



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club April 2021 Newsletter

A Note From The President

One thing we know about April, CAR SHOWS start to happen. Wendy's on Canal has a Show & Shine every Friday evening at 5:00 and our VP John Hopkins announces more events in our region every few days. 'Tis the season.

Is your favorite old car ready to drive and display? This article in Hemmings.com offers tips about quick cleanup. www.hemmings.com/r/ct/NTQ1ODExOjM0Njo2enNQS3Vud3FYcw/www/stories/2021/04/06/need-to-spruce-up-your-car-in-hurry-heres-some-quick-detailing-points-to-ponder/

Have you heard of car shows or events not mentioned by John? If so, please send him any information, including website or flyer info. For more than a year there has been plenty of disruption and we want to be sure our info is correct.

It is great to be meeting weekly again and able to exchange information on a regular basis.

Enjoy the ride, I look forward to seeing you Wednesday.

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Bits and Pieces

"The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." – Al McGuire

"At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." – Ann Landers

"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine." – Caroline Rhea

The word 'queue' is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

Patience is a virtue. It's just not one of my virtues.

You know you're getting old when 'Friends with Benefits' means having someone who can drive at night.

I see people around my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

A man asked his wife, "What would you do if I won the lottery?" She replied, "I'd take half and leave you." "Great," he said. "I won \$12. Here's \$6. Stay in touch."

The Remarkable Body

A human will eat, on average, 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders while sleeping.

Where in the world.

There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America in one foot of liquid.

Fun Food Facts

Tea Bags - In 1904, Thomas Sullivan, a New York City-based merchant, was doing bustling business in the tea trade. His tea sales were so successful he was able to branch out into experimenting with sending potential customers samples of his tea. Initially he sent the samples in small wood boxes, but switched to tiny silk bags as a way to cut down on the expense incurred by the sheer number of wooden shipping boxes he was sending out.

Prominent People born in April:

- Washington Irving: April 3
- Maya Angelou: April 4
- Booker T. Washington: April 5
- Billie Holiday: April 7
- Charlie Chaplin: April 16
- Charlotte Bronte: April 21
- John Muir: April 21
- Ella Fitzgerald: April 25
- Harper Lee: April 28
- Duke Ellington: April 29

Presidents Born in April:

- Thomas Jefferson: April 13
- James Buchanan: April 23
- Ulysses S. Grant: April 27
- James Monroe: April 28

Presidents Who Died in April:

- William Henry Harrison: April 4
- Franklin D. Roosevelt: April 12
- Abraham Lincoln: April 15
- Richard M. Nixon: April 22

April is when April Fool's Day happens

The Boston Marathon is held in April

April is National Prevent Child Abuse month

April is Parkinson's Awareness month

National Peanut Butter & Jelly day is April 2

The Only Region On Earth Where Scientists Have Found No Evidence Of Active Microbial Life: The McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica

The McMurdo Dry Valleys are a series of large valleys in Antarctica that are snow-free due to a combination of the surrounding mountains and weather patterns that prevent snowfall and the flow of ice from nearby glaciers. The area, which looks far more like the surface of a hostile planet than a location here on Earth, is completely free of vegetation and incredibly inhospitable to life.

So inhospitable, in fact, that when scientists visited the region in 2013 to conduct core-sample tests while searching for microbial life in the permafrost (a mock trial of techniques that may one day be used on Mars), they were surprised to find none at all. In the history of human exploration of the Earth, it was the first time that a sample test for microbial life yielded nothing.

Given that the McMurdo Dry Valleys are about the closest thing on Earth there is to the harsh conditions found on other planets, that particular discovery doesn't bode well for the exploration of our nearest neighbors in search of microbial life. After all, with an entire planet teeming with life, it would stand to reason that some microbial life, however scarred and hardened, would be locked away somewhere in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, but further exploration has continued to yield no positive results.

Bonus Trivia: The only native life found in the McMurdo Dry Valleys are endolithic photosynthetic bacteria that live in the relatively moist interior of rocks and anaerobic bacteria, with a metabolism based on iron and sulfur, that live under the Taylor Glacier.

From www.howtogeek.com

Jewett Automobile



The Jewett was an automobile built in Detroit, Michigan by the Paige-Detroit Motor Car Company from March 1922 through December 1926. The Jewett was named after Harry M. Jewett, president of Paige-Detroit. After the first 17 months of production approx. 40,000 vehicles were sold. The car was marketed as a Jewett 'Six' a companion to the Paige, the primary product of Paige-Detroit. The 1922-24 cars had a 50 h.p. Jewett motor, the 1925 cars had a 55 h.p. Jewett motor and the 1926 cars had a 40 h.p. Continental motor. The last of the vehicles were available with hydraulic brakes. The company was purchased by the Graham Brothers on January 3, 1927 and the Jewett became a Paige, for that year only. The car was then rebadged as a Graham-Paige for 1928 only.

