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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party was held on the 5th of December at Tony Roma's. We of course had our Chinese gift exchange that nobody understood. At least we didn't have any fights, came close though.



We also had our election of officers. Our new President is Phil Prather



And our new Vice President is Jim Ayres, you all know him, he is the guy who never opens his eyes. Everyone else stayed the same except that Martha moved to board member and Bob McClary dropped off as board member. So as a recap,



our president is Phil Prather, vice president is Jim Ayres, Secretary is Jim Vetrano, treasurer is Ed Edwards, editor is Dennis Jackson, web master is Scott Noga, blog master is Dennis Jackson, and board members at large are Martha Shreve 3yr, Dennis Jackson 2yr, Jack Yale 1yr. We have no one to fill the past presidents post this year because Martha was elected as a board member. We need some help making some changes in the way we do things in order to have a constant flow of things to do. Maybe a circle tour this year or more one or two day trips. Maybe a committee to oversee our activities. More suggestions are needed as to trips or activities. We also need more contributions to the editor of articles of interest or restoration tips, or car buying tips or any thing you think might be of interest to club members.



CAR FOR SALE

1941 Buick It runs well but could use a clutch and new front shocks. Tires, trim rings, hubcaps and carb are new. All chrome and stainless are excellent All gauges work. Interior has been partially re-done and is presentable. A real bo-

nus is that the complete dual carb setup is included (but not installed). Asking \$12,000 OBO Call Jim Gilbert @ 946-4860

WOE IS ME !!

Remember in the article about the Vet's Day Parade that I had mentioned that I had broken my car. Well I did a little damage to the tranny, well not just a little, A LOT. Seems that I tore up the syncro gears, in fact I destroyed them. So out it comes to be repaired. This was quite a learning experience for me, not just the technical stuff but the stuff people are made off. I was



quite surprised at the calls I got from members offering to help or offer suggestion as to what to do. Some of those suggestions I couldn't print. Jack Yale offered the use of his shop to work in and a friend of his, Mike

Bughi, offered his shop (heated and uncluttered) to rebuild the tranny in. And our good buddy Wayne Williams offered, no, insisted on helping. Isn't that what this club is all about?



Some one is very organized, look at that table. I can assure you It wasn't me or Jack. Mike sandblasted all the parts and painted them for me. All we had to replace were the syncro gears and seals. But since we were in there I replaced the throw out bearing as well. We resurfaced the pressure plate and the flywheel. And put her back together.



Purdy HUH?. I wasn't all work and no play. We played several games like "I can't find the tool I was just using" and "where are the bolts that go here", last but not least "Where does this part go".

We also had to take a few breaks to discuss the technical aspects of the job. So we brought in a well know adviser, Bob McClary, he is always ready to give some one a piece of his mind.



All we can hope for now is that it will run. More on this story and other equally as boring stories in the forthcoming issues of the best darn newsletter in the west.

Looking forward to another great year in this club.

PAST PREZ SEZ

The year is winding down and it is time to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had a busy year and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Each month we had some type of activity to either meet as a group or to take our cars somewhere. I want to thank those of you who planned those meetings. You are appreciated!

We finished the year with our annual Christmas Party. Our numbers were down a little but all who were there had a good time. We elected our new President and Vice President and had a lively gift exchange.

I am excited to pass the gavel to the new President, Phil Prather and his new Vice President, Jim Ayers. They are planning some fun and interesting things for next year. I know you will all be there to support them and help in any way you can.

Thoughts to ponder

Always put off till tomorrow what you shouldn't be doing at all.

No one ever excused his or her way to success.

I would rather work with some one who's good at his job and doesn't like me than with some one that likes me and doesn't know what he is doing.

Useless Tidbit

On November 6th 1899 James Ward Packard, an electrical wire manufacturer test drove the first Packard through the streets of Warren Ohio. The Model A featured a one cylinder engine producing 12 horse power

January Birthdays

1st	Ed Edwards	10th	Wayne Williams
2nd	Martha Vardado	13th	Duane Rabe
6th	Jack Varnado	14th	Terry Shegrud
6th	Ron Smith	17th	Marilyn LaFortune
6th	Dave Johnson	22nd	Mary Fraser
9th	Marlene Kuch		

Anniversaries

5th	Red and Sally Rutherford
13th	Earnie and Judy Oeder
23rd	Bob and Delores McClary
28th	Bob and Ruth Ilten

ADDITIONAL INFO

The dues are due again, the amount is \$15 and are due the 1st of January or sooner. Please send any update information along with your check and send to Ye Olde Car Club PO Box 6873 Kennewick, Wa 99336.

Jim Ayers is planning a pizza party on the 23rd of January at the brick House Pizza 3791 Van Geisen West Richland Wa. Try to be there by 4:30 to be assured good seating and to miss the dinner crowd.

Jim Vetrano is planning on hosting his annual Chocolate Extravaganza again this year. It will be held at his house at 4512 West Yellowstone in Kenniwick

That takes care of Jan and Feb, now we need events scheduled for the remaining months. So please pick a month and or an event and get with Jim Ayers @ 619-1875 with any suggestions or help in planning.

Happy New Year

January 2010

A CLASSIC HOME OF 1923 IN PIEDMONT, CALIF.

WITH 4-CYL., L-HEAD 214 C.I.D. LYCOMING ENG. 3 1/16" x 5" BR. + STR. 43 HP 112" wheelbase 4.8 TO 1 GEAR RATIO WT. 2490 lbs. 85% LINCOLN BLUE (LARGER 6-CYL. and STRAIGHT-8s AVAIL. STARTING 1925)

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GARDNER

"RADIO SPECIAL" SPORT PHAETON

1923 Gardner Radio Special

If you've seen one of the rare, classic Gardners of the later 1920s at a car show or museum, you may have thought that Gardner was always a large, luxurious automobile. But, the Gardner was originally a small, four-cylinder car, from its 1919 introduction through 1924. In 1925, fours, sixes, and straight-eights were available, and the five-bearing four was discontinued for 1926 and afterward.

The illustrated "Radio Special" was new for 1923, available either as a sport roadster or sport phaeton (as seen). No car had a factory-installed radio in 1923, but this one was so named simply because radio was a popular and growing new medium of home entertainment and America's latest fad.

To quote an ad of May 1923: "No model in Gardner history has been so

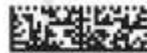
instantly welcomed, so widely desired, as this Radio Special.

"... The Radio Special awaits your inspection at the display rooms of more than 1,000 Gardner dealers the country over."

It's amazing that Gardner could claim 1,000 dealers in 1923, because some cars no less scarce than this were represented by dealers only in New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles or San Francisco, without dealers or distributors between those points!

Gardners of 1923 carried a one-year written guarantee (given that year by "no other American automobile manufacturer"). The five-bearing crankshaft was new for '23 and was reported to be the first of its kind in a four-cylinder car.

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