge' have a 'D' in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

A little gray hair is a small price to pay for all this wisdom.

I'm getting tire of being part of a major historical event.

One day you're really young and cool...and the next, you're getting all excited about a new vacuum.

Police came around last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes. My dogs don't even have bikes.

I'm on two diets now...I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one.

Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore. I'm not going to let you hurt me like this again! Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up!

I went line dancing last night. Well, it was a roadside sobriety test...same thing.

The Remarkable Body

The largest joint in the human body is the **knee**. It is a compound joint made up of two sections; one connects the **femur** and the **tibia**, and the other connects the **femur** and the **patella**.

Where in the world.

Graceland is the second most visited home in America, after the White House.

Fun Food Facts

Dandelions are not weeds, but are from the same family as sunflowers. A dandelion seed can travel up to 5 miles before it lands. Every part of the dandelion is edible. 1 cup of dandelion greens = 535% of your daily recommended Vitamin K and 112% of Vitamin A. Up until the 1800s, dandelions were seen as extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions.

February is the month of love.

Prominent People born in February:

Prince Andrew, Duke of York: February 17

Jennifer Aniston: February 11

Johnny Cash: February 26

Charles Dickens: February 7

Thomas Edison: February 11

Steve Jobs: February 24

Michael Jordan: February 17

Elizabeth Taylor: February 27

John Travolta: February 18

Chuck Yeager: February 13

Presidents Born in February
William Henry Harrison: February 9
Abraham Lincoln: February 12
Ronald Reagan: February 6
George Washington: February 22

Presidents Who Died in February
John Quincy Adams: February 23
Woodrow Wilson: February 2

February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days.

February has been Black History Month for 40 years.

February marks American Heart Month.

FOR SALE:

Bill Jarrard has a nineteen forty Mercury for sale. Very good condition. Trophy winner. All stock with a Columbia two speed rear. It is a coupe. \$20,000.00. Will consider trades. Call Bill - 509-586-8967



Mercedes-Benz SSK

The **Mercedes-Benz SSK** (W06) is a roadster built by German automobile manufacturer Mercedes-Benz between 1928 and 1932. The name is an abbreviation of *Super Sport Kurz*, German for "Super Sport Short", as it was a short wheelbase development of the Mercedes-Benz Modell S. The SSK's extreme performance and numerous competitive successes made it one of the most highly regarded sports cars of its era.

The SSK was the last car designed for Mercedes-Benz by Ferdinand Porsche before he left to found his own company. The SSK is an evolution of the 1927 Modell S (S for Sport) which was based on the Modell K (K for "Kurzer Radstand" which means short wheelbase) variant of the Mercedes-Benz Typ 630. The SSK chassis was 19 inches (480 mm) shorter than the Modell S to make the car even lighter and more agile for racing, especially short races and hillclimbs.

Fitted with a supercharged single overhead camshaft 7-litre straight-6 engine producing 200–300 metric horsepower (150–220 kW) and over 500 lb of torque (depending on the state of tune), the SSK had a top speed of up to 120 miles per hour (190 km/h), making it the fastest car of its day. The supercharger on the SSK's engine was operated by a clutch that was engaged by fully depressing the throttle pedal and then giving the pedal an extra push. Backing off the throttle pedal disengaged the supercharger clutch.

The SSK was driven to victory in numerous races, including in 1929 the 500 Miles of Argentina, the 1929 and 1930 Cordoba Grands Prix, the 1931 Argentine Grand Prix, and, in the hands of legendary Grand Prix racing driver Rudolf Caracciola, the 1929 Ulster Tourist Trophy race (Ards road circuit), the 1930 Irish Grand Prix, the 1931 German Grand Prix, and the 1931 Mille Miglia.

Fewer than 40 SSKs were built during its production span, of which about half were sold as *Rennwagen* (racing cars). Many were crashed while racing and subsequently cannibalised for parts. Only

four or five entirely original models remain, and their scarcity and rich heritage make them among the most sought after cars in the world

From Wikipedia

Some Funny Valentine's Day Stories

1. "As Valentine's Day approached, I tried to think of an unusual gift for my husband. When I discovered that his favourite red-plaid pants had a broken zipper, I thought I had the perfect Valentine. I had the pants repaired, and gift-wrapped them. On the package I put a huge red heart on which I printed: My Heart Pants for You. I was the surprised one, however, when I saw the same heart taped to our formerly empty, but now overflowing, wood box. On it he had written: Wood You Be My Valentine?"

