



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club June 2024 Newsletter

June 2024 Prez says ramblings

It is close to the end of June and as the month ends, 2024 is half over. We will have attended twenty-six morning breakfast meetings and on June 27, we will have enjoyed six out of our planned ten monthly pizza party meetings this year. Where does the time go? Wherever time does go, it certainly picks up speed along the way.

As I look back in time, I hope to have been able to balance a career, spend a little time becoming somewhat proficient in the car hobby, and most importantly be there to share this precious and fleeting time with my wonderful family. I also have been a member of another family for twelve years, this month, and that is the Ye Olde Car Club family. This automobile-related family continues to provide me with the friendship and camaraderie of very wonderful and thoughtful individuals who share this car hobby. I thank all of you for your gift of friendship.

As for the remainder of 2024, we have a lot of work as a club to do. We are on the cusp of securing a favorable Benton County Fairgrounds contract for the 2025 YOCC Swap Meet and ensure facility availability for future years. Both Fairgrounds management and YOCC representative committee have a handshake agreement on the contract terms and conditions and are presently waiting for adjustments to be incorporated into the finished contract for signature. This action eases the concern we had earlier this year about continuation of the Swap Meet. This new contract will enable our club to continue providing financial resources to YOCC recognized local charities and our Red Rutherford student scholarship program.

Now for the work part! Our 2024 Swap Meet in early May was a roaring success. Okay...we had a little rain! But even that could not dampen the event, particularly the excellent teamwork by our club members in collectively accomplishing all the tasks required for this success. You all are aware Bill White, after years of very competently administering the event as our Swap Meet Chairperson, is stepping away from that role. Bill has developed procedures, time-line schedules, and step- by-step processes and guidance over the years which much more efficiently organizes the Swap Meet event.

In my discussions with Bill, we may be at the point where there is no longer the need for one person to do take on all the responsibility for all Swap Meet activities but divide these activities into several logical functions that can be accomplished with minimal time and effort. Certainly, pre-registration and gate registration are the most complex functions. Bill has identified commercial software applications specifically for swap meets, flea markets and similar annual events that address on-line and in person registration with year-to-year accounting and graphical representation of the actual facility/space layout much like selecting and paying for seats for the Mariners at T-Mobil Park. The use of these tools is just in the thought stage at this point. If these tools could reduce the time and labor in these processes, we would clearly be interested. Who likes a good challenge?

Good grief! I didn't write about a fun car topic once in this message. I promise to do better next month...

Thanks, Robbin

Bits and Pieces

What did the buffalo say when his son left? Bison

A man is washing his car with his son. The son asks, "Dad, can't you just use a sponge?"

Teacher (on the phone): You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?"

Voice: "This is my father."

Who is Little Caesar's dad? Papa John

Why is a giraffe such a good father? Because he is someone you can look up to.

Why are fishing dads the best? Because they're so sofishticated.

Why do dads who play golf take an extra pair of socks? In case they get a hold in one.

A book never written: "Fatherly Advice" by Buck L. Upson.

The Remarkable Body

The human heart beats more than three billion times in an average lifespan.

Where in the world.

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

My daughter and YOCC member Frances Wyland works at the Benton County jail. Every month the clerks have a baked goods sale and select a charity for the proceeds. In May, the hostess chose Cork's Place and they made over \$1300 dollars to donate. Nice work girls.

Fun Food Facts

Watermelon is about 92% water, while cucumber is 95%. That's actually the same as lettuce and celery. It's also super low in calories, with just eight per serving.

Ladies Lunch in June had 14 Ladies. Thanks Enid.

The July Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Soozie Boulton.

If you are interested in attending call Soozie: 509-378-0348

Here are some interesting dates in June

June is International Men's Month

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day

June 7 is Chocolate Ice Cream Day

June 11 is Corn-on-the-Cob Day

June 14 is Father's Day

June 23 is Pink Day

Wimbledon runs through the month of June.

Signaling in Roundabouts

Q: Having recently traveled to Europe it drives me crazy that people here don't understand signaling in a roundabout. I was taught to signal my intent to exit a roundabout, but 99% of people using roundabouts in Washington don't signal at all. Perhaps some signage would help?

A: So many traffic questions that I receive, especially about roundabouts, are prompted by trips to Europe. Based on the traffic fatality rates of most European countries, we do have a lot to learn from them. Although, I was once a passenger in a van going from the airport to my hotel in Rome, and the lines on the freeway meant nothing. We were six vehicles wide on a four-lane highway. When it comes to impaired driving, pedestrian safety, speeding, and roundabouts, we could take some lessons from the Europeans. But maybe we don't learn freeway driving from the Italians.

Dealing with Dual Yields

Q: Who has the right-of-way if one direction of traffic has a "right turn yield" and the opposite has "left hand yield on green"? People always act like they have the right-of-way going in both directions, often nearly causing crashes.

