



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club September 2023 Newsletter

September 2023 Prez says ramblings

Welcome new members Terry & Janice Simonson. They have a 1934 Dodge Brothers Pickup. We hope they enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

The club currently have 76 members signed up to attend 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 with water and coffee provided. Please don't forget to contact Frances McGillis on what side dish you will bring. Frances can be contacted at (sixkidsplusthree@gmail.com) or 509-545-4077, for assistance on what to bring.

The club is requesting that members donate \$5 per person to help with the cost of rental, chicken and drinks etc. Donations will be collected at the door and no alcohol will be permitted.

The date for this year's Christmas dinner and party at the Pasco Eagles Club, 2829 W Sylvester Street in Pasco, has been changed to Saturday December 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The price per meal will be \$10 and we will start collecting attendee names and money next month.

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

Bits and Pieces

When you teach a wolf to meditate, he becomes aware wolf.

Had a crazy camping weekend. It was in tents!

What is the best thing to say if you get a watch as a gift? There's no present like the time.

My husband almost fell down the stairs and now we are in a heated debate as to whether my gasp was out of fear for his safety or excitement about a possible life insurance payout.

Some of my friends exercise every day, meanwhile I am watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.

I tell you Doctor, I've given up all my bad habits – and I still don't feel well.
When a recipe says 'Add wine'. Never ask, 'to what?'

The Remarkable Body

Infants are born with approximately 300 bones, but as they grow some of these bones fuse together. By the time they reach adulthood, they only have 206 bones.

Where in the world.

Sweden consumes more coffee than anywhere else in the world. Swedes consume an average of 388 mg of caffeine in coffee per person, per day.

Fun Food Facts

Raspberries are members of the rose family.

Ladies Lunch in September had 13 ladies attending. Thanks Dixie.
October Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Nadine Meyers. Contact Nadine 253-508-0379.



To celebrate classic cars and those who cherish them, here are a few fun facts about the hottest cars in history.

1. The first full-scale, self-propelled mechanical vehicle was released in 1769. It was a steam-powered tricycle that was used to haul cannons around town. (But, it weighed 8,000 pounds!)
2. The Benz Patent-Motorwagen is believed to be the first modern automobile. German inventor Carl Benz applied for the patent in 1886, and later, his wife took it on the first-ever, long-distance drive.
3. In 1913, the Ford Model T became the first mass-produced automobile. Three years later, 55 percent of all cars in the world were Model Ts, which is a record yet to be broken.
4. The 1964 Pontiac GTO is widely regarded as the first “muscle car.” Pontiac owned the muscle scene in the early 1960s, but by 1968, that car had plenty of competition.
5. The Ford Mustang also made its debut in 1964. It was officially unveiled at the World’s Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. That same day, the car also debuted in showrooms across America, and close to 22,000 Mustangs were purchased.
6. The first Chevrolet Camaro to ever come off the production line was black. And originally, the Camaro was going to be called the Panther.
7. The 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona was banned by NASCAR. The car was named for the Daytona 500, and with its record-breaking speed, it won the first race it was entered in. Unfortunately, however, it was just too fast to last.
8. Pontiac’s “The Judge” (a 1969 GTO) was named after a TV show skit. At the time, John DeLorean was the man in charge, and he chose to name the car after a show he watched and liked: “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In.”
9. “The Judge” was also featured in what’s considered the first-ever rock music video. In the original TV commercial for this car, Paul Revere and the Raiders sang a song they wrote about it.
10. The original “Dukes of Hazzard” show featured a total of 309 Dodge Chargers – all 1969 editions. How can you tell a 1969 Charger from a 1968? Look for the split grille on the front of the ’69 model.
11. A 1977 Pontiac Trans Am starred in the movie “Smokey and the Bandit.” Four were provided for the movie – all of which were badly damaged during production.
12. Each member of The Monkees was given a new Pontiac GTO. As part of their contract, everyone on the hit TV show got a hot car for personal use.
13. Flip-out headlights on the Dodge Charger were used for the last time in 1973. Apparently, they didn’t seem very family friendly.
14. There is no 1983 Chevrolet Corvette. Instead, Chevy skipped a year and introduced an all-new model in 1984. However, there were prototypes of the car, and all but one was destroyed. It now lives in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
15. Only 11 prototypes of the Porsche 916 exist. It’s one of the rarest cars in the world, as it was soon replaced by the less expensive Porsche 911.
16. Chrysler’s 426 HEMI engine was called “the elephant.” It was extremely large and extremely powerful. In fact, at Daytona in 1964, the vehicles that placed first, second and third all had this engine – which is why NASCAR would eventually change its engine-related rules.
17. The most expensive car ever sold at a public auction was a 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196R Formula 1 race-car. In 2013, it went for a staggering \$30 million.

