



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club October 2023 Newsletter

October 2023 Prez says ramblings

I would like to welcome new members Michelle McGuire, Terry & Tina Baumgartner, and Randy Boyd. Michelle has attended the ladies luncheons, the Baumgartner's have a '34 Ford, '57 Ford, '60 Chevy and a '79 Chev El Camino, and Randy has a 2018 Ford Mustang GT. We hope you enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

I want to thank everyone that attended our 60th Anniversary dinner. As always the food and fellowship was fantastic. Special thanks to John Hopkins, Frances McGillis and all the members that helped setup and take down the tables and chairs. We have wonderful people that go out of their way to help each other and make the best of what we have. Thanks again for a wonderful time.

It's time to start the signed up sheet to attend the Christmas dinner and party at the Pasco Eagles Club, 2829 W Sylvester Street in Pasco, on Saturday December 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. We will accept payment at the weekly Wednesday meetings or by mail at Ye Olde Car Club, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352. The price will be \$10.00 per person until November 30 and \$15.00 per person from December 1 to December 16. Please be courteous to Don Buckles (our treasurer) and pay in advance, so he can enjoy the Christmas dinner as well.

About this time of year members start paying their dues for the next year. At the meeting on June 22, 2023, the club voted to increase the yearly dues to \$20 for 2024 and to charge an additional \$5 if paid after the delinquent date of March 1st.

As always, remember to contact Bonnie Suminski (our sunshine person) to provide congratulations, get well, and sympathy cards to club members. Her telephone number is 509-579-0030.

Dave Hannah

Bits and Pieces

The cashier told me, "Strip Down Facing Me." By the time I realized they meant the debit card, it was too late.

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I answered, "Kindergarten."

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow and she's been leaving jewelry catalogs all over the house, so I bought her a magazine rack.

Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness. Mark Twain

I get most of my exercise these days from shaking my head in disbelief.

Tibetan Proverb: The secret to living well and longer is: Eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure.

The Remarkable Body

Every minute you shed over 30,000 dead skin cells.

Where in the world.

Argentina is the biggest consumer of beef. Each person eats about 141 pounds a year.

Fun Food Facts

M&M candies, the ubiquitous little coated chocolate treats, were originally used as a method of shipping chocolate to U.S. soldiers in tropical climates during World War II without the risk of larger bars melting.

Ladies Lunch in October had 11 ladies attending. Thanks Nadine.



Ginger Vetrano, Dolores McClary,
Dixie Gilbert, Avis Ogden,
Frances McGillis



Bonnie Suminski, DaJuan Recknagle,
Barbara Baker, Nadine Meyers,
Ingrid Smith, Enid Reck

November Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Bonnie Suminski. Contact Bonnie at 206-618-6699 or 509-579-0030. She has chosen Fiction Restaurant at Bookwalter Winery in Richland.

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 - 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.

As originally developed by Sloan, General Motors' market-segmentation strategy placed each of the company's individual automobile marques into specific price ranges, called the "General Motors companion make program". The Chevrolet was designated as the entry-level product. Next, (in ascending order), came the Pontiac, Oakland, Oldsmobile, Viking, Marquette, Buick, LaSalle, and Cadillac. By the 1920s, certain General Motors products began to shift out of the plan as the products improved and engine advances were made.

Under the companion marque strategy, the gap between the Chevrolet and the Oakland would be filled by a new marque named Pontiac, a quality six-cylinder car designed to sell for the price of a four-cylinder. The wide gap between Oldsmobile and Buick would be filled by two companion marques: Oldsmobile was assigned the up-market V8 engine Viking and Buick was assigned the more compact six-cylinder Marquette. Cadillac, which had seen its base prices soar in the heady 1920s, was assigned the LaSalle as a companion marque to fill the gap that existed between it and Buick.

What emerged as the LaSalle in 1927 was introduced on the GMC platform with the Cadillac V8. The 1927 LaSalle was designed by Harley Earl, who had a 30-year career at General Motors, eventually gaining control of all design and styling at General Motors. Prior to the 1927 LaSalle, automobile design essentially followed a set pattern, with design changes driven principally by engineering needs. For example, the Ford Model T evolved only slightly over its production run; A 1927 Model T was almost identical to a 1910 Model T, while GM made yearly appearance and model name changes across all brands starting in 1908.

