



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club March 2022 Newsletter

## March 2022 Prez says ramblings

New members so far this year are: Dwight and Jamie Pardue from Richland, with a 1970 Chevrolet El Camino and a 1971 Chevrolet K10 Pickup. Victor and Nadine Meyers from Richland, with a 1972 Mercury Cougar sedan. Christopher Chanedlor from Richland, WA, with a 1951 Hudson Super 6, 1963 Mercury Monterey S-55 and a 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix SJ. Welcome to the club and we hope you enjoy getting to know us and become active members. We had a very successful YOCC Willie Gould Chocolate Extravaganza at the Kiona Winery, with 28 attendees. Everyone brought their favorite chocolate treat and there was plenty to choose from. Special thanks to our host Sarah Schwartz and John and Ann Williams for providing their fabulous Kiona Winery. The weather didn't co-operate for driving our classic vehicles, but we made it just the same. Everyone got to meet our new life member "Dixie Gilbert" and longtime member Tim Hubler.

The 20th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In, at Heppner, OR, will be on March 12 th and a cruise gathering location will be determined soon. The club will hand out swap meet flyers at the show.

The Hannah household will be celebrating our favorite holiday "St. Patrick's Day" with corned beef and cabbage soup and a Guinness. We found that we like the soup more than classic corned beef with cabbage and potatoes

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## Pacific Daylight Time Begins March 13

While turning your clock forward, also change the batteries in your smoke alarm.

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**YOCC Swap Meet Committee** is looking for 3 - 4 guys to do that would be willing to provide overnight security work on Friday evening of the Swap Meet - May 6 - from about 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. If enough fellows volunteer, each of the shifts can be short. Please contact John Hopkins - 509-987-4504 or email [jhn\\_hopkins@hotmail.com](mailto:jhn_hopkins@hotmail.com)

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## Bits and Pieces

What happened after David had his ID stolen? We had to call him Dav.

I heard the word "icy" is easy to spell. Now that I look at it, I see why.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.  
I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.

If we wanted to boldly send billionaires where no billionaire has been before, we could just have sent them to the tax office.  
My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

After a year of this pandemic, I'm either going out for ice cream or to commit a felony. I'll decide in the car.

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**The Remarkable Body**

The middle fingernail grows the fastest, the thumbnail the slowest.

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**Where in the world.**

Damascus is the oldest city in the world with evidence of civilization that extends back over 11,000 years.

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**Fun Food Facts**

Most raw oysters are still alive when you eat them. In fact, oysters are stored under very regulated conditions because once they die, they are no longer considered safe to eat.

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**Ladies Lunch** had 10 ladies attending. April 10 Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Frances McGillis, Place to TBD

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**Some interesting stuff about March:**

- \*\* St. Patrick's Day is March 17
- \*\* On March 10, 1876 Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant and he said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."
- \*\* President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corp on March 1, 1961
- \*\* March 1 is Mardi Gras
- \*\* March is National umbrella month
- \*\* The Eiffel Tower opened on March 31, 1889



**1954 Kaiser Manhattan**

The Kaiser-Frazer Corporation was established in August 1945 as a joint venture between the Henry J. Kaiser Company and Graham-Paige Motors Corporation. Both Henry J. Kaiser, a California-based industrialist and Joseph W. Frazer, CEO of Graham-Paige, wanted to get into the automobile business and pooled their resources and talents to do so. Less than a year after Kaiser-Frazer's formation, the first Kaiser and Frazer branded automobiles were being produced at the Willow Run, Michigan, headquarters for both Kaiser-Frazer and Graham-Paige. By the end of 1946, over 11,000 cars (total Kaiser and Frazer) went out to dealers and

distributors; many of them sold to retail owners. During the summer of 1948, the 300,000th car came off the production line.

In 1950, Kaiser-Frazer began production of a new compact car, the Henry J and ended production of the Frazer automobile; both makes were 1951 model year automobiles. In 1952 and 1953, Kaiser-Frazer provided Sears, Roebuck and Company with Allstate-branded automobiles that retailer sold through selected Sears Auto Centers. The cars, based on the Henry J models that Kaiser-Frazer dealers were selling, were in the Sears catalog, but the car could not be purchased by mail order.

