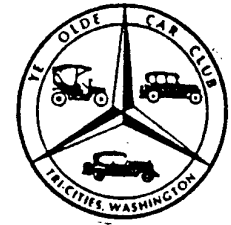


THE GAS GAUGE

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This months featured car is a 1931 DeSoto Six cyl 4 door. Owned, operated, and loved by Dennis & Karla Jackson of Pasco.



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WE HAVE ANOTHER CELEBRITY

Classics keep man's engine running

By Gale Metcalf
Special to the Herald

Time was when paying a debt by barter was common. Thirty years ago or so when Jack Yale was paid with a rundown 1933 rumbleseated Chrysler for electrical work he'd done on a house, he wasn't so sure if a basket of garden vegetables or basket of eggs might not have been a better deal.

"It was one of those any place you put a dent would improve it," the Kennewick man said.

But it was a bargain in the making for Yale.

"I was hooked."

By the time Yale and his wife, Peggy, completed refurbishing the 1933 Chrysler, it looked new, and the description of clas-

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Points to Ponder

It is one of the beautiful
Compensations of this life
That no one can sincerely try
To help another
Without helping himself.

Charles Dudley Warner



MISC CLUB INFORMATION

- Well Vern did it again. He is looking for sympathy. Can any one tell him where to find it in the dictionary. Actually this time I think he hurt himself . He claims he fell into his shed??? His head does look kinda cute with that bandana. There is more to the story, but this paper is not that big. Ask him I'm sure he will tell you the whole story.
- I'm sure our club members join me in extending our sympathies to Wayne Shreve's wife, Donna, who lost her mother back in February.
- Our sympathies also go out to Fred Frazer, whose father passed away on Sun the 11th of March.
- Bob McClary has arranged with Russ Dean Ford for us to show our cars in his lot on April 20, 21, 22nd. Please contact Bob @ 783 3622 if you are interested. The club is being paid to do this.
- Aprils meeting is being held on Thursday April the 19th so as not to conflict with the swap meet.
- By the way, the swap meet is being held April 28th this year so as not to conflict with the Portland swap meet.
- We need volunteers to help set up, then join us for goodies afterward. Contact Dave Underwood @627-2820 or Gary Stredwick @586-9676

MONTHLY ACTIVITY

We seem to be having trouble getting people to sign up to sponsor monthly activities. The activities don't have to be grandiose, Simple is fun. Call Gayle Noga @ 943-0836, she has some suggestion on short trips and advice to help you plan it. The club also helps with the cost that you might incur. The months that are still open are July, Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec. Dave Underwood has April for the swap meet. Cindy Underwood has something planed for May. Dennis & Karla Jackson have an activity planned for June. And Jack Yale has the annual picnic in August.

AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA

Answers to last months trivia questions

- In what year was the day-night mirror introduced and by whom? 1958 Chrysler.
- In what year was All weather antifreeze plus coolant introduced? 1960.
- When were seat belts offered as standard equipment? 1963.
- When did rear seat belts be-

come standard on most cars? 1965.

- It what year was the national speed limit reduced to 55mph, and why? 1974 Oil shortage.

April's trivia Questions

- I what year did Chrysler introduce the Dodge Caravan and the Plymouth Voyager Minivans
- In 1972 the average speed on the LA freeways was 60 mph.

What was the average speed in 1982?

- In 1974 the average american family spent 33% of their yearly income an a car. What did the average family spend in 1995?
- How many cars did the big three sell in Japan in 1995?

VERN SAYS !

Women who want to be equal to men, are not very ambitious!



- 2nd Janice Wellington
- 3rd Alice Rupp
- 4th Pam Reiman
- 4th Denny Kehl
- 4th Mary Anne Lauby
- 5th Pete Jackson
- 7th Royce Martin
- 11th Ted Orbeck
- 14th Floyd Harrow
- 15th Delora Boob
- 16th Bernice Martin
- 18th Donna Shreve
- 19th Denny Jackson
- 23rd Delores McClary
- 25th Jim Yount
- 29th Denny Wellington



Say "Hello" to father and son team Eldon and Dale Reiman. Eldon is a widower who lives in Kennewick. He has been a mechanic for many years so he should be a big asset to the club. Dale is married. His wife's name is Pam and they live in Pasco. Eldon and Dale are bringing back to life a 56

Ford that they bought from Ed Edwards. Make them feel welcome.



