



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club April 2018 Newsletter

## The President's Message

Thought it would be interesting in continuing the meaning of the Months

April: Three theories exist regarding the origin of April's name. Some say April got its name from the Latin word meaning "second" since April was the second month on the ancient calendar. Others claim it comes from "aperire," a Latin word meaning "to open," because it represents the opening of buds and flowers in spring. Still others think April was named after the goddess Aphrodite.

Enjoy, Until Next Month

Sharon Wells

2018 President

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## Bits and Pieces

\*\*\* I hate it when I see an old person and then realize that we went to high school together.

\*\*\* The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream.

\*\*\* Some days you eat salads and go to the gym. Some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put on pants. It's called balance.

\*\*\* Good batteries and good tires are always a good investment.

\*\*\* I hate it when I gain 10 pounds for a role and then realize I'm not an actress.

\*\*\* Never ask a woman who is eating ice cream straight from the carton how she's doing.

\*\*\* I got a birthday card from the local funeral home. I'm not inspired. They only want me for my body.

\*\*\* How to prepare Tofu: a. Throw it in the trash b. Grill some meat

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**The Remarkable Body:** The focusing muscles in your eyes move around 100,000 times a day. To give your leg muscles the same workout, you'd need to walk 50 miles.

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### Where in the world:

Qatar is the country with the highest gross domestic product per capita in U.S. dollars...\$132,900  
Somalia is the country with the lowest gross domestic product per capita in U.S. dollars...\$400

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### Real newspaper headlines

17 remain dead in morgue shooting spree.

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### Fun Food Facts

Kiwis grow on vines.  
Artichokes are flowers that are eaten as buds.  
"Spam" is short for spiced ham.

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## EVENTS

### Ladies Luncheons:

**April 12** – Ladies Luncheon had 12 in attendance. Thank you Sue.

**May 10** – **Ladies Luncheon** will be held at The Edge again. Hostess is Ginger Vetrano. 509-783-9205

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### Tours

Two tours have been set up so far. The first one scheduled is to **THE PENDLETON UNDERGROUND**, Pendleton, OR on Monday, April 23. The cost is \$15. The tour is a guided 1½ hour tour and lunch will follow across the street at AJ'S LITTLE CAFÉ. Parking is a block from the entrance to the Underground. We will travel by the back route which is beautiful this time of year. Reservations are a must! If you plan to attend, please send your \$15 to: YOCC, c/o Frances McGillis, 4806 Meadow View Drive, Pasco, WA 99301 or bring it to breakfast. Payment needed be in by April 11 as the facility needs to know how many will be there so they can have enough tour guides. Departure time is 8:30 AM at Burger King on Court St.

The second tour is scheduled to **RED'S HOT ROD GARAGE** in Outlook on Saturday, May 19. A 2 hour tour of the fabrication and speed shop followed by lunch in Sunnyside at SNIPES MOUNTAIN BREWING, about 5 miles. We will meet at Sterling's Restaurant on Queensgate and depart at 8:30 AM. Don Buckles would like to have a head count of those who are attending by May 10. Please contact Don at 509-627-0535 or email dbuckles0535@charter.net.

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### Mute Annoying Gas Station Video Ads

You're just trying to pump your gas, not get blasted with ads, but the pump has other plans. Fortunately, while they're rarely labeled, there's a mute button right next to the video screen.

If you've ever seen these video ads on gas station pumps, you know how annoying they can be. They blast at loud volumes (because how else are you going to hear it over all the cars nearby?) and they startle you when you were expecting silence from a tool that's usually been silent your whole life.

Whether your pump advertises it or not, however, there's a handy way to shut the dang thing up. There's an array of buttons along the side of the screen. One of these buttons (usually) mutes the ads. Which one is anyone's guess, as different companies choose a different mute button. To figure out which one, just start at the top and start pressing each button until you find the one that gives you the blissful silence you're looking for.

Of course, some gas station pumps have a button specifically labeled "mute," which is so helpful (kudos to those merciful gas stations), but most of them don't. If your pump has a video screen, chances are that it's about to blast you with an ad, so you may as well get ready to mute that video before it scares the crap out of you.

From: howtogeek.com By Eric Ravenscraft

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**Those wonderful church bulletins are back! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These announcements were actually in church bulletins or announced in church.**

The sermon this morning: Jesus walks on water.  
The sermon tonight: Finding Jesus.

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Be sure to bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help.

