



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club October 2018 Newsletter

The President's Message

October derives its name from “octo”, the Latin word meaning eight (so why is it the 10th month?). The birthstone is the Opal. The flower is the calendula. On October 1, 1880, John Philips Sousa became the leader of the U.S. Marine Band. On October 1, 1890, Yosemite National Park was established by the U.S. Congress. Also on October 1, 1962, the first broadcast of *The Tonight Show* starring Johnny Carson. On October 2, 1950, *Peanuts* by Charles Schulz was first published. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, cookie month and pickled peppers month.

Bits and Pieces

*** When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

*** Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

*** America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

*** You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

*** Good health is the slowest way to die.

The Remarkable Body

When in love, the human brain releases the same cocktail of neurotransmitters and hormones that are released by amphetamines. This leads to increased heart rate, loss of appetite and sleep, and intense feelings of excitement.

Where in the world.

Stretching out to an impressive length of 6696 kilometres (4160 miles) long, the Nile River is the longest river on earth

Actual Label Instructions

On a hotel provided shower cap in a box: Fits one head. (really?)

Fun Food Facts

Avocados and watermelon are berries.

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

October 11 – Ladies Luncheon had 6 ladies attend.

November 8 Ladies Luncheon will be held at Country Mercantile in Richland. Frances McGillis is the hostess. Call her at 509-545-4077 if you plan to attend.

Parts Wanted

Looking for 1938-31 Model A Ford front spring leaves. Need #3 through #6 or any combination. Also interested in a reverse eye main leaf.
Contact Don Buckles 509-627-0535

Looking for 1933-36 OEM Ford straight axle. Will pay up to \$100.
Contact Don Buckles 509-627-0535

Parts for Sale

Matched pair of 1940 Ford front backing plates with grease shields. Backing plates have been sandblasted and are not pitted. Ford Script stands out very nice.. Asking \$80.
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Tires

What's in a tire? The complex ingredients that make modern tires safe also make them a pain to throw away.
19% natural rubber, usually from trees in Southeast Asia.
38% synthetic rubber (butadiene, styrene, halobutyl rubber) and additives to prevent damage from ozone and oxygen, and to promote curing.
4% synthetic polymer fabric belts (nylon, rayon, and aramid) for reinforcement.
12% wire (high-carbon steel) for more reinforcement.
26% fillers (carbon black, silica)

Where do dead tires go?

26% ground into filler for asphalt and insulation.
11% dumped into landfills where a tire takes hundreds of years to decompose.
7% blended into road beds, barriers, retaining walls, and other civil-engineering uses.
7% recycled into things like playground surfaces and tire swings.
49% burned for fuel. Tire rubber has more energy (Btu) than coal but, like any solid fuel, tires burn dirty, requiring energy to clean the particulates.

From Popular Mechanics, September 2018

The only two U.S. states that have never recorded a record high temperature in excess of 100 degrees are Hawaii (98 °F on July 14, 1957) and Alaska (100 °F on June 27, 1915).

The Frank Tiegs garage tour was a huge success with about 80 people in attendance. Frank has about 50 very fine cars in his collection on Court Street and about a dozen at his facility on Kahlouse. After touring both, we all went out to Snake River street Rods for a look around that facility and a nice lunch. Many thanks to both Frank Tieg and the fellows at Snake River Street Rods for a very enjoyable day.



