



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club June 2020 Newsletter

The President's Message

JIMMY MCQUOWN recently moved to Regency Canyon Lakes Rehabilitation Center at 2702 S Ely St., Kennewick, WA 99337. His phone number is 509-582-0520. He had multiple surgeries after his May 26 motorcycle collision with a car and expects to be there for a couple of months.

THE SHUTDOWN

We are still in phase 1 and things need to improve before we can get to phase 2, but it is possible some reduction in restrictions may happen next week.

EVENTS

Everything we do is tied in some way to Coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

THE LOCAL TOUR

on Wednesday, June 10 was a lot of fun. After we moved the start to Shari's from Columbia Center due to their entrance barricades, 32 members showed up in 24 cars. It is great to see so many club members eager to participate.

SENIOR LIVING TOUR: Friday, June 19

Bits and Pieces

**I miss the 90s when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.

**If you see me talking to myself, I'm having a staff meeting.

**As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I'm sure of...it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

**I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

**I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

**The first time I got a universal remote control I thought to myself, "This changes everything".

**Gambling addiction hotlines would do so much better if every fifth caller was a winner.

The Remarkable Body

Every human is born with the ability to wiggle their ears. If you don't discover it early, the muscle atrophies.

Where in the world.

The Amazon River carries as much water as the next ten largest rivers.

Actual Label Instructions

On a Swedish chain saw:

Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.

Fun Food Facts

All the McIntosh apples in the world come from the grafting of one tree found by John McIntosh in an abandoned Ontario apple orchard in 1811.

FATHER' DAY

In 2020, Father's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 21. This happens to be just one day after the summer solstice (June 20 at 5:44 P.M. Eastern Time), making it the first full day of the summer season and one of the longest days of the year. Enjoy the extra sunlight!

The first known Father's Day service occurred at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. Mrs. Clayton had asked her pastor, Dr. R. Thomas Webb, if a Sunday service could be held to honor fathers.

While missing her own dad, who had died in 1896, Mrs. Clayton especially wanted to have a service in remembrance of the over 200 fathers who had died in the Monongah mining explosion that had occurred a few miles south of Fairmont on December 6 of the previous year. (It was the worst mining disaster in U.S. history, killing more than 360 men and boys, and leaving about 1,000 children fatherless.)

Although the Fairmont service was the first known to honor fathers, it did not turn into an annual event, nor was the idea promoted (a large July 4 celebration in Fairmont and a tragic young death from typhoid fever having taken over the news at the time).

Several other people across the nation had similar ideas throughout the years, but Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd is credited for being the one to popularize it, starting events that led to Father's Day becoming a U.S. national holiday.

Her story began as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Mrs. Dodd thought that it might be nice to honor fathers as well. Her father, William Smart, had raised his six children alone on his farm in Washington after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child.

Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a "father's day." She chose the 5th of June because it was her father's birthday. The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers.

The first Father's Day in Spokane, Washington, was observed on June 19, 1910 (the third Sunday in June), and became an annual event there. Soon, other towns had their own celebrations. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday for many years. The first bill was introduced in Congress in 1913, but in spite of encouragement by President Woodrow Wilson, it did not pass. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation designating the third Sunday in June to honor fathers.

Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that Father's Day be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June. It has been an official, permanent national holiday ever since.



1955 Oldsmobile 88

The **Oldsmobile 88** (marketed from 1989 on as the **Eighty Eight**) is a full-size car that was sold and produced by Oldsmobile from 1949 until 1999. From 1950 to 1974 the 88 was the division's top-selling line, particularly the entry-level models such as the 88 and Dynamic 88. The 88 series was also an image leader for Oldsmobile, particularly in the early years (1949–51) when it was one of the best performing automobiles thanks to its relatively small size, light weight and advanced overhead-valve high-compression V8 engine. This engine, originally designed for the larger C-bodied and more luxurious 98 series, also replaced the straight-8 on the smaller B-bodied 78. With the large, high performance V8, the Oldsmobile 88 is widely considered to be the first muscle car, although this title is disputed.

The Rocket 88 vaulted Oldsmobile from a somewhat staid, conservative car to a performer that became the one to beat on the NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) circuits. It won six of the nine NASCAR late-model division races in 1949, 10 of 19 in 1950, 20 of 41 in 1952, and was eventually eclipsed by the low-slung, powerful Hudson Hornet, but it was still the first real "King of NASCAR." This led to increased sales to the public. The 88 enjoyed great success, inspiring a popular 1950s slogan, "Make a Date with a Rocket 88", and also a song, "Rocket 88", often considered the first rock and roll record. Starting with the trunk-lid emblem of the 1950 model, Oldsmobile would adopt the rocket as its logo, and the 88 name would remain in the Olds lineup until the late 1990s, almost until the end of Oldsmobile itself.

