



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club November 2020 Newsletter

## November notes from the president.

Most of 2020 has been different from any year in our history. It seems if we get through the next few months we can go back to things pretty much as they were. Let's be careful.

### MEETINGS

We went seven months without a YOCC meeting at Sterlings and now have had five from October 14 to present. Our park meetings were fun but as mornings dip below freezing, it is REALLY nice to be indoors.

### THANKSGIVING

The annual giving of thanks holiday is two weeks away. Experts warn us to avoid indoor gatherings with people who do not live with us. Rather than a high-risk dining room, we have family gatherings in the garage. This year our daughter will host Thanksgiving in her garage.

### DUES

Our 2021 dues are due January first and late on March first. Twenty-Nine members are paid-up. Treasurer Larry Stephenson asks that we mail our \$15 annual dues payments for 2021 to him at the club PO Box:

### **YE OLDE CAR CLUB,**

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### ELECTIONS

Most YOCC officers have agreed to stay on through 2021. Exactly who will stay is still under discussion. Do you want to be involved? Call me.

### JOHN HOPKINS

**VP and Events Director** came up with tours and cruises to keep us involved, entertained and safe.

**May 9, Teapot Dome Tour** (With Dave Hannah leading the parade.)

**June 10, The Short Tour** (Richland in the daytime. Some got lost but it was fun.)

**June 16, Assisted Living Drive-Through** (How many parking lots can we see in a couple of hours?)

**June 24, in Lawrence Scott Park** with 22 people for coffee

**July 1, Country Mercantile**, a 30 minute Cruise

**July 15, Charboneau**, a 30 minute Cruise for picnic lunch

**Sep 9, Charboneau**, Another 30 minute Cruise for picnic lunch

**Oct 4, Pasco drive by for Landon** Chiawana

We had fun in spite of the pandemic!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

YOCC will not have a 2020 Christmas celebration because of the current uptrend in coronavirus infections. Recent good results from treatments and immunizations should lead to reduced infections in 2021 so relaxed restrictions will follow.

Thanks,  
Dennis McGillis

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## Bits and Pieces

\*\*\*I was sitting in my truck at Walmart watching this guy who apparently forgot where he parked. He kept putting his remote in the air and every time he squeezed it...I honked my horn.

\*\*\*My body is a temple! Ancient & crumbling. Probably cursed or haunted.

\*\*\*Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

\*\*\*Today I was a hero! I rescued some beer that was trapped in a bottle.

\*\*\*If you can't laugh at yourself, let me do it.

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## The Remarkable Body

If you eat a teaspoon of sugar after eating something spicy, it will completely neutralize the heat.

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## Where in the world.

Africa's population will more than double to 2.3 billion people by 2050.

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## Actual Label Instructions

On a toboggan:  
Beware: Sled may develop high speed under certain snow conditions.

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## Fun Food Facts

Spinach was the first vegetable to be sold frozen.

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**Veterans Day** (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces (and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service.<sup>[3]</sup> Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honors women who have served in the U.S. military.

From Wikipedia



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**For Sale**

Brian Kilbury is now accepting offers for his 1955 Ford T-Bird. It is original and stock. It has a little over 33,000 miles on the odometer. It is a 292 cu-in V-8 with a Holley 4-barrel carburetor, 2-speed automatic transmission. Brian calls it Sea Foam Green but Ford labeled it as a Foam Blue. If interested call Brian at 509-521-5785.

**For Sale**

I have a Kwik-Way valve grinding machine for sale. It includes a new black & Decker vibro centric 55 degree HD deiver. Cat no. 331. A B&D vibro centric kit valve seat grinding stones. A complete set. A B&D valve stone dressing stand type C Cat no. 49496. Comes with the steel roll around cabinet. Asking \$850.00. Please contact Mike Bughi, 509-582-4457

**Help Needed**

Walt Crayne is looking for someone to do paint and body work and interior work. If you know of someone who can help him, please call him 509-492-0645.

**Free Stuff**

Bob Gough has a lot of lead additive (Bardahl, etc.) that he would like to give away. Call Bob 509-460-1647

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**Did you know?**

A Deadly Wave Of Molasses Swept Through Boston In 1919. It seems like something out of a bad horror movie, but it's a quite real disaster that befell the citizens of Boston: a massive wave of molasses. On January 15th, 1919 a huge 2.3 million gallon holding tank in a molasses factory burst catastrophically. The sudden release of the molasses (and the pressure in the tank) created a wave of tsunami like proportions; witnesses reported the wall-like wave of molasses was 30 feet tall. Buildings close to the wave's peak strength were completely destroyed with wreckage scattered fifty or more yards from the site. Secondary damage was wrought by the shards of the tank falling down (one such shard fell on a firehouse and crushed the building along with the three firemen inside). The total death toll was 21 citizens with another 150 injured. "As slow as molasses in January" proved that even a trite truism can turn, under the right circumstances, into a disaster.

