



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club November 2021 Newsletter

A NOTE FROM THE PRES

Daylight Saving Time is over. Our evenings are darker and mornings are a little lighter. We should be able to drive our old cars to YOCC Breakfast on Wednesdays. For the last few Wednesdays there has been either rain or the threat of rain. Two of my old cars have bad or no wipers while the third one is air cooled with a stinky heater that fogs up the windows.

Being an active club member is hard in a pandemic. Mask requirements and facility shut downs made life difficult for everyone and since March 17, 2020 YOCC officers and committee folks have done a lot more work, often repeating chores when stuff changes. Things seem to be returning to normal now, perhaps by the new year.

Elections are coming with our December 17 party. Member participation is always good. Run for office!

Happy Thanksgiving

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Your dues are due by January 1. Dues are still \$15.
Mail your dues to: YOCC, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352

Bits and Pieces

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

I'm at that delusional age where I think that everyone my age looks way older than I do.

Juan and Amal are identical twins. Their mom only carries one photo because if you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal.

The first million people to send me \$1 will get a copy of my guide on how to become a Millionaire using Facebook.

Masks are the new bra!
They're uncomfortable.
You only wear them in public.
And when you don't wear one - Everyone notices!

Do you know how weird it is being the same age as old people?

That rainy autumn day, he fell off the 5th floor. Fortunately he was wearing his light Fall coat.

The Remarkable Body

The smallest bone in the human body is the stapes, or stirrup, found in the middle ear. It is only 0.07 inches long.

Where in the world.

The longest cave in the world is Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, which is around 350 miles in length.

Fun Food Facts

Researchers had an experiment to see how people's drinking habits changed based on the music that was playing. Loud music seemed to make people drink more, and faster.

In 1922, Phone Lines In The U.S. Were Silenced To Observe What?

- 1.) The New Year
- 2.) Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial
- 3.) Alexander Graham Bell's Funeral
- 4.) Succession of Pope Benedict XV

Answer: Alexander Graham Bell's Funeral

Alexander Graham Bell was a prolific late 19th/early 20th-century inventor who outright invented or refined all manner of things including metal detectors, early aircraft, hydrofoils, and—most notably—the telephone.

Given his enormous contribution to the field of communication and his pivotal role in the invention and deployment of the telephone, it was only appropriate that the vast network he created should fall silent in honor of his death. On August 4, 1922, all telephone service in the United States and Canada was silenced for one minute during his funeral.



1937 Packard

In its introduction year, the Packard One-Twenty was available in a broad array of body styles including two and four-door sedans, convertible and Club Coupe. The One-Twenty, weighing in at 3,688 lb (1,673 kg), was powered by an all-new Packard aluminum-head L-head inline eight producing 110 bhp (82 kW) at 3850 rpm. Prices ranged from \$980 for the three-passenger business coupe to \$1,095 for the Touring Sedan. Introduced in January 1935, the car was an immediate success with consumers, with Packard producing 24,995 One-Twentys, compared to 7,000 of all other type Packards for the year.

In 1937, the One-Twenty went up-market as the company introduced the Packard Six, the first six-cylinder Packard in ten years. For 1937, the One-Twenty broadened its model range and was now available in "C" and "CD" trim levels. The line also added a wood-bodied station wagon, Touring Sedan and limousine built on a 138 in (3,500 mm) wheelbase and priced under \$2,000. Introduced in September 1936, 50,100 units were produced during series production.

From Wikipedia

Ladies Lunch

There were 8 ladies at the October lunch. Thank you DaJuan. December 9 will be the next ladies lunch. Dolores McClary will be the hostess. Location TBD.

Questions???

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Do Lipton Tea employees take "coffee breaks"?

I thought about who mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn how to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

Prominent People born in November:

- Daniel Boone: November 2
- Marie Curie: November 7
- Carl Sagan: November 9
- Lou Ferrigno: November 9
- Ellen Pompeo: November 10
- Leonardo DiCaprio: November 11
- Grace Kelly: November 12
- Alan Shepard: November 18
- Charles Schultz: November 26
- Tina Turner: November 26
- Mark Twain: November 30

Presidents Born in November:

James K. Polk: November 2
Warren G. Harding: November 2
James A. Garfield: November 19
Franklin Pierce: November 23
Zachary Taylor: November 24

Presidents Who Died in November:

Chester A. Arthur: November 18
John F. Kennedy: November 22
George H.W. Bush: November 30

November is when Thanksgiving happens.

