



Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club May 2017 Newsletter

The President's Message

Mayday,

Happy Month of May to each and everyone, and I hope this finds you happy and healthy.

The swap meet is behind us and by all accounts it was successful and went off with just a few hiccups. Thank you to our very generous volunteers with their time and talents. I am reminded that many hands make light work.

The summer schedule is upon us, are you ready? For the 1st few months we have two to three visitations a week to attend. I enjoy what these mean to the residents and the memories that can bring back of days gone by. We all hear, "I learned to drive in a car just like that." or "I wish I still had that car." We are rewarded with a Hot Dog or Hamburger, but I like seeing the faces of people that may never have the opportunity to see that old car again. So I say, let's continue to take the chance to make a difference in someone's life to bring a memory back to life with our pride and joys.

See you at the next event.

Rick Ball, Car Nut

BITS & PIECES

*** **DID YOU KNOW:** You're supposed to use your Chinese takeout container as a plate.

*** Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

*** A closed mouth gathers no foot.

*** "When you win, nothing hurts." - Joe Namath/Alabama

*** By the late twenties, the motor vehicle was now consuming annually 90 percent of the country's petroleum products (mostly in the form of gasoline), 80 percent of the rubber (predominantly tires), 20 percent of the steel, 75 percent of the plate glass and 25 percent of the machine tools.

John B Rae, The American Automobile

The Remarkable Body: Every day your body insures you don't contract cancer thousands of times over. Cancer is formed when cells are altered in a way which re-programs their DNA and it's estimated that tens of thousands of cells suffer cancer-causing lesions every day. But the body sends special enzymes scuttling around to inspect DNA strands for faults and fix them before they turn into tumors.

EVENTS

- May 18** – Thur. Brookdale Canyon Lakes – BBQ 4:00 – 6:00, 2802 West 35th, Kennewick
- May 20** – Sat. – Harrington Car Show – 9:00am – 3:00pm, North 3rd Street, Harrington, WA 99134
Entry Fee: \$12.00
- May 20** – Sat. Waitsburg Celebration Classic Auto Show, Preston Park – For applications contact Ron Henderson 509 586-4338
- May 21** – Sun – UROCK Car Show 2617 W. Falls Ave. – Kennewick
- May 21** - Sun – Audrey Simmerlinks 90th Birthday Celebration, Carousel of Dreams – Kennewick
1:00 – 3:00 – Cake & Ice-Cream served. In lieu of gifts a donation to Cork's place or Chaplaincy in Kennewick
- May 23** – Tue. – Regency Sun Terrace – Lunch - 11:00 – 2:00, 1550 NW 11th St., Hermiston, Oregon
- May 25** – Thur. -Brookdale at Torbett – BBQ 11:00 – 2:00, 221 Torbett St., Richland
- May 26** – Fri. – Guardian Angels – BBQ 11:00 – 2:00, 245 Van Giesen Street. Richland
- May 27** – Sat. -Ki-Be All School Reunion & Car Show, 10:00am -3:00pm- Benton Community Park
- May 27** -Sat. – Atomic Car Show & Cancer Benefit, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Show starts at 1:00pm
624 Wellsian Way, Richland
- May 27-28** – Sat, Sun. Pacific Northwest Mustang Show-n-Shine, 9:00 – 3:00 Columbia Point Marina

Ladies Luncheons:

On May 11 there were 9 ladies at lunch at Meals on Wheels. Thanks Ginger

June 8 – Brookdale Canyon Lakes Manor. Hosted by Myrtle Nesbitt.
Call Myrtle for reservations: 509-586-5629

Which country consumes the most caffeine in the world?

Sweden...The strong coffee in Sweden will put a spring in your step, and hair on your tongue. The Swedes consume an average of 388 mg of caffeine in coffee per person, per day. (that's almost 5 Red Bulls in the U.S.)

Which country in the world drinks the most alcohol?

Belarus...In the little country of Belarus, each person above the age of 16 drinks an average of 4.62 gallons of alcohol every year. That's a lot of booze.

