



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club August 2024 Newsletter

## August 2024 Prez says ramblings

I trust everyone is enjoying the month of August. The sweltering heat appears to be behind us. The weather for the Kennewick Fair Parade on Saturday, the 17th was perfect. August is usually the month for family vacations, getting a revitalizing respite away from the daily grind and before kids, grandkids and for some of us, great grandkids go back to school. Seems that schools are starting earlier and letting out later. However, the total education days remain the same! Perhaps this extra length of the school year could be put to good use in reducing the rising national trend of lower academic scores each year! Just my opinion...Wow! I just realized I am now at the age at which 'everyone is entitled to my opinion'. On to car and club stuff!

August continues this summer's trend of more and more car shows and auto related events every weekend. Recently, it is common to have three, four, five or more events on a Saturday and even Friday and sometimes Sunday is busy. A classic, vintage or specialty car-person could now make a career of attending these events! The salary might be an issue... This plethora of coinciding car events is diluting the Ye Olde Car Club group attendance at the traditional and long-standing events our club used to dominate, attendance wise. However, this is okay! Ye Olde Car Club, purposely, is a diverse car club with many car enthusiasts of diverse age, brand loyalty, socially, outside interests, pre-war cars, post war cars, old cars, new cars, etc.... Well! We do have one, overarching, common denominator...Food!

Speaking of food! There is one area of concern regarding YOCC attendance that is not related to afore mentioned car-related diversity. And that is the club's seemingly dwindling participation and attendance at our retirement and assisted living visits that have been a long-standing tradition of the Ye Olde Car Club's community outreach volunteerism. I am not aware of any other local car club that does this to the extent of our club. These events are virtually all on weekdays and while we do have other commitments, appointments and responsibilities, it would be great if we could, when available, make it a point to attend. These visits are typically scheduled months in advance. The club's visit to the Sunnyside Assisted Living this past week was an "eye opener" to me in that as the five cars from or club barely pulled into the driveway to park, there were six to eight residents and a like number of staff immediately descended upon us thanking us profusely for coming to visit with them. It was obvious from their enthusiasm and the communication planning of staff; the day of our visit was a very big deal with expectations weeks in advance. We were treated as royalty, seated at a linen clothed table, the facilities' head chef introduced us to the various menu selections he and his staff would provide for us. One quite elderly and very interesting gentleman shared his collection of Model T and Model A cars along with photos and interesting histories of the cars. He still has those cars today stored at this son's local farm. My point is our attendance at these events is clearly appreciated much more than I imagined. Our cars mean a lot to the residents of these facilities, as they grew up with many of the same cars. While the folks were clearly thrilled with our five cars, it was really kind of embarrassing this was all we had to offer...

Closing this month's message on an upbeat note, I want to thank and acknowledge members Kyle Thornhill and Jim Newell as volunteering for the 2025 YOCC Swap Meet Co-Chairpersons. Jim, Kyle, along with John Hopkins, myself, and Bill White met following the past morning meeting to launch the 2025 swap meet campaign. Kyle and

Jim have the ball rolling and with the tutelage of Bill will do a great job. Of course, it is up to all of us to support this critical event as every club member has done during past swap meets.

Thanks, and cruise safely,  
Robbin

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**Bits and Pieces**

I lent my friend fifteen thousand dollars for plastic surgery. Now, I can't find him.

Stealing someone's coffee is called mugging.

I got gas today for \$1.39. Unfortunately, it was at Taco Bell.

I knew I was going bald when it was taking longer and longer to wash my face.

I knew the romance was dead when I drank champagne out of the old girls slipper and choked on a Dr. Scholl's foot pad.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines!

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

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**The Remarkable Body**

The average person has 67 different species of bacteria in their belly button.

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**Where in the world.**

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man-made.

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**Ladies Lunch in August had 11 Ladies. Thanks Bonnie.**

The September Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Norma Kummer. Village Bistro, Kennewick.  
Call Norma -509-628-8850.



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### **Fun Food Facts**

Pickles are so popular that the average American eats about 9 pounds of them each year. Why did the dill pickle spear end up being served with the deli sandwich? The practice started when Jewish immigrants began opening delis in New York City around the 1930s. Many offered dill pickles as palate cleansers to customers, because the acidity from the pickle provides a sharp contrast to the fatty meats of the sandwich. They also add a nice crunch.

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### **Here are some interesting facts about August**

August 1, 1944 – Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary.

August 6, 1945 – The first atomic bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 AM.

August 9, 1974 – Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal.

August 13, 1961 – The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between the east and west sectors of Berlin after erecting a barbed wire closure.

August 14, 1935 – President F. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act.

August 15, 1969 – Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur’s Farm at Bethel, New York.

August 16, 1977 – Elvis Presley died at the age of 42.

August 21, 1959 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

August 31, 1997 – Princess Diana died at the age of 36.

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In a school zone, if the lights are flashing but school is out (like for spring break), does the 20-mph speed limit still apply?

A: Sounds like someone forgot to turn out the lights before they went on vacation. Yes, if the beacons are flashing the speed limit is 20 mph.

