



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club January 2023 Newsletter

January 2023 Prez says ramblings

It is truly an honor to be your president once again. I am also very thankful that all the club officers committed to return, as well as most of the service members. I wish to thank Dolores McClary for her many years of service at the Sun Shine position and welcome Bonnie Suminski as her replacement.

I would like to welcome new members Joseph (Dale) and Judy Patterson to the club. They have a 1928 Dodge Brothers Senior Coupe. We hope they enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

Some of the activities planned for this year are: car shows, assisted living visits, tours, 60th anniversary, swap meet, picnic and Christmas dinner.

We are accepting payment for renewal of club dues for 2023. Members will be dropped off our roster as delinquent on March 1st . You can pay Don Buckles at the meetings or mail your \$15 checks to:
YE OLDE CAR CLUB, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352.

Remember to contact Bonnie Suminski (our sunshine person) to provide congratulations, get well, and sympathy cards to club members. Her telephone number is 509-579-0030.

Dave Hannah

Bits and Pieces

Whoever said, "out of sight, out of mind" never had a spider disappear in their bedroom.

What's the Jolly Green Giant's favorite hymn? Peas in the Valley.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself that's the last thing I need.

Just before I die, I am going to swallow a bag of popcorn kernels. My cremation is going to be EPIC!

Some days I amaze myself. Other days, I put my keys in the fridge.

Life is like a camera...Focus on what's important. Capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, take another shot.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

The Remarkable Body

The tongue is covered in about 8,000 taste-buds, each containing up to 100 cells helping you taste your food!

Where in the world.

A man in Pombal, Portugal stumbled upon what might be the largest dinosaur ever found in Europe while working on a home improvement project. Paleontologists say the fossil is a sauropod, a dinosaur with a long neck and tail that walked on four legs and lived about 150 million years ago. Excavated portions of the spine and ribs indicate that the dinosaur may have been 40 feet tall and 80 feet long. Future excavations of the site are planned.

Fun Food Facts

Broccoli contains more protein than steak and it doesn't come with all those saturated and trans fats or cholesterol.

Ladies Lunch in January had 14 ladies attending. Thanks to Ginger Vetrano and Myrtle Nesbitt. February Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Dixie Gilbert. Place to TBD. Call Dixie 509-713-0584

The American Tailgating Tradition Has a Surprising Wartime History

By Tim Newcomb

Americans have made tailgating their own—just visit the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party (that's the Florida vs. Georgia college football game) or Mississippi's premier tailgating destination The Grove. Tailgating takes various forms across the country ahead of high school football games on Friday nights, across college campuses on Saturdays, or in stadium parking lots on NFL Sundays.

That football tradition has held steady since the late 1800s. But tailgating didn't begin with football. It began with war. If you go all the way back to the Civil War when people knew where skirmishes would be, they'd pack up food and sit on the sidelines and watch. "If you look at the history of tailgating, it didn't necessarily start with sports," Tonya Williams Bradford, a University of California Irvine associate marketing professor who has researched tailgating as a brand of community, tells Popular Mechanics. "If you go all the way back to the Civil War when people knew where skirmishes would be, they'd pack up food and sit on the sidelines and watch."

Bradford says the history of bringing food to watch events likely dates back even further to Gladiator combat during the reign of the Roman Empire. The Civil War, though, took it to the fields of America and gave root to some of the traditions that appeared just a few years later as college football began.

The First Battle of Bull Run in summer 1861, a fight in the early days of the Civil War, could mark the start of the tradition. An account from then-Union captain John Tidball states that nearby residents traveled on a Sunday to the Virginia countryside to watch the battle among "throng of sightseers" and peddlers "in carts loaded with pies and other edibles."

The multi-hour journey from Washington, D.C. to the sidelines of the battlefield necessitated food. Sometimes known as the picnic battle, Bull Run was just the first in a long line of traditions started during the Civil War. "It wasn't that organized," Bradford says. "We know these skirmishes are happening and we are going to go watch."

Just eight years later, in 1869, Rutgers and Princeton played the first college football game on College Avenue in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and newspaper reports of the day show there were people watching the game with food in hand. "From the first collegiate football contest there has been tailgating ever since," Bradford says. "It has morphed into something that is much more akin to a fan community experience than what it used to be: sustenance to get you through."

The early days of the tailgate concept was simply that: a way to ensure you had enough food on hand for both the journey to and from the game and the contest itself, since concession stands and restaurants around the stadium site weren't yet common. Even now, modern-day tailgating has that same essence of fans wanting to be part of the event's ritual for hours on end, tailgating both before and after the contest.

Bumper sticker on a senior's car:

I am speeding because I have to get
There before I forget where I am going.



Willys Jeepster



The Jeepster is an automobile originally produced by Willys-Overland Motors from 1948 to 1950. It was developed in hopes of filling a gap in the company's product line, crossing over from their "utilitarian" proto SUVs and trucks to the passenger automobile market. The basic model included numerous deluxe features and interior fittings in addition to a high level of standard equipment that cost extra on other automobiles. A total of almost 20,000 were manufactured.

