



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club May 2021 Newsletter

A Note From The Pres

This summer is off to a fast start. After a year of minimal activity we are all eager to get out, see friends and spend time with fellow club members. Fortunately, there are a lot of activities to choose from.

John Hopkins has been working on tours and visits, besides sharing event information with other clubs. Most events happen because someone has an idea. If there is enough interest, the club can develop it into an event. When you have an idea, let John or me know, we will be glad to hear about it.

Our April and May weather have been pretty nice for Friday evening gatherings at Wendy's on Canal (except last Friday!) and breakfast at Sterling's is terrific. It is good to be together again.

Dennis McGillis, YOCC President

Bits and Pieces

A husband asks his wife, "When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?"
"I clean the toilet bowl." "How does that help?" "I use your toothbrush."

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height." – Casey Stengel

My mind is like my internal browser. 19 tabs open...3 of them are frozen and I have no idea where the music is coming from.

I asked my grandpa, "After 65 years, you still call Grandma 'Darling, Beautiful and Honey'. What's the secret?"
He said, "I forgot her name 5 years ago and I'm scared to ask her."

Beer nuts for sale \$1.25 per bag. Deer nuts are under a buck.

Drink wine. It isn't good to keep things bottled up.

The Remarkable Body

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Where in the world.

Almost ¼ of the land area of Los Angeles is taken up by automobiles.

Fun Food Facts

Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos (or a little over 22 lbs) per person per year.

DAVE BERGUM'S VEHICLES FOR SALE

1956 Ford Crown Victoria

White on white with red interior with a hot rod stance, lowered in the rear

- 390 cu Motor
- C6 Transmission
- Power Steering
- 9" Rear End
- Louvered Hood
- Newly installed Air Conditioning

Comes with the original 292 motor and transmission, original rear end and original hood. This car is in excellent condition and is priced at **\$32,500**

1966 Ford Mustang Convertible

- Red on Red with Black Top and Black Interior
- 289 cu Motor
- Automatic Transmission
- Power Steering
- 62986 Miles

This Mustang is in excellent condition and is priced at **\$25,000**

FOR AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT JUDY BERGUM AT 509-528-4379

Upcoming Local Events 2021

May 14th –15th Waitsburg, Washington: Waitsburg's Classic Auto Show. Sponsor: The Waitsburg Car Club.

May 15th Pendleton, Oregon: Cruisin for Scholarships. Sponsor: Blue Mountain Community College.

May 15th Harrington, Washington: Harrington Car Show. Sponsor: The Studebaker Garage.

May 15th The Dalles, Oregon: Columbia George Car Club Swap meet. Sponsor: The Columbia Gorge Car Club.

May 28th Pasco, Washington: Bob Carter Memorial Show N Shine. Sponsor: Musser Bros. Auctions.

May 29th Echo, Oregon: A.C.E. Car Show Sponsor: Echo High School Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

June 5th – 6th Pendleton, Oregon: 18th Annual Old Iron Show. Sponsor: The Umatilla County Historical Society. Contact: Jack Remillard. Email Jack at jackRemillard53@gmail.com

June 18th – 20th Dayton, Washington: Dayton's All Wheels Weekend. Sponsor: The Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

June 19th Elgin, Oregon: Riverfest Car Show. Sponsor: The Elgin Lions Club.

July 9th – 10th Hermiston, Oregon: The Hermiston Classics Car Club - Cool Rides Car Show. Sponsor: The Hermiston Classics Car Club

July 31 - St Arlington, Oregon: The Arlington Show N Shine Car Show Sponsor: The Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

August 14th The Dalles, Oregon: Cruise The Gorge. Sponsor: The Mid - Columbia Car Club.

August 20th – 21th Enterprise, Oregon: Enterprise Main Street Show N Shine. Sponsor: The Enterprise Elks.

August 26th – 28th Lewiston, Idaho: Lewiston's Hot August Nights. Sponsor: The Lewiston-Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

Sept 10th – 11th Pasco, Washington: Corvettes on the Columbia. Sponsor: Three Rivers Corvettes Club.

