

# GAS GAUGE

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Monthly Newsletter of Ye Olde Car Club



*Fred & Mary Fraser 's 1929 Model A depot hack "smiles" at the crowd for Prosser's States Day Parade.*

## Summer Scrapbook

The summer of 2012 will go down as one of Ye Olde Car Club's busiest and most memorable. This edition of the *Gas Gauge* is dedicated to showing a photographic record of the past three months. There was the Fourth of July Parade in Pasco, the Benton Franklin Fair Parade in Kennewick, the Prosser States Day Parade, plus outings to Guardian Angel, Parkview Estates, Jack Yale's 80th birthday party, the BBQ at Andy's North in Pasco and Sacagawea Heritage Days.

Ye Olde Car Club also added members in recent months, with a total of 101 families in our organization currently.

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# YOCC Parade & Picnic



# Happy Birthday Jack



*Jack Yale and his loyal friends, Duke the daschund and John Nelson, were among several dozen friends who wished Jack a happy 80th birthday Sept. 1st.*



# Candid Camera



# Fender chatter

*By John Trumbo  
Gas Gauge editor*

Summertime slipped into fall quicker than I expected. But now that cooler weather has arrived, it is time to get our cars ready for a long winter's nap.

First, check the antifreeze to ensure protection down to at least 10 degrees. A 50-50 mix is recommended for most vehicles. I also like to do an oil change so the old dirty oil won't sit and corrode vital innards. And put the car on jacks so the tires won't be stressed during the hibernation.

You might want to place some fabric freshener sheets, the kind used in clothes dryers, on the front and back seats. The sheets not only will help keep the vehicle's interior from developing a stale odor, but also will discourage unwanted visitors, such as insects and mice.

A piece of cardboard under each sheet will prevent any possible ill effect from direct contact with the upholstery.

I like to disconnect and remove the battery, then put it on a trickle charger where I can easily monitor the battery condition. This also eliminates slow corrosion of the battery cables due to the presence of battery acid during the prolonged charging process.

One good thing about having the tires off the ground is that it is easy to exercise the brake pedal periodically so the system doesn't get stiff due to long periods of inactivity. This is particularly important with hydraulic brake systems.

Fill up the gas tank. An empty tank will collect condensation, which will send water into your fuel lines later. Be sure to use a fuel stabilizer, as well.

Finally, it wouldn't hurt to wipe down the tires and other rubber components with a protective cleaner.

*POSTSCRIPT: Please contact me at [yocc@owt.com](mailto:yocc@owt.com) if you want to receive the Gas Gauge by email, or if you want to suggest a topic or idea for a news article. You also should feel free to let me know if there are any mistakes so I can make a correction.*

# Way Back When . . . .

*(Taken from the Feb. 19, 1950 edition of the Tri-City Herald. We pick up the story in the late 1880s. Thanks to Martha Shreve for providing this historical information about Kennewick's early days)*

**By Mrs. R.E. Reed**

## **Kennewick's First Grape Festival held**

Two creameries began operation in 1911, but soon consolidated and carried on in a concrete building just north of the Church Grape Juice Factory.

Kennewick's First Grape Festival was held Sept. 21-22, 1911 with Nina Hoadley (Mouncey) as the first queen. The displays were taken to Spokane and took first prize.

The \$60,000 school building now used by the grade school was completed in 1912 and the building on the north side of town was abandoned.

Prof. C. O. Kimball organized a Kennewick Choral Society and H. C. Brown built and operated a basket-making factory.

There was a lot of talk about a cannery, but nothing was done about it.

Prosser and Kennewick both wanted the courthouse, but Prosser won.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad Company built its line into Kennewick and ran its first train over it.

First cement sidewalks laid.

The electric light system was installed in the Highlands.

Highlanders harvest first crop of fruit.

The Kennewick Woman's Club was organized in 1913.

The Standard Oil Company built a distribution station to take care of the territory between Grandview and Ritzville.

Our flour mill (since burned) was built by Wilhelm Helm.

