



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club November 2015 Newsletter

The President's Message

Election of Ye Olde Car Club officers for 2016 is upon us...just 30 days away!. Where did this year go! The year has only one month left. 2015 was another good year for YOCC with excellent new members, lots of fun events including retirement/assisted living visits, and plenty of local and out of town car shows. However, the best thing about YOCC in 2015 has been its membership. The people in the club are simply the best. I enjoy being part of a group that is willing to help out with club activities and volunteer when needed.

A large club such as YOCC can only exist and grow by its members investing in the club by stepping up to accept elected and appointed positions. We are all very busy in our daily activities and another task certainly adds to cumulative obligations. Human nature is that we tend to let others fill those roles. However, it would be great if we had several candidates for each office and appointed positions. YOCC has great members from all walks of life and experiences with a common interest in old cars who certainly can add terrific value to the club. YOCC needs you!

On another note, be sure to sign up for the YOCC Christmas Party on Thursday, December 16, at 5:30 pm; Country Gentleman Event Center, 9221 W. Clearwater, Kennewick. Cost is \$15 per person and we will have a men and ladies gift exchange (price limit - \$15). There were 83 members who attended last year's event. Let's have at least 92 at this year's party!

Happy Holidays!
Robbin

EVENTS

On Thursday, November 12, the Ladies Luncheon hosted by DaJuan Recknagle had 17 ladies present at Frost Me Sweet in Richland. There were 5 pairs of related gals: 3 pair of mother & daughter, sister & sister, and grandmother and granddaughter. Thanks DaJuan.

Saturday, November 21 – 38th Annual Albany, Oregon Indoor Swap Meet – Linn County Exposition Center, Albany, Oregon

Thursday, December 10, Ladies Luncheon will join the Healthy Ages Holiday Party to be held at TRAC, 6600 Burden Blvd., Pasco on Dec. 10 at noon. Husbands are welcome. A traditional turkey dinner will be served promptly at noon. The cost is \$12 per person. Vegetarian meals available on request. There will be music and door prizes. Reservations **MUST** be in to Healthy Ages by **December 4**. Please make your check out to Kadlec Regional Medical Center and mail it to Healthy Ages, 888 Swift Blvd., Richland, WA 99352. For more information call Dolores McClary @783-3622 or Frances McGillis @ 545-4077

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, December 16 is the YOCC Holiday Party to be held again at Country Gentlemen Event Center, 9221 W. Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick. Beverages and conversation at 5:30 with buffet dinner at 6:00. Advance payment will be expected. The amount is \$15 per person. **Payment for the dinner must be received by Saturday, December 12.** You may pay for the Christmas Party at YOCC Wednesday morning meeting between now and December 9 or you may send payment to YOCC, PO Box 6873, Kennewick WA 99336-0601. There will be a gift exchange, no more than \$15.00. Men are requested to bring a men's gift and the ladies are requested to bring a ladies' gift. You must bring a gift to participate in the gift exchange. It can be something nice or a gag gift in good taste.

Election of 2016 YOCC officers will be held during the Christmas Party.

BITS & PIECES

***Why is it that when someone tells you that there are over a billion stars in the universe, you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?

***IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many &!#*%#! deer were being hit by cars and she didn't want them to cross there anymore.

***Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

***A thought from Maxine: The last guy I went out with had a lot in common with the tires on my car: he was bald, unbalanced and full of hot air.

***Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Membership renewal is upon us for 2016. Dues are due no later than March 1, 2016. Still a bargain at \$15. Avoid the rush, pay early. Our terrific Treasurer, Bob Gough, has secured a very nice item as incentive. Dues may be mailed to: YOCC, PO Box 6873, Kennewick, WA 99336-0601.

It is that time of year when we nominate club officers for 2016. Election of officers and vacated board seats will take place at the Christmas Party on December 16th. Step up and throw your name in the hat! The Nominating Committee will consist of our four non-officer board members: Jim Ayers, Dave Hannah, Willie Gould, and Denny Wellington. Contact one of the nominating committee members and express your interest in elected or appointed positions.



