



Gas Gauge

Ye Olde Car Club

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The President's Message

The Ford Fairlane is an automobile model that was sold between 1955 and 1970 by Ford in North America. The name is derived from Henry Ford's estate, Fair Lane, near Dearborn, Michigan. Over time, the name referred to a number of different cars in different classes; the Fairlane was initially a full-sized car, but became a mid-sized car from the 1962 model year. The mid-sized model spawned the Australian-built Fairlane in 1967, although in that market it was considered a large car.

I hope you have a great month of February and that your Valentine's Day was sweet.

Sharon Wells, President

Guy Fieri visits Vinny's Bakery in Pasco. The episode airs on February 22 at 9PM and again at midnight.

Bits and Pieces

*** When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.

*** I always knew I would get old. How fast it happened was a bit of a surprise, though.

*** I knew the romance was dead when I drank champagne out of the old girls slipper and choked on a Dr. Scholl's foot pad.

*** I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

*** Dogs can't operate MRI scanners...but catscan.

*** I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

The Remarkable Body

You're a little richer than you might think. Inside all of us is around 0.2 milligrams of gold, most of which is in our blood. Sadly, you'd need the blood of around 40,000 people to collect enough gold to make one 8g coin.

Where in the world.

Rock found at the bottom of the Grand Canyon is around 2 billion years old.

Actual Label Instructions

In the manual for a Swedish chainsaw. "Do not attempt to stop the blade with your hand."

Fun Food Facts

Too many pistachios in a single container can self-heat and experience spontaneous combustion.

America's favorite Valentine's Day candy is unavailable this year

Sweethearts, the conversation heart candy, is missing from shelves this Valentine's season. Necco, the candy's original producer, went out of business last year. The candy's new owner, Spangler Candy Company, plans to have Sweethearts back on shelves next year.

Create an article about your collector car

I am always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you would like to write a story about your antique vehicle and see it in a future newsletter, answer these questions to provide most of a feature article. Not every question needs to be answered but more is always better. And I can help if you need it. Always include a picture or two. Come on Guys. You can do it.

1. What year, make and model is your vehicle?
2. Does it have any unusual equipment? Is it stock, or modified?
3. When did you buy it?
4. Why did you want it?
5. From whom did you buy it? Where?
6. Was there anything interesting about the purchase?
7. What do you like about it? Is it: Fast? Small? Large? Stylish? Really old? Customized?
8. Do other people like it? Why?
9. Did you or a friend once own a similar vehicle?
10. What kind of running gear does it have; engine, transmission, rear end, etc.?
11. Have you done anything to it?
12. Does it need any work done to it?

Send your story and pictures to Frances at sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com. Or Mail them to her at 4806 Meadow View Drive, Pasco, WA 99301

EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons:

February 14 Ladies Luncheon was cancelled due to weather.

March 14 Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Laura Osterwyk and held at Clover Island Inn. Please call her at 783-7161 to let her know you will attend.

Automotive Tires Used To Be White...It's True!

Originally, automotive tires were gray/ white in color, due to the natural color of the rubber formula used by tire companies to manufacture tires. Natural rubber used to manufacture tires is made from a milky white liquid called latex, that oozes from certain plant species when you cut into them. (Common dandelions, for example, produce latex; if you snap off their stems, you can see the latex dripping out from them.

In theory, there's no reason why you couldn't make rubber by growing dandelions, though you'd need an awful lot of them.) There are something approx. 200 plants in the world that produce the latex used to manufacture rubber, over 99 percent of the world's natural rubber is made from the latex that comes from a tree species called *Hevea brasiliensis*, widely known as the rubber tree. The latex collected from the rubber tree is about one third water and one third rubber particles held in a form known as a colloidal suspension.

Along about 1910 zinc oxide was added to the latex formula to give the tires more strength. It also took away the gray resulting in a brighter white tire. All was good until World War I when zinc oxide was needed in the munitions industry where it was used as a propellant. The US Government required that all zinc oxide be available for the war. The tire manufacturers had to find a replacement, and that turned out to be carbon black. The true rubber-strengthening benefits of carbon black was discovered in 1910 by S.C. Mote, a chemist for the Silvertown, England-based India Rubber, Company.

"It wasn't until 1912, however, "that this secret ingredient was used in tires by the Diamond Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, which acquired the rights to the use of the material from Mote's company. It was soon discovered that a tire without carbon black would last less than 5,000 miles, while a tire with carbon black would last between 12,000 and 15,000 miles. The carbon strengthened the sidewalls to help prevent punctures, and it also extended the tread life by providing greater wear resistance. Better traction and prevention from ultraviolet light damage was an additional benefit.

