



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club February 2022 Newsletter

February 2022 Prez says ramblings

We had great turnout of 40 members celebrating Myrtle Nesbitt's 100th birthday and viewing the Simmelink slide show at the January monthly evening meeting. There were seven past presidents and new members Victor and Nadine Meyers joined the club. Thank you again everyone, for making it a special event.

Our car club currently attends numerous car shows and assisted living facilities throughout the year. To ensure our members get the most enjoyment from our club, I have requested information on the Old Time Plow and Farm Machinery event in Pomeroy WA, a Richland Players Club presentation, Broetje Orchards tour, Bechtel Natl Planetarium viewing, and working with Tri-Tech to arrange a skills center tour and car show sometime in late May or early June. The Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig site is not available to arrange a tour until March. More information on these events will be announced when arrangements have been made.

As you can see, our club will be busy with new and old events. Time is running out on paying your yearly dues, you have until March 1st before you are dropped from our roster and membership emails. Those members that are not current have been notified either by email or postal, to either respond by paying their dues or request cancellation of membership. You can pay Don Buckles at the meeting or mail your \$15 checks to: YE OLDE CAR CLUB, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352.

Dave Hannah

EDITOR'S NOTE

I will be ready to do an updated Roster the first part of March. Please let me know if anything has changed for you in the past year. New email? New vehicles? Sell a vehicle? New phone number? New address? Email – sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com or phone 509-545-4077

**Also, don't forget to pay your dues. If we don't receive your \$15 by March 1, you will no longer receive the Gas Gauge and other important information from the club.
Mail to: YOCC, PO Box 2023, Richland 99352**

Thank you. Frances

Bob Gough, our Historian is looking for any old tour badges that you might want to donate to him for a display board he would like to make. If you have any that you would be willing to give up, please call Bob – 628-1493.

Bits and Pieces

Without freedom of speech, we wouldn't know who the idiots are.

Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants...is a wife who told him which pants to wear.

I don't know how to use TikTok but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands...so there's that.

Is it really necessary for the first square of toilet paper to be glued down?

When all this pandemic stuff is over, I still plan to wear a mask. It hides the perpetual look of annoyance I have for most people.

Covid-19 Fact: 87% of gym members don't even know their gym is closed.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

The Remarkable Body

It takes our brains 80 milliseconds to process information. That means we are all living ever so slightly in the past.

Where in the world.

Thirteen nations have crescent moons on their flags.

Fun Food Facts

Thomas Jefferson is responsible for bringing the first macaroni machine over to the U.S. after spending time in France. He was also the one who introduced mac and cheese to Americans!

Ladies Lunch had 10 ladies present. Thank you Myrtle & Ginger. March ladies lunch will be hosted by Dixie Gilbert. Destination TBD.

Some interesting stuff about February:

- **It is the shortest month of the year.
- **February 1 marks the Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year.
- **February 2 is Ground Hog Day – the day we find out whether winter will last six more months or call it quits early.
- **February 14 is Valentines Day.
- **February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.
- **February is Black History Month.
- **It was in February 1964 when the Beatles made their first American TV appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Over 73 million Americans watched.
- **The first Sunday in February is Super Bowl Sunday.
- **February is National Snack Food month.

THE END OF AN ERA

Since 1997, customers could walk into a Little Caesars and order a signature Hot-N-Ready large pepperoni pizza for \$5. On Tuesday, the chain announced it will now cost \$5.55 — in these inflationary times, it seems nothing is sacred. (From The Daily Upside)

A Fashion Fad During The Late 18th Century: Lightning Rods

If you live long enough, you're bound to see some weird fashions. If you remember the 1980s, for example, you remember parachute pants and everything neon, but when it comes to really weird fashions, it is tough to beat the craze that swept through Europe in the late 18th century: wearing and carrying items with built-in lightning rods.

The fad started shortly after Ben Franklin invented the lightning rod. Designers in Paris created women's hats and men's umbrellas with a lightning rod built into the highest point of the objects. The lightning rod was then attached to a long chain that dangled down from the accessory and made contact with the ground in order to give the lightning a safe path to travel and disperse into the Earth.

That was the idea, in theory, but there are no recorded instances of anyone being protected by such an apparatus in action and having a strong electrical discharge traveling down a thin chain or wire hanging off of your fashion accessory probably isn't the safest idea in the first place. Perhaps the purchasers would have been better served by adopting the fashion of taking tea, safely indoors, any time they heard thunder rumbling.

From www.howtogeek.com

1928 THE FIRST PLYMOUTH

On June 11, 1928, the first Plymouth was built at Chrysler's Highland Park plant. Consumers wanted smaller, less expensive cars, but Chrysler had not yet entered this market. Their answer? The Plymouth epitomized "the endurance and strength, the rugged honesty, the determination of achievement and freedom from old limitations of that Pilgrim band who were the first American colonists," according to Walter P. Chrysler.

Though it was originally priced from \$670 to \$725, the Plymouth was still more expensive than the target market, having to compete against Ford Motor Company's \$600 Model A and other models. What it did offer was four-wheel hydraulic brakes, aluminum alloy pistons and full pressured lubrication for the engine -- features unavailable from low-priced Ford and Chevrolet vehicles.