Earl, who had been hired by Cadillac's General Manager, Lawrence P. Fisher, conceived the LaSalle not as a junior Cadillac, but as something more agile and stylish. Influenced by the rakish Hispano-Suiza roadsters of the time, Earl's LaSalle emerged as a shorter, yet elegant, counterpoint to Cadillac's larger cars, unlike anything else built by an American automotive manufacturer. Built by Cadillac to its high standards but at a dedicated factory at Wyoming Road Assembly, the LaSalle soon emerged as a trend-setting automobile. Earl was then placed in charge of overseeing the design of all of General Motors' vehicles. Earl's design even included a nod to the inspirational Hispano-Suiza H6, with the marque's circled trademark "LaS" cast into the horizontal tie bar between the front lights.

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.

From Wikipedia

Did You Know...

Despite what cartoons have taught us, the coyote can run up to 43 miles per hour while the roadrunner can only run up to 20 miles per hour.

I'M GLAD I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.....Senior moment

Dallas Morning News Community Opinions page 10B

David McClure of McKinney teaches science and coaches at Faubion Middle School in McKinney. He is also a "Teacher Voices" volunteer columnist. A senior moment ... At 48?

\$5.37. That's what the kid behind the counter at Taco Bueno said to me. I dug into my pocket and pulled out some lint and two dimes and something that used to be a Jolly Rancher. Having already handed the kid a five-spot, I started to head back out to the truck to grab some change when the kid with the Emo hairdo said the harshest thing anyone has ever said to me. He said, "It's OK. I'll just give you the senior citizen discount."

I turned to see who he was talking to and then heard the sound of change hitting the counter in front of me. "Only \$4.68" he said cheerfully. I stood there stupefied. I am 48, not even 50 yet a mere child! Senior citizen?

I took my burrito and walked out to the truck wondering what was wrong with Emo. Was he blind? As I sat in the truck, my blood began to boil. Old? Me? I'll show him, I thought. I opened the door and headed back inside. I strode to the counter, and there he was waiting with a smile.

Before I could say a word, he held up something and jingled it in front of me, like I could be that easily distracted! What am I now? A toddler? "Dude! Can't get too far without your car keys, eh?" I stared with utter disdain at the keys. I began to rationalize in my mind. "Leaving keys behind hardly makes a man elderly! It could happen to anyone!"

I turned and headed back to the truck. I slipped the key into the ignition, but it wouldn't turn. What now? I checked my keys and tried another. Still nothing. That's when I noticed the purple beads hanging from my rearview mirror. I had no purple beads hanging from my rearview mirror. Then, a few other objects came into focus. The car seat in the back seat. Happy Meal toys spread all over the floorboard. A partially eaten doughnut on the dashboard.

Faster than you can say ginkgo biloba, I flew out of the alien vehicle. Moments later I was speeding out of the parking lot, relieved to finally be leaving this nightmarish stop in my life. That is when I felt it, deep in the bowels of my stomach: hunger! My stomach growled and churned, and I reached to grab my burrito, only it was nowhere to be found.

I swung the truck around, gathered my courage, and strode back into the restaurant one final time. There Emo stood, draped in youth and black nail polish. All I could think was, "What is the world coming to?" All I could say was, "Did I leave my food and drink in here?" At this point I was ready to ask a Boy Scout to help me back to my vehicle, and then go straight home and apply for Social Security benefits.

Emo had no clue. I walked back out to the truck, and suddenly a young lad came up and tugged on my jeans to get my attention. He was holding up a drink and a bag. His mother explained, "I think you left this in my truck by mistake." I took the food and drink from the little boy and sheepishly apologized. She offered these kind words: "It's OK. My grandfather does stuff like this all the time."

All of this is to explain how I got a ticket doing 85 in a 40. Yes, I was racing some punk kid in a Toyota Prius. And no, I told the officer, I'm not too old to be driving this fast.

