



# Gas Gauge Ye Olde Car Club June 2023 Newsletter

## June 2023 Prez says ramblings

Welcome new members Jason, Jennifer, Harper and Jace Vargas to the club. They have a 1972 Dodge Dart Swinger and a 2013 Dodge Challenger. We hope they enjoy getting to know us and become active members.

Friday June 23 rd is the second annual Friday Night Wendy's Fest, on 7003 W Canal Drive from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Last year, five local car clubs came together to put on a wonderful no cost car event that brought in 238 vehicles and numerous spectators. This year we hope to generate more attendance with each club providing two or more awards. Bring out your ride and let's show everyone that the Ye Olde Car Club is one of the busiest and largest car clubs in southeastern Washington.

We still haven't received many ideas on how we could celebrate the club's sixty anniversary, so please submit your idea by email to "yocclub@gmail.com".

As always, remember to contact Bonnie Suminski (our sunshine person) to provide congratulations, get well, and sympathy cards to club members. Her telephone number is 509-579-0030.

Dave Hannah

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## Bits and Pieces

Went to this horrible bar called The Fiddle. It was a vile inn.

Fungi puns are my least favorite. There's too mushroom for error.

Hmmm. I found a strange piece of plastic on the floor that looks like it broke off of something, but I have no idea what. Better save it in the junk drawer until I die.

A mandate isn't a law, it's when 2 men go to dinner.

He said there was no spark between us anymore. So I tasered him!!! (I'll ask him again when he wakes up)

Casey Stengel: "All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."

It isn't the ups and downs that make life difficult; it's the jerks.

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**The Remarkable Body**

The entire surface of your skin is replaced every month, which put another way means you have about 1,000 different skins in your life!

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**Where in the world.**

Main is the only U.S. state with only one syllable.

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**A Thank You note**

YOCC received the following note from Chaplaincy Health Care:

Thank you for caring for those in our community through your gift to Cork’s Place in memory of Audrey Simmelink. A Cork’s mom recently shared, *“Since the loss of his 2-year-old brother just before the COVID pandemic started, my 6-year-old son has struggled with isolation and grief. It’s great to see how excited he gets to attend Cork’s Place! He is learning so much about setting his own boundaries and accepting the boundaries of others. I’m hopeful that the time he spends at Cork’s will continue to help him as we all work through the loss of our beloved toddler.”*

Your willingness to help grieving children, teenagers, and families in our community makes a difference. Through your gift, you are helping to provide a safe place where families impacted by a death can heal.

Thank you for your generous support.  
With gratitude, Laurie Jackson & Tara Drivers

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**Fun Food Facts**

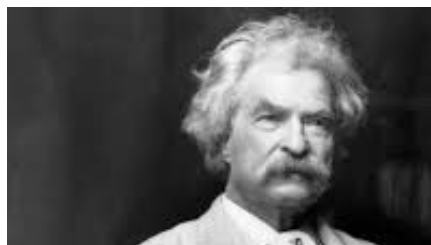
Processed cheese is thought of as an American product, but it was actually invented in Switzerland. It was created by Waltz Gerber and Fritz Stettler in 1911 to lengthen the shelf-life before it was shipped overseas.

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**Ladies Lunch in June** had 11 ladies attending. Thanks Roseanne.  
July Ladies Lunch will be hosted by Bonnie Suminski. Contact Bonnie at 206-618-6699.

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**Mark Twain**



Before becoming a renowned American humorist, journalist, lecturer, and novelist who acquired international fame, Samuel Clemens, a.k.a Mark Twain, had a variety of fascinating occupations.

With only a fifth-grade education and both of his parents deceased by the time he was 12, he left home to become a printer’s apprentice and started writing articles for the local newspaper. When Clemens was 18, he left Missouri to work as a printer in New York, then moved to Philadelphia, St. Louis, and later Cincinnati.

But his days along the Mississippi River beckoned, as Clemens had always dreamed of becoming a steamboat captain on this legendary river. He longed to be the one who steered the great paddle ships safely past the sandbars, rocks, floating trees, and shifting currents along the Mississippi.