At the 1953 New York Auto Show, Kaiser-Frazer announced it would produce a fiberglass bodied sports car, called the Kaiser-Darrin-Frazer 161 (the car had a 161 cubic inch six-cylinder engine). This vehicle went into production during January 1954 and was sold as the Kaiser Darrin. Production of the Allstate ended during 1953, the last Henry J automobiles were built in late 1953 as 1954 model year cars. The sports car was in production only during the 1954 model year and the last Kaisers were produced in America during the 1955 model year. Close to 760,000 cars were produced, all makes and models, between May 1946 and September 1955.

While sales were initially strong because of a car-starved public, the company did not have the resources to survive long-term competition with the "Big Three" automakers: GM, Ford, and Chrysler. The original Kaiser-Frazer design was distinctive and fresh but the company was unable to maintain the price point it needed for long-term success. However, the company's problems started as early as 1948. That year, Joseph Frazer resigned as president of Kaiser-Frazer, but stayed in the position as a "lame duck" until April 1949 when Henry J. Kaiser's oldest son, Edgar, took Frazer's place as K-F's president. This was in part because Frazer's had warned Kaiser not to tool up for 200,000 cars for the 1949 model year, realizing that they could not compete against the new cars from the big three coming out that year. Unfortunately, Kaiser did not heed the warning, saying "The Kaisers never retrench." Only 58,000 cars were sold that year.

Kaiser-Frazer was able to work out deals with General Motors not only to purchase GM Hydramatic automatic transmissions, but also had a signed deal for detuned Rocket 88 engines from Oldsmobile with deliveries starting in the 1952 model year. The deal was contingent on Olds being able to expand its Lansing, MI engine production facility; that expansion was cancelled due to factory expansion restrictions put in place by the government due to military needs during the Korean War. K-F had their own V8 engine development program that ran through 1949 but, as the lead engineers on the team stated to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) they found their work was leading down a "blind alley" and would not work as a production engine. Frazer cars ended up suffering as a luxury and upper medium priced models due to changing market conditions, just as Hudson and Studebaker experienced during the 1950s. The Henry J, while a well-meaning idea, but was hamstrung by various government requirements stemming from a re-capitalization loan the government made to the company in the fall of 1949. Kaiser-Frazer labor agreements resulted in the company paying the highest wages of any American automaker while having a productivity rate of only 60–65% in return. Kaiser tried to get around its deficiencies with schemes like elaborate designer interiors with fancy dashboards and upholstery. A line of "Traveler" sedans with the trunk connected to the interior of the car were an improvised attempt at marketing a model to compete with standard station wagon designs.

At the end of 1955, the management team of the Henry J. Kaiser Company used Kaiser Motors Corporation to create a new holding company encompassing the various Kaiser industrial activities. Kaiser Motors' name was changed to Kaiser Industries Corporation, and functioned as a holding company for various Kaiser business holdings including Willys Motors Incorporated.

U.S. production of Kaiser and Willys passenger cars ceased during the 1955 model year.

From Wikipedia

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## All Cars Compatible With Android Auto as of Feb. 2022

Android Auto is an excellent way to enhance your driving experience. You can get turn-by-turn directions, stream music, use Google Assistant, send text messages, and more. We've listed all the vehicles that are currently compatible with Android Auto.

In a nutshell, most cars manufactured within the last few years support both Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Typically, you connect your compatible phone to the car's in-dash infotainment system. It then mirrors your phone's GPS navigation, entertainment apps, and more. The head unit just serves as a touch-capable display.

If you own a device with Android 9 Pie or later, you have to download and install the Android Auto app from Google Play. Android Auto is built into Android 10 and newer.

Most cars that support Android Auto require a physical USB tether to the in-dash infotainment center. More recent vehicles might support Android Auto wirelessly, in which case, you only need the USB tether for the initial setup. After that, your phone communicates to the in-dash head via Wi-Fi.