Some of the many "A" vehicles of Frank Tieg's collection



Lunch at Snake River Street Rods

Mailing 80,000 Bricks

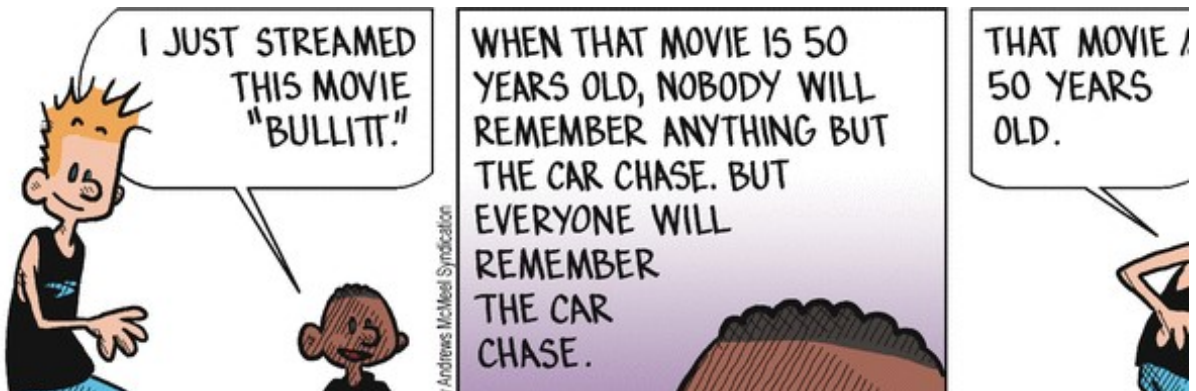
In 1917, just a few years after the national Parcel Post Service was inaugurated in the United States, one clever man put the patience of the new service and its employees to the test. W. H. Coltharp was a businessman in Utah who wanted to build a new building (with a bank in the front corner) in memory of his father and to make it a stout and memorable building with lots and lots of bricks.

Unfortunately for Mr. Coltharp, the bricks he purchased were about 120 miles away from his build site and when he priced out the cost of having them freighted, via rail, to the town of Vernal, Utah where he wished to build the new building, the price was four times more than he paid for the bricks.

In a stroke of thrifty genius Coltharp decided to take advantage of the postal service's rather economical shipping rates by repackaging all the bricks (all 80,000 of them) in small crates weighing less than 50 pounds (the upper limit of post office packages) and paid the parcel post rate to ship them to the town.

The entire process was a logistical nightmare for the service that involved shipment via multiple railroads and a trip on a wagon. Day after day the post office dutifully transported crate after crate of bricks, often delivering a ton's worth of building materials each day. After finally delivering the last of the crates a new regulation was put in place limiting how many pounds of goods a single customer could ship or receive in a given day with the postal administration issuing a statement on the matter that "it is not the intent of the United States Postal Service that buildings be shipped through the mail."

The bank still stands today in Vernal, Utah and remains nicknamed by the locals "The Parcel Post Bank."



The Most Malleable Metal

Malleability, as a physical property of metals, is used to describe a given metal's reaction to compressive forces. A metal with low malleability, like tungsten, will shatter when exposed to compression. A metal with high malleability, like lead, will deform when compressed.

Among all metals, gold is the most malleable. An avoirdupois ounce of pure gold can be compressed into an incredibly thin sheet that covers 300 square feet. Gold can be hammered so thin that the resulting gold "leaf" is semi-transparent and light (appearing greenish-blue) can pass through the lattice of gold atoms.

It is because of this extreme malleability that gold has been used for so many applications throughout history ranging from decorative, like ornate picture frames covered in a fine layer of gold leaf to the practical, like the layer of reflective gold coating on the sun visors of astronauts' helmets.

Visiting Grandma

A young man's grandmother was turning 80 and had moved into a new condo. He wanted to drop by, see her new place, and wish her a happy birthday. He called her and she instructed him as follows: "Park in front of the building and come to the main door. You'll see a big panel on the right. With your elbow, push 115. I'll hit the buzzer and I'll let you walk in. Walk inside and turn right for the elevator. Get in, and with your elbow press number 115. Walk out of the elevator and turn left. Come down the hall to 115 and ring my doorbell with your elbow." "Grandmother," he says. "That's easy enough, but why the heck am I pushing all these buttons with my elbow?" "What?" she replies. "You're coming empty handed?"

Many thanks to cousin Jacki for this amusing story.

LEGO brick manufacturing processes are so streamlined and precise that only 18 out of every 1 million bricks is considered defective.

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**Conventional marketing wisdom continues to dictate that "a young man won't buy an old man's car, but an old man will buy a young man's car."

**Studebaker's heritage is usually attributed to its wagon and carriage roots, but the fact is that it also very much rolled along early on with wheelbarrows.