Jerry Well's Beautiful 1957 Chevy

I bought the car on e-bay in April, 2009 (a mistake) after several months of searching for 57' Chevy Bel Air 2dr HT. I had limited myself to 20 grand, however, all the 2dr HT's were too expensive. So I wound up buying the 4dr HT for 19 grand and \$1,100 to have it shipped form Georgia.

The car really wasn't in the shape the owner said it was (yes it looked good and ran pretty good) but had a lot more rust underneath than he said it had.

I was undecided as to whether I wanted to keep it stock or add some upgrades to make it safe for freeway driving. Since I bought the car to drive it I decided to add upgrades for safety.

I spent the next 2 years (off and on) with the car on jack stands brushing, scraping and cleaning the chassis underneath and coating it with POR15 rust preventive coating.

I've added the following upgrades in the past few years:

Power disc brakes (front)

Power steering

Vintage A/C

Replaced the radiator with a larger capacity aluminum radiator

Front/Rear anti-sway bars

Replaced all the body-to-frame mount bolts/cushions

Replaced front/rear suspension

Replaced the rear end

Replaced the original starter with a new gear reduction starter

Added a new AM/FM radio with 10 disc CD changer

Over the past winter I replaced the 283 CI engine with a new 350 CI crate engine with the help of club members Jim Ayers and Robbin Johanson. I think all of the hard work has paid off, I've finally got the car roadworthy to the point it's a lot more enjoyable to drive on all the out of town car shows.

Jerry Wells



The Old Cars Weekly winter storage checklist

Putting your vehicle up on blocks for the winter is tough after a summer full of shows, but in harsh climates, there's little choice. The following list includes tips the staff employs to preserve its vehicles for that long winter slumber:

- Clean the area in which the vehicle will be stored. A clean area keeps dirt off the vehicle, and eliminates building supplies for vermin. Make sure there isn't anything hanging from the walls or ceiling that may fall on the vehicle over winter.
- Inspect the building in which the vehicle will be stored. Make sure water and animals don't have easy access, and if they do, repair the building. Inspect the roof to make sure it will be stable under a load of snow. If not, reinforce the roof or consider another storage location. There are many sob stories of cars crushed by snow-burdened roofs during the winter months, especially in pole buildings. Don't let your vehicles be casualties.
- That leads to insurance. The vehicle may not be driven during the winter, but that doesn't mean coverage should lapse. Carry at least storage insurance, and remember to review your policy again in spring so that the vehicle is again covered while being driven on the street.
- Wash the vehicle thoroughly, top and bottom, inside and out. Dirt and leaves hold moisture to the metal and cause corrosion. Dirty or scummy pot metal - plated or otherwise - will pit over time. Food or other debris inside the vehicle attract vermin. Allow the clean vehicle to completely dry before parking it. Consider waxing the paint and chrome to add an extra level of corrosion protection.
- Change fluids - brake fluid, coolant, engine oil, transmission fluid, differential fluid - and repair fluid leaks before storage to prevent moisture from entering mechanical components. This will also prevent leaking fluids from damaging items in the storage facility. Verify the coolant protection exceeds the coldest temperature your area may experience. Lubricate the chassis.
- Whether you subscribe to the "full fuel tank" or "empty fuel tank" philosophy, it's wise to add a fuel stabilizer (Sea Foam, Sta-Bil, etc.) to keep whatever gasoline is in the tank from going bad. Use ethanol-free fuel whenever possible, especially when storing a vehicle; fuel with ethanol will undergo phase separation in six months. If you have no other choice other than to use ethanol, use a fuel additive to prevent phase separation or burn the existing fuel within six months.
- Place animal repellents in the passenger compartment, trunk and engine compartment. Some people suggest fresh dryer sheets, fresh Irish Spring soap shavings, mouse poison and/or mothballs (we use Irish Spring shavings because of the better scent). Regardless of the repellent of choice, make sure it is removed in spring. Check the vehicle periodically to make sure critters haven't made a home inside it.
- Place a sheet of plastic or other moisture barrier beneath the vehicle. This will catch leaking fluids and also prevent moisture from collecting on the bottom of the stored vehicle.
- Remove the battery so you don't have to worry about an acid leak damaging the battery tray and surrounding metal. Place the battery on a trickle charger. If possible, don't store the battery on concrete.
- Cover the rear tips of the exhaust to prevent mice and other critters from crawling inside. Leftover screened material secured to the tips by clamps or rubber bands will allow the exhaust to safely function if you forget to remove the screen in spring.
- Some hobbyists believe in periodically starting the vehicle over the course of winter to keep engine components lubricated. We don't believe in starting the vehicle until spring, when we're ready to drive it and the fluids - especially the oil - are more viscous in the warmer temperatures.

