

# THE GAS GAUGE

YE OLDE CAR CLUB OF THE TRI-CITIES, WASHINGTON  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Meetings, tours, and other get-togethers are the mainstream of our club activities, and usually seem to be enjoyed by all who attend. I'm sure I don't have to remind you that club functions don't just occur by themselves, but do you realize that we are still short several 1977 hosts, including those for March and April? Some clubs have found it necessary to assign hosts, but I consider that to be a last resort. Please call Mike Martin to volunteer your services; remember it isn't necessary to hold a meeting at your own house-- there are plenty of semi-public facilities available.

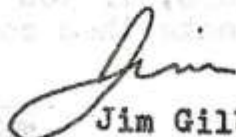
While I'm on the serious side, I would like to ask everyone to check to see that their 1977 dues have been paid. The dues just about cover the costs of the newsletter, and are rather nominal at only \$5.00 per year per family. (Just because you're shown on the 1977 Roster doesn't mean you've paid your 1977 dues.)

This month's newsletter contains the new club roster; we tried to include everyone who had paid either their 1976 or 1977 dues. The club is growing, as we have a net gain of seven new members this year.

A sample of upcoming activities is detailed elsewhere in the newsletter (the Round Tuit II in June and a tour to Leavenworth in October). For details on the FEBRUARY MEETING, see "The Big Winter Breakout".

The Antique Car Show at Columbia Center has been scheduled for May 10 through 15th. Be sure and mark your calendar as the show constitutes one of our major sources of income. I requested that we be paid \$15 per car this year, and was told that this figure would be presented to the Center's Board of Directors.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that your contributions for the newsletter are needed and welcomed. Also, I would like to thank Chuck Anderson for hosting the January meeting and entertaining us with his Dodge and Ford films.

  
Jim Gilbert

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Hans and Joan Dahlke  
Mark Helpingstine  
Bob and Lorraine Hill  
Hazel Heiny

Rusty Holmes  
Paul Lawson  
Pete Reiland  
Larry Schuster

## THE BIG WINTER BREAKOUT

by Mike Martin

I'm an old car who lives in a garage all winter long. My owner put me here last fall. He even took away all my water! He thinks it's for my own good. He thinks I can't stand being out in the cold and wet. Well, he's all wrong.

I remember back when I was just a kid. Boy, we really had some cold winters then. My first owner didn't keep me couped up in a garage then. No. We went out all the time. Wind, rain, snow and mud--we went through them all. Why, if I had a nickel for every time I had mud in my hubs, I'd be able to pay for my own heat in this cold garage.

Well, that's not now. Now I sit here from fall to spring. This year I'm not going to stand for it. I'm going to get out even if it's for only one night. I know my owner wants to get me out. Last weekend he came out and I thought this is going to be it. He kicked my tire and patted my hood. He caressed my front fender and I just about backfired right there. He sat in my seat and played with my steering wheel. He grabbed my gear shift. He made some funny sounds, too. But then he jumped out and closed my door and went around and looked right into my eyes. And he said, "Wait till this spring, old gal." Why the tease! I was so mad I almost popped all my tires right there.

But I've got a plan. I've been in touch with some of the old cars in Walla Walla. They have managed to get their owners to say they would take them out and bring them up here on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th. They are even going to get to stay outside in a parking lot all night.

Here's the plan. If we could get our owners to let us go out and meet them we could get out of our garages for just an evening. We could all meet at the Red Lion in Pasco at 6:30. Our owners can go have cocktails until 7:30 and then eat a buffet style dinner. And they can all tell lies to each other about how nice they have been to us. I'll write down the details so you can all show your owners.

## Details: THE BIG WINTER BREAKOUT

## NO-HOST BUFFET DINNER

## TIME:

Cocktails: 6:30

Dinner: 7:30

COST: \$9.55 per person (check or exact change)

RESERVATIONS: By FEBRUARY 17th to:

Carolyn Martin 586-4438

Floy Durham 547-0657

Myrtle Nesbitt 943-9466

or Lenora Jackson 943-9363

## HOSTS: Durhams and Martins

So all you old cars, if you want out this winter start talking to your owners and make them commit themselves by February 17th.

## THE MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: 1931 NASH 660 \$2000 Glen Herron, Yakima Home: 966-3247 Office: 453-0361	FOR SALE: 1956 STUDEBAKER, good runner, \$200. Leon Adams 547-2762. See at 4120 W. Janet, Pasco
FOR SALE: 1942 FORD 1 Ton Truck S. K. Mattson, 35 S. Yost, Kennewick, Washington 99336 509-783-2674	FOR SALE: NOS Shocks for 1936 CADILLAC may be interchangeable with others. \$45.00each Marlin Sandvig Sandvig Olds 2920 W. Clearwater Kennewick, Washington 99336 509-783-6141
FOR SALE: 1930 FORD Tudor Sedan Near-mint body, good interior, runs very well; needs only paint and bumpers to complete. \$2650 Jim Gilbert, 946-0554	

