



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club November 2023 Newsletter

November 2023 Prez says ramblings

I would like to welcome new members that I missed in September, David & Dianne Cutter, Reuben & Mary Luera, and Ken Wright, as well as members that joined in October, Brian Cox, Vern & Samantha Engelke. We hope they enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

The Christmas dinner and party is on Saturday December 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Pasco Eagles Club (2829 W Sylvester Street in Pasco). If you would like to attend, provide your name, telephone number and either your choice of prime rib or cordon bleu by the cutoff date of November 29th. You can email your information to yocclub@gmail.com or to dave.debhannah@charter.net.

We will accept payment at the weekly Wednesday meetings or by mail at Ye Olde Car Club, P.O. Box 2023, Richland, WA 99352. Since we need to provide the Eagles a head count by December 1st, the price will be \$10.00 per person. If you desire to attend after that date, we will put you on a cancellation waiting list, and the price will be \$15.00 per person. Please be sure your payment reaches Don Buckles (our treasurer) by December 1st.

There will be no Roundtable pizza parties in November and December, due to the holidays. The next evening meeting and pizza party at Roundtable Pizza is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2024.

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

Veteran's Free Meal Voucher

Friday, November 10 at the Texas Roadhouse parking lot – Kennewick only. Opening ceremony performance by Vickie Evans.

Bits and Pieces

On Thanksgiving, the four basic food groups are:

- More
- A little more
- A lot more
- Too much!

I used to be addicted to Thanksgiving leftovers. I had to quit cold turkey.

When making Thanksgiving dinner, do your giblets end up in the gravy? Or do you wear a bra when you cook?

What's the theory of relativity? Take Thanksgiving for example. The turkey gets stuffed, you get stuffed but you're relatively better off.

I tried a new pie recipe. "Wow, you're a real *pie*-oneer.

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I said I couldn't quit cold turkey.

The Remarkable Body

Your eyes blink around 20 times a minute.

Where in the world.

Yuma, Arizona claims to be the sunniest place in the U.S. with an average of 11 hours of sunshine per day.

Fun Food Facts

All navel oranges are clones of each other since they are produced from trees made from cuttings and graftings of previous navel orange trees. The original mutated tree that serves as the primogenitor of all navel orange trees is believed to have grown outside a 17th century Brazilian monastery.

Ladies Lunch in November had 12 ladies attending. Thanks Bonnie. There will be no Ladies Lunch in December. January Ladies Lunch will be at the Canyon Lakes Manor hosted by Myrtle Nesbitt and Ginger Vetrano. More information to come in early January.

Twas the night of Thanksgiving
But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backward,
I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned -
The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might.

Tossing and turning
With anticipation
The thought of a snack
Became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen,
Flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge
Full of goodies galore.

Gobbled up turkey
And buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling
So plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding
And a handful of pie.

But I managed to yell'
As I soared past the trees...
Happy eating to all
Pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious,
May your pies take the prize.
May your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off of your thighs.

Happy Turkey Day.



DeTomaso Pantera



The De Tomaso Pantera is a mid-engine sports car produced by Italian automobile manufacturer De Tomaso from 1971 to 1992. Italian for "Panther", the Pantera was the automaker's most popular model, with over 7,000 manufactured over its twenty-year production run. More than three quarters of the production was sold by American Lincoln-Mercury dealers from 1972 to 1975; after this agreement ended De Tomaso kept manufacturing the car in ever smaller numbers into the early 1990s.

The Pantera was designed by the Italian design firm Carrozzeria Ghia's American-born designer Tom Tjaarda and replaced the Mangusta. Unlike the Mangusta, which employed a steel backbone chassis, the

Pantera's chassis was of a steel monocoque design, the first instance of De Tomaso using this construction technique. The Pantera logo included a T-shaped symbol that was the brand used by De Tomaso's Argentinian cattle ranching ancestors, as well as a version of the Argentinean flag turned on its side, inspired by the company's founder, Alejandro De Tomaso, having been born and raised in Argentina.

The car debuted in Modena in March 1970 and was presented at the 1970 New York Motor Show a few weeks later. Approximately a year later the first production cars were sold, and production was increased to three per day. De Tomaso sold the rights to the Pantera to Ford, who were to distribute the cars in the United States, but Alejandro De Tomaso retained the rights to market the Pantera in Europe.

The slat-backed seats which had attracted criticism at the New York Auto Show were replaced by more conventional body-hugging sports seats in the production cars: leg-room was generous but the pedals were off-set and headroom was insufficient for drivers above approximately 6 ft tall. Reflecting its makers' transatlantic ambitions, the Pantera came with an abundance of standard features which appeared exotic in Europe, such as electric windows, air conditioning and even "doors that buzz when ... open". By the time the Pantera reached production stage, the interior was in most respects well sorted, although resting an arm on the central console could lead to inadvertently activating the poorly located cigarette lighter.

