



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club April 2024 Newsletter

April 2024 Prez says ramblings

It's April already! That was quick! April is always a welcome month of the year as it signals our trip around the Sun has again arrived at a time of renew, warmth, growth, sights and smells of flowers, birds and bees, green grasses, and...of course, allergies! The word April is believed to come from the Latin words *apricus* (sunny) or *aperire* (to open). I am going with *aperire* for April as it's time "to open the garage".

For us car-hobby people, the first serious roll-up of the garage door to the warm, bright outdoors, is a moment of exhilaration and anticipation of firing up that classic car, hot-rod, super-car, or whatever it be...for summer is on its way!

While we Ye Olde Car Club members always create many fun activities to occupy those cold and dreary months, nothing compares with climbing into our favorite old or new car, rolling down the windows, and hitting the road! Despite the cooler weather of March, we have already enjoyed a terrific car show in partnership with the Pasco Eagles resulting in a significant monetary donation to the Friends of Disabled Veterans to continue their good work.

Our club is in final preparations for our 48th Annual YOCC Swap Meet at the Benton County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4, 2024, with set-up and vendor entry on Thursday and Friday (May 2nd and 3rd). After set-up is completed on Thursday afternoon (around 4pm), The Pot-Luck Dinner is on with fried chicken provided by YOCC and side dishes provided by you, our members. Debbi Hannah is coordinating the Pot-Luck Dinner. Please let Debbi know what you are bringing at: 509-627-4589 or dwhannah1@gmail.com

On a serious note, we really need an 'all-hands-on-deck' effort by YOCC members to execute this coming Swap Meet which is only a few weeks away. The annual Swap Meet is the club's only fund-raising event of each year. Bill White, our dedicated Swap Meet Chairperson over recent years, is in critical need of volunteers to share duties such as golf cart drivers, donation table, registration, security, gate monitors, field/building set-up, and other tasks that always seem to pop-up. These duties are easy...and fun but do require minimal guidance prior to the event opening to ensure a smooth Swap Meet. I know many of you are 'experienced pros' at this... Please contact Bill at: 509-554-3665 or williamblwh@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for any of the days.

Thanks,
Robbin

Bits and Pieces

Today, I melted an ice cube with my mind just by staring at it. It took a lot longer than I thought it would.

Struggling to get your wife's attention? Just sit down and look comfortable.

Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.

Not in jail, not in a mental hospital, not in a grave—I'd say I'm having a good day.

What kind of Dr. is Dr. Pepper? A FIZZician

Laxatives give you a good run for your money.

Tried calling the tinnitus helpline. No answer. Just kept ringing.

Before the crowbar was invented, crows had to drink at home.

Water is heavier than propane because propane is a lighter fluid.

The Remarkable Body

Your brain produces enough electricity to light a small light bulb.

Where in the world.

The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

Fun Food Facts

Did you know bananas float in water? And its skin is said to help relieve the itching from mosquito bites? Eating bananas can also help your nervous system, restore tired muscle tissues and "boost bored brains. They're also the world's oldest fruit dating back more than 10,000 years.

Ladies Lunch in April had 10 Ladies. Thanks Bonnie.

The May Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Michelle McGuire at Tomatillo Restaurant in Kennewick, across from Olive Garden. Michelle's number is 509-579-0111.

It has been mentioned several times throughout the years about the trips the club would take. Here is an article Jim Vetrano wrote in 2009 regarding the Grand Circle Tour.

GRAND CIRCLE TOURS

By Jim Vetrano

One of the highlights of the tour year for Ye Olde Car Club during the 60's and 70,s was a Grand Circle Tour. The tours always took place in June shortly after school let out for the summer. The timing was to accommodate families with kids (and a lot of kids went on the tours) and two families who had members working for the school district.

A typical agenda for a Grand Circle Tour was to gather (usually at Cork's house) on a Saturday morning. From there we would set out for a (nominally) 1000 mile, 9 day tour. Each tour followed a preplanned route and Cork would organize the tour each year. There were plenty of rest stops along the way and often stops for road side repairs. At each stop the kids would run off restlessness and then regroup in the various cars for the next lap.

Typically the younger kids would fight for a spot in Cork's screen side, which normally had a chalk board on its side which changed its message daily, but often sported "Alaska or Bust". This was to impress the people who passed us.