November 1 is World Vegan Day.
November 4 is National Candy Day.
November 11 is Veterans Day.
November 13 is World Kindness Day

Seniors only!

THIS MAY BE HARDER THAN YOU MAY THINK. THE ANSWERS WILL BE ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER THE CORRECT ANSWER. DON'T LOOK BELOW FOR THE ANSWERS UNTIL YOU HAVE TRIED TO FIGURE IT OUT.

Have some fun my sharp-witted friends. This is a test for us 'older kids'! The answers are printed below, (after the questions) but don't cheat! Answer them first...

- 01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
- 02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
- 03. 'Get your kicks, _____.'
- 04. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
- 05. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
- 06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '_____.'
- 07. Nestle's makes the very best.... _____.'
- 08. Satchmo was America 's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
- 09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.
- 10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '_____.'
- 11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
- 12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.
- 13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.
16. Remember LS/MFT _____/_____?
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!
19. There was a song that came out in the 60s that was "a grave yard smash". It's name was the _____!
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name?

ANSWERS:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy

Did you know?

The **spire** of the Empire State Building was originally intended for mooring airships.

Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

1. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers. Black Friday isn't just big business for retailers: Plumbers and drain cleaners get in on the action, too. According to Roto-Rooter, the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for those who keep water flowing and going in homes and businesses. In related news, they also recommend not pouring cooking oil down your drain.
2. Americans eat 704 million pounds of turkey every Thanksgiving. According to the National Turkey Federation, around 44 million turkeys were served at Thanksgiving in the United States in 2017. That's compared to 22 million pounds at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. The average weight of each, meanwhile, was 16 pounds, which means we're gobbling up 704 million pounds of turkey across the country.
3. The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year. Butterball, a popular turkey company, opens a turkey hotline each November and December to answer any turkey-related questions you

may have. Founded in 1981, the Turkey Talk Line went from receiving a modest 11,000 questions that first year to answering more than 100,000 questions across the U.S. and Canada every holiday season.

4. "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song. "Jingle Bells," the classic Christmas song written by James Lord Pierpont in 1857, wasn't meant to be about Christmas. Originally titled "One Horse Open Sleigh," the ditty was meant to be sung on Thanksgiving. When it was reprinted in 1859, however, the name was changed to "Jingle Bells, or the One Horse Open Sleigh," and was prescribed for Christmas.

5. FDR once moved Thanksgiving up a week. In the midst of the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving up one week in order to allow more time for shopping before Christmas. Otherwise, it would have fallen on Nov. 30.

6. The first Thanksgiving lasted three days. The event commonly referred to as the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in October 1621. It was organized by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to celebrate the recent immigrants' first successful corn harvest in the New World. While the meal lacked much of what is now common Thanksgiving fare—there's no record of turkey being served, for example—there were at least five deer carcasses present, and the event lasted a full three days.

7. The woman who got Thanksgiving reinstated as a national holiday also wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Sarah Hale is known as the "Mother of Thanksgiving" because, at a time when the holiday was only celebrated in the Northeast, she spent four decades campaigning for a national day of thanks. In 1863, she finally persuaded then-President Abraham Lincoln to reinstate the holiday nationwide.

8. About 50 million people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade annually. Approximately 50 million Americans tune in to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade each year. Another 3.5 million people view it in person, and roughly 10,000 participate—in non-pandemic years, at least. And though the parade doesn't begin until 9 a.m. ET, many spectators arrive as early as 6:30 a.m.—lining the streets of New York—to get a spot along the route.

9. More people travel to Orlando, Florida than anywhere else on Thanksgiving. According to estimates by AAA, over 55 million Americans traveled 50 miles or more for Thanksgiving in 2019. The most popular of these destinations—according to booking info—were Orlando, Florida, closely followed Anaheim, California, then New York City.


10. The original TV dinner was the result of a Thanksgiving miscalculation. The original TV dinner was the result of a Thanksgiving miscalculation. In 1953, an executive at Swanson miscalculated the company's upcoming Thanksgiving turkey sales, leaving the company with some 260 tons of frozen fowl following the holiday. Fortunately for Swanson, a salesman by the name of Gerry Thomas suggested packaging the excess product into trays—along with some traditional sides—and selling them to consumers as TV dinners.


