



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club December 2019 Newsletter

The President's Message

Another year is coming to an end and this is the last President's message I'll do. It has been an interesting year with all the different activities the club has been involved with. Next year I will be filling the vice president slot and activity director. It looks to be another year full of car shows, assisted living events, parades and a couple of pizza parties.

This year we have welcomed a number of new members. I'm sure they will enjoy the club and its events as much as the rest of us. With new members come more cars to be admired and talked about and perhaps some ideas that the club can benefit from. I'm sure there are others out there that would enjoy our family of car enthusiasts we just have to find them.

This is short because I am under a deadline to get this in so it can be included in the newsletter.

Thanks for the privilege of serving as the club president.

John Hopkins, YOCC President

Bits and Pieces

**The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We laughed and laughed. I need bail money.

**Exercise? I thought you said, "Extra Fries!"

**The man function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

**I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.

**I tried drag racing the other day; it's murder trying to run in those heels.

Dear Santa, This year all I ask is a **Big Fat Bank Account and a **Slim Body**. **PLEASE** don't mix up the two like you did last year.

**Don't blame the holidays. You were fat in August.

The Remarkable Body

Your body has enough iron in it to make a metal nail 3 inches long.

Where in the world.

The three wealthiest families in the world have more assets than the combined wealth of the 48 poorest nations.

Actual Label Instructions

On a Japanese food processor: Not to be used for the other use. (Now I'm curious.)

Fun Food Facts

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold.

*****NOTE:** Do you need your windows washed? We had ours done the last day of November and are very, very pleased with the fine job. The guy to call is Ron Gray. Gray's Window Cleaning Service. 509-851-8141. He even did our two large mirrors and they look great. And he is very reasonable in price.

A Politically Correct Holiday Greeting

Best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral, winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most joyous traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, but with respect for the religious persuasion of others who choose to practice their own religion as well as those who choose not to practice a religion at all; plus... A fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the generally accepted calendar year 2020, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions have helped make our society great, without regard to the race, creed color, religious, or sexual preferences of the wishes.

Disclaimer: This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others and no responsibility for any unintended emotional stress these greetings may bring to those not caught up in the holiday spirit.

TOURS

December 22, Sunday Brunch aboard the Water to Wine Cruise boat. \$45 per person + tax. Board at 11:00 AM and cruise the Columbia for 1½ hours. Mimosa or sparkling cider upon boarding. Fruit plate and breads brought to our table. Brunch following. You **MUST** book your own ticket at water2winecruises.com or call 578-1717. Please tell them you are with Ye Olde Car Club (YOCC) so we can all sit together. Book soon as they are already taking reservations.

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

There will be NO December Ladies Luncheon.

January 9, 2020 Ladies Luncheon will be at Frost Me Sweet. Mary Fraser will be the host.

The White House Tradition Of Themed Christmas Trees

Historically, the Christmas decorations in the White House, trees included, were simply adorned according to the traditions of the time. In 1961, however, then First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy began a now long-standing tradition of selecting a theme for the official White House Christmas tree.

The tree, placed in the Blue Room, was adorned with ornamental toys, birds, and angels modeled after Pyotr Tchaikovsky's iconic holiday ballet *The Nutcracker*. The next year, the tree had a general theme of "childhood" and featured ornaments crafted by disabled and elderly Americans. In that way, the First Lady started not one, but two traditions: selecting a theme for the tree and using the tree as a way to link American citizens, often those in need or marginalized, to the holiday traditions at the White House.

In the ensuing years, the White House's Christmas trees have sported a variety of themes with various groups contributing to them. In 1969, for example, Pat Nixon themed the tree with the flowers of America and had disabled workers in Florida make hand-crafted velvet and satin ornaments featuring the state flowers of all the U.S. states. For five of the eight years during her husband's presidency, Nancy Reagan had the tree decorated with ornaments crafted by people in treatment at the Second Genesis drug-treatment program (a large and long-standing set of treatment facilities in the Maryland/Washington D.C. area). In 2001, Laura Bush selected the theme "Home for the Holidays" with artists from all the states crafting miniature versions of historic homes from their states to hang on the tree. In 2012, Michelle Obama themed the tree "Joy to All" and dedicated it to U.S. military members, veterans, and their families with ornaments created by children living on U.S. military bases around the world.

If you're curious about other years or want to take a focused stroll through White House history, check out a half-century of trees here.