Embedded in the dashboard of every Jewett was an amulet, visible on the Passenger side as a dashplate. Harry's wife Mary was something of a spiritualist, and these amulets were purported to have mystical power that protected the occupants.[citation needed] Henry Jewett's estate, once a great plantation, has all but vanished. The ruins near Rose City in Northern Lower Michigan are still visible. Discussions about restoring parts of the estate as a historical park have not yet borne fruit.

From Wikipedia

Front license plates

ROAD RULES

State law requires, but doesn't seriously enforce, front plate
Does Washington state traffic law require front license plate?

by Doug Dahl, from TCH, courtesy to the Bellingham Herald

Question: Has the Washington state law changed about vehicles displaying front license plates? In our area I have noticed a substantial number of vehicles without front plates. Some will have the plate lying on the dashboard and many seem to be newer, expensive models. Has the law changed or is it simply not being enforced?

Answer: Have you ever committed a minor traffic violation, like maybe you forgot to signal when you made a right turn, and then realized that there was a police officer right behind you? And maybe, if you're lucky, you experienced this: the red and blue lights come on behind you, but when you pull over the patrol car zooms past. If so, you just got a glimpse of one enforcement demand taking priority over another.

Officers have to prioritize their response all the time, so just because something is a violation of the law doesn't mean it'll get addressed every time it's observed. Case in point: front license plates. Yes, in nearly every situation Washington law requires a vehicle to have a front license plate. But unlike many traffic laws, lack of a front license plate doesn't increase your risk of a crash.

Compared with impairment, speeding and distraction (the top three factors in fatal crashes in Washington) enforcement of front plates is pretty low. The No. 1 goal of traffic enforcement is to reduce traffic crashes, so officers focus on the behaviors that contribute to crashes. Enforcement of front plates still happens; just at a lower frequency. That doesn't mean a front plate isn't important. It's just important for different reasons. A front plate makes it easier for law enforcement to spot stolen vehicles, or a suspect vehicle fleeing from a crash or the scene of a crime, and it helps witnesses and victims report such a vehicle.

So why doesn't everyone just put a front plate on their car? Your observation that many of the vehicles without front license plates include newer, expensive models likely has something to do with it. If you have a shiny, new and expensive car you might not like what a license plate does to the look of your vehicle. Even more, you probably can't stomach the thought of drilling holes through that pristine bumper to mount your license plate. But regardless of how you feel about that plate on your bumper, the law is clear: you have to have it.

Except... There are actually a few exceptions to the front license plate requirement in Washington. Of course, it makes sense that campers and trailers only have a rear plate, as a front one would be pointless. Other vehicles that don't need a front plate include mopeds, motorcycles and collector vehicles. Outside of Washington, 19 states don't require front license plates.

And for the outlier vehicles, the law has a provision that allows a driver to appeal the requirement for a front license plate. The Washington State Patrol may grant exceptions "if the body construction of the vehicle makes compliance ... impossible." Using the word "impossible" sounds like a nearly insurmountable barrier. However, the law defines "impossible" in this context as "there was nothing made by the manufacturer ... which would allow the license plate to be affixed to the vehicle."

Nearly every car on the lot has a bracket available to mount a license plate, but if you have some exotic exception you can get a pass on the front plate. It's not automatic though; you'll have to send an exemption request to the Washington State Patrol.

Did you know?

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Auto facts from 1952

- **The Korean conflict restrains auto production: the National Production Authority limits build to 4,342,000 cars.
- **Ford Motor Company is the only Big Three automaker to fully restyle its cars this year; Chrysler and GM field lightly facelifted 1951s.
- **More than two million automatic transmissions are installed this year.
- **Sears, Roebuck markets a new compact Allstate, essentially a Henry J with a different grills and tweaked styling.
- **Installation of V-8 engines exceeds one third of total production.
- **Now with a four-barrel carburetor, Cadillac's V-8 has the highest horsepower rating in the industry: 190.
- ****All-steel Ford station wagons debut, including a woody-look Country Squire.
- **Ford introduces an overhead-valve, six-cylinder engine; the long-lived "old tech" flat-head V-8 soldiers on.
- **Lincoln adds balljoint front suspension, a 317.5-cid overhead-valve V-8, and hardtops for the redesigned Cosmopolitan and Capri.
- **Lincolns claim all top five spots in the 1952 grueling 2000-mile *Carrera Panamericana* (Mexican Road Race).
- **Nash-Healey scores a first in class, third overall at Le Mans.
- **A three-wheel electric shopping car, the Autoette, is built from 1952 to 1957; it's little more than a golf cart.
- **Overdrive transmission is available in Plymouths and DeSotos.
- **Studebaker celebrates its 100th anniversary; it built carriages long before producing automobiles.
- **Ford's Continental show car features phone, Dictaphone, and automatic jacks.