As I walked in the front door, my wife met me halfway down the hall. I handed her a bag of cold food and a \$300 speeding ticket. I promptly sat in my rocking chair and covered up my legs with a blanket. The good news was I had successfully found my way home.

Thanks to Dennis McGillis for this contribution.

MUNICH — Tiny cars appear to be making a comeback.

At the IAA motor show in Munich this week, there were a handful of small vehicles on display. They resembled the so-called microcars or “bubble cars” from several decades ago — like the Italian-designed Isetta, which was first produced in the mid-1950s.

In recent years, Smart cars and the Fiat 500 have been among some of the more compact vehicles on the market. But the potential need for a small electric car appears to be gaining traction, as the demand for cleaner vehicles in urban environments grows.

At the IAA, Swiss firm Micro showed off its Microlino, a small battery-powered vehicle. Micro says that it can be charged via a house plug in four hours. It has a range of 230 kilometers (about 143 miles) and a max speed of 90 kilometers per hour. In Europe, it's technically not classed as a car. It's a “heavy quadricycle” — somewhere between a motorbike and car. This means it's subject to less stringent regulation and can come to market quicker.

Another car on display at IAA was the Yoyo, a car from Italian-Chinese start-up XEV. The Yoyo has a range of 150 kilometers. These cars are all aimed at Europe, according to Peter Richardson, research director of tech strategies at Counterpoint Research. That's because of the narrow and old roads in many cities across the Continent. They may also appeal in traffic-heavy cities like some of those in India or Thailand. Some of their uses could be as a family's second car, or a vehicle mainly for town or city driving where there isn't the need to drive long distances.

However, there are still question marks about the appeal for these types of tiny cars. The cheapest model of the Microlino starts at 17,990 euros (\$19,316). It is also unlikely to qualify for any electric vehicle subsidies in major countries as it's not technically a car. That could be too steep a price for this vehicle for buyers who may be able to get an electric at the same price, or even cheaper, with financing options and EV subsidies.

“These microcars don't attract those subsidies ... so you can get a smart car that is actually a full EV and it'll be cheaper than the Microlino,” Richardson added.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/07/tiny-bubble-cars-from-the-60s-are-making-a-comeback-in-ev-form.html>

The Folklore of Jack-O-Lanterns

The carving of vegetables has been a common practice in many parts of the world. It is believed that the custom of making jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween time began in the British Isles. In the 19th century, “turnips or mangel wurzels, hollowed out to act as lanterns and often carved with grotesque faces,” were used on Halloween in parts of Ireland and the Scottish Highlands. In these Gaelic-speaking regions, Halloween was also the festival of Samhain and was seen as a time when supernatural beings walked the earth. Jack-o'-lanterns were also made at Halloween time in Somerset, England during the 19th century.

By those who made them, the lanterns were said to represent either spirits or supernatural beings, or were used to ward off evil spirits. For example, sometimes they were used by Halloween participants to frighten people, and sometimes they were set on windowsills to keep harmful spirits out of one's home. It has also been suggested that the jack-o'-lanterns originally represented Christian souls in purgatory, as Halloween is the eve of All Saints' Day, November 1/All Souls' Day November 2.

The story of the jack-o'-lantern comes in many forms and is similar to the story of Will-o'-the-wispretold in different forms across Western Europe, including, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden. In Switzerland, children will leave bowls of milk or cream out for mythical house spirits called Jack o' the bowl. An old Irish folk tale from the mid-18th century tells of Stingy Jack, a lazy yet shrewd blacksmith who uses a cross to trap Satan. One story says that Jack tricked Satan into climbing an apple tree, and once he was up there, Jack quickly placed crosses around the trunk or carved a cross into the bark, so that Satan could not get down.

