



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club May 2023 Newsletter

May 2023 Prez says ramblings

The club would like to welcome new members that signed up at the Swap Meet. They are: Steven & Linda Bell with a 1928 Chevrolet Roadster and 1970 Chevrolet Nova; Patrick Cheryl Brown with a 1940 Ford Truck and 1957 Chevrolet 1-Ton Flat Bed; Curtis Judy Giles with a 1948 Willys Jeep and 1967 Ford Thunderbird; Ron Jones with a 1968 Ford Mustang, 1968 Ford F100 Pickup, 1971 Ford Mach One and 1972 Ford F100 Pickup; Eric Morin with a 1959 Chevrolet El Camino; Michael Judy Ostler with a 1949 Plymouth Deluxe; John Vicki Patterson with a 1929 Ford Tudor Sedan, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle and 1971 Chevrolet C10 Pickup; and Brian & Danyell Wagers with a 1974 Triumph TR6. We hope you enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

Another great swap meet, and a big thank you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers that made this year's swap meet such a great success. Job well done!!! We had 35 members at the swap meet dinner or helping in various sections during the event. Once again our members out did themselves with a wonderful chicken dinner, with lots of leftovers. If you have an idea on how we could celebrate the club's sixty anniversary, please submit your idea by email to "yocclub@gmail.com".

As always, 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

The 2023 Swap Meet Pot Luck is in the books and to everyone who shopped, cooked, set up and ate - a big **THANK YOU!!!** Everything was plentiful and delicious from the club provided chicken to Chloe's brownies!

Bits and Pieces

Lego store opens after lockdown! Folks lined up for blocks!

What is the best thing about living in Switzerland? Well, the flag is a big plus.

To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero. Thanks for nothing!

Self checkout should include an employee discount.

Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

The Remarkable Body

Your ears never stop growing! Earwax is actually a type of sweat!

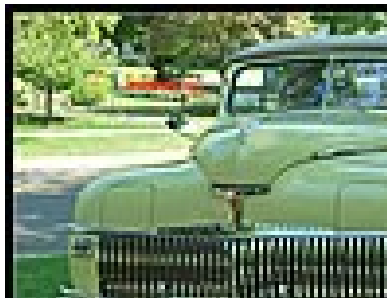
Where in the world.

One-third of the land on Earth is desert.

Fun Food Facts

Scientifically speaking, cornstarch is a carbohydrate pulled from the endosperm of corn. It's comprised of starch molecules, which swell when in contact with heat and moisture, causing the results to gelatinize. That gelatinization comes in handy for various recipes that need to be thickened.

Ladies Lunch in May 13 had ladies attending. Thanks DaJuan. June Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Roseanne Davis. Place TBD.



1942 DeSoto Coupe

DeSoto (sometimes De Soto) was an American automobile marque that was manufactured and marketed by the DeSoto division of Chrysler Corporation from 1928 to the 1961 model year. More than two million passenger cars and trucks bore the DeSoto brand in North American markets during its existence.

In Auburn, Indiana, the de Soto Motor Car Company was created by L.M. Field, Hayes Fry and Glenn Fry of Iowa City, Iowa, and V.H. Van Sickle and H.J. Clark of Des Moines, Iowa in November 1912, and was a subsidiary of the Zimmerman Manufacturing Company of Auburn who had previously started in 1908 until 1915. The Zimmerman Manufacturing Company was founded in 1886 as a manufacturer of horse buggies in Auburn, Indiana. It entered automobile production in 1908 with a line of high wheel automobiles and 1912-1916 with light high wheel trucks, but switched to conventional cars and trucks around the time it was bought by the Auburn Automobile Company. Advertisements listed the 1910 Zimmerman Z-35 at \$650 to \$1,500.

