



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club April 2022 Newsletter

## April 2022 Prez says ramblings

The activities are picking up with warmer weather and more day light. The club members have five car shows to attend, a shop crawl and every Friday night at Wendy's this month. With a ton of car shows and assisted livings next month.

The sign up for the May Swap Meet is ongoing. Flyers were handed out at the St. Paddy's Cruz-In, at Heppner, OR and at Wendy's on Friday nights. We will hand out more flyers at the Stanfield, Sunnyside, and College Place car shows this month. We still need members to step forward to help set-up and to provide food for the dinner. Please contact Deb Hannah at 509-948-0533 if you would like to help. Don't forget to bring your folding chair for supper.

The Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig and Richland Players Club Performance and dinner, sign up has completed and arrangements are being made for both events.

This month's evening meeting and pizza party at Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Rd, Richland from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, will be on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The slide show presentation will be the Chocolate Extravaganza from 2014 to 2022.

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## Bits and Pieces

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

Nothing tops a plain pizza.

What did the horse say when he fell down? Help, I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat in a public restroom is worse.

It amazes me how exercise and extra fries sound alike.

It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

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## The Remarkable Body

A promising new drug for treating stroke victims is derived from vampire bat saliva.

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## Where in the world.

The oldest family-owned business is the Japanese construction company Kongo Gumi, which was founded in 578 CE to build Buddhist temples and has been doing so ever since.

## Fun Food Facts

It can take at least three years for a vanilla plant to produce its first vanilla bean. Real vanilla is incredibly labor-intensive to produce. When the flowers finally do bloom, they stay open for only one day and have to be pollinated within 12 hours.

**Ladies Lunch** had 13 ladies attending. May Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Ingrid Smith. Destination TBD.

Oregon-based drive-through chain Dutch Bros, which serves coffee and energy drinks, saw 50% more traffic last year compared to before the pandemic, according to Placer.ai.

## Some interesting stuff about April:

April Fool's Day is April 1

April 6 is Tartan Day.

The Boston marathon is held during April.

Arbor Day is the last Friday in April.

April is National Poetry month.

April is Alcohol Awareness month.

The professional baseball season begins in April in the United States.

April is the best month to watch for meteor showers.

The Titanic hit an iceberg on April 15, 1912 and sunk on its first and only voyage.

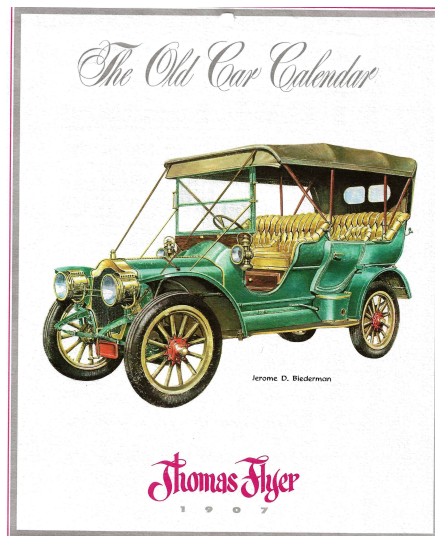
Ford unveiled their first Mustang on April 17, 1964

## 1907 Thomas Flyer

E.R. Thomas was known for his light-weight, strong, fast bicycles. In 1896, he turned to experimenting with mechanical propulsion, and, up until 1900 he manufactured air-cooled gas engines used on tricycles and bicycles. During this period, the famous "Auto-Bi", a strengthened bicycle with a high-speed air-cooled motor was built. 1899 saw the first spindly, 4-wheeled carriage of 1-cylinder, with a 3-HP motor, which sold for \$800. There was rapid progress in the direction of super-fine, super-big, super-powerful vehicles. In 1903, a factory was built in Buffalo, NY just for automotive production, and by 1905 there were introduced, amidst grandiose advertisements - 3 different cars: 6-cyl 60HP, 4-cyl 50HP, 4-cyl 40HP.

