



Gas Gauge

Ye Olde Car Club

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The President's Message

The Mustang is an American car manufactured by Ford. It was originally based on the platform of the second generation North American Ford Falcon, a compact car. The original 1962 Ford Mustang I two-seater concept car had evolved into the 1963 Mustang II four-seater concept car which Ford used to pretest how the public would take interest in the first production Mustang. Introduced early on April 17, 1964 (16 days after the Plymouth Barracuda), and was dubbed as a 1964 ½ " by Mustang fans, the 1965 Mustang was Ford's most successful since the Model A. The Mustang has undergone several transformations to its current sixth generation.

Have a Great March and enjoy St. Patrick's Day.

Bits and Pieces

** Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

** To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

** Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

** Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

** Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

** When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

The Remarkable Body

If you stretched out the 300,000,000 capillaries in your lungs end to end, the line would extend from Seattle to San Diego, or about 1,300 miles.

Where in the world.

Norway will allow any student from anywhere in the world to study at their public universities completely free of charge.

Actual Label Instructions

"Not to be used as a personal flotation device." On a 6"X10" inflatable picture frame.

Fun Food Facts

You can find all manner of canned vegetables, but not broccoli: the temperatures required for canning turn it into an unappetizing mush.

Create an article about your collector car

I am always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you would like to write a story about your antique vehicle and see it in a future newsletter, answer these questions to provide most of a feature article. Not every question needs to be answered but more is always better. And I can help if you need it. Always include a picture or two.

1. What year, make and model is your vehicle?
2. Does it have any unusual equipment? Is it stock, or modified?
3. When did you buy it?
4. Why did you want it?
5. From whom did you buy it? Where?
6. Was there anything interesting about the purchase?
7. What do you like about it? Is it: Fast? Small? Large? Stylish? Really old? Customized?
8. Do other people like it? Why?
9. Did you or a friend once own a similar vehicle?
10. What kind of running gear does it have; engine, transmission, rear end, etc.?
11. Have you done anything to it?
12. Does it need any work done to it?

Send your story and pictures to Frances at sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com. Or Mail them to her at 4806 Meadow View Drive, Pasco, WA 99301

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

March Ladies Lunch had 9 ladies present. Thanks Laura.

April Ladies Lunch will be held at Hops & Drops (formerly Hop Jacks), 4898 W. Hildebrand Blvd., Kennewick. Ginger Vetrano is our hostess. Please call her at 509-783-9205 if you plan to attend.

I came across this phrase yesterday "FENDER SKIRTS".

A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice like "curb feelers." And "steering knobs." (AKA) suicide knob

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to

make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "world wide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess its just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day - "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffee maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "Electrolux." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought - Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most "supper." Now everybody says "dinner." Save a great word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

Thanks to friend Jim Karras for this look into the past.

Get Gasoline Smell Off Your Hands

Though deodorizing gasoline from one's hands is never an easy task, this can be accomplished by using a handful of helpful household remedies. By following the below tips and tricks, you can successfully get the gasoline smell off your hands and have them smelling fresh again.

1. White Vinegar Splash

Splashing hands with white vinegar can be a great solution for getting rid of gasoline smell within hands. The chemical properties in vinegar will work to break apart the gasoline bonds that hold the gasoline residues together. For best results, rub the vinegar between palms and fingers for a minimum of 30-45 seconds before washing hands off under the faucet.

2. Lemon Juice Rub

The citric acid within lemon juice can have a powerful effect in elimination the entrenched gasoline odors within your palms. Mix a solution of lemon juice and water in equal parts inside a cup and proceed to rub the moisture

through your palms and finger for a minimum of one minute. During this time, the lemon juice will work to cut through the troublesome gasoline aroma and replace it with the gentle scent of freshly cut lemons.

3. Dish Detergent & Salt

The use of detergent yields a similar result on gasoline residues as it does in breaking apart the chemical bonds in grease. As a preliminary step, pour 1-2 teaspoons of salt within a cup next to the kitchen sink. Wet hands and later palms and fingers dish detergent and then pour the salt within hands. Continue to rub the materials between palms for another minute before rinse hands clean and enjoying freshened hands.

4. Hand Sanitizer or Rubbing Alcohol

The use of hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol can work well in neutralizing difficult gasoline odors within one's palms. The high percentage of alcohol in both these solutions will provide similar results. Pour small portion of either of these options within your palms and proceed to rub it within hands. For best results, be sure to continue to rub this solution in until all of the alcohol solution has evaporated away.