Auto facts from 1953

- **Auto production controls are lifted in February, as Dwight D. Eisenhower takes over the presidency from Harry S. Truman.
- **The Korean War ends July 26, 1953.
- **The Ford/Chevrolet blitz of 1953-54 helps kill off the independent automakers.
- **Automakers Ford and Buick celebrate a half-century in the auto business.
- **The average American motorist now drives 10,000 miles annually.
- **Popping up everywhere, motels now outnumber hotels by a two-to-one margin.
- **American cars, such as Buick, begin to adopt 12-volt electrical systems.
- **Half of all new cars are built with automatic transmissions.
- **Chevrolet introduces the Corvette sports car with a 150-bhp six-cylinder engine.
- **Buick offers a limited production Skylark convertible with a lowered beltline, rounded wheel openings, and wire wheels.
- **Eldorado and Fiesta, limited-edition ragtops from Cadillac and Oldsmobile, boast "Panoramic" windshields.
- **A Red Ram "Hemi" V-8 engine delivering 140 horsepower is available in the all-new Dodge.
- **A Dodge V-8 averages 23.4 mpg in the Mobilgas Economy Run and also breaks 196 AAA stock-car records at Bonneville.
- **Ford's venerable -and dated- flathead V-8 engine is in its final season.
- **Twin H-Power for Hudson Hornets sports dual carburetors; the "7-" race engine develops 210 horsepower.
- **Kaiser's posh Dragon sedan flaunts gold-plated body trim, padded roof, and innovative interior detailing.
- **Packard's line-topping Caribbean convertible outsells Cadillac Eldorado.
- **Demand for the stunning Starlight and Starliner coupes tops sedans, to the surprise of Studebaker executives.
- **A fiberglass-bodied Buick Wildcat appears at the GM Motorama; the sporty Oldsmobile Starfire wears and aircraft-inspired oval grille.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

WORDS WOMEN USE. Warnings for the men who are still wondering, what did i do? Learn these words of warning. They can save a relationship. That is if not too late into the game. For the women that read this, laugh it off!

- 1) **FINE:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- 2) **FIVE MINUTES:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- 3) **NOTHING:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in "fine".
- 4) **GO AHEAD:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
- 5) **LOUD SIGH:** This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of "nothing").
- 6) **THAT'S OKAY:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- 7) **THANKS:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or Faint. Just say you're welcome.
- 8) **WHATEVER:** Is a women's way of saying *&#% YOU!
- 9) **DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I GOT IT:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking "what's wrong." For the woman's response refer to #3.

Maxine's Living Will

I, MAXINE, being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means. Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the hands of pinhead politicians who couldn't pass ninth-grade biology if their lives depended on it, or lawyers / doctors interested in simply running up the bills.

If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to ask for at least one of the following:

Glass of wine
Chocolate
Margarita
Chocolate
Martini
Apple pie
Chocolate
Sex
Chicken fried steak
Cream gravy
Chocolate
Mexican food
Ice cream
French fries
Chocolate
Pizza
Cheesecake
Latte'
Chocolate
Glazed doughnut

It should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my appointed person and attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes and call it a day

~ Age is like underwear ~ It creeps up on you ~

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet: The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time but nobody could do it. One day this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester

suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice " I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. The crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?" The man replied, "I work for the IRS."

Where there's a will, there's an Inheritance Tax.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in April



Birthdays

Larry Blackburn	April 17	Debby Buckles	April 15
Donna Ellis	April 15	Dave Hannah	April 12
Kaye Henson	April 28	Judy Herrick	April 13
Jim Jewett	April 19	Brian Kilbury	April 14
Barry Long	April 10	Dolores McClary	April 23
Nancy Rutherford	April 14	Diana Stephenson	April 4
Dan VonHolten	April 23	Denny Wellington	April 29
Janice Wellington	April 2	BJ Wyland	April 6



Anniversaries

Dick & Donna Ellis	April 22
Bob & Anita Gough	April 4
Sid & Margie Grant	April 4
Thomas & Mary Hoertkorn	April 21
Curtis & Susanne Kooiker	April 1
Don & Robin Woodford	April 6

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