Georgia Campbell is looking for a **VERY INEXPENSIVE** 1948 – 1953 Chevy project truck for her nephew. If you have something you want to sell or know of someone who does, call Georgia at 509-371-1168.

MEMORIES submitted by Mary Fraser's Mother

This piece is taken from the Gas Gauge newsletter of September 2001.

A 1919 Model T Ford that we saw recently at an old car show where we were with Fred and Mary, brought back memories of the 1918 Model T that my folks had when I was a little kid. Our car had three little rectangular windows in the back, and started by means of cranking. My Dad drove this car to Meridian High School where he taught. When I was in the first grade I rode as far as Locust Grove School, about one and a half miles, with him and several high school students from the neighborhood. There were no school buses in those days.

The gas tank for the Model T was under the front seat. The gas fed into the motor better if the car was fixed so that the front seat was higher than the motor. When climbing a rather steep hill it worked a lot better for the Model T to back up the hill. Our house was at the foot of quite a hill and quite a few times we would see a Ford backing up the hill, especially if it was muddy and slick.

In the summer of 1924 my family along with two other high school teachers and their families made a trip, "back east", we called it then, although it was really to the Middle West, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. The other families had various destinations, one to Greeley, Colorado where they were going to summer school, and I don't remember how long the other car stayed with us. We ended up visiting lots of aunts, uncles in various places and Grandpa and Grandma Goodell who lived at Hale, Missouri.

The roads all along the way were very rough and dusty. Lee who was four, and I would lie down in the back seat and say "Wake us up when we get to the next town." There were no seat belts in those days and it would be pretty easy for a rambunctious kid to fall out of the car. We were strictly forbidden to stand up in either the seat or on the floor between the seats.

Every night we camped. We cooked over a campfire, and slept in a tent that fit over the top of the car. Mother and Dad slept in the tent and Lee and I had a bed that somehow fit over the front and back seats of the car. I don't know how many miles we covered in a day. I remember Dad saying that sometimes we got up to twenty five miles an hour on good roads. I think we traveled on what later became highway 30. Then it was called the Samson Trail. Every so often there would be a dab of orange paint on a rock or a post and that told us we were on the right road.

As I remember, there were lots of detours. Sometimes we would even bounce down and cross a little stream without a bridge. Lee said he knew what detour meant. It meant bad road! As I remember, we had no motor trouble along the way. One time in Kansas we were trying to go up a steep muddy hill with no luck. Finally Dad turned the car around. Mother got out with some kind of block of wood, and Dad would back up the hill a few feet and Mother would put the block under one of the front wheels so the car would not lose the few feet it had gained. We finally got up the hill. Mother didn't like to take trips in the car. I wonder why. In spite of rough roads and all, I remember Dad bragging to various relatives that we still had Idaho air in all the tires.

(Jim's turn) My folks had a 1912 Ford T which I remember but not very well since I was born in '17. Of course it had to be cranked and I think my Mother never drove it, or at least not very much. It seems like the head lights were different from the later models. I do remember my folks telling about the time my Dad took another man and my sister Mildred, who must have been about nine years old or less, out to the grain field to see how it was doing. My dad left Mildred in the car and he and the other man went off some distance into the grain field. They looked around to see that Mildred had cranked the car and was headed along the edge of the field. The two guys ran and hollered like mad and my sister either stopped the car or they caught up with her. My dad's seemed to be a Ford man. While at school during recess I saw him bring home a new 1923 Model T. Part of the time we also had a couple of other makes of cars, but we were never without a Ford. The '23 Ford was traded in on a '29 Model A and later on my folks had a '36 V-8 which he traded for a 1951 Ford Sedan. Thanks to Mary's mom

The 2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99. 'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.' 'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her. 'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously. 'YES!' stated the waitress. 'I'll take the special then,' my wife said. 'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked. 'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake. DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!! WE'VE been around the block more than once!

From Larry Marshall – An oldie but a goodie!

James Alexander Holden was born in Walsall on April 1, 1835 the younger son of Edward Holden, saddler and hardware merchant, and his American wife Elizabeth, née Mason. Their elder son was Edward Thomas Holden, later Sir Edward, industrialist and, briefly, Liberal MP for Walsall. James's mother died when he was quite young, and something like enmity developed between him and his father's new wife.

