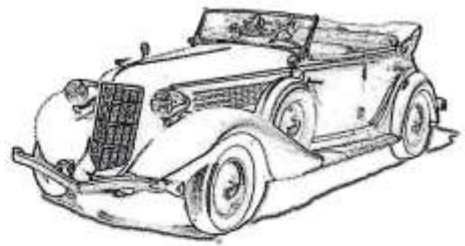


# The Gas Gauge



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## Mica Trip

The trip to Mica to visit the toy shop of Allen Hollen, who is, if I'm not mistaken, the gentleman that sold the really nice Pontiac to the friend of Richard Kuch, turned out like some other trips taken by our club. This trip was very meticulously under-planned. If Lewis and Clark had planned their trip this well they wouldn't be here yet!! All kidding aside, the trip was a fun trip. It did take a little longer than expected.

The group expected to arrive in Mica at 12 noon. They almost made it. They arrived at 3pm. The "they" that I am referring to are Bud & Theora Williams, Wayne & Lorraine Williams in a modern car, Wayne and Donna Shreve in a 40 Chrysler, Vern and Martha Shreve, and Ed (the kidnapped) Edwards in Shreves' 37 Packard.

They departed Pasco at 9:30 am. The planned (or unplanned) potty stop in Kaloutus didn't work out so well since the potties were locked. While they were trying to find a way to get into the potties, Vern left the Packard running. Well he found out the Packard did not like to idle very long. It overheated and stalled. They had to push it to get it started again. I wonder who did the pushing?

On to Washtucna for a potty stop, then on to Colfax for lunch. However, because of numerous delays for road construction, they did not arrive in Colfax until 1pm. Martha thought she should call Mr. Hollen to tell him they were still coming. With cell phone in hand and no idea what his phone number was she must have looked a little bewildered. So she called Jack Yale at home and he saved her bacon. Now armed with the number she made the call.



Now onto the next problem. All of the people who had been there before and knew the directions did not go on the trip, so they were all dressed up with nowhere to go. Why she didn't ask directions when she called I don't know. Anyway, they finally made it there at about 3pm. All in all the trip was well worthwhile as you can see from the pictures. Wayne Shreve

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## Mica Trip

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happened to mention to Mr. Hollen that he needed tail lens for his Plymouth and Mr. Hollen said, while scratching his head, "I think I might have some in there somewhere." He walked right to them and gave them to him.

I wonder if anyone else was making a comparison between him and Vern. A note for the "It's a small world isn't it?" page. It turns out that Wayne Shreve's first wife is the sister of Mr. Hollen's wife. They stayed about an hour and a half. The two Williams families left for home and the Shreve families and Ed Edwards stayed the night. ☺

## Thank You!

I would like to thank every one for the thank you card and the Gift Card from Michaels. When I get some extra time I will have great fun exploring Michaels. I have not been in Michaels for over 5 years (since San Diego). It will be nice to see what they still carry and what is new. Again, thank you!

Cindy Underwood



## Vern Says!

If I call someone who has a tied-to-the-house phone, a portable phone, a digital phone, and a cell phone, chances are pretty good I'll be put on call waiting.

The political debates gives new meaning to Gore-ing and beating around the Bush.



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

11<sup>th</sup> Flo Andrews  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carmen graves  
10<sup>th</sup> Jason Kuch

### Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Bob & Carmen Graves  
24<sup>th</sup> Mike & Sherri Boob

Our records may not be up to date! Let us know if you or your spouse have a birthday or anniversary in November or December.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those we missed in November.

## Automobile Trivia

This is a new column for the newsletter. The trivia questions will be posted here. If you think you have the correct answer call the editor. Leave your name, answer, and the time you called.

If more than one person has the correct answer the time will be the tie-breaker.

The prize for getting the most correct answers will be a free breakfast at Sandy's Kitchen on Wednesday.

### November's Trivia Questions

- Who built the first engine crank and in what year?
- In what year did the first toll roads open, and in what states?
- Who invented the spark plug, and in what year?
- What car was the first car offered for sale, and in what year?
- What was the name of the first production motor vehicle in the U.S., and in what year?

The questions get easier. ☺

### Thoughts to Ponder

It's not how long life is, but the quality of our life that is important.

