



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club February 2017 Newsletter

The President's Message

Good February to each and everyone!

This winter has been a handful of interesting weather and I hope that Groundhog doesn't see his shadow. Or is it the other way around. As of now, who cares, we want it gone.

February brings to mind my Valentine. The nice ways I show my love and devotion, to the one at makes my summers so much fun. She spends the dark and wet winters safe from the elements and the hazards we have spread over our roads to keep them safe for us to traverse. You thought I was going to talk about my wife didn't you? She knows me, and that I can't do without her, too.

Have you noticed in our daily drivers that the floor mats and carpets are getting crusty and a white powder has taken the place of just wet and melting snow? Those are the salts and chemicals used to keep the road surface clear by melting the snow and ice. They keep us from driving into hidden places we don't see until something bad happens.

I like to drive my Monte and Truck everywhere and keeping them clean is keeping them in good working order. I braved a halfway cleared-up day and moved the green '72 and red '64 to their new garage and cringed all the way there.

Take some time and show your love some love and get her a day at the spa to recover from your car obsession. I do mean my significant other this time.

Until next month - Let's keep the Shiny side up!

Rick Ball, Car Guy

2017 Dues are due by March 1. After that, they are considered LATE. Don't miss out on the minutes or newsletter. Please send your check for \$15 to:

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The Remarkable Body: The glands in your mouth produce an incredible 1.5 liters of saliva every day. That's a lot of dribble! If this didn't happen, your mouth would dry up and become overrun with bacteria and you wouldn't be able to digest your food.

BITS & PIECES

*** **DID YOU KNOW:** John Tyler, the 10th President of the United States, has a grandson that's alive today. (John Tyler had a son, Lyon, when he was 63. Lyon had a son, Harrison Tyler, at 75.)

*** **The first** five days after the weekend are the hardest.

*** **Real newspaper headlines:** Barbershop singers bring joy to school for the deaf.

*** **The only qualifications** for a lineman are to be big and dumb. To be a back, you only have to be dumb.
Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

*** **I Have** The Body Of A God ... Buddha

*** **Guess where the name "Allen Wrench"** came from. In 1910, William G. Allen of Hartford, CT developed a process to make hex socket set screws, because worker's clothing was less likely to get caught on machinery and rotating shafts that included the then-common, square head hardware. So after the set screw was created, Allen followed up with an associated wrench. *From Antique Automobile, November/December 2016*

EVENTS

February 16 - A Chocolate Extravaganza at the Kiona Winery is scheduled. 44612 N. Sunset Road, Benton City. 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Get out your favorite chocolate recipe and prepare for a sweet evening.

May 13 – Saturday - Pet Over Population – Tri-Cities Convention Center, Kennewick. More information to come.

Ladies Luncheons:

February 9 had 13 ladies and 1 young boy present at the Crows Nest in Kennewick. Thank you Laura.

March 9 will be hosted by Sue Campbell. Place TBD. Contact Sue at 509-783-5864

1947 Bentley Mark VI Four-door Sport Sedan by Jim Vetrano



My Bentley is a 1947 Mark VI model 4 door Sport Salon. It has never been restored but there is ample evidence of lots of repair through the years. It is fairly high mileage (at least 100K miles) so I guess I would call it a survivor or maybe a driver. The engine is an F head 6-cylinder with a 4566cc displacement. It has 4 speed synchromesh transmission and set up for cruising at 90mph.(Will wait for fresh tires before testing that out.)

The 1947 model year was the first post war Bentley. The British automobile industry did not get recovered as fast as the US factories after the war. In design and mechanics it has a lot of similarities to the 1938 Bentleys, which were the last pre war year of manufacture. Good steel was hard to come by in the UK after the war and the immediate post war cars suffered from the use of inferior metal. This can be seen in my Bentley, which has an abundance of rust repair with a liberal use of Bondo.

For the first 4 months I owned the car I had it in the basement of my house with very limited shop equipment. I spent that time familiarizing myself with operation of all the essential components. As a matter of principle I do not like to drive a car that is mysterious for me. I also attended to a number of cosmetic issues, like repairing and re-dyeing the leather seats, refinishing the woodwork in the dash and around the windows, replacing worn bulbs, removing corrosion from switches and sending the clock out for repair.

When I finally sold my Studebaker and now had shop space I moved the Bentley upstairs. Immediately I found that the clutch was gone. Over it went to Simmonson Automotive in Pasco where it remained for nearly a year. While apart, several other issues emerged and were tended to. The shop did an excellent job in sourcing parts needed for the job and in fixing the mechanicals.

Since retaking possession of the car, I have changed out the fluids (thanks Tom for the lift and help), relubed the speedometer cable (thanks again Tom), and done a complete ignition tune up. Jim Ayres got the radio working again. Compression is about 100psi in all cylinders and the engine is quiet and strong. This winter I have been smoothing out rough patch jobs on the body, sealing stone chips, and getting ready for paint. My goal is not a show car but a safe, reliable driver that is respectable in appearance. Next may be fresh rubber and making a go at the rated cruising speed.

Here are some of the more unusual features in the Bentley:

- Locking tool tray under the glove compartment

- Miniature but functional oil can, lube gun, and siphon in the engine compartment.

- Privacy curtain in rear window controlled by a lever over the driver door.

- Built in chassis lube system controlled by a foot pedal in the cab.

- Spare coil mounted beside the working coil on the firewall.

- Instrument gauge that toggles between gas in tank and oil level in crankcase (Oil pressure is indicated by a conventional gauge).

- Sun roof.

- Front windows that drop all the way by pulling a lever through about 90 degrees of rotation.

- No cotter pins. Where called for a threaded post and screw used instead.

