



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club March 2024 Newsletter

March 2024 Prez says ramblings

Hooray! Spring is almost here! As my years add up, it seems cold weather has my increasing distain.

The weather certainly cooperated this past weekend for our second annual Ye Olde Car Club and Pasco Eagles St. Patrick's Car Show in support of Friends Of Disabled Veterans. Many thanks to all the volunteer YOCC and Eagles members who braved the very early morning cold and the more-than-warm afternoon sun on Saturday. Also, many of the same folks were there Friday afternoon to rehearse the logistics of the next day's events.

I am writing my message on Monday following the car show. Therefore, final information and stats are yet to be completely known. I do know there were dozens of members who worked hard to ensure this second annual event was a resounding success. Don Buckles and Randy Bunch and their spouses, Debby and Jean, did an outstanding job of organizing this event, not only on the day of the event, but the months and weeks of preparation including securing silent auction and trophy donations. All of us very much appreciate your hard work and commitment to achieve a terrific car show. Not sure if we have a list of all our club volunteers who were so good in stepping up to ensure all of the tasks and responsibilities were filled and providing each other with rest and food breaks during the day, to recognize personally, but everyone should be proud of their effort and contribution. Every member of this car club works as a team so well, nothing is ever too great a task to accomplish...

Our YOCC Vice-President and Activities Director, John Hopkins, has been busy planning and securing activities and events all summer long. So we are going to have lots of opportunities for fun car events and I am sure good food to eat will be involved!

Drive those classics carefully...

Robbin, YOCC President

Bits and Pieces

The barman said to Paddy, "Your glass is empty, can I get you another one?"

Paddy replied, "Why would I be needing two feckin' empty glasses?"

What do you call a fake Irish stone?

A shamrock.

Did you hear Ireland is the fastest-growing country in Europe?

Its population is always Dublin.

Did you hear about the Irishman that drank 100 liters of stout in just 30 minutes?
They're calling it a Guinness World Record.

What's Irish and sits outside all day and night?
Paddy O'Furniture!"

Did you hear about the fella from Mayo that was born with two left feet?
He went out the other day and bought some Flip Flips."

"Why are there only a handful of Irish lawyers in London?
Because only a few of them could pass the bar."

Liam had left Dublin to go up to Belfast for a bit of skydiving; late Sunday evening, he was found in a tree by a farmer, What happened said the farmer; Liam replied, that his parachute failed to open, well said the farmer if you had asked the locals before you jumped, they would have told you nothing opens here on a Sunday.

I had the right to remain silent...but being Irish, I didn't have the ability.

The Remarkable Body

The scientific term for your fifth, and typically smallest, digit on both your feet and hands is "minimus".

Where in the world.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village'.

Fun Food Facts

Nutritionally, nectarines are a high source of Vitamin C and A and are abundant in antioxidants. They aid in weight loss, help regulate blood pressure levels and overall good health. They also help improve immunity and heart health.

Ladies Lunch in March had 12 Ladies. Thanks Debbi.

The April Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Bonnie Suminski at Hops 'N Drops in Kennewick.
Call Bonnie: 509-579-0030



Ever Wonder Why the Steering Wheel is on the Left?

Henry Ford had great success with his little Model-N, but very little success with the much larger Model-K. Thus, in late 1906 when he started to design his next machine, he patterned it after the popular Model-N. This new Model-T was really only a refinement of the Model-N with an enclosed planetary clutch and a magneto fastened to the flywheel within the clutch housing. The magneto was a significant improvement, as it replaced the short-lived dry cells. But, the large clutch housing now made it necessary to turn the engine around, and this created another problem. There was no longer room for the steering gear and pedal linkages on the right side of the clutch assembly. With plenty of room on the left, Ford simply moved the controls to the other side, making the Model-T a left-hand drive machine. With the spontaneous public acceptance of Henry Ford's Model-T, right-hand drive became virtually obsolete by 1910. Obviously, the left-hand configuration has prevailed. Other changes between Model-N and Model-T included replacement of the two copper-jacketed sections of the engine with a four-cylinder one-piece block, elimination of the water pump, and removal of the oil-pressure lubrication systems.

The Model-T was introduced in September, 1908 and sold for \$850 when most other cars sold for \$2000 or more. Henry's little Model-T became so popular that the Ford Motor Company continued manufacturing it, with only slight modification, for the next nineteen years. More than fifteen million of these automobiles were built between 1908 and 1928, all from the same dies.

From John Nelson

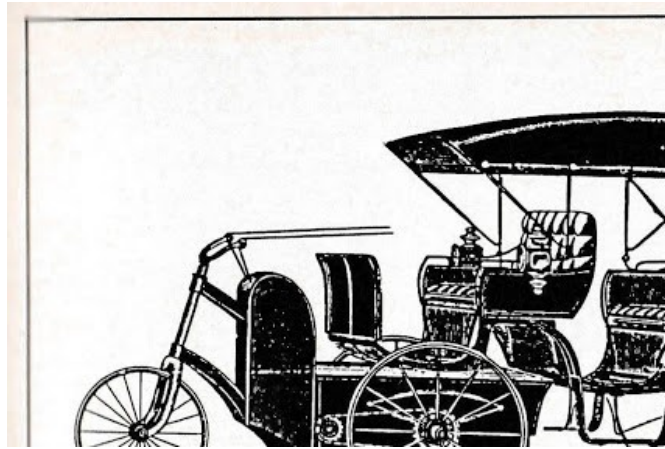
Some important (and not so important) days in March

- March 2 - Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 10 – Start of Daylight Saving Time
- March 12 – National Girl Scouts Day
- March 15 – The Ides of March
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 – First Day of Spring

You may not know this...

