



# Gas Gauge



October 2008

## Monthly newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club

Be on the look out for this woman.



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### Well We did it again !!

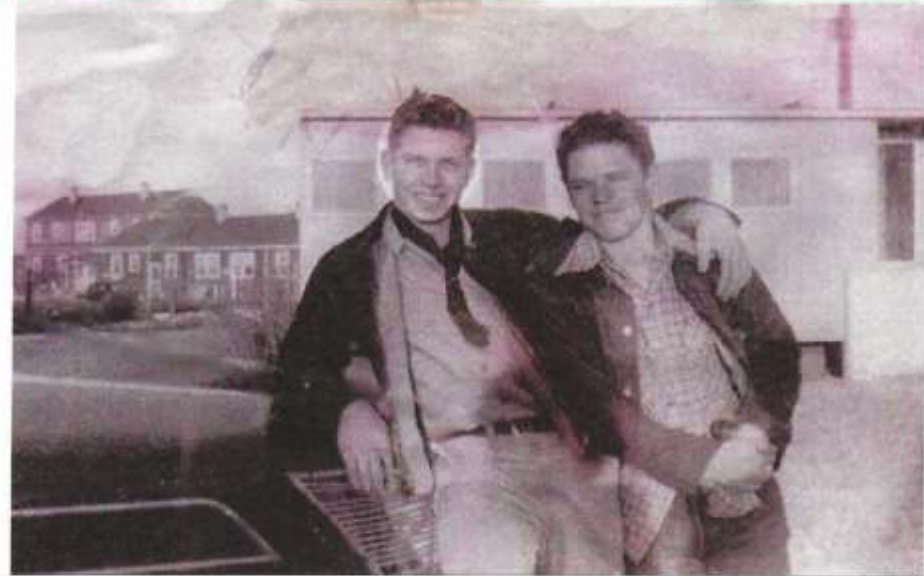
We won another trophy. This time at the Prosser States Day Parade. We have been to the Parade in Prosser several times in the past. We

didn't get any pictures this year, but we did get a trophy. I don't know what it sure is We do have a bunch of pictures from past trips and I thought you might want to see them to show you how much fun we have on our little day trips.



and encourage more of you to come with next time. Check out the pictures on page #2 for all the excitement.

## Another Guess Who



Who is the guy on the left?



Don't they look excited?



That's nut picken fer ya.



Had a good crowd 2002.



Of course there was food

## Bob Ilten's 1928 Model A Leatherback:



My wife and I purchased our 1928 Model A on 10-18-05 from our neighbor's son, Ted Meier. As far as we know, the original owner was W.F. Sonderman of Kennewick, WA. Ted's father, Jake Meier, purchased this car about 1953 with plans to restore "her". Jake already had a '55 Dodge truck he was restoring so the "A" sat in the garage for over 50 years - with a tank full of gas! (You can guess what that smelled like!)

After Jake passed away Ted decided to sell "her" but wanted someone from the family or at least in their circle of friends to have this historic vehicle. We'd been neighbors together on Highland Drive since the early '60's. Neighbor Mike McKnight was doing some work for

Ted as he prepared to sell the home place. When Mike saw the Model A he told Ted I'd be interested and had talked to Jake about it many years ago. So that's how I managed to purchase the "A".

It needed some work so Mike pulled "her" over with his tractor and then the work began. We pulled the "A" to the garage, pulled the spark plugs and put a little oil in each cylinder for lubrication. We inserted the spark plugs, set a gas can on the hood, put it in high gear and pulled it very slowly with the tractor. We turned on the gas and the key and "she" started right up - with a lot of black smoke. After a few minutes the smoke went away and she was running real smooth - after 50 years in the garage!!

We removed the body and sand blasted the frame and finished it with a good coat of black paint. About this time I had to trailer her to the State Patrol for inspection. "Dave" at the Patrol was amazed that the motor and the frame had the same serial number! "This is just unheard of", he said!

After having Fred Fraser and Jack Yale look at her they both suggested to keep it all original. So I've tried to keep it that way. There were many frustrations along the way (like all of you know) restoring a vehicle. But - it's worth it in the end.

So the bottom line - the "A" is almost all original with the original engine and frame, "leather" top, paint, windows, etc. And to think it's "only" 80 years old - older than me!

## Prez sez

It's hard to believe that 3/4 of the year has flown by. There is still a month or two to keep those cars on the road, so enjoy them while you can.

In October Audrey Simmelink is still planning a trip to the walnut farm in October so get that date on your calendar.

In November the veterans day parade is always an annual event. October the 4th Fred Fraser is working with the "T" Club to put on a car show in Sacajawea Park. See info elsewhere in the newsletter on this event.

We will be planning the December Dinner meeting soon so be sure and put that date on your calendar as well. There will be election of officers at that time.

