



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club May 2022 Newsletter

## May 2022 Prez says ramblings

I think I know why this month is named "May"! It may rain, it may snow, and it may sun shine. New members for the month of April are: Patrick and Marianne Goble with a 1963 Chevrolet Nova, Mike and Kim Marmon with a 1934 Buick 61 and 1957 Pontiac Laurentian, Bill and Allie Melvin with a 1967 Dodge Charger and 1969 Plymouth GTX, and Mike and Michelle Rose with a 1949 Plymouth business Coupe. Welcome to the club and we hope you enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

Rainy weather seems to be the topic of the day. The Sunnyside car show and our Swap Meet didn't fair too well, weather wise. Thursday's setup was a very wet one for the members working in the field and pavement. But the highlight of the day was the chicken dinner and side dishes provided.

Even though the weather was not that great, it was still a successful swap meet, and thank you go out to all the wonderful volunteers that made this year's swap meet such a great one. Job well done!!! We had about 40 members at the swap meet dinner or helping in various sections during the event. The dollar figures for the income and expenses are still being tabulated, but the donation box netted \$2043.50.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the club is putting on our car show at the Pasco Eagle's Sock Hop at 2829 West Sylvester Street in Pasco from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Please try to attend. This will be the first of three car shows and sock hops at the Eagle's. Remember, this is the location of our Christmas party.

This month's evening meeting and pizza party at Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Rd, Richland from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, will be on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## Bits and Pieces

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs and have fun finding them.

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

We all know Albert Einstein was a genius. But his brother Frank was a monster.

Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors.

Apparently you can't use "Beefstew" as a password, It's not stroganoff.

The most expensive vehicle to operate, by far, is the Costco shopping cart.

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**The Remarkable Body**

The brain is 70% fat.

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**Where in the world.**

The first ATM was installed at a Barclays Bank in Enfield, England in 1967.

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**Fun Food Facts**

Dark chocolate has huge health benefits. It improves bad cholesterol, lowers blood pressure, helps reduce stress and improves vision. A study by Harvard also found that drinking two cups of hot chocolate a day prevented memory decline.

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**Ladies Lunch** had 13 ladies attending. Thank you Ingrid. Bonnie Suminski will host June Ladies Lunch.

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**Some interesting stuff about May:**

Blue jeans were officially invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says, "Marry in May and you'll rue the day."

The Empire State Building opened on May 1, 1931.

Lewis & Clark began their trip up the Missouri River on May 14, 1804.

Amelia Earhart flew across the Atlantic Ocean marking the first solo flight by a woman on May 20, 1932.

San Francisco's beautiful Golden Gate Bridge opened on May 27, 1937.

The Kentucky Derby is on the first Saturday in May.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5.

Mother's Day is on the second Sunday of May.

Armed Forces Day is the third Saturday of May.

Memorial Day is on the last Monday of May.

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**From a friend in the village.** He sent this after we put in some traps to keep squirrels out of the gardens.

"The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a waterslide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not wanting to harm any of God's creatures. So they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since."

Thanks to friend Bill Sullivan for this contribution.

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### **This person had a great start in life, an early exotic present.**

Mr. Allen Swift: Born - 1908, Died – 2010. Mr. Swift had a great start in life and received an early exotic present. Mr. Swift owned and drove the same car for 82 years. Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years? Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, Massachusetts) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death... at the age of 102. He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new. Just thought you'd like to see it. It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. 82 years - That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month). That's British engineering of a bygone era. I don't think they make them like this anymore.

Thanks to Ingrid Smith for this donation.



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**FOR SALE:** Teresa Morton has a collection of metal model cars that her late husband had collected. She would like to sell them. If you are interested, please call her at 509-460-0350

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### **WHO SAYS 13 IS UNLUCKY?**

Take out a one dollar bill and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for the balance-a-balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up

with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished.

Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the Pyramid, ANNETT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the Pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun." At the base of the Pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm, he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning "one nation from many people."

Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13<sup>th</sup> floor. But, think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And for minorities: the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

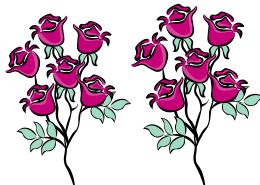
Who says 13 is unlucky?

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## GIFTS FOR MOM

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together one day, they discussed the gifts they were able to give to their elderly mother. The first said, "I built Mom a great big house with a swimming pool." The second said, "I sent her, her own Mercedes Benz car with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. I searched all over the world for this present...You remember how Mom so enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. Well, I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it." It cost me thousands of dollars, but I know she will love it.

Soon thereafter, mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote the first son, Son, thank you for the house you had built for me; however it is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house!" "Gerald," she wrote the next, "Thank you for that fancy car. However, you know I am too ill to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. Besides that, the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "You have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."



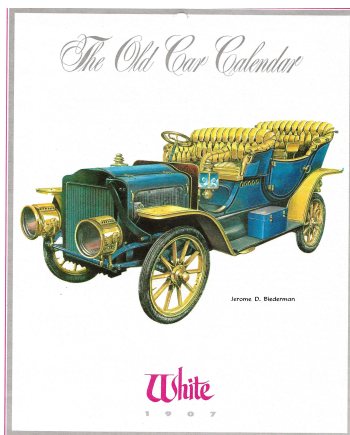
*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!*

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Between 1900 and 1902, Steamers were the most popular models in the automobile business. Despite some apprehension, boiler blow-ups were unknown, and steam automobiles were proved quite safe. The tremendous success of the early Stanleys caused many types of steamers to be built in competition, the most successful being the White, which employed the reduction gear as against Stanleys direct gear. Also, White's fused water-tube boiler on flash-steam principle made it faster, but without the reserve power of the Stanley. Actually, the two were principle competitors in everything but price. White absolutely took over the luxury field.

