



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club August 2023 Newsletter

## August 2023 Prez says ramblings

Welcome new members Carl Archibald and Robert and Soozie Boulton. Carl has 1931 Ford Tudor Model A and the Boulton's have a 1938 Packard Convertible and 1972 Porsche 911T. We hope they enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

As I get ready to inform you about the 60th anniversary celebration potluck and Christmas dinner, I'm reminded of the joke that this club loves food. i.e pizza parties, assisted living visits, chocolate extravaganza, swap meet dinner, Friday night Wendy's, Christmas dinner and now the 60th anniversary celebration potluck. Please don't forget to contact Frances McGillis on what side dish you will bring to the 60th anniversary celebration and potluck at the Benton City Community Center building (806 Dale Street, Benton City) on Saturday, September 30 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. The main dish will be fried chicken from Yokes, but Frances needs your help on the side dishes. September will be here before you know it, so contact Frances at (sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com) or 509-545-4077, and let her know what you are bringing. The club is requesting that members donate \$5 per person to help with the cost of rental, chicken and drinks etc. The club will provide water and coffee. Donations will be collected at the door and no alcohol will be permitted.

This year's Christmas dinner and party will be at the Pasco Eagles Club, 2829 W Sylvester Street in Pasco, on Wednesday December 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The menu will consist of: chicken cordon blue or prime rib, baked potato with potato spread, chef's choice fresh steamed vegetables, harvest garden salad with ranch or Italian dressing, various seasonal fresh fruit trays, warm rolls with butter, holiday dessert tray, coffee, decaf, tea or milk, and a full bar at member's charge. The price per meal will be \$10 and we will start collecting attendee names and money later this year.

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

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## Bits and Pieces

To the thief who stole my glasses, I will find you...I have contacts.

I wanted to be a monk but I never got the chants.

I heard Swiss cheese was invented by a priest. He said it was a holey moment.

Planning to start a jewelry business. If you want to help just give me a ring.

Of all the animals on the Ark with Noah, the two most holy animals were the termites and the woodpeckers.

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**The Remarkable Body**

More than half of your bones are located in the hands, wrists, feet, and ankles.

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**Where in the world.**

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest in the world.

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**Fun Food Facts**

Pizza Hut's salad bar was popular way before kale became a trend back in the early 2010s. They used it as a garnish for its salad bars – it wasn't even for eating!

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**Ladies Lunch in August** had 11 ladies attending. Thanks Frances. September Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Dixie Gilbert. Contact Dixie if you plan to attend: 509-713-0584.

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8/3/23 Gil & Odetta Linden, Jim & Ginger Vetrano & Tom & Ingrid Smith enjoyed getting together for lunch at Mugshotz in Moxee.

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**Did You Know...**

Donald Duck has appeared in more Disney films than any other Disney character, including Mickey Mouse.

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Bill White received the following information from Mr. Bill Hart (Aces and 8s) 509-619-5334 in a voice mail a couple of days ago. Mr. Dan Brammer (541-667-7329 wants to sell a '35 Ford Pickup and a '36 Buick. Both are supposed to be all original. The pickup is in northern California, driven into storage 40 years ago and not run since. Wood in the bed may not be good. Buick is supposed to be fully restored. No word about its location. If anyone is interested please contact Mr. Bremmer or Mr. Hart.

## HAPPY FALL

From Maxine

I'm going south for the winter...actually...some parts of me are headed there already.

I always start running in the fall - not all of me, just my nose.

Ah, this is great sleeping weather. Of course, at my age what isn't?

Fall is a tough season for weather forecasters. It's too cool to scare us with the heat index and too warm to scare us with the wind chill.

I just noticed some frost on my pumpkins. Guess it's time to start wearing a bra again.

I love a brisk fall breeze, especially when the leaves blow into the neighbors yard.

I could go on a hayride, or I could shove sharp sticks down my pants. Same difference.

I use a leaf blower on my lawn. It's called "the wind."



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## Cool Car Facts

About half an ounce of fuel is needed to start a car.

Airbags move at speeds up to 4,500 MPH and deploy within 40 milliseconds of collisions.

The average car contains over 30,000 parts.

Most Car Horns Honk In The Key of F.

