



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club January 2021 Newsletter

The President's Column

As we know, Frances sends us a monthly YOCC newsletter and I send a small weekly update, mostly about events and tech issues.

Some folks think Frances and I write the material we pass along to members but we mostly copy and paste what we find and believe will be of interest to members. We try to provide attribution for anything without a web link.

We subscribe to a newspaper, some magazines and several online newsletters, which usually provide enough interesting material for our needs although we mostly love to publish member stories about a member's car or a restoration in progress. Nifty photos like Dave Hannah playing Santa in his Model A Ford are always of interest.

At our regular weekly breakfast meetings there is always a great sharing of stories about our cars, families, history, jobs and plans. What do you know that would be of interest to other members? A newly acquired old car? The status of work on your old car is always interesting. Have you found a new tool? A new vendor? A better way to do something? Even without meetings, we still like to share.

Thanks,
Dennis McGillis
YOCC president

EDITOR'S NOTE

I will be ready to do an updated Roster the first part of March. Please let me know if anything has changed for you in the past year. New email? New vehicles? Sell a vehicle? New phone number? Email – sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com or phone 509-545-4077
Also, don't forget to pay your dues.
Thank you. Frances

Bits and Pieces

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for eleven minutes.

Before surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle. It was an ether or oar situation.

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

As you get older, you've got to stay positive: For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow! That's the fastest I've moved in years!"

One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza and doing sketchy stuff just for fun. THEN...in the blink of an eye, you're 70, drinking water, eating kale and you can't do sketchy stuff because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

The Remarkable Body

If the human eye was a digital camera, it would have 576 megapixels.

Where in the world.

King Fahd International Airport in Damman, Saudi Arabia is so massive that it's built on 192,000 acres of land that's bigger than the entire city of Mumbai, India.

Fun Food Facts

His customers, upon opening their envelopes and discovering the tiny satchels of tea, assumed the little bags were meant to be tossed right into the cup of hot water instead of steeped in the traditional loose fashion. Sullivan was quickly overwhelmed with requests for more of his "tea bags". A century later, tens of millions of people sit down to tea every day with tea leaves wrapped in tiny bags.

Some interesting stuff about January:

January derives its name from Janu, the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology.

January is the first month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is also the first of seven months with 31 days.

In many places in the Northern Hemisphere, January tends to be the coldest month of the year. So be prepared with coats, scarves, gloves, and boots. Australians, however, in the Southern Hemisphere are donning their shorts and bathing suits.

January is the month with the highest number of divorce filings in the U.S. Many of those who plan to divorce wait until the holidays are over to begin proceedings, especially if children are involved. Some also do so to simplify their income tax process.

Prominent People born in January:

- Jason Bateman
- Orlando Bloom
- Nicolas Cage
- Bradley Cooper
- Katie Couric
- Patrick Dempsey
- Mel Gibson
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- LL Cool J
- Michelle Obama
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Elvis Presley
- J.D. Salinger
- Frank Sinatra
- Oprah Winfrey

Presidents Born in January

Millard Fillmore: January 7th, 1800
William McKinley: January 29th, 1843
Franklin Roosevelt: January 30th, 1882
Richard Nixon: January 9th, 1913

Presidents Who Died in January

John Tyler: January 18th, 1862
Rutherford B. Hayes: January 17th, 1893
Theodore Roosevelt: January 6th, 1919
Calvin Coolidge: January 5th, 1933
Lyndon B. Johnson: January 22nd, 1973

January 4th is celebrated around the world as Trivia Day

January is known as National Donate Blood month



The Jeep **Forward Control** is a truck that was produced by Willys Motors, later named Kaiser Jeep, from 1956 to 1965. It was also assembled in other international markets. The layout featured a cab over (forward control) design.

The Forward Control models were primarily marketed as work vehicles for corporate, municipal, military, as well as civilian use. Regular pickup box beds were standard, but customers were offered a large number of "Jeep approved" specialized bodies from outside suppliers. These ranged from simple flatbeds to complete tow trucks, dump trucks, and fire trucks. The vehicles were also manufactured under license in India and Spain.

Willys produced utility vehicles that remained almost unchanged since 1947. As the marketplace grew more competitive in the 1950s, management developed a new range of modern cab and body trucks. Independent designer that was contracted by Willys since the 1940s, Brooks Stevens, used styling cues from full-size cab-over-engine trucks for this new futuristic-looking space-efficient vehicle with the center grille panel made to imitate the classic seven-slot Jeep design. The unconventional forward control layout and "helicopter look" of the cab was too unusual for mainstream buyers during that era, but they were successful in specialty markets that included airport service vehicles, tow trucks, and railroad crew trucks that could ride the rails. Numerous versions of the Forward Control Jeeps were manufactured for general and specialized applications with 1957 being the top production with almost 10,000 vehicles built that year.

Engineering was based on existing CJ-5. Power came from the Hurricane F-head and L-head 4-cylinder engines. The updates in 1958 on both the FC-150 and 170 versions had attained a goal established by Willys engineers to design a versatile commercial vehicle in which the ratio of the vehicle's curb weight to its payload was 1 to 1. According to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), this was regarded as the lowest ratio offered by domestic manufacturers at that time within the standard light-duty commercial vehicle segment.^[7] The FC layout offered advantages including a short turning radius and large cargo bed size given the compact overall length.

Introduced in 1956, FC-150 models were based on the CJ-5 with its 81 in (210 cm) wheelbase, but featuring a 78 in (200 cm) long cargo box. This was a record-breaking six-foot length (with the tailgate up) load bed on a vehicle whose total 147.5 in (370 cm) length was two inches shorter than the diminutive two-seat Nash Metropolitan.