The library began to lend books free of charge in 1914 and was kept open several afternoons instead of just Saturday.

The Kennewick Fruit Exchange adopted the label "Big K" for a trademark.

The Courier and The Reporter consolidated.

The first car of cherries was shipped.

The farmers took over the local creamery and operated it on a cooperative basis.

Oil was found in the Rattlesnake Hills.

(To be continued)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### OCTOBER

**2nd** Myrtle Nesbitt

**15th** Jean Bunch

**4th** Rachel Gould

**20th** Larry Campbell

**7th** Lee Jackson

**26th** Hoid Pankey

**14th** John Nelson

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**3rd** Robbin and Carolyn Johanson

**16th** Terry and Edris Shegrud

## Nuts & Bolts . . .

**A clogged file** will not cut worth a darn. Tips for best results include:

-- Never use a new file on soft metals. Use old half-worn files, and rub the teeth with chalk beforehand, which helps prevent clogging.

-- When filing copper, wrought iron or soft steel use chalk.

-- If a file becomes clogged in use take a piece of soft wood and cut it to the form of an obtuse wedge. Scrape the edge of the wedge across the file, in the direction in which the teeth run, and the wood will become serrated, fitting into the teeth and cleaning them out.

-- Keep your old files. There is good steel in them, and odd tools, such as scrapers, punches and cold chisels can be made from them by grinding or by softening and filing.

**Formula for removing tar** consists of 2 quarts turpentine, ½ pint paraffin oil, 1½ ounces oil of citronella and ¾ ounce oil of cedar.

*(The above tips are from H.W. Slauson's book, Everyman's Guide to Motor Efficiency, published 1922.)*

# Prez sez

*By Jim Ayers  
president*

**The Fall Foilage Tour** to Richard Kuch's cabin outside of Dayton has been delayed until there is better color in them thar hills. Or we might select a different route. Stay tuned for an update at next week's Wednesday meeting. Going to Kuch's cabin involves 180 miles round trip, with about 16 of those as gravel road.

**The Oct. 10**, 2012 meeting of Ye Olde Car Club had 32 members attending as your president welcomed our 101st paid member. Stan & Renee Nesbitt rejoined YOCC, bringing four cars: two 36 Fords, a 47 Ford, and a 70 Cadillac.

**Red Rutherford's** family has donated a 10' x 10' storage area for YOCC's materials. Any member who has club materials at home can put them in the storage space.

**Vern Marking** is helping with an estate sale to liquidate Mustang parts. If anyone has a need for almost anything Mustang please contact him at 948-7104.

**Jim Vetrano** announced he is taking orders for citrus fruit from Florida to be delivered in December. This is an annual Kiwanis event that many YOCC members have participated in for years.

**Jim Gilbert's** memorial service will be at Einan's Event Center at 2:30 p.m. October 20. The family would like for us to bring old cars to the service. The event center is at the end of Swift across Hwy 240.

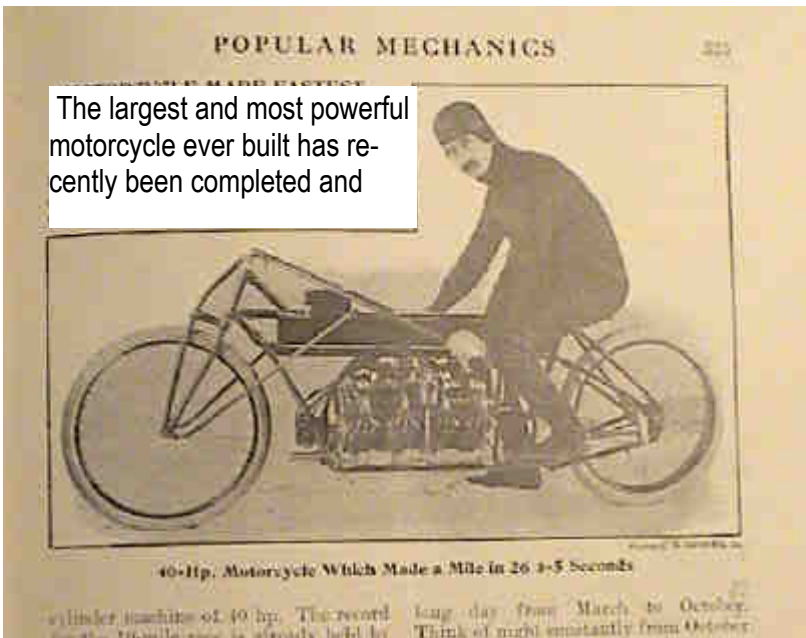
**The subject of Name Tags** was brought up by Willie Gould. It was acknowledged that there are enough members needing name tags to put in an order and get a reasonable price. A list will be put together. Please drop Jim Ayers a line or notify him if you need a name tag. There will be no charge for this service.