The Inventor Of Cruise Control, Ralph Teetor, Was Blind.

The Famous "New Car Smell" Is Made Up Of About 50 Volatile Organic Compounds.

The first speeding ticket was issued in 1896. The speed? A whopping 8 MPH.

In Russia, it's illegal to drive around in a dirty car.

Each year, around 280 million car tires are discarded.

The Toyota Corolla is the best-selling car in the world, with one being sold every 15 seconds.

The classic three-pointed star of Mercedes-Benz was initially meant to symbolize the use of Daimler engines in land, air, and sea back in the early 1900s. Today, it's more seen as a symbol of sleekness and luxury.

Around 65% of all Rolls-Royce cars that were ever built are still on the road.

The "Park-O-Meter" is the world's first parking meter. It was installed between First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 16, 1935.

Incredibly, 80% of the average car is recyclable. In America, 12 million vehicles are recycled every year. Unbelievably, automotive recycling is the 16th largest industry in the U.S.

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### **Fire Safety Stick**

It was a regular Saturday. I was tinkering with a sticky carburetor float on my Lotus Esprit when a neighbor pulled up in his mint 1959 Chevrolet Corvette. We got to talking, bonding over the pitfalls of fiberglass bodywork, and other assorted highs and lows of the old car ownership. We exchanged numbers and agreed to head out on an early Sunday morning coffee run in our classics.

The weather was hot. When he went to restart the Vette it just wouldn't play ball. We wondered if it was flooded or the high temperatures were causing a fuel evaporation problem. Talk, however, is cheap and it was clear that he couldn't leave his car in the road, so my wife and I began to roll it gently to the curb. As we pushed, ominous black smoke started spewing from under the hood. My neighbor hopped out and popped the engine cover. Flames leapt out from the edges and I shouted for him to close the hood, while I sprinted back to the Esprit to grab an extinguisher.

Specifically, I grabbed a recently-purchased Fire Safety Stick, which had been recommended by a fellow Esprit enthusiast. Lighter (just 7.6 ounces) and more compact than a regular powder extinguisher, the stick is not unlike a flare, but with the opposite effect. I rapidly read the instructions, removed the safety cap and struck the top of the stick with the igniter. Inside, the triggered chain reaction caused the stick to emit a powerful spray of nitrogen and potassium free radicals, which starve any fire of oxygen.

Mr. Corvette (he prefers to keep his name out of it) opened the hood again and I pointed the stick at the air filter where the flames were spewing out. He then grabbed it off me to run around the other side of the car and finish the job. Within a minute the fire was out, and a near-\$200,000 vehicle was saved.

Amazingly, there was only a small amount of blistering on the hood from the heat. Even more remarkably, when the owner had to move the car a day later it started on the button. The people behind the Fire Safety Stick (sold as Element in the U.S.A.) told me that's down to the fact that the product leaves almost no residue behind.

Andrew Robinson from Argento Global Solutions, the company that imports the stick in the U.K., explains that's why many motorsport teams have now started carrying Fire Safety Sticks in addition to traditional plumbed-in extinguisher systems. The technology, he explained, was actually invented in Soviet Russia during the space race, but it wasn't until 20 years ago or so that an Italian company bought the rights and began manufacturing and selling the devices.

Having seen the stick in action, I immediately ordered another and highly recommend you do the same. Meanwhile, my neighbor, who has a collection of 11 classics, has probably become their biggest customer.



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**Fun Facts about Fall**

**Fact #1:** Americans typically refer to this time of year as “fall,” while the British use the word “autumn.” Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called “harvest.

**Fact #2:** Fall was called “harvest” because of the “harvest moon” that occurs when the full moon is closest to the autumn equinox. Before man-made lighting, this moonlight was essential to a prosperous harvest.

**Fact #3:** Weight gain around this time of year may not only be due to comforting fall foods like pumpkin pie and cider, researchers have found that lack of vitamin D reduces fat breakdown and triggers fat storage.

**Fact #4:** According to The Weather Channel, pumpkins are the most craved food during the fall. Although, if you’ve left the house anytime recently, this may not come as a surprise to you.