2. "I met my husband while I was working in a science library. He came in every week to read the latest journals and eventually decided to take out the librarian instead of the books. After a year and a half of dating, he showed up at the library and started rummaging through my desk. I asked what he was looking for, but he didn't answer. Finally he unearthed one of the rubber stamps I used to identify reference books. 'Since I couldn't find the right engagement ring,' he said, 'this will have to do,' and he firmly stamped my hand. Across my knuckles, in capital letters, it read NOT FOR CIRCULATION."

3. "My friend Mark and I work in a lawn-mower-parts warehouse. Somehow Mark got the idea that his wife did not want a card on Valentine's Day, but when he spoke to her on the phone he discovered she was expecting one. Not having time to buy a card on his way home, Mark was in a quandary. Then he looked at the lawn-mower trade magazines scattered around the office—and got an idea. Using scissors and glue, he created a card with pictures of mowers, next to which he wrote: 'I lawn for you mower and mower each day.' Mark's wife loved it. The card immediately graced their refrigerator door."

4. "About a year had passed since my amicable divorce, and I decided it was time to start dating again. Unsure how to begin, I thought I'd scan the personals column of my local newspaper. I came across three men who seemed like they'd be promising candidates. A couple of days later, I was checking my answering machine and discovered a message from my ex-husband. 'I was over visiting the kids yesterday,' he said. 'While I was there I happened to notice you had circled some ads in the paper. Don't bother calling the guy in the second column. I can tell you right now it won't work out. That guy is me.'"

5. "During World War II my parents had planned a romantic Valentine's Day wedding. Suddenly my father, then stationed at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, received orders to prepare to ship out, and all leaves were cancelled. Being a young man in love, he went AWOL. He and my mother were married four days earlier than originally planned and he returned to base to an angry sergeant. After hearing the explanation, the sergeant understandingly replied, 'Okay, okay!' Then, as an afterthought: 'But don't let it happen again!'"

6. A cheap husband was strolling with his wife in the shopping area of town. They passed by a perfume store with delicious scents. Enjoying the aroma, the man's wife breathed deeply and hinted to her penny-pinching husband with a hopeful smile: "Honey, aren't those scents wonderful? Valentine's Day is just around the corner. "You're right dear. Let's walk past one more time to get another smell just in time for Valentine's."

7. A selfish married couple always angrily quarreled over who would get the last piece of meat at dinner. They would keep fighting over the meat until their dinner was spoiled. Finally, they reached a truce. To enjoy a peaceful meal without quarreling, they agreed to not speak to each other during dinner. If one of them should say something during mealtime, the one who remained quiet would get the last piece of meat. One night, a burglar entered the house with the intent of robbing an empty residence. Startled to see the married couple sitting at the dinner table, he started to escape, until he realized that the couple was not moving or reacting in any way to his intrusion. The burglar thought: "Maybe, they are paralyzed; now I can take advantage." Moving quickly and confidently toward the still speechless and unmoving married couple, the burglar began to search through the woman's clothes for any valuables. Steaming angry that her husband was not coming to her aid (he was just sitting there mute), the wife finally couldn't take it any longer, and exploded: "You idiot, how can you just sit there without moving or saying anything when this man is attacking me? Aren't you going to say something?" "Yes, I am," responded the husband with unbridled joy. "You talked first. I get the meat!"

GM REDESIGNS ITS LOGO AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS

By Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNN Business, Updated 3:32 PM ET, Fri January 8, 2021

(CNN) General Motors unveiled a new logo Friday that the company says symbolizes its shift toward electric vehicles. The now-lowercase letter M, for example, features arches that are squared so they resemble the prongs of an electric plug, the company said. And the blue coloring is supposed to evoke "clean skies." The new logo was created by GM's own designers. Even the font was created in-house, the company said. It's the first time the automaker has substantially changed its logo since 1964.