A: In life (and in driving) we're in an ongoing pursuit of understanding. At the same time, perfect understanding is unachievable. A Sisyphean task, to be sure. I lead with that in order that we might have grace and patience for the people we share the road with when they fall short of understanding how to properly yield the right-of-way.

From thewisedrive.com

DNA Testing for Cars?

I just did a search on the H.A.M.B (Hokey Ass Message Board) for a heater for my 40 Ford. My search words of "40 Ford Heater" resulted in quite a few posts that turned up. Six pages worth. Most having nothing to do with a heater. One post that caught my eye as I quickly scrolled thru the pages was one that read something like: "How corrupted is your car's gene pool". That one made me chuckle.

My Ford was my grandfather's daily driver from 1940 to 1967 when it was passed on to me, after he passed on. So, it's no wonder that it was just treated as just another used car while it was owned, and not something to be kept as original as possible. The object was to keep the car roadable, nothing more.

So far during my restoration efforts I have found that the heater is from a 1941 Oldsmobile, the transmission is from a 1947 Ford, and I'm thinking the engine is from a 1941 or 1942 Ford. Not totally sure about the engine though. I'll know more once I pull it and begin the rebuild on it.

And then there are the little changes that I have made over the years, like adding turn signals (well hidden within the existing parking and taillight enclosures and an under-dash toggle switch for activation), side mounted radio antenna, and front brake drums from a later model Ford (to be rectified during restoration).

So, my Ford's gene pool has definitely been corrupted.

Specific Responses

Regarding the heater: I don't know the story with that, but we can maybe guess what went on there. Grandpa opted to not include a heater in the original purchase. After splurging on buying a DeLuxe, rather than a Standard, he probably didn't feel right adding the heater (pretty sure it was a dealer installed option). I believe that my dad, and his brother, or at least one of them, worked at one of the local General Motors dealerships in Spokane around that time. Use your imagination as to how they may have sourced a 1941 Oldsmobile heater for their dad's car. It is not as appealing a heater as what was intended to be there. Plus, I just don't like it, and it bugs me.

Regarding the transmission: I don't believe the '47 transmission is any stronger, or better in any way. It's pretty much identical to the '40 unit except for the rear bearing retainer. The original probably wore out and it was cheaper to go with the '47 rather than rebuild the '40.

Regarding the engine: Like I said, I really won't know what I actually have until to the tear down. It may be what was originally installed, and I'm in error thinking it's not, or it might have come from a later model like the transmission, using the same reasoning.

I think I've mentioned before that I really enjoy the discoveries and digging into the history. I just wish that grandpa Ted had kept a record of maintenance performed. Perhaps it's a result of my nuclear navy upbringing, or maybe I'm just anal by accident, but when a person buys one of my vehicles they get a journal filled with even the smallest maintenance details.

I have finally gotten caught up on the yard work, and other necessary jobs around the house, and am working on the Ford today. All of the sanding, descaling, and other nasty painting preps have been completed. I just need to finish a few masking details and do a naphtha wipe down prior to the start of the painting of the floor pan, from fire wall to the trunk. Should start that either tomorrow or Monday.

Thank you for this contribution by David Gerkenmeyer

Did You Know

In 1851, Benjamin T. Babbitt became the first manufacturer to put soap bars in a wrapper. Up until then, soap was made in loaves which the grocer sliced and then weighed, much the same as cheese.

Because I'm a Man

- Because I'm a man, when I lock my keys in the car I will fiddle with a wire clothes hanger and ignore your suggestions that we call a road service until long after hypothermia has set in.
- Because I'm a man, when the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start." We will then drink beer.
- Because I'm a man, when I catch a cold I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan. You never get as sick as I do, so for you this isn't an issue.
- Because I'm a man, I can be relied upon to purchase basic groceries at the store, like milk or bread. I cannot be expected to find exotic items like "Cumin" or "Tofu". For all I know these are the same thing. And never, under any circumstances, expect me to pick up anything for which "feminine hygiene product" is a euphemism.
- Because I'm a man, when one of our appliances stops working I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.
- Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it (though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator).
- Because I'm a man, I don't think we're all that lost, and no, I don't think we should stop and ask someone. Why would you listen to a complete stranger-I mean, how the heck could he know where we're going?
- Because I'm a man, there is no need to ask me what I'm thinking about. The answer is always either sex or football, though I have to make up something else when you ask, so don't.
- Because I'm a man, I do not want to visit your mother, or have your mother come visit us, or talk to her when she calls, or think about her any more than I have to. Whatever you got her for Mother's Day is okay, I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my Mom too!!
- Because I'm a man, I am capable of announcing, "One more beer and I really have to go," and mean it every single time I say it, even when it gets to the point that the one bar closes and my buddies and I have to go hunt down another. I will find it increasingly hilarious to have my pals call you to tell you I'll be home soon, and no, I don't understand why you threw all my clothes into the front yard. Like, what's the connection?
- Because I'm a man, you don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are, if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't.
- Because I'm a man, yes, I have to turn up the radio when Bruce Springsteen or The Doors comes on, and then, yes, I have to tell you every single time about how Bruce had his picture on the cover of Time and Newsweek the same day, or how Jim Morrison is buried in Paris and everyone visits his grave. Please do not behave as if you do not find this fascinating.
- Because I'm a man, I think what you're wearing is fine. I thought what you were wearing five minutes ago was fine, too. Either pair of shoes is fine. With the belt or without it looks fine. Your hair is fine. You look fine. Can we just go now?

