



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club August 2022 Newsletter

## August 2022 Prez says ramblings

The past couple of years with little or no club activities due to the pandemic, has not had much of an impact on the club. Our club is growing stronger with our 16th and 17th new members this year. Bob & Kelly Casto, with a 1966 Chevy Corsair Corsa Convertible Turbo and John & Enid Reck, with a 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk. Not to mention six members have rejoined or paid their dues after a three year absence. We hope everyone enjoys getting to know us and become active members.

Things are picking up from the reduced activities due to the heat in July. The club has seventeen activities scheduled for the month of August and fourteen for September. Five assisted living visits have been rescheduled and it will be great to get back to visiting with our friends.

I know it seems early, but I will be sending a list around next month for those that wish to attend our Christmas dinner. We need to provide the Pasco Eagle's club the number attending and desired choice of Chicken Cordon Blue or Prime Rib. Below is the information on the dinner:

The YOCC Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday, December 14, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The menu will consist of: Chicken Cordon Blue or Prime Rib, Baked Potato with Potato Spread, Chef's Choice Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Harvest Garden Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing, Various Seasonal Fresh Fruit Trays, Warm Rolls with Butter, Holiday Dessert Tray, Coffee, Decaf, Tea or Milk, and a full bar at member's charge. The price will be \$10.00 per member until November 30 and \$15.00 per member from December 1 to December 14.

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## Bits and Pieces

Why do fish always sing off-key? Because you can't tuna fish.

I always start the day with good intentions...Then I get out of bed and that's usually where it goes all wrong.

If you don't have a sense of humor...you probably don't have any sense at all.

Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree".

She said she missed me. Normally that would be good, but she's reloading.

You'd think that the part of the brain that used to remember phone numbers would take over remembering passwords. But, nooooooo...

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."

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## **The Remarkable Body**

The atoms that make up your human body today are same atoms that formed during the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago.

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## **Where in the world.**

The Great Wall of China took 2000 years to complete and is about 13,000 miles long.

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## **Fun Food Facts**

Carrots weren't originally orange. They were actually purple until some Dutch carrot growers started cultivating them in the 17th century.

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**Ladies Lunch in August** had 8 ladies attending. Thanks Debbi. September Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Dolores McClary at Summer's Hub, 6481 W. Skagit Ave., Kennewick, WA. Between Chuck-E- Cheese & Sportsman's Warehouse. 1:00 PM. Please call Dolores if attending: 509-783-3622

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## **Some interesting stuff about August:**

The first sandwich was made on August 6, 1762, when the Earl of Sandwich asked for a dish with meat between two pieces of bread. Legend has it that he ordered the meal in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.

On August 1st, Lammas day is celebrated as the first day of harvest in the UK. Traditionally it was the day in which harvested wheat would be baked into bread and given to the church. The bread was used as the Communion bread for a special mass to celebrate the beginning of the harvest. This tradition ended when Henry XIII broke away from the Catholic Church.

August 2 is National Ice Cream sandwich day.

August 5th is National Underwear Day

August 13 is Left-Handers day

Rock music lost a living legend on August 16, 1977, when Elvis Presley left the world behind.

August 21 is Senior Citizens Day

It was on August 28, 1963, that Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous "I have a dream" speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

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## LaSalle



LaSalle was an American brand of luxury automobiles manufactured and marketed, as a separate brand, by General Motors' Cadillac division from 1927 through 1940. Alfred P. Sloan, GM's Chairman of the Board, developed the concept for four new GM marques brands - LaSalle, Marquette, Viking and Pontiac - paired with already established brands to fill price gaps he perceived in the General Motors product portfolio. Sloan created LaSalle as a companion marque for Cadillac. LaSalle automobiles were manufactured by Cadillac, but were priced lower than Cadillac-branded automobiles, were shorter, and were marketed as the second-most prestigious marque in the General Motors portfolio. LaSalle's were titled as LaSalle's, and not as Cadillacs. Like Cadillac - named after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac- the LaSalle brand name was based on that of another French explorer, René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle.

The LaSalle had its beginnings when General Motors' CEO Alfred P. Sloan noticed that his carefully crafted market segmentation program was beginning to develop price gaps in which General Motors had no products to sell. In an era when automotive brands were somewhat restricted to building a specific car per model year, Sloan surmised that the best way to bridge the gaps was to develop "companion" marques that could be sold through the current sales network.

Beginning with the 1934 model year, a significant portion of the LaSalle, now called the Series 50 Model 350, was more closely related to the Oldsmobile L-Series, Buick Series 40 and Buick Series 50 while sharing an appearance with the senior Cadillac Series 355s. This was marked by a shift to the Oldsmobile- and Buick-based B platform. Again, Earl's work with the LaSalle resulted in a graceful vehicle, led by an elegantly thin grille that now concealed the previously exposed radiator, which was shared with Cadillac and Pontiac for that year. Earl's other contribution was the modern, airplane-styled, semi-shielded portholes along the side of the hood. All bodies were now made by Fleetwood. 1933 was the first year all GM vehicles were installed with optional vent windows which were initially called "No Draft Individually Controlled Ventilation" later renamed "Ventiplanes" which the patent application was filed on Nov. 28, 1932. It was assigned to the Ternstedt Manufacturing Company, a GM subsidiary that manufactured components for Fisher Body and they were introduced on the Series 50 in 1934.