Chrysler was able to sell 58,000 Plymouth cars in the first year of production, leading Chrysler to build the Lynch Road Assembly plant in Detroit in 1929. For the rest of the 20th century, the Plymouth would become one of the top-selling American automobile brands, acting as Chrysler's high-volume seller until the 1990s.



Red Rutherford Scholarship History

In 2010, local Tri-Cities car clubs wanted to establish a transportation museum. Several vehicles were donated from various club, along with two vehicles from Victor "Red" Rutherford. Due to the fact that it was hard

to find a facility large enough to house the donated vehicles and the cost involved, the idea was scraped. The vehicles were returned to the various donating clubs.

The agreement with Red Rutherford was the cars were available for disposal if the museum was not in operation by January of 2012.

On March 16, 2011, the Ye Olde Car Club was discussing some form of donation to local automotive training programs. A motion was made to study what the money will be used for and if our money would go directly to automotive departments. This committee was made up of Bob Gough, Jim Ayers and Richard Brown.

On September 13, 2011, the Three Rivers Transportation Museum committee discussed the future of the museum and what will be done with the already-donated cars. After the meeting the two Rutherford vehicles were returned over to the Ye Olde Car Club.

On January 01, 2012, a committee was formed to make a recommendation on how to dispose of the two vehicles Red Rutherford donated. The members are Jack Yale, Bill Houchin, John Trumbo, Ron Smith, and Jim Ayers.

On January 18, 2012, the committee announced two recommendations to dispose of Red Rutherford's vehicles. The first recommendation was for the minimum sale prices and who would have first chance to buy. That proposal included:

1976 Cadillac minimum bid \$2,500.00

1950 Chevy ½ ton pickup minimum bid \$4,000.00

YOCC members have exclusive right to buy until Feb. 8, 2012

Other local clubs have the right to buy from 2/8/12 until 3/1/12

The bidding is open to the public after 3/1/12

A second recommendation was to place all proceeds from these sales into a separate account. This account would provide \$500.00 scholarships to college bound students in the automotive field. The scholarships will be in the name of Red Rutherford. Both recommendations passed unanimously.

January 25, 2012, the committee announced that it will be a closed bid. The highest bid over the minimum bid will be the winner. Bids will be opened on the ending date specified above at the weekly meeting. Bids will be accepted by mail to Jim Ayers, 7901 W. Clearwater Ave. #144, Kennewick, WA. 99336 or E-mail via Jim Ayers at jjimayers@gmail.com.

February 1, 2012, Jim informed us there have been no bids so far on Red Rutherford's vehicles. If there are no bids by Feb 8, the bidding will be open to all car clubs in the area, including Walla Walla and Spokane. Feb. 12, 2012, Jim Ayers announced that the bidding for Red Rutherford's cars had ended. The high bid for the 1950 Chevy 1/2-ton pickup was by our new member, Dean Hinkson. There were no bids on the 1976 Cadillac. The bidding will be open to local car clubs and then to the public.

Feb 29, 2012, Jim Ayers announced that Red Rutherford's Cadillac sold to the Shriners in Longview, WA. The sale is interesting because Rutherford originally purchased that car from that Shriners group. It's going home

March 21, 2012, with the scholarship money from Red Rutherford's vehicles, the plan was to ask the Richland High and Tri-Tech each to select worthy students, and we will select from their choices. Later, it was determined to assign that task to Tri-Tech, as they would be more capable of selecting qualified candidates.

RED RUTHERFORD VEHICLE FLYER SALE/MAKE OFFER ON THIS

A special offer only to members of Ye Olde Car Club until February 8th, features Red Rutherford's 1950 Chevrolet pickup and his 1976 Cadillac convertible. Sealed bids on each will be accepted until February 8th, with minimums of \$4,000 for the truck and \$2,500 for the Caddy. Both vehicles are as is, but it is still a chance for someone to grab a real deal. Red had intended for these to be part of a local transportation museum. But with that not happening, the Ye Olde Car Club must find new homes for these rare chariots. If no club member wins, the vehicles will be offered to other car clubs in the Tri-Cities.



All bids must be submitted by February 8th to jjimayers@gmail.com or sent to the club prez at 7901 West Clearwater Avenue, #144, Kennewick, WA 99336. Proceeds will be put into a special fund to benefit local high school auto shop programs. Specs on the truck, which is one very hot rod, are: 350 Chevy block with performance upgrades, 350 turbo transmission, power brakes and steering, AC, cruise control, tilt wheel, modified Mustang II clip, air horn with pump, electric windows, AM/FM radio, Nova rear end, drive shaft disconnect for towing, 2-hitch receiver on front, back and passenger side, and interior velour diamond tuck and roll. Body and bed sheet metal are solid. Needs exterior paint, woodwork in bed and one 14-inch P245/80 tire. The Caddy has a 500 cubic-inch V-8, auto tranny, power steering and brakes, cruise control, rear defroster, AM/FM cassette radio, power antenna and power seats, tilt wheel, and special horn. The body is solid and the heater core needs repair, as do the AC and power windows.