The de Soto Company was started with \$20,000 and produced two models. The de Soto Six was a rebadged version of the Zimmerman and was listed at \$2,185 which was more expensive than the Zimmerman on which it was based. It offered electric lights and a compressed air engine starter, which was optional and a credit of \$100 if the customer objected. In 1914, the de Soto Six was joined with a two-cylinder cyclecar where it only accommodated two passengers that sat in tandem, or the driver in front and the passenger behind, and was listed at \$385. There were plans to move manufacturing to Fort Wayne in 1915 and rename the company as Motorette, but when there were deaths in the Zimmerman family, the company was bought by Auburn Automobile Company.

The DeSoto marque was founded by Walter Chrysler on August 4, 1928, to compete with Pontiac, Studebaker, Hudson and Willys in the mid-price class. Introduced for the 1929 model year, DeSoto served as a lower-priced version of Chrysler products, with Dodge positioned above DeSoto, while Plymouth was added as the entry-level product of the Chrysler hierarchy in 1928.

The marque was named after the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto, who led the first European expedition deep into the territory of the modern-day United States (Florida, Georgia and Alabama) and was the first documented European to have crossed the Mississippi River. The DeSoto logo featured a stylized image of the explorer.

In 1929 a total of 81,065 single-model DeSoto Sixes were produced, a first-year record in the U.S. until eclipsed by the 1960 Ford Falcon. However, shortly after the DeSoto was introduced, Chrysler completed its purchase of Dodge Brothers, giving the company two mid-priced makes. Initially, the two-make strategy was relatively successful, as Chrysler was hoping to benefit from the market reputation Dodge had when it was run by Horace Elgin Dodge and John Francis Dodge, the Dodge Brothers, with DeSoto priced below Dodge models. Despite the economic times, DeSoto sales were relatively healthy, equaling Dodge at around 25,000 units in 1932.

In 1933, Chrysler reversed the market positions of the two marques in hopes of boosting Dodge sales, ranking DeSoto above Dodge. As a result, the DeSoto received Chrysler's streamlined 1934 Airflow bodies, but on a shorter wheelbase; the design proved unpopular with consumers. Unlike Chrysler, which still had more traditional models on which to fall back, DeSoto was hobbled by the Airflow design until its 1935 Airstream arrived.

Aside from its Airflow models, DeSoto's 1942 model is probably its second-most memorable model from its early years, when the cars were fitted with powered pop-up headlights, a first for a North American mass-production vehicle. (The Cord 810 introduced dashboard hand-cranked hidden headlamps in the 1936 model year.) DeSoto marketed the feature as "Air-Foil" lights ("Out of Sight Except at Night").

From Wikipedia

Did You Know...

In 1881, three U.S. Presidents served: President Rutherford B. Hayes started the year, President James A. Garfield took over in March, and Vice President Chester Arthur became president in September following the death (from assassination) of President Garfield.

WA had second-highest vehicle theft rate in U.S. for 2022. What cars were stolen the most?

By Jared Gendron, Tri-Cities Herald
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Car thefts in Washington state have been happening at a faster pace than most other states nationwide. Now the Evergreen State is also inching closer to being the state with the most vehicle thefts in America. The News Tribune previously reported that in 2022 Washington saw the third-highest number of vehicle thefts in the U.S., at 46,939, according to a report on thefts from the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Every month, thousands of vehicles are snagged off the streets of Pierce and King counties, the Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force reports.

But now, a new analysis shows that Washington has the second-highest rate of thefts per 1,000 vehicles. Vehicle history check platform carVertical reviewed the data from the NICB and found that for every 1,000 registered vehicles in Washington state, 15 were stolen in 2022. This equates to around one in every 67 registered vehicles stolen. In addition to the NICB, carVertical collected data from government registries, insurance companies and other databases to uncover the total number of registered vehicles per state.

The Evergreen State is tied for second with Missouri, both of which are eclipsed by Colorado's 28 vehicles stolen per 1,000 automobiles. California, which had around 202,685 vehicles stolen, had a slightly lower theft rate of 14 per 1,000 vehicles.