3 women, 2 younger and 1 senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound. One young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at her. "That was my pager," she said. "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm." A few minutes later, a phone rang. The 2nd young woman lifted her palm to her ear and talked. When she finished, she explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand." The older woman felt very low-tech. Not to be outdone, she decided to do something just as impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at her. The older woman finally said..."Well, will you look at that! I'm getting a fax!!"

Thanks to cousin Claudia for this cutie.

75% of cars that Rolls-Royce has ever produced are still on the road today.

The average American spends about 38 hours a year stuck in traffic.

The heart of our nations problems

You, who worry about Democrats versus Republicans, relax, here is our real problem. In a Purdue University classroom recently, they were discussing the qualifications to be President of the United States. It was pretty simple. The candidate must be a natural born citizen of at least 35 years of age. However, one girl in the class immediately started in on how unfair was the requirement to be a natural born citizen.

In short, her opinion was that this requirement prevented many capable individuals from becoming president. The class was taking it in and letting her rant, and not many jaws hit the floor when she wrapped up her argument by stating, "What makes a natural born citizen any more qualified to lead this country than one born by C-section?"

Yep, these are the same kinds of 18-year-olds that are now voting in our elections! They breed, and they walk among us! Lord, we need more help than we thought we did! No wonder more than half of graduating college students can't find a job and then can't do the job once they find one.

Thanks to friend Larry Fookes

Using tin cans as a method of food preservation started as early as the 1770s and a patent was issued for tin food cans in 1810, but the first dedicated can openers weren't invented until the 1850s. Prior to the advent of the can opener, people used hammers and chisels to open their cans.

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The first full-scale, self-propelled mechanical vehicle was released in 1769. It was a steam-powered tricycle that was used to haul cannons around town. (But, it weighed 8,000 pounds!)

The Benz Patent-Motorwagen is believed to be the first modern automobile. German inventor Carl Benz applied for the patent in 1886, and later, his wife took it on the first-ever, long-distance drive.

In 1913, the Ford Model T became the first mass-produced automobile. Three years later, 55 percent of all cars in the world were Model Ts, which is a record yet to be broken.

The 1964 Pontiac GTO is widely regarded as the first "muscle car." Pontiac owned the muscle scene in the early 1960s, but by 1968, that car had plenty of competition.

The Ford Mustang also made its debut in 1964. It was officially unveiled at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. That same day, the car also debuted in showrooms across America, and close to 22,000 Mustangs were purchased.

The first Chevrolet Camaro to ever come off the production line was black. And originally, the Camaro was going to be called the Panther.

The original "Dukes of Hazzard" show featured a total of 309 Dodge Chargers – all 1969 editions. How can you tell a 1969 Charger from a 1968? Look for the split grille on the front of the '69 model.

Flip-out headlights on the Dodge Charger were used for the last time in 1973. Apparently, they didn't seem very family friendly.

There is no 1983 Chevrolet Corvette. Instead, Chevy skipped a year and introduced an all-new model in 1984. However, there were prototypes of the car, and all but one was destroyed. It now lives in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Only 11 prototypes of the Porsche 916 exist. It's one of the rarest cars in the world, as it was soon replaced by the less expensive Porsche 911.

Chrysler's 426 HEMI engine was called "the elephant." It was extremely large and extremely powerful. In fact, at Daytona in 1964, the vehicles that placed first, second and third all had this engine – which is why NASCAR would eventually change its engine-related rules.

From Frankenmuth Insurance



Halloween, celebrated on Oct. 31, originally started as nothing more than an autumn harvest festival. Today, the holiday is associated with ghosts, costumes and, of course, candy. It has long been thought that Halloween is the one day of the year the dead can return to earth. It is estimated that Americans spend more than \$6 billion each year on Halloween, which makes it the United States' second largest commercial holiday.