The Series 50 was also no longer available with a V8, which was a distinction shared with all Cadillacs, and now only available with an Oldsmobile sourced flathead inline-eight, while Buick continued to offer the more technologically advanced overhead valve straight-eight engine exclusive to Buick. The LaSalle was the first Cadillac to use hydraulic brakes sourced from Bendix and various components were sourced from within different GM Divisions in order to cut production costs. The Oldsmobile engine was not assembled by Oldsmobile then supplied to the LaSalle factory, instead the parts were sent to the LaSalle factory and assembled by Cadillac-trained LaSalle assembly teams to authentically declare it was manufactured by Cadillac engineers. The LaSalle sales department further invited clients to witness the cars being manufactured and listed the different companies that sourced various items that were used to manufacture the 1934 LaSalle.

This LaSalle Series 50 Model 350 listed at US\$1,550 (\$29,986 in 2020 dollars) for a choice of coupes, sedans or convertibles and was now priced US\$1,000 (\$19,346 in 2020 dollars [3]) below the least expensive Cadillac. Its mission was not to fill a price gap, but to keep the luxury-car division out of the red. But as the economy began to recover, the LaSalle did not, at least not commensurate with the economy. Sales were 7,195 in 1934, 8,651 in 1935 and 13,004 in 1936 while Buick appeared to be more attractive yet frugal.

To further emphasize that the 1935 LaSalle was improved from the previous model, the name was, again, changed to Series 35-50, dropping the "model" designation, while the vehicle was largely the same with the usual appearance, options list changes, and mechanical advancements. Meanwhile, the Packard One-Twenty had been introduced in 1935 and was very successful. For 1936 the LaSalle was renamed the Series 36-50 and had additional competition from the Lincoln-Zephyr, introduced in 1936. The 1937 LaSalle was called the Series 37-50, a naming convention that would continue with the last LaSalle Series 40-50 and 40-52.

For 1937, Cadillac made the LaSalle its own again, giving it the designation Series 37-50 and the 322 cu in (5.3 L) monobloc V8 of the Series 60, new styling, a lower price range, and a heavy promotion emphasizing that the car was completely Cadillac-built. It was too late. Model year sales of 32,000 LaSalle was a great improvement, but it remained far behind the Packard.

A 1934 LaSalle Series 50 Model 350 was chosen as the Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500, and a 1937 LaSalle Series 37-50 convertible also served as an Indy 500 Pace Car.

In its final years, the LaSalle Series 39-50 was once again more Cadillac-like in its appearance and details, and was essentially identical to the Cadillac Series 61. The narrow radiator grille opening was retained and was flanked by additional side grille work which aided in heat dissipation from the engine. Headlights, which had moved down and been secured to the body between the grille and the fender, were again attached to the radiator shell. LaSalle also added a sunroof, marketed as the "Sunshine Turret Top". Sales climbed from 15,501 in 1938 to 23,028 in 1939.

The final 1940 LaSalle were introduced in October 1939 with a full array of semi-custom body styles, as it had in its first year, including a convertible sedan. Earl oversaw this redesign. The LaSalle emerged with a smooth-flowing design, its thin radiator flanked by a series of thin chrome slots. In its final year, sales of the LaSalle reached the second-highest level ever at 24,133. In addition to the Series 40-50, there was also the lower, wider Series 40-52 Special using General Motors' new "Torpedo"-style body.

From Wikipedia

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### **Did You Know...**

The first speeding ticket issued in the United States (handed to the offender in the paper form we're used to today), was issued to Harry Myers in 1904 for driving a blistering 12 miles per hour down West Third Street in Dayton, Ohio.

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## **IDIOTS**

### **IDIOTS IN SERVICE:**

This week, our phones went dead and I had to contact the telephone repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, "Would you like us to call you before we come?" I replied that I didn't see how he would be able to do that since our phones weren't working.

### **IDIOTS AT WORK:**

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

### **IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:**

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many &!#\*%#! deer were being hit by cars and she didn't want them to cross there anymore.

### **IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE:**

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

### **IDIOT SIGHTING #1:**

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" She smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

### IDIOT SIGHTING #2:

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with a coworker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

### IDIOT SIGHTING #3:

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

### IDIOT SIGHTING #4:

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."

Now don't you feel better?

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## WOMEN'S CORNER

### Bran Muffins:

They were 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last 2 decades.

One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane unfortunately crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now."

The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied; "remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever-built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day, any time of day that you want." Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic desserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy."

The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!" The old man inquired, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself." The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your darn bran muffins. We could have been here twenty years ago!"

Thanks to cousin Jacki Stevenson



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in August



### Birthdays

Gary Boehnke	August 15	Bruce Ginther	August 5
Cory Hannah	August 4	Debbi Hannah	August 15
Jack Hecht	August 1	Robb King	August 25
Taylor Knipp	August 12	Phillip Lemley	August 19
Odetta Linden	August 22	John Madden	August 28
Peggy Madden	August 5	Jose Munoz	August 7
Lynn Patterson	August 19	Marva Randall	August 28
Paul Rascon	August 26	Rick Rickard	August 24
Anna Riedner	August 10	Mike Rose	August 31
John Soliz	August 15		



### Anniversaries

Edmond & JoAnn Bearce	August 8	Randy & Jean Bunch	August 23
Dave & Debbi Hannah	August 29	Bill & Linda Jarrard	August 13
Daniel & Tonia Juarez	August 27	Clarence & Norma Kummer	August 10
Mike & Michelle Rose	August 8	Tom & Ingrid Smith	August 28
Jay & Barbara Thomas	August 27		

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