



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club January 2022 Newsletter

## January 2022 Prez says ramblings

It is truly an honor to be your president once again and it is my hope that I can live up to the level of service, the leadership provided the past two years. The Covid pandemic and the strains that followed have reduced our activities, however, it is my desire to weather the restraints of these conditions and increase the number of tours, assisted living visits and car shows.

On January 27th, we will start off with our monthly evening meeting at Roundtable Pizza by honoring and celebrating our Centenarian Myrtle Nesbitt's birthday with the Cock Simmelink power point slide show and birthday cake. Due to the need to notify Roundtable Pizza the number that will be attending, we are requesting that you list the names and number attending on the signup sheet at our weekly Sterling meetings or email Dave Hannah at [1953gmcpickup@gmail.com](mailto:1953gmcpickup@gmail.com), the information.

We are accepting payment for renewal or club dues for 2022. Members will be dropped off our roster as delinquent on March 1<sup>st</sup>. You can pay Don Buckles at the meetings or mail your \$15 checks to: YE OLDE CAR CLUB, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352. 67 members out of 136 have renewed so far, or 49 percent of the membership. There are 52 members that have not paid dues in two or more years and removed from our membership.

Remember to contact Dolores McClary (our sunshine person) to provide congratulations, get well, and sympathy cards to club members. Her telephone number is 509-783-3622.

Dave Hannah

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## 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? Sell a vehicle? New phone number? New address? Email – [sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com](mailto:sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com) or phone 509-545-4077**

**Also, don't forget to pay your dues.**

**Thank you. Frances**

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**Bob Gough, our Historian** is looking for any old tour badges that you might want to donate to him for a display board he would like to make. If you have any that you would be willing to give up, please call Bob – 628-1493.

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**Bits and Pieces**

In life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

Don't trust everything you see. Even salt looks like sugar.

You'd be surprised how quickly employees at Lowe's assist you after ignoring you for 20 minutes, when you try to start a chainsaw.

Acupuncture is a job well done. That's the point of it.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool .

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

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**The Remarkable Body**

There are ten times as many bacteria in the human body as human cells.

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**Where in the world.**

There is a resort in Hokkaido, Japan called Unkai Terrace located on a mountain peak from where you can see the Sea of Clouds floating below you. The Sea of Clouds can be seen only about 40% of the time and only in the morning at dawn.

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**Fun Food Facts**

When bees collect nectar, they drink it and keep it in their "stomach." Once they're back at the hive, they regurgitate the nectar into the hive.

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**Ladies Lunch** had ladies attend. Thank you Myrtle. February Ladies Lunch will be hosted by

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**Some interesting stuff about January:**

January derives its name from Janu, the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology.

January is the first month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is also the first of seven months with 31 days.

In many places in the Northern Hemisphere, January tends to be the coldest month of the year. So be prepared with coats, scarves, gloves, and boots. Australians, however, in the Southern Hemisphere are donning their shorts and bathing suits.

January is the month with the highest number of divorce filings in the U.S. Many of those who plan to divorce wait until the holidays are over to begin proceedings, especially if children are involved. Some also do so to simplify their income tax process.

January 4th is celebrated around the world as Trivia Day

January is known as National Donate Blood month

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## 1924 Star Touring



The Star was an automobile marque that was assembled by the Durant Motors Company between 1922 and 1928. Also known as the Star Car, Star was envisioned as a competitor against the Ford Model T. In the United Kingdom, it was sold as the Rugby, to avoid confusion with the British marque.

Like other products of the Durant Motors Company, the Star was an "assembled" car, built from parts supplied by various outside companies. Originally, Stars were powered by a four-cylinder engine; in 1926, the line introduced a six-cylinder engine. All factory-installed engines were built by Continental.

In 1923, Star became the first car company to offer a production station wagon. Instead of shipping a chassis out to a custom builder, who added a wooden wagon body, the wagon body was delivered to the Star factory and fitted to the chassis there.

For the early part of the 1928 model year, the Star was known as the Durant Star and was only available with a four-cylinder engine. The car was replaced in the latter half of the 1928 model year by the Durant 4.

From Wikipedia

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### Did you know?

Cotton Candy was invented by a dentist.

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### 'Twas THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).  
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.  
I said to myself, as only I can  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"  
So... away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore.  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Thanks to my sister-in-law, Sharon.