11. The turkey isn't to blame for your post-dinner slump. A widely accepted myth will have you believe that it's the main dish of the meal that makes you eager for a nap after you eat Thanksgiving dinner. But it's time to stop blaming the turkey and its tryptophan for your sluggishness. Though the amino acid does help your body produce melatonin, which promotes relaxation and sleep, turkey doesn't have any more of it than its poultry brethren. So why the immediate desire to nod off? Because eating a big meal—any big meal—makes you sleepy.


12. Minnesota raises the most turkeys in the U.S. Turkeys apparently prefer cold temperatures and friendly neighbors: Of all U.S. states, Minnesota raised the most turkeys in 2017, according to the USDA. In fact, the 450 turkey farms in the state are responsible for about 18 percent of all turkeys raised and sold in the United States yearly. While Minnesota has perpetually been in the top of the rankings of domestic turkey producers since record keeping began in 1929, they've remained in the very top spot since North Carolina slowed production in 2003.


13. The tradition of cracking the wishbone is an ancient one. For some, Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete until the bird's wishbone is snapped, bestowing luck on the bearer of the bigger piece. Would you believe that this custom is thousands of years older than the holiday? Wishing on bird bones traces back to the ancient Etruscans, who used chickens to help them predict the future. After the chickens died, the Etruscans would dry their wishbones—or furcula—in the sun and keep them as good luck charms.


Twas a Month Before Christmas


Twas a month before Christmas 
And all through the town,


People wore masks 


That covered their frown. 


The frown was begun way back in the spring 


When a global pandemic 
Changed everything.
They called it corona,

But unlike the beer, 
It didn't bring good times,


It didn't bring cheer. 


Contagious and deadly 
This virus spread fast,


Like a wildfire that starts 
When fueled by gas.



Airplanes were grounded. 
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed


Across air, sea and land.   


As the world entered lockdown 
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted
And folks lost their nerve.
From March to July


We rode the first wave. 
People stayed home,
They tried to behave,


When summer emerged 
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.
Now it's November
And cases are spiking,

Wave two has arrived  
Much to our disliking.
Frontline workers,



Doctors and nurses 
Try to save people


From riding in hearses. 


This virus is awful, 
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure,


Not yet a vaccine. 
It's true that this year
Has sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget


The year 2020. 
And just 'round the corner


The holiday season.  
But why be merry?
Is there even a reason
To decorate the house


And put up the tree 
When no one will see it,
No one but me?
But outside my window


The winter now calls, 
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls.
So, I gather the ribbon

The garland and bows. 

As I play those old carols, 

My happiness grows. 
Christmas is not cancelled
And neither is hope.

If we lean on each other, 

I know we can cope. 

Sent to me by my cousin Claudia Kirkland

Auto Facts from 1972

- **Total industry output rises to 8.6 million cars for the model year.
- **Congress at last revokes the price "freeze" and auto excise tax.
- **Most automakers now offer a powered or manually operated sunroof; convertible sales are quickly declining.
- **Nearly all cars now run on low-lead (not yet unleaded) regular gasoline.
- **Some 200 Mercurys with airbags go to Allstate Insurance as part of a pilot project; Eaton Corp. tests bags with live passengers.
- **Chrysler and Pontiac offer solid-state (electronic) ignition systems.
- **Buzzers and warning lights remind occupants to fasten their seatbelts.
- **An electronic digital clock is standard on Imperials, optional on other Chryslers.
- **An era ends as the fabled Dodge/Plymouth Street Hemi fades away - its too costly to certify for new emissions standards.
- **A three-door Ford Pinto wagon debuts, including a woody-look Squire option; sales reach 197,290 units.
- **Ford's Mustang loses its big-block V-8s and Boss 351 model.
- **Four-wheel disc brakes are available on the Thunderbird, along with "Sure-Track," an early antilock braking system.
- **Pontiac's legendary GTO is reduced to just a LeMans option package.
- **A new armor-plated Lincoln Continental with a 34-inch wheelbase stretch is pressed into White House duty.
- **Prestolite introduces a maintenance-free (no need to add water) battery.
- **Fiberglass radial-ply tires are introduced to the public, are immediate hot sellers.
- **GM tests an onboard diagnostic system, an item that will become common later.