- 19th Dennis & Karla Jackson

We also have two other new members but, no pictures yet.

Dwane Upchurch

Eli Kaczynski with a 49 Ford;68 Must Conv; 69 Must Mach 1; 76 Cad Conv



THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ALSO APPEARS TO ENJOY THE DEPENDABILITY OF THE DODGE BROTHERS MACHINE.

(Photo by O.C. Havens)

John Nelson thinks that the fact that National Geographic uses a Dodge screen side, that it must be a good vehicle.



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sic car attached to it. And he and his wife were hooked on classic cars.

The 69-year-old Yale now owns eight elegantly restored classic cars. He is a fixture among classic car aficionados throughout the country.

His cars are seen in parades or car shows, and he receives calls from around the country from those interested in probing his mind for its detailed knowledge or seeking parts he may have.

Today, the Yales own:

A 1931 Chrysler roadster, designed without side windows.

A 1931 Auburn Cabriolet coupe convertible with rumble seat.

A 1931 Chrysler Custom Imperial one of only 18 ever built and featuring two windshields, known as a dual cowl.

A 1932 Chrysler Imperial convertible sedan.

A 1935 Auburn Cabriolet convertible coupe.

A 1936 Auburn four-door convertible with fold-down windshield.

A 1940 Mercury Eight coupe.

A 1941 Packard convertible coupe.

"They are all certified classics from the Antique Auto Clubs of America," Yale said.

The club is the grandfather of such organizations, he said.

All but one of Yale's classics come with straight eight-cylinder engines, the exception being his 1,940 Mercury coupe with a V 8.

The cars are maintained and protected in a large garage on the Yale's 5-acre spread. Three times a year he removes all the cars from the garage and lets them idle.

"A couple I leave accessible to drive during the summer," he said.

Over the years, Yale has acquired and sold many classics.

"I'm a collector. I get a car and enjoy it, and I get another car and enjoy it.

"It's not for profit."

He regularly attends car swap meets looking for cars, parts or other car enthusiasts to exchange in-

Yale also is a member of the Ye Olde Car Club of the TriCities. Its members are close knit, and as many as 35 gather weekly for breakfast. For the past 18 years after the BentonFranklin County Fair Parade, about 80 classic car enthusiasts and 35 cars have shown up at the Yales' home for a post-parade party.

Yale loves all classics but has particular affection

for Chryslers and Auburns.

"I've owned nine Auburns," he said. "That '33 I started out with hooked me on Chryslers."

Yale learns about cars he desires through many sources. The couple may travel thousands of miles to get one, and he and Peggy have even driven half-way across the country in a classic they've just purchased.

"It seems like every car I've wanted is on the East Coast," he said.

Yale's mechanic skills on classic car engines are legendary, and he often helps other classic car owners.

Born in Arkansas, Yale was raised in Richland after his parents, Cohn and Irene Yale, settled here in 1942 when his father went to work as one of the original survey engineers for Hanford's Manhattan Project during World War II.

Yale graduated from what was then Richland's Columbia High School in 1951 with Peggy Personett, who he married. They have three daughters and five grandchildren and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

"In high school, I had a Model A Ford and a '36 Ford," Yale said. "Every one I got I fixed up. People were always willing to buy from me because they always knew the cars I had were debugged."

For three years after high school, Yale ran a gas station owned by Peggy's grandfather in Atwood, Ill. He became familiar with what are many of today's classic cars.

'About half of our customers' cars had been made in the 1930s," he explained.

In 1954, the couple returned to the Tri-Cities, where Yale went to work for General Electric at Hanford as an electrician. He later took a job for the Bonneville Power Administration until he retired in 1985.

