



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club September 2021 Newsletter

A Note From The Pres

Fall! From Memorial Day to Labor Day we have summer fun with our old cars. Then September happens and we have even more fun. With so much uncertainty this year a lot of events were delayed, and some were cancelled. Our own hugely popular swap meet didn't happen for the second time.

YOCC Breakfast meeting attendance is down. There were fewer than 20 members at two recent meetings. The reasons are hard to know. Do people stay away due to fear of covid? Is it disappointment in our meeting content? Or is it something else? Let me know so we can fix it. This is a great club and we can't let it languish.

Tell me about your car. John Hopkins just bought a black 1955 Mercury. Rick Bush bought a "flesh" (?) colored Thunderbird. Other members have made similar "adjustments." Tell me about yours.

At YOCC, volunteers make things happen. Shared efforts make light work for all. Have you considered volunteering? Our December ballot will include a new president, treasurer and secretary plus a couple of board members. These are very rewarding positions where you get to know more members and participate directly in "hands on" management of the club. Not sure whether you qualify? Virtually everyone does, call me for a chat.

Enjoy the ride!
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Bits and Pieces

Getting out of bed would be 10X easier if there was a Caribbean Ocean and 85° weather waiting for you.

I hate it when I'm singing a song and the artist gets the words wrong.

All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.

Irony...the opposite of wrinkly.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is right for you.

The best thing about the good old days is that I wasn't good and I wasn't old.

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

The Remarkable Body

The human body sheds about fifty thousand dead skin cells every minute.

Where in the world.

The largest cave in the world is in Vietnam called Son Doong Cave and is so big that it has its own river, jungle and climate. It is large enough to house an entire New York City block and could store about 68 Boeing 777 aircraft.

Fun Food Facts

In Japan, chefs have to train for over two years in order to qualify to serve pufferfish. Pufferfish is a delicacy in Japan, but if it's prepared wrong, it can kill the person eating it.

Ladies Lunch

There were 9 ladies at the lunch this month. Thank you Dolores. October's ladies lunch will be held on the FIRST Thursday because of Myrtle's 100th birthday. Frances will be heading this one. Call her if you can come – 509-545-4077. More information later this month.

Prominent People born in September:

Lily Tomlin: September 1
Colonel Sanders: September 9
Roald Dahl: September 13
Prince Harry: September 15
Agatha Christie: September 15
Lauren Bacall: September 16
Greta Garbo: September 18
Stephen King: September 21
Michael Faraday: September 25
Will Smith: September 25
Michael Douglas: September 25

Presidents Born in September:

William Howard Taft: September 15

Presidents Who Died in September:

James A. Garfield: September 19
William McKinley: September 14

September is the month spelled with the most letters.

There are more pop and classic songs with "September" in the title than any other month.

Labor Day is the first Monday in September.

September 5 is National Cheese Pizza Day

September 13 is Grandparents Day

September 17 is Constitution Day

1940 Ford



Thanks to the creative mind of master designer Eugene “Bob” Gregorie, the 1940 Fords are among the most beautiful and enduring machines ever to roll off Blue Oval assembly lines. The fabulous facelift began in 1939 when the coupe body grew by an inch over the '38 model and featured smoother lines and a generally more elegant design. The 1940 models had new grille designs — the Deluxe getting a two-part unit with a narrower center, while the Standard models got a thicker center trim piece and had noses that resembled painted versions of the '39 Deluxe grille. Deluxe hubcaps had a series of concentric rings surrounding a blue V-8 emblem. The Standard dash and steering wheel had a Briarwood Brown finish and the instrument panel had a larger speedometer face. Standard models had front vent windows. 1940 was also the final year the 60-hp V-8 was available as an option in Standard models only.

Cars with the Standard body were also offered with the 85-hp V-8. Deluxe models could only be had with the 85-hp engine. The Standard lineup included the two coupes, a two-door sedan, four-door sedan, and four-door station wagon (not available with the 60-hp engine). Deluxes had those models along with a second station wagon and a convertible.

The base price for a '40 Standard coupe was about \$660. These days a five-window coupe features many of the most popular accessories from 1940, including a leather interior, radio, heater, oil filter, oil bath air cleaner, grille guard, road light, white wall tires, outer trim rings, outside mirrors and a locking gas cap.

From Wikipedia

The Speeding Ticket

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, ' I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir.' The driver says, 'Gee, officer I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating. ' Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: 'Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control.' As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, 'Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?' The wife smiles demurely and says, 'You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did.' As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, 'Darn it, woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?' The officer frowns and says, 'And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine.' The driver says, 'Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket.' The wife says, 'Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving.' And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, 'WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??' The officer looks over at the woman and asks, 'Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am??'

I love this part.....'Only when he's been drinking.'

Did you know?

William Phelps Eno invented the stop sign, the pedestrian crosswalk, the one-way street, the traffic circle, and many other elements of the modern automotive landscape but, ironically, he never learned to drive.

I know some of you are engineers

Understanding Engineers – One

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, - "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, - "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want". The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, - "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway".

Understanding Engineers – Two

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers – Three

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes! The doctor chimed in, - "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf! The priest said, - "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him". He said, - "Hello, George, what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The green-keeper replied, - "Oh, yes!! That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime". The group fell silent for a moment. Then the priest said, - "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight". The doctor said, - "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them". The engineer said, - "Why can't they play at night?"

Understanding Engineers – Four

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? - Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers – Five

The graduate with a science degree asks, - "Why does it work?"
The graduate with an engineering degree asks, - "How does it work?"
The graduate with an accounting degree asks, - "How much will it cost?"
The graduate with an arts degree asks, - "Do you want fries with that?"

