



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club February 2024 Newsletter

February 2024 Prez says ramblings

We are only six weeks into 2024 and still in the middle of winter with cold temperatures, wind, rain and even snow falling as I write this. Despite the gloomy weather and very few sunny days, Ye Olde Car Club members enjoy fun times even when our vintage and classic cars are safely locked away in the garage in their annual winter hibernation ready to faithfully take us to the many spring, summer, and fall events that fill our days with cars and comradery. Just a day or so ago on Valentines Day we enjoyed getting together for a late afternoon of sharing delicious hors d'oeuvres, a wide variety of chocolate goodies, and award-winning wines during our twenty-third annual Chocolate Extravaganza held for the past ten years at the very nice Kiona Vineyards and Winery on Red Mountain. Our departed member, Willy Gould, was instrumental in arranging with his life-long friends John and Ann Williams, founders of the Kiona Winery, for the YOCC to hold its annual Valentines Day event. Upon Willy's passing several years ago, this excellent annual event was re-named as the Willy Gould Memorial Chocolate Extravaganza. This year's event was well attended by forty-one members and guests.

March is soon approaching and soon we will sponsor, along with the Pasco Eagles, the second annual Friends of Disabled Veterans Car Show on Saturday, March 16 at the Pasco Eagles Aerie, 2829 Sylvester Street, Pasco. Don Buckles and Randy Bunch are our club organizers for this event. Please contact Don or Randy as they certainly need volunteers for parking and other tasks prior to and during the car show. They are also seeking "trophy" cash donations for the various classes of vehicles. Last year's car show was a huge success...let's make it bigger this year.

Robbin Johanson, President

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2024 DUES BEFORE MARCH 1. DUES ARE NOW \$20. AFTER MARCH 1, DUES ARE \$25. PAY EARLY. Don't let this be your last YOCC Newsletter.

Bits and Pieces

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. (Charles Schultz)

I married for love. But the obvious side benefit of having someone around to find your glasses cannot be ignored. (Cameron Esposito)

I love you because you are almost exactly like me and I'm the best.

You are the cause of why my eyeglasses fog.

Don't break someone's heart, they only have one. Break someone's bones, they have 206 of those.

Roses are red, Violets are blue, Sunflowers are yellow. I bet you were expecting something romantic, but these are just gardening facts.

The Remarkable Body

The only muscle that never tires is the heart.

Where in the world.

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Fun Food Facts

Raspberries are a member of the rose family

Ladies Lunch in February had 16 Ladies. Thanks Ladies.



The March Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Debbi Hannah at the Ice Harbor Brewing Co. downtown Kennewick. Contact Debbi: 509-627-4589.

Old Car Trivia

What was the first official White House car? A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.

Who opened the first drive-in gas station? Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

What city was the first to use parking meters? Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.

Where was the first drive-in restaurant? Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.

True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black. False. The 1953 'Vetted' were available in one color, Polo White.

What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo? The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter? The 1924 Chrysler.

What car first referred to itself as a convertible? The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.

Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed? Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.

What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system? The 1949 Chryslers

What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel? The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.

Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"? Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.

What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons? The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

Which car company started out German, yet became French after WWI? Bugati, founded in Molsheim in 1909, became French when Alsace returned to French rule.

What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines air sickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970? 1970 Gremlin, (AMC)

In what year did the "double-R" Rolls Royce badge change from red to black? 1933

From JDJournal.com



Some important (and not so important) days in February

- Groundhog Day - Friday, Feb. 2
- Boy Scout Day, celebrating the birthday of scouting, Feb. 8
- Chinese New Year - Saturday, Feb. 10
- Super Bowl (on CBS)- Sunday, Feb. 11
- Mardi Gras - Tuesday, Feb. 13
- Valentine's Day - Wednesday, Feb. 14
- Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, Feb. 14
- NBA All-Star Game - Sunday, Feb. 18
- Daytona 500 - Sunday, Feb. 18
- Washington's Birthday / Presidents Day - Monday, Feb. 19
- Leap Day - Thursday, Feb. 29

How many of these did YOU know about?

A sealed envelope - Put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed. (hmmmmmm..)

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Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

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For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze. (wish I had known this for the last 40 years!)

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To remove old wax from a glass candleholder, put it in the freezer for a few hours. Then take the candleholder out and turn it upside down. The wax will fall out.

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Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

Whenever you purchase a box of S.O.S Pads, immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, you will see that this would be much more economical. Now a box of S.O.S pads lasts indefinitely! In fact, you will notice that the scissors get 'sharpened' this way!

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Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works every time! (Now, where to put the body?)

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Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.

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Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

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Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

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To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new! Works like a charm!

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To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and **bring to a boil** on stove top.

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Spray your TUPPERWARE with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

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When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness

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Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half, and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

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Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces...Left over wine? What's that? :)

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To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief.