From thewisedrive.com

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### **Did You Know**

The Chameleon is the only vertebrate that can move its eyes independently.

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### **Is it legal to use your phone at a red light in Washington State?**

By Rosemary Montalvo & Shaun Goodwin, Tri-Cities Herald

Whether you’re touching up your make-up or answering a text, these are all considered distracted driving and can result in a fine. First responders & people contacting emergency services are allowed to text & drive in WA.

Between 2020 and 2023, Washington State has seen over 71,000 crashes caused by distracted drivers, over 3,370 of which were caused by drivers using their cellphones while driving, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation’s Crash Data Portal. In 2024 so far, there have been 3,610 crashes caused by distracted drivers, according to the WSDOT. 156 of those crashes were caused by drivers using their cellphones, two of which were fatal and six were suspected of being serious injury crashes.

Washington’s laws on texting and driving are outlined in Title 46, Chapter 61 of the Revised Codes of Washington. The chapter states that aside from law enforcement officers and first responders reacting to an emergency, no one is allowed to use a mobile device at any time while driving or stopped in traffic unless contacting emergency

services for help. This does not apply to the manufacturer-installed systems in the vehicle, such as global positioning systems and touch-screen radios.

If you are pulled over for using your cell phone while driving, the Washington State Patrol website states that the following will happen: A first time offense will result in a \$145 fine Each subsequent violation within a five-year period will result in a fine of \$243 Cell phone violations are reported to insurance companies.

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## **Favorite Drinks From Every State**

Alabama – Buffalo Rock Ginger Ale  
Alaska – Duck Shot (Distinct layers of coffee liqueur, Irish cream & whiskey)  
Arizona – Lemonade  
Arkansas – Grapette  
California – Wine  
Colorado – Hot Cocoa  
Connecticut - White Birch Soda (Tastes of wintergreen)  
Delaware – Dogfish Head (A popular sour beer)  
Florida – Orange Juice  
Georgia – Coca Cola  
Hawaii – Pineapple Juice  
Idaho – Potato Vodka  
Illinois – Old Style Beer  
Indiana – Water  
Iowa – Nehi Grape  
Kansas – Icee  
Louisiana – Sazerac (Rye whiskey, a sugar cube, bitters, anise-flavored Herbsaintl liqueur & a lemon twist)  
Maine – Moxie (Root beer-esque Elixir)  
Maryland – Black-eyed Susan (Stiff cocktail of orange& pineapple juice, vodka, rum and orange liqueur)  
Massachusetts- Cranberry Juice  
Michigan – Soda Pop (Vernor's ginger ale & a Russian favorite strawberry-flavored Redpop)  
Minnesota – The Bootleg (Citrus, sugar & fresh mint)  
Mississippi – Barq's Root Beer  
Missouri – Fitz's Soda  
Montana – Huckleberry Milkshake (I think I need one!)  
Nebraska – Kool-Aid  
Nevada – Picon Punch (The citrusy aperitif Torani Amer, a nip of grenadine, soda, brandy & twist of lemon)  
New Hampshire – Apple Cider  
New Jersey – Green Juice (A veggie concoction)  
New Mexico – Aqua Fresca (Steeped fresh fruit in water & sugar)  
New York - Egg Cream (Milk, seltzer water, & U-Bet chocolate syrup – no eggs)  
North Carolina – Cheerwine (Cherry soda)  
North Dakota – Chokecherry Wine  
Ohio – Tomato Juice  
Oklahoma – Cherry Limeade  
Oregon – Craft Beer  
Pennsylvania – Milk  
Rhode Island – Coffee Milk (Coffee ice cream in liquid form)  
South Carolina – Sweet Tea  
South Dakota – Red Beer (Light beer mixed with tomato juice)  
Tennessee – Tennessee Whiskey  
Texas – Horchata  
Utah – Dirty Soda (Dressed-up soft drinks mixed with cream & flavored syrup)  
Vermont – Maple Lemonade  
Virginia – George Washington's Rye Whiskey  
Washington – Coffee  
West Virginia – Mountain Dew  
Wisconsin – Brandy Old Fashioned  
Wyoming – Sloshe (Fresh squeezed grapefruit juice & vodka)  
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**1946 Chevrolet Suburban**

The Chevrolet Suburban is a series of automobiles built by the Chevrolet division of General Motors. In production since the 1935 model year, the model line is currently in its twelfth generation; it is the longest-used automobile nameplate in the world. Beginning life as one of the first metal-bodied station wagons, the Suburban is the progenitor of modern full-size SUVs, combining a station wagon body with the chassis and powertrain of a pickup truck. Alongside its Advance Design, Task Force, and C/K predecessors, the Silverado pickup trucks share chassis and mechanical commonality with the Suburban.

Chevrolet began production of its all-steel "carryall-suburban" in 1934. GMC brought out its version in 1937. These vehicles were also known as the "Suburban Carryall" until GM shortened the name to simply "Suburban." GMC's equivalent to the Chevrolet model was originally named "Suburban" as well, until being rebranded as "Yukon XL" for the 2000 model year.