By 1917 most all automobile tires were manufactured using carbon black in the formula. That of course created a huge demand for carbon black. That resulted in an unlikely alliance between two companies the B.F. Goodrich Company and the Binney and Smith Company founder of the Crayola Crayons.

Carbon black is the product of a hydrocarbon that has gone through incomplete combustion, and whose "smoke" has been captured as fine black particles consisting almost entirely of the element carbon. An automotive tire rubber formula is made up of 25 to 30 percent carbon black, even today. Because of demand which exceeds the natural rubber production manufactured from plants...much of the carbon black used in tire formulas today is petroleum based. With the cost of oil being market driven the research into a more stable source is continuing.

Carbon black has been manufactured in a number of different ways over the years. One of the oldest processes involves allowing a flame from an oil lamp to impinge upon a cool surface, and for the resulting powdery soot from that surface to be scraped off. That powdery soot was called lampblack, and was used as ink has for many centuries.

But in the 1870s, came a breakthrough called the channel process. Essentially, it involved burning natural gas up against water-cooled H-shaped metal channels, and collecting the carbon deposits. This new process, and specifically the finer particles it yielded, was apparently an important step in yielding stronger tires for the auto industry.

The finer particles obtained from Channel Black made it possible to increase tire longevity to several tens of thousands of miles. In retrospect, the automotive industry owes much of its rapid growth to the discovery and refinement of Channel Black production. But channel black wasn't particularly efficient or environmentally friendly, as you can see in the below picture of the stuff getting made. These were called "hot houses," and their smoke could be seen for miles.

Today, the primary method of obtaining carbon black is called the "furnace process," which involves taking a heavy oil or natural gas feedstock, and injecting it into a furnace wherein natural gas and pre-heated air have combusted (see image below). The high temperatures of this reaction cause the feedstock to "crack" and turn into smoke, which is cooled by water and filtered out as tiny carbon black bits from the gas. The resulting fine powder is then formed into pellets via water and a binding agent for easier handling and transport.

From Garage Tech with Randy Rundle

The current U.S. flag was designed by a 17-year-old high school student, Bob Heft, as part of a class project; he received a B- on the design, which was later changed to an A when the design was selected as the official new flag. From howtogeek.com

Apparently, I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.

Questions?

In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

FOR SALE

Georgia Campbell is selling her 1972 Chevrolet Corvette and 1972 Chevrolet El Camino. Corvette has been restored, numbers matching, 350/350 with engine rebuild in 2002 and less than 5000 miles on the rebuild, 650 CFM Holley, the original interior in good condition, intact dash, leather seats, stock pop-out rear window, smoked glass T-tops and much more. Asking \$26,000 OBO.

El Camino has a 391 in. custom-built stroker engine, custom street/drag transmission, 750 CFM carburetor, roller rockers, custom exhaust, and more. This is not your standard 1972 Chevrolet El Camino. Asking \$21,000 OBO. Those interested the Corvette and/or El Camino please contact Georgia at 509-578-9898.

1929 Model A Fordor Leatherback for sale. Complete restoration, new tires, upholstery, cowl, bumpers, headlights, running boards, leather top, windshield, carburetor, turn signals. Engine is in excellent shape 77,000 miles, asking \$20,000. Contact Ernie and Judy Johnson at 541-938-7503 or 541-861-0185.

1965 Plymouth Belvedere II, 361 Big Block Commando engine, automatic, great sounding exhaust, asking \$7900. If interested, please Randy Garner, (509)366-9343

1977 Corvette Coupe, 350, 4 speed. This is the last of the C3 series Corvettes. The car is a running project car that I purchased as the foundation for a 37 Chev pickup project that I changed directions on. The car was driven home from Richland and parked in a garage until a few weeks ago. It has no front windshield and rough interior. The engine is putting out a white exhaust cloud when driven. I paid \$3000.00 which I would like to get back out or OBO. The body is rough but doesn't appear to have been wrecked but I purchased for running gear only. If interested please contact: Sid Grant, 509-430-3354 Wasp354@yahoo.com Contact Sid at his email address for pictures. The car is located in Pasco at my sons house in Desert Plateau.

Equip Your Car For Emergencies

Take the junk out of your trunk and put this gear in instead.

Summer road trip season is that liberating time when we actually leave the HOV lane and drive farther than Costco. It's also a time when you need to be ready for emergencies on the road in unfamiliar or remote places. Instead of using your car's trunk as a free storage unit, clear out the junk and replace it with this comprehensive list of gear that will prep you for almost anything. Watch the video, and then use our checklist below to gather the gear.