Sept 10th – 11th Chelan, Washington: Lake Chelan Car Show. Sponsor: The Lake Chelan Car Club.

Sept 18th Richland, Washington: Power In The Park. Sponsor: Tri Cities Camaro Club.

Sept 19th Yakima, Washington: Ponies In The Sun. Sponsor: Sun County Mustang Club.

Sept 30th – Oct 1st - Richland, Washington: Cool Desert Nights Car Show. Sponsor: Richland Chamber of Commerce.

Did you know?

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'...and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Spring is finally here! I got so excited I wet my plants.

I was walking by the fridge last night and I thought I could hear the spring onions singing a BeeGees song. Turns out it was just the chives talking.

My winter fat is gone...now I have spring rolls.

Winter can be pretty dreary with all the bare trees, so when spring comes it's such a re-leaf.

In the onion kingdom, the red onions ruled over all other onions. The red onion King was a well respected ruler. However, one fateful day, the spring onions rebelled. As the red onion King was thrown from his dais, he turned to the leader of the rebellion. "You'll never truly be King! You're nothing but a shallot-on!"

I had a track accident last spring...Now it has become a running joke.

Prominent People born in May:

- Catherine the Great: May 2
- Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson: May 2
- Bing Crosby: May 3
- Audrey Hepburn: May 4
- George Clooney: May 5
- Kathryn Hepburn: May 12
- Mark Zuckerberg: May 14
- Malcolm X: May 19
- Jimmy Stewart: May 20
- Ken Jennings: May 23
- Queen Victoria: May 24
- John Wayne: May 26
- Henry Kissinger: May 27
- Joe Namath: May 31
- Clint Eastwood: May 31

Presidents Born in May:

Harry S. Truman: May 8

John F. Kennedy: May 29

Presidents Who Died in May: None

May is the month known for love and success.

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo

Mother's Day is in May

Armed Forces Day is in May

Memorial Day is in May

May 2: World Tuna Day

May 4–11: Root Canal Awareness Week



1960 Chevrolet Impala

The Chevrolet Impala is a full-size car built by Chevrolet for model years 1958 to 1985, 1994 to 1996, and 2000 until 2020. The Impala was Chevrolet's popular flagship passenger car and was among the better selling American-made automobiles in the United States.

The Impala name was first used for the full-sized 1956 General Motors Motorama show car that bore Corvette-like design cues, especially the grille. It was named Impala after the graceful African antelope, and this animal became the car's logo. Painted emerald green metallic, with a white interior, the Impala concept car featured hardtop styling. The first styling sketch that would directly influence the finished Chevrolet automobile was seen by General Motors Styling vice president Harley Earl in October. Seven months later, the basic design was developed.

The Impala continued as Chevrolet's most popular full-size model through the mid-1980s. Between 1994 and 1996, the Impala was revised as a 5.7-liter V8-powered version of the Chevrolet Caprice Classic sedan.

The Impala was introduced for the 1958 model year as top of the line Bel Air hardtops and convertibles. From the windshield pillar rearward, the 1958 Bel Air Impala differed structurally from the lower-priced Chevrolet models. Hardtops had a slightly shorter greenhouse and longer rear deck. The wheelbase of the Impala was longer than the lower priced models, although the overall length was identical. Interiors held a two-spoke steering wheel and color-keyed door panels with brushed aluminum trim. No other series included a convertible. The 1958 Chevrolet models were longer, lower, and wider than its predecessors. The 1958 model year was the first with dual headlamps. The tailfins of the 1957 were replaced by deeply sculptured rear fenders. Impalas had three taillights each side, while lesser models had two and wagons just one. The Impalas included crossed-flag insignias above the side moldings, as well as bright rocker moldings and dummy rear-fender scoops.

