



# Gas Gauge

## Ye Olde Car Club

### June 2019 Newsletter

#### The President's Message

The club has had some good attendance lately at our assisted living functions and good participation at some of the local car shows. We can look forward to more functions and shows coming up for our club members to participate in and a couple of parades (as long as the car doesn't overheat!). The 4th of July parade in Pasco is coming up and hopefully the club will have a good participation. I have wondered if the spectators come to see the parade or to gather up as much free candy as they can. That said, remember that throwing candy from the vehicle is against the parade rules even though some do it and it's an unsafe practice anyhow.

The other day as I was wrapping my foot with the Ace bandage it reminded me that as we age things don't work as well as they once did. It seems as if we talk as much about what we have had removed, installed or otherwise modified. I guess that is something we have in common with the cars we have. Doing whatever it takes to keep everything going!

John Hopkins  
President

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#### Bits and Pieces

\*\*I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.

\*\*Husbands are the best people to share your secrets with. They'll never tell because they aren't even listening.

\*\*Why did the cows return to the marijuana field? It was the pot calling the cattle back.

\*\*How many boxes of these Thin Mints do I have to eat before I start seeing results?

\*\*Got tasered picking up my friend from the airport. Apparently security doesn't like it when you shout, "Hi, Jack!"

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#### The Remarkable Body

Human bone is as strong as granite. A block of bone the size of a matchbox could support nine tons of weight.

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## Where in the world.

Scientists lit a cave of natural gas on fire in 1971 expecting it to only burn for a few days; it still burns until this day. It has been nicknamed, "The Door to Hell."

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## Actual Label Instructions

"Warning: Misuse may cause injury or death." Stamped on the metal barrel of a .22 calibre rifle.

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## Fun Food Facts

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

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## EVENTS

### Ladies Luncheons:

June Ladies Lunch had only 4 ladies present present.

**July Ladies Lunch** will be a no host event at Foodies in downtown Kennewick. 308 W. Kennewick Avenue.

### Car shows:

Wheelin' Walla Wall Weekend. September 6 & 7. Celebrity guest Dennis Gage of 'My Classic Car'  
<https://www.downtownwallawalla.com/wheelin-walla-walla>

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## HOW TO PROPERLY DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG

As a symbol of the country and its people, the flag should be treated with respect and be honored when on display. In order to treat the flag with the dignity it deserves, the following display guidelines are recommended.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAYING THE FLAG:

- \*When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window, or door, the Union (blue section) should be to the observer's left.
- \*When the flag is hung either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Union should be to the observer's left.
- \*In a procession, the American flag should be to the right of any other flag or, if in a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
- \*When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff.
- \*When the flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out, or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as though the flag were staffed.
- \*When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.
- \*On a platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.
- \*When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.
- \*When the flag is used to cover a casket, the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder.

The American flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaffs in the open, but it may be displayed at night—if illuminated—to produce a patriotic effect.

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on

New Year's Day, January 1

Inauguration Day, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January  
 Lincoln's Birthday, February 12  
 Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February  
 Easter Sunday (variable)  
 Mother's Day, second Sunday in May  
 Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May  
 Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May  
 Flag Day, June 14  
 Father's Day, third Sunday in June  
 Independence Day, July 4  
 Labor Day, first Monday in September  
 Constitution Day, September 17  
 Columbus Day, second Monday in October  
 Navy Day, October 27  
 Veterans Day, November 11  
 Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November  
 Christmas Day, December 25  
 and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States  
 the birthdays of States (date of admission) and on State holidays.

The flag should be displayed at every public institution and in or near every polling place on election days, and at schoolhouses during school days.

When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonious fashion, preferably by burning. The American Legion holds an annual ceremony to retire old or worn flags; contact your local chapter if you are not able to dispose of the flag yourself.

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Bob Gough, John Hopkins and Tom Smith visit Pasco High School with a donation for their automotive class.

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### Official Conversion Chart

#### How to Interpret Antique Car Ads

**If it says:**

Rare model  
 Older restoration  
 Needs engine work  
 Uses no oil  
 No rust  
 Rough  
 One owner  
 No time to complete  
 Needs interior  
 Rebuilt engine  
 May run

**It really means:**

Nobody liked then when new either  
 Can't tell its been restored  
 Its been frozen for 30 years  
 Just throws it out  
 Body & fender missing  
 It's too bad to lie about  
 Never been able to sell  
 Can't find parts anywhere  
 Seats are gone  
 Has new spark plugs  
 But it never has

Low mileage	Third time around
Many new parts	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly	Won't go any faster
Prize winner	Hard luck trophy three times in a row
Stored 25 years	Under a tree
Real show stopper	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show	Just washed it
Top good	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment	Can't depreciate any more

Thanks to John Hopkins for this contribution

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## TEFLON

Although commonly misattributed—much like the Fisher Space Pen—as a product of NASA-funded research, Teflon (chemically known as Polytetrafluoroethylene, or PTFE for short) was discovered completely by accident in the early 20th century.