From Frankenmuth Insurance

Did You Know...

The term 'zipper' is said to be derived from the 'zip' sound the invention makes when zipping, first used in 1923 by the American B. F. Goodrich Company. The company opted to use Sundbäck's fastener on a new type of rubber boots (or galoshes) and referred to it as the zipper, and the name stuck. The two chief uses of the zipper in its early years were for closing boots and tobacco pouches. Zippers began being used for clothing in 1925 by Schott NYC on leather jackets.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 1% ERS:

99% of those born between 1930 and 1946 (worldwide) are now dead.

If you were born in this time span, you are one of the rare surviving one percenters of this special group. Their ages range is between 77 and 93 years old, a 16-year age span.

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

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

*Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.

*You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.

*With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside".

*There was no Little League.

*There was no city playground for kids.

*We got "black-and-white" TV in the late 40s that had 3 stations and no remote.

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

*Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked.

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

*'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.

*Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening (your dad would give you the comic pages when he read the news).

*New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Most highways were 2 lanes (no interstates).

*You went downtown to shop. You walked to school.

*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 working hard to make a living for their families.

*You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves.

*You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered.

*Polio was still acrippler. Everyone knew someone who had it.

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

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

*World War 2 was over, and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

*Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 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.

*More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

*If you have already reached the age of 77 years old, you have outlived 99% of all the other people in the world who were born in this special 16 year time span.

You are a 1% 'er'!

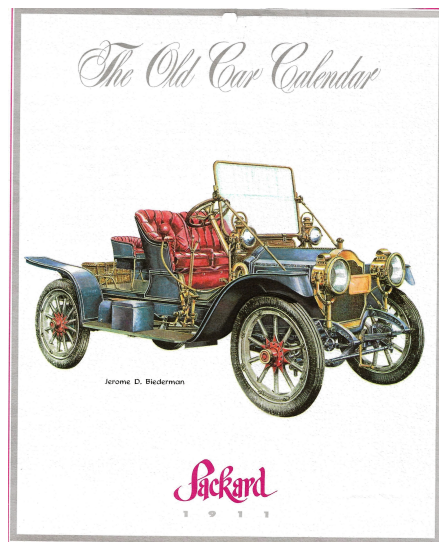
1911 Packard

After buying a bad Winston, J.W. Packard said he could build a better car, and he certainly did. With his brother William, he formed the company that bore their name, in Warren, Ohio in 1899. Their first car had a single-cylinder, 12 HP engine, wire wheels with single-tube tires, steered by a tiller and chain-driven, with a

three-forward-speed transmission - most unusual for its day. One of the early Packard customers, H.B. Joy, was so enthusiastic about his 1902 Packard, he persuaded friends to finance a new factory in Detroit. He was largely responsible for Packard's growth and ultimate financial salvation in 1905.

Precision workmanship gave Packard an international reputation, as did their gearshift H-slot - a standard throughout the industry. They injected decades of leadership. In 1903, a single-cylinder Packard made the San Francisco to New York run in a record 601 days. The famous "Gray Wolf" ran in the Vanderbilt Cup Race in 1904. In 1912, the first truck (Packard) crossed the country in 46 days. Forced-feed lubrication was introduced in 1913. The first car with spiral bevel rear-end gears, and with the hand brake at the drivers left, was a 1914 innovation. 1915 saw the first famous V12 Twin-Six. In 1919, a new World Speed record of 149.18 MPH was chalked up by Ralph DePalma. From its inception to demise, Packard's unquestionable leadership in engines was based on standout style and body design, which never resorted to the radical.