5. Baking Soda Paste

The use of the household deodorizing powder can provide fantastic odor absorption for benefits within hands. Begin by creating a paste of one part baking soda with three parts water inside a cup. Pour this solution within palms and rub the solution through your fingers and palms for an entire minute. Finally, if any odor remains after your first application, you can try this for a second or third time until all of the odor has been eliminated.

6. Dunk Hands in Hydrogen Peroxide

This cleaning and disinfectant solution is safe to use on your hands and can be used of a variety of odors within the home. Mix a solution of one part hydrogen peroxide wot three parts water within a large bowl. Proceed to submerge hands within hydrogen peroxide for 1-3 minutes until the gasoline odors have been wiped away. If any odors remain after this period of time, try dipping your hands for an additional period of time until the gasoline odors have been removed from your hands.

7. Mechanics Soap

If you regularly work with gasoline, and regularly find your palms soaked in the chemical compound, you may wish to invest in specialty mechanics soap. This product solution can work wonders in eliminating challenging gasoline odors from hands and return them to freshness. For best results, keep mechanic's soap close to your gasoline work site and deodorize as soon as possible.

<https://grandfolk.com/guide/how-to-get-gasoline-smell-off-hands/>



Packard was founded by James Ward Packard, his brother William and their partner, George Lewis Weiss, in the city of Warren, Ohio, where 400 Packard automobiles were built at their factory on Dana Street Northeast, from 1899 to 1903. Packard's first car was built in Warren, Ohio, on November 6, 1899.

In the beginning, all Packards had a single-cylinder engine until 1903. Packard vehicles featured innovations, including the modern steering wheel and, years later, the first production 12-cylinder engine, adapted from developing the Liberty L-12, and air-conditioning in a passenger car. Packard produced its "Twin Six" model series of 12-cylinder cars from 1915 to 1923.

From this beginning, through and beyond the 1930s, Packard-built vehicles were perceived as highly competitive among high-priced luxury American automobiles. The company was commonly referred to as being one of the "Three Ps" of American motordom royalty, along with Pierce-Arrow of Buffalo, New York, and Peerless of Cleveland, Ohio. For most of its history, Packard was guided by its President and General Manager James Alvan Macauley, who also served as President of the National Automobile Manufacturers Association. Inducted into the Automobile Hall of Fame, Macauley made Packard the number one designer and

producer of luxury automobiles in the United States. Macauley was also responsible for the iconic Packard slogan, "Ask the Man Who Owns One".

Entering the 1930s, Packard attempted to beat the stock market crash and subsequent Great Depression by manufacturing ever more opulent and expensive cars than it had prior to October 1929. While the Eight five-seater sedan had been the company's top-seller for years, the Twin Six, designed by Vincent, was introduced for 1932, with prices starting at \$3,650 (equal to \$67026 today) at the factory gate; in 1933, it would be renamed the Packard Twelve, a name it retained for the remainder of its run (through 1939). Also in 1931, Packard pioneered a system it called Ride Control, which made the hydraulic shock absorbers adjustable from within the car. For one year only, 1932, Packard fielded an upper-medium-priced car, the Light Eight, at a base price of \$1,750, or \$735 less than the standard Eight.

Packard's engineering staff designed and built excellent, reliable engines. Packard offered a 12-cylinder engine—the "Twin Six"—as well as a low-compression straight-eight, but never a 16-cylinder engine. After WWII, Packard continued with their successful straight-eight-cylinder flathead engines. While as fast as the new GM and Chrysler OHV V8s, they were perceived as obsolete by buyers. By waiting until 1955, Packard was almost the last U.S. automaker to introduce a high-compression V8 engine. The design was physically large and entirely conventional, copying many of the first-generation Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, and Studebaker Kettering features. It was produced in 320 cu in (5.2 L) and 352 cu in (5.8 L) displacements. The Caribbean version had two four-barrel carburetors and produced 275 hp (205 kW). For 1956, a 374 cu in (6.1 L) version was used in the Senior cars and the Caribbean two four-barrels produced 305 hp

From Wikipedia

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Here is something you car buffs probably didn't know.

The 3 Goldberg brothers, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. Didn't know that, did you?