Traditionally one of the most profitable vehicles sold by General Motors, the Suburban has been marketed by both Chevrolet and GMC for nearly its entire history; GMC has used several different nameplates for the model line, marketing the Suburban as the GMC Yukon XL since 2000. Cadillac also rebrands the Suburban as the Cadillac Escalade ESV. During the 1990s, the Holden brand marketed right-hand-drive versions of the model line.

The Suburban is sold in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Chile, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Peru, Philippines, and the Middle East (except Israel), while the Yukon XL is sold only in North America (exclusive to the United States, Canada, and Mexico) and the Middle East territories (except Israel).

Suburbans were built in model years 1941, 1942, and 1946. It was also produced during World War II as a military transport vehicle. Seating for up to eight occupants was available. Models with rear panel doors were designated "3106," while those with tailgates were designated "3116." The Chevrolet versions were equipped a 216-cubic-inch 6-cylinder engine. The GMC version was equipped with a 228-cubic-inch 6-cylinder engine. It shared much of its mechanicals with the AK Series trucks.

From Wikipedia

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### **Gas prices include nine-tenths of a cent due to a 90-year-old law.**

Whenever you fill up your tank, you may notice that the price per gallon of gasoline always ends in nine-tenths of a cent — for example, \$3.699 per gallon, sometimes displayed as \$3.69 and 9/10. You've also likely noticed that it's pretty much the only everyday commodity that's priced that way. Even a whole penny hardly makes a difference now, so why bother charging a fraction of a cent? As it turns out, the strange pricing is a holdover from a 1932 law.

During the Great Depression, a penny was worth a lot more than it is now. The average gallon of gas cost about 20 cents in 1930, and in some parts of the country was as low as 10 cents. When the Revenue Act of 1932 was passed, it allowed for the first federal gas tax. The tax rate of 1 cent per gallon was pretty significant at the time; in some areas, that increased fuel prices by 10%. It made a difference, too: Ultimately, gas accounted for nearly 8% of tax revenue in 1933.

Gas station owners, who paid the tax when purchasing fuel from suppliers, were faced with three options: They could eat the tax and take the hit to their profit margin, raise prices by an entire cent (which, again, was a lot at the time), or increase prices by less than a penny and pay the difference. The third option was less of a shock to motorists, but still made up a portion of the tax burden, so it seemed like a good compromise to most retailers.

As the interstate highway system grew in the 1950s (and gas prices stayed roughly between 20 cents and 30 cents per gallon), pricing gas to a fraction of a cent also proved to be effective marketing, making rates appear lower to motorists who saw them displayed on signs along busy highways. It's the same concept as charging \$1.99 instead of \$2 — consumers tend to focus on the leftmost digit of a price, making for an effective illusion even to savvy shoppers. But that last fraction of a penny adds up to millions of dollars in revenue each month for gas retailers as a whole; in 2006, one gas station operator cut out the nine-tenths of a cent as an experiment and figured he lost about \$23 a day. Roughly 90 years after the 1932 law was passed, pricing gas to nine-tenths of a cent is still nearly universal, but there's nothing mandating that gas stations price their gallons this way. In fact, a 1985 law in Iowa banned the practice, though the law was repealed just a few years later.

Gasoline started as a discarded byproduct of distilling oil. When businessman Edwin Drake drilled the United States' first productive oil well in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1859, internal combustion engines were still more than a quarter-century away from hitting the road. Drake was after kerosene to power lamps, not motor fuel. The distillation process still produced gasoline as a byproduct, but having no use for it, he threw it out. Car inventors didn't realize it could be a valuable motor fuel until the 1890s — and gas didn't start outselling kerosene until 1911.

Thanks to Dave Hannah for this contribution

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## *WOMEN'S CORNER*

### **The Speeding Ticket**

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, 'I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir.'

The driver says, 'Gee, officer I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating.'

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: 'Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control.'

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, 'Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?'

The wife smiles demurely and says, 'You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did.'

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, 'Darn it, woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?'

The officer frowns and says, 'And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine.'

The driver says, 'Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket.'

The wife says, 'Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving.'

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, 'WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??'

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, 'Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am??'

I love this part.....'Only when he's been drinking.'



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### Birthdays and Anniversaries in August



#### Birthdays

Rena Allen	August 8	Terry Baumgartner	August 2
Randy Boyd	August 10	Donald Freeman	August 11
Bruce Ginther	August 5	Cory Hannah	August 4
Debbi Hannah	August 15	Robb King	August 25
Elaine Kutrowski	August 1	Odetta Linden	August 22
Mary Luera	August 29	Jose Munoz	August 7
Gayle Noga	August 22	Lynn Patterson	August 19
Marva Randall	August 28	Paul Rascon	August 26
Rick Rickard	August 24	Julie Schwartz	August 16
John Soliz	August 15		



#### Anniversaries

Ed & JoAnn Bearce	August 18	Randy & Jean Bunch	August 23
Brian & Amy Denning	August 2	Dave & Debbi Hannah	August 29
Bill & Linda Jarrard	August 1	Clarence & Norma Kummer	August 10
Blaine & Carol Sherfinski	August 21	Henry & Jan Smith	August 1
Tom & Ingrid Smith	August 28	Jay & Barbara Thomas	August 27

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