•Because I'm a man, and this is, after all, a new century, I will share equally in the housework. You just do the laundry, the cooking, the gardening, the cleaning, and the dishes. I'll do the rest.





1936 Ford Cabriolet

The 1935 Ford was a thorough refresh on the popular V8-powered Ford. The four-cylinder Model A engine was no longer offered, leaving just the 221 CID (V8 two-power every Ford car and truck. The transverse leaf spring suspension remained, but the front spring was relocated ahead of the axle to allow more interior volume. The body was lowered and new seating improved comfort.

Visually, the 1935 Ford was made more modern with the grille pushed forward and made more prominent by de-emphasized and more-integrated fenders. A major advance was a true integrated trunk on "trunkback" sedans, though the traditional "flatback" was also offered.

Two trim lines were offered, standard and DeLuxe, across a number of body styles including a base roadster, five-window coupe, three-window coupe, Tudor and Fordor sedans in flatback or trunkback versions, a convertible sedan, a woody station wagon, an new Model 51 truck. Rumble seats were optional on the coupe model.

Chevrolet regained the sales lead at the end of 1936, but the Ford still sold extremely well. A new club cabriolet model was introduced with a fully-framed windshield and weatherproof top, and the convertible sedan gained the popular integrated trunkback design.

The look was updated with an inverted pentagonal grille with all-vertical bars beneath a prominent hood and three horizontal chrome side strips (on DeLuxe models). A concealed horn, long a prominent part of the Ford's design, brought the car into modern times. The new trucks continued with the old grille. Other major changes for 1936 were the use of pressed steel "artillery" solid wheels instead of wire wheels.

From Wikipedia

Cuddly teddy bears sold well during the mid-1950s era. So did innocence. Marry the two and one has a perfect recipe for marketing safe automotive engineering. Ford did just that with its 1956 Lifeguard Design campaign, which promoted V-8 power in front of four components that were available in its passenger cars: deep-center steering wheels, "Crash cushion" instrument panels, "double grip" door latches, and seat belts.

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WOMEN'S CORNER

A WOMAN SHOULD...

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A set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill, and a black lace bra.

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...

One friend who always makes her Laugh...And one who lets her cry.

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...

A good piece of furniture not previously owned by anyone else in her family.

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...

Eight matching plates, wine glasses with stems, and a recipe for a meal that will make her guests feel honored.

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...

A feeling of control over her destiny.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

How to fall in love without losing herself.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

How to quit a job, break up with a lover, and confront a friend without ruining the friendship.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

When to try harder and WHEN TO WALK AWAY.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

That she can't change the length of her calves, the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

That her childhood may not have been perfect, but it's over.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

What she would and wouldn't do for love or more.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

How to live alone even if she doesn't like it.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

Whom she can trust, whom she can't, and why she shouldn't take it personally.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

Where to go...Be it to her best friend's kitchen table or a charming inn in the woods hen her soul needs soothing.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

What she can and can't accomplish in a day, a month, and a year.

Thanks to my very good friend Pami.

With Age comes skills
 It's called MultiTasking
 I CAN
 LAUGH, COUGH,
 SNEEZE, AND PEE ALL

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June



Birthdays

John Airoidi	June 22	Jane Armstrong	June 5
Don Buckles	June 11	Lennie Carlson	June 16
Christopher Chancellor	June 18	Richard Chastain	June 22
Gary Christensen	June 24	Fran Coutts	June 30
Barb Donaldson	June 9	Steve Foy	June 6
Melissa Freeman	June 1	Richard Freitag	June 9
Stacia Gunderson	June 13	John Hopkins	June 16
John Hunsaker	June 12	Sue Jewett	June 16
Robbin Johanson	June 24	Wendy Kihlman	June 7
Clarence Kummer	June 23	Norma Kummer	June 8
Jason Maxwell	June 5	Bob McClary	June 26
Stephen Nelson	June 30	Ernie Oeder	June 9
Jay Thomas	June 10	Misun VonHolten	June 18
Ken Wright	June 2		



Anniversaries

Larry & Sue Campbell	June 5	Richard & Marlene Kuch	June 12
Gil & Odetta Linden	June 20	Dennis & Frances McGillis	June 9
Don & Nancy Millard	June 11	Joseph & Judy Patterson	June 22
Rick & Mary Rickard	June 18	Dave & Dawn Roberts	June 29
Stephen & Sarah Scott	June 6	Rick & Pamela Stanton	June 6
John & Thora Trumbull	June 5	Brian & Danyell Wagers	June 22

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