The Fasting and Prayer conference includes a meal.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday in the church hall. Music to follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM . Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up--

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:  
'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'

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## 1937 Buick Special Model 44 5 passenger 2 door sedan

By Larry Stephenson

History: Built in December 1936 at the Southgate plant in California. It is 1 of 9330 built. The original owner bought it new and owned it until 1966. He parked it in a barn in 1966. His health failed and he passed. My sister and her husband purchased it in Oregon in 1989, not running, and moved it to their garage in Hillsboro. In 1998 it was moved and garaged in Libby Montana. I purchased the car in 2009 and trailered it to Lakewood Washington. I started a body-off restoration that year. The engine, transmission, front suspension, shocks and radiator were rebuilt. The trunk floor, tool tray, rear skirt and rock panels were replaced because of rust. The bottoms of the doors and trunk were rebuilt because of rust. The paint color is as close as Dupont could come to the original color code on the name plate. The interior colors are different but the seat and door panel structure is original. The dash and window trims were repainted to woodgrain by a graphic artist.



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### Clean Your Car Better And Faster

#### Essential Oils

Don't waste money on car fresheners that smell awful and look even worse. Instead, grab some wooden clothes pins and sprinkle a few drops of your favorite essential oils (lavender, rosemary, frankincense, etc.) on top. Attach the clothespin to your vent. Each time you turn on the heat or air conditioner, your car will smell incredible.

#### Iron

Did you buy beautiful candles that you left in the car? Oooh, what a mess! Or, if you have kids chances are there are crayon stains and melted wax in your car because ... well, coloring. All you have to do to get out the waxy crayon is to iron a piece of paper over the upholstery and it'll pick it right up after it gets hot! The trick is getting close enough to an electric outlet if you have smudged in crayons on the flooring. But — if there's a will, there's a way!

#### Olive Oil

This might come as a surprise to some, but olive oil is actually a great tool for cleaning leather seats. Keep in mind that overusing it will make your seats greasy to touch, so use with caution. You may want to wash with soap first. Next, you want to get into the texture of your leather or leatherette interior using the oil. Always wipe dry afterwards.

#### Powder Cleaners

Regular old bleach powder can help you do your own detailing like a pro. Choose a brand like Bar Keeper's Friend, Clorox or Bon Ami, which are the toughest. Take a cloth or towel, sprinkle some on and lightly spray some Lysol onto the powder. Now, work in that magic and keep adding more powder until your tires sparkle. You may have to scrub quite a bit, but your wheels will look amazing afterwards!

#### Foam Brush

Foam brushes are great for putting on the finishing touches while painting, but you can also use them to brush out your AC vents and other tough to reach spaces. The foam will easily cling to dirt and other particles, making it a great tool to use when cleaning.

### **Dryer Sheets**

Nothing is worse than trying to clean your car from dried up bugs after a long trip. You can, however, make this task easy by using some wet dryer sheets to remove those pesky buggers.

### **Toothbrush**

If your dashboard is starting to look a bit grimy then you can use an old toothbrush to get really deep in there and get every little bit of gunk out. When you're done, save your toothbrush so you can use it again in the future. Use the toothbrush to wash every inch of your seats and backrests too. You'll be shocked by how much dirt is embedded in your seats.

### **Toothpaste**

Besides using a toothbrush to clean the tapestry, you can use some toothpaste to clean your grimy headlights. Just spread some on the lamps, give it a few minutes and wash it off. Your lights will shine brighter than ever before. This is a tried-and-true trick we love!

### **Windows**

When washing passenger windows many people forget to clean the very top. To get all of the gunk, roll the window down just a bit and work your way down. This approach will lead to clean and shiny windows.

### **Little Cracks**

To get into the nooks and crannies of the armrests and such, you'll need to use a pointy tool — a screwdriver works best. Grab a flat end screwdriver, cover it with a thin cloth and work away.

### **WD-40**

Regret putting those bumper stickers on your new car? Don't worry, with the help of WD-40, you can remove even the most stubborn of decals. Just spray some WD-40 directly on the sticker, allow some time to soak, then pull it right off.

### **Rubbing Alcohol**

Slimy windshield wipers are the worst. Replacing them all the time is way too expensive, so what to do when your wiper smears water across your windshield and leaves awful streak? To remedy this common problem, wipe down your wipers with generous amounts of rubbing alcohol and let dry. You'll have to replace them regularly still, but this will lengthen their shelf-life.

### **Clay Bar**

You can find clay in any toy store or children's section of any store. But clay bars made especially for cars are available on many websites, including Amazon. These are reusable and cheap: One bar may run you as little as \$4! You'll never believe how wiping down a wet car with one of these can bring on so much shine!

### **Hair Conditioner**

Another great alternative to waxing your car and getting a comparable shine is using hair conditioner. Just as that goopy stuff can make your hair look shiny, it can do the same for the paint on an automobile. Just make sure you choose a brand that contains lanolin, which is the magic ingredient that gives a waxy finish. Just pour some into a towel and work it in in circular motions until your car is shiny like new.