After World War II, Jeep trademark owner, Willys (originally pronounced "WILL-is"), began producing and marketing the "CJ" (for Civilian Jeep) to farmers, foresters, and others with similar utilitarian needs. It also began producing the Jeep Wagon/Panel Utility/Pick-up in 1946, and the Jeep Truck in 1947.

Seeing a gap in their product lineup, Willys developed the Jeepster to crossover from their "utilitarian" trucks to the passenger automobile market. Willys-Overland lacked the machinery to form deep-drawn fenders or complicated shapes, so the vehicle had to use a simple and slab-sided design. Industrial designer Brooks Stevens styled a line of postwar vehicles for Willys using a common platform that included the Jeep pickup and station wagon, as well as a sporty two-door open car that he envisioned as a sports car for veterans of World War II.

The Willys-Overland Jeepster ("VJ" internally) was introduced in April 1948, and produced through 1950. Some leftover models were sold under the 1951 model year.

The basic 1948 Jeepster included numerous deluxe features and interior fittings in addition to a high level of standard equipment that cost extra on other automobiles. These included, among many others, whitewall tires, hubcaps with bright trim rings, sun visors, deluxe steering wheel, wind wings, locking glovebox, cigar lighter, and continental tire with fabric cover. The Jeepster had Willys' World War II-proven 134.2 cu in (2.2 L) straight-4 "Go Devil" engine, and plastic side curtains, but its \$1,765 price was about the same as a Ford Super DeLuxe Club convertible with roll-down windows, fancier styling, and a V8 engine.

The car was only offered with rear-wheel drive, thus limiting its appeal with other Jeep customers. Its distinctive boxy styling and performance were praised by automotive journalists. However, the Jeepster did not catch on with the intended market segment. Sales were also limited by sparse advertising and an insufficient dealer network.

The Jeepster's engine gave 63 hp (47 kW; 64 PS), which was coupled to a 3-speed manual transmission with standard overdrive. The Planadyne single transverse leaf spring independent front suspension

, entire drivetrain, front end, rear suspension, steering, and four-wheel drum brakes were from the Willys Station Wagon. The flat-topped rear fenders were taken from the Jeep truck line.

The 1949 Jeepster began production with a one-model/one-engine offering. The price was lowered to \$1,495, with some previously standard features returning as extra-cost options. Toward the middle of the year, an additional model was introduced, the VJ3-6, powered by Willys' new L148 Lightning six-cylinder engine.

From Wikipedia

Did You Know...

Dandelions are prolific seed bearers - a single dandelion head can produce anywhere between 54-172 seeds, a single plant can produce more than 2,000 seeds and an acre of grassland dense with dandelions can produce over 240,000,000 seeds per year.

1. 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? A _____ .
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
3. "Get your kicks, _____!"
4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
5. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
6. 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 '_____.'
7. Nestle's makes the very best _____.'
8. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
9. 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? _____ or _____.
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 60's that was "a grave yard smash". It's name was the _____!

20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name

Answers later in this newsletter

WOMEN'S CORNER

Calorie-burning Activities

Here's the guide to calorie-burning activities and the number of calories per hour they consume:

Beating around the bush - 75
Jumping to conclusions - 100
Climbing the walls - 150
Swallowing your pride - 50
Passing the buck - 25
Throwing your weight around (depending) - 50-300
Dragging your heels - 100
Pushing your luck - 250
Making mountains out of molehills - 500
Hitting the nail on the head - 50
Wading through paperwork - 300
Bending over backwards - 75
Jumping on the bandwagon - 200
Balancing the books - 25
Running around in circles - 350
Eating crow - 225
Tooting your own horn - 25
Climbing the ladder of success - 750
Pulling out the stops - 75
Adding fuel to the fire - 160
Wrapping it up at day's end - 12

To which you may want to add your own favorite activities, including:

Opening a can of worms - 50
Putting your foot in your mouth - 300
Starting the ball rolling - 90
Going over the edge - 25
Picking up the pieces after - 350
Counting chickens before they hatch - 6
Calling it quits - 2



ANSWERS:

1. The Lone Ranger left behind... A silver bullet
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. 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. Hula-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Mean Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



Birthdays

Bev Boyd	January 13	Dodd Coutts	January 10
Jim Davis	January 31	Darrell Farrell	January 4
Melody Foy	January 31	Mary Fraser	January 22
Don Harless	January 2	Sandy Hecht	January 8
Tonia Juarez	January 4	Curtis Kooiker	January 5
Marlene Kuch	January 7	Aaron Madden	January 14
Allie Melvin	January 7	Lindy Patterson	January 28
Sal Saenz	January 11	Stephen Scott	January 18
Sarah Scott	January 26	Bonnie Suminski	January 16
Jack Varnado	January 6	Martha Varnado	January 2
Gene Wattenburger	January 27	Bill White	January 4



Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Donaldson
Bob & Dolores McClary

January 6
January 23

Steve & Melody Foy
Larry & Diana Stephenson

January 1
January 15

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