- 112 page, leather bound owner's manual with complete information on adjustments, maintenance and minor repairs.

Which country has the longest life expectancy in the world?

Monaco...According to the World Health Organization's study from 2013, Monaco tops the charts for longest living citizens with an average life expectancy of 87.2 years. Men in Monaco live an average 85.3 years, and women live longer to an average of 89 years.

Which country has the shortest life expectancy?

Sierra Leone...On the opposite side of that coin, the population of Sierra Leone live only to an average of 47 years. The men of Sierra Leone live to an average of 47 years old, whereas women live a little longer, an average of 48 years. Poverty plays a big roll in their short life expectancy.

What Love Means

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4-8 year olds. "What does love mean?"

1. When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too! That's love. Age 8
2. When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouth. Age 4
3. If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. Age 6
4. Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. Age 6
5. Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. Age 5
6. Love is when Mommy sees Daddy sweaty and smelly and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford. Age 7
7. I know my older sister love me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. Age 4
8. You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. Age 8

Thanks to Dennis McGillis for this contribution. (He must love me!)

James Ward Packard, born November 5, 1863 and his **William** born November 3, 1861 founded the Packard Motor Company and Packard Electric Company in the city of Warren, Ohio where 400 Packard automobiles were built at their factory on Dana Street Northeast, from 1899 to 1903. A mechanical engineer, James Packard believed they could build a better horseless carriage than the Winton cars owned by Weiss, an important Winton stockholder, after Packard complained to Alexander Winton and offered suggestions for improvement, which were ignored; Packard's first car was built in Warren, Ohio, on November 6, 1899. In 1900, the company incorporated as the Ohio Automobile Company and was renamed the Packard Motor Car Company in 1902. The company relocated to Detroit in 1903. The company eventually merged with the Studebaker Corporation in 1954, and the last Packard was made in 1958. Following Packard Motor Company's relocation to Detroit, the Packard brothers focused on making automotive electrical systems through the separate Packard Electric Company. General Motors acquired Packard Electric in 1932, renaming it Delphi Packard Electric Systems in 1995. The company was spun off and became independent of GM in 1999.

Wikipedia

Weird feature of old cars.



From a 1931 issue of *Popular Mechanics*, an idea was proposed to identify hit-and-run drivers by means of a special device on the bumper which ejects identification discs bearing the car's license number and name of the driver when a victim is struck. Now this is an idea we can get behind!

Thanks to Dave Hannah for this contribution.



The **Volkswagen Beetle** (officially the **Volkswagen Type 1**) is a two-door, four passenger, rear-engine economy car manufactured and marketed by German automaker Volkswagen (VW) from 1938 until 2003. The need for this kind of car, and its functional objectives, was formulated by the leader of Nazi Germany, Adolf Hitler, who wanted a cheap, simple car to be mass-produced for his country's new road network. Hitler contracted Ferdinand Porsche in 1934 to design and build it. Porsche and his team took until 1938 to finalize the design. The influence on Porsche's design of other contemporary cars, such as the Tatra V570 and the work of Josef Ganz remains a subject of dispute. The result was one of the first rear-engine cars since the Brass Era. With 21,529,464 produced, the Beetle is the longest-running and most-manufactured car of a single platform ever made.

Although designed in the 1930s, the Beetle was only produced in significant numbers from 1945 on (mass production had been put on hold during the Second World War) when the model was internally designated the Volkswagen Type 1, and marketed simply as the Volkswagen (or "People's Car"). Later models were designated Volkswagen 1200, 1300, 1500, 1302 or 1303, the former three indicating engine displacement, the latter two derived from the type number.

The original 25 hp Beetle was designed for a top speed around 100 km/h (62 mph) As Autobahn speeds increased in the postwar years, its output was boosted to 36, then 40 hp, the configuration that lasted through 1966 and became the "classic" Volkswagen motor. The Beetle ultimately gave rise to variants, including the Karmann Ghia, Type 2 and external coachbuilders. The Beetle marked a significant trend, led by Volkswagen, Fiat, and Renault, whereby the rear-engine, rear-wheel drive layout increased from 2.6 percent of continental Western Europe's car production in 1946 to 26.6 percent in 1956.

In the 1999 Car of the Century competition, to determine the world's most influential car in the 20th century, the Type 1 came fourth, after the Ford Model T, the Mini, and the Citroën DS. 94 horsepower.

From Wikipedia

WOMEN'S CORNER

Choosing a wife

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money.

The first does a total make-over. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new make-up and buys several new outfits, and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much. The man was impressed.

The second goes shopping to buy the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much. Again, the man is impressed.

The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much. Obviously, the man was impressed.

The man thought for a long time about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her. Then, he married the one with the biggest boobs.

Men are like that, you know.

Food for Thought

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer' s research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Thanks to good friend Jean Castle



AND...

An old lady was standing at the rail of the cruise ship holding her hat so that the wind wouldn't blow it away. A gentleman approached her & said, 'Pardon me, madam, I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this wind?' 'Yes, I know,' said the lady. 'But I need my hands to hold onto my hat.' 'But madam, he said, 'you must know that you're derriere is exposed!' The woman looked down, then back up at the man and said, 'Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old, but I just bought this hat!'

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February



Birthdays

Dave Bergum
Grace Jackson
Mary Sams
Sharon Scioli
Steven Wood

February 15
February 19
February 6
February 29
February 3

Mike Gress
Judy Oeder
Roy Scioli
Jim Vetrano
Robin Woodford

February 9
February 1
February 27
February 14
February 15



Anniversaries

David & Judith Becker
Ron & Barb Meyer

February 11
February 3

David & Susan Gerkenmeyer
Jim & Ginger Vetrano

February 13
February 14

Do you know these people?



Thanks to Bob Gough for the pictures.

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