



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club August 2021 Newsletter

A Note From The Pres

YE OLDE CAR CLUB is a great group of people who have fun with old cars. We share knowledge, help, encouragement and friendship, and sometimes even tools! We have fun as a group with weekly breakfast meetings, monthly dinner meetings, a monthly Ladies Lunch, a Christmas Party, tours, picnics and parades plus we do good in the community by sharing our cars with those in retirement homes and at funeral services.

Our group of volunteers make things happen. Shared efforts make lighter work for all. Have you considered volunteering? Our December ballot will include a new president, treasurer and secretary plus a couple of board members. These are very rewarding positions where you get to know more members and participate directly in "hands on" management of the club. Not sure whether you are qualified? Virtually everyone is, call me for a chat.

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Bits and Pieces

Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and Snickers.

Sometimes the thoughts in my head get bored and stroll out through my mouth. This is never a good thing.

I made a mistake and bought a scale today. It's already defective.

My 60 year reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

Half the people you know are below average.

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Lunch had 10 attending. September Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Dolores McClary. TBD

The Remarkable Body

Sneezing in response to bright light exposure (such as stepping out into the sunshine after sitting in a dark theater) is called photic sneeze reflex. Not only is the trait inherited genetically, but your genes even determine how many times you'll sneeze in response to the light.

Where in the world.

Bears In Yellowstone National Park Get A Significant Number Of Calories From Eating? Moths

Fun Food Facts

If you ingest nutmeg in large doses, it works like a hallucinogen due to a natural compound called myristicin. It has mind-altering effects if taken in large doses.

Prominent People born in August:

Louis Armstrong: August 4
Neil Armstrong: August 5
Lucille Ball: August 6
Alfred Hitchcock: August 13
Annie Oakley: August 13
Julia Child: August 15
Davy Crockett: August 17
Kobe Bryant: August 23
Gene Kelly: August 23
Rick Springfield: August 23
Martha Stewart: August 3
Mother Teresa: August 26

Presidents Born in August:

Bill Clinton: August 19
Benjamin Harrison: August 20
Herbert C. Hoover: August 10
Lyndon Baines Johnson: August 27
Barack Obama: August 4

Presidents Who Died in August:

Warren G. Harding: August 2

August is the last of the summer months.

National Watermelon Day is August 3

National Smile Week is August 5 to August 11

Elvis Presley died on August 16, 1977

Mt. Vesuvius erupted on August 24, 79AD

Martin Luther King, Jr's 'I Have a Dream' speech was given on August 28, 1963

1949 Dodge Wayfarer



The "true" 1949 Dodges were introduced in February 1949, after a long production run of the 1948s. The Wayfarer (known as the D-29 series), aside from its shorter wheelbase, shared the boxy corporate design of the new 1949 Chrysler products. While much improved over the earlier Dodges, the Wayfarer still had to do without features such as a crankshaft dampener, the new Micronic oil filter, a splash-proof distributor, and rivetless brake linings. The windshield wipers were vacuum-powered rather than electric, and only the right-hand door received an exterior lock - the roadster receiving none. The Wayfarer arrived with three different body styles: a two-door sedan, a two-door business coupe, and the two-door roadster (only entering production in May). The business coupe shared some bodywork with Plymouth's business coupe version, but the other Wayfarer's had unique pressings.

The roadster had removable plastic side windows instead of wind-down units, and a short top, which eliminated the need for rear quarter windows. More permanent swing-out vent windows were available as an option. However, Californian regulations on hand signaling meant that roll-down windows had to be added quick and retro-fitted to Californian market vehicles. This happened in September, after which the roll-down windows became a rarely selected delete-option. A roadster with a rumble seat was even tested (with a bottom-hinged trunk lid), but the opening would have had to be moved and the cost of tooling up for such an option meant that it was soon dropped.

1949 production totaled 63,816, equaling 25 percent of Dodge's total number. Of these, 49,054 were sedans, 9342 were coupes, and 5420 were roadsters.