Understanding Engineers – Six

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, - "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints". Another said, - "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections". The last one said, - "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Understanding Engineers – Seven

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

Understanding Engineers – Eight

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, - "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess". He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, - "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week". The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, - "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want!!" Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, - "What is the matter?!? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, - "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog.... now that's cool !!"*

Thanks to Bill White for this contribution.

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

How come when you are driving through a neighborhood looking for an address, you turn the radio down?

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that 1 out of 5 enjoys it?



Hudson Valley NY Incidents

Auto facts from 1966

**Oldsmobile launches the personal-luxury Toronado - the first production American front-wheel-drive car since the 1937 Cord.

**Safety first: Rear seatbelts are made standard on all 1966 models.

**The average full-time American worker earns \$5967 yearly; the cheapest full-six Chevrolet starts at \$2379.

**The National Traffic and Motor vehicle Safety Act and the Highway Safety Act are enacted; the federal Department of Transportation (DOT) is established.

**The Dodge Charger is essentially a fastback Coronet with hidden headlights.

- **A 425-horsepower "Street Hemi" is now available in midsize Dodges and Plymouths.
- **Ford station wagons feature a two-way tailgate that folds down and opens to the side.
- **The new Mercury Comet Cyclone GT paces the Indianapolis 500.
- **Hertz rents out 936 Shelby GT-350H fastbacks (\$17 a day/17cents a mile); many are surreptitiously raced on weekends.

Auto facts from 1967

- **The year's biggest high-performance engine is Chrysler's potent 440-inch Magnum V-8.
- **The Mercury Cougar and Chevrolet Camaro ponycars make their debut, followed later in the season by Pontiac's Firebird.
- **Most 1967 cars have underbodies of corrosion-resistant galvanized steel; 38% come equipped with the increasingly popular air conditioning.
- **Safety issues grow: A dual braking system is installed in all cars; collapsible steering columns emerge on some models.
- **Firebirds have a deflated mini spare tire; Pontiac boasts the first concealed wipers.
- **GM cars get buzzers that sound when the driver leaves the key in the ignition.
- **GM, Ford, and American Motors adopt a 5-year/50,000 mile powertrain warranty.
- **In just over a decade, 57% of the Interstate Highway System is completed.
- **The Corvair line is trimmed to just five models - and the turbocharger is gone.
- **Hemi engines are still available in midsize Dodges and Plymouths.
- **A four-door Landau model with rear-hinged "suicide" back doors joins the all-new Thunderbird line.
- **Valiant is restyled, but wagon, hardtop, and convertible are gone; the similarly restyled Barracudas takes up the slack with a new convertible and notchback hardtop.
- **The Mercury Cougar hardtop, posher and slightly larger than Ford's Mustang, sports hidden headlight - but no convertible or fastback models are offered.
- **Ford suffers a 65-day strike in the fall; 159,000 workers are idled.
- **The privately built Mohs Ostentatienne Opera starts at \$19,600; a modified truck chassis accommodates International Harvester V-8s.
- **An Auburn 866 Speedster replicar enters production and is priced at a towering \$8450.
- **GM begins a navigation study that does without maps or road signs; a driver dials in the destination and uses codes from roadside landmarks for guidance.

Auto facts from 1968

- **New federal pollution laws take effect; all makes have an exhaust-emission control system.
- **An average full-time worker earns \$6657; the average new car buyer pays \$2936 (plus trade-in).
- **Nearly one million imported cars are sold, triggering a call for more American-built compacts and subcompacts.
- **Front shoulder harnesses are required on cars sold after January 1; other mandated safety features include rear lap belts, side marker lights, and padded interiors.
- **The United States Postal Service issues 12-cent stamp commemorating Henry Ford.
- **Pontiac introduces an engine-driven emergency air pump; Chrysler Corporation station wagons can be had with a washer/wiper to clean the tailgate window.
- **Hidden windshield wipers are seen on more General Motors cars.
- **An optional buzzer in AMC cars alerts drivers when the lights are left on.
- **The all new Chevelle two-doors ride a shorter 112-inch wheelbase; a choice of three 396 cubic-inch V-8s are available.
- **The restyled Corvette stretches an extra seven inches; it sports vacuum-operated flip-up headlights.
- **Road Runner is Plymouth's new budget muscle car; starting at \$2896 it attracts 44,599 eager buyers.
- **Late in the season, the "personal-luxury" Continental Mark III joins the Continental sedan and hardtop.
- **A plush Torino series joins the Ford stable; the Fairland is restyled again.
- **Shelby introduces the GT-500KR "King of the Road" with a new 428-cubic-inch V-8 Cobra-Jet engine; Shelybs are now assembled by Ford.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

WOMEN'S CORNER

A Nun Grading Papers

Can you imagine the nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure! Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a catholic elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children they have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pairs.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments
9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September



Birthdays

Jim Ayers	September 26	Laura Beaver	September 18
Boyd Boothe	September 15	Sue Campbell	September 15
Rose Chastain	September 4	Jim Galloway	September 18
Sid Grant	September 21	Linda Jarrard	September 12
John Kleve	September 11	Marti Meyers	September 17
Lee Noga	September 28	Alan Stephens	September 7
Jerry Suminski	September 2	Rose Tarr	September 20
Ginger Vetrano	September 13	Don Woodford	September 10



Anniversaries

Russ & Jane Armstrong	September 11
Rick & Wendi Ball	September 12
Richard & Rose Chastain	September 23
Dick & Linda Weldon	September 30

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