

# THE GAS GAUGE

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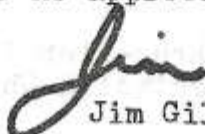
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and Jack Yale

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Including JULY TOUR NOTICE)

Things have been rather quiet around my place the past month as far as old cars go; in fact, the only related activity I've been to recently was the Spokane Swap Meet. That meet was slightly bigger than the Kennewick Meet last Fall; Ford and late Chevrolet parts were in greatest abundance. Cars for sale included a very good unrestored '25 T Fleet-side truck (\$3000) and an excellent unrestored '40 Ford sedan on which best offer was \$2500 when I left. At the other end of the spectrum was a "T" coupe body which sported several hundred bullet holes (I didn't ask the price on that one!). Several other Club members were observed pawing through the rubble, the weather was cool and pleasant, and I did pick up a few odds and ends--an interesting day overall.

Below is information on the July Tour, which is being hosted by the Gilberts, with help from anyone we can get. You will notice that the destination is a "Fair Piece" from the Tri-Cities (about 85 miles). For that reason, we are planning on an earlier start than usual, and would like to maintain a tour speed of about 40 miles per hour (don't feel self-conscious about bringing a modern car if you want to). We scouted the route last weekend, and believe that the destination justifies the travel. Roads are paved, and there are no appreciable grades to climb. See you the 23rd!

  
Jim Gilbert

## JULY TOUR

The July Tour is to Fort Simcoe. We will assemble in the Columbia Center parking area at 8:30 am on Saturday, July 23rd. Please bring your own table service and a salad or dessert to share. The main dish, beer and pop will be furnished. Tour speed will be approximately 40 m.p.h. YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST CALL 946-0554 NO LATER THAN JULY 19th if you are planning to participate, as we need an accurate count for the food. With luck, we will return to the Tri-Cities by about 7:00pm.

UNFORTUNATELY THE BREMERTON SWAP MEET is scheduled for July 23 and 24th and consequently conflicts with the date of the Fort Simcoe Tour. We attempt to schedule events to avoid such conflicts, but it is not always possible.

REMEMBER FOREST GROVE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE ON JULY 31st. More information is available in the June Gas Gauge. If you have misplaced your June newsletter check with the Richland Public Library--our newsletters are kept on file there.

Did anyone participate in the West Richland Fourth of July Parade? We had only one phone call from Virgil Harrison in response to the notice in the June Gas Gauge . . . Everyone was out of town.

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Your articles and ads are welcomed  
DEADLINE is the 5th of the month.  
Editor: Dixie Gilbert

September 18th Winthrop, Wash. is having an antique car show and raffle. The raffle prize is a miniature Model T with 3 h.p. motor. You don't have to be present to win and the car will be delivered anywhere in the state. Tickets are \$1 and they can be bought from Gary or Alycia Jacobsen, 884-4857.  
--Wenatchee Valley Antique Auto Club

THE PORTLAND HCCA ANNUAL TOUR IS AUGUST 5th, 6th and 7th. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED SO ACT NOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. Your car must be a 1932 or older to participate in the tour. I have fliers for the Portland Tour (as I do for most of the tours listed below).

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### JULY

- 15-17 Sea-Tac HCCA Red Carpet Tour
- 16 SW Washington Swap Meet, Vancouver--Flier in May newsletter
- 23 TOUR TO FORT SIMCOE
- 23-24 Bremerton Swap Meet
- 24 Village Green Concours D'Elegance, Cottage Grove, Oregon
- 25-28 National HCCA Tour--Dillon, Colo.
- 27-30 Pacific N.W. Regional Model A Tour--Inn of the 7th Mt.
- 30 10th Annual Tacoma Model T Tour
- 31 Forest Grove Concours D'Elegance, Forest Grove, Oregon

##### AUGUST

SOMETIME IN AUGUST BIRCHILL'S will host a tour to the Preston Vineyards and the new Tasting Room. Plans are for a picnic afterwards. More in next month's Gas Gauge.

