

THE GAS GAUGE

CALANDER

- Aug. 2-5 Lynden WA; Threshing Bee;
- Aug. 2-6 Olympia, WA; MAFA NW Regional Y2K Meet
- Aug. 5 Covington, WA; 2nd Golden ERA Pre-54 Swap Meet;
- Aug. 12 Tacoma, WA; Tacoma Model "T" Annual Tour;
- Aug. 12 Shelton, WA; 5th NW Chapter THS Antique Truck Show
- Aug. 13 Ferndale, WA; 37th Annual Field Meet. AARC Summer
- Aug. 19 Benton Franklin County Fair Grand Parade and Annual Picnic
- Aug. 19 Shelton, WA; Old Town Shelton Vintage Car Revival
- Aug 19 Port Townsend, WA; Port Townsend Kiwanis Classic Car Show
- Aug 19-20 Union Gap, WA; Washington State Pioneer Power Show
- Aug. 25-27 Shelton & Olympia, WA; Cool Creek Nites;
- Aug. 26 Longvier, WA; Unique Tin Car Show & Swap Meet
- Aug. 26 Tacoma, WA; LeMay's Open House;
- Aug. 26-27 Toledo, WA; Cowlits Prairie Threshing Bee and Fly-in

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1. Elaine Kutrowski
- 5. Dola Benson
- 10. Nellie Knepper
- 22. Gayle Noga
- 23. Edris Shegrud

Happy Anniversary

- 25. James & Carol Stafford
- 29. Dwight & Loretta Underwood



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JULY MEETING MINUTES

Gary opened the meeting with a few announcements regarding future car events from different groups around the state. He then gave the floor to Jim Mokler. Jim Mokler had a request from the Cancer Center. The Cancer Center has a golf tournament to raise money. To raise the money they sell signs for the different holes. This year the amount of money for the signs is \$300. A vote was taken to donate (purchase a sign) which passed. Richard Kuch and Martha Shreve gave a run down of the Montana Circle Tour. Marlene did an excellent job on the packets that explained each stop for each day. Ye Olde Car Club received 2nd place in the Pasco 4th of July Parade. The 19th of August will be the Benton Franklin County Fair Parade and picnic at Yales after the parade. It was announced that the 26th of July Wednesday breakfast will be at Martha and Vern Shreve's due to Sandy's Kitchen being closed that week. Gary announced that the next meeting will be at Jack Yale's function.



JULY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

July's activity on July 22nd was a nice event although the day was windy with dust blowing. As usual the food was good at Roy's Smorgy and the company was good. There was plenty of time for the approximate 40 in attendance to visit each other. Audrey Simmelink did an excellent job with the slide show of previous car tours. It was nice to see the previous car tours well attended and were to places of interest and fun activities. Everyone

CIRCLE TOUR 2000

Circle Tour 2000 was everything one could ask of a tour. Marlene and Richard Kuch proved to be excellent planners and we had toads of fun. From day to day some of our leaders had trouble following the well marked yellow lined maps but we never really got lost. For each destination and day we were provided information regarding the area and options for activities.

We left CBC parking lot with nine cars (Todd, W. Shreve, V. Shreve, Yale, Henson, P. Jackson, Tom and Jamie Regimbal +, Rupp, and Kuch) traveled to Couer 'd Alene. Visited Silverwood for the major part of a great day, then on to Log Cabin Inn in Bonner's Ferry where we all gathered for Pizza and games and gifts personally selected and wrapped by Marlene* - she swore she couldn't remember what was in each of them.

On to Polson to settle in for three days where we visited museums, took boat rides on Flathead Lake, toured Big Fork Art Colony or drove to Glacier Park at our own pace and found lots of good things to eat. The Kuch's hosted the evening gatherings; we were treated to the movie "A River Run's Through It" which was filmed about and in this area. * - Marlene is a good shopper.

The Rupps left us to visit family in Canada; we made our way to Wallace through the Bison Range park. Vernal's car got up close and personal with some Bison and we saw a wide variety of animals in their natural plains habitat. After lunch, we had a complete change of scenery as we traversed the forested Thompson's Pass. We gave our cars and drivers a good test today.

We settled at Wallace for three days of sight-seeing, going to a local playhouse, shopping, eating (we have T-shirts to prove it), and enjoying. We were joined here by Ted and Grace Fremire+ and Dick and Becky Fuller+. The history of Wallace is quite fascinating, and we were treated to the movie "Dante's Peak" which was filmed there. The weather had been kind to us the entire trip and we started from Wallace and the cool trees to the warm sunshine of the Tri-Cities feeling good about Circle Tour 2000.