Thomas branched into Detroit and bought out another entirely new automobile in 1907. This bad decision was at once followed by financial difficulties which in turn were counteracted by the winning of 2 famous races. The first was by a 60HP 4-cyl Flyer at Brighton Beach Speedway, Brooklyn, NY. In August 1907, clocking 41.55 MPH, four equaled the speed of the crack P.R.R. Ltd from NY to Chicago. In 1908, a 1907 model with the double chain drive to the rear wheels was victorious over 5 other contestants in the sternest test met by an American car up to that time. The winning of the NY to Paris, round-the-world-run, set a new seal on the prestige of the infant American auto industry.

New hope for the Thomas organization existed for a time and a huge assortment of models were produced in 1909 and 1910. By 1911, conditions were poor and a bankruptcy sale was announced in 1913, along with the claim that of the 7,000 Thomas cars built, 5,000 were still in operation. Until 1917, someone always tried to pump new life into the Thomas name for the Flyer had a flare and was constantly compared with French cars. There was indeed a distinct European look about it, and it had been one of the best known and most highly prized vehicle.



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- \* 1. Name the Beatles. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 2. Finish the line: "Lions and Tigers and Bears, \_\_\_\_\_!"
- \* 3. "Hey kids, what time is it?" \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 4. What do M&M's do? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 5. What helps build strong bodies 12 ways? \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 6. Long before he was Mohammed Ali, we knew him as \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 7. You'll wonder where the yellow went, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 8. Post-baby boomers know Bob Denver as the Skipper's "little buddy." But we know that Bob Denver is actually Dobie's closest friend, \_\_\_\_\_ G. \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 9. M-I-C: See ya' real soon; K-E-Y: \_\_\_\_\_!
- \* 10. "Brylcreem: \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 11. Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 12. And while we're remembering rock n' roll, try this one: "War...uh-huh, huh... yea; what is it good for? \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 13. Meanwhile, back home in Metropolis, Superman fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 14. He came out of the University of Alabama, and became one of the best quarterbacks in the history of the NFL. He later went on to appear in a television commercial wearing women's stockings. He is Broadway \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 15. "I'm ! Popeye the sailor man; I'm Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm Popeye the sailor man."
- \* 16. Your children probably recall that Peter Pan was recently played by Robin Williams, but we will always remember when Peter was played by \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* 17. In a movie from the late sixties, Paul Newman played Luke, a ne'er do well who was sent to a prison camp for cutting off the heads of parking meters with a pipe cutter. When he was captured after an unsuccessful attempt to escape, the camp commander (played by Strother Martin) used this experience as a lesson for the other prisoners, and explained, "What we have here, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 18. In 1962, a dejected politician chastised the press after losing a race for governor while announcing his retirement from politics. "Just think, you won't have \_\_\_\_\_ to kick around anymore."
- \* 19. "Every morning, at the mine, you could see him arrive; He stood six foot, six; weighed 245. Kinda' broad at the shoulder, and narrow at the hip. And everybody knew you didn't give no lip, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 20. "I found my thrill, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 21. \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 22. "Good night, David." " \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 23. "Liar, liar, \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* 24. "When it's least expected, you're elected. You're the star today. \_\_\_\_\_!"
- \* 25. It was Pogo, the comic strip character, who said, "We have met the enemy, and \_\_\_\_\_."

Answers can be found later in this newsletter.

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## **CARJACK!**

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car, you scumbags!" The four men didn't wait for a second invitation, but got out and ran like mad, whereupon the lady, somewhat shaken, proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale white males were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than 5' tall, glasses, and curly white hair carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed.

Ah, senior moments!

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## **Bit of a history lesson...**

Next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature (not the detergent that you are using) isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about England in the 1500s...

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children - last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it - hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs -- thick straw -- piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof-hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway -- hence, a "thresh hold."

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while-hence the rhyme, "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Most people did not have pewter plates, but had trenchers, a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Often trenchers were made from stale bread, which was so old and hard that they could be used for quite some time. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms and mold got into the wood and old bread. After eating off wormy, moldy trenchers, one would get "trench mouth."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up-hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

And that's the truth...(and whoever said that History was boring?) Believe it or ??????????????