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## 8 of the Best Things About January

1. Quiet time - The crazy hustle and bustle has calmed down a little and your social calendar is looking much less snug. The social pressure is eased a little; the temptation to spend is lowered and you feel like you can breathe again. Yup, the quietness of January rarely comes too soon for many.
2. A new start - Whether you love or hate New Year's resolutions, few can deny the relief felt once January begins. Forget the guilty habits you amassed during December – it's time to forgive yourself and move on. Now is the perfect time for change and to start your slate anew. You've come back to work feeling refreshed after Christmas and pretty much everyone else is trying to make a change – meaning you're not alone. Even if your resolutions don't come true or you stumble in the second week, who cares? You can still enjoy the blissful optimism that comes with the start of the month.
3. January sales - So your bank balance is still recovering, but if there's anything you need, January is the time to get it. There are sales on everything, so whatever it is you're after – house ware, fitness gear, health supplements, clothes – be sure to take advantage of the slashed prices.
4. The days are getting lighter - Yes, you read that correctly. Now that it's January, the shortest day of the year is officially well behind us, and we can finally start dreaming about long sunny days once again. Phew.
5. Your house/apartment feels bigger - The Christmas tree and accompanying decorations may have been packed away, but hey! Look at all that SPACE. It's amazing what a difference it makes when your living room isn't cluttered with presents, gift wrap, Christmas cards and tinsel. The only thing to do now is work out what to do with your new-found space. Maybe time for that sexy coffee table you saw in a January sale...
6. Weekends are your own again - Suddenly weekends are a vast expanse of space, waiting to be filled up with whatever you fancy. No more shopping lists, gift research, card writing, decorating, wrapping, visiting or partying. Nope – you can simply go right back to doing whatever YOU want.
7. The grocery store is calm - Gone are the times when the grocery store would be both a myriad of temptation and a navigating nightmare. Gone are the long lines, crowds and fights for the last of the hams or turkeys. Finally you can do your grocery shop in peace.
8. New seasons of your favorite TV shows - We almost forgot to mention that January is great because it's still totally acceptable to spend evenings after work cozied up watching Netflix. But not only that – 2022 is likely to bring new seasons of all your favorite TV shows...meaning a whole new bounty of binge-watching pleasure.

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**SURPRISE!** This is the first issue of what we hope will become a monthly newsletter for Ye Olde Car Club. We hope it can serve as an announcement for our activities, carry a few car advertisements, and run interesting articles on car restoring and car activities. We will need the help of all you cranks, nuts, and wheels out there for **MATERIAL** if we want this to be a success, so send your ideas to your new editor, Jim Vetrano, 2623 Harris Avenue, Richland, -- or call in items at 943-3611.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be December 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Rivershore Inn (small banquet room) in Richland. We will try to minimize the business and put the accent on fun. An interesting and educational movie on old cars is promised. Please try to come--and bring a friend.

This issue of the Gas Gauge is getting a distribution beyond our current membership in the hopes of interesting former members and friends in our activities again. Let's see some of you at the December 11 meeting!

Dues are due! Dues are the sole support of our mailings and other club activities for the year, and we need them now. We would like to put out a new membership roster in our January 4th mailer, so to be sure your name is included, please send \$5 to our new treasurer, Dave Ashby, 1611 W. Brown, Pasco, Washington.

Just heard that our good supplier, Goodyear Rubber Company, has merged with IBM. They intend to put out a computer that makes snap decisions. (Nancy G. will be programming it.)

The printing of the Gas Gauge is made possible through the combined efforts of Bob Henrich and CBC. Bob found an unused and broken duplicating machine at CBC, and after some discussions made arrangements to borrow it for an indefinite period. He fixed it up so that it runs as smoothly as his "T", and we are now in the printing business.

## FEATURES

Thanks (?) to Bob Graves for the following feature:

"Gledstone Hard only received a footnote in the archives of early automotive history, yet he was the first to use sheet metal on previously all-wooden bodies.

In his heyday, the "Bangor Bungler" was known all over the state of Maine. His vehicle, the Mainmobile, like the rest of his inventions, was created entirely by trial and error. But, for all the good that might be said of this early means of motorized transportation, Gladstone Hurd's wasn't quite as fast as a slow walker. The fact that the Mainmobile would only go four miles an hour was attributed to its square design and Gladstone's ungainly 362 pounds.

All this changed one slightly overcast day in 1871 when, in desperation, Hurd decided to streamline his vehicle. To do this, he took a giant step forward and slapped a long, narrow metal fin to each side, then further cut wind resistance by sloping the front end downward. As Gladstone busied himself, large crowds gathered to watch his clumsy movements.

At last he was ready for the run. Would it work? Would this new application of sheet metal overcome his enormous weight, thus enabling the Mainmobile to break its own speed record?

