



Gas Gauge



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Monthly newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club



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ONCE UPON A TIME

Sometime in 1960 two fellow workers on the Hanford Project (Jim Stafford and Fred Suchow) thought it would be a good idea to form a club of people who, like themselves, were interested in restoring and driving older cars. Back then "old cars" pretty much meant those vehicles that had survived WW1....mostly 30's vintage vehicles and also Model T's and other early brass cars. To see what interest was out there they put an ad in the Hanford News (The project news paper) asking people to contact them. There was no response.

Two years later, Gil Linden tried with another ad. This time the response was good and by August of 1962 a few people were meeting to discuss what directions to take. By September 1962 the group gelled and they started collecting dues and setting up officers. Gil Linden was named president and Fred Suchow treasurer. The term "charter member" is difficult to define. The following list shows the original members and the dates in which they paid dues. A few months later the accounts of the new club show people paying renewal memberships. This list then shows those who joined in the first year and should be

considered founding fathers so to speak. 9/11/62 John C. Hall, H. L. Jackson, W. J. Rose, Harold W. Neptune, C. E. Durham

9/24/62 Bob Graves, Bill Graves,

10/9/62 James E. Stafford, Charles E. Lewis, Gil Linden,

Don Keen

11/13/62 Bob Buckett, R. M. Simmelink, Clarence Medlock, Dale Henson, Byron King, Chuck Moore

1/9/63 David Sleater, Jerry Sleater, Clarence Nelson, Lee Noga

1/27/63 Fred Suchow, J. C. Pratt

2/15/63 Keith Lechelt, Dick Plester,

7/2/63 H. W. Johnson

7/30/63 Lou Harvey

9/26/63 Thad Coleman

This article was submitted by Jim Vetrano and he will be submitting more articles about the club's earlier years. If you can think of something of interest please don't hesitate to send it to me.

Thoughts to Ponder

You don't have to be rich and famous to be happyyou only need to be rich
Never marry for money, you can borrow it cheaper.

Dennis Jackson's latest project



This is what it looked like when I bought it



This is what I want it to look like.



This is some of the problems I ran into along the way.



Got it fixed, not by a professional but by me the novice. Good HUH?

I also did some work on the dashboard.
You should have seen it before I started.



I will keep you up to date on my progress just in case you see something you want to help me with.



This looks like we might be attending a funeral back in the 40's. Not so, This a presentation of the Tombstone Tales put on by the CREHST Museum that we were invited to to add some reality to the pageant. In the picture on the right are some of the actors that portrayed some the people who passed on and are buried in the cemetery.



The woman in the rocker is explaining to the school kids what life was like when she was alive here in Richland. Cars in attendance were,
Jack Yale (model "A"
Martha, Dodge Pickup, John Nelson screenside, Pete Jackson, Model "A"
Ed Edwards, Model "A"



Prez sez

Fall is here and the foliage is beautiful. We have had a perfect fall so far this year and the colors are so vivid. Aydrey Simmelink led another car out north of Pasco to the walnut farm. They along the River Road and she said it was a great drive. Jack Yale has been wanting to do a foliage tour, so on Wednesday after breakfast on the 29th he and several others took off down the backroads to Milton Freewater and then on to Harris Park then off to Westin for lunch. We were invited by the CREHST Museum to bring some cars to the old Richland Cemetery on the 24th and 25th What a great experience. There are some pictures else where in the newsletter and even more info on the blog. (yeoldecarclub.blogspot.com) On Nov 8th we will honor the vets in West Richland Vets Parade, staging will be at 8am and the parade at 9:30am.