In 1938, Roy Plunkett was a chemist in the employ of DuPont whose experiments with CFC refrigerants took an unexpected and historically significant turn for the better. During an experiment in which Plunkett was attempting to create a new refrigerant gas, the pressurized chamber he was using had totally depressurized before the chamber returned to its original weight. Since Plunkett was using the weight of the chamber as a measure of the amount of gas used, he had to investigate what had thrown off his experiment.

He eventually resorted to sawing the chamber in half in an effort to gain access to the inside and see what had thrown off his measurements. The inside of the chamber was coated with a white, waxy, and extremely slippery substance. Further analysis revealed that the material was a polymerized perfluoroethylene—a combination of the tetrafluoroethylene gas used in the refrigerant experiment, the iron from the inside of the chamber (which acted as a catalyst), and the high pressure used during the experiment—which would become one of the best known chemical compounds of the 20th century.

DuPont applied for a patent in 1941 and registered the Teflon trademark in 1945. While Teflon enjoyed early success in industrial applications (such as coating valves and seals in the pipes used in the uranium enrichment process for the Manhattan Project), it didn't become a household name until the 1960s. In 1954, a French engineer by the name of Marc Grégoire—at his wife's urging—created the first Teflon-coated frying pans under the brand name Tefal. In 1961, Marion Trozzolo introduced the first U.S.-produced Teflon-coated frying pan, dubbed "The Happy Pan".

From the 1960s forward, the substance began appearing all over the place and now, roughly 80 years after it was discovered, you can find Teflon (PTFE) in outdoor jackets, scientific equipment, and everything in between. The chemical has become so well known, in fact, that the word has come to mean, in the context of public figures, a sort of uncanny immunity to scandal. John Gotti, the notorious and very public mafia boss, for example, was often called The Teflon Don because of his ability to escape prosecution after three high-profile trials in the 1980s resulted in acquittals.

From HowtoGeek.com

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The Auburn Automobile Company grew out of the Eckhart Carriage Company, founded in Auburn, Indiana, in 1874 by Charles Eckhart (1841–1915). Eckhart's sons, Frank and Morris, experimented making automobiles before entering the business in earnest, absorbing two other local carmakers and moving into a larger plant in 1909. The enterprise was modestly successful until materials shortages during World War I forced the plant to close.

In 1919, the Eckhart brothers sold the company to a group of Chicago investors headed by Ralph Austin Bard, who later served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and as Undersecretary of the Navy for President Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman. The new owners revived the business but failed to realize their anticipated profits and in 1924, approached Errett Lobban Cord (1894–1974), a highly successful automobile salesman, with an offer to run the company. Cord countered with an offer to take over completely in what amounted to a leveraged buyout and the Chicago group accepted. Cord aggressively marketed the company's unsold inventory and completed his buyout before the end of 1925.

But styling and engineering failed to overcome the fact that Cord's vehicles were too expensive for the Depression-era market and Cord's stock manipulations would force him to give up control of his car companies. Under injunction from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to refrain from further violations, Cord sold his shares in his automobile holding company. In 1937, production of Auburns, along with that of Cords and Duesenbergs, ended.

The 1904 Auburn was a touring car model. Equipped with a tonneau, it could seat two or four passengers and sold for \$1000, equal to \$27885 today. The flat-mounted single-cylinder engine, situated at the center of the car, produced 10 hp (7.5 kW). A two-speed planetary transmission was fitted. The angle-steel-framed car weighed 1,500 lb (680 kg) and used half-elliptic springs.

In 1926, Errett Cord, now the owner of Auburn, partnered with Duesenberg Corporation, famous for its racing cars, and used it as the launching platform for a line of high-priced luxury vehicles, the Duesenberg Model J. He also put his own name on one of the first front-wheel-drive cars, Cord, known as the Cord L-29". The company employed imaginative designers such as Alan Leamy, chief designer of the 1933 Auburn Speedster, and Gordon Buehrig, designer of the 810/812 Cords. Buehrig joined the company in Indianapolis in 1926 with Duesenberg Motors, and is credited with styling roughly half of the Model Js produced. Duesenberg built the chassis while the bodies were built either to Duesenberg's own specifications, or to the special order of the buyer, by selected independent body companies.

In 1934, Buehrig was transferred to Auburn Auto where he designed the 1935 Auburn 851 Speedster. The Speedster was styled or modified to use leftover speedster bodies. Buehrig and a design team were then assigned to E.L. Cord's so-called "Baby Duesenberg" to build a smaller, more affordable car. Designed by Buehrig in 1933, it became the acclaimed 1936/37 Cord 810/ 812 Cords, a hit at the November 1935 annual New York Automobile Show—acclaimed for advanced engineering as well as revolutionary styling. His design work completed, he left the company in 1937.

From Wikipedia

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### Car Trivia

1. What was the first car to refer to itself as a convertible?
2. What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?
3. What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?
4. Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

(answers found below)

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## TRIP TO WAL-MART

You are in the middle of some kind of project around the house. Mowing the lawn, putting a new fence in, painting the living room, or whatever. You are hot and sweaty. Covered in dirt or paint. You have your old work clothes on. You know the outfit, shorts with the hole in crotch, old t-shirt with a stain from who knows what, and an old pair of tennis shoes. Right in the middle of this great home improvement project you realize you need to run to Wal-Mart to get something to help complete the job. Depending on your age you might do the following:

### **In your 20's:**

Stop what you are doing. Shave, take a shower, blow dry your hair, brush your teeth, floss, and put on clean clothes. Check yourself in the mirror and flex. Add a dab of your favorite cologne because you never know, you just might meet some hot chick while standing in the checkout lane. You went to school with the pretty girl running the register.