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## MERCEDES AND SHELBY COLLECTIONS

When in Orange County or Las Vegas be sure to see these terrific collections. All three are open for walk-in tours almost any time.

Browse these websites for the Shelby facilities in Irvine and Las Vegas plus the Mercedes restoration facility in Irvine.

[www.shelby.com/en-us/Shelby-Las-Vegas/Shelby-Heritage-Center-Home](http://www.shelby.com/en-us/Shelby-Las-Vegas/Shelby-Heritage-Center-Home)  
<http://segerstromshelbyeventcenter.com/>  
[www.mbusa.com/classic](http://www.mbusa.com/classic)

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Answers to the quiz:

- \* 1. John, Paul, George, Ringo.
- \* 2. Oh, my
- \* 3. It's Howdy Doody Time!
- \* 4. They melt in your mouth, not in your hand.
- \* 5. Wonder Bread
- \* 6. Cassius Clay
- \* 7. when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent.
- \* 8. Maynard G. Krebs
- \* 9. Why? Because we like you.
- \* 10. A little dab'll do ya.
- \* 11. over 30
- \* 12. Absolutely nothin'
- \* 13. the American way.
- \* 14. Joe Namath
- \* 15. "cause I eats me spinach"
- \* 16. Mary Martin
- \* 17. is a failure to communicate
- \* 18. Richard Nixon
- \* 19. Big John, Big Bad John
- \* 20. On Blueberry Hill
- \* 21. Jimmy Durante - Wherever you are.
- \* 22. Good night, Chet.
- \* 23. pants on fire
- \* 24. Smile you're on Candid Camera
- \* 25. he is us

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# WOMEN'S CORNER

## RETIRE WHERE?

When we hit retirement age we come face to face with the fact that it may be time to relocate. The big question is: **where?** Thanks to Dennis McGillis, here are some tips.

### **You can live in Phoenix, Arizona where...**

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found some shade.
2. You can learn to open and drive your car without touching the car door or the steering wheel.
3. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
4. You would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.
5. You can attend any function wearing shorts and a tank top.
6. "Dress Code" is meaningless at high schools and universities. Picture lingerie ads.
7. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
8. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
9. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!
10. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.

### **You can Live in California where...**

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
3. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
4. You know how to eat an artichoke.
5. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
6. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it takes to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

### **You can Live in New York City where...**

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
4. You think Central Park is "nature."
5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
6. You've worn out a car horn.
7. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

### **You can Live in Maine where...**

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter and construction.

### **You can Live in the Deep South where...**

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all Y'all" is plural.
3. After five years you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are Ya?"
4. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.
5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc.

### **You can live in Colorado where...**

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a ponytail.

### **You can live in the Midwest where...**

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.

4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say "It was different!"

**OR You can live in Florida where...**

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people, who can't see nor hear, but they still can get a driver's license.

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waited 50 year



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**Birthdays and Anniversaries in April**



**Birthdays**

Larry Blackburn	April 17	Debby Buckles	April 15
Doug Cordas	April 28	Donna Ellis	April 22
Dave Hannah	April 12	Kaye Henson	April 28
Judy Herrick	April 13	Jim Jewett	April 13
Al Joe III	April 3	Vicki Kleve	April 23
Barry Long	April 10	Dolores McClary	April 23
Paula Newell	April 30	Phillip Prather	April 2
Nancy Rutherford	April 14	Diana Stephenson	April 4
Dan VonHolten	April 23	Denny Wellington	April 29
Janice Wellington	April 2	BJ Wyland	April 6



## Anniversaries

Dick & Donna Elis	April 15	Bob & Anita Gough	April 4
Sid & Margie Grant	April 4	Cory & Rachael Hannah	April 24
Thomas & Mary Hoertkorn	April 21	Curtis & Susanne Kooiker	April 1
Brian & Paula Newell	April 4	Eric & Jennie Otterman	April 11
Don & Robin Woodford	April 6		

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