- Jumper cables or a portable battery pack made for cars: The former never needs charging, but the latter frees you of having to find a Good Samaritan.
- A quart of oil and bottle of coolant: Honestly, if you drive a late model car you'll probably never need these on the road but if your car is 10 or more years old, pack them.
- A fire extinguisher: Get the dry type, rated A-B-C, to cover almost any kind of fire in or around your car.
- Roadside indicators: This used to mean smoky, sulfur-smelling flares but today you should look into folding reflective triangles or flashing LED light pucks.

- A radio: An FRS family radios, like the ones you may already own, should be packed away with a fresh set of batteries stored outside the radio. Bonus points: Get your ham radio license and handheld dual-band radio and really be able to reach someone.
- Flashlight: Ideally, one with no batteries. Get a rechargeable LED flashlight that lives in a charger. Bonus points: A headlight for your head, which is real handy when both hands are busy fixing something in the dark.
- A tool kit: Even if you don't know what to do with it, a kindly stranger might.
- Duct tape: Everything you've heard about it, short of neuro-surgery, is true.
- A ready spare tire: If your car has a spare, make sure it's not flat. If your car uses a slime & inflator kit instead, make sure the slime hasn't expired. And if your car has run-flat tires, you're all set.
- First aid kit: Spend the \$25 to get a good one, not the silly one you got for free at the office CPR training fair. And carry a tourniquet made from the rubber tube of that exercise band you never use. You may never need it, but when you do, you really do.
- Towels and gloves: A box of nitrile gloves make every roadside problem more palatable, and those blue-paper shop towels are second only to duct tape in usefulness.
- High-visibility windbreaker: Takes up almost no room, and you'll thank me when you're replacing a tire on the driver's side in the rain at night.
- A thermal blanket: Do not count on running your car for heat.
- Pen and paper: Keep a set separate from the ones in your glove box, which always get lost.
- Energy bars and bottled water: Both will be gross after living in your trunk for years, but if you're stranded for a long time you'll devour them with relish.

From: www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/how-to-equip-your-car-for-emergencies/#

WHO SAID POLICEMEN DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR???

These 16 police comments were taken off actual police car videos around the country:

- #16 "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
- #15 "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
- #14 "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
- #13 "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
- #12 "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? That's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
- #11 "You don't know how fast you were going? That means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
- #10 "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but it won't help. Did I mention I'm the shift supervisor?"
- #9 "Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
- #8 "The answer to this question determines whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
- #7 "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
- #6 "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
- #5 "In God we trust, all others we run through NCIC."
- #4 "How big were those 'Just two beers' you say you had?"

#3 "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."

#2 "I'm glad to hear Chief Hawker is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

AND THE WINNER IS....

#1 "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

Thanks to my sister-in-law Sharon for these cute quotes.

Which Board Game Sparked The Modern Board Gaming Craze?

Board games have a long pedigree, stretching back centuries. Despite the long history of board game play, by the late 20th-century, board games had waned in popularity—especially in many Western countries like England and the United States.

The slow death of board games came to a halt when Settlers of Catan burst out of the German game market in 1995 and took the rest of the world by storm. For you see, the Germans had never dumped board games into the backs of their closets or relegated them to their children—the German board game market was a healthy and respected one that quietly churned out interesting titles over the decades while the rest of us were avoiding another round of Monopoly or Sorry!

When Settlers of Catan took hold outside of Germany, the world saw what a board game could be (so much more than the titles typically played only by children in many other countries), and the rest is history. Board game sales have climbed continuously since Settlers of Catan turned millions of people onto the genre, and now websites like Board Game Geek catalog tens of thousands of games, provide support for the community, and otherwise serve the millions of tabletop gamers out there.

From howtogeek.com

THE GREAT RACE

Tom McRae and Norman Miller developed, organized and ran an intricate event in 1983 and called it The Great Race. The two individuals were partners in the deal, and bought out an ailing race promoter who planned to race pre-World War II automobiles across the United States for a massive purse. There were plenty of folks who doubted the feasibility of an event of this magnitude, but with help from a crew of like-minded car nuts, McRae and Miller made it work.

Teams and cars from Japan, England, Australia, Canada and every corner of the United States will converge in Riverside with vintage automobiles dating back as far as 1916.

The Great Race is not a speed race, but a time/speed/distance rally. The vehicles, each with a driver and navigator, are given precise instructions each day that detail every move down to the second. They are scored at secret check points along the way and are penalized for one second for each second either early or late. As in golf, the lowest score wins.