Below are The Examiner's top 10 facts and trivia not necessarily known about Halloween:

- **Pumpkins are actually indigenous to the Western Hemisphere and have been found on the continent for more than 5,000 years.
- **The original jack-'o-lanterns in Ireland were carved out of turnips or potatoes.
- **Halloween is mix of traditions from Celtic, Catholic and Roman religious rituals.
- **More than 35 million pounds of candy corn is produced each year according to the National Confectioner's Association.
- **Costumes were first worn to tell each other's fortunes and for protection against evil spirits.
- **The early-known witches were dealers in medicinal herbs and charms and respected in their own communities.
- **A predecessor of trick-or-treating is a Scottish and Irish practice called "Guising," where children went from door to door in costumes collecting coins and food.
- **One quarter of all of the candy sold in the United States every year is purchased specifically for Halloween.
- **The idea of people gathering together to celebrate dates back to the early American settlers who celebrated the harvest.
- **Ghost stories are common throughout the year, but especially on Halloween.

Halloween is one of the oldest celebrations in the world, dating back over 2000 years to the time of the Celts who lived in Britain.

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, the color of pumpkin.



History of the “Grapes of Wrath” Model-A Ford

By Mary Fraser

This 1929 Model-A has an interesting history. We think it had five owners before it came to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River, Oregon. It was originally a Model-A Coupe when it was purchased by a man near Spokane, WA in 1929. Before he went away to World War II, he wrecked the car and sold it to a near-by farmer.

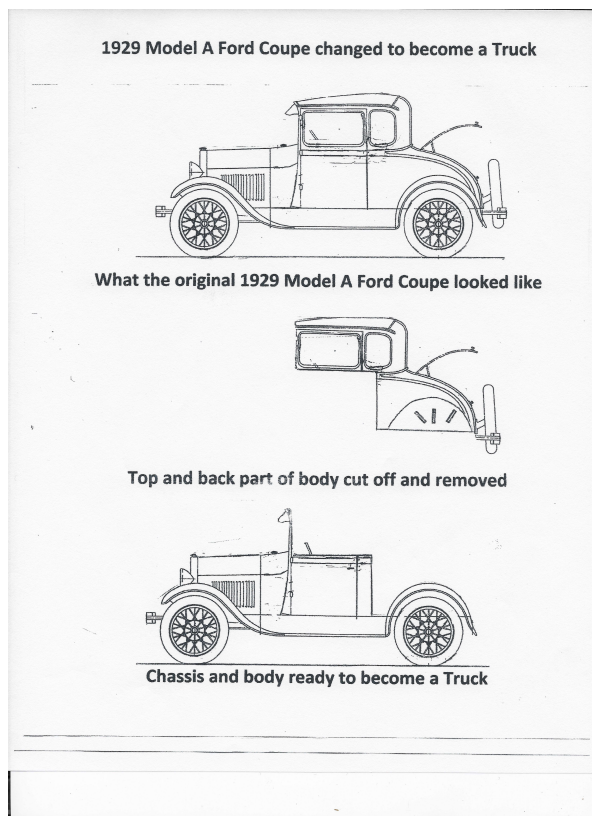
The drawings show where the farmer cut whatever was left of the car. He attached a Model-T pickup bed on the back. His sons wanted a convertible pickup, so they cut off the top.

In the 1970s, a young man in Spokane became the third owner of this car. His plan was to make it into a hot rod. He got as far as putting in bright shiny red plastic seat covers and a matching steering wheel. Then he and his wife had a new baby, and babies are expensive, so he sold the car before he made any more changes.

In 1980, Fred Fraser of Richland became the fourth owner. When he purchased the car, it was rusty red and barely made it through the Benton-Franklin Fair Parade. His plan was to make it as original as possible and drive it. He replaced the old engine with a Model-A engine in better condition. He painted it yellow and made it into a depot hack like what was used to carry luggage around train depots in the 1930s. He made a black leather-like plastic top and put in an authentic lack steering wheel. He had black seat covers made. We drove this car to many Columbia Basin Model-A Club events and trailered it to Model-A meets in Portland, Calgary, Reno and many other Northwestern cities. At these meets we drove our depot hack in caravan with other Model-As to see sites around the host cities. Fred and his family enjoyed driving their Model-A until 2014, when they sold it, due to Fred's poor health.