On July 17th, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97°. The 3 brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that 3 gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car which was about 130° - turned on the air-conditioner and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them 3 million dollars for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for 2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air-Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in. Now old man Ford was more than just a little bit Anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldbergs' name on 2 million Ford cars.

They haggled back and forth for about 2 hours and finally agreed on 4 million dollars and that just their first names would be shown. There, now you know it.

Thanks to friend Irv Kushner for this bit of automobile history.

WOMEN'S CORNER

Keeper...

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a housedress, needle and thread in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing

*things.. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress.
Things we keep.*

*It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating,
renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things
away meant you knew there 'd always be more.*

*But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the
hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any
more.*

*Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return.
So... While we have it... it's best we love it... And care for it... And fix it when it's
broken... And heal it when it's sick.*

*This is true.... For marriage.... For friendships... For old cars... For your favorite pair of
jeans... For children with bad report cards... And dogs and cats with bad hips.... For
horses with hurt hooves... And true for aging parents, and grandparents. We keep them
because they are worth it, and because we are worth it. There are some things you just
keep! Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.
There are some things that make life more important, like people we know who are
special.... So, we must keep them close!*

*Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always
there.*

Thanks to good friend Candi Kersey.

In the long history of car sales, dealers have attempted all manner of gimmicks to get new buyers into the showroom and out the door with a new set of wheels. Lottery contests, rebates, all types of giveaways, and more. We thought we had seen it all until an we saw this ad from 1962: a free Shetland Pony to the first 25 buyers of a new Chevrolet.

That's right, Phoenix-based Fletcher Jones Chevrolet jumped straight to the *real* decision makers of any household—the kids. Large text encouraged kids to tell their parents about the deal. The full-page ad we found provides no clues to where or how the marketing was done, so there might be a chance it is came from a publication whose main readers were pony enthusiasts. Or something.

The special deal was part of Fletcher Jones Chevrolet's bonanza roundup sale. Just three days in 1962 presented the chance to take home a Shetland pony after you—yes—ponied up for a new 1962 Chevrolet full-size car, the smaller Chevy II, or economy Corvair. How you got your new horse home was seemingly up to you (we would have loved to see someone try to wedge a pony in a Chevy II).

Of course, even in the '60s there was legal language involved. Should you decide that your lifestyle was not befitting of horse ownership, the option of "equivalent cash discount" was available. We have a sneaking suspicion that was a more popular option, much to the disappointment of many young Arizonan pony lovers. But hey, a new Chevy beats hoofin' it home.

From Hagerty, Dec. 2019

FOR SALE

Scott Noga is selling a 1955 Packard Patrician and a 1942 Packard Clipper Deluxe Club Sedan (2-door). The 1955 Packard is white with two-tone green leather upholstery and leather headliner. Rebuilt engine and transmission, new dual exhaust with matching original mufflers and resonators and new reproduction fuel tank. Runs and drives well, needs cosmetic restoration. Asking \$6500.

Scott is also selling his 1942 Packard. It is complete but needs restoration. Solid body with the exception of the trunk floor having a rusted through area where a box of dry cell batteries leaked. Asking \$8600.

Russ Armstrong is selling his 1937 Packard 115C sedan. Dark green exterior, gray interior, paint and upholstery is in very good condition. Needs brake work and a new battery. It was running when last driven, has been stored indoors for the past 15 years. Comes with additional engine block. Asking \$15,000. Please contact Russ at 509 – 627 – 2954.

Jim Newell is looking for a big block Chevrolet mockup and a Chevrolet 350/400 transmission mockup. If you have an engine and/or transmission mockup, please contact Jim at 947 – 3371.

IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it--Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter...either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Thanks to Maxine

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March



Birthdays

Jess Allison	March 3	Greg Banks	March 16
Buck Bates	March 18	Bonnie Boehnke	March 23
Dick Ellis	March 12	Bob Gough	March 1
Jack Herrick	March 27	Cindy Hiltwein	march 31
Lenora Jackson	March 25	Richard Kuch	March 12
John Kutrowski	March 12	Kathleen Madsen	March 7
Dennis McGillis	March 26	Mike Porter	March 19
Judy Rascon	March 23	Jack Stone	March 6
Barbara Thomas	March 16	Jerry Wells	March 14



Anniversaries

Jim & Sue Jewett	March 1
Lynn & Lindy Patterson	March 25
Paul & Barb Paulsen	March 20
Denny & Janice Wellington	March 4

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