From Wikipedia

FOR SALE: BJ Wyland is selling his folks 2019 Subaru Forester Wagon. It comes with all the bells and whistles including having a moon roof. It is an Eco car. In excellent condition with less than 4000 miles. Asking \$36,000. Call BJ if interested: 509-542-0106

FOR SALE: Gary Osborn has a 1940 Ford 9N Tractor that needs some restoration. It ran the last time he parked it. He is asking \$2000 OBO. Call Gary: 509- 547-5614

FOR SALE:

Willie Gould has a 1928 Chevy for sale. He says he has \$3150 in it. Call if interested: 509-802-1060

WANTED: Dodd Coutts is looking for hardware for his 1938 Chevy or suggestions on parts.
Call Dodd: 509-539-1931

WANTED:

Dick Ellis' son, Brian is looking for a pair of 30X3-1/2 tier flaps for his Model T. New or good used. Or if you have a line on this part. Brian would also be interested in having a good source for additional parts and accessories for the Model T. Contact Brian mustachebe@gmail.com.

Which Famous Museum's Founder Had Never Visited The Country It Was Established In?

The Smithsonian Institution

If you, unfamiliar with the history of the venerable Smithsonian Institution, had to guess who founded it, you would most likely presume that either the U.S. government or a wealthy early American patron of the arts and sciences had underwritten the group of research facilities and museums.

In fact, the Smithsonian Institution was neither founded by the United States government (although it was built by and remains administered by it) nor was it founded by a wealthy American patron. The Smithsonian Institution was founded by the estate of British scientist James Smithson in accordance with his will.

Smithson willed his fortune to his nephew Henry James Hungerford, but per his will should Hungerford die without an heir, the money was to be transferred "to the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an Establishment for the increase & diffusion of knowledge among men." The bequeathment was officially accepted by the United States Government July 1836 followed by the transfer of the money in the form of 104,960 gold coins (equivalent in value today to roughly \$11 million) the next month.

Why would a British scientist donate money to start a museum and research complex in a country he had never even visited? Unfortunately, Smithson's papers and personal documents were lost in a mid-19th century fire, but even if they had been preserved, it's possible we still wouldn't know Smithson's true motivation. We can, however, infer some meaning from bits of his surviving correspondence. We know that Smithson was an illegitimate child and that this status caused him not insignificant distress over his life. We also have the following quote from his correspondence in regard to the wishes outlined in his will: "My name shall live in the memory of man when the titles of the Northumberlands and Percys are extinct and forgotten." His father was Hugh Percy (surname of Smithson before marriage), the 1st Duke of Northumberland.

Perhaps Smithson saw, with significant clarity to be sure, that bequeathing his fortune to establish a large research institution in the capital of the fledgling (but rising) United States would do more to secure his name in the annals of history than any attempt at pursuing his father's title ever would.

From How to Geek

Did you know?

Quaker Oats for fast pain relief. It's not for breakfast any more! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.

Japanese Sex

A Japanese couple is arguing about how to perform highly erotic sex.

Husband: "Sukitaki. Mojitaka."

Wife: "Kowenini! Mowi janakpa!"

Husband angrily: "Toka a anji rodi roumi yakoo!"

Wife, on her knees begging: "Mimi Nakoundinda tinkouji!"

Husband, shouting angrily: "Namiaou kina Tim-Kouji!"

I can't believe you just sat there trying to read this! You don't know any Japanese. You'll read anything as long as it's about sex...Sometimes I worry about you.

Unknown Auto Parts. Can you Identify?