In 1857, on a steamboat bound for New Orleans, LA, Clemens persuaded the accomplished riverboat captain, Horace Bixby, to take him on as an apprentice for a \$500 fee. Under the masterful instruction of Bixby, Clemens studied the Mississippi River with the goal of obtaining a pilot's license.

During his apprenticeship, he had been commissioned to write a series of comic travel letters for the Keokuk Daily Post, but after writing five, decided he'd rather be a pilot than a writer. Clemens cherished the rank and dignity that came with the position, as well as belonging to a group of men whose acceptance he valued.

In 1859, he earned his pilot's license, giving him a sense of discipline and direction, he might not otherwise have acquired. Before this period, he had felt directionless; after this accomplishment, he had a sense of determined possibility. He piloted his own boats for two years, until the Civil War halted steamboat traffic.

During his time as a pilot, he not only met his first true love, but he also picked up the name, "Mark Twain," meaning two fathoms in depth, indicating safe steamship passage in dangerous areas of the Mississippi River. It was a pseudonym he would continue to use for nearly 50 years.

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### **1951 Hudson Hornet**

The Hudson Hornet is a full-sized automobile that was manufactured by Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan from 1951 until 1954, when Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson merged to form American Motors Corporation (AMC). Hudson automobiles continued to be marketed under the Hudson brand name through the 1957 model year.

The first-generation Hudson Hornets featured a functional "step-down" design with dropped floorpan and a chassis with a lower center of gravity than contemporary vehicles that helped the car handle well — an advantage for racing. The Hornet's lower and sleeker look was accentuated by streamlined styling, sometimes called "pontoon" styling.

Following the merger forming AMC in 1954, Hudson cars were built on the newer factory assembly line for Nash Statesman/Ambassador unibody chassis; therefore, all second-generation Hudson Hornets were restyled Nash automobiles that were badge engineered as a Hudson.

The Hornet, introduced for the 1951 model year, was based on Hudson's "step-down" design that was first seen in the 1948 model year on the Commodore. Unlike a unibody, the design didn't fully merge the body and chassis frame into a single structure, but the floorpan footwells recessed down, in between the car's chassis rails, which were, in turn, routed around them — instead of a conventional floor, sitting on top of straight ladder frame rails — a body on frame design that later became more widely adopted, and known as a perimeter frame. Thus one "stepped down" into a Hudson. The step-down chassis and body meant the car's "lower center of gravity...was both functional and stylish. The car not only handled well, but treated its six passengers to a sumptuous ride. The low-slung look also had a sleekness about it that was accentuated by the nearly enclosed rear wheels.

Hudson Hornets were available as a two-door coupe, four-door sedan, a convertible, and a pillarless hardtop coupe. The models were priced the same as Commodore Eight, which was priced from \$2,543 to \$3,099.

All Hornets from 1951 through 1953 were powered by Hudson's high-compression straight-six "H-145" engine. It was based on Hudson's previous 262 cu in (4.3 L) "Super Six" that was not only bored and stroked to

increase displacement, but "thoroughly over-engineered in the Hudson tradition ... a high-chromium-alloy block and other premium features." An electric clock was standard.

Hudson was the first automobile manufacturer to get involved in stock car racing. The Hornet "dominated stock car racing in the early-1950s, when stock car racers actually raced stock cars.

From Wikipedia

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### **Did You Know...**

Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately -- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers

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### **Father's Day Facts**

The Father's Day concept was invented by Sonora Smart Dodd from Washington. Her father raised his 6 children single-handedly, after their mother died in childbirth. June was her Dad's birthday month.

In 1910, in Spokane, Washington recruited several clergymen with the help of Sonora Smart Dodd to honor fathers throughout the city.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. . The date was set for June 5th but was later changed to June 19th (the 3rd Sunday in June), as many clergymen needed more time to prepare.