- 5-7 Portland HCCA Annual Tour, Oakridge area
- 20-21 Longview Unique Tin Swap Meet--Fairgrounds
- 28 Eugene Swap Meet

##### SEPTEMBER

- 9-11 Three-Club Vintage Chevrolet Meet, Centralia
- 24-25 Centralia-Chehalis Swap Meet

##### OCTOBER

- 1-2 \*\*WEIHERMILLER'S TOUR TO LEAVENWORTH FOR THE AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL
- 8-9 Monroe Swap Meet
- 9 Canby, Oregon Swap Meet

##### NOVEMBER

- 5-6 9th Annual Olympic Vintage Swap Meet

~~PLEASE CHECK ALL DATES with the sponsoring club or organization. Every effort is made to print accurate information, but cancellations and date changes can result in an uneventful drive.~~

\*\*LEAVENWORTH--Bernice made motel reservations for those of you who contacted her, BUT YOU MUST SEND A DEPOSIT DIRECTLY TO THE MOTEL TO GUARANTEE YOUR ROOMS. THIS SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Call Bernice at 946-7155 for details and the address. More information on the tour is in the February and June newsletters.

A NEW ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE MAGAZINE has started publication the last few months. Subscription rate is \$5.00 per year. NORTHWEST ANTIQUE AUTO & PARTS, 338 NW 85th St., Seattle, Wa. 98117 Tele: 206-789-2990  
Check the Spokesman Review under the Antique Autos For Sale for their ad.

From the Fender Chatter (Spokane)--. . . Darrel Rosencranz is going to open his own antique car parts business on East Sprague. . .

Taken from the December 1968 issue of the Gas Gauge . . .

"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 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 . . ."

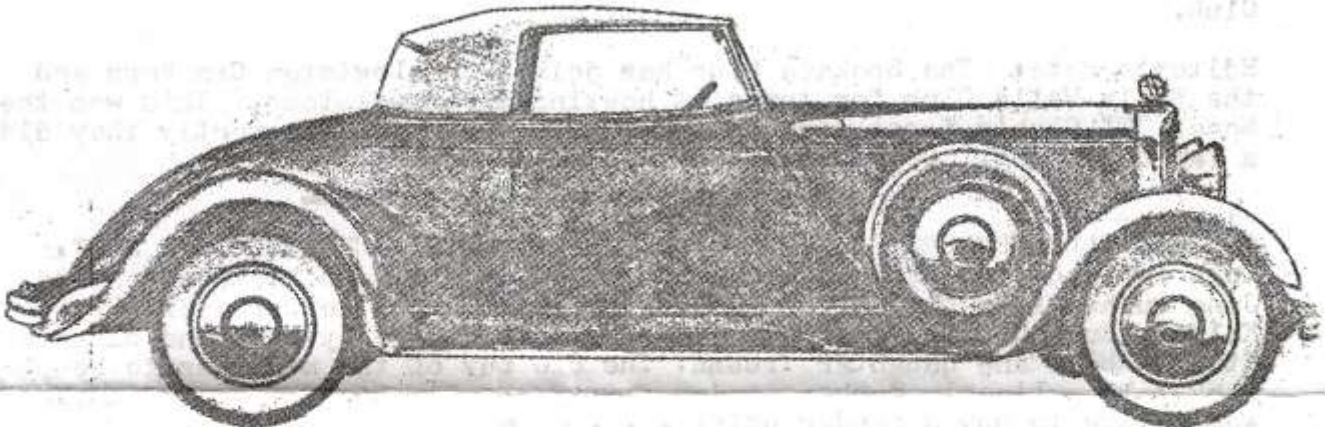
The first editor was Jim Vetrano. The gas Gauge has now been in existence for 8 1/2 years.

Taken from the February 1969 issue . . .

"Hi, there car fans. This month we are adding a new feature to The Gas Gauge which we hope can become more or less permanent. It is Ivan Jacques' column "Can You Name It?". The true identity of the mystery car will be revealed by Ivan at each meeting. Anyone guessing it correctly before this gets to set up a round."