**Fact #5:** The yellow and orange colors you see actually always exist in leaves but they are overpowered by the abundance of green from chlorophyll. The amount of chlorophyll starts to decrease as the sun weakens and the days grow shorter.

**Fact #6:** Red and purple leaves are only that color because of the presence of sugars and sap that are trapped within the leaves. These sugars provide plants with the energy they need to survive.

**Fact #7:** Many birds will prepare for their winter migration during the fall. The distance they can travel is impressive; the Arctic Tern travels 11,000 miles each way for it’s annual migration. That’s no small feat.

**Fact #8:** Evergreen trees such as pines, cedars, and spruces stay green because their leaves (needles) are covered with thick wax and they contain materials that prevent freezing when it gets cold.

**Fact #9:** Men and women experience high levels of testosterone during the fall. This makes sense because more babies are conceived during the fall and winter. The cause is unknown but it could be due to lack of sunlight or even go back to ancient mating rituals.

**Fact #10:** We can’t forget Halloween! Halloween takes place in the fall and comes from ancient Celtic tradition. They believed that ghosts roamed on Halloween and people would wear disguises in order to hide from these spirits.

From Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve

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**1951 Buick Roadmaster**

"Roadmaster" -- what a wonderful name for a car! It had emerged during 1936 and would last until it was foolishly removed for 1959. It was the perfect term for the top of the Buick line, a car bordering on Cadillac price territory, preferred transport for the up-and-coming professional -- the doctor, the lawyer, and anybody else who could not quite afford a Caddy. Buick touted the Roadmaster s as line of the smartest Buicks ever built.

The 1951 Buick Roadmaster sedan was the most lordly of Buick's 4-door sedans in room, size, and impressive bearing. Fleetlooking and fleet-footed with a wheelbase of 130 1/4". It has sweepspear fender trim and wide chrome panels below windows and doors, distinctive ports and front fenders and extra side windows.

Buick catered to this clientele with flashy styling-far and away the flashiest of the GM divisions-plus luxury and a host of novel design ideas: the famous pop-art grille, the gun-sight hood ornament, the hardtop convertible, the sweepspear, and the porthole. The Roadmaster had a leap-ahead look of sweepspear fender moldings in the eye-catching sweep of chrome fender ports that instantly say Buick. Every account of Buick in those days invariably mentions the origin of the porthole, which -- variously bent, squeezed, elongated, wiped out, and restored again -- has been part of the Buick styling tradition since '49.

The Roadmaster had a straight-eight engine and Dynaflo Automatic Transmission giving it a soft, level ride with a top speed of 108 mph, the Airpower carburetor - a four barrel automatic. The Roadmaster had 170 horsepower.

From Wikipedia

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### **Interesting facts about the Forrest Gump movie**

The 'Forrest Gump' movie is a true story based on a book. In 1994, an American classic was made. Robert Lee Zemeckis directed a movie based on a novel by Winston Groom 'Forrest Gump'. Leading role went to Tom Hanks, who gave one of the best performances in his career. Emotional and funny, the movie was highly rated by critics and viewers, and also performed exceptionally well at the box office. Forrest Gump jumped to number one at the box office and managed to stay in the theatres for all of 42 weeks! It earned astonishing \$677 million and became the fourth-highest grossing film ever. Here are some of the facts that perhaps you didn't know about this all-time favorite classic:

Sally Field gave a brilliant performance as Forrest Gump's loving mother. Although her character appeared to be really old in the movie, the interesting fact is that Sally Field was just over a decade older than Tom Hanks, while performing this role.

Tom Hanks did most of the running in the movie. He actually did a lot of running. However, for the long-distance run shot, the director actually used Tom Hanks' younger brother Jim, who was quite a runner. It helps when brothers look alike.

Forrest Gump was a huge box office success, and its music score was a great a success, as well. Songs like "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival, "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield, and "Sweet Home Alabama" by Lynyrd Skynyrd sold over 12 million copies.