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## Member Conduct

In doing some research of our new roster this reporter uncovered some distressing news. We have a hardened criminal in our midst. On 16 June 1970 one Robert "Bob" Graves did in fact commit a crime against the Municipality of Nelson, British Columbia. He was then directed to The City Police Court of Nelson for disciplinary action. Those of you who insist on consorting with this known criminal can tell him that he is being watched very closely. ☉



**Where's The Fire?**

Councilor Robert Graham told that a speeding driver was in order for Mr. Bob Graves of Kennewick, Wash. after his 1914 Dodge was clocked as travelling at 30 mph down Baker Street. Mr. Graves is a member of a group of eleven American families travelling through British Columbia in cars ranging from a 1919 Model T to a 1968 Plymouth. This is the fifth year they have taken a week off to take a holiday tour such as this and the third year they have winterized in Canada.

THE CITY OF NELSON  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2 WARD STREET

No: 636

Date 16/June/70 Time 7:53 PM

Name Robert G. GRAVES

Address 3930 S. Cedar, KENNEWICK, WA

Auto Lic. No. FNW 450 Dr. Lic. No. GRAY 68 677 208

Offence 50 MPH in 30 zone

Speeding in municipality

Location of Offence 200 Block Baker St

You are requested to report to  
THE CITY POLICE COURT, NELSON  
at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 17/6, 1970

With your driver's license

Signature of Issuing Officer  
Nelson City Police

## Monthly Activity

- November Mike & Cindy Underwood  
December Gary & Mercedes Stredwick

## Christmas Party 2000!

This year's Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 15th (6:15 p.m.) at the Country Gentleman located at 300 North Ely in Kennewick. The dinner will be partially hosted by Ye Olde Car Club. We'll have more information in the December newsletter.

We need to have members **RSVP by Friday, December 8th**. Please call Gary Stredwick to RSVP (586-9676).

## Corrections

In Last months newsletter I introduced the Pettys as new members, but I spelled their name wrong. It is spelled **Petty**. So now if you want to send him money you know how to spell his name correctly on the check.

In the last issue Jim Mokler's name was inadvertently omitted from the board of directors. Rest assured that has been corrected and the person responsible has been flogged.

Richard "Cook" is actually Richard "Kuch." ☉

## Seen & Heard

This reporter has been informed by reliable sources that the authorities are looking into bringing charges against a Kennewick couple for kidnapping. My source, which will remain nameless, indicates that a naive middle-aged antique car lover was enticed in to an antique car in front of a Kennewick restaurant. The couple that abducted him was described as a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause type. He was driven to outside Spokane where he was forced to spend the night in a motel. The couple did allow him to buy a toothbrush at least. The next day they returned him to the Tri Cities. I don't know weather they tired of their game, or if no one would ransom their captive. Maybe he just snored to loud. For more details ask Vern or Martha, or you could ask "Ed" Edwards.

Vern Shreve gave every one a good scare at breakfast on Saturday, September 31<sup>st</sup>. He collapsed on the way back to his table. He came to rather quickly, but they called an ambulance just the same and took him to the hospital. The doctors checked him over and concluded he was strong as a horse, no sign of heart problems. He did have an inner ear infection that must have affected his balance. All is well now. His wife believes he faked it so as not to have to pay for his breakfast. It worked — someone paid his bill. We

all know the real reason; he is malnourished, starving to death. How does anyone expect a man to live on soup, he needs meat, potatoes, and lots of gravy!

As Vern lay near death on his couch at home he could smell his favorite cookies being baked. He thought how nice - - Martha was making him some cookies to cheer him up. He dragged his weary body upstairs to partake of what might be his last cookie, seeing how sick he was. What he found was a bag of cookies with a big sticker stating **DO NOT TOUCH**. His little heart was broken -- Martha had some lame excuse that the bag had contained tee shirts that had iron-on transfers and warned not to touch them with a hot iron.

In a totally unrelated story that has absolutely nothing at all to do with the story about kidnapping in Kennewick. (ha-ha) Ed Edwards tells me a funny thing happened to him on the way to Mica. He was to ride up with Vern and Martha. They left from in front of Sandy's Kitchen in Kennewick. About half way there the discussion turned to where they were going to spend the night. Ed sat back with his mouth open. This was the first he heard about spending the night. As it turned out, Martha thought Vern had told him and Vern thought Martha told him. Everything turned out OK and a good time was had by all. ☺

## Miscellaneous

**Free Tires** — Denny Kehl has four 15" tires to give a way. These are nylon tires in good shape. If you are interested you can call him at 943-4722

**Deal on Coker Tires** — Fred Fraser is cooking up a deal were we might be able to get tires from Coker tire for wholesale prices. He needs to be able to place an order of at least 25 tires. So if you need tires now is the time. Call Fred at 946-9850

**Club Web Site** — The club web site is up and running at [www.lauby.com/yocc](http://www.lauby.com/yocc). This is a "skeleton" version; your comments would be appreciated! Send them to Jim Yount at [james.yount@lauby.com](mailto:james.yount@lauby.com).