The logo will be introduced with a marketing campaign, titled "Everybody In," to promote the automaker's electric vehicle initiative. As part of the campaign, ads will show a variety of people talking about GM's electric vehicle technology. The ads will prominently feature Malcolm Gladwell, an author who has written books about cultural change like "The Tipping Point."

With these ads, GM hopes to change preconceived ideas about the sorts of people who buy electric vehicles, said Deborah Wahl, GM's global chief marketing officer.

Besides the Chevrolet Bolt EV, which GM has sold since late 2016, upcoming electric vehicles GM has unveiled so far include more expensive luxury models like the Cadillac Lyriq and GMC Hummer EV. The Hummer EV will go on sale later this year starting at more than \$100,000, but less expensive trim levels are expected later on.

The company has promised to introduce 30 new electric vehicle models in various markets around the world by the end of 2025, though, and many of those will be more affordable, Wahl said. Since its founding in 1908, GM's business model has centered around selling vehicles at a variety of price points under a number of different brands from Chevrolet to Cadillac. The automaker's motto was once "A car for every purse and purpose." The company's electric vehicle strategy will be a continuation of that idea.

Other automakers have also introduced new logos to mark the shift toward new electric technologies. Volkswagen unveiled its own slightly redesigned logo in September, 2019, at the Frankfurt Motor Show where it also presented its new ID.3 electric car. Last July, Nissan unveiled a new logo at the same time it revealed the Nissan Ariya electric SUV.

The new GM logo will not appear on cars and trucks. It will be seen only at the corporate level, such as on office buildings, letterhead and business cards. It will also appear on a new GM.com website set to debut on Monday.

From: www.cnn.com/2021/01/08/cars/new-gm-logo/index.html

Did you know?

The term "clan" to describe a family comes to us by a rather winding path that starts with the Latin "planta" (a shoot or offspring), to "plant" in Old Welsh, to "cland" in Old Irish (which has no P sound), to "clann" in Scottish Gaelic (progeny, race) and "clann" in Irish (offspring, children of the family), to "clan" when the word finally made it into modern English and dropped the last "n" on the end.

Auto facts from 1949

**Calendar- year production totals favor Chevrolet for the number one spot, comfortably ahead of perennial rival Ford.

**Inflation continues to drive new car prices spiraling upward.

**Chevrolet and Pontiac adopt curvaceous modern bodies like other GM makes, while Ford and Chrysler turn to boxier profiles. **Buick, Cadillac, and Oldsmobile offer the first true pillarless "hardtop convertible" coupes, blending the coziness of a closed car with the airiness of a ragtop.

**The emergence of all-steel station wagons from Chevrolet, Olds, Plymouth and Pontiac sets a new trend for burgeoning suburbia; "woody" wagons will soon be extinct.

**The first Volkswagens arrive in America, few suspect the import invasion that's destined to follow in the Fifties.

**Nash displays new "inverted bathtub" Airflute styling; aerodynamics are excellent and sales are fairly impressive, but the shape draws scorn from critics.

**GM's new V-8s allow higher compression ratios with available gas; they're lighter in weight and "breathe" more easily, while shorter strokes cut friction and reduce wear.

**Studebaker thwarts Ford's attempt to purchase exclusive rights to Borg-Warner's automatic transmission.

**A sleekly restyled Buick lineup includes the pillarless two-door Riviera hardtop.

**Cadillac holds over its 1948 tailfins but launches a radically new Coupe de Ville pillarless hardtop a Series Sixty-Two model late in the model year.

*Chevrolet adopts a modern streamlined body with curved, two-piece windshield; the model lineup gets new names, but the overhead-valve six harks back to the Thirties.

**Buicks feature front-fender VentiPorts, commonly called "portholes" plus an aircraft-inspired appearance.

**Fleetline fastbacks and all-steel station wagons are part of the Chevrolet lineup for 1949; vacuum shift is gone.

**The handsome, slab-sided Ford restyle earns credit for helping to save the company, evidence that the youthful team under Henry Ford II is now in charge.