From Lee Noga

If you can identify this piece, let Lee know. 509-967-2723

Auto facts from 1963

- **Chrysler adopts a 5-year/50,000-mile warranty to boost sales; many others increase to 2/24,000.
- **The average full-time worker earns \$5243 annually; an average car sells for \$2310.
- **Ford offers the industry's first fully synchronized three-speed manual transmission.
- **Power front disc brakes are now optional on Studebakers - a first for production cars.
- **Most 1963 cars have self-adjusting brakes; Studebaker was first in 1964.
- **Half of all 1963s are ordered with power steering, three-fourths with automatic transmission,, nearly two-thirds with V-8, and one-seventh with air conditioning.
- **Studebaker begins installation of seatbelts in March 1963; other makes follow for 1964.
- **Amber front turn signal lights are adopted by the auto industry.
- **PCV (positive crankcase ventilation) systems are installed in all cars - but not yet trucks - to reduce pollution output.
- **The Dodge/Plymouth big-block expands to 426-cid, with a super performance "Ramcharger" delivering 425 horsepower.
- **Pontiac offers an optional transistorized ignition - an industry first.
- **A tilt steering wheel is now optional in most full-size General Motors cars.
- **Nearly nine million households have ore than one car - up from 4.2 million in 1954.
- **Dodge completely restyles its compact and renames it Dart, dropping the Lancer moniker.
- **Studebaker's Wagonaire wagon has a rear roof panel that slides forward to accommodate taller loads.
- **Goodyear introduces a premium safety tire wit an inner "spare" that allows driving for 100 miles after the outer carcass blows out.

Auto facts from 1964

- **New models include the Chevrolet Chevelle, Mercury Comet Caliente, Oldsmobile Jetstar 88 and Jetstar I, and Studebaker Challenger.
- **Ford Mustang is launched on April 17, 1964, as a 1965 model; Plymouth's sporty Barracuda fastback, a 1964, had already bowed on April 1.
- **All 1964 models have front seatbelts.
- **Dodge marks its 50th anniversary and provides the official pace car, a Challenger convertible, for the Indy 500 race.
- **Automatic transmission selectors are standardized at "PRNDL" in some GM models; other automakers follow for 1965.
- **Corvairs adopt a camber-compensating transverse rear leaf spring to improve handling and save space.
- **The midsize Chevrolet Chevelle debuts; Malibus get a Super Sport package option.
- **The restyled fourth-generation Ford Thunderbird features "Silent-Flo" ventilation.
- **The midsize Oldsmobile Cutlass adds its first muscle car, the 4-4-2, at midyear.
- **The last American-built Studebakers leave South Bend, IN on December 20; production continues in Canada.

Auto facts from 1965

- **Ralph Nader publishes *Unsafe at Any Speed*, a critique on auto safety that expands into a potent consumer movement.
- **Replacing drums, front disc brakes are installed on many 1965 models.
- **The Automotive Products Trade Act of 1965 eliminates tariffs on new vehicles crossing U.S. or Canadian borders from either direction.
- **The Avanti II enters production; it's much like the original Studebaker version but is powered by a potent Chevrolet Corvette V-8.
- **Chrysler products abandon the novel automatic-transmission pushbutton controls first used in 1956.
- **Audiophiles rejoice: FM stereo radios become available in some Chevrolets.
- **The Corvair sports all new hardtop styling and a redesigned independent suspension; Corsa replaces the Monza Spyder.
- **Caprice Custom Sedan joins the Chevrolet line as the marque's top LTD fighter.
- **Corvette gains optional four-wheel disc brakes, plus its first big-block V-8 engine.
- **Chrysler's 300-L is destined to be the last letter series model.
- **Dodge's Coronet Hemi-Charger aims at the dragstrips, while the Monaco is a full-size sport/luxury hardtop.
- **Thunderbirds boast "sequential" turn signals, standard front disc brakes, and a keyless locking system.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week? Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime? Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees? Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire? Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies? Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire? Answer: CRAZY

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage? Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch? Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement? Answer: The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What do you do all week? Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

Thanks to friend Bill Sullivan for this contribution

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August



Birthdays

Delores Benson	August 26	Gary Boehnke	August 15
Donald Freeman	August 11	Bruce Ginther	August 5
Cory Hannah	August 4	Debbi Hannah	August 15
Robb King	August 25	Elaine Kutrowski	August 1
Phillip Lemley	August 19	John Madden	August 28
Peggy Madden	August 5	Gayle Noga	August 22
Lynn Patterson	August 19	Marva Randall	August 28
Paul Rascon	August 26	Rick Rickard	August 24



Anniversaries

Thomas & Laura Beaver	August 29	Randy & Jean Bunch	August 23
Dave & Debbi Hannah	August 29	Bill & Linda Jarrard	August 13
Clarence & Norma Kummer	August 10	John & Peggy Madden	August 1
Tom & Ingrid Smith	August 28	Jay & Barbara Thomas	August 27

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