+ new members not in our roster books.

ATTITUDES TOWARD MARGARINE CHANGED AS THE PRODUCT ITSELF CHANGED. IN THE 1880S MANUFACTURERS BEGAN ADDING VEGETABLE OILS TO INCREASE SPREADABILITY, AND DURING WORLD WAR I ALL-VEGETABLE MARGARINES WERE INTRODUCED. THE KEY ADVANCES WERE IMPROVED REFINING METHODS, WHICH REMOVED UNWANTED FLAVORS, AND HYDROGENATION, IN WHICH HYDROGEN IS ADDED DIRECTLY TO VEGETABLE OILS TO MAKE THEM HARDER.

WITH ITS INGREDIENTS AND MANUFACTURE FAR REMOVED FROM THE ABATTOIR, OPPONENTS COULD NO LONGER CALL MARGARINE "SLANG OF THE BUTCHER SHOP". AT THE SAME TIME, THE RETAIL REVOLUTION LET CONSUMERS BUY INDIVIDUALLY LABELED PACKAGES, GREATLY REDUCING THE POSSIBILITY OF FRAUD. WHERE YELLOW MARGARINE WAS ILLEGAL, IT WAS SOLD UNCOLORED WITH A SMALL PELLET OF YELLOW DYE THAT COULD BE KNEADED IN BY THE PURCHASER. THE DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II RATIONING LED MANY CONSUMERS TO TRY MARGARINE, AND AS ITS USE SPREAD, THE TAX AND THE YELLOW PELLETS STARTED LOOKING MORE AND MORE ANACHRONISTIC.

THE FEDERAL REPEAL OPENED THE FLOODGATES. BY 1955, OF THE FIFTEEN STATES THAT HAD PROHIBITED YELLOW MARGARINE, ALL BUT TWO HAD REMOVED THEIR RESTRICTIONS. —IN 1957, FOR THE FIRST TIME, PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF MARGARINE EXCEEDED THAT OF BUTTER. MINNESOTA MAINTAINED ITS BAN ON YELLOW MARGARINE UNTIL 1963, AND NOT UNTIL 1967 DID WISCONSIN, FACED BY WHOLESALE SMUGGLING FROM NEIGHBORING STATES, FINALLY JOINED THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND MAKE HONEST WOMEN OF ITS HOUSEWIVES.



Funny Accident Explanations

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree that I don't own.

The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.

I thought the window was down, but I found out it was up, when I put my head through it.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

From Gilly's Auto Wreckers, Placerville, CA.

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR GRAND PARADE—SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2000

The line up will begin in the Big 5 Sporting Goods parking lot with judging to begin at 9:45 a.m. See you and your favorite parade car there!

There will be the annual club picnic at the Yale's immediately following the parade—all food furnished—so come to the picnic even if you can't be in the parade. We have enjoyed 60-70 people in the past several years. For an approximate head count, give us a call (Jack & Peggy) by August 15th at 586-4933.

OLDE FASHIONED HOEDOWN

Ye Olde Car Club has been invited for hot dogs and lemonade and square dance at the Hoedown Center at the "Y". Drive your old cars as there is lots of parking across the street and some near the Hoedown Center. We will help you square dance, waltz, two-step, varsouvienne and scottish and polka. The events starts at 5 p.m. on September 10, 2000.

THE LOWER-PRICED SPREAD

ON MARCH 16 PRESIDENT TRUMAN signed legislation to eliminate the ten-cents-a-pound federal tax on yellow margarine, putting the synthetic spread on an equal footing with butter for the first time in sixty-four years. The repeal ended one of the nation's most glaring examples of a fair trade regulation degenerating into simple protectionism. The controversy dated back to the 1870's, when margarine was introduced in America. At that time it had an unsavory reputation because of its manufacturing method, which was fairly innocuous by the standards of meatpacking plants but sounded unwholesome in more delicate surroundings.

The original process, devised by the Frenchman Hippolyte Mege-Mouries and patented in 1869, was a not very sophisticated attempt to duplicate a cow's internal metabolism. Beef suet, finely minced or crushed between rollers, was heated with water, potassium carbonate, and chopped bits of sheep's stomach.