Late in 1971, Ford began importing the Pantera for the American market to be sold through its Lincoln Mercury dealers. The first 75 cars were simply European imports and are known for their "push-button" door handles and hand-built Carrozzeria Vignale bodies. A total of 1,007 cars reached the United States that year. As with most Italian cars of the day, rust-proofing was minimal and the quality of fit and finish on these early models was poor with large amounts of body solder being used to cover body panel flaws. Subsequently, Ford increased their involvement in the production of the later cars with the introduction of precision stampings for body panels which resulted in improved overall quality.

From Wikipedia

Did You Know...

2004 was the last year hidden (or "pop-up") headlamps appeared on a mass produced automobile when the last two holdouts---the Lotus Esprit and the C5 Corvette ended production.

Nearly 250K people moved to WA state last year. Which states did new residents come from?

Washington state is nearing 8 million total residents, according to the last count from the state Office of Financial Management. Growth is remaining fairly steady, growing at slightly below last decade's yearly average of 98,200 new residents each year. At last estimate, the Evergreen State grew by 86,750 residents over the last year, a comfortable difference from the average. But have you ever wondered where new Washingtonians hail from? Here's what we know after evaluating new data from the U.S. Census Bureau on state-to-state migration in America in 2022.

WHERE NEW WASHINGTONIANS COME FROM

According to Census data, these are the top three states where most new Washingtonians moved from in 2022: California Oregon Texas Overall, more than 248,000 people moved to Washington from another U.S. state in 2022. Nearly 50,000 came from California alone.

However, there were more new Washingtonians from foreign countries than there were from California. The Golden State couldn't break 50,000 moves to Washington, but 57,785 new residents came from out of the country, according to the data. A breakdown of migration to Washington from specific countries was not available. The second-most moves came from the state sandwiched between Washington and California. Oregon brought just over 36,000 new Washingtonians in 2022. Texas, in third place, brought around 19,000 new residents to the state. The remaining top ten states with the most residents migrating to Washington state in 2022 were:

Idaho - 10,557
Colorado - 9,396
Florida - 8,368
Virginia - 7,406
Hawaii - 7,392
North Carolina - 5,849
Massachusetts - 5,773

The Census Bureau data lists a margin of error for each data point, meaning numbers are not exact. The data and subsequent margins of error listings are available online.

STATES WITH THE MOST GROWTH

Several states saw more new residents than Washington. In this aspect, the Evergreen State was beat out by states that are bigger, more popular and with warmer climates, but still ranked fairly well overall. The states with the most new residents were:

Florida - 738,969

Texas - 668,338

California - 475,803

North Carolina - 341,582

Georgia - 327,795

Coincidentally, all five of these states made the top ten highest contributors to new Washington residents.

From Tri-City Herald, 10-25-23

Test Your Knowledge of Food

Baseball may be America's favorite pastime, but no event is complete without the presence of food. Hot dogs at baseball games. Ice cream on the Fourth of July. Popcorn at the movies. America's palates are working overtime. Yet, with all this culinary activity, how much do you really know about the munchies you crave? Take our food trivia quiz and find out.

1. What is America's favorite flavor of ice cream?
2. Broccoli & cauliflower belong to which vegetable family?
3. Name a sweet vegetable located in the baking section of the grocery store.
4. What is the most frequently purchased vegetable?
5. On what day of the week and during which month is the most ice cream eaten in America?
6. What is the most popular fruit in America?
7. What makes pink grapefruits pink?
8. Name the smallest citrus fruit.
9. Are almonds dried fruit, or the seeds of trees?
10. What is the ideal refrigerator temperature for storing cold food?
11. Which is the only edible food for humans that will never go bad?
12. What cheeses are mixed together to make "cojack" cheese?
13. What is the most popular way to serve leftover turkey?
14. How many pounds of pressure does it take to break a raw egg?
15. What is the single busiest day of the year for chocolate stores in the U.S.?
16. What state is responsible for the most cans of SPAM eaten on Earth?
17. True or False: 1 out of 3 of all cows in the U.S. used for food purposes are used by McDonald's.
18. Who said, "To a man with an empty stomach, food is God"?
19. How many times does the average American visit a fast food restaurant per month?
20. Which country boasts the highest cereal consumption in the world?

ANSWERS LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Thanks to my daughter, Frances, for this contribution.

Thanksgiving Trivia

How much did the world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner on record cost?

Answer: \$181,000

Old Homestead Steakhouse in Manhattan served up the most expensive Thanksgiving dinner in 2019 which was a whopping \$181,000. Designed to serve 12 people, the dinner included two 20 lb. free-range turkeys covered in \$2,000 edible gold flakes and seasoned with imported spices from the Middle East that came with a gravy infused with a \$3,650 bottle of Louis XIII cognac. The meal also included seafood bread stuffing — made

with imported bread and champagne, Alaskan King crab, lobster, Otoro tuna and golden caviar from the Caspian Sea — along with candied sweet potatoes made with imported cinnamon from Sri Lanka and butternut squash with Indian-imported spices and Wagyu beef along with cranberry sauce, veggies and more. And of course, dessert included pumpkin, apple, coconut custard and pecan pies along with a choice of Cristal or Dom Perignon champagne or wine. Talk about a meal made for a King!

