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1917 Cole

If you're interested in old cars, you're probably familiar with the Cole automobile. But, have you ever heard of the Cole Registry? That's a somewhat esoteric club for owners and fans of this rare but respected brand.

How many Cole automobiles remain today, from the more than 40,000 built? Not too many. There's one 1910 model, four 1911s, one 1912, four 1913s, three 1914s, five 1915s, four 1916s, four 1917s, one 1918, seven 1919s, seven 1920s, three 1921s, one 1922, two 1923s, and two 1924s. As might be expected, eleven of these forty-nine known Coles are located in their state of origin, Indiana. One car, a 1920 touring, is presently in Ecuador. Two are in Canada.

Researching and hunting for old cars is an enjoyable, constructive hobby, and there are literally thousands of different rare old makes and models that are nearly forgotten today!

We're much indebted to Leroy D. Cole of Cole's Machine Service, Inc. (201 W. Rising St., Davison, MI 48423) for his fine research work and his efforts to preserve the history of the Cole automobile. He owns two examples: a 1917 Toursedan of the type illustrated here and a rare 1923 five-window coupe.

Anyone interested in joining the Cole Registry may contact Norm Buckhart, 3165 California St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

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Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club

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Chocolate Extravaganza

On the 19th of February Jim and Ginger Vetrano hosted their annual Valentines Day party called "The Chocolate Extravaganza". It was a roaring Success. Just take a look at that table spread of goodies.



There was some non chocolate goodies for those that are lactose intolerant or just don't like chocolate (can you imagine that?) Ginger had cooked up some quizzes for us in order to win a door prize, one was to guess the number of M&Ms in a bottle. I was pretty close at 512, but Edris Shegrud was closer with here guess of 502, there

was actually 500 in the bottle. That is Edris on the far right in the picture. There was a variety of drinks ranging from very good coffee to very good Wine with some soda pop thrown in the mix just for good measure.



I don't want to say that Jack was the first at the table, however you don't see any one else there do you???? Oh, I almost forgot there was another door prize that was won by Jim Ayers (our vice Pres, now acting as a stand in Pres until Phil Prather comes home from his travels) it involved

adding together the numbers in your birthday to see who could come up with the lowest number. Jim won and was awarded a large beach towel stolen from the Court Club. I don't know if it was stolen but it did have their name on it. Now if you will look at this next picture you will see that one of two things is happening. It could be as simple as (like at a school dance) ,the girls on one side of the hall and the guys on the other, or they could be conspiring against the guys and we are in trouble. Thanks Jim & Ginger, great party.



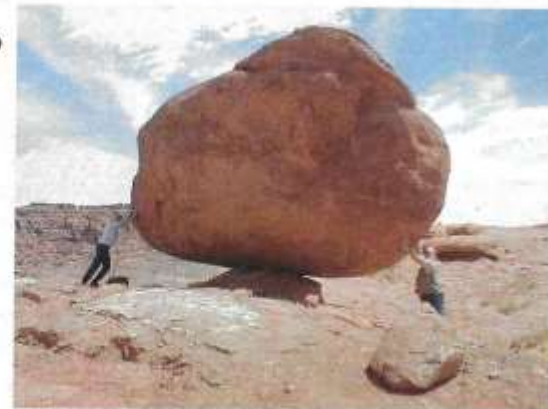
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't forget "Irish Days " at Heppner Ore on sat the 13th. If you want to be in the cruise / parade , the cars will assemble at the northwest entrance to Heppner between 10 and 11:45. Some of us will assemble at 8:00 am in the Home Depot parking lot on 395 in Kennewick. Need more info call Jim Ayers @ 619-1895 or Dennis @ 528-1115 Have fun!

The ladies are going to the quilt show Friday March 26 at Three Rivers Convention Center, cost is \$5.00. It opens at 10:00, lasts until 6:00. At 12:30 we are meeting at Applebees in Kennewick on Columbia Center Parkway (up the road from the mall) for lunch. Anyone interested needs to call Jane for lunch reservations, 627-2954 or russ24star@charter.net. Men are welcome. For those who would like to go back to the quilt show after lunch, just get your hand stamped before leaving and can return free. If you are not able to come to the quilt show on Friday they are open from 10 am - 5 pm on Saturday.

Speaking of Tours

The last tour we took was in 2002. Don't you think it is about time to do it again? The trip to Moab Utah was, if I remember, a 5 or 6 day trip. They are not all fun, on this trip some of us were put to work in the park. Jack Yale and I were asked to help move this rock over a little. We do have fun too. Several interesting things happened on this trip. We had a truck break down, did that stop us? NO, we drove to the next town where



the owner of the truck just bought a new one. We also had a surprise birthday party, which turned out not to be a surprise thanks to a little girl that told the recipient that there was going to be a party and asked him to keep it a secret. Not all was fun though, we had a shoot out



and only one walked away. We also took several side trips, one to some caves. We all drove our cars all over the place



while we were there, but we trailered them there and back. Some of us took a boat trip up the Colorado



River in the evening and were



treated to a laser light show on the walls of the canyon. Another nice thing you could bring your pets.

PREZ SEZ

A tour was mentioned in the last Prez Sez. It is well on it's way to reality. The basic route is established and the date for departure has been set as Thursday, September 9. The main bottleneck is our primary destination, Nelson, B.C.. There is a car show on the weekend of September 10, 11, and 12th that will fill all the available room very quickly. We intend to attend the car show so staying in Nelson is one of the goals of the trip. Therefore, please go to the Nelson Road Kings web site, <http://www.nelsonroadkings.com/>, on your PC under ACCOMMODATIONS, choose your lodging, and reserve your room(s) for Friday and Saturday night, September 10 and 11th. If something comes up unexpectedly the reservations can be canceled down the road. Other lodging requirements for the trip will be brought to your attention as we firm up the agenda. Keep reading the Gas Gauge for more on this subject.

FYI

On Feb 28 1932 the last Model "A" Ford was produced. The Model "A" boasted a peppy 40 Horse power, four cylinder engine with a self starting mechanism. The car had a base price of \$460. Five million Model "A"s rolled onto American highways between 1927 and 1932.

Thoughts to ponder

The egotist always hurts the one he loves!
Himself.

The two hardest things to handle in life are,
failure and success

Praise can be your most valuable asset as long as you don't
aim it at yourself

March Birthdays

2nd	Bud Williams	25th	Lenore Jackson
3rd	Marlene Sybouts	26th	Floy Durham
12th	Richard Kuch	31st	Dave Underwood
21st	Martha Shreve		

Anniversaries

4th	Denny & Linda Kehl
14th	Mike & Cindy Underwood
26th	Dave & Jan Underwood
29th	Wayne & Loraine Williams
31st	Chuck and Kay Sundgren

ADDITIONAL INFO

2010 Club rosters are available. To acquire one please contact Dennis Jackson @ 547-0916 or 528-1115. Any one who already has one please correct the E-Mail address for Jim Vetrano to read jbvetrano@verizon.net

I found the person that I want to help me when I sell a car. That person is Martha Shreve. This picture was given to me by Martha and if Vern was still here I would have thought he had bought another project car, But NO, Martha had sold this , and for a pretty good price. If she can sell that, she could sell anything.



Reader's photos



This is picture of Jim Vetrano and one of his project cars in 1962, you figure out how old he was at that time. According to the label on the picture, the car is a 1931 "A" cabriolet



Here is a picture of Jack Yale's newest, a 1941 Ford