Another version of the story says that Jack was getting chased by some villagers from whom he had stolen. He then met Satan, who claimed it was time for him to die. However, the thief stalled his death by tempting Satan with a chance to bedevil the church-going villagers chasing him. Jack told Satan to turn into a coin with which he would pay for the stolen goods (Satan could take on any shape he wanted); later, when the coin (Satan) disappeared, the Christian villagers would fight over who had stolen it. The Devil agreed to this plan. He turned himself into a silver coin and jumped into Jack's wallet, only to find himself next to a cross Jack had also picked up in the village. Jack closed the wallet tight, and the cross stripped the Devil of his powers; and so he was trapped.

In both folktales, Jack lets Satan go only after he agrees to never take his soul. Many years later, the thief died, as all living things do. Of course, Jack's life had been too sinful for him to go to Heaven; however, Satan had promised not to take his soul, and so he was barred from Hell as well.

Jack now had nowhere to go. He asked how he would see where to go, as he had no light, and Satan mockingly tossed him a burning coal, to light his way. Jack carved out one of his turnips (which were his favorite food), put the coal inside it, and began endlessly wandering the Earth for a resting place. He became known as "Jack of the Lantern", or jack o'lantern.

Cornish folklorist Dr. Thomas Quiller Couch (d.1884) recorded the use of the term in a rhyme used in Polperro, Cornwall, in conjunction with Joan the Wad, the Cornish version of Will-o'-the-wisp. The people of Polperro regarded them both as pixies. The rhyme goes:

Jack o' the lantern! Joan the wad,
Who tickled the maid and made her mad
Light me home, the weather's bad.

Jack-o-lanterns were also a way of protecting one's home against the undead. Superstitious people used them specifically to ward off vampires. They thought this because it was said that the jack-o-lantern's light was a way of identifying vampires who, once their identity was known, would give up their hunt for you.

From Wikipedia



Fun Halloween Facts

The holiday dates back more than 2,000 years

Trick-or-treating has existed since medieval times

Some Halloween rituals used to be geared toward finding a husband

When the Irish fled the potato famine, they helped popularize the holiday in the U.S.

Sugar rationing during World War II paused trick-or-treating

Now Halloween is the second-largest commercial holiday in the country, Christmas being first.

Most Americans spend on candy, decorations and costumes

The Irish also brought us jack-o'-lanterns

Illinois produces up to five times more pumpkins than any other state

Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed"

"Monster Mash" once reigned supreme on the Billboard charts

Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926

From Good Housekeeping

WOMEN'S CORNER

I Want To Go Back To The Time When.....

- Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."
- Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!"
- "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.
- Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in Monopoly."
- Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening.
- It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.
- Being old, referred to anyone over 20.
- The net on a tennis court was the perfect height to play volleyball. And rules didn't matter.
- The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.
- It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.
- It was unbelievable that dodge ball wasn't an Olympic event.
- Having a weapon in school, meant being caught with a slingshot.
- Nobody was prettier than Mom.
- Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.
- It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park.
- Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.
- Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare."
- Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute ads for action figures.
- No shopping trip was complete, unless a new toy was brought home.
- "Oly-oly-oxen-free" made perfect sense.
- Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles.
- The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.
- War was a card game.
- Water balloons were the ultimate weapon.
- Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.
- Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable aspirin.
- Ice cream was considered a basic food group.
- Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in October



Birthdays

JoAnn Bearce	October 31	Lottie Blackburn	October 9
Robert Boulton	October 1	Patrick Brown	October 27
Cheryl Brown	October 30	Jean Bunch	October 15
Larry Campbell	October 20	Vern Engelke	October 8
Barb Fecht	October 31	Richard Folta	October 19
Mike Guinn	October 26	Lee Jackson	October 7
Susie Lindberg	October 17	Frances McGillis	October 4
Myrtle Nesbitt	October 2	Dwight Pardue	October 26
Joseph Patterson	October 31	Judy Patterson	October 17
Kurt Recknagle	October 11	Pam Richey	October 10
Jim Wagner	October 20	Sharon Wells	October 28
Carole White	October 16	Frances Wyland	October 31



Anniversaries

Jerry & Rena Allen	October 1	Dodd & Fran Coutts	October 14
Patrick & Marianne Goble	October 21	Jack & Judy Herrick	October 8
John & Vicki Kleve	October 31	David & Marva Randall	October 6
Roger & Susan Wolf	October 8		

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