Most countries around the world celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June. In Australia, it's the first Sunday of September. Finnish people celebrate the festival on the second Sunday of November. And in Germany they celebrate on Ascension Day. In Thailand, the King's Birthday is National Father's Day – currently this is 5th December.

Rose is the flower of Father's Day. Wearing a red rose signifies a living father, while a white one represents a deceased father.

There have been 2 sets of Father-Son Presidents of the USA – John Adams (2nd) and son John Quincy Adams (6th), and George Bush (41st) and his son George W. Bush (43rd).

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### **MERGER CANDIDATES?**

Below are some of the latest merger rumors from Wall Street.

1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W.R. Grace Company merge to become Hale-Mary-Fuller-Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Brothers, and Keebler Crackers merge to become Polly-Warner-Cracker.
3. 3M and Goodyear merge to become MMMGood.
4. John Deere and Abitibi-Price merge to become Deere-Abi.
5. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining merge to become Zip-Audi-Do-Da.
6. Honeywell, Imasco, and Home Oil merge to become Honey-I'm-Home.
7. Denison Mines, and Alliance and Metal Mining merge to become Mine-All-Mine.
8. Federal Express and UPS merge to become FED-UP.
9. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will merge and become Fairwell-Honeychild.
10. 3M, J.C.Penney and the Canadian Opera Company will merge and become 3-Penney-Opera.
- 11.Knott's Berry Farm & National Organization of Women will merge and become Knott-NOW!

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## Happy Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as the Mother's Day celebration – perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.”

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2021 occurs on June 20.

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.”

Paradoxically, however, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a “second Christmas” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.



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# WOMEN'S CORNER

## I Am My Own Grandpa

Many, many years ago  
When I was twenty-three  
I got married to a widow  
Pretty as could be.



This widow had a grown up daughter  
With flowing hair of red,  
My father fell in love with her  
And soon the two were wed.



This made my dad my son-in-law  
And changed my very life.  
Now my daughter was my mother,  
For she was my father's wife.



To complicate the matters worse  
Although it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father  
Of a bouncing baby boy.



My little baby then became  
A brother-in-law to dad,  
And so became my uncle,  
Though it made me very sad.



For if he was my uncle,  
Then that also made him brother  
To the widow's grown up daughter,  
Who of course was my step-mother.



Father's wife then had a son  
Who kept them on the run,  
And he became my grandson  
For he was my daughter's son.



My wife is now my mother's mother  
And it makes me blue.  
Because although she is my wife,  
She's now my grandma too.



If my wife is my grandmother,  
 Then I am her grandchild.  
 And every time I think of it  
 It simply drives me wild.



For now I have become  
 The strangest case you ever saw,  
 As the husband of my grandmother,  
 I am my own grandpa!



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries in June



### Birthdays

John Airoidi	June 22	Jane Armstrong	June 5
Wendi Ball	June 2	Don Buckles	June 11
Christopher Chancellor	June 18	Richard Chastain	June 22
Fran Coutts	June 30	Barb Donaldson	June 9
Steve Foy	June 6	Melissa Freeman	June 1
Richard Freitag	June 9	John Hopkins	June 16
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	Tab Morgan	June 5
Stephen Nelson	June 30	Ernie Oeder	June 9
Vicki Patterson	June 12	Marsha Rehfeld	June 20
Jay Thomas	June 10	Jason Vargas	June 17
Jennifer Vargas	June 10	Misun VonHolten	June 18



### Anniversaries

Patrick & Cheryl Brown	June 6	Larry & Sue Campbell	June 5
Jack & Sandy Hecht	June 15	Richard & Marlene Kuch	June 12
Gil & Odetta Linden	June 20	Dennis & Frances McGillis	June 9
Don & Nancy Millard	June 11	Tab & Margie Morgan	June 11
John & Vicki Patterson	June 12	Joseph & Judy Patterson	June 22
Rick & Mary Rickard	June 18	Dave & Dawn Roberts	June 29
Stephen & Sarah Scott	June 6	John & Thora Trumbo	June 5
Mark & Ruth VanKommer	June 3	Brian & Danyell Wagers	June 22

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