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The **Ford Bronco** is a model line of SUVs that were manufactured and marketed by Ford from 1965 to 1996. After the first generation of the Bronco was introduced as a competitor to compact SUVs (including the Jeep CJ-5 and International Harvester Scout), the succeeding four generations of the Bronco were full-size SUVs, competing against the Chevrolet K5 Blazer and Dodge Ramcharger. The first Bronco was assembled using its own chassis^[2], while the full-size Bronco was derived from the Ford F-Series (F-100, later F-150) pickup truck; all Broncos were produced with four-wheel drive powertrains.

The Ford Bronco was withdrawn from the Ford light-truck model line following declining demand for two-door SUVs. For the 1997 model year, Ford replaced the Bronco with the Ford Expedition, a four-door SUV based on the F-150 (the later Ford Excursion was based on the Ford F-250 Super Duty).

The idea behind the Bronco began with Ford product manager Donald N. Frey (who also conceived the Ford Mustang) and engineered by Ford engineer Paul G. Axelrad, with Lee Iacocca approving the model for production. Developed as an off-road vehicle (ORV), the Bronco was intended as a competitor for the Jeep CJ-5 and International Harvester Scout. Today a compact SUV in terms of size, Ford marketing shows a very early example of promoting a civilian off-roader as a "Sports Utility" (the two-door pickup version).

Initially selling well, following the introduction of the Chevrolet Blazer, Jeep Cherokee, and International Scout II (from 1969 to 1974), demand shifted towards SUVs with better on-road capability, leading to a decline in demand for the Bronco.

The first-generation Bronco is built upon a chassis developed specifically for the model range, shared with no other Ford or Lincoln-Mercury vehicle. Built on a 92-inch wheelbase (sized between the CJ-5 and Scout; only an inch shorter than the later CJ-7), the Bronco used box-section body-on-frame construction. To simplify production, all examples were sold with four-wheel drive; a shift-on-the-fly Dana 20 transfer case and locking hubs were standard. The rear axle was a Ford 9-inch axle, with Hotchkiss drive and leaf springs; the front axle was a Dana 30, replaced by a Dana 44 in 1971. In contrast to the Twin I-Beams of larger Ford trucks, the Bronco used radius arms to locate the coil-sprung front axle, along with a lateral track bar, allowing for a 34-foot turning circle, long wheel travel, and anti-dive geometry (useful for snowplowing). A heavier-duty suspension system was an option, along with air front springs.

At its August 1965 launch, the Bronco was offered with a 170 cubic-inch inline-6. Derived from the Ford Falcon, the 105 hp engine was modified with solid valve lifters, a 6-US-quart (6 L) oil pan, heavy-duty fuel pump, oil-bath air cleaner, and a carburetor with a float bowl compensated against tilting. In March 1966, a 200 hp 289 cubic-inch V8 was introduced as an option. For the 1969 model year, the 289 V8 was enlarged to 302 cubic inches, remaining through the 1977 model year. For 1973, a 200 cubic-inch inline-6 became the standard engine, offered through 1977.

To lower production costs, at its launch, the Bronco was offered solely with a 3-speed column-shifted manual transmission (with a floor-mounted shifter later becoming an option). In 1973, in response to buyer demand, a 3-speed automatic transmission became offered as an option.

From Wikipedia

NAME THAT CHRISTMAS CAROL

1. Bleached Yule
2. Castaneous-colored Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs - Weather Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers
13. Red Man En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Proboscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
18. Delight for this Planet
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals

Answers later in this newsletter

TOOLS

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck; it's never there when you need it. Besides, there are only a few things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1. **DUCT TAPE:** Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in one easy-to-carry package. Sure, there's a prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world everything from LeMans-winning Porsches to Atlas rockets uses it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

2. **VICE-GRIPS:** Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts, and wiggle-it-till-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your toolbox, Vice Grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3. **SPRAY LUBRICANTS:** A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternators, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm. Repeated soakings of WD-40 will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Dora to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyed, one of the ten worst tools of all time.

4. **MARGARINE TUBS WITH CLEAR LIDS:** If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the peedle valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas, just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some, of course, chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings.) Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5. **BIG ROCK AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD:** Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop nosy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "made in India" emblem is not synonymous with the user's maiming.

6. **PLASTIC ZIP TIES:** After twenty years of lashing down stray hoses and wired with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur-quality rewiring from a working model of the Brazilian rain forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course, it works both ways. When buying used cars, subtract \$100.00 for each zip tie under the hood.

7. **RIDICULOUSLY LARGE STANDARD SCREWDRIVER WITH LIFETIME GUARANTEE:** Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting, or mutilating than a huge flat-bladed screwdriver, particularly when wielded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for oil filters so insanely located they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver – and you will, just like Dad or your shop teacher said - who cares? It's guaranteed.

8. **BAILING WIRE:** Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, bailing wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concourse contenders since it works so well you'll never replace it with the right thing again. Bailing wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set.