The new owner made this Model-A rusty red again. He changed it into a “Grapes of Wrath” car. It looks like a jobless family is carrying all of their belongings as they travel around to look for jobs during the Depression in the 1930s.

The 90 years since 1929 have brought many interesting changes to this Model-A!



The following pictures: #1 taken in 1980, #2 and #3 between 1998 – 2014, #4 and #5 as it is in the Western Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River, Oregon today.



Thank you Mary Fraser for this interesting story and great pictures.

Avoiding fires while your collector car is in storage

John owns a 1970 Dodge Charger in one of the “high impact” colors from that year, called Plum Crazy. It’s a car that John bought when he was younger and kept through the years, and eventually restored. One day during the winter months, which is the off-season for collector cars where John lives, there was a fire in his garage where he kept the Charger. The car sustained significant damage, and there was fire damage to his house as well. Luckily there were no injuries to people or pets, and there was enough left of the car that it could be restored. The fire marshal determined that the fire started with an electric device that was attached to the car, but no actual cause could be determined, because the electric device was burned too badly.

It turns out that the electric device was a battery maintainer (sometimes called a trickle charger) that somehow caught on fire. Because the device was close to the car, and the car and the device were close to the garage walls that are attached to the house, the fire quickly spread and resulted in significant damages. John’s homeowner’s policy covered the damage to his home, and his collector car insurance covered the agreed value of the vehicle. John is in the course of restoring the vehicle back to its original purple glory, but he knows that the fire situation could have been much worse. He’s also aware that preventing this type of situation in the future is better than just hoping that it doesn’t happen again.

Many of us use battery maintainers when we don’t drive our collector cars for lengthy periods of time, but few of us knew that the battery maintainers could be a potential problem unless we take a few prevention steps. We recently visited with a large and well-respected auto restoration shop which deals with a lot of very expensive vehicles. The owner of the shop told us that he had three clients over the past year who had fires, much like the fire that John had with his 1970 Charger, all due to the battery maintainers. Those clients of the shop sustained significant damage to their vehicles and homes. One of the clients had some extensive investigation done to determine the exact cause of the fire, and it was found that the battery maintainer had caught on fire because of a power surge. Apparently, power surges could cause a battery maintainer to catch on fire. The shop has over a hundred battery maintainers, and they unplug each of them every night, and plug them back in every morning, under the fear that a fire could occur overnight when nobody is at the shop. We’ve heard these things before from others, so it’s time we found a method of prevention.

Since the issue of a power surge seems to be a possible trigger for fires with battery maintainers, we recommend that everyone using a battery maintainer consider having it plugged into a surge protector, which are readily available as small single units or multi-unit power strips. We know that different surge protectors are not all equivalent, and some can handle larger power surges. If a power surge is powerful enough it might cause the surge protector to fail, and the power surge would then get to the battery maintainer, potentially causing a fire. So, although surge protectors are inexpensive, you should consider getting one that has high power protection ratings. Often the ratings are in joules. A rating of 600 joules is good, but a rating of 1,000 joules (or higher) is better.

The next thing to consider using is a fire-resistant bag/box for the battery maintainer to sit in when it’s in use. Those items are flexible fire-resistant fold-up boxes that are available in different sizes, so you can find them to fit whatever size battery maintainers that you’re using. The fire-resistant boxes are sometimes described as “fire proof”, but almost nothing is actually fire proof, so we’ll refer them as “fire resistant”. The ones we’re describing are intended for use when charging or transporting LIPO batteries (used in certain remote-control toys) which are known to sometimes catch fire, so these boxes should be useful for containing any fire that originates at the battery maintainer. If you use the search words “LIPO Safe” in one of the large global online retailers, such as the one that’s named after a big river in South America, you’ll find lots of the fire-resistant boxes in different sizes, for fairly inexpensive prices. We bought several sizes, and the average price was around \$5 each. Try to avoid the boxes that have only one layer of fire resistant material. Instead, you want to buy the ones that have a double layer of fire resistant material, because those will better contain a fire, and are less likely to have a burn-through. The battery maintainer should be completely inside the fire-resistant box, and the cords can go out any of the sides. Most of the fire-resistant boxes have Velcro closures, but the boxes are not air tight, so there is ventilation, but generally not enough for a fire to burn as it might without this extra protection.