One of the all-time sensations of the automobile industry was the Twin-Six, almost unrivaled for sooth operation from 1915 to 1923. The next major classic was the Straight-Eight (with four-wheel brakes), making for the solid reputation of the '20s. which also enhanced profit-wise - by the lack of model changes each year. For smoothness, silence and luxury few cars in history approached the classic Packard 12 of 1932. After the Stock Market crash, increasingly the quality car symbol faded, as Stutz, pierce-Arrow, Dusenbergl, and finally Packard - in 1934 - turned to the cheaper car market. This was to be Packards undoing, "if only temporary" - in the words of its still ardent devotees.



Chocolate Quiz

1. A chocolate bar inspired an engineer called Percy Spencer to create which common kitchen appliance?
 - A. Microwave
 - B. Oven
 - C. Refrigerator
2. What makes dark chocolate different from light or milk chocolate?
 - A. It's more expensive
 - B. It contains more sugar and fat
 - C. It tastes bitter
3. What is the name of the milk chocolate bar produced by Cadbury
 - A. Cadbury Wonder Bar
 - B. Cadbury Milky Bar
 - C. Cadbury Dairy Milk
4. The earliest use of chocolate dates back to which ancient civilization?
 - A. Persian
 - B. Egyptian
 - C. Olmec
5. When do people celebrate World Chocolate Day, also known as International Chocolate Day?
 - A. February 14
 - B. July 7
 - C. September 21

6. Which country consumes the most chocolate per person with an amount of up to 310.4 oz per year?
 - A. Switzerland
 - B. France
 - C. China
7. Which country is the biggest producer of cocoa beans in the world?
 - A. Ghana
 - B. Brazil
 - C. Ivory Coast
8. Which of the following is NOT a real Kit Kat flavor you can find in Japan?
 - A. Mayonnaise
 - B. Green bean
 - C. Protein
9. Chocolate is believed to contain high levels of which substances?
 - A. Carbohydrates
 - B. Antioxidants
 - C. Protein
10. Snickers chocolate bars are produced by which company?
 - A. Unilever
 - B. Nestle
 - C. Mars

WOMEN'S CORNER

Women are crazy

A married couple is driving along a highway doing a steady 60 miles per hour. The wife is behind the wheel. Her husband suddenly looks across at her and speaks in a clear voice. "I know we've been married for twenty years, but I want a divorce."

The wife says nothing, Keeps looking at the road ahead but slowly increases her speed to 65 mph. The husband speaks again. "I don't want you to try and talk me out of it," He says, "because I've been having an affair with your best friend, And she's a far better lover than you are."

Again the wife stays quiet, But grips the steering wheel more tightly and slowly increases the speed to 75 He pushes his luck. "I want the house," he says insistently...Up to 80. "I want the car, too," he continues. 85 mph. "And," he says, "I'll have the bank accounts, all the credit cards and the boat!"

The car slowly starts veering towards a massive concrete bridge. This makes him nervous, so he asks her, "Isn't there anything you want?"

The wife at last replies in a quiet and controlled voice. "No, I've got everything I need," she says. "Oh, really," he inquires, "so what have you got?" Just before they slam into the wall at 85 mph. The wife turns to him and smiles. "The airbag."

Moral of the Story: Women are crazy!!!! Don't mess with them!!



Answers to Chocolate Quiz

- 1. A
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. C
- 5. B
- 6. A
- 7. A
- 8. A
- 9. A & B
- 10. C

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September



Birthdays

Jim Ayers	September 26	Soozie Boulton	September 20
Sue Campbell	September 15	Rose Chastain	September 4
Jim Galloway	September 18	Doug Garrison	September 21
Sid Grant	September 21	Douglas Hart	September 10
Linda Jarrard	September 12	John Kleve	September 11
Marti Meyers	September 17	Cynthia Nelson	September 29
Lee Noga	September 25	John Reck	September 24
Bill Schwartz	September 6	Alan Stephens	September 7
Jerry Suminski	September 2	Rose Tarr	September 20
Mike Underwood	September 2	Ginger Vetrano	September 13



Anniversaries

Russ & Jane Armstrong	September 11	Rick & Wendi Ball	September 12
Soozie & Robert Boulton	September 2	Richard & Rose Chastain	September 23
Terry & Janice Simonson	September 11	Alan & Jeanene Stephens	September 15

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