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Ed Edwards got a real looker this time with his 1953 Ford

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## VERN AND MARTHA'S 50TH



cream. Karla Jackson, aided by the Shreve kids put together a stepping stone in which were embedded mementos of their 50 year marriage. We had a great turnout from our club.

The party celebrating Vern and Martha's 50th was a tremendous success. There was plenty of food for every one, followed by cake and ice



### Thoughts to Ponder

Good friends are like stars ... you don't always see them, but you know they are always there.



## WE WENT TO REPUBLIC

The trip that Bob and Alice planned to Republic was more fun than a barrel of monkeys. We left the Red lion parking lot at about 9:30 on Friday the 26th. The "we" I am talking about is Bob and Delores McClary sporting their 55 Olds,



Vern and Martha Shreve coaxing the Packard sedan, Jack and Peggy Yale in the 40 Merc, Dennis and Karla Jackson driving thier 41 Dodge, John and

Mary Ellen Nelson with Nell Knepper in the Dodge van, Eldon Reiman in his T-Bird, and of course our hosts Bob and Alice Rupp. I don't know how we got there, but we passed towns with funny sounding names like Mesa, Warden, Odessa, Wilbur, Keller's Ferry. By the way, Martha Shreve has her own Ferry to cross the river



on, and on to Republic. Just think it only took us 7 1/2 hours. We had dinner at the Prospector's Inn. Every one had a great meal except Bob McClary, something about not knowing the difference

between a chicken and a pigeon. Ask him about the details I'm sure he would like to tell the story again. Bob Rupp's sister in law, Ella Mae, met with us for dinner and helped plan the next days activities. We were free the rest of the evening. The next morning I thought that I would be awarded the Trouble Trophy because there was fluid of some sort flowing across the parking lot from under my car. I should have been suspicious knowing the people I was traveling with, and because of the amount of fluid, my car doesn't have that fluid in it. First suspect was of course Vern Shreve, however, when I saw the big grin on John Nelson's face I knew I had my culprit. Our first stop was a bakery/ restaurant that had the facilities to feed maybe 10 people on a good day, and we were 15 in force and there were already people in the bakery. We got rid of them quick enough with our roudy behavior. Next stop Ansorge Hotel Museum in Curlew. The weather was great for the whole trip. The woman that ran the museam was a friend /

Our tour guide  
Ella Mae



relative of Ella Mae, so we were able to visit the hotel in off season when it should have been closed.



The Hotel was very well cared for and decorated with some of the original furnishings.



Henry Ford was reported to have visited the hotel. He is listed in the hotel log.

*Handwritten note:*  
= TUESDAY = JULY =  
Harry Ford. Detroit Mich  
F. Regenstein Spokane  
Wednesday = Aug 1<sup>st</sup>  
E. J. Ford Spokane  
Edwin Stewart Republic WA  
= THURSDAY = AUG. 2. 1917

They sent a copy of the signature back to the Ford people in Detroit for verification and were told it might be authentic. He was visiting relatives in Washington at that time. Next stop the Antique Truck and Car Museum just down the road a bit. This was a rather new



Where is the fire



Martha has her own ferry



your guess is as good as mine



Poncho Yale



Some of Bob Rupp's relatives joined us for dinner



Bob taught us how to cheat at bingo.



The gang in front of the Ansoorge Hotel in Republic



We had breakfast at Ella Mae's home then gathered for a picture in front of her 100 year old apple tree the day we left.



Museum but had a lot of nice cars, motorcycles, trucks, and one cylinder engines.