Below is Ivan's first drawing/column. Does anyone remember the data or care to make a guess?

## Can You Name It ?



Make ? \_\_\_\_\_

Year ? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cylinders ? \_\_\_\_\_

## SPOKANE'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY TOUR

By Mike Martin

This was the first invitational tour sponsored by the Spokane Model "T" group. From the opening whosh of the first keg on Friday afternoon until the fading chimes of the carousel on Monday morning, it was a huge success.

The organization of both tours became evident when at each turn in the road a Spokane car was posted to point the correct direction. This made the routes easy to follow by the seventy-plus cars.

The Saturday tour took us north through the forested hills and valleys along the Spokane River then to Fairchild Air Force Base where we examined the Air Force's antiques (the B52 Bomber and the KC135 Tanker).

Sunday's tour went south through the rolling wheat country with stops at Mt. Hope, Fairfield, Latah, Tekoa, Waverly and Spangle. Both Kelseys had mixed feelings about seeing how their crops should look.

The food was so good and plentiful that it brought even the heaviest eaters to their knees. We had a breakfast on Saturday and Monday, lunches on Saturday and Sunday (one actually was a buffet dinner), and evening banquets Saturday and Sunday. If anyone left Spokane hungry it was his own fault.

At the awards banquet, we had a special guest from the L. A. Vatorie Co. who gave a presentation of his company's fine line of comfort fixtures (outhouses). Also five men were more than thrilled to each receive a \$2 refund from their favorite establishment at Wallace, Idaho.

The carousel at Spokane's River Front Park was free for our use on Monday morning. This carousel was originally in Natatorium Park then moved and restored for the World's Fair.

The Yuletide festivities were attended by four families from the Tri-Cities: the Kelseys from Lind, the Kelseys from Connell, the Jacksons (plus daughter and son-in-law) and the Martins. We all had a good time and are awaiting the next tour hosted by the Spokane Model "T" Club.

Editor's note: The Spokane Club has joined the Lewiston Crankers and the Walla Walla Club for turns at hosting an annual tour. This was the Model "T" Club's first time to sponsor the tour and apparently they did a fantastic job. Congratulations.

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SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS SORTED THROUGH THE PARTS AT THE RENO SWAP MEET: Cork and Audrey Simmelink, Jerry and Floy Durham (and brother Ken and June Durham from Milton-Freewater), Dale and Nancy Westermeyer, Craig Kelsey, Buzz O'Connor, Chuck Anderson, Jack and Peggy Yale and daughters, Stan Nesbitt and daughter Tressa. The BIG buy of the meet has to be Jack Yale's Lincoln Zepher fender skirtS--he bought FOUR . . . if anyone would like to buy a fender skirt . . .

I hear that some pleasure was mixed with the serious business of buying and selling. Several of our swappers watched Tennessee Ernie Ford entertain.

THE SPOKANE SWAP MEET ATTRACTED SEVERAL TRI-CITIANS: Frank Baker, Chuck Anderson, Jack and Peggy Yale, Paul Duchene, Jim Gilbert, Mike and Carolyn Martin, Craig Kelsey, Dennis Kelsey and Jim Stafford.

If you were at one of the swap meets, but not listed, I apologize--you were simply lost in the crowd.

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Wayne and Bernice Weihermiller attended the International Antique Car Meet in Edmonton, Alberta Canada on July 1-4. They encountered mechanical trouble with the Cord, but miraculously found pieces and continued with the tour. Someone said the Cord has someone with a halo following it. More on the Edmonton Tour next month.

LENORA AND HOUSTON JACKSON would like to thank everyone for their help with the Round Tuit II Tour in June. It takes teamwork to make things work and the club members pitched in when they were needed. Thank you.