The 1954 Oldsmobiles were completely restyled with new longer and lower body shells and wrap-around windshields and rear windows. Wheelbases increased to 122 inches (3.1 m). Base models reverted to being simply called 88s after being designated as DeLuxe 88s for only one year and the Super 88 was once again the top series (beneath the larger 98). The Rocket V8 was enlarged from 303 to 324 cubic inches with 88s powered by a two-barrel, 170 horsepower (130 kW) unit while Super 88s came with a 185 horsepower (138 kW) version with four-barrel carburetor. Also, a safety padded dash became optional, at \$17.

The 1955 models were heavily facelifted with new grillework, taillights and body-side chrome. Horsepower for the 324-cubic-inch Rocket V8 increased to 185 for 88s and 202 for Super 88s. At mid-year, Olds introduced the new pillarless four-door hardtop body, dubbed the Holiday sedan, in both the 88 and Super 88 series. The four-door Oldsmobile 88 Holiday, along with the four-door 98 Holiday, Buick Century Riviera, and Special Riviera, were the first four-door hardtops ever produced. Air conditioning became an option. The 88 had full instrumentation.

From Wikipedia

Mixing Up The Starting Sounds Of Words In A Sentence Is Known As A?

Answer: Spoonerism

Generations of children have delighted in silly rhymes and jokes that revolve around mixing up the syllables of words in a sentence, but it's a safe bet that none of them knew that the phenomenon is known as a "spoonerism".

The phenomenon is named after William Archibald Spooner who was a long-serving and well known don of Oxford University. He was well regarded by his peers, considered a friendly and hospitable fellow, and, much to his chagrin, well known for his habit of absent-mindedly mixing up the structure of his sentences. The result was phrases like "it is kisstomary to cuss the bride" instead of "it is customary to kiss the bride" or "we'll have the hags flung out" instead of "we'll have the flags hung out".

Although Spooner wasn't trying to be funny with his curious manner of speech, the result was often quite amusing and the very act of shuffling consonants, vowels, and morphemes around became a comedic device named in his, dubious, honor.

www.mindbounce.com/trivia/mixing-up-the-starting-sounds-of-words-in-a-sentence-is-known-as-a

As I left the hardware store the other day, I was fumbling for my car keys and could not find them. They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. She's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized she was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my wife: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard her voice. "Are you kidding me?" she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me then." She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your d@#n car!"

Thanks to friend Judy Howard for this funny contribution.

Did you know?

Did You Know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately--without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers?"

From How to Geek

Auto facts from 1920

- **The "Roaring Twenties" begin with Prohibition in force and American women now eligible to vote.
- **America now has 191 miles of highway at least partially funded by federal programs.
- **Despite the industry gain, Ford output drops by half but still leads Chevrolet, Buick and Oakland.
- **The Duesenberg Model A is introduced late in 1920 - the first American production car with all-wheel hydraulic brakes.
- **LaFayette, a V-8 luxury make, goes into production late in the year; prices start at \$5025.
- **Flat windshields are slowly giving way to slanted glass, as wire wheels gain favor over wood.
- **Essex ranks as the first low-priced closed car, courtesy of a sedan model added late in 1919.
- **Walter P. Chrysler takes charge at Willys-Overland via a two-year contract and a \$1 million-per-year salary.
- **Auto pioneers John & Horace Dodge die within nine months of each other; pneumonia claims the brothers.
- **Heaters are becoming standard equipment, usually built in the car floor to make use of exhaust-gas heat.
- **As the country adjusts to a new, more mobile culture, roadside stands and gas stations begin to dot the landscape.
- **A prize fight is America's first public radio broadcast; radio equipped cars come later in the decade.

Auto facts from 1921

- **Automobile sales sag severely as does rest of the U.S. economy, the result of a brief, but brutal, recession.
- **New price cuts help stimulate Ford Model T sales as does an eventual upturn in the U.S. economy.
- **Chevrolet output runs a distant second to Ford, followed by Buick, Dodge, and Studebaker.
- **Lincoln's first car, the Model L, is introduced, as powered by an 81-bhp 358-cid V-8.
- **Checker Cab goes into production again; an earlier version was built by Commonwealth Motors in 1920.
- **Glass wind wings, long popular in California to reduce wind buffeting, gain popularity in the East.
- **Hydraulic brakes are installed on several makes, gradually replace mechanical systems.
- **Cadillac carburetors gain thermostatic control, drivers relieved of all fuel-related adjustments except choke.
- **Warren G. Harding is the first American President to ride to inauguration in an automobile, a Packard Twin Six.
- **The three-towered \$19 million General Motors building opens on Grand Avenue in downtown Detroit.
- **The nation's first drive-in restaurant, The Pig Stand, opens in Dallas, Texas. The Pig Stand Special cost 25 cents.
- **Increased traffic spurs the Detroit police to synchronize traffic lights; pedestrians get raised-platform safety zones.