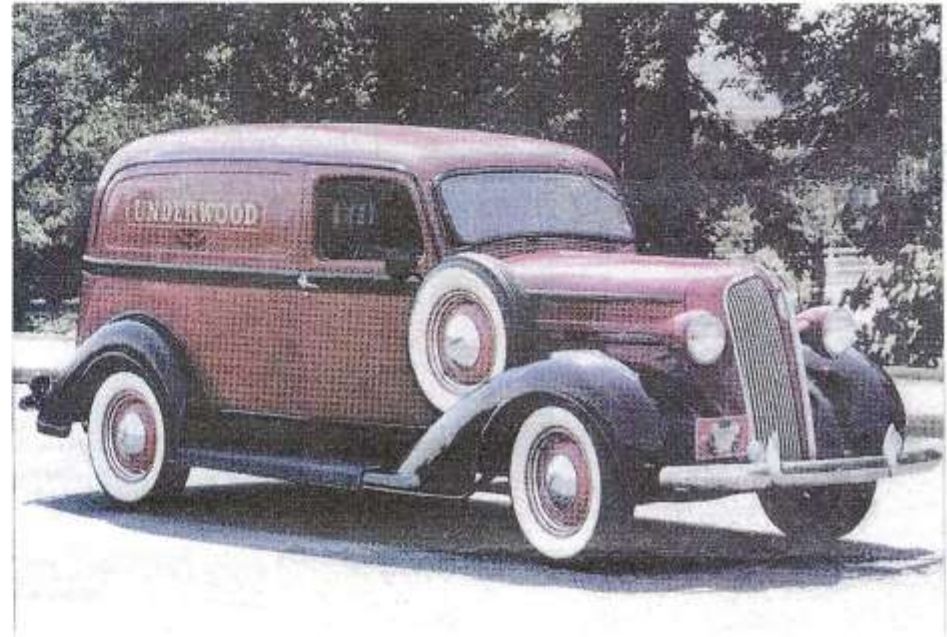
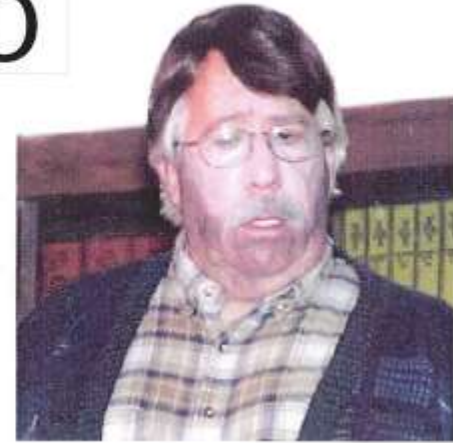


By now we are hungry again so off to the feed

trough. That evening Bob's Extended family joined us for a Mexican dinner. They are a great bunch of people. Later that evening we played a game or two of bingo. Bob was calling the numbers and guess who won the first two games? His sister in law. Some of us demanded a recount. Tempers flared, but the police were able to calm every one down. Kidding!!! All in all it was a fantastic trip.

## GUESS WHO

I know this is not a very charming picture, but those of you who do not recognize this person are now on a list of people that did not come to see my play. There is no punishment yet, however if you miss the next one.....well,....?



Here is a nice 37 Plymouth panel wagon. Notice the name on the side? Underwood. I, with the help of the Underwood brothers, could make up a great story about this vehicle, but maybe I should just wait till next issue to tell the real story. See you next month!

# UP COMING EVENTS

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**Oct 11th** We are taking cars to the Manor on Canyon Lake. There will be snacks and root beer floats. We will also be taking some of the residents for rides in our cars. Time, 2pm to ?

**Oct 11/12** Monroe swap meet Free admission. Evergreen fairground.

**Oct 11th** Tampico Pioneer day. Parade, silent auction, and much more. Call Dale Henson @ 509-965-2509 fo mor information

**Oct 29** John Nelson will be giving the last half of his lecture and film on his sailing trip on the Brigantine Yankee. 5:30 at Roys Smorgy on Col Ctr Blvd in Richland.

**Oct ???** It is apple squeezin time again. actual date depends on the apples. Martha will let us know.

**Nov 8th** West Richland Vets Day Parade. Parade at 9:30 am. Ed Edwards will supply Spudnuts????

**Dec 6th** Our Christmas party will be held at the Kennewick Elks. Dinner choices will be baked salmon or prime rib. Please call Ed Edwards @ 967-9361 with head count and dinner choice. cost \$10 a person . The club is paying the other \$10.