Auto Facts for 1973

- **The October 19 OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) oil embargo leads to fuel shortages, long lines, and large price hikes. It will be lifted on March 18, 1974.
- **The average new car sells for \$3930, while the average worker takes home \$9298 annually.
- **All 1973 models must have 5 mph front "crash" bumpers and 2 1/2 mph rear bumpers; those built after January 1 must incorporate protective side beams in the doors.
- **Exhaust-gas-recirculation (EGR) valves are installed in this year's engines to cut down on emissions of nitrogen oxide.
- **Subcompact and compact models enjoy record sales; big cars sink in 1973, a result of the oil crisis - but they'll be back.
- **Hatchback versions of GM's Nova, Ventura, Omega, and Apollo appear.
- **Federal law bans odometer "roll-back" requiring dealers to formally disclose mileage before selling a used car.
- **Extra-cost front vent windows appear, after fading away in the late Sixties.
- **More than 72% of this year's cars are equipped with air conditioning.
- **Swing-out bucket seats are made available in Chevelle/Monte Carlo coupes.
- **GM builds 1000 Chevrolet Impalas equipped with airbags.
- **This year marks the final appearance of Chevelle's 454 V-8; the SS option is gone.
- **The 1973 Cougar is the last ponycar-based Mercury, the 1074 model is much larger.

Auto Facts from 1974

- **President Nixon requests voluntary gas station closings to curtail Sunday driving, but as it turns out the OPEC oil embargo will be lifted in March.
- **Traffic fatalities decline, with much credit going to the national 55-mph speed limit.
- **Dodge introduces rebates on the Monaco; big cars are not selling during the oil embargo.
- **By law, all cars now must have energy-absorbing bumpers front and rear.
- **A federally mandated interlock prevents the engine from being started until the seatbelts are fastened; this system raises a nationwide outcry and is soon abandoned.
- **The new trim and thrifty Ford Mustang II is the first subcompact specialty car, a mechanical kin to economy-class Pinto.
- **The new overhead-cam 2.3 liter four found in the Mustang II is America's first mass-produced engine built to European-style metric measurements.
- **The Pontiac Firebird and other models adopt fiberglass-reinforced plastic noses.
- **The final AMC Ambassadors and Javelins are built; Matador is completely reworked into a new fastback coupe, but sales are disappointing, even for the four-door.
- **Four-wheel disc brakes are standard on Chrysler Imperials, which are completely restyled.

**Checker builds its last station wagon; Ed Cole retires from the GM presidency to join the famous cab builder.
**Camaro Z28 is temporarily dropped at the end of the year, replaced by the Rally Sport.
**The Cyclac-bodied, two-passenger CitiCar - built by a Florida firm - becomes one of the best-selling electric vehicles despite a range of only 50 miles per charge; 1801 are built in 1974 and 1975.

Taken from 100 Years, The American Auto

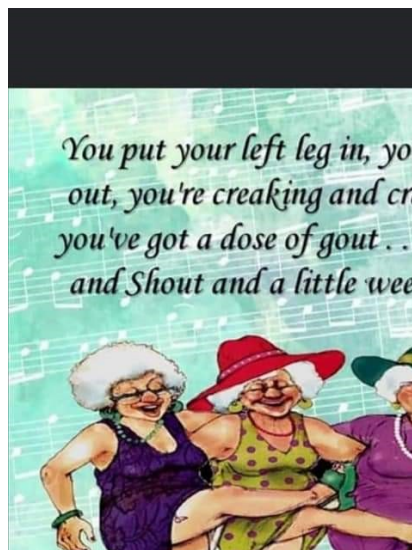
WOMEN'S CORNER

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband "I love you, Sweetheart."

Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with one another and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message. Here are some of the hilarious replies:

- * Who the hell is this?
- * Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
- * Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
- * What now? Did you wreck the car again?
- * I don't understand what you mean.
- * What the hell did you do now?
- * Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need.
- * Am I dreaming?
- * If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
- * I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
- * Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

Thanks To Jane Armstrong for this very amusing story.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in November



Birthdays

Barbara Baker	November 24	Thomas Beaver	November 22
Margie Grant	November 13	Jolene Kuhns	November 28
Stan Nesbitt	November 8	Rochelle Peck	November 29
DaJuan Recknagle	November 17	Randy Rutherford	November 18
Larry Stephenson	November 30	Elizabeth Wagner	November 15
Jim Wagner	October 20	Sharon Wells	October 28
Carole White	October 16	Frances Wyland	October 31



Anniversaries

Randy & Ann Holman	November 15
Ron & Wendy Kihlman	November 14
Glenis & Rose Tarr	November 6
Jim & Elizabeth Wagner	November 8
Jerry & Sharon Wells	November 12

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