On top of the theft rates, carVertical also found that the nation's top five most-stolen vehicles are:

- Chevy Pickup – 48,206 stolen
- Ford Pickups – 47,999 stolen
- Honda Civics – 31,673 stolen
- Honda Accord – 30,274 stolen
- Toyota Camry – 17,270 stolen

In April, Pierce County saw a slight increase in car thefts, at 771 compared to March's 748, per the Puget Sound ATTF's report. Law enforcement representatives previously told The News Tribune that trends on social media encouraging people to steal cars have directly impacted Washington's surge in stolen cars.

Vehicles that are the most susceptible to thefts include models from Hyundai and Kia. Over the past few months, the Puget Sound ATTF has partnered with local law enforcement agencies to give owners of at-risk

vehicles free anti-theft devices. Hyundai is also offering free software upgrades to some of its vehicles that install better anti-theft protective measures.

How Did May Day Start

May Day is primarily celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere. The ancient Celts called it Beltaine, which is still celebrated today. Over the centuries, it evolved and took on a more secular nature in Europe, including the addition of maypole dances that the holiday is now associated with.

While we are all familiar with the tradition of planting seeds in the spring and watching them grow throughout the summer, the tradition of the Maypole has also survived. Since the first days of farming, farmers and farm workers would gather in the fields on May 1st to celebrate the coming of spring. They did this by dancing around a tall pole weaving in and out among each other. The pole is decorated using a mixture of brightly colored ribbons such as red, yellow, purple, blue, green and white so that the dance creates an attractive pattern. This tradition was born in Northern Europe and slowly spread across England, where today, May Day is celebrated as a holiday. Many decorate the crown with leaves and freshly bloomed May flowers of all colors.

The ritual of the Maypole is a modern day re-enactment of this ancient tradition, but it is more commonly associated with the May Day festivals that are held all over the world, including in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. This dance is done in the hope of bringing fertility to the livestock, the land and the people living off of it.



Interesting Auto Facts

If you drove at an average rate of 60 MPH, you could make it to the moon in less than six months. 70 million cars are produced every year! The average US driver spends 42 hours per year stuck in traffic. That's almost two days!!!

On January 29, 1886, Carl Benz applied for a patent for his "vehicle powered by a gas engine." The patent – number 37435 – may be regarded as the birth certificate of the automobile. In July 1886 the newspapers reported on the first public outing of the three-wheeled Benz Patent Motor Car, model no. 1.

The fastest production car in the world is currently the Bugatti Chiron Supersport 300+ thanks to its 304mph top speed, although the Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut could topple the Bugatti from the position in the near future.

White is the safest vehicle color. Why? In all types of weather and lighting, the visibility of a white vehicle rates much higher, particularly at night. In fact, a study showed there is a 12 percent less chance of accident involvement in a white car than a black one.

At least one study found that you're 47 percent more likely to be in a crash if you drive a black vehicle. Other studies also find that black is the most dangerous color, but offer a more reserved projection.

Yellow is the least favorite color, preferred by only five percent of people. Another interesting survey finding: both men and women increasingly dislike orange as they age!

Above all other colors, orange took home the medal for the most-hated Color.

The first speeding ticket was given in 1904 for 12 mph. Harry Myers of Dayton, Ohio was issued the first speeding ticket documented in paper in 1904. He was flying at the lightning speed of 12 mph through town. Leonardo da Vinci designed the first car. The first working automobiles weren't completed until the late 1800s, but in 1478 Leonard da Vinci sketched drawings for a self-propelled vehicle. Talk about being hundreds of years ahead of your time!

We spend two weeks waiting at traffic lights. On average, we spend at least two weeks of our entire lives waiting for a traffic light to change. It may seem like a waste of time, but traffic lights also save lives.

Lamborghini used to manufacture tractors. When Lamborghini was founded in 1963, it first built tractors for several years. The owner of Lamborghini drove a Ferrari, but was having trouble with his clutch, so he decided to fix it himself and start manufacturing cars instead of tractors.