It would be best for you to have the battery maintainer at some distance away from your vehicle. You should also keep it away from anything potentially flammable in your garage (such as the walls) to minimize the potential risk of damage if a fire occurs, regardless of whether you’re utilizing a fire-resistant box. The fire-resistant boxes will help slow the fire, and keep the fire contained, but remember that the fire-resistant boxes are really only “fire-resistant”, and not “fire proof”.

Thanks to Don Buckles for this contribution.

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man, and was considered a positive roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough and three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If you smiled while reading this, please rise to the occasion and pass it on to someone having a crumby day or kneading a lift.

WOMEN'S CORNER

A Driver's Observation:

I was riding to work yesterday when I observed a female driver cut right in front of a pickup truck causing him to have to drive on to the shoulder to avoid hitting her. This evidently angered the driver enough that he hung his arm out his window and flipped the woman off. "Man, that guy is stupid," I thought to myself.

I ALWAYS smile nicely and wave in a sheepish manner whenever a female does anything to me in traffic and here's why:

I drive 48 miles each way every day to work, that's 96 miles each day. Of these, 16 miles each way is bumper-to-bumper. Most of the bumper-to-bumper is on an 8 lane highway so if you just look at the 7 lanes I am not in, that means I pass a new car something like every 40 feet per lane. That's 7 cars every 40 feet for 32 miles. That works out to be 982 cars every mile, or 31,424 cars. Even though the rest of the 32 miles is not bumper to bumper, I figure I pass at least another 4000 cars. That brings the number to something like 36,000 cars I pass every day.

Statistically, half of these are driven by females, that's **18,000**.

In any given group of females 1 in 28 are having the worst day of their period. That's **642**.

According to *Cosmopolitan*, 70% describe their love life as dissatisfying or unrewarding. That's **449**.

According to the National Institute of Health, 22% of all females have seriously considered suicide or homicide. That's **98**.

34% describe men as their biggest problem. That's **33**.

According to statistics 22% of all females carry guns and this number is increasing.

This means, that EVERY SINGLE DAY, I drive past at least **one** female that has a lousy love life, thinks men are her biggest problem, has seriously considered suicide or homicide, is having the worst day of her period, and is armed.

Flip one off? I think not.

Three Italian Nuns

Three Italian nuns die and go to heaven. At the Pearly Gates, they are met by St. Peter. He says, "Sisters, you all led such exemplary lives that the Lord is granting you six months to go back to earth and be anyone you wish to be." The first nun says, "I want to be Sophia Loren." And 'poof' she's gone. The second says, "I want to be Madonna and 'poof' she's gone. The third says, "I want to be Alberta Pipalini."

St. Peter looks perplexed. "Who ?", he asks. "Alberta Pipalini," replies the nun. St. Peter shakes his head and says, "I'm sorry, but that name just doesn't ring a bell." The nun then takes a newspaper out of her habit and hands it to St. Peter. St. Peter reads the paper and starts laughing. He hands it back to her and says, "No sister, the paper says it was the 'Alberta Pipeline' that was laid by 1,400 men in 6 months."

Thanks to my very Catholic friend, Sylvia for this funny.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October



Birthdays

Rick Ball	October 14	Judith Becker	October 9
Jean Bunch	October 15	John Calhoun	October 4
Larry Campbell	October 20	Barb Fecht	October 31
Sharon Gress	October 20	Frances McGillis	October 4
John Nelson	October 14	Myrtle Nesbitt	October 2
Mark Pitman	October 29	Glenis Tarr II	October 22
Sharon Wells	October 28	Carole White	October 16
Frances Wyland	October 31		



Anniversaries

Dodd & Fran Coutts	October 14	Jack & Judy Herrick	October 8
Robbin & Carolyn Johanson	October 3	Terry & Edris Shegrud	October 11

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