Then in 1851 his father died, leaving his business to his second wife and the older son, and James was urged by George Fife Angas to forge a new life in the new colony of South Australia. But first he sailed to America, where he was hospitably received by his mother's sister, then after a few years reached Adelaide, arriving in 1852, just as half the male population of South Australia was trying its luck in the goldfields of the neighboring colony of Victoria.

He found rented accommodation, and employment with chemist F. H. Faulding. In 1853 his cousin Edwin Thomas Smith emigrated to South Australia aboard the *California* and with help from Holden began importing ironmongery. In 1856 he set up in business as J. A. Holden & Co., merchants and wholesale saddlers, selling locally made and imported (no doubt from his brother) saddles, whips and harnesses. His business flourished, and in 1857 he married his landlady's daughter and purchased a four-roomed cottage in Beulah Park. They later moved into a larger home in Magill, then a year later sold up both places for a Kensington Park property of 15 acres where in 1871 the original cottage was replaced with a seven-roomed residence, with substantial additions in 1875.

The business, which became J. A. Holden & Co. in 1863, moved to a building in Gawler Place, which he purchased in 1865. A contract to supply carts and other equipment for the Overland Telegraph Line project's 165 horses and 210 bullocks was a major factor in the expansion of the business. From October 1871 to May 1874 Alfred James Birks was a partner in a subsidiary retail business, termed Holden & Birks, owning premises on Rundle Street at the south west corner of Gawler Place.

May 1879 J. A. Holden & Co. moved to a two-story building and brought in his son Henry as partner. He sold the property to D & W Murray and the Rundle Street premises to Birks. Around the same time, saddler H. A. Frost joined the firm. On 1 May 1884, James took Frost into partnership in the business, which was in financial difficulties. In August 1885 J. A. Holden sold to his son H. J. Holden and H. A. Frost his interest in the retail arm of the company, which in November 1885 became **Holden & Frost**. In 1886 J. A. Holden was declared insolvent. He put the wholesale arm of the business on the open market as well as the Grenfell Street warehouse. He put his Kensington Park house and grounds on the market for urgent sale. Under the terms of the voluntary liquidation, Holden & Frost continued to operate from the premises at 100 Grenfell Street until they were once again solvent, and the building was purchased by Harris, Scarfe & Co. in 1923.

J. A. Holden died somewhat less than two years later, of tuberculosis complicated by alcohol abuse. Frost died in 1909, and Henry James Holden purchased Frost's equity in the business from his estate, becoming sole proprietor. Holden was one of the founders of the South Australian Chamber of Manufactures and represented South Australia in several trade missions sent to Britain and Europe. He was an active member of the Baptist Church.

In 1956, *Time Magazine* described Renault as "rich, powerful and famous, cantankerous, brilliant, often brutal, the little Napoleon of an automaking empire — vulgar, loud, domineering, impatient, he was a terror to associates, a friend to practically none," adding that to the French working man, Renault became known as "the ogre of Billancourt."

Wikipedia



General Motors Holden, generally known as **Holden**, is an Australian automobile manufacturer that operates in Australia and is headquartered in Port Melbourne, Victoria. The company was founded in 1856 as a saddlery

manufacturer in South Australia. In 1908 it moved into the automotive field, before becoming a subsidiary of the United States-based General Motors (GM) in 1931. After becoming a subsidiary of GM, the company was named **General Motors-Holden's Ltd**, becoming **Holden Ltd** in 1998—the current name was adopted in 2005. All Australian-built Holden vehicles are manufactured at Elizabeth, South Australia, and engines are produced at the Fishermans Bend plant in Port Melbourne, Victoria. Historically, production or assembly plants were operated in all mainland states of Australia, with GM's New Zealand subsidiary Holden New Zealand operating a plant until 1990. The consolidation of car production at Elizabeth was completed in 1988, but some assembly operations continued at Dandenong until 1994.