When he was wiring homes on the side to raise a little extra money, Yale was forced into taking the old 1933 Chrysler after one customer couldn't pay cash. He plowed into restoring the exterior and engine, while Peggy refurbished the interior.

They went on to restore a 1934 DeSoto Airflow, which Yale said was a "basket case." They took trips all over in the beautifully restored classic as they have in many others they've owned.

Yale usually allows about a year for restoring a car. The oldest car he's restored is a 1914 Mitchell, and he still has a 1948 Farmall tractor he uses for blading dirt roads on his property.

There's also a profitable side to the Yales' passion. Classic cars have a way of growing in value. He noted that in the mid-1970s he restored a 1947 Ford convertible and sold it for \$2,300. Today, it's worth about \$23,000.

"We try keeping the inventory down, but I like making them run," he said.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22nd MEETING

- We reviewed the meeting with the lawyer.
- The id#s need to be the same on both accounts.
- There is no problem with having two checking accounts. Lois will continue to maintain the swap meet account and Wayne will maintain the general treasury
- Lois needs to be made an officer the club to allow her to sign checks legally.
- Jack suggested that the annual roster have the monthly activities and swap meets listed in it.
- Dave Underwood called Old Car Weekly, because Wa. Events not posted. They explained that they now post the event three weeks ahead of the event.
- Franklin Co has bowed out of the fairgrounds, so it is now the Benton Co Fairgrounds.
- Dave has paid 1/2 of the damage deposit. The cost for the rental for the swap meet will remain the same as last year (\$1200).
- Freddie's B.S. Express will handle the food again this year.
- We need an asst to Dave to learn the ropes incase Dave decides he doesn't want to do it any more.
- Asked for a volunteer to be chairman of the registration committee.
- Bob read a letter from the Historical Society Museum inviting us to use their meeting room and display a car . The cost will be \$600 a year.
- Meeting place to be changed to the Benton Co Pud . We will have a social 1/2 hour at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. The cost per night to rent the auditorium is \$10.
- Bob McClary is going to suggest to Russ Dean that to promote a car sale for him, we would bring some of our cars to display in the show room. For this we will charge him \$500.
- We discussed again the possibility of having a banner made up to advertise who we are in a parade or any outing.
- We still need to find a new place for our Wed morning get together.
- Mary Anne Lauby is looking in to lollipop plaques for our lic plates.
- Common consensus is that we need a calling committee to pass information to club members. Information such as upcoming events or things discussed in meetings and needs to inform members.
- Please call one of the board members if you would like to discuss any of these matters.

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| <h2 style="margin: 0;">Readers Corner</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">These articles are submitted by readers</p> |
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The Burdick Spring-wound Car --
The Legendary "Lemon"!!
 In the early days of the Automobile Age, inventors tried to move horseless carriages with just about everything except horses. The 1895 Burdick was powered by a large coiled mainspring. The car could be wound (with great difficulty) by hand, or by rolling it down a hill. Energy stored in the giant spring by going down one hill would be used to climb the next. It seemed the car could run indefinitely. But, there were some problems here. The car overwound

itself going down large hills, and it could never climb a hill larger than the one it had just gone down. And of course, it also ran out of power on long flat stretches. Needless to say, most prospective buyers identified these problems before they reached for their purses.

Thanks John Nelson for this article. Lets hope others will respond with articles of interest.
 Call Dennis @ 547-0916