Digestive enzymes from the sheep's stomach separated the fat from the cellular tissue. The extracted fat was bleached with acid, further digested with bicarbonate of soda and sliced udders, and then blended with milk, water, and a coloring agent. After the solids settled out, a substance resembling butter was left.

Although producers soon found they could do without stomach and udder tissue, the stench of the slaughterhouse remained. The dairy industry heaped abuse on its upstart competitor, calling margarine "a compound of diseased hogs and dead dogs" made from "the raw fats and stomachs of diseased animals, and of those that die on the cars." A Vermont congressman sneered at margarine as "an alleged article of food" that was "a step back toward the raw tallow and lard which were the delight of our Saxon ancestors in the forests of Germany." He said it often contained soap grease and the residue of hog slops and called its dubious composition "the mystery of mysteries—a far profounder mystery than has or sausages."

Since grocers dispensed butter (and most other goods) from bulk containers, it was easy for an unscrupulous operator to pass off margarine as the genuine article. To prevent this, starting in 1886, a series of federal laws placed heavy taxes and license fees on margarine and restricted its sale with yellow coloring added. Some state laws went further: A few even required margarine to be dyed pink, red, or black until the Supreme Court struck them down.

SEEN AND HEARD

1. Jerie Allen is now living in a group home so she can have some rehabilitation. The home is located at 4402 S. Underwood. We wish her the best.
2. Many thanks to Richard and Darlene Kuch for a well planned and enjoyable circle tour. Everyone who was able to go had a great time.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO...

FROM A BOOK CALLED "WHEN MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A CHILD" BY LEIGH W. RUTLEDGE

IN THE SUMMER OF 1900, WHEN MY GRANDMOTHER WAS A CHILD...

THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN THE UNITED STATES WAS FORTY-SEVEN.

ONLY 14 PERCENT OF THE HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES HAD A BATHTUB.

ONLY 8 PERCENT OF THE HOMES HAD A TELEPHONE. A THREE-MINUTE CALL FROM DENVER TO NEW YORK CITY COST ELEVEN DOLLARS.

THERE WERE ONLY 8,000 CARS IN THE US AND ONLY 144 MILES OF PAVED ROADS. THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT IN MOST CITIES WAS TEN MPH.

ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, IOWA, AND TENNESSEE WERE EACH MORE HEAVILY POPULATED THAN CALIFORNIA. WITH A MERE 1.4 MILLION RESIDENTS, CALIFORNIA WAS ONLY THE TWENTY-FIRST MOST POPULOUS STATE IN THE UNION.

THE TALLEST STRUCTURE IN THE WORLD WAS THE EIFFEL TOWER.

THE AVERAGE WAGE IN THE US WAS TWENTY-TWO CENTS AN HOUR. THE AVERAGE US WORKER MADE BETWEEN \$200 AND \$400 PER YEAR.

MORE THAN 95 PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS IN THE UNITED STATES TOOK PLACE AT HOME.

A COMPETENT ACCOUNTANT COULD EXPECT TO EARN \$2000 PER YEAR, A DENTIST \$2500 PER YEAR, A VETERINARIAN BETWEEN \$1500 AND \$4000 PER YEAR, AND A MECHANICAL ENGINEER ABOUT \$5000 PER YEAR.

NINETY PERCENT OF ALL US PHYSICIANS HAD NO COLLEGE EDUCATION. INSTEAD, THEY ATTENDED MEDICAL SCHOOLS, MANY OF WHICH WERE CONDEMNED IN THE PRESS AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AS "SUBSTANDARD."

SUGAR COST FOUR CENTS A POUND. EGGS WERE FOURTEEN CENTS A DOZEN. COFFEE COST FIFTEEN CENTS A POUND.

MOST WOMEN ONLY WASHED THEIR HAIR ONCE A MONTH AND USED BORAX OR EGG YOLKS FOR SHAMPOO.

CANADA PASSED A LAW PROHIBITING POOR PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY FOR ANY REASON, EITHER AS TRAVELERS OR IMMIGRANTS.

THE FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE US WERE: 1. PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA, 2. TUBERCULOSIS, 3, DIARRHEA, 4. HEART DISEASE, 5. STROKE.

THE AMERICAN FLAG HAD 45 STARS. ARIZONA, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO, HAWAII AND ALASKA HADN'T BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNION YET.

DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS— IN WHICH TEENAGE BOYS GALLOPED DOWN THE STREET ON HORSES AND STARTED RANDOMLY SHOOTING AT HOUSES, CARRIAGES, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAUGHT THEIR FANCY—WERE AN ONGOING PROBLEM IN DENVER AND OTHER CITIES IN THE WEST.