The standard perimeter-type frame was abandoned, replaced by a unit with rails laid out in the form of an elongated "X." Chevrolet claimed that the new frame offered increased v rigidity and allowed for a lower placement of the passenger compartment. This was a transitional step between traditional construction and the later fully unitized body/chassis. The body structure was strengthened in the rocker panels and firewall. However, this frame was not as effective in protecting the interior structure in a side impact crash, as a traditional perimeter frame.

A coil spring suspension replaced the previous year's rear leaf springs, and an air ride system was optional. A total of 55,989 Impala convertibles and 125,480 coupes were built representing 15 percent of

Chevrolet production. The 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air Impala helped Chevrolet regain the number one production spot in this recession year

The 1959 Chevrolet Impala was redesigned. Sharing bodyshells with lower-end Buicks and Oldsmobiles as well as with Pontiac, part of a GM economy move, the Chevrolet's wheelbase was 1-1/2 inches longer. Using a new X-frame chassis, the roof line was three inches lower, bodies were two inches wider, and curb weight increased. Its tailfins protruded outward, rather than upward. The taillights were a large "teardrop" design at each side, and two slim-wide nonfunctional front air intake scoops were added just above the grille,

The Impala became a separate series, adding a four-door hardtop and four-door sedan, to the two-door Sport Coupe and convertible. Sport Coupes featured a shortened roof line and wrap-over back window. Standard were front and rear armrests, an electric clock, dual sliding sun visors, and crank-operated front vent windows. A contoured hooded instrument panel held deep-set gauges. A six-way power seat was a new option, as was "Speedminder", for the driver to set a needle at a specific speed and a buzzer would sound if the pre-set was exceeded.

The 1960 Impala models reinstated three round taillights on each side, and a white band running along the rear fenders. The Impala was restyled on the GM B platform for the first time for 1961. The new body styling was more trim and boxy than the 1958–1960 models. Sport Coupe models featured a "bubbleback" roof line style for 1961, and a unique model, the 2-door pillared sedan, was available for 1961 only. It was rarely ordered. A "Super Sport" (SS) option debuted for 1961. This was also the last year the top station wagon model would have the Nomad name. Power brakes were \$43.

The 1962 model featured new "C" pillar styling for all models except the 4-door hardtop. Sport Coupe models now featured the "convertible roof" styling, shared with other GM "B" full-size hardtop coupes,

The Beach Boys produced a hit single, "409", referring to the Chevrolet, which became an iconic song for these cars. Impalas again featured premium interior appointments, plusher seats could be done by the dealerships on customer request. And more chrome trim outside, including a full-width aluminum-and-chrome panel to house the triple-unit taillight assembly.

The Impala also gained the top trim station wagon body design, in place of the Chevrolet Nomad model. However, unlike the passenger cars, Impala wagons had dual-unit taillights. Due to reliability problems, the optional Turboglide automatic transmission was discontinued, leaving Powerglide the only automatic transmission available until 1965. A new radio was optional.

Redesigned in 1965, the Impala set an all-time industry annual sales record of more than 1 million units in the United States. All new full-size Chevrolets eschewed the "X" frame for a full-width perimeter frame, a new body that featured curved, frameless side glass (for pillarless models), sharper angled windshield with newly reshaped vent windows, and redesigned full-coil suspension.

In 1965, Chevrolet introduced a new luxury package for the Impala four-door hardtop, called "Caprice" and coded as RPO Z18. Caprices received tufted upholstery, wood grained accents on the dashboard and specialty pulls on the insides of the doors. This "halo" model also featured the "spinner" wheel covers from the Impala SS, with the "SS" logo centers replaced by a Chevrolet "bowtie" emblem. The Super Sport's blackout rear trim strip below the triple taillights was also used, with the "Impala SS" emblem replaced by a large "Caprice by Chevrolet" badge. The Impala block lettering on each front fender was replaced with "Caprice" script.

From Wikipedia

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day originally honored military personnel who died in the Civil War (1861-1865). The holiday now honors those who died in any war while serving with the United States.