9. **BONKING STICK:** This monstrous tuning fork with devilishly pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod-end separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod-ends? Once every decade, if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

What the heck! Happy holidays!!

By Craig Wilson, USA TODAY

I hate this time of year. Not for its crass commercialism and forced frivolity, but because it's the season when the food police come out with their wagging fingers and annual tips on how to get through the holidays without gaining 10 pounds. You can't pick up a magazine without finding a list of holiday eating do's and don'ts. Eliminate second helpings, high-calorie sauces and cookies made with butter, they say. Fill up on vegetable sticks, they say. Good grief. Is your favorite childhood memory of Christmas a carrot stick? I didn't think so. Isn't mine, either. A carrot was something you left for Rudolph. I have my own list of tips for holiday eating. I assure you, if you follow them, you'll be fat and happy. So what if you don't make it to New Year's? Your pants won't fit anymore, anyway.

1. About those carrot sticks. Avoid them. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.

2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. Like fine single-malt scotch, it's rare. In fact, it's even rarer than single-malt scotch. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has

10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnogaholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!

3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello? Remember college?

6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.

7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. You can't leave them behind. You're not going to see them again.

8. Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?

9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards, mate.

10. And one final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Reread tips. Start over.

But hurry! Cookieless January is just around the corner.

Answers to Name That Christmas Carol

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| 1. <i>White Christmas</i> | 11. <i>Silent Night</i> |
| 2. <i>Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire</i> | 12. <i>God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen</i> |
| 3. <i>All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth</i> | 13. <i>Santa Clause is Coming to Town</i> |
| 4. <i>O Holy Night</i> | 14. <i>Let it Snow</i> |
| 5. <i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> | 15. <i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i> |
| 6. <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> | 16. <i>Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer</i> |
| 7. <i>Away in a Manger</i> | 17. <i>What Child is This?</i> |
| 8. <i>Deck the Hall</i> | 18. <i>Joy to the World</i> |
| 9. <i>Little Drummer Boy</i> | 19. <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> |
| 10. <i>We Three Kings</i> | 20. <i>The Twelve Days of Christmas</i> |

WOMEN'S CORNER

If Santa was a Lady

Ever wonder Christmas would be like if Santa was a lady? Yes, a female Santa? While it goes against all tradition, there are many reasons why a woman would enjoy, and benefit, from being Santa Claus. Just imagine

Top 20 Reasons a Lady Would Want to be Santa

1. You'd never be expected to make the coffee.
2. There would be no more early morning decisions about what to wear to the office.
3. You could grow a gut the size of Hawaii knowing it is all part of the job.
4. Just buy one big, black belt, and brass buckle, and you'd be accessorized for life.

5. There would be no reason to have your colors done.
6. Everyone would be extremely nice to you, regardless of your behavior.
7. If people comment that your belly jiggled when you laughed...like a bowlful of jelly, you could hit them with your purse.
8. You would always work in sensible footwear.
9. There would be no need to play office politics; a hearty ho-ho-ho would remind everyone who's boss.
10. You wouldn't need to buy an expensive briefcase.
11. No one would dare ask you for a ride to work.
12. You would never again have to wear pantyhose. YES!
13. You would not need to make trips to the vending machine. You could just snack on milk and cookies all day long. (FOR FREE)!
14. You would never be asked to take an early retirement package.
15. Juggling work and family would be a breeze because your children would adore you; even your teenagers would want to sit in your lap.
16. You would be guaranteed the best chair in the office.
17. Age discrimination would never be an issue again.
18. You would never grab the wrong coat on your way out the door.
19. No one would ask to see your job description.
20. And the elves would actually listen to your instructions with enthusiasm, instead of asking you to stop blocking the X-Box screen like your kids.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in December



Birthdays

Judy Bergum	December 4	Randy Bunch	December 27
Georgia Campbell	December 17	Jillian Cutsforth	December 2
Becky Edwards	December 24	Anita Gough	December 13
Willie Gould	December 7	Rachael Hannah	December 29
Bill Houchin	December 27	Bill Jarrard	December 19
Ron Kihlman	December 6	Kathryn Lauhala	December 9
Kent Madsen	December 2	Vern Marking	December 14
Dottie Marking	December 4	Jim Newell	December 5
David Randall	December 25	Ingrid Smith	December 12
Glenis Tarr	December 15	Thora Trumbo	December 5



Anniversaries

John & Shahna Airoldi	December 13	Jess & Debra Allison	December 30
Gary & Bonnie Boehnke	December 12	Mike & Judy Bughi	December 14
Karl & Trish Kiichle	December 23	John & Elaine Kutrowski	December 3

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