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[www.howtogeek.com/526197/all-cars-compatible-with-android-auto-as-of-january-2020/](http://www.howtogeek.com/526197/all-cars-compatible-with-android-auto-as-of-january-2020/)

## Are you one of these?

\*\*If you were born between 1930 & 1946, only those 16 years.

\*\*In 2022, the age range is between 76 & 92.

\*\*Are you "still here?" Or do you know someone who is?

## These are some interesting facts for you to know

\*\*You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's.

\*\*You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

\*\*You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

\*\*You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you just had to "imagine" what you heard on the radio.

\*\*With no TV until the 1950's, you spent your childhood "playing outside." There was no Little League.

\*\*There was no city playground for kids.

\*\*The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was really like.

\*\*On Saturday mornings and afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

\*\*Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines), and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

\*\*Computers were not yet a thing...But there were things called calculators.

\*\*Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.

\*\*'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words which did not exist.

\*\*Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.

\*\*As you grew up, the country was exploding with growth.

\*\*Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans opened many factories for work.

\*\*New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

\*\*The Veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

\*\*The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

\*\*Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

\*\*You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

\*\*They were glad you played with friends by yourselves until the street lights came on.

\*\*You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves and felt secure in your future although some of the depression and poverty was still deeply remembered.

\*\*Polio was still acripler.

\*\*You came of age in the 50's and 60's.

\*\*You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.

\*\*The Second World War was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.

\*\*Only your generation can remember both a time of great war, and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.

\*\*You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.

\*\*You are "The Last Ones."

More than 99% of you are either retired, or deceased, but you were privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

Thanks to Jane Armstrong for this contribution.

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## LINCOLN VS KENNEDY

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.  
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was President in 1860.  
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.  
Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.  
Both Presidents were shot in the head .

Now it gets really weird.  
Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.  
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Both were assassinated by Southerners.  
Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.  
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.  
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.  
Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat.  
Lincoln was shot at the theater named "Ford."  
Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln" made by "Ford."

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.  
Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker . . . A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland.  
A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

Creepy huh? This is one history lesson people don't mind reading!

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## WOMEN'S CORNER

### ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? (Senior Citizen Version)

Are you lonesome tonight?  
Does your tummy feel tight?  
Did you bring your Mylanta and Tums?  
Does your memory stray,  
To that bright sunny day,  
When you had all your teeth and your gums?

Is your hairline receding?  
Your eyes growing dim?  
Hysterectomy for her,  
And its prostate for him.  
Does your back give you pain?  
Do your knees predict rain?  
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

Is your blood pressure up?  
Good cholesterol down?  
Are you eating your low fat cuisine?  
All that oat bran and fruit,  
Metamucil to boot.  
Helps you run like a well oiled machine.

If it's football or baseball,  
He sure knows the score.  
Yes, he knows where it's at  
But forgets what it's for.  
So your gallbladder's gone,  
But your gout lingers on,  
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

When you're hungry, he's not,  
When you're cold, he is hot,  
Then you start that old thermostat war.  
When you turn out the light,  
He goes left and you go right,  
Then you get his great symphonic snore.

He was once so romantic,  
So witty and smart;  
How did he turn out to be such  
A cranky old fart?  
So don't take any bets,  
It's as good as it gets,  
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis has left the building!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in March



### Birthdays

Dick Ellis	March 12	Bob Gough	March 1
Karl Kiichle	March 5	Kathleen Madsen	March 7
Dennis McGillis	March 26	Nadine Meyers	March 6
Victor Meyers	March 28	James Nacke	March 6
Judy Rascon	March 23	Mary Rickard	March 17
Jack Stone	March 6	Barbara Thomas	March 16
Jerry Wells	March 14		



### Anniversaries

Boyd & Bev Boothe	March 24
Jim & N Sue Jewett	March 1
Kurt & DaJuan Recknagle	March 7
Janice & Denny Wellington	March 4

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