How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?

Answer: Four

Although reports vary, it's fairly certain that there were only four (maybe five) women at the first Thanksgiving celebration — all of which were married to men who were part of the first group of settlers. Eyewitness accounts say that there were just 22 men and over 25 children and teenagers in addition to those four women at that first celebration. There were originally more women on the voyage over, but [according to History.com](http://www.history.com), about 78% died on the journey over or during the first winter from disease.

Which city's Thanksgiving Day Parade ends with Santa Claus getting a key to the city?

Answer: Detroit

The Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade has been an annual tradition since 1924, the same year the Macy's Day Parade began in New York City. According to the [Detroit Historical Society](http://www.detroithistoricalsociety.com), the two-mile parade, which was started by Hudson's department store, takes place on Woodward Avenue and ends with Santa Claus stepping off the final float in front of Hudson's to accept the key "to both the city and the hearts of good children everywhere."

(**Just a piece of personal trivia:** My cousin's husband Tom Ryan was the Santa Claus in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade for 25 years)

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, how much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?

Answer: 86 pounds

Yes, you read that right — a whopping 86 pounds. According to [Guinness](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com), a turkey named Tyson who weighed 86 pounds was sold at a charity auction in London in 1989 for about \$6,692. For comparison, a typical Thanksgiving turkey usually weighs around 15 pounds.

What president refused to declare Thanksgiving a holiday?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson

Presidents originally had to declare Thanksgiving a holiday every year, up until Lincoln made it a national holiday during his tenure. However, Jefferson refused to recognize the event because he believed so firmly in the separation of church and state. Since Thanksgiving involved prayer and reflection, he thought designating it a national holiday would violate the First Amendment. He also thought it was better suited as a state holiday, not a federal one.

How many turkeys do Americans prepare each Thanksgiving?

Answer: 46 million

Thanksgiving without turkey would be like Christmas without a tree, and most American families wouldn't dream of foregoing the almighty bird. While not super popular the rest of the year, turkey is a huge hit for holidays, probably because it can serve large gatherings. On Christmas, an additional 22 million families host an encore with their Thanksgiving turkey recipes.

WOMEN'S CORNER

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."



ANSWERS

1. Vanilla is America's favorite flavor of ice cream.
2. Broccoli & cauliflower belong to the cabbage family.
3. Sugar is a vegetable located in the baking aisle. It is derived from sugar cane, a bamboo-like stalk with hard purplish green skin.
4. Lettuce is the most frequently purchased vegetable, with tomatoes second.
5. Most ice cream is eaten on Sunday between 9-11 pm. Most ice cream is eaten during July.

6. The world's best selling fruit is the mango. However, in the U.S., the most-often purchased fruit is the banana, with apples and peaches holding a close second and third.
7. Beta-carotene makes pink grapefruit pink.
8. The lime is the smallest citrus fruit. The grapefruit is the largest.
9. Almonds are dried fruit.
10. The ideal temperature for your refrigerator is 40 degrees F.
11. Honey is the only edible food for humans that will never go bad.
12. Cojack cheese is a mixture of Colby cheese and Monterey Jack cheese.
13. The most popular way to serve leftover turkey is a turkey sandwich.
14. In order to break a raw egg, it requires nine pounds of pressure on the long axis, but only about three pounds of pressure from side to side.
15. Valentine's Day is the single busiest day of the year for chocolate sellers in the U.S.
16. Residents of Hawaii eat an average of four cans of SPAM per person per year, more than any other place on Earth.
17. True. 1 out of 3 of all cows in the U.S. used for food purposes is used by the McDonald's Corp.
18. Gandhi said, "To a man with an empty stomach, food is God".
19. The average American visits a fast food restaurant six times a month.
20. Turkey has the highest cereal consumption in the world.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November



Birthdays

Jerry Allen	November 29	Barbara Baker	November 24
Thomas Beaver	November 22	Steven Bell	November 29
Kevin Davis	November 19	Margie Grant	November 13
Timothy Hubler	November 29	Michael Ostler	November 14
Rochelle Peck	November 29	DaJuann Recknagle	November 17
Dan Richey	November 9	Michelle Rose	November 18
Randy Rutherford	November 18	Blaine Sherfinski	November 10
Larry Stephenson	November 30	Cyndy Underwood	November 25



Anniversaries

Douglas & Marguerite Hart	November 24	Ron & Wendy Kihlman	November 14
Glenis & Rose Tarr	November 6	Jim & Elizabeth Wagner	November 8
Jerry & Sharon Wells	November 12		