On June 3, 1861, Warrenton, Virginia, was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated, according to a Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper article in 1906. This decoration was for the funeral of the first soldier killed in action during the Civil War, John Quincy Marr, who died on June 1, 1861 during a skirmish at Battle of Fairfax Courthouse in Virginia.

The 1863 cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania included a ceremony of commemoration at the graves of dead soldiers. Some have therefore claimed that President Abraham Lincoln was the founder of Memorial Day.

In April 1865, following Lincoln's assassination, commemorations were widespread. The more than 600,000 soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government also began creating the United States National Cemetery System for the Union war dead.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan issued a proclamation calling for "Decoration Day" to be observed annually and nationwide; he was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of and for Union Civil War veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois.

The history of Memorial Day in the United States is complex. The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs recognizes that approximately 25 places claim to have originated the holiday. The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom. Soldiers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before and during the American Civil War. According to the United States Library of Congress website, "Southern women decorated the graves of soldiers even before the Civil War's end. Records show that by 1865, Mississippi, Virginia, and South Carolina all had precedents for Memorial Day." The earliest Southern Memorial Day celebrations were simple, somber occasions for veterans and their families to honor the dead and tend to local cemeteries.

The name "Memorial Day", which was first attested in 1882, gradually became more common than "Decoration Day" after World War II but was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967.

By the 20th century, various Union memorial traditions, celebrated on different days, merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the U.S. military service.

Taken from Wikipedia



PUNS:

Water is heavier than butane because butane is a lighter fluid.

The girl in the middle of the tennis court is Annette.

My son wants to study burrowing rodents. I told him to gopher it.

I'm reading a book called, "Quick Money for Dummies," by Robin Banks

Be careful when you eat at Sam and Ella's Diner.

Nothing tops a plain pizza!

When you said life would get back to normal after June...Julyed.

Lego store re-opens after lockdown! Folks lined up for blocks.

Cosmetology student misses class. Forced to make up makeup test.

I never finish anything. I have a black belt in partial arts.

Ghosts like to ride in elevators because it lifts their spirits.

What do you call a hippie's wife? Mississippi

I'm going to start collecting highlighters. Mark my words!

Fungi puns are my yeast favorite. There's too mushroom for error.

If you have to wear both mask and glasses, you may be entitled to condensation.

I pulled a muscle digging for gold. Just a miner injury.

When you teach a wolf to meditate - he becomes aware wolf.

Thanks to Ginger Vetrano for this contribution.

Auto facts from 1954

- **The horsepower race is underway: 15 makes announce higher engine ratings.
- **Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson combine to form American Motors Corporation - George Romney is newly named chief.
- **Studebaker and Packard consolidate into the Studebaker-Packard Corporation.
- **Giving the home team its due, the Detroit Public Library unveils its automotive history collection; it's open to the public.
- **Ford's "y-Block" overhead valve V-8 replaces the long-lived flat-head engine.
- **The wraparound windshield is a new design trend led by General Motor's Buick, Cadillac, and Oldsmobile.
- **Cadillacs are longer, lower, wider, and the first make with standard power steering.
- **Ford is the first low-priced car with ball-joint front suspension geometry.
- **Packard adopts tubeless tires during the year; other manufacturers will follow for 1955.
- **An overdrive-equipped Studebaker Land Cruiser V-8 wins the Mobilgas Economy Run.
- **Chrysler road tests an experimental gas turbine engine in a Plymouth Belvedere.
- **Extra chrome again marked the DeLuxe Chrysler New Yorkers for 1954.
- **Looking like a big toy, the two-seat Metropolitan coupe and ragtop were fair sellers in the mid Fifties.