### **Goopy Cleaning Slime**

Yes you read the title correct. Feel like you're in kindergarten again when you clean your car with this sticky cleaning slime. You can go two ways with obtaining this fantastic cleaning solution, either buy some online or make it yourself. Making it yourself is pretty easy and anyone can do it! Simply mix 1/2 cup of liquid starch, 4oz bottle of Elmer's glue, and 1/4 cup of water to finally enjoy cleaning your car for once.

### **Vents**

This is actually worse than it looks! If your car smells awful and you don't know what it is, it just might be that you need to replace the vents or at least clean them. Before cleaning, always check for mold which is more troubling than a foul odor and can cause respiratory problems. If it is indeed mold, you must replace them. Otherwise, clean vigorously and use Q-tips to get into the crevices.

### **Vodka**

Windshield wiper fluid is not the only thing that's resistant to frost. Here's a homemade recipe that won't freeze and will make your windshield sparkle like diamonds: A few drops of Castile soap in good old vodka! You don't need the expensive stuff. In fact, buy the cheapest you can buy. Just don't leave the empty bottle in the car afterwards.

### **Kerosene**

No, we're not trying to blow up your ride. A solution of kerosene and water makes for the perfect no-wax shine treatment imaginable. Once you douse your car in it, just wipe dry. The sheen that's left behind even repels rain. Obviously, avoid smoking while shining up your car.

### **Q-Tips**

When you do your own detailing, Q-tips are indispensable tools in getting deep into crevices. They sop up detergent and clean nicely. They even come in handy when cleaning out cup holders, where the crevices are hard to reach with a cloth.

## **Diapers**

There are some haters out there debunking this tried-and-true method of quickly picking up spills on upholstery. But really — what's more absorbent than a diaper? If you're a mom, you almost always have a diaper in hand. Try it for yourself and your car will never be empty of these babies (no pun intended).

## **Wet Newspaper**

Is your college parking sticker still on your car even though you graduated years ago? Did you leave that awful apartment complex and your sticker's been stuck in front of your eyes for months? The easiest way to get rid of these unsightly stickers is to take newspaper, crumple it up and wet it and just keep rubbing until the sticker loosens up. If that fails, try dousing the paper in nail polish remover and rub your heart out.

## **Nail Polish**

Does that hairline crack only you can see totally freak you out? Well, it should, but at least there's a temporary fix that will prevent it from cracking further. Plain old clear nail polish can buy you some time before you replace that window or windshield. Use the polish generously and let it take hold.

## **Magic Eraser**

Magic eraser is actually magic. For all those sticky spots that have been hiding from plain sight, this little magic sponge wipes up fast without leaving any stain whatsoever. These pads are as effective as steel wool without all that nasty steel-wool juice. You just need to spray it with a little Lysol Cleaner and bend it around all the crevices of your interior. It also works great on upholstery.

## **Vaseline**

This gooey stuff can do more than make your eyelashes grow thicker. All those expensive dashboard cleaners can't measure up to good-old Vaseline. Petroleum jelly will not only make your interior shine, regular use will prevent your dashboard from cracking. It's actually more effective than Armour-All!

## **Brush & Vacuum**

If you actually make the effort to get rid of all the dirt and dust that settles in your car you'll be shocked by just how much there actually is in this vessel that you drive around in every day. Dust away with a paintbrush or makeup brush if that's all you have (and don't use it on your face afterwards). But make sure to have a vacuum handy as you do this or else all that dust will just settle elsewhere.

## **Club Soda**

The toughest stains can't stand up to club soda, especially if you're able to use it right away. Pat dry the stain first. Dampen a small cloth or towel with club soda and pat the stain. If you're working with an old stain, use the club soda more liberally and watch the stain lift. This stuff can lift red wine off white fabric, so it should be no problem removing coffee and other stains.

## **Squeegee**

Squeegees aren't just for scraping ice. They are perfect for folks who bring their furry friends on outings with them in the car. Just spray a little water on your seats and squeegee away all that dog hair! You can also use it to sweep your interior if you don't have time to vacuum.

## **Vinegar**

Vinegar is your best friend in many DIY cleaning solutions. Mix a little with dishwasher detergent and you have the best window washing solution ever. Mix a little into shampoo or laundry detergent and get out those unsightly stains on your upholstery. Just make sure to mix the solution well and work it into the fabric you're cleaning.

## **Charcoal**

Car air fresheners only mask bad odors. If you're that person who eats subs with extra onions in your car, your best bet is to get some charcoal briquettes and place them under your car seats. Charcoal absorbs all foul smells. Plus, you can still use them for a bbq later. These will not make your car smell pretty, however. To see how you can do that without buying those ugly hanging strawberries or expensive fresheners, check out hack #30 again.