THE POPULATION OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, WAS THIRTY. THE REMOTE DESERT COMMUNITY WAS INHABITED BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF RANCHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PLUTONIUM, INSULIN, AND ANTIBIOTICS HADN'T BEEN DISCOVERED YET.

SCOTCH TAPE, CROSSWORD PUZZLES, CANNED BEER, AND ICED TEA HADN'T BEEN INVENTED.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY

AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

JACK YALE/VERN SHREVE
NANCY WESTERMEYER BRUNKE

MIKE & CINDY UNDERWOOD

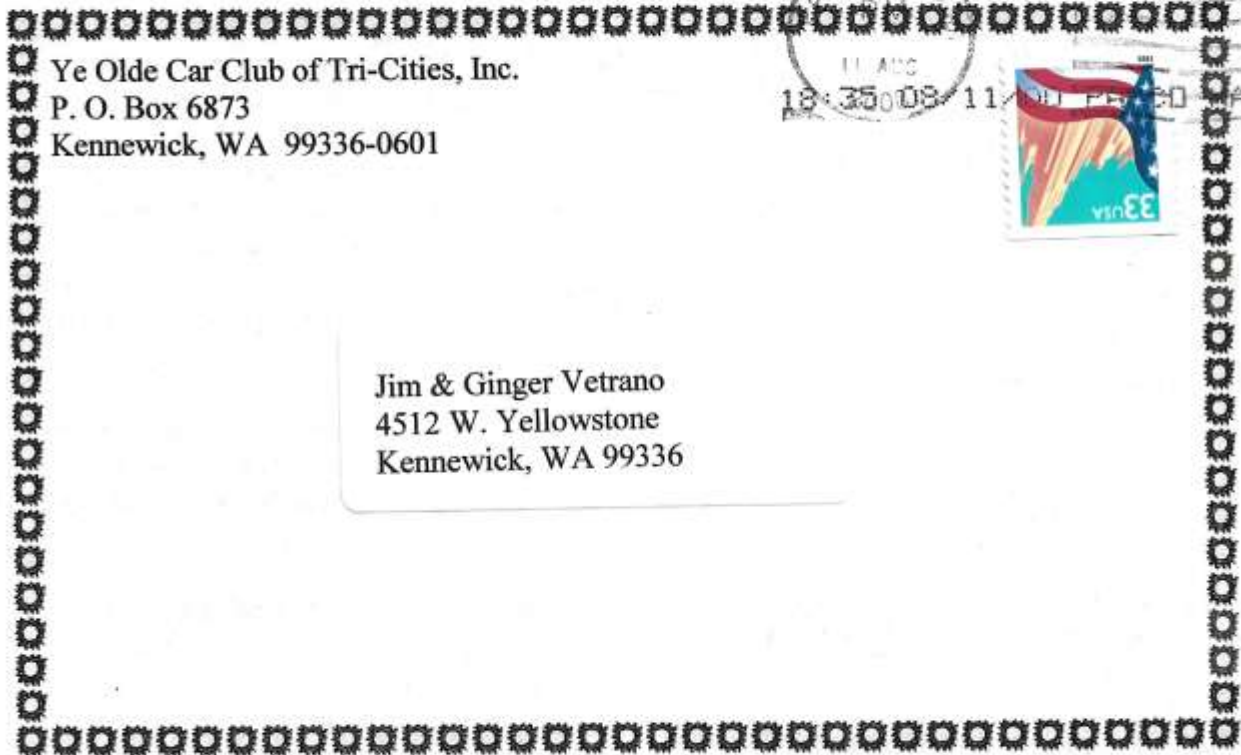
As you can see there are several months still available. Please consider hosting an activity during one of the available months. From what I understand Gary Stredwick, our president, is planning on having regular monthly meetings, I think it would also be nice if we had another activity that was fun, that we could enjoy visiting with other members in a social setting.

CLUB T-SHIRTS/JACKETS

Wayne Williams still has the following t-shirts that club members have the chance to buy: 3 white shirts, sizes 1 small, 2 medium and 3 green shirts, sizes 1 large, 2 extra large. The cost is \$8.65 each. He also has 1 club Jacket that is extra large. The cost is \$25. Patches for jackets is \$8. The t-shirts have the club logo on the front and the back. If interested in any of these items you can contact Wayne Williams at 735-7457.

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