Much free publicity was gleaned from the 1905 Glidden Tour. Of 44 entrants, seven were White Steam Cars. Mrs. John Cuneo the most famous woman driver of the day, as well as Walter C. White himself, drove in this contest. This was a romantic time when the gasoline-versus-steam battle was going strong, and the Steamer was more than holding its own against the internal combustion engine. By 1907, Whites model was designed on lines similar to gasoline-powered cars and definitely resembled them. A proud owner was President Theodore Roosevelt. Ads a few years later stated that the big advance of the 1910 model over that of 1909 was that "kerosene may be used instead of gas - one of the greatest improvements in the automobile industry.

Around the turn of the century, steam seemed the logical source of power. It ran railroads, powered belts and machinery factories and ran dynamos for the "new" force - electricity. Hence, it seemed more practical for cars than a gas engine. In 1910, White stated emphatically that it was unnecessary to argue that steam was ideal because of the power so smoothly and continuously produced, the lack of vibration, the ease of controlling speed, the ability to "start from the seat" without cranking and the elimination of noise, odor and smoke. The top argument was that the United States Government, the most critical of buyers, was the owner of more White Steam Cars than all other makes combined. A Year later - 1911 - White succumbed to "progress", abandoned steam, and started the production of gasoline-powered cars.



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## Meanwhile, Back on Campus...

The following is an actual question given on a University of Washington chemistry mid-term exam paper:

"Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat), or endothermic (absorbs heat)? Support your answer with a proof." Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools off when it expands and heats up when it is compressed) or some variant thereof.

One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So, we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Some of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since, there are more than one of these religions, and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all people and all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell, because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

- 1.\*\*If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
- 2.\*\*Of course, if Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Mrs. Krissy Jones during my freshman year that "it will be a cold night in Hell before I sleep with you" and take into account the fact that I still have not succeeded in having sexual relations with her, then (2) cannot be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic.

This student got the only A.

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### **What Hallmark Doesn't Print, But Probably Should**

1. So your daughter's a hooker, and it spoiled your day.  
Look at the bright side, it's really good pay.
2. My tire was thumping. I thought it was flat.  
When I looked at the tire...I noticed your cat. Sorry!
3. Heard your wife left you, How upset you must be.  
But don't fret about it... She moved in with me.
4. Looking back over the years that we've been together, I can't help but wonder...  
What the hell was I thinking?
5. Congratulations on your wedding day!  
Too bad no one likes your husband.
6. How could two people as beautiful as you...  
Have such an ugly baby? Congratulations Anyway!
7. I've always wanted to have someone to hold, someone to love.  
After having met you... I've changed my mind.
8. I must admit, you brought Religion into my life.  
I never believed in Hell... till I met you.
9. As the days go by, I think of how lucky! I am...  
That you're not here to ruin it for me.
10. Congratulations on your promotion. Before you go...  
would you like to take this knife out of my back? You'll probably need it again.
11. Someday I hope to get married.  
But not to you.
12. Happy birthday! You look great for your age...  
Almost Life like!
13. When we were together, you always said you'd die for me.  
Now that we've broken up, I think it's time you kept your promise.
14. I am so glad that we are such good friends...  
Relatives always expect money in their card.
15. I'm so miserable without you....  
it's almost like you're here.
16. Congratulations on your new bundle of joy.  
Did you ever find out who the father was?
17. Your friends and I wanted to do something special for your birthday.  
So we're having you put to sleep.
18. Happy Birthday, Uncle Dad!  
(Available only in Arkansas, Kentucky, and parts of South Carolina!)

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In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

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Now You Know

The world builds more than three times as many bicycles every year as cars. Bicycles in Asia alone transport more people than do all the world's autos.

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## WOMEN'S CORNER

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding...

OLDER WOMAN: Is there a problem, Officer?

OFFICER: Ma'am, you were speeding.

OLDER WOMAN: Oh, I see.

OFFICER: Can I see your license please?

OLDER WOMAN: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

OFFICER: Don't have one?

OLDER WOMAN: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

OFFICER: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

OLDER WOMAN: I can't do that.

OFFICER: Why not?

OLDER WOMAN: I stole this car.

OFFICER: Stole it?

OLDER WOMAN: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

OFFICER: You what?

OLDER WOMAN: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

OFFICER 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle.

OLDER WOMAN: Is there a problem sir?

OFFICER 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

OLDER WOMAN: Murdered the owner?

OFFICER 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

OFFICER 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

OLDER WOMAN: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

OFFICER 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

OFFICER 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and

that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

OLDER WOMAN: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

MORAL: Don't Mess With Little Old Ladies

Thanks to my sister Evelyn for this cute (Hmm, could I use this trick?) story.



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### Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



#### Birthdays

Shahna Aioldi	May 2	Russ Armstrong	May 27
Dave Donaldson	May 25	David Gerkenmeyer	May 14
Susan Gerkenmeyer	May 16	Robert Hartwig	May 23
Mary Hoertkorn	May 8	Loretta Jackson	May 2
Gil Linden	May 23	Robert McClary, Jr.	May 29
Debbie McClary	May 30	Mary Ellen Nelson	May 14
Scott Noga	May 19	Barb Paulsen	May 17
Audrey Simmelink	May 23		



#### Anniversaries

Doug & Margaret Cordas	May 10	Jim & Jeri Newell	May 26
Robert & Peggy Parchen	May 22	George & Rochelle Peck	May 4
Randy & Nancy Rutherford	May 23	Frances & BJ Wyland	May 7

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