### **In your 30's:**

Stop what you are doing, put on clean shorts and shirt. Change shoes. You married the hot chick so no need for much else. Wash your hands and comb your hair. Check yourself in the mirror. Still got it. Add a shot of your favorite cologne to cover the smell. The cute girl running the register is the kid sister to someone you went to school with.

### **In your 40's:**

Stop what you are doing. Put a sweatshirt that is long enough to cover the hole in the crotch of your shorts. Put on different shoes and a hat. Wash your hands. Your bottle of Brute Cologne is almost empty so you don't want to waste any of it on a trip to Wal-Mart. Check yourself in the mirror and do more sucking in than flexing. The spicy young thing running the register is your daughter's age and you feel weird thinking she is spicy.

### **In your 50's:**

Stop what you are doing. Put on a hat, wipe the dirt off your hands onto your shirt. Change shoes because you don't want to get dirt in your new sports car. Check yourself in the mirror and you swear not to wear that shirt anymore because it makes you look fat. The cutie running the register smiles when she sees you coming and you think you still have it. Then you remember the hat you have on is from your buddy's bait shop and it says, "I Got Worms".

### **In your 60's:**

Stop what you are doing. No need for a hat anymore. Hose off the dog crap off your shoes. The mirror was shattered when you were in your 50's. You hope you have underwear on so nothing hangs out the hole in your pants. The girl running the register may be cute but you don't have your glasses on so you are not sure.

### **In your 70's:**

Stop what you are doing. Wait to go to Wal-Mart until they have your prescriptions ready too. Don't even notice the dog crap on your shoes. The young thing at the register smiles at you because you remind her of her grandfather.

### **In your 80's:**

Stop what you are doing. Start again. Then stop again. Now you remember that you needed to go to Wal-Mart. Go to Wal-Mart and wonder around trying to think what it is you are looking for. Fart out loud and you think someone called out your name. The old lady that greeted you at the front door went to school with you.

Thanks to Dennis McGillis for this vision we will have whenever we go to Wal-Mart.

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# WOMEN'S CORNER

## In Praise of Older Women

If you're not an "older woman" yet, this will give you encouragement! Andy Rooney says, "As I grow in age, I value older women most of all. Here are just a few reasons why:

An older woman will never wake you in the middle of the night to ask, "What are you thinking?" She doesn't care what you think.

An older woman knows herself well enough to be assured in who she is, what she is, what she wants and from whom. Few women past the age of 50 give a damn what you might think about her.

An older single woman usually has had her fill of "meaningful relationships" and "commitment." The last thing she needs in her life is another dopey, clingy, whiny, dependent lover!

Older women are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it.

Most older women cook well. They care about cleanliness and are generous with praise, often undeserved.

An older woman has the self-assurance to introduce you to her women friends. A younger woman with a man will often ignore even her best friend because she doesn't trust the guy with other women. Older women couldn't care less.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to an older woman. They always know.

Once you get past a wrinkle or two, an older woman is far sexier than her younger counterpart. Her libido's stronger, her fear of pregnancy gone. Her experience of lovemaking is honed and reciprocal and she's lived long enough to know how to please a man in ways her daughter could never dream of. (Young men, you have something to look forward to.)

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off you are a jerk if you are acting like one.

Yes, we praise older women for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coifed babe of 70 there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22 year old waitress. "Ladies, I apologize for all of us. Count your blessings that we die off at a far younger age, leaving you the best part of your lives to appreciate the exquisite woman you've become, without the distraction of some demanding old man clinging and whining his way into your serenity."

signed: Andy Rooney



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## Trivia Answers

1. The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.
2. The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.
3. The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16.
4. Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries in June



Birthdays

Shahna Aioldi	June 22	Jane Armstrong	June 5
Wendi Ball	June 2	Thomas Brown	June 19
Sandra Bryant	June 29	Don Buckles	June 11
Mike Bughi	June 18	Fran Coutts	June 30
Barb Donaldson	June 9	Melissa Freeman	June 21
John Hopkins	June 16	Sue Jewett	June 16
Robbin Johanson	June 24	Carolyn Johanson	June 7
Wendy Kihlman	June 7	Clarence Kummer	June 23
Norma Kummer	June 8	Bob McClary	June 26
Don Millard	June 11	Ernie Oeder	June 9
Laura Osterwyk	June 27	Jay Thomas	June 10



Anniversaries

Larry & Sue Campbell	June 5	Joe & Jolene Kuhns	June 6
Dennis & Frances McGillis	June 9	John & Mary Ellen Nelson	June 10
Mike & Linda Porter	June 22	Rick & Mary Rickard	June 18
Stephen & Sarah Scott	June 6	John & Thora Trumbo	June 5

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