## October Birthdays

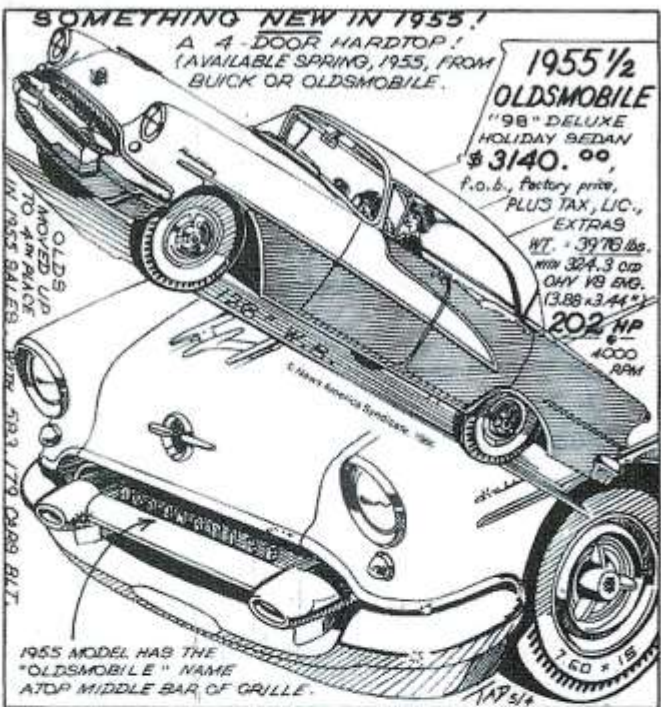
- 1st Ward Moberg
- 2nd Myrtle Nesbitt
- 4th Rachael Gould
- 7th Lee Jackson
- 8th Dale Henson
- 8th Bill Boyce
- 10th Joyce Burt
- 13th Ron Foster
- 14th John Nelson
- 15th Art Goldgrabe
- 19th Red Rutherford
- 20th Jan Underwood
- 22nd Dale Pety
- 22nd Sharon Orbeck
- 24th Sandy Klipper
- 31st Peggy Yale

## October Anniversaries

- 5th Roque & Patti YBarra
- 16th Terry & Edris Shegrud
- 24th Mike & Sherrie Boob
- 25th Ken & Carolyn Shreve



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### 1955 1/2 Oldsmobile

The "1955 1/2" development was the new four-door, pillar-less hardtop sedan, introduced in the spring of 1955 on Oldsmobile and Buick. (The three other GM cars—Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Cadillac—would get four-door hardtops the following year.)

When the four-door hardtop was introduced, Oldsmobile gave theirs a good advertising campaign: "Here's the first completely new body type since the introduction of the hardtop coupe. And naturally it comes from Oldsmobile." (Buick did not get credit in this ad for its 1949 Riviera hardtop coupe, because though it was also a General Motors product, the various GM divisions were highly competitive with one another.)

The four-door Holiday Sedan (hardtop) was available in all three Oldsmobile model series: "88," "Super 88," and "98."

Interestingly, four-door hardtops weren't really new in '55, just forgotten from an earlier era. In the mid-'teens, several manufacturers built four-door sedans without center pillars, one of the best-known being the Hudson. But, in the frantic '50s, only the historians and old-timers remembered this.

Since the '54 Oldsmobile had been dramatically restyled, the 1955 was merely "face-lifted," with changes in grille, trim, interior, etc. (called the "Go-Ahead" look).

"Flying Colors" was the advertised designation for Oldsmobiles' new paint schemes, the majority of them in two-tone varieties. There were attractive hues such as a Shell Beige, Coral, Panama Blue, Glen Green, Grove Green, etc. even a blue-and-gray Oldsmobile that could sell on either side of the Mason-Dixon line!



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Having fun with the past

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