Auto facts from 1955

- **The first McDonald's opens in San Bernardino, California.
- **Detroit's big boom year: Automobile output leaps an amazing 44%.
- **The Corvette adopts V-8 power.
- **Seven out of ten new cars have an automatic transmission; 80% are built with V-8 engines.
- **Car air conditioning is on the upswing: 184,027 installations in 1955 versus just 57,469 units installed in 1954.
- **Three-tone color schemes appear on Chrysler brands, as on the DeSoto Coronado.
- **Dodge's LaFemme hardtop features a pink/white exterior and interior, folding umbrella, and a fitted purse.
- **Ford's Thunderbird, a "personal car" bows - and sells 16,155 first-year copies versus Corvette's 674.
- **A Nomad wagon is Chevrolet's style leader; Safari is Pontiac's equivalent model.
- **Chrysler's Hemi-powered C-300 supercar dominates NASCAR racing.
- **Imperial is now listed as a separate make, no longer a Chrysler series.
- **Tubeless tires are no standard on almost all American cars.
- **Michigan is the first state to require a driver's education course before issuing a license to applicants under 18.
- **The tiny American Buckboard roadster prototype uses a two-cylinder motorcycle engine and fifth-wheel drive.
- **The 1955 Imperial introduced distinctive "gunsight" tail-lamps that would become a make trademark.

Auto facts from 1956

- **A 41,000-mile Interstate Highway Network is approved; the federal government will pay 90% of construction costs.
- **The 156-mile Indiana Toll Road opens joining the Ohio Turnpike for an uninterrupted Chicago to New York superhighway.
- **Pushbutton automatic transmission selectors are installed on Imperial, Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Plymouth, and Packard.
- **Ford goes public; stock in the automaker is sold for the first time since 1919.
- **Four-fifths of all 1956 cars have a V-8 engine; only eight makes offer a six.
- **Fords are offered with seatbelts, padded dash, and other safety features - but they fail to take hold with the buying public.
- **Highway Hi-Fi record players are optional in Chrysler Corp. cars.
- **Cadillac's Sedan de Ville was the division's first four-door hardtop and was an instant hit; it's most popular model in 1956.
- **Ford's Thunderbird adds a "continental" spare tire and "porthole" roof option.
- **Packard offers electrically controlled door latches and a limited-slip differential.
- **Rambler's Cross Country is the first four-door hardtop station wagon.
- **Plymouth's experimental gas-turbine car is driven from New York to Los Angeles.

**American Motors develops an air-cooled V-4 that weighs only 200 pounds.

**Studebaker launches a quartet of sporty Hawk models, highlighted by the top-line Golden Hawk sporting Packard's big 352-cubic-inch V-8 powerplant.

**A "quad" four-headlamp system is introduced by the American Manufacturers Association; it will be available for 1958 models.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

WOMAN'S POEM:

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man, who's not a creep,
One who's handsome, smart and strong.
One who loves to listen long,
One who thinks before he speaks,
One who'll call, not wait for weeks.
I pray he's gainfully employed,
When I spend his cash, won't be annoyed.
Pulls out my chair and opens my door.
Massages my back and begs to do more.
Oh! Send me a man who'll make love to my mind,
Knows what to answer to 'how big is my behind?'
I pray that this man will love me to no end,
And always be my very best friend.

A MAN'S POEM:

I pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac with
huge boobs who owns a bar on a golf course,
and loves to send me fishing and drinking. This
doesn't rhyme and I don't give a damn.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



Birthdays

Shahna Airoidi	May 2	Russ Armstrong	May 27
Dave Donaldson	May 25	David Gerkenmeyer	May 14
Susan Gerkenmeyer	May 16	Steve Halterman	May 9
Robert Hartwig	May 23	Mary Hoertkorn	May 8
Robert McClary, Jr.	May 29	Debbie McClary	May 30
Marti Meyers	May 6	Mary Ellen Nelson	May 14
Scott Noga	May 19	Barb Paulsen	May 17
Audrey Simmelink	May 23		



Anniversaries

Donald & Melissa Freeman	May 15
Jim & Jeri Newell	May 26
Robert & Peggy Parchen	May 22
Randy & Nancy Rutherford	May 23
Frances & BJ Wyland	May 7

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