The Christmas party will be held at McGills on the corner of Argent and Rd. 68 in Pasco Dec 12th at 6pm. We will be ordering from the menu. We will be having a gift exchange, one from each person with a limit of \$10 per gift. The club will give each person \$5 to help cover the cost of dinner. We will be electing officers for the next year so please try to be there. Please call Martha @ 582-7530 to confirm a reservation. We have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Jack Yale, Pete Jackson, and John Nelson and

November Birthdays

2nd	Rich Gilbert	19th	Bob ilten
2nd	Roy Holmes	24th	Joe Kuhns
8th	Greg Linden	25th	Cindy Underwood
9th	Chuck Sundgren	27th	Kathy Petty
10th	Frank Smith	28th	Jolene Kuhns

Anniversaries

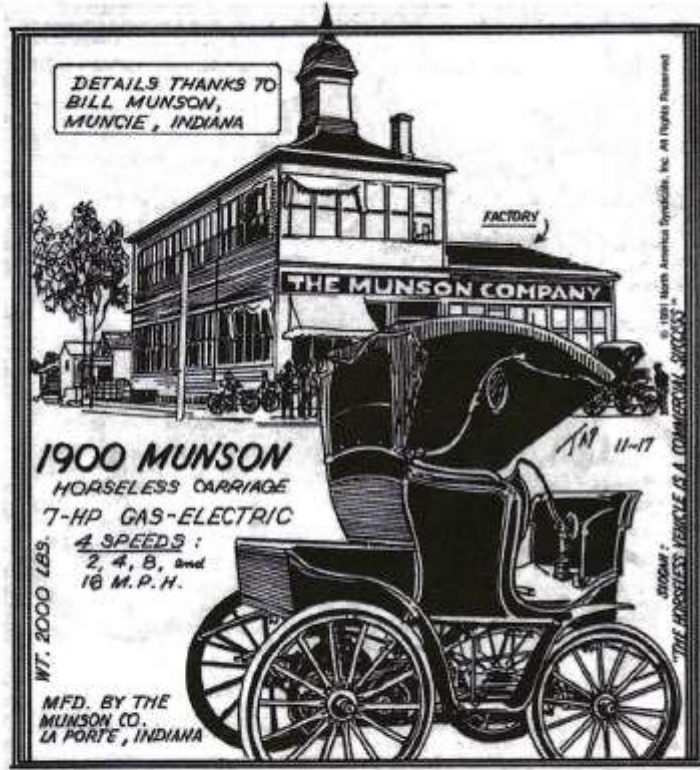
24th	Don & Marti Meyers
24th	Jerry & Mary Mokler

they are looking for anyone interested in running for office.

Last January we made a list of people who wanted green club jackets and they are now available at a cost of \$16. We have plenty of club patches. Please let Martha @ 582-7530 know that you want one

I know I have been sporadic with the blog yeoldecarclub.blogspot.com ,however I am trying to be more consistent. I have now posted some more information on our trip to the cemetery and will post an article that Terry Shegrud had published in Restorer magazine. Also sorry about being late this month, computer went belly up and had to buy a new one. It still isn't completely up and running but got the newsletter to work. Sorry.

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1900 Munson

According to various reports, the Munson Company of La Porte, Ind. produced motor vehicles sometime between 1896 and 1902—but not for that entire timespan. We DO know that there was a 1900 Munson, and we're grateful to William B. (Bill) Munson of Muncie, Ind. for sending detailed information on the car and its manufacturer, including a reprint of an original sales catalog!

The Munson gas-electric was driven by a self-starting electric motor, but also used a gasoline engine to generate power for recharging the battery.

In addition to operating the factory in La Porte, various Munsons were instrumental in establishing and maintaining auto dealerships throughout the state of Indiana, with affiliations in Virginia, North Carolina, and elsewhere.

At one time or another, Munson dealerships have sold Allens, AMC cars, Buicks, Cadillacs, Chevrolets, Chrysler Corp. cars and trucks, Datsuns, Federal trucks, Fords, Graham-Paiges and Grahams, Hudsons, Jeeps, Lincolns, Mack trucks, Nashes, Packards, Pierce-Arrows, Pontiacs, Studebakers, Willys-Overland products, and others! Some of the Munson dealerships are still going strong today.

The first Munsons to establish a dealership were Burr N. Munson and Gael D. Munson (Allen Cars, 1916, at Warsaw, Ind.). In 1931, Burr Munson also introduced his invention of a chrome wheel trim cover to enhance the appearance of ordinary wood-spoked wheels; at that time, he was selling Studebakers.

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