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Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

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When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

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1951 Hudson Super 6

The Hudson Super Six Coach is an automobile which was first manufactured by the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan in 1916. The first model was kept in production until 1928. The nameplate was revived for a rebadged Essex for 1933 (single model year only), and then returned again from 1940 until 1951, aside from a wartime hiatus. The 1951s were actually called "Hudson Super Custom Six".

The first Hudson Super Six was introduced on 16 January, 1916. Also known as the Series H, the Super Six was an early performance car. Its 288.5 cu in inline-six developed 76 hp, compared to the 40 hp of the equally dimensioned engine fitted to the contemporary Hudson Model Six-40. Before its introduction, Super Sixes made a series of speed runs on a track in Long Island, NY, followed by a new record transcontinental run (San Francisco to New York in 5 days, 3 hours, and 31 minutes - returning after an 8-hour break), a stock chassis speed record at Daytona Beach, a record at Pikes Peak, and the stock chassis 24-hour record at an average speed of 74.9 mph. The last record stood until 1931, when a Marmon took it.

In John Steinbecks novel The Grapes of Wrath, the Joad family depends on a Hudson Super Six sedan converted into a truck. In the 1940 filmatization, the car used is a 1926 model. This car was put into storage after filming ended ande, after having been discovered in a rather dilapidated condition, converted into a Speedster in 2009.

From Wikipedia

WOMEN'S CORNER

The Regular Workout Routine?

This is dedicated to every woman who ever attempted to get into a regular workout routine. A must read!

Diary... For my sixtieth birthday this year, my husband (the dear) purchased a week of personal training at the local health club for me. Although I am still in great shape since playing on my high school softball team, I decided it would be a good idea to go ahead and give it a try. I called the club and made my reservations with a personal trainer I'll call Bruce, who identified himself as a 26-year old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swim wear. My husband seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started. The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.

Monday: Started my day at 6:00am. Tough to get out of bed, but found it was well worth it when I arrived at the health club to find Bruce waiting for me. He is something of a Greek god - with blond hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile. Woo Hoo!! Bruce gave me a tour and showed me the machines. He took my pulse after five minutes on the treadmill. He was alarmed that my pulse was so fast, but I attribute it to standing next to him in his Lycra aerobic outfit. I enjoyed watching the skillful way in which he conducted his aerobics class after my workout today. Very inspiring. Bruce was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already aching from holding it in the whole time he was around. This is going to be a FANTASTIC week!!

Tuesday: I drank a whole pot of coffee, but I finally made it out the door. Bruce made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air – then he put weights on it! My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full mile. Bruce's rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel GREAT!! It's a whole new life for me.

Wednesday: The only way I can brush my teeth is by laying on the toothbrush on the counter and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was OK as long as I didn't try to steer or stop. I parked on top of a GEO in the club parking lot. Bruce was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. His voice is a little too perky for early in the morning and when he scolds, he gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying. My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so Bruce put me on the stair monster. Why the hell would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators? Bruce told me it would help me get in shape and enjoy life.

Thursday: Bruce was waiting for me with his vampire-like teeth exposed as his thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being a half an hour late, it took me that long to tie my shoes. Bruce took me to work out with dumbbells. When he was not looking, I ran and hid in the men's room. He sent Lars to find me, then, as punishment, put me on the rowing machine - which I sank.

Friday: I hate that Bruce more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world. Stupid, skinny, anemic little cheerleader wanna-be. If there was a part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I would beat him with it. Bruce wanted me to work on my triceps. I don't have any triceps! And if you don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me the &@#*\$~ barbells or anything that weighs more than a sandwich. (Which I am sure you learned in the sadist school you attended and graduated magna cum laude). The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher. Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir director?

Saturday: Bruce left a message on my answering machine in his grating, shrilly voice wondering why I did not show up today. Just hearing him made me want to smash the machine with my planner. However, I lacked the strength to even use the TV remote and ended up catching eleven straight hours of the Weather Channel.

Sunday: I'm having the Church van pick me up for services today so I can go and thank GOD that this week is over. I will also pray that next year my (why can't he leave-well-enough alone) husband will choose a gift for me that is fun - like a root canal, a mammogram, a pelvic exam, or even a hysterectomy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February



Birthdays

Kent Albrandt	February 26	Tina Baumgarten	February 2
Calvin Coffey	February 18	Dixie Gilbert	February 4
Ron Jones	February 21	Trish Kiichle	February 10
Molly King	February 2	Susanne Kooiker	February 2
Kelly Maxwell	February 9	Don Millard	February 5
Nancy Millard	February 5	Brian Newell	February 27
Jeri Newell	February 9	Robert Parchen	February 5
Peggy Parchen	February 14	Ken Paules	February 28
Kylene Peters	February 10	Henry Smith	February 1
Ginger Vetrano	February 14	Susan Wolf	February 26



A Anniversaries

Terry & Tina Baumgarten February 18
David & Susan Gerkenmeyer February 13
Dan & Pam Richey February 10
Jim & Ginger Vetrano February 14

Kevin & Roseanne Davis February 6
Victor & Nadine Meyers February 25
Jerry & Bonnie Suminski February 12

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