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**Studebaker Commander**

The **Studebaker Commander** is the model name of several automobiles produced by the Studebaker Corporation of South Bend, Indiana (United States) and **Studebaker of Canada Ltd** of Walkerville and later, Hamilton, Ontario (Canada). Studebaker began using the Commander name in 1927 and continued to use it until 1964, with the exception of 1936 and 1959-63. The name was applied to various products in the company's line-up from year to year.

Until the appearance of the 8-cylinder President in January 1928, all Studebaker cars of the 1920s were sixes. There were three basic models — the Light, the Special and the Big Six, developing 40 bhp 50 bhp, and 60 bhp respectively at 2000 rpm. The first Commander, in 1927, was a continuation of the mid-range Special Six, with a 226 cu in (3.7 L) engine. Their inbuilt durability and toughness gained them great renown under worldwide conditions. The 1928 GB Commander was a descendant of the Big Six, being powered with the proven 354 cu in (5.8 L) engine, modified to deliver 75 bhp at 2400 rpm. In October 1928, three Commander sixes lined up at the Atlantic City speedway to challenge the 15,000 mi (24,000 km) speed record (64.25 mph) held by the much higher-priced Auburn straight-eight Speedster. They not only accomplished that but then went on to establish new records up to 25,000 miles (40,000 km). The two sports roadsters averaged better than 65 mph (105 km/h) and the sedan, which had flipped on the icy boards during one of the night runs and had been hurriedly repaired, averaged almost 62 mph.

After this, the three cars were closely scrutinized, part-by-part, and it was established that they were strictly stock automobiles, identical in every respect to those available at any Studebaker showroom. These sixes were the last descendants of rugged cars designed for poor roads in the early 20th century—loaded with torque and strong in construction. They were less well suited to the higher cruising speeds made possible by better roads in later years.

In 1929, Studebaker added an 8-cylinder Commander to the range.

In 1935, the Commander was dropped from Studebaker's product line, only to be reinstated in 1937 when the name was applied to Studebaker's least expensive range formerly known as the Studebaker Dictator. Studebaker introduced the Champion in 1939, and the Commander line was again repositioned, now as the mid-range vehicle.

Immediately following World War II, Studebaker dropped its President models, and the Commander again was elevated in the lineup. Studebaker also again rolled out an extended wheelbase model of the Commander, the Land Cruiser.

The 1950 Champion differed from the Commander, which had a distinctive bumper, carried over from 1949, longer front fenders and large headlight bezels, as well as a distinctive jet-style hood ornament. In a 1953 road test done by Popular Mechanics, the Commander got a 0-60 mph of 17.9 seconds and was rated as getting 26.1 mpg at 30 mph.

In 1955, Studebaker reintroduced the President name for its premium models and 'Commander' was applied to the mid-range products. The Commander line was extended with the introduction of a lower-priced Custom sub-series, being basically a Champion with a V8 engine. Studebaker placed the name on hiatus at the end of the 1958 model year.

In 1963, Studebaker again resurrected the Commander name for the 1964 model year, applying it to the next-to-lowest-priced Lark model, the Challenger being below. 1964 Studebaker Commanders most commonly had a dual headlight arrangement which they shared with the Challenger though quad headlamps were optional. The 1965 Commander shared the quad-headlight system of the Daytona and Cruiser. Commanders reverted to single headlamps in the final model year of 1966. On March 17, 1966, Studebaker shut down production of all vehicles.

From Wikipedia

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### **An Old Farmer's Advice:**

- \* Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight, and bull-strong.
- \* Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.
- \* Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- \* A bumblebee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- \* Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- \* Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- \* Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
- \* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- \* It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- \* You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- \* Every path has a few puddles.

- \* When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
  - \* The best sermons are lived, not preached.
  - \* Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen, anyway.
  - \* Don't judge folks by their relatives.
  - \* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
  - \* Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
  - \* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
  - \* Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
  - \* If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
  - \* Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
  - \* The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every **mornin'**.
  - \* Always drink upstream from the herd.
  - \* Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
  - \* Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
  - \* If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
  - \* Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
- \*Leave the rest to God.