One of Forrest Gump's war friends, Bubba, had a dream of becoming the king of the shrimp business. Sadly, he died in the Vietnam War, but Forrest Gump went on and fulfilled Bubba's dream in his honor. In real life, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. has restaurants across the United States and around the world as well. You can find the famous restaurant in China, Japan, Mexico and Malaysia, and in front of every one of them, there is a bench with Forrest's suitcase on it, and his snickers bellow the bench. The interesting fact is that this restaurant chain didn't exist before the movie came out. In Downtown Disney, fans can see the actual shrimp boat from the movie. Inside one of the restaurants, the ping-pong paddles Forrest Gump used in the movie hang in a key location on the wall where fans can admire them. It has Tom Hanks' signature on it too.

Gary Sinise played the character of Lieutenant Dan who led a platoon of soldiers with Forrest and Bubba as soldiers, during the Vietnam War. In the movie, Gary, namely Dan wears a St. Christopher Medal with the inscription "Protect Us in Combat." That medal belonged to Gary Sinise's brother-in-law who wore it during his service in Vietnam War. The Vietnam War scenes were actually filmed on a golf course on Fripp Island, just off the coast of South Carolina.

Forrest Gump's war buddy, Bubba, was brilliantly portrayed by actor Mykelti Williamson. Bubba's distinctive feature was obviously his lower lip. His jutting lip was of course just a prosthetic, which was carefully fitted to look as real as possible. And it was quite a success because many people were really surprised to see Mykelti Williamson without it once the movie was out in theatres.

Tom Hanks was not the only actor who was offered the script for the 'Forrest Gump' movie. Among other actors were Chevy Chase, Bill Murray and even John Travolta. Luckily for Hanks, they all declined. John Travolta even admits today that he regrets passing up on the role of Forrest Gump.

In the movie 'Forrest Gump' we actually follow Forrest's formative years, we see him growing up from a young boy, a young man and then the good-natured slow witted older man. The first school bus ride for young Forrest Gump was unpleasant. The kids on the bus greeted him with ridicule. These kids were actually the children of the people making the movie. The boy is director Robert Zemeckis' son, Alexander, and the girl who shuns Forrest is actually Tom Hanks' daughter, Elizabeth. His development occurs in a graceful manner typified

by one really subtle detail: in the first scene of each developmental stage, Forrest wears the same blue checkered shirt.

The most famous bench in the world is the bench where Forrest Gump sat telling his story, while waiting for a bus. Because of its popularity, Savannah officials found that bench to be a bit too much of a treasure and decided to protect it from the unfavorable Savannah weather and possible robbers. So, instead of keeping the bench in Chippewa Square in Savannah, Georgia, they moved it to the Savannah History Museum.

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## WOMEN'S CORNER

### Dusting

"A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture." I can't tell you how many countless hours that I have spent CLEANING! I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect -"in case someone came over". Then I realized one day that no one came over; they were all out living life and having fun! Now, when people visit, I find no need to explain the "condition" of my home. They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice.

Life is short. Enjoy it!  
Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
to paint a picture or write a letter,  
bake a cake or plant a seed,  
ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
with rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
music to hear and books to read,  
friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
a flutter of snow, a shower of rain.  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go - and go you must -  
you, yourself will make more dust!

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries in August



### Birthdays

Rena Allen	August 8	Donald Freeman	August 11
Bruce Ginther	August 5	Cory Hannah	August 4
Debbi Hannah	August 15	Marguerite Hart	August 28
Jack Hecht	August 1	Robb King	August 25
Elaine Kutrowski	August 1	Odetta Linden	August 22
John Madden	August 28	Peggy Madden	August 5
Jose Munoz	August 7	Gayle Noga	August 22
Lynn Patterson	August 19	Marva Randall	August 28
Paul Rascon	August 26	Rick Rickard	August 24
Mike Rose	August 31	Julie Schwartz	August 16
John Soliz	August 15		



### Anniversaries

JoAnn & Edmond Bearce	August 8	Randy & Jean Bunch	August 23
Dave & Debbi Hannah	August 29	Bill & Linda Jarrard	August 13
Clarence & Norma Kummer	August 10	John & Peggy Madden	August 1
Joel & Marsha Rehfeld	August 16	Mike & Michelle Rose	August 8
Blaine & Carol Sherfinski	August 21	Henry & Jan Smith	August 21
Tom & Ingrid Smith	August 28	Jay & Barbara Thomas	August 27
Jason & Jennifer Vargas	August 20		

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