Many inanimate things have a gender.

- 1.) Ziploc Bags are Male because they hold everything in but you can see right through them.
- 2.) Copiers are Female because once turned off it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
- 3.) A Tire is Male because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.
- 4.) A Hot-Air Balloon is Male because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.
- 5.) Sponges are Female because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.
- 6.) A Web Page is Female because it's always getting hit on.
- 7.) A Subway is Male because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.
- 8.) An Hourglass is Female because over time the weight shifts to the bottom.
- 9.) A Hammer is Male because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years but is handy to have around.
- 10.) A Remote Control is Female. HA! You thought it would be Male, didn't you? But consider this - it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he still keeps trying.



One of the earliest pieces of farm machinery, the unique Phelps Tractor manufactured in 1901, was designed for many uses. The steam engine could be attached to a buggy, a surrey, a light spring wagon, or a cart. It was advertised as a tractor of "universal application." Its boiler, with auto fuel and water feed, required no attention and would run half a day without refilling. The steam engine delivered up to 10 horse power and was capable of a speed of 20 miles per hour.

The driver controlled the tractor with the reins, the only remaining throwback to the horse-and-buggy days. Drawing in the reins cut the speed, stopped the tractor and finally backed it up. Loosening the reins increased the speed, but if they were dropped altogether, the engine stopped instantly, preventing a possible runaway. The driver also steered with the reins just as if he were guiding a horse.

Thanks to Dave Hannah for this piece.

Some interesting stuff from 1970 – 1995

Some of our current members have been members since at least 1970: Richard Kuch, Myrtle Nesbitt, & Jim & Ginger Vetrano. Some more were added in the early '90s: Chastain, Gilbert, McClary, Rutherford, Jackson (Lee & Loretta), Hubler and Kutrowski. Thanks long-time members.

How YOCC Started

In 1962, several antique car buffs got together and formed a club dedicated to preservation and enjoyment of these fine rides. They were a diverse group of enthusiasts living around southeast Washington with the exception of one brother who lived in Milton Freewater.

From the East Benton County Historical Society, Dec. 20, 2011

Did You Know

In 2000, Niel deGrasse Tyson was voted "Sexiest Astrophysicist Alive" by People Magazine.



1934 Chevrolet Master Coupe

The Chevrolet Master and Master Deluxe are American passenger vehicles manufactured by Chevrolet between 1933 and 1942 to replace the 1933 Master Eagle. It was the more expensive model in the Chevrolet range at this time, with the Standard Mercury providing an affordable product between 1933 and 1937. Starting with this generation, all GM cars shared a corporate appearance as a result of the Art and Color Section headed by Harley Earl. From 1940 a more expensive version based on the Master Deluxe was launched called the Special Deluxe. The updated corporate appearance introduced a concealed radiator behind a façade with a grille.

This was the last Chevrolet that was exported to Japan in knock down kits and assembled at the company's factory in Osaka, Japan before the factory was appropriated by the Imperial Japanese Government. When Toyota decided to develop their own sedan called the Toyota AA, a locally manufactured Master was disassembled and examined to determine how Toyota should engineer their own cars. In May 1925 the Chevrolet Export Boxing plant at Bloomfield, New Jersey was repurposed from a previous owner where Knock-down kits for Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac passenger cars, and both Chevrolet and G. M. C. truck parts are crated and shipped by railroad to the docks at Weehawken, New Jersey for overseas GM assembly factories.

The Series DA Master offered an increased wheelbase of 112 in. This increased the difference with the cheaper Standard wheelbase to 5 in. Powered by an upgraded version of the 206 cu in "Stovebolt" six-cylinder engine, now producing 80 hp. The independent front suspension was something GM called "Knee-Action" using trailing arms and coil springs

From Wikipedia

WOMEN'S CORNER

GREAT QUOTES ABOUT WOMEN, FROM WOMEN...

The hardest years in life are those between 10 and 70.

-Helen Hayes (at 73)

Whoever thought up the word "Mammogram"? Every time I hear it, I think I'm supposed to put my breast in an envelope and send it to someone.

-Jan King

A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman must do what he can't.

-Rhonda Hansome

The phrase "working mother" is redundant.

-Jane Sellman

Whatever women must do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.

-Charlotte Whitton

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb...and I'm also not blonde.
-Dolly Parton

Thirty-five is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart.
-Caryn Leschen

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.
-Catherine Aird

You see a lot of smart guys with dumb women, but you hardly ever see a smart woman with a dumb guy.
-Erica Jong

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on.
-Roseanne Barr

I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house.
-Zsa Zsa Gabor

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March



Birthdays

Jess Allison	March 3	Dick Ellis	March 12
Bob Gough	March 1	Rick Hall	March 7
Richard Kuch	March 12	John Kutrowski	March 12
Tim Leavitt	March 18	Mike Marmon	March 3
Dennis McGillis	March 26	Nadine Meyers	March 6
George Peck	March 4	Judy Rascon	March 23
Mary Rickard	March 17	Jack Stone	March 6
Barbara Thomas	March 16	Jerry Wells	March 14



Anniversaries

Jim & Sue Jewett	March 1
Mike & Cyndy Underwood	March 14

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