Auto facts from 1922

- **Passenger car output rises sharply to 2,274,185 units, while truck production increases to 269,991.
- **Roadster coupes - roadster bodies with fixed tops - are popular exhibits at the National Automobile Show.
- **Rickenbacker, a new make built in Detroit, is named for race driver and World War I flying ace Edward "Eddie" Rickenbacker.
- **Low-pressure "balloon" type tires introduced by Firestone, provide more comfortable ride, higher speeds.
- **Nash reduced felt vibration by introducing rubber engine mounts, already in use on several lower-volume makes.
- **Replacing the dipstick, more convenient fuel gauges appear on the instrument panel of several makes.
- **Ford buys the Lincoln Motor company out of receivership for \$8 million, Edsel Ford takes the helm of the struggling make.
- **About 73% of cars are now bought on time, but Henry Ford still disapproves of installment payments.
- **An electrically synchronized traffic signal system is installed in Houston, Texas; becomes model for nation.
- **Car insurance policies, preciously based on purchase price, are revised to reflect actual vehicle values.
- **Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, becomes the nation's first suburban shopping center.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

Who Divided The Day Into 24 Hours? The Egyptians

Why do we have twenty-four hours in a day—as oppose to twenty, or twelve, or any other division of time? To uncover the mystery of the twenty-four hour day we need to take a trip back to ancient Egypt.

While many cultures around the world use a base-10 system (largely in part because they began their exploration of mathematics by counting their ten fingers), ancient Egyptians used a base-12 system. Instead of counting their individual digits, Egyptians instead counted the knuckles of each finger using their thumbs as pointers (four fingers on each hand, three knuckles per finger, twelve total units).

It was this base-12 system that led the Egyptians to divide the day into 24 hours (two divisions of 12). What's even more interesting about the Egyptian division of the day is that light and darkness each had their own 12 hours—so in the summer when the daylight hours were extended the 12 hours of the day were longer and the 12 hours of the night were shorter. Individual hours of the day did not have a fixed length until Greek mathematicians proposed such an arrangement in order to facilitate easier calculations. Even then the length of individual hours remained largely fluid until the advent of mechanical clocks nearly fifteen centuries later.

From howtogeek.com

Grandpa and Grandma were visiting the kids overnight, when Grandpa found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet. He asked the son about using one of the pills, and the son said "I don't think you should take one, they're very strong and very expensive." "How much?" asked Grandpa. "\$10.00 a pill" answered the son. "I don't care," said Grandpa, "I'd like to try one, and I'll leave the money under your pillow as soon as I break this \$50.00 bill." The next morning the son found \$110.00 under his pillow. He said to Grandpa, "I told you each pill was \$10.00, not \$110.00." "I know," said Grandpa. "The hundred is from Grandma."



WOMEN'S CORNER

How many of these did YOU know about?

Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

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For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze. (wish I had known this for the last 40 years!)

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To remove old wax from a glass candleholder, put it in the freezer for a few hours. Then take the candleholder out and turn it upside down. The wax will fall out.

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Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

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Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S Pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. Now a box of S.O.S pads last me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get 'sharpened" this way!

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Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works every time! (Now, where to put the body?)

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Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

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Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

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To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new! Works like a charm!

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To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and **bring to a boil** on stove top.

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Spray your TUPPERWARE with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

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When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness

Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half, and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

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Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces...Left over wine? What's that? :)

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To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief.

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Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.

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When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

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Thanks to good friend Pat for these hints.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June



Birthdays

John Airoidi	June 22	Jane Armstrong	June 5
Wendi Ball	June 2	Thomas Brown	June 19
Jim Bryant	June 29	Don Buckles	June 11
Mike Bughi	June 18	Richard Chastain	June 22
Barb Donaldson	June 9	Melissa Freeman	June 21
Audrey Halterman	June 26	John Hopkins	June 16
Sue Jewett	June 16	Robbin Johanson	June 24
Carolyn Johanson	June 7	Wendy Kihlman	June 7
Clarence Kummer	June 23	Norma Kummer	June 8
Bob McClary	June 26	Ernie Oeder	June 9
Laura Osterwyk	June 27	Jay Thomas	June 10



Anniversaries

Larry & Sue Campbell	June 5	Richard & Marlene Kuch	June 12
Joe & Jolene Kuhns	June 6	Dennis & Frances McGillis	June 9
Don & Nancy Millard	June 11	Rick & Mary Rickard	June 18
Stephen & Sarah Scott	June 6	John & Thora Trumbo	June 5

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