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Having fun with the past**

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Calendar of Events

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| APR 7-8 | PORTLAND, OR; 1 1th PACIFIC NW MODEL FEST & Holiday Inn, Airport MODEL CAR SWAP MEET; hours show Sat 9-5, Swap Sun 9-2; Adm fee; Reg fee; by Scale Auto Builders Assoc; PNW Model Car Fest, 3750 SE Tolman ST, Portland, OR 97202; 503-774-4297 eve or David.Beach@co.clark.wa.us | APR 28-29 | GREAT FALLS, MT; 30th ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET; Livestock Pavilion, Fairgrounds; hours Sat 3pm-5pm, Sun 10am-2pm; Adm fee; by Pioneer & Classic Auto Club, Skunk Wagon Chap; Henry Seeman, P.O. Box 454, Black Eagle, MT 59414; Ph 406-761-8526 fax |
| APR 15 | KAMLOOPS, BC; 31st EASTER PARADE; Start at Westside Shopping Centre at 1 pm; reg fee \$5.00/ car; by Dick Parkes, Kamloops Chap, VCCC, Box 239, Kamloops BC Canada V7J 1K8; 750-574-55740 | APR 29 | MAPLE RIDGE, BC; MAPLE RIDGE SWAP MEET; Maple Ridge Fairgrounds; hours 10am-3pm; Adm \$1.00; by Golden Ears Chap VCC; Peter Koch, 24872 Ferguson Ave, Maple Ridge, BC Canada V2W 1H4; 604-467-4770 |
| Apr 19 th | YOCC MONTHLY MEETING & KENNEWICK PUD 6:30 PM Call Bob McClary @ 783-2983 to reserve a seat. | APR 29 | PUYALLUP, WA; 37th ANNUAL BREAKFAST & POKER RUN; Puyallup Elks; Adm charged; Pre-registration; doors open 8:45; by Gallopin' Gertie Model A Ford Club, Ed Crosby, 4608 W 66th Ave, University Place, WA 98466; 253-566-4374 |
| Apr 20 th | YOCC SHOW AND SHINE AT RUSS DEAN DEAN FORD Call Bob McClary @ 783-3622 for details. | APR 29 | TENINO, WA; COMING OUT TOUR; High School; hours 10-3; by Centralia - Chehalis VCC, P.O. Box 103, Centralia, WA 98531; 360-6961 |
| APR 21 | ROY, WA; 8th ANTIQUE FARM ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSN SWAP MEET; Gordie Oakwood Horse Arena; Hours 3pm-5pm; by Antique Farm Engine & Tractor Ass'n, Steve Fromhold, P.O. Box 210, Kapowsin, WA 98344; 360-879-5521 | APR 29 | PUYALLUP, WA; 16TH SPRINGMEET 2001 & VW show & swap meet; W WA Fairgrounds; hours 9:30-4; Adm fee; Car reg fee; by NW VW Club, P.O. Box 1646, Renton, WA 98057; 253-581-5630 |
| APR 21 | PORT ANGELES, WA; MUSTANGS & COUGARS AT THE COURT HOUSE; by N Olympic Mustangs & Cougars, Tom Hostetler 360-457-0871 | MAY 4-6 | PORTLAND, OR; 37th PORTLAND SWAP MEET; Portland Expo Center; Adm charge Park chrg; hours, Fri & Sat 10am-7pm, sun 10am-1pm; by Six area car clubs; Portland Swap Meet Comm, P.O. Box 1395, Wilsonville, OR 97070-1395, Phone 503-678 2100 or pdxswap@aol.com |
| APR 22 | CORVALLIS, OR; 35th CORVALLIS HISTORIC AUTO CLUB SWAP MEET; Benton CO. Fairgrounds; hours 10am-4pm; adm fee; by Corvallis Historic Auto Club; Leslie Wheeler, 1986 SE Powells RD, Corvallis, OR 97333; 541-752-0925 | | |
| APR 28 | MT. VERNON, WA; MT. VERNON AUTO SWAP MEET; Skagit County Fairgrounds; Hours 10am-5pm; Adm free; by North Cascades Street Rod Assoc., NCSRA, P.O. Box 864, MT Vernon, WA | | |
| APR 28 | KENNEWICK, WA; 24rd TRI-CITIES SWAP MEET; Benton Franklin Co. Fairgrounds; Adm free; 8am-4pm; by Ye Old Car Club; Gary Stredwick, 2104 W 28th PL, Kennewick, WA; 509-5869676 after 6pm | | |
| APR 28 | SUMMERLAND, BC; 11th ANNUAL S. OKANAGAN SWAP MEET; Summerland Arena; Hours 3pm-4pm; Adm fee; by Vintage Car Club of Canada, S. Okanagan Chapter, 213 Conklin Ave, Penticton, BC Canada V2A 2T1; 250-493-7348 | | |