## **Coke**

Check out this incredible hack that may force you to wonder what it is that you're actually putting in your body when you drink a glass of coke. This stuff is so strong that you can use it to remove rust stains. If a rust spot is especially stubborn, pour coke on steel wool and rub in circular motions.

From [activly.com](https://goo.gl/tHhhGM) <https://goo.gl/tHhhGM>

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## Milk Duds

The candy name "Milk Duds" is rather literal. The candies were first produced in 1926 with the goal of creating a caramel candy coated in milk chocolate that was perfectly spherical. When the machine kept churning out lumpy egg-shaped candies instead of nice round balls, an employee joked that they were "duds" and the nickname stuck.

From HowToGeek.com

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## As I get older

I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.  
I consider "On Trend" to be the clothes that still fit.  
I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.  
My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.  
The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."  
I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.  
These days, "on time" is when I get there.  
Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.  
Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer  
for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?  
When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.

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## The Pyramids

Despite the appearance of deep isolation in the desert, the Great Pyramids of Giza are right on the edge of the city of Cairo with fast food restaurants and busy city streets a few hundred feet away from the pyramid complex. Photos that show the Pyramids with the desert stretching out for miles in the background are taken with the photographer facing away from the city and carefully framing the photo.

From howtogeek.com

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## The 10 Commandments of Auto Repair

Good rules of thumb to safely work on your car

1. Thou shalt not place any essential portion of thy anatomy beneath a car that is not properly supported with jack stands or blocks.
2. Thou shalt not work on any part of the starting or charging system without first disconnecting the battery.
3. Thou shalt suffer no flame or spark near the battery or the fuel system.
4. Thou shalt forsake the open end of the wrench, and whenever possible to use always the box end upon thy nuts and thy bolts.
5. Thou shalt always securely block the wheels of the car before starting work, lest thee run thyself over with thine own car.
6. Thou shalt never lose thy temper or thy patience. Remember: "Act in haste and you will repent at your leisure."
7. Thou shalt always exercise extreme care when opening thy radiator, lest thee parboil thyself or some innocent bystander.
8. Thou shalt clean up any and all of the fluids that thy auto may emit, lest they ignite or poison thy pet, thy child, thy soil or thy groundwater.
9. Thou shalt always place thy car's transmission in Park or Neutral before commencing work.
10. Thou shalt never forget the laws of ASSUME, K.I.S.S., and Murphy, and never blame another person for thine own errors.

[www.thoughtco.com/the-10-commandments-of-auto-repair-281770](http://www.thoughtco.com/the-10-commandments-of-auto-repair-281770)

Thanks to Dennis McGillis for this contribution.

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# WOMEN'S CORNER

## WHITE LIE CAKE

Have you ever told a white lie? You are going to love this, especially all of those who bake for church events.

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered the morning of the bake sale & after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix & quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, & helping her son pack for Scout camp.

When Alice took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. She thought, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake." This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church & in her new community of friends.

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. Alice found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in & covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church & head for work, Alice woke her daughter Amanda & gave her some money & specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 & to buy the cake & bring it home.

When Amanda arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. She grabbed her cell phone & called her mom. Alice was horrified - she was beside herself. Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, & ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her & talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake & would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member & try to have a good time. Alice did not want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at Alice because she was a single parent & not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa. But, having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home. The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old South & to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake!

She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!" Alice still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."



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German chocolate cake is not, in fact, of German origin. The recipe was named after a man, Sam German, who invented a type of sweet baking chocolate for the Baker's Chocolate Company (a popular cake recipe called for "German's chocolate"). Over the years though, the possessive was dropped and people just called the popular recipe "German chocolate cake".

From [www.howtoqeeq.com](http://www.howtoqeeq.com)

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries in April



### Birthdays

Debby Buckles	April 15	Donna Ellis	April 15
Reinhold Emineth	April 24	Dave Hannah	April 12
Kaye Henson	April 28	Judy Herrick	April 13
Barry Long	April 10	Dolores McClary	April 23
Phil Prather	April 2	Nancy Rutherford	April 14
Diana Stephenson	April 4	Denny Wellington	April 29
Janice Wellington	April 2	BJ Wyland	April 6



### Anniversaries

James & Deliska Cole	April 10	Dick & Donna Ellis	April 22
Betty & Reinhold Emineth	April 21	Bob & Anita Gough	April 4
Cory & Rachael Hannah	April 24	Pete & Grace Jackson	April 5
Susanne & Curtis Kooiker	April 1	Don & Nancy Millard	April 26
Mark & Chris Pitman	April 10		

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