THERE WILL BE AN ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR AUCTION ON SATURDAY, JULY 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds. Inspection will be July 15th and 16th. There should be approximately 40 cars for sale. I have a flier if you would like more information (946-0554). The flier has a partial list of cars for sale.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE (IN THE JUNE GAS GAUGE) REGARDING OUR INVITATIONAL TOUR. Several questionnaires have been returned, but by no means all.

THE MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE	FOR SALE
1947 CHEV Club Coupe Fleet Master Claude's Auto Body Shop, 404 N. Fruitland, Kennewick, Wash. 99336 Tele: 582-8835 Home/582-2773	1925 FRANKLIN Dr. Coupe, 100% complete. \$5600 1922 CHANDLER Touring Sedan \$12,000 1915 ROADSTER "T" Very nice \$7200 1928 2dr Sedan \$4500 1930 Town Sedan \$4500 Call Glen Weston 208-664-5630 Ida. Portland Gas Leak
WHEELS (Model B ?) 5.25 5.50 x 18, wire spoke, 5 hole Bob Haner, Tele: 547-4340	WANTED
Late '31 2dr Model A Sedan Body '26 Touring Body complete with doors, have frame, rearend, front axle, top irons, fenders, headlights and buckets. One pair '29 Cadillac welled front fenders for V8--very nice shape. Gary Jacobsen, P.O. Box 1005, Wenatchee, Wash. 98801 PH884-4857 Wenatchee Valley Antique Auto Club	Wind Wing Mounting brackets for 1923 "T" Touring. John Irvine 636-2011 Portland Gas Leak
1913 MICHIGAN Display Sign in good condition. No oil stains. John Santee PH666-2523 Portland Gas Leak	Right Front Door Handle for 1929 Buick. Al Alley 666-1752 Portland Gas Leak
Custom Built Trailer for hauling Model "T" Fords. Glenn Slack 287-5966 Portland Gas Leak	Set of wire wheels for M.G.A. with hubs. Contact Tom Caudill, 1547 Methow Wenatchee, Wash. 98801 662-5025 Wenatchee Valley Antique Auto Club
IHC 4 cylinder Tractor, Leo Freier- muth PH255-7685 Gas Leak	The name and location of any an- tique automobile clubs in the nor- thwest. J. L. Gilbert, 1909 Pop- lar, Richland, Wash. 99352

EDNA AND WALLACE BIRCHILL

How did I (we) become interested in old cars? I've always been a collector. My pockets were always full of rocks, toads, small cars and bits and pieces of anything I could find. From time as far back as I can remember I've collected. I still have my red cast iron fire engine Santa brought me when I was 3 years old.

Several times during my life I've owned an old car but mostly because of necessity when I couldn't afford a new one. At that time I thought "never again" when I had replaced it with a newer one.

Edna and I had collected, restored and/or refinished oak furniture until the house is full of it. Edna has over 100 Victorian Christmas lights along with many goblets and wine glasses. I have a collection of school bells among other things. One bell has a handle that looks as if it were moth eaten. It must have been used by a hot blooded spinster that stood on the step of a one room school and pealed that bell telling the children "It's time for school".

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Friends and relatives would say, "Where's your old car?". Edna started saying, "We should have an old car to go with this other junque". I saw an ad for a Model A Ford Tudor Sedan for sale at Moses Lake. We were visiting there at the time and drove by to see it. After some dickering we came to an agreement on price so we towed it home. That was the beginning of an ongoing thing. I've always been a Dodge-Chrysler man so when I found a 1937 Dodge I bought it. 1937 is a significant year for both Edna and me. I'm working on a 1928 Tudor Ford Model A. We also have a 1955 DeSoto.

Wallace Birchill

The Birchills joined the club about 2 and a half years ago. They went on the Calgary Tour as non-members and joined the next fall. Both are native Washingtonians--Edna grew up in Moses Lake and Wallace in Wilber. The move to the Tri-Cities was in 1964. The Birchills will be hosting our August trip to the Preston Vineyards and new tasting room. They are active members, participating in almost all of our undertakings. Thank you.



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