The Great Race will start in Riverside, CA on June 22 and end in Longview, WA on June 30 with a stop in Hood River, Oregon on Friday, June 28 at The Western Air and Automobile Museum (WAAAM). The 2,300-mile adventure will bring 120 of the world's finest antique automobiles. They have scheduled lunch at 12:00 – 3:00.

The Western Air and Automobile Museum in Hood River, OR is open from 9:00 – 5:00 daily and admission is \$14 for seniors and \$16 for general admission.

Drive time from Kennewick to Hood River is approx. 3 hours one way. If you are interested in caravanning, we would leave at 7:00 am to get there and have lunch. Everyone would be on their own after arriving. The Great Race participants are lunching at the WAAA museum. We could view cars from the Great Race and see the museum, etc.

<http://waaamuseum.org>

WOMEN'S CORNER

Close your eyes...And go back...

Before the Internet or PC or the MAC. Before semi-automatics and crack. Before Playstation, SEGA, Super Nintendo, even before Atari. Before cell phones, CD's, DVD's, voicemail and e-mail. Way back...way...way...way back.

I'm talkin' bout hide and seek at dusk. Red light, Green light. Red Rover...Red Rover. Playing kickball & dodgeball until the first-no, second-no, third streetlight came on. Ring around the Rosie. London Bridge. Hot potato. Hop Scotch. Jump rope. Duck...Duck...GOOSE!!! YOU'RE IT!! Parents stood on the front porch and yelled (or whistled) for you to come home - no pagers or cell phones. Mother May I? Hula Hoops.

Seeing shapes in the clouds. Endless summer days and hot summer nights (no A/C) with the windows open. The sound of crickets. Running through the sprinkler. Happy Meals. Cereal boxes with that GREAT prize in the bottom. Cracker jacks with the same thing. Ice pops with 2 sticks you could break and share with a friend. Watchin' Saturday Morning cartoons...Fat Albert, Road Runner, Smurfs, Picture Pages, G-Force & He-Man, Schoolhouse Rock. Watchin' Sunday morning oldies (Abbott & Costello, Three Stooges). Wonder Woman & Super Man Underoos. FONZIE.....AYYYYYYYYY.

Playing Dukes of Hazard. Catchin' lightning bugs in a jar. Christmas morning. Your first day of school. Bedtime Prayers and Goodnight Kisses. Climbing trees. Swinging as high as you could to try and reach the sky. Getting an Ice Cream off the Good Humor Truck. A million mosquito bites and sticky fingers.

Jumpin' down the steps. Jumpin' on the bed. Pillow fights. Sleep-overs. A 13" black and white TV in your room meant you were RICH. Runnin' till you were out of breath. Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt. Being tired from PLAYING. WORK: meant taking out the garbage or doing the dishes.

Your first crush. Your first kiss (I mean the one that you kept your mouth CLOSED and your eyes OPEN). Rainy days at school meant playing "Heads up 7UP" or hangman" in the classroom, Remember that? Kool-Aid was the drink of the summer. So was a swig from the hose. Giving your friends a ride on your handlebars.

Wearing your new shoes on the first day of school. Class Field Trips with soggy sandwiches. When nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there. When a quarter seemed like a fair allowance; and another quarter a MIRACLE. When ANY parent could discipline ANY kid, or feed him, or use him to carry groceries...And nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it. When your parents took you to McDonalds and you were COOL. When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home.

Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! And some of us are still afraid of em! Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo." Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!" "Race issues" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "monopoly". Catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening. It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends. Being old, referred to anyone over 20. (CRAP! I'm officially old!) The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties. Nobody was prettier than Mom. Scrapes and bruises were kissed by mom or grandma and made better. It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park. Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.

Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare". Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles. The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. Water balloons were the ultimate, ultimate weapon. Older siblings were your worst tormentors, but also your fiercest protector. Didn't that feel good? Just to go back and say, "Yeah, I remember that!"

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!

Thanks to my sister Evelyn for these fond remembrances.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February



Birthdays

Dave Bergum	February 15	Grace Jackson	February 19
Susanne Kooiker	February 2	Nancy Millard	February 5
Jeri Newell	February 9	Judy Oeder	February 1
Robert Parchen	February 5	Peggy Parchen	February 14
Mary Sams	February 1	Jim Vetrano	February 14
Robin Woodford	February 15		



Anniversaries

David & Judith Becker	February 13
David & Susan Gerkenmeyer	February 13
Jim & Ginger Vetrano	February 14

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