Every year was a new adventure and went over a new route. Unfortunately, written chronicles of those adventures are nearly nonexistent and exist only in the fading memories of the tour participants. The one

documented tour was the 1967 tour to Wenatchee, Kelowna, and Grand Coulee Dam. That was written up in a 1967 article in The Restorer and is available. Some of the tours and their destinations are listed below:

- II 1967 Wenatchee-Kelowna-Grand Coulee Dam
- III 1968 White Pass-Pacific Ocean-Portland
- IV 1969 Stevens Pass-Victoria-Chinook Pass
- V 1970 Davenport-Ainsworth Hot Springs-Coeur D' Alene
- VIII 1974 Boise-Sun Valley-Missoula
- X 1975 Kalispell-Calgary-Radium
- XIII 1981 Crystal Mt - Victoria - Paradise
- XIV 1982 Sandpoint – Glacier Park - Lolo
- XV 1983 Oregon Coast – Carter Lake
- XVI 1984 Teton-Yellowstone-Butte-Missoula
- XIX 1987 North Cascades – Friday Harbor – Victoria
- XX 1988 Eastern Oregon – Oregon Coast
- XXII 1991 North Central Washington
- XXIII 1993 Mt St. Helen – Pt Townsend – North Cascades

I hesitate to list the people on the tours since I might miss some, but there were usually 5-10 families. Cars ranged in age from the teens to the 30's with a 1935 Plymouth being the newest. Makes included Ford, Overland, Dodge, Cadillac, Pierce Arrow, Chevrolet, and Plymouth.

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Here are some tidbits about April

April is named for the Greek goddess of love – Aphrodite.

Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April.

April is Humor month. So, Laugh it up!

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912

The Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1774

America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959

April is Stress Awareness month.

April is Alcohol Awareness month.

Car Fun Facts

Nearly 900 Million Oil Changes Are Performed Each Year

The Average Car Owner Spends About \$400 On Diagnostics, Scheduled Maintenance, and Tune-Ups Every Year

Cars Are Made Up Of Approximately 30,000 Parts

In 2019, The Most Common Reason For An Illuminated Check Engine Light Was A Problem With The Catalytic Converter

Windshield Wipers Were Invented By A Woman Named Mary Anderson

In 1905, Mary Anderson invented windshield wipers to remove the hassle of driving in the rain or snow. Before windshield wipers were invented, drivers would have to repeatedly get out of their cars and clean off the windshield by hand.

Antilock Brakes Were Invented Over 50 Years Ago. The first antilock brakes were invented in the 1920s, and they became more popular in the 1990s. Today, most modern cars have an antilock braking system, or ABS. [Click here to learn even more about the antilock braking systems.](#)

The Term "Tune-Up" Was Created By Henry Ford While Working On His First Automobile Prototype. Henry Ford spent a lot of time working on the automobile, and he noticed that when the coils worked together properly, they would buzz. If the coils didn't make the buzzing sound, it showed they needed an adjustment that he later called a "tune-up."

The First Electric Vehicle Was Created In 1832. Robert Anderson created the first electric-powered vehicle in 1832. Then in the 1990s, General Motors produced the EV1, otherwise known as the first mass-produced electric car. Today, many drivers are opting to purchase an electric car to reduce their carbon footprint. The World's First Automobile Race was in 1895 with a Winning Speed Of 15 MPH. Things have changed quite a bit since 1895, and luckily, cars can move a lot faster than 15. If cars could still only drive a maximum of 15 mph, it would take a long time to get around.

Brake Lights Were Invented In 1905. Prior to the invention of brake lights, many drivers relied on hand signals to let others know where they were going. This was problematic at night time as the dark made it difficult to see hand signals. Now, brake lights are a requirement for vehicles as they are an important safety feature!

The First Recorded Road Trip Was In August Of 1888 By Bertha Benz. Bertha Benz, the wife of Karl Benz who invented the first practical motorcar, and her two sons took a road trip from Mannheim to Pforzheim, Germany. The 66-mile trip was the first long-distance road trip ever recorded and took about 7 hours to complete.

The Inventor Of Cruise Control, Ralph Teetor, Was Blind. Ralph Teetor got into an accident when he was five years old that caused him to be blind. The accident never stopped his curiosity though! He eventually set out to create a mechanism that could keep the vehicle speed constant in order to save fuel. This first cruise control mechanism was called a "Speedostat."