**Hot-rodders continue to clamor for aftermarket add-ons to hop-up their Ford/Mercury flathead V-8 engines.

**Chrysler and DeSoto use semiautomatic "tip-Toe" Fluid Drive, so no gear shifting is needed when moving forward; all GM cars offer true automatic transmissions.

**Recessed headlights mark the 1949 Lincoln, with a heavy-looking, slab-sided body; an L-head V-8 is new.

**The curved Mercury attracts hot-rodders and customizers; small Lincolns share the Merc bodysell and get attention, too.

**A mildly customized 1949 Mercury club coupe will later be immortalized as the car that actor James Dean drives in the 1955 movie *Rebel Without a Cause*.

**Plymouth offers a new all-steel station wagon to rival those issued by Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac.

**The ignition key operates the starter on Chrysler products; key-actuated starting will soon become nearly universal, but for now most cars still use a dashboard button.

**The separate foot-operated starter pedal is gone from all General Motors cars but some makes cling to the pedal starters for a few more years.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

Midlife is when you go to the doctor and you realize you are now so old, you have to pay someone to look at you naked.

The good news about midlife is that the glass is still half-full...of course, the bad news is that it won't be long before your teeth are floating in it.

Midlife women no longer have upper arms, we have wingspans...we are no longer women in sleeveless shirts, we are flying squirrels in drag.

Midlife has hit you when you stand naked in front of a mirror and can see your rear end without turning around.

You know you are getting old when you go for a mammogram and you realize it is the only time someone will ask you to appear topless in film.

You know you've crossed the midlife threshold when you're in the grocery store and you hear a Muzak version of "Stairway to Heaven" in the produce department.

Midlife is when you bounce (a lot), but you don't bounce back. (It's more like Splat!)

Midlife brings the wisdom that life throws you curves...and that you're now sitting on your biggest ones.

It's very hard to "get jiggy with it" in midlife...jiggly, yes; jiggy, no.

Midlife is when your 1970s Body-by-Jake now includes Legs-by-Rand McNally. (more red and blue lines than an accurately scaled map of the state of Wisconsin).

Midlife is when you want to grab every firm young lovely in a tube top and scream, "Listen, honey, even the Roman Empire fell, and those things will too!

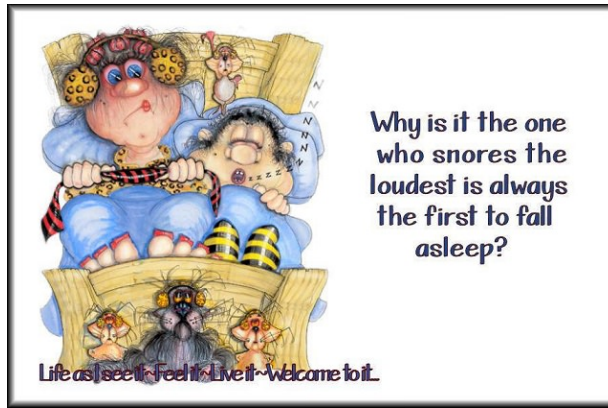
Midlife can bring out your angry, bitter side. You look at your latte-swilling, beeper-wearing know-it-all teenager and think, "For this I have stretch marks?"

Midlife is when you start to repeat yourself...and your chins follow suit.

Midlife is when you realize that if you were a dog, you'd need a control top flea collar.

Midlife is when your memory really starts to go. The only thing you still retain is water.

You become more reflective in midlife. You start pondering the "big" questions-- what is life, why am I here...how much Healthy Choice ice cream can I eat before it's no longer a healthy choice?



Birthdays and Anniversaries in February



Birthdays

Dave Bergum
 Molly King
 Don Millard
 Judy Oeder
 Peggy Parchen

February 15
 February 2
 February 5
 February 1
 February 14

Trish Kiichle
 Susanne Kooiker
 Jeri Newell
 Robert Parchen
 Jim Vetrano

February 10
 February 2
 February 9
 February 5
 February 14



Anniversaries

David & Susan Gerkenmeyer February 13
 Ron & Barb Meyer February 3
 Jim & Ginger Vetrano February 14

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