REO Motor Car

The **REO Motor Car Company** was a Lansing, Michigan based company that produced automobiles and trucks from 1905 to 1975. At one point the company also manufactured buses on its truck platforms.

REO was founded by Ransom E. Olds during August 1904. Olds had 52 percent of the stock and the titles of president and general manager. To ensure a reliable supply of parts, he organized a number of subsidiary firms like the National Coil Company, the Michigan Screw Company, and the Atlas Drop Forge Company.

By 1907, REO had gross sales of \$4.5 million and the company was one of the four wealthiest automobile manufacturers in the U.S. After 1908 however, despite the introduction of improved cars designed by Olds, REO's share of the automobile market decreased due in part to competition from emerging companies like Ford and General Motors.

REO added a truck manufacturing division and a Canadian plant in St. Catharines, Ontario in 1910. Two years later, Olds claimed he had built the best car he could, a tourer able to seat two, four, or five, with a 30–35 hp engine, 112 in wheelbase, and 32 inch wheels, for \$1055 (not including top, windshield, or gas tank, which were \$100 extra); self-starter was \$25 on top of that.

Perhaps the most famous REO episode was the 1912 Trans-Canada journey. Traveling 4,176 miles from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Vancouver, British Columbia, in a 1912 REO special touring car, mechanic/driver Fonce V. (Jack) Haney and journalist Thomas W. Wilby made the first trip by automobile across Canada (including one short jaunt into northeastern Washington State when the Canadian roads were virtually impassable.)



Auto Trivia

1. What was the first official White House car?
2. Who opened the first drive-in gas station?
3. What city was the first to use parking meters?
4. Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
5. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.
6. What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?
7. What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?
8. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
9. What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?
10. What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?
11. What car first referred to itself as a convertible?
12. What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?
13. What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?
14. Where were the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?
15. What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S.?
16. Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?
17. What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?
18. What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?
19. What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?
20. What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?
21. What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?
22. What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?
23. What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?
24. What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
25. Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have driven 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 doesn't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?
26. What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?
27. What was the first car to use power operated seats?
28. Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?
29. What car company was originally known as Swallow Sidecars (aka SS)?
30. What car delivered the first production V12 engine?
31. When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?

32. In January 1930, Cadillac debuted its V16 in a car named for a theatrical version of a 1920's film seen by Harley Earl while designing the body, What's that name?
33. Which car company started out German, yet became French after WWI?
34. In what model year did Cadillac introduce the first electric sunroof?
35. What U.S. production car had the largest 4 cylinder engine?
36. What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970?
37. What is the Spirit of Ecstasy?
38. What was the inspiration for MG's famed octagon-shaped badge?
39. In what year did the "double-R" Rolls Royce badge change from red to black?