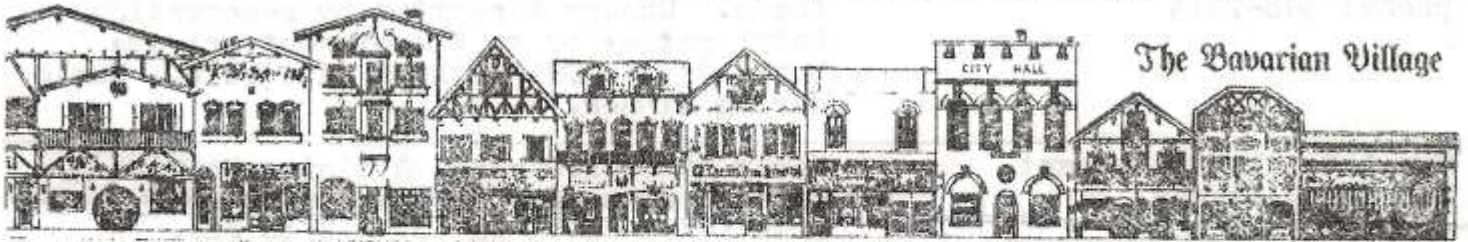
Bernice and Wayne Weihermiller have been busy preparing for their October tour to Leavenworth for the club. Read on for information:

Anyone who thinks they want to go to Leavenworth the first weekend in October (second weekend of the festival) please let me (Bernice) know at which hotel you would like to stay and I will make the reservations. It should be done SOON. I would like to know if anyone wants to cancel later so I can make the reservations available to other people--perhaps from another area.

I have camping information if anyone wants that.

Does anyone want tickets for the Amberleaf Theater?

Bernice Weihermiller 946-7155



## Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 313 Leavenworth, Washington 98826

February 2, 1977

Mrs. Wayne Weihermiller  
1026 Winslow St.  
Richland, Wa. 99352

Dear Mrs. Weihermiller:

Our Autumn Leaf Festival this year will be held from September 24 through October 2. The first Saturday, Sept. 24, will be our parade and this day is very crowded. However, the second weekend of the festival, October 1 and 2nd, would be a nice time for you to come. There will be entertainment in the bandstand, Art in the Park, and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of the second weekend there will be our Amberleaf Theatre.

I have enclosed a list of our accommodations. I suggest your group make reservations now, or as soon as possible.

If you would like to have a special place to park your beautiful old cars then just let me know.

Sincerely,

Lee West  
Secretary

A list of hotels/motels is on the next page. Give Bernice a call and have her make reservations for you now. Enjoy a Bavarian Village during a Festival.

LEAVENWORTH, WA. 98826

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AREA CODE 509

LODGING

Evergreen Schoental Motel  
1127 Front Street  
phone: 548-5515

Two blocks west of town, 15 units, 8 with kitchens. Rates: 1 person \$13, double bed rates \$16 to \$21. 2 bedroom suite \$24. Roll aways \$2, cribs \$1. Children and pets welcome.

Der Ritterhof Motor Inn  
U.S. 2 & Ski Hill Drive  
phone: 548-5845

24 units, air conditioned, phones, color TV, heated pool. Rates: Queen bed units \$19, 2 double bed units 2 people \$21, 3 people \$23, 4 people \$25.

Edelweiss Hotel, Restaurant  
843 Front Street  
phone: 548-7015

Lovely downtown location, restaurant serves both Authentic Bavarian and American foods. Groups & parties by reservation. Hotel rates: \$7 to \$14 without private bath, \$15 to \$21 with private bath. Music during dinner.

Tyrol Hotel, Restaurant  
633 Front Street  
phone: 548-7032

Newly remodeled hotel & dining room. Weekend dancing. Groups & parties by reservation. Hotel rates: \$18 to \$24. 2 room suite \$30. Each person over 2 in party extra.

## COMING EVENTS . . .

## FEBRUARY

- 17 Reservations for get-together with Walla Walla at the Red Lion
- 19-20 Tacoma Model T Swap Meet, Spanaway
- 26 Get-together with Walla Walla--See The Big Winter Breakout

## APRIL

- 2-3 Portland Swap Meet
- 24 Corvallis Swap Meet
- 24 Centralia-Chalis Coming Out
- Beginning the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in April there will be a Swap Meet (Flea Market) every Sunday at the River-Vue Drive In, Pasco

## MAY

- 1 Seattle-Tacoma Breakfast Tour
- 10-15 ANTIQUE CAR SHOW, COLUMBIA CENTER
- 13-14 Olympia Swap Meet
- 22 Roseburg, Oregon Swap Meet

## JUNE

- 3-5 YE OLDE CAR CLUB ROUND TRIP II TOUR

SAVE FOR CAROLYN MARTIN the plastic rings that hold beverage cans together (six-packs). Will be used in tour bag inventions.