**The YOCC** club patch is being given away as an incentive for paying your \$15.00 yearly dues. If you add up all the goods and services that members receive over the year, you can easily see that the dues don't even come close to cover-

Bob Gough is our treasurer and will write you a receipt upon payment. Thank you in advance!

**And thanks** to Dave Donaldson who has been working on creating an new and updated club roster. He has the format developed with the A-H group already input. Hopefully he will finish it soon so we can all enjoy an accurate club phone directory.

**Final note:** The Red Rutherford scholarship is delayed for awhile until the workload at Tri-Tech lightens up. Then it will be presented to club members for approval. The scholarship will be ready for student applications by Dec. or Jan.



The largest and most powerful motorcycle ever built has recently been completed and

entered the contest in the 1907 Beach races. It is an 8-cylinder machine of 40hp. The record for the 10-mile race is already held by the same builders who won the 10-mile race three years ago at Ormond Beach with a double-cylinder machine in 8:54 2-5. Great expectations are placed on the new machine, which is driven direct with a one to one gear, with 26-inch rear wheel. The wheel base is 65 inches. The entire machine weighs 300 pounds and is faster than any other mechanical motive power ever built by man .

*(Article from Popular Mechanics, March 1907 edition.)*

## October-November Activities

Oct. 21 -- Valley Car Run Show from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m in Zillah.

Mid-October -- Concourse de'Elegance in Goldendale.

Oct. 27 -- Tombstone Tales from 12 p.m. To 4 p.m. at the old cemetery across from HAPO on Williams Avenue in Richland.

## Remembering Jim Gilbert



**James Leslie Gilbert**, 64, a member of Ye Olde Car Club for many years, died Sept. 8, 2012, at his home in Richland. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Dixie, who he considered the love of his life.

Jim's first antique car was a 1931 Model A Ford coupe, but he also really liked trains. A dozen cars from YOCC came to Jim's memorial service Saturday in Richland.

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## In the rearview mirror...



This month's **Guess Who ???** arrived in the Tri-Cities in 1945 as a 3rd-grader. He was into cars, trains and planes before shortly after cutting his first teeth. It could be said ??? Is a "cut above" the



rest of us in Ye Olde Car Club.

His first car, a 1929 Model A coupe was a joint venture with his younger brother, the two of them paying \$5 for the entire car, which they purchased from their older brother. It had 21 bullet holes in one door and 27 bullet holes in the windshield, which makes one wonder why there was any glass left to shoot.

Speaking of brothers, ??? had five of them, along with two sisters.

That first car ended up being junked, but the boys rebuilt the engine and put it in their second car, a 1930 A coupe.

Our ??? says he has "lost count" on how many old cars he's owned over the years. A tour in England with the Air Force led him to purchasing a 1947 VW bug, which he left behind, choosing to come back with an MGTD instead. In retrospect, he regrets leaving Hitler's little car in Merry England.

"It'd be worth a lot more money now," he says.

The 53 Packard is his wife's favorite, but ??? is fond of his latest ride, a 1919 center door Model T.

Yep, this month's ??? Is Terry Shegrud, of Terry's Barber Shop in Richland. A mighty fine fellow, too.

Want to suggest for Rearview mirror? Call editor ASAP.