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**True Stories From The Butterball Turkey Hotline**, where people call to get advice how to cook a Turkey from the experts

- \* Thanksgiving Dinner on the run. A woman called 1-800-323-4848 to find out how long it would take to roast her turkey. To answer the question, the Talk-Line home economist asked how much the bird weighed. The woman responded, "I don't know, it's still running around outside."
- \* Tofu turkey? No matter how you slice it, Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey. A restaurant owner in California wanted to know how to roast a turkey for a vegetarian menu
- \* Then there's the time a lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

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**Thanksgiving** is a traditional American Holiday where families all over the United States sit for dinner at the same time---Halftime

Why do Pilgrims have trouble keeping their pants up? 'Cause they wear their belts on their hats!

What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey? Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving!!

What is the Turkey's favorite black tie celebration? The Butter Ball

How does a Turkey drink her wine? In a gobble-let

Did you hear about the X-rated turkey? It's served with very little dressing.

What kind of music did Pilgrims listen to? Plymouth Rock!

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!

Why do turkeys eat so little? Because they are always stuffed!

What did the turkey do in the Thanksgiving Day Parade? He played his drumsticks!

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

Bodda-bing!

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this,"

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

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## A TOYOTA CLASSIC



In 1996, Toyota had a big birthday to celebrate. It had been 60 years since the company built its first automobile, called the AA. According to Toyota, it was also the first all-Japanese-built passenger car. While not a groundbreaking design (the engine was copied from Chevrolet and the body aped from DeSoto's Airflow) it was still a big milestone for what would become the world's largest carmaker.

Given that this was '90s Japan and retro-styled cars were in vogue, Toyota marked the occasion with the aptly named "Classic," a modern take on the car that started it all. Toyota sold just 100 examples, all in two-tone black and dark red with a wood-rim steering wheel, wood trim, woodgrain dashboard, and leather seats. And although it looks like a '30s sedan on top, the Classic is all Toyota Pickup (a.k.a Tacoma) underneath.

It's not exactly pretty. Certainly not fast, and probably not fun to drive, either. It is, however, an ultra-rare piece of Toyota history, and as of next year you can have one. It will definitely be the only one in town.

For an explanation, follow this link:

[www.hagerty.com/media/buying-and-selling/8-amazing-cars-you-can-import-in-2021-under-the-25-year-rule](http://www.hagerty.com/media/buying-and-selling/8-amazing-cars-you-can-import-in-2021-under-the-25-year-rule)

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### Some Churchill quotes:

1. Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.
2. You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.
3. Fear is reaction. Courage is decision.
4. A nation that forgets its past has no future.
5. The POSITIVE THINKER sees the INVISIBLE, feels the TANGIBLE, and achieves the IMPOSSIBLE.
6. There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.

7. Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.
8. A good speech should be like a woman's skirt: long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest.
9. A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
10. You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer.
11. A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its pants on.
12. We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.
13. I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots, than have one agree with me.
14. In the course of my life, I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet.
15. An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile hoping it will eat him last.
16. Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut.

Churchill - a brilliant man thought of as an underachiever when young and credited with saying the UK and USA are two peoples separated by a common language.



Thanks to friend James Richardson for this contribution.

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### **Auto facts from 1938**

- \*\*After a modest mid-decade recovery, a sharp recession sinks the still fragile economy.
- \*\*Nash develops "Weather-Eye, a conditioned air heating/ventilation system that heats and filters air before it reaches the cabin.
- \*\*Several automakers offer steering-column mounted gearshift levers.
- \*\*Several automakers, catching up with Buick, turn to coil-spring rear suspensions.
- \*\*Ford spends \$40 million on plant expansion and renovation.
- \*\*Dodge produces its last convertible sedans - only 132 find buyers.
- \*\*Chrysler introduces the midline \$1378 New Yorker Special Touring Sedan.
- \*\*An early sunroof: LaSalle adds a four-door sedan with a sliding steel top.

### **Auto facts from 1939**

- \*\*The New York World's Fair opens; thousands marvel at technology to come, including television and futuristic highways.
- \*\*The Bantam-six two-cylinder Crosley debuts.
- \*\*The mid-priced Mercury is introduced. Though mechanically similar to Ford, it boasts a longer wheelbase and bigger V-8 engine.
- \*\*Most cars (except Fords) now have a column-mounted shift lever.
- \*\*Lincoln-Zephyr is one of several models to discard running boards.
- \*\*The 75 millionth American vehicle is built.
- \*\*Chevrolet introduces an easier to use vacuum operated gearshift.

- \*\*Chrysler introduces a fluid-coupling powertrain, Fluid Drive, for Imperial.
- \*\*Under seat heaters and pushbutton radios appear in several models this year.
- \*\*Chrysler develops the "Superfinish" method of finishing parts with no scratches deeper than one-millionth of an inch.
- \*\*Packard designs and builds marine engines for U.S. Navy PT boats; White is selected to build Army scout cars.