Volkswagen owns twelve well-known car brands from 7 European countries, including Volkswagen Passenger cars, Audi, Seat, Skoda, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN

The man who invented cruise control was blind. His name was Ralph Teetor, and he was inspired to invent cruise control by his lawyer, who was apparently a very poor driver.

Airbags move at speeds up to 4,500 MPH and deploy within 40 milliseconds of collisions. They are designed to deploy at impact speeds of 19 MPH.

The average American spends nearly two weeks of their life sitting at red lights.

Traffic congestion wastes about three billion gallons of fuel each year.

The 2011 Ford Crown Victoria was the last car to offer a cassette tape player as an option.

The first windshield wipers were operated by hand.

Gas gauges weren't added to cars until 1922. That's a little over thirty-five years after the first car was produced.

The most people ever to fit in a Smart Car is nineteen.

Happy Mother's Day

No one doubts for a moment the influence of a mother. Of this most influential person in his life, George Washington said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

A mom is more than someone who wipes noses, changes diapers and worse! A mom is the one who holds the greatest influence on her children. She steers the course of their hearts toward certain values and beliefs. She is the strength her children turn to, the love they count on, and the inspiration they look to. That's what makes Mother's Day so special. And why we love them so much. Americans don't let distance keep them from their moms! Phone calling has been a centerpiece of Mother's Day for years, with families spread across the nation. Around 122 million phones will ring on Mother's Day! Every year, people try to find the best way to say, "I love you, Mom!" Greeting cards top the list of gifts for mom, followed closely by flowers, special outings, gift cards, clothing, and jewelry.

Julia Ward Howe (May 27, 1819 – October 17, 1910) was an American author and poet, known for writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the original 1870 pacifist Mother's Day Proclamation. She was also an advocate for abolitionism and a social activist, particularly for women's suffrage.

President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring Mother's Day an official holiday on May 9, 1914. But the idea began in 1908 when a woman named Anna Jarvis started Mother's Day to honor her own mom, who had worked tirelessly serving moms after the Civil War.

The Carnation is the Official Flower of Mother's Day

This tradition began when Anna Jarvis sent hundreds of carnations to her West Virginia home church to honor mothers in that congregation. That single gesture landed the carnation in the top spot as the official flower of Mother's Day. Today, the colors of the frilly blooms have specific meanings – white carnations to honor deceased mothers and red to celebrate the living.



WOMEN'S CORNER

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. How old are you?.... "I'm four and a half" You're never 36 and a half you're four and a half going on five!

That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number. How old are you? "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16. And then the greatest day of your life happens you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony you BECOME 21 ... YES!!!

But then you turn 30 ooohhh what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk He TURNED, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now.

What's wrong?? What changed?? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40 stay over there, it's all slipping away You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

Then you MAKE IT to 60 you didn't think you'd make it!!!!

So you BECOME 21, you TURN 30, you're PUSHING 40, you REACH 50, you MAKE IT to 60 then you build up so much speed you HIT 70! After that, it's a day by day thing. After that, you HIT Wednesday You get into your 80's, you HIT lunch. My grandmother won't even buy green bananas it's an investment you know, and maybe a bad one. And it doesn't end there into the 90's you start going backwards I was JUST 92 ... Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again "I'm 100 and a half!!!!"



Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



Birthdays

Shahna Airoidi	May 2	Russ Armstrong	May 27
Dave Donaldson	May 25	David Gerkenmeyer	May 14
Susan Gerkenmeyer	May 16	Robert Hartwig	May 23
Loretta Jackson	May 2	Gil Linden	May 23
Tina Madden	May 17	Robert McClary, Jr.	May 29
Debbie McClary	May 30	Bill Melvin	May 30
Mary Ellen Nelson	May 14	John Patterson	May 27
Barb Paulsen	May 17		



Anniversaries

Donald & Melissa Freeman	May 15	Jim & Jeri Newell	May 26
Robert & Peggy Parchen	May 22	George & Rochelle Peck	May 4
Randy & Nancy Rutherford	May 23	Bill & Julie Schwartz	May 23
BJ & Frances Wyland	May 7		

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