Prior To The Invention Of The Steering Wheel, Drivers Used a Lever To Steer The Car. Steering wheels were invented in Cleveland, Ohio, by a man named Alexander Winton. Back in 1896, Winton began a series of inventions relating to cars and is most known for his steering wheel.

The Car Radio Was First Introduced By Chevrolet in 1922. The government wanted to ban it because it could be considered a distraction, but the ban didn't go through. By 1963, most vehicles had radios in them.

The First Three-Point Seatbelt Was Introduced In 1959. The Volvo Amazon 120 and PV 544 were the first models to have the three-point seatbelt that we know today. Nils Bohlin, a Volvo engineer, is credited with the development of the seatbelts. And as of 1968, all vehicles were required to have this three-point seatbelt as a safety feature.

The Best-Selling Car Of All Time Is The Toyota Corolla. Toyota has sold more than 43 million Toyota Corollas since 1966! This model is extremely popular because it is widely available all over the world, it continues to get updated and improved each year, it has good gas mileage, and it's well-known for being a reliable vehicle. Toyota Is The Largest Car Manufacturer In The World. Toyota makes approximately 13,000 cars every day!

Ferrari Only Manufactures A Maximum Of 14 Cars A Day. That is a very large difference from Toyota's 13,000 vehicles a day! The limited number of vehicles produced makes them more exclusive and valuable.

The World Record Of The Highest Vehicle Mileage Is 3,039,122 miles. Irvin Gordon was able to put just over 3 million miles on his 1966 Volvo 1800S back in 2014. That is almost the same distance as 120 trips around the earth! His secret? The world may never know!

The Largest Car Collection World Record Is 7,000+ Cars. The 29th Sultan of Brunei owns over 7,000 cars of all different makes and models. He owns extremely rare, one-of-a-kind cars as well as more popular ones. It's enough to make any car lover jealous.

The World Record For The Fastest Engine Replacement Is 42 Seconds. Five Royal British marines spent two weeks practicing engine replacements until they could do it fast enough to break the world record. Since then, they have continued to hold the world record for the fastest engine replacement ever!

The Famous "New Car Smell" Is Made Up Of About 50 Volatile Organic Compounds. Most car manufacturers are trying to find ways to eliminate this smell because it contains harmful chemicals. The volatile organic compounds, or VOC, come from petroleum-based solvents in the plastic and vinyl parts of the car.

95% Of A Car's Lifetime Is Spent Parked. Your car spends only 5% of its lifetime on the road. The rest of its lifetime will be spent parked overnight or while not in use. This is why it is so important to park your car in a safe spot like a private garage or a driveway.

95% Of Americans Drive An Automatic Vehicle. Most Americans drive an automatic vehicle for the ease of driving. In fact, since the 1980s, automatic vehicles have been growing in popularity. The remaining 5% of drivers prefer manual vehicles.

Most Car Horns Honk In The Key of F. You might have noticed that most car sound the same when the driver honks the horn, but did you know that car horns typically honk in the key of F? The most common sounds are F and F#, but you can still hear other keys too.

The Average American Spends Over 38 Hours In Traffic Every Year. 38 hours is a long time, but that is just an average. Some Americans spend more or less time in traffic. In fact, people living in Los Angeles spend an average of 119 hours in traffic every year.

Cars On The Road Are Getting Older Over Time. The average age of cars on the road in 2010 was 10.6 years, and in 2019 it was 11.8. This number is expected to continue growing as newer vehicles are built with more complex technology, allowing them to have a longer lifespan.

The Most Common Car Color Is White And The Least Popular Car Color Is Purple. White, black, and gray are the most popular car colors, and you probably could have guessed that just by looking at the other cars on the road. Brighter, less-common colors like purple, orange, and yellow are not as easy to find.

There Are About 50 Pounds Of Copper Wiring In The Average Car. There's about 40 pounds of copper in the electrical system, and 10 pounds of copper are found in non-electrical systems. That's a lot of copper wiring and parts! Luckily, you can leave that all to your mechanic.

Did You Know

Moths use the light of the Moon and stars for navigation. The moths that gather around your porch light are confused by it and keep changing their flight angle in an attempt to maintain a straight flight path, but end up continually turning toward the light.



