



Gas Gauge



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Monthly newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club



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What does this person have in common with Chocolate candy

Christmas Party

We had a wonderful Party this year. We had about 50 people show up, including some people we haven't seen for a while



Gil Linden who usually makes it for Christmas dinner.



The Duffields, Russ & Helen from Moxie

and Kay Henson from Yakima.

We had dinner at McGill's on the corner of Rd. 68 and Argent in Pasco. The food was great, we were able to order off of the menu. There was plenty of room and the prices weren't all that bad and the service



was pretty good. The gift exchange didn't go so well because Bob McClary thought all the gifts were for him. We finally were able to



convince him that they weren't and Jack Yale found one he liked and hid in the corner and looked at the pictures the rest of the night.



Martha kept a close watch on Joe Kuhns while he tried to find something he could sell at his flea market. (Just kidding

Martha wasn't watching him, she was fighting to stay awake). Speaking of Martha, she was reelected President this year and we have a new Vice pres. Meet Phil Prather. We are



hoping that Phil will relieve some of the pressure on Martha and keep this club growing. Phil is going to need all of our help this next year. Speaking of help, I need your help. I am putting together a new Member Roster and I need updated information such as address, phone #s, E-mail and cars owned. Please get that info to me any way you can, ASAP. Thanks, Dennis



More history from Jim Vetrano.

Most people would say that Ye Olde Car Club, founded in 1962, has always gone by that name. Not so. When originally founded it was called the Tri City Horseless Carriage Club. The original bank account, established at the National Bank of Commerce bears this name. The first deposit was made on September 21, 1962.

The original thought was to make the club a chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and annual dues were collected for both the National and the local. The first check written on the new bank account was on October 9, 1962 and was to the Horseless Carriage Club of America for dues to National. The National sent the local information on forming a chapter and several items of correspondence followed. Somehow the application procedure broke down and was ended by a letter from the National saying "I notice by your letterhead that you are calling the present club the 'Tri-City Horseless Carriage Club'. I'm afraid that we must question the legality of this, and ask that you not use the 'Horseless Carriage' name until you acquire a real charter for affiliation."

Although not well documented I believe from some comments from the "old timers" that there was a bit of division in the club between the "brass guys" and the post brass era restorers. The later had no interest in the Horseless Carriage Club of America since it was focused on earlier cars. Whatever the details, the facts are that on November 21, 1963 the National Bank of Commerce transferred the balance of the Tri City Horseless Carriage Club to a new account named Ye Old Car Club.

Interviews with several of the original members failed to come up with information on who suggested the new name. One can assume that it was selected because it was an all

encompassing name that would extend an invitation to all restorers, drivers, and collectors. Indeed, that has been the case as one can readily see by observing all the post war cars currently touring with us.

Prez sez

Another year has flown by and again it is time to wish you the very best holiday season. I hope you are all enjoying the family, great food and all the blessings of this season.

The elections were held at the Christmas Party and I want to thank you again for the vote of confidence. We are truly blessed with so many willing people in our club who are always there to help. I want to thank all of our officers, directors and members for their efforts and support this past year.

We are planning another busy year for 2009. If you have something you would like to see us do, please let one of the officers know right away so plans can be made early in the year.

Be sure to get your 2009 dues to the club so we can prepare next year's membership rooster. Dues are \$15.00 per family for the year. What a bargain!

Wishing the best to all of you, Martha

What's been happening

Not too bad of a month. We had a great Christmas party. Some very bad weather and some medical problems. Ed Edwards had a hip replacement done, went home, was recovering nicely..... then he decided to practice some fancy dance steps, but his walker wasn't a willing participant in this decision. So instead he ended up practicing a nose dive onto the floor which resulted in a scraped up face and the need for a new hip replacement surgery to repair the damage he did to the new hip.

Martha Shreve fared a lot better. She had foot surgery and was laid up for a couple day. She's back and mean as ever.

NEW SUBJECT

We need volunteers to start planning activities for next year. If you are interested in helping or can think of a trip we might like to take in our old cars please get in touch with our new vice pres Phil Prather or Martha Shreve our new/old Pres.

Thoughts to Ponder

I've lived a long life and seen a lot of hard times most of which never happened. *Mark Twain*

Lucky parents who have fine children usually have lucky children who have fine parents *James Brewer*

Listening not, imitation, may be the most sincere form of flattery. *Joyce Brothers*

January Birthdays

1st	Ed Edwards	14th	Terry Shegrud
2nd	Martha Varnado	18th	Wayne Williams
6th	Dave Johnson	22nd	Mary Fraser
6th	Jack Varndado	23rd	Jerry Mokler
9th	Marlene Kuch	28th	Walker Young
12th	Mary Mokler		

Anniversaries

5th	Red and Sally Rutherford
13th	Earnie and Judy Oeder
23rd	Bob and Delores McClary
28th	Bob and Ruth Ilten
31th	Jim and Dixie Gilbert



Red Rutherford submitted this Picture of old Kennewick. Can any one tell us where it was taken?

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1902 Franklin

Next to the Volkswagen "Beetle," the Franklin was the most successful air-cooled car ever built. The Franklin automobile remained in production from 1902 to 1934, in an era when many other air-cooled cars were introduced only to fail.

The driving force behind the Franklin Automobile Company was its founder, Herbert H. Franklin (1866-1956). H. H. Franklin got a job in a sleigh-building shop at age 19. Later, he went to work for a newspaper, and within six years he was in charge. In 1893, he founded his H. H. Franklin Company in Syracuse, pioneering in the manufacture of small, die-cast metal objects.

Later, Franklin collaborated with John Wilkinson, a young Cornell graduate who had built a four-cylinder air-cooled car. He incorporated many of Wilkinson's ideas in what was to become the early Franklin.

One characteristic long peculiar to the Franklin was its hardwood chassis frame. Franklin persisted with this idea years after other cars had standardized on heavy steel-girder under frames.

The early model Franklins had transverse-mounted (crosswise) engines, generations before this idea became universally popular, in order to provide more legroom in front. The four-cylinder Franklin engine provided greater smoothness than the bucking, noisy, one-cylinder engines found in so many other pioneer cars.

Only thirteen Franklins were built in 1902, but production "soared" to 184 the following year!

Top speed of the illustrated car was about 30 m.p.h. These early Franklins were superior to many horseless carriages, and some have survived to this very day!

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