The rest is history. So effectively were weight and wind resistance problems resolved that Hurd and his Mainmobile became airborne almost immediately. The sonic boom that followed Gladstone's flight around the globe was fondly referred to as...the first Hurd shot 'round the world."

#### TECHNICAL TIPS

The following article comes from Continental Comments, but we think it would apply to most electric car clocks (what about it, Houston?).

1/2 "When LC electric clocks run very slowly, or do not run at all, they can usually be restored to operation as follows:

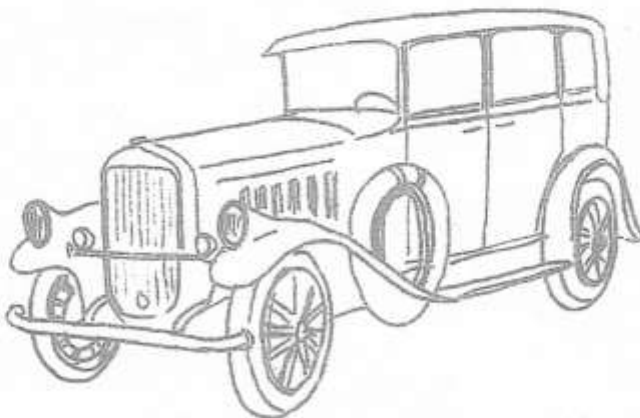
1. Remove the clock from the dashboard.
2. Disassemble the clock from its case, carefully, and note the connections, etc., so you put it back together the same way. A little ground strap on the back is most important. DO NOT TAKE OFF THE HANDS OR FACE, or anything off the clock works itself.
3. Suspend the clock, face down, in Kerosene, dipping it in depth just so the mechanical portion is in kerosene. Leave it overnight.
4. Then shake off excess kerosene, the next day.
5. There is a tiny pair of electric contacts on the pulse winder-- you'll spot them easy. Gently separate and put a strip of very fine crocus cloth or 400 sandpaper between the points, and gently clean them, letting the points spring tension do the job. Do not overdo--just shine them.
6. Pour acetone (get in any drug store) over the electrical end, to clean this section. Don't soak, just pour over. Ditto on the mechanical end

7. Oil with watchmakers oil - or your wife's sewing machine oil, or 3 in 1.
8. Retape the power wire if it needs it.
9. Move the winding lever to wind the clock, manually. It will start to run. Let it run down, shake off any excess oil. Try it on 6-volts (Remember, positive ground), and it will wind up itself and start running.
10. Check your fuse, and make sure you have power to the clock itself.
11. Re-assemble in case, put back in dash. Adjust gain rate by screw in back. Start in the middle position first.

In the past six months I have returned 4 LC clocks to operation by this method. TOM LARCH (Md.)"

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Heard of two 1928 Pierce Arrow Sedans (Model 81)—one a bit chopped up but restorable, and the other pretty nice, for around \$1200-\$1300 the pair. Contact Harold Petrie, 5616 S. E. 56th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97206, if serious, or see Jim Vetrano for more of the story.



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# WOMEN'S CORNER

## Getting Old (ain't it great!)

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

There are three signs of old age. The first is your loss of memory. The other two I forget.

You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just, as long as you don't have to go along.

Getting old is when work is a lot less fun - and fun a lot more work.

Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. Isn't that the darndest time for a guy to get those odds?

You know you're getting on in years when the girls at the office start confiding in you.

You're getting old when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.

A man has gotten older when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

Getting old is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

You know you're getting old when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

You know you're getting old when you have stopped growing at both ends and have begun to grow in the middle.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Of course I'm against sin; I'm against anything that I'm too old to enjoy.

Billy Graham has described heaven as a family reunion that never ends. What must hell possibly be like? Home videos of the same reunion?

At my age, "getting a little action" means I don't need to take a laxative.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.

You're getting old when getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

You're getting old when you wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.

The cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good, spit it out.

Doctor to patient: I have good news and bad news: the good news is that you are not a hypochondriac.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

You know you're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.

Last Will and Testament: Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



### Birthdays

Bev Boothe	January 13	Judy Bughi	January 25
Dodd Coutts	January 10	Jim Davis	January 31
Mary Fraser	January 22	Curtis Kooiker	January 5
Marlene Kuch	January 9	Barb Meyer	January 22
Gary Osborn	January 6	Lindy Patterson	January 28
Sal Saenz	January 11	Stephen Scott	January 18
Sarah Scott	January 26	Jack Varnado	January 6
Martha Varnado	January 2	Gene Wattenburger	January 27
Bill White	January 4		



### Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Donaldson	January 6
Bob & Dolores McClary	January 23
Larry & Diana Stephenson	January 15

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