1933 Ford Vicky

The term 1932 Ford may refer to three models of automobile produced by Ford Motors between 1932 and 1934: the Model B, the Model 18, and the Model 40. These succeeded the Model A. The Model B had an updated four-cylinder engine and was available from 1932 to 1934. The V8 was available in the Model 18 in 1932, and in

the Model 40 in 1933 & 1934. The 18 was the first Ford fitted with the flathead V-8. The company also replaced the Model AA truck with the Model BB, available with either the four- or eight-cylinder engine.

The three car models were replaced by the streamlined Model 48 in 1935.

When the Model 40 and the new B were introduced February 9, 1933, revisions of the car were substantial, especially considering how important the 1932 change had been. For its second year, the wheelbase was stretched, from 106 in to 112 in on a new crossmember frame. The grille was revised, gaining a pointed forward slope at the bottom which resembled either a spade, a Medieval shield, or possibly the 1932 Packard Light Eight in general outline anyway. Both the grille and hood louvers curved down and forward. The overall design and grille were inspired by the English Ford Model Y. Streamlining was further accentuated by the new hood which now covered the cowl, giving an impression of more length. In addition, there were more rounded and skirted fenders and new, elegantly bowed bumpers. Headlamp support bars were no longer in use, and there were new wire wheels. The cars got a new dashboard with instruments set in an oval insert in front of the driver. There was a glove box on the passenger side. Closed Deluxe models received heavy DI-NOC woodgraining on dash and window frames, and there were deeper seat cushions.

There were 10 body styles (14 if standard and Deluxe trim levels are counted separately). Now, all were available for V-8s and the Model B, which thus got Deluxe models, too. Convertible Coupes and Victoria came in Deluxe trim only, and the most expensive car in the line, the "woody", as a Standard only. It cost \$590 with the four-cylinder engine.

From Wikipedia

Some Interesting Facts:

The number of books in Thomas Jefferson's personal collection when he sold it to the Library of Congress: 6,500+

Square mileage of the smallest U.S. state capitol, Annapolis, Maryland: 7.2

Paul Revere was also a pioneering dentist. He was the first person in the U.S. to practice dental forensics.

In the mid 1700s, while spending time in Europe, Benjamin Franklin experienced what was a popular musical performance at the time: singing glasses. Intrigued by the beautiful sound of a wet finger on glass, Franklin developed an instrument known as a "glass armonica."

Thomas Jefferson crafted his own epitaph highlighting the achievements for which he hoped to be remembered, and, as he put it, "not a word more." It reads: Here was buried Thomas Jefferson/Author of the Declaration of American Independence/of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom/and Father of Virginia." Nowhere does he mention that he served as governor of Virginia, Secretary of State, and as President of the United States.

WOMEN'S CORNER

Choosing a wife

A man wanted to get married. He was having trouble choosing among three likely candidates. He gives each woman a present of \$5,000 and watches to see what they do with the money.

The first does a total make-over. She goes to a fancy beauty salon, gets her hair done, new make-up and buys several new outfits, and dresses up very nicely for the man. She tells him that she has done this to be more attractive for him because she loves him so much.

The man was impressed.

The second goes shopping to buy the man gifts. She gets him a new set of golf clubs, some new gizmos for his computer, and some expensive clothes. As she presents these gifts, she tells him that she has spent all the money on him because she loves him so much

Again, the man is impressed.

The third invests the money in the stock market. She earns several times the \$5,000. She gives him back his \$5,000 and reinvests the remainder in a joint account. She tells him that she wants to save for their future because she loves him so much.

Obviously, the man was impressed.

The man thought for a long time about what each woman had done with the money he'd given her.

Then, he married the one with the biggest boobs.

Men are like that, you know.

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer' s research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in April



Birthdays

Debra Allison	April 17	Bonnie Bennett	April 26
Debby Buckles	April 15	Dave Hannah	April 12
Kaye Henson	April 28	Judy Herrick	April 13
Jim Jewett	April 19	Vicki Kleve	April 23
Kim Marmon	April 9	Dolores McClary	April 23
Paula Newell	April 30	Nancy Rutherford	April 14
Gary Shindehite	April 3	Diana Stephenson	April 4
Nancy Whitcomb	April 27	BJ Wyland	April 6



Anniversaries

David & Dianne Cutter	April 23	Vern & Samantha Englke	April 18
Bob & Anita Gough	April 4	Sid & Margie Grant	April 4
Cory & Rachael Hannah	April 24	Thomas & Mary Hoertkorn	April 21
Curtis & Susanne Kooiker	April 1	Brian & Paula Newell	April 4

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