### **Auto facts from 1940**

- \*\*A war buildup is underway in the U.S.; automakers' European branches convert production to military output.
- \*\*The Lincoln Continental debuts with the Zephyr's V-12 engine; the car has one of the most striking designs of all time.
- \*\*Nearly all makes, including resistant Ford, have a column gearshift and enclosed running boards.
- \*\*Sealed-Beam headlights become the industry standard this year.
- \*\*Hydra-Matic Drive - the first truly clutchless automatic transmission - is introduced by Oldsmobile.
- \*\*Chrysler develops Safety-Rim wheels that keep the tire on the rim after a blowout.
- \*\*Most car models now have a standard heater and windshield defroster.
- \*\*Hudson adopts coil springs up front.
- \*\*Oldsmobile offers its first convertible sedan but only 50 are built.

### **Auto facts from 1941**

- \*\*The massive war buildup helps expedite the end of the Great Depression.
- \*\*Pearl Harbor is bombed on December 7; Congress declares war on Japan a day later.
- \*\*Following a violent wildcat strike, Henry Ford concedes to a union vote and the first closed shop in the automobile industry.
- \*\*Packard becomes the first make to offer air conditioning, but priced at \$1080 it's a prohibitively expensive proposition.
- \*\*Buick offers "Compound Carburetion" for the Fireball eight - a second carb kicks in when the gas pedal is pressed to the floor.
- \*\*Chrysler offers a semiautomatic transmission that delivers a low-to-high shift when the driver lets up on the gas.
- \*\*Willys-Overland names all its cars Americar, begins deliveries of "jeeps" to the U.S. Army.
- \*\*Chrysler's new Town and Country is the make's first station wagon.
- \*\*Packard's Clipper four-door sedan debuts at midyear, predicting postwar styling; an "Electromatic" clutch is newly available.
- \*\*Oldsmobile adds fastback sedans and reaches sixth place in industry rankings.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

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## **WOMEN'S CORNER**

### **JEWISH MOTHER**

The year is 2020 and the United States has elected the first woman as well as the first Jewish president, Susan Goldstein. She calls up her mother a few weeks after Election Day and says, "So, Mom, I assume you'll be coming to my inauguration?"

"I don't think so. It's a ten-hour drive, your father isn't as young as he used to be, and my arthritis is acting up again."

"Don't worry about it, Mom, I'll send Air Force One to pick you up and take you home. And a limousine will pick you up at your door."

"I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy-schmantzy; what on earth would I wear?"

Susan replies, "I'll make sure you have a wonderful gown, custom-made by the best designer in New York ."

"Honey," Mom complains, "you know I can't eat those rich foods you and your friends like to eat."

The President-to-be responds, "Don't worry Mom. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in New York; kosher all the way. Mom, I really want you to come."

So Mom reluctantly agrees and on January 20, 2021, Susan Goldstein is being sworn in as President of the United States . In the front row sits the new President's mother, who leans over to a Senator sitting next to her and says, "You see that woman over there with her hand on the Torah, becoming President of the United States?"

The Senator whispers back, "Yes, I do."  
Mom says proudly, "Her brother is a doctor."

### **ITALIAN MOTHER**

Giuseppe excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love and that he is going to get married. He says, "Just for fun, Mama, I'm going to bring over three women and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry." The mother agrees.

The next day, he brings three beautiful women into the house, sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while. He then says, "Okay, Mama, guess which one am I going to marry?" Mama says immediately, "The one on the right."

"That's amazing, Mama. You're right. How did you know?"  
Mama replies: "I don't like her."

### **AN IRISHMAN'S FIRST DRINK WITH HIS SON**

I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back to the time I took my son out for his first drink.

Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Guinness Stout. He didn't like it so I drank it. Then I got him an Old Style. He didn't like it either, so I drank it. It was the same with the Coors and the Bud.

By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home.

Thanks to Ginger Vetrano for this contribution

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries in November**



### **Birthdays**

Barbara Baker	November 24	Thomas Beaver	November 22
Sandra Bryant	November 12	Margie Grant	November 13
Joe Kuhns	November 24	Jolene Kuhns	November 28
Stan Nesbitt	November 8	DaJuan Recknagle	November 17
Randy Rutherford	November 18		



## Anniversaries

Randy & Ann Holman	November 15	Ron & Wendy Kihlman	November 14
Vern & Dottie Marking	November 3	Don & Marti Meyers	November 22
Glenis & Rose Tarr	November 6	Jim & Elizabeth Wagner	November 8
Jerry & Sharon Wells	November 12		

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