Enjoy these last days of summer and dearly fall. We are blessed with perfect weather to enjoy touring with our cars.

You might start thinking about who you would like for our club officers next year. If you are interested in running for office please let your intentions known, mention it to Martha. We are getting a lot of new members, let's show them what a great club we are.

There is a story developing about some criminal activities going on involving the woman pictured on the front page and another respected member of our club.

## October Birthdays

1st	Ward Moberg	14th	John Nelson
2nd	Myrtle Nesbitt	19th	Red Rutherford
4th	Rachel Gould	20th	Jan Underwood
7th	Lee Jackson	22nd	Dale Petty
8th	Bill Boyce	24th	Sandy Klipper

## Anniversaries

16th	Terry and Edris Shegrud
24th	Michael and Sherrie Boob
25th	Ken and Carolyn Shreve

## What's Happening

Oct 12, 12:30 pm Meet at Audrey's 3101 W Canal Kennewick to go to the nut picking fest. Bring bag to pick walnuts. Lunch will be served. All donations will go to the Don't Quit Program at CBC. For more details call

Audrey @ 783-6681 or Sharee Rhodes @ 545-6325

## Thoughts to Ponder

How a person masters his fate is more important than what his fate is  
 Wilhelm Von Humboldt

Keep in mind .... to a dog you are family and to a cat you are staff.

What can be added the happiness of a person who is health, out of debt, and has a clear conscience?

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4.5 M.P.H. 30-35 M.P.G. (AIR-COOLED)  
**1914 SCRIPPS-BOOTH** CYCLE CAR  
 100" W.B.  
 2 CYLINDERS (10-12 H.P.) 400 SOLD, AT A PRICE  
 NARROW 36" TREAD (WIDTH OF ONLY \$385., f.o.b.  
 FROM WHEEL TO WHEEL) ALLOWED  
 THIS SMALL CAR TO PASS THROUGH A GARDEN GATE! 5<sup>TH</sup> GEAR (RATIO)

MFD. BY THE SCRIPPS-BOOTH CO., DETROIT (1913-1922)

OTHER CYCLE CARS (under NAMES STARTING with K to S):  
 KELLER KAR; KOPPIN;  
 LACONIA; LAVIGNE;  
 LECOMTE; LITTLE  
 DETROIT SPEEDSTER;  
 LOGAN; LOS ANGELES;  
 LU-LU; MALCOLM;  
 MAHR; MECCA;  
 MERCURY; MERKEL;  
 MERZ; METZ;  
 MINNO;  
 MOHAWK;  
 MORSE;  
 (TOWNS AT LOWER LEFT)

CHAIN-BELT DRIVE  
 ... MOTO-KART; O WE-GO;  
 PACIFIC; PACKET; PEDURSEN;  
 P.E.T.; PETER PAN; PETERS;  
 PETERS-WALTON; PIONEER;  
 PORTLAND; PRIDEMORE;  
 PRINCESS; PURITAN;  
 RED ARROW; REMMOND; REX;  
 SAGINAW; SALVADOR;  
 SHAW; SHERIDAN; SIGMA;  
 STATES; STECO; STICKNEY  
 MOTO-FRETTE; STORMS; STROUSE

RAYFIELD; REAL;  
 RITZ; ROBBIE; ROCKET; ROYAL;  
 SHARP; GEARLESS; SHARON; SHARP;  
 SNYDER; SPRITE; STANDARD;

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### 1914 Scripps-Booth Cyclecar

**F**unny face! "The little car with the big countenance!" That's what one might think when looking upon this strange, little critter! This Scripps-Booth Cyclecar seemed to have distinct facial features, and might call to mind later cars of that ilk (like the "buck-toothed" '50 Buick, the "frog-faced" '68 Subaru, the "bullet-nosed" '50-to-'51 Studebaker, etc.). You could call this the "Surprised Scripps-Booth," as it appeared to have a certain startled look! Some may call it "cute," others would say it's "weird," "grody," or just plain ugly. But, it was designed for economy.

The first Scripps-Booth Cyclecar was created during 1913, and long-time *Auto Album* readers may remember the 1913 "Bi-Autogo" by Scripps, a large and strange half-car, half-motorcycle.

Though today's presentation appeared first in 1913, it continued mostly in the 1914 model series. Four hundred sales was a low figure for a car that should have had wide popular appeal because of its low cost. As the cyclecar idea appeared to be a "flop," Scripps-Booth then turned to a more conventional type of automobile. In 1918, General Motors bought out the company, but continued to manufacture Scripps-Booth full-sized-cars until the 1923 models appeared.

In the text of the illustration, notice the many other brands of cycle cars listed (and these were only the names starting with K through S). Most of these flourished but briefly, during the mid-teens. Some got only as far as a pilot model or a stock promotion campaign. And, none ever achieved mass production.

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