ANSWERS

1. A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.
2. Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.
3. Oklahoma City , on July 16, 1935.
4. Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.
5. False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.
6. Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.
7. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant
8. The 1924 Chrysler.
9. The 1904 Acme, from Reading , PA. Perpetuity was disturbing, as Acme closed down in 1911.
10. The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo , who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.
11. The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.
12. The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.
13. The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16
14. Detroit , Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.
15. March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado roll out of Lansing , Michigan with that honor.
16. Camden , NJ in 1933
17. The 1949 Chryslers
18. 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.
19. The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.
20. The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. Did it in 4.0 seconds.
21. The Mustang
22. The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.
23. The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.
24. The Dodge Brothers.
25. Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.
26. The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy. These motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.
27. They were first used on the 1947 Packard line.
28. Only 400, 1963, 300J's were sold (they skipped "I" because it looked like a number 1)
29. Jaguar, which was an SS model first in 1935, and ultimately the whole company by 1945?
30. The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six.
31. In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph. on Staten Island!
32. The "Madam X", a custom coach designed by Earl and built by Fleetwood. The sedan featured a retractable landau top above the rear seat.
33. Bugati, founded in Molsheim in 1909, became French when Alsace returned to French rule.
34. 1969
35. The 1907 Thomas sported a 571 cu. in. (9.2liter) engine.
36. 1970 Gremlin, (AMC)
37. The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce, she is the lady on top of their radiators. Also known as "Nellie in her nighty".
38. The shape of founder Cecil Kimber's dining table. MG stands for Morris Garages.
39. 1933

More Trivia...

Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks. And now you know the "rest of the story"

Thanks to Tim Huber for this contribution.

Choose the Right Coolant (a.k.a. Antifreeze)

Coolant is an essential part of an engine cooling system. It is typically a fifty-fifty mixture of clean water and antifreeze. You may have heard antifreeze referred to as coolant, and this is somewhat true. Antifreeze not only helps keep the car engine from freezing up in the winter, it also helps keep the car cool in the summer. This product is mixed with water and is placed in the coolant reservoir and the radiator of the car when first adding coolant to a vehicle. Later on, vehicle owners can add more coolant between visits to the mechanic by pouring extra antifreeze into the coolant reservoir. Every two to five years, depending on the type of coolant used, the car owner will need to take the vehicle to the mechanic to have it flushed and filled with fresh coolant. Antifreeze is composed of acids that wear down the metal parts inside an engine over time. Antifreeze manufacturers add extra ingredients to help protect these metal parts from corrosion and rust. Over time, these ingredients break down, and the coolant becomes harmful to a car engine. At the end of the service life of a particular type of antifreeze, it is best to flush the entire system.

Choosing Coolant for Your Car

There are three different types of car antifreeze on the market; each one is formulated in a different manner and provides slightly different benefits. A car can essentially run on any type of antifreeze. However, there are a few things you should consider before purchasing any one type. When choosing a coolant for your car, you should consider how often you feel comfortable flushing out your coolant system and what kind of additives you want in the formula to help preserve the metal and prevent corrosion.

Inorganic Acid Technology (IAT)

IAT coolant is commonly used in **United States-manufactured cars from the 1920s to the late 1990s**. Normally clear, it is dyed a bright green to help people identify it. IAT coolant contains silicates and phosphate corrosion inhibitors to help protect metal parts of the car the coolant runs through, such as the engine and radiator. It is recommended that IAT coolants are flushed out of the car's system once every two years, or 30,000 miles.

Organic Acid Technology (OAT)

OAT coolants are available in several different dyed colors, from orange to dark green. This coolant is different from IAT coolant in that it does not contain silicates or phosphates to protect the car. This helps the coolant last much longer, but it can wear down the metal parts over time. Different manufacturers add special additives to this coolant to help prevent rust and corrosion. OAT coolant should be flushed from a car system once every five years, or every 150,000 miles.

Hybrid Organic Acid Technology (HOAT)

HOAT coolants are also available in a few different colors, such as yellow and orange. HOAT coolant contains some silicates to inhibit corrosion, and also has some additives to help prevent rusting and corrosion. HOAT coolant should also be flushed from the car system once every five years, or every 150,000 miles.