Although Holden's involvement in exports has fluctuated since the 1950s, the declining sales of large cars in Australia have led the company to look to international markets to increase profitability. On 11 December 2013, Holden announced that it will cease vehicle and engine production by the end of 2017, however, the company will continue to have a large and ongoing presence in Australia importing and selling cars as national sales company. Holden will retain their design center, but with reduced staffing. In the last few years, Holden incurred losses due to the strong Australian dollar, with government grants being reduced in future. In May 2014 GM reversed their decision to abandon the Lang Lang Proving Ground and have decided to keep it as part of their engineering capability in Australia.

From Wikipedia

Weird feature of old cars.



In 1965, Ford promised a more comfortable ride and a better view of the road and dashboard instruments with the Wrist-Twist system of steering. The company boasted that the unique set of tiny wheels would make parallel parking a breeze, but we think the Wrist-Twist system would likely be disastrous in emergencies. Join the car crash set!

Thanks to Dave Hannah for this contribution.

Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

In the United States, Mother's Day remains one of the biggest days for sales of flowers, greeting cards, and the like; Mother's Day is also the biggest holiday for long-distance telephone calls. Moreover, churchgoing is also popular on Mother's Day, yielding the highest church attendance after Christmas Eve and Easter. Many worshippers celebrate the day with carnations, colored if the mother is living and white if she is dead. Mother's Day continues to be one of the most commercially successful U.S. occasions

Wikipedia

Think before you speak!

Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? My three-year-old son had a lot of problems with potty training and I was on him constantly. One day we stopped at Taco Bell for a quick lunch, in between errands it was very busy, with a full dining room. While enjoying my taco, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven-month-old daughter, and she was clean.

Then I realized that Danny had not asked to go potty in a while. I asked him if he needed to go, and he said 'No'... I kept thinking 'Oh Lord, that child has had an accident, and I don't have any clothes with me.' Then I said, 'Danny, are you SURE you didn't have an accident?' 'No,' he replied.

I just KNEW that he must have had an accident, because the smell was getting worse. Soooooo, I asked one more time, 'Danny did you have an accident?' This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over, spread his cheeks and yelled '**SEE MOM, IT'S JUST FARTS!!**'

While 30 people nearly choked to death on their tacos laughing, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down. An old couple made me feel better, thanking me for the best laugh they'd ever had!

1928 Rolls Royce Phantom P-1 Roadster

Mr. Allen Swift: Born 1908 - Died 2010

This man owned and drove the same car for 82 years. Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, Massachusetts) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death last year...at the age of 102.

He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new.

Just thought you'd like to see it.



1928 Rolls Royce Phantom I

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. 82 years - That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month). 1,070,000 that's miles not kilometers.

That's British engineering of a bygone era. I don't think they make them like this anymore.

Thanks to Barb Fecht for this contribution

WOMEN'S CORNER

TO ALL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GREAT MOMS, THOSE OF YOU WHO PLAN TO BE GREAT MOMS AND THOSE WHO HAVE GREAT MOMS AND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAD GREAT MOMS...

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of shag carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?' and get their answer when a little voice says, 'Because I love you best.'

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade...It is marked by the progression of Mama to Mom to Mother...

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 YEARS OF AGE - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's ' opinion

45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

85 YEARS OF AGE - Wish she was here so I could talk it over with Mom.

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a Woman must be seen from in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, And the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!

Thanks to cousin Jaeki for passing this along.

Hope all the mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



Birthdays

Russ Armstrong	May 27	Beth Carothers	May 21
Lynda Deering	May 15	Dave Donaldson	May 25
Helen Duffield	May 17	Betty Emineth	May 2
David Gerkensmeyer	May 14	Susan Gerkensmeyer	May 16
Robert McClary, Jr.	May 29	Debbie McClary	May 30
Mary Ellen Nelson	May 14	Scott Noga	May 19
Paul Paulsen	May 25	Barb Paulsen	May 17
Audrey Simmilink	May 23		



Anniversaries

Dave & Judy Bergum May 4
Doug & Earlene Stone May 6

Randy & Nancy Rutherford May 23
Frances & BJ Wyland May 7

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