**Newsletter Items** — Please call the new editor, Denny Jackson at 547-0916 or [dkdenkar@aol.com](mailto:dkdenkar@aol.com), with anything you want to share with the club. Like stories or experiences with their classic cars; trips they have taken in their cars; pictures from shows they have been to; short trips they might like the club to take; new sources of restoration supplies or services; or any thing you think might be of interest ☺

## Thanks from Cancer Center

Ye Olde Car Club received a nice Thank-you letter from the Tri-Cities Cancer Center for the club's \$300 contribution to the Center. Our annual Swap Meet makes contributions such as these possible. Thank you all! ☺

## October Meeting Minutes

Gary Stredwick opened the meeting after most had finished eating. He presented a card and thanked Cindy Underwood for all her work on the Newsletter.

Bob Graves talked about the beginnings of the club. In 1961, Bob, fair parade chairman, wrote letters to invite people who had old/ restored cars. The letters worked, so in 1962 he wanted to do more so he had them stay overnight, had competitions/ contest, which netted more participants. It is also got him started collecting cars. In 1962, the group started touring every June. He listed some of the tours the group went on. He mentioned several of the charter members; Graves, Gunthers, Stafford, Bob Thorton, Lenore Jackson, Gil Lindon, Simmelinks, Pete Jackson. Bob Graves read an article written by his daughter Peggy.

Gil Linden spoke of a photo from 1961 in which a group responded to an ad in the Hanford news. It was the first gathering that he was



involved in. At this gathering it was discussed about the group being formal, what type of club, deciding to be independent. It was this initial group members that designed the club design that you see on the green jackets, and name tags.

Jim Stafford mentioned that at the beginning wherever the group went there was a cold keg in the back of Cork's Screen side. He also told some funny stories.

Audrey Simmelink talked about how the Westermeyers got involved with the club.

Gary passed out certificates, designed by Jeffrey Stredwick, to the founding members.

John Nelson apologized in advance for any errors in the new roster as he put in a ¾ page history of the club in it and he got information from several people. It was suggested that we have a historian so that we can keep up with the history of the club.

Jack Yale asked if any one was interested in the Fall Foliage to Cle Elm Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Since only about two were interested, it was decided to cancel it for this year, and to plan ahead for next year.

Martha Shreve announced that Fred Fraser had contacted her about the Model T offer from Coker tires. Coker tires has offered to sell tires at wholesale if there is an order of 25 or more tires.

Next month the meeting will be November 10th at the regular place. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. You might want to be there to see that your candidate is elected and to protect yourself from being nominated and elected. ☺

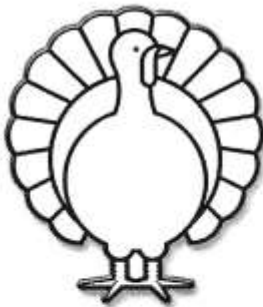


# Calendar of Events

- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Bremerton, WA — **32<sup>ND</sup> Annual OVAC Swap Meet.** Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Admission \$2.00  
Sat 8 am to 5 pm Sun 8 am to 2:30 pm. For more info (360) 638-2404 days
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Ladner (Delta), BC — **Ladner To Bellingham, All British Run.**  
Trennant Square Mall, 9 am Start. For more info (604) 943-4936
- Friday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> **YOCC Club Meeting** in the basement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Savings Bank of Washington  
203 W. First Ave Kennewick.
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Albany, Or. 23<sup>rd</sup> — **Albany Indoor Swap Meet.** Linn County Expo Center  
Opens 8am Till ?? For more info (541) 926-3972
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> **November's Activity** — 6 p.m. It will be held at Roy's, 1400 Columbia Center Blvd. The dinner fees are as follow: Seniors \$6.99; 12 years and above \$7.99; kids 11 and below \$.47 per year.  
Questions? Contact Cindy Underwood, 946-4414 after the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. There will be a couple of knowledge games, so start studying!
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Party** — Country Gentleman. 300 North Ely, Kennewick. 6:15 p.m.  
The dinner will be partially hosted. We will have more details in the December Gas Gauge. Please RSVP by December 8th to 586-9676.



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