The rugged design and go-anywhere capability included a claim that the FC could climb grades of up to 60% and reviews by *Mechanix Illustrated* highlighted the vehicle's toughness and surefootedness. In 1958, the FC-150 received a new, wider chassis. Its track was widened from 48 in (120 cm) to 57 in (140 cm). A 1958 FC-150 concept featured an 83.5 in (210 cm) wheelbase, a widened track (which made production), and the new T-98 4-speed manual transmission. This model had a gross weight of 5,000 lb

From Wikipedia

FOR SALE: 1966 Chevy Caprice 89k miles, second owner, 4 dr. hard top, 396 engine, auto, \$25K firm
1955 Ford F100 292 auto, half built, with new parts for remainder of build. \$10K
1964 Datsun Roadster #2214 out of about 3818 aloud by Japan into the US. Needs work \$10K
call Avery at 1-208-610-9720

FOR SALE: Di-Acro #2 bender with stand, no dies, \$300. Call Steve Steer 588-3756.

Did you know?

In 1992, an Australian gambling ring purchased 5 million dollars worth of tickets in the Virginia state lottery in a bid to secure almost every possible winning combination; their gamble paid off and they walked away with 27 million dollars, a 540 percent return on their investment.

From howtogeek.com

Auto facts from 1946

- **Thanks to the wartime production halt, the average car on the road is now nine years old.
- **Car price and wage controls are lifted.
- **A January steel strike closes assembly lines; in addition, the industry faces critical shortages of copper, brass, and lead.
- **An April coal strike causes layoffs in the auto industry; rail strikes also hurt.
- **The Ford Light Car Division is formed to develop an economy car with a five-cylinder engine, but the project is quickly axed.
- **Detroit's Automotive Golden Jubilee celebrates the 50th anniversary of the auto industry in America.
- **Disabled veterans can get cars with special equipment developed by the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- **Chevrolet is one of the first automakers to advertise on network television; other makes will soon follow.
- **Some 82 million automotive tires are produced in 1946 - an all time high.
- **Chrysler's Town and Country is now a wood-trimmed convertible and sedan; a new "harmonica" grille rides up front and front fenders blend smoothly into the bodysides.
- **DeSoto fields a new long wheelbase Suburban sedan with a fold down rear seat; headlamps are again exposed.
- **Dodge receives a bold eggcrate grille.
- **Self-shift Hydra-Matic gains popularity in Oldsmobiles, which feature a new four-bar grille that tapers downward at ends.
- **Willys introduces an all-steel skin Station Wagon with Jeep-like styling.
- **The Cushman Motor Scooter Company offers lightweight "shopping cars."

Auto facts from 1947

- **Automobile prices reach an all-time high; inflation becomes a serious problem throughout the entire economy.
- **Studebaker has already introduced its all new postwar design with a similar front and rear shape. Critics joke that the Champion and Commander models look the same coming or going.
- **A total of 164,492 convertibles and 82,665 station wagons are built this year.
- **After declining in the Thirties, outside sun visors regain favor as an accessory.
- **The auto industry and millions of Americans mourn the death of Henry Ford on April 7, 1947, at the age of 83.
- **Packard offers hydraulic power seats and windows in some top-line models.
- **The Taft-Hartley Labor Act is passed and brings a half to strikes.

- **A new synthetic rubber is developed by Phillips Petroleum Company.
- **All Chryslers now boast Goodyear low-pressure "Super Cushion" tires.
- **Crosley adds a station wagon to its two-door sedan and convertible lineup; production nearly triples to 19,344 units.
- **Fluid Drive semiautomatic transmission becomes standard on all Dodge models.
- **Lincoln adopts pull-type door handles replacing traditional pushbuttons.
- **Eight-cylinder Pontiacs outsell the sixes for the first time, a sign that customers are willing to spend money for upgrades.
- **Kaiser-Frazer acquires the rights to build the Scarab rear-engined car.

Auto facts from 1948

- **Critical materials shortages and labor unrest continue throughout the year; sheet metal remains in tight supply.
- **Wage disputes close many auto plants in the spring; suppliers are stuck, too.
- **The all new Cadillac introduces tailfins, inspired by the Lockheed P-38 fighter plane.
- **Ford Motor Company is in financial chaos but orders for the 1949 model pass two million by July, an all time industry record; many of the orders will go unfilled.
- **The bulk of Detroit's 1948 models differ little - if at all - from last year's offerings.
- **Buick introduces its Dynaflo torque-converter automatic transmission which is available on Roadmasters.
- **Borg-Warner announces that it intends to supply automatic transmissions to automakers and will do so before long.
- **Green is the year's most popular color; black is considered to be a "Depression" hue and falls from popularity.
- **B.F. Goodrich develops the tubeless tire which will soon dominate the industry.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

These are from a book called "**Disorder in the Court**" and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, very close to your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you (expletive deleted) me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL of your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you attend?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

Thanks to Ginger Vetrano for passing these along.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



Birthdays

Bev Boothe	January 13	Judy Bughi	January 25
Dodd Coutts	January 10	Jim Davis	January 31
Mary Fraser	January 22	Curtis Kooiker	January 5
Marlene Kuch	January 9	Barb Meyer	January 22
Gary Osborn	January 6	Lindy Patterson	January 28
Sal Saenz	January 11	Stephen Scott	January 18
Sarah Scott	January 26	Jack Varnado	January 6
Martha Varnado	January 2	Gene Wattenburger	January 27
Bill White	January 4		



Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Donaldson	January 6
Bob & Dolores McClary	January 23
Larry & Diana Stephenson	January 15

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