Knowing Which Coolant to Use

Car manufacturers often choose one particular type of coolant to use for all of their lines. This makes choosing the correct coolant to add to your vehicle much easier. You can look up coolant types according to vehicle manufacturer, and also by the color of the coolant.

Coolant Type	Colors	Vehicles
IAT	Bright Green	Most domestic vehicles from 1920s to 1990s; GM, Ford, Chrysler
OAT	In order; Orange, Pink, Green, Red	In order; GM, VW, Honda, Toyota
HOAT	Yellow, Orange	Major Asian, German, European car makers; Chrysler

From www.ebay.com/gds/How-to-Choose-the-Right-Coolant-/10000000177635016/g.html
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YOCC Members might find this useful:

The Hemmings Collector Car Restoration Guide

http://images.hemmings.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/HMN_Resto_Guide.pdf

There is a lot of advertising but the information on restoration is great.

Contributed by Dennis McGillis

FLAWLESS MALE LOGIC ...

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip. (This is where it gets scary !)

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose

Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No

Man: Could I have a look at your Ferrari?

Thanks to Barbara Baker for this contribution

Women's Corner

THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR!!!

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. I'm telling you in advance, so don't act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won't be coming, I've made a few small changes: Our sidewalk will not be lined with homemade, paper bag luminaries. After a trial run, it was decided that no matter how cleverly done, rows of flaming lunch sacks do not have the desired welcoming effect.

Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of Indian corn and fall foliage I had planned to make. Instead, I've gotten the kids involved in the decorating by having them track in colorful autumn leaves from the front yard. The mud was their idea. The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, we will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this IS thanksgiving, we will refrain from using the plastic Peter Rabbit plate and the Santa napkins from last Christmas. Our centerpiece will not be the tower of fresh fruit and flowers that I promised. Instead we will be displaying a hedgehog-like decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper. The artist assures me it is a turkey.

We will be dining fashionably late. The children will entertain you while you wait. I'm sure they will be happy to share every choice comment I have made regarding Thanksgiving, pilgrims, and the turkey hotline. Please remember that most of these comments were made at 5:00 a.m. upon discovering that the turkey was still hard enough to cut diamonds. As accompaniment to the children's recital, I will

play a recording of tribal drumming. If the children should mention that I don't own a recording of tribal drumming, or that tribal drumming sounds suspiciously like a frozen turkey in a clothes dryer, ignore them. They are lying.

We toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, we chose to keep our traditional method. We've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, we will ask the children to sit at a separate table. In a separate room. Next door.

Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning: Do not, under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not send small, unsuspecting children to check on my progress. I have an electric knife. The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reason that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind my young diners that "passing the rolls" is not a football play. Nor is it a request to bean your brother in the head with warm tasty bread. Oh, and one reminder for the adults: For the duration of the meal, and especially while in the presence of young diners, we will refer to the giblet gravy by its lesser-known name: Cheese Sauce. If a young diner questions you regarding the origins or type of Cheese Sauce, plead ignorance. Before I forget, there is one last change. Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, we will be serving the traditional pumpkin pie, garnished with whipped cream and small fingerprints. You will still have a choice; take it or leave it.

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. She probably won't come next year either.

I am thankful.

Thanks to Cathy Schamp

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November



Birthdays

Jerry Allen	November 29	Flo Andrews	November 11
Thomas Beaver	November 22	Gayle Fairchild	November 11
Roy Holmes	November 2	Tim Hubler	November 29
Bob Ilten	November 19	Joe Kuhns	November 24
Jolene Kuhns	November 28	Pat Linse	November 15
Stan Nesbitt	November 8	Beverly Rabe	November 1
Randy Rutherford	November 18	Oden Sanders	November 30
Frank Smith	November 10	Rose Tarr	November 6



Anniversaries

John & Susan Calhoun
Don & Marti Meyers

November 26
November 22

Vern & Dottie Marking
Jerry & Sharon Wells

November 3
November 12

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