The Red Rutherford scholarship is presented to the qualifying candidate at the Tri-Tech Skills Center (5929 W Metaline Ave, Kennewick, WA) scholarship awards ceremony the first part in May each year.

RED RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP

In 2010, Red Rutherford donated a 1950 5-window Chevy pickup and a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible to the Ye Olde Car Club. Both of these vehicles were sold in 2012 to establish the Red Rutherford Scholarship fund, to assist and support the youth of our area, with a \$500 scholarship, for students enrolled in the automotive field.

Victor "Red" Rutherford's community service accomplishments in the Tri-Cities are numerous. He was Kiwanian of the year in 1990 and 1994, Kennewick Man of the Year in 1996, and Tri City Man of the Year in 2002. Red was a founding member of the Tri-Cities Cancer Men's Club and led the car raffle to raise money for the Cancer Center. As well as a longtime member of the Ye Olde Car Club.

YEAR	AWARDED TO
2021	Eder Samaniego
2021	Victor Sanchez-Zambrano
2021	Efrain Linares
2021	Miguel J. Rodriguez
2021	Joshua Haradon
2021	Valen Sanchez
2021	Sebastian Mendez
2021	Covid Pandemic (No Award)
2021	Randy Tran

A Look Back at 2009 to 2012

You will want to go to this site - <https://yeoldecarclub.blogspot.com/>

You are certain to enjoy this whole page.

The content seems to be from 2009 to 2012. And includes many people and cars that are still around in 2011. Does anyone know who was editor at that time?

Early Rural Telephone Systems

Over a century ago, in the early days of telecommunication network deployment, there was a whole lot of space not covered by the telephone grid. Thousands upon thousands of acres of the rural southwestern and western United States were well beyond the reach of the telephone network and early telephone companies were in no hurry to incur the expense of running miles of line between every farm and ranch west of the Rio Grande.

While rural farmers didn't have access to a telco-laid wire network, they certainly had more than enough wire to go around. All those thousands of acres of rural land were demarcated with wire fencing. At some point in the late 1890s an unknown but ingenious rancher realized he could hook a telephone up to the fence on one side of his property and ring a phone hooked up to the other side. Because fence wire was routinely woven into the

fence wire of neighboring ranches to increase strength and stability it was possible to trace a single wire route for miles and miles.

Over the years, ranchers upgraded the lines by adding additional wire, using old bottle necks to insulate the wire and improve the signal, and even set up switchboards manned by ranchers' wives. As late as the 1970s there were still many areas in rural Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico where the only way to get a phone call out to a remote ranch was to use the fence-wire network.

From www.howtogeek.com

WOMEN'S CORNER

Understanding husband????

It is important for men to remember that as women grow older it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as they did when they were younger. When men notice this, they should try not to yell.

Let me relate how I handle the situation.

When I got laid off from my consulting job and took "early retirement" in April, it became necessary for Nancy to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we need. It was shortly after she started working that I noticed that she was beginning to show her age.

I usually get home from fishing or hunting about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says that she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts supper. I try not to yell, instead I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she finally does get supper on the table.

She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. It is now not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after supper. I do what I can by reminding her several times each evening that they aren't cleaning themselves. I know she appreciates this, as it does seem to help her get them done before she goes to bed. Now that she is older she seems to get tired so much more quickly.

Our washer and dryer are in the basement. Sometimes she says she just can't make another trip down those steps. I don't make a big issue of this. As long as she finishes up the laundry the next evening I am willing to overlook it. Not only that, but unless I need something ironed to wear to the Monday lodge meeting or to Wednesday's or Saturday's poker club or to Tuesday's or Thursday's bowling or something like that, I will tell her to wait until the next evening to do the ironing. This gives her a little more time to do some of those odds and ends things like shampooing the dog, vacuuming or dusting. Also, if I have a really good day of fishing, this allows her to gut and scale the fish at a more leisurely pace.

Nancy is starting to complain a little occasionally. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. In spite of her complaining, I continue to try to offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any, if you know what I mean.

When doing simple jobs she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I try not to embarrass her when she needs these little extra rest breaks. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. I tell her that as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me and take her break by the hammock so she can talk with me until I fall asleep.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Nancy on a daily basis. I'm not saying that the ability to show this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible. No one knows better than I do how frustrating women can become as they get older. However, guys, even if you just yell at your wife a little less often because of this article, I will consider that writing it was worthwhile.

Signed, Bob

Bob's funeral was on Saturday, January 25th.
Nancy was acquitted Monday, January 27th.

Thanks to my friend Pami.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February



Birthdays

Calvin Coffey	February 18	Trish Kiichle	February 10
Molly King	February 2	Susanne Kooiker	February 2
Don Millard	February 5	Nancy Millard	February 5
Brian Newell	February 27	Jeri Newell	February 9
Robert Parchen	February 5	Peggy Parchen	February 14
Jim Vetrano	February 14	Robin Woodford	February 15



Anniversaries

David & Susan Gerkenmeyer	February 13
Victor & Nadine Meyers	February 28
Jerry & Bonnie Suminski	February 12
Jim & Ginger Vetrano	February 14

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