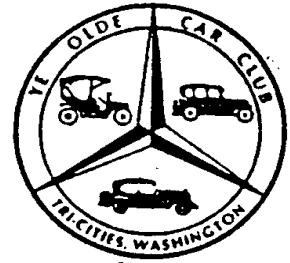


GAS GAUGE

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How is this for a cute car?
It is a 1955 Metropolitan owned
and cared for by
Earnie & Judy Oeder.
If you know Earnie you are
probably wondering, like I am,
how he gets into it.



JUNE 2002

TRIP TO MOAB

By Martha Shreve

The cars were loaded on trailers, the sun was shining, and we were ready to go to Moab. Seven vehicles met on a Saturday morning to travel together, Jack & Peggy Yale, Jeff & Judy Todd (with Ivy), Wayne & Donna Shreve, Russ & Jane Armstrong, Willie & Rachael Gould, Dennis & Karla Jackson, and last but not least our tour leaders, Martha & Vern Shreve. Ed Edwards left a day early to pickup his Aunt Carmen, in Boise, who had flown in from Kansas to join us. Dale & Kaye Henson (with Grandson Daniel) and David and Lisa Gordon joined us in Moab with their Corvairs. Everything was going great until we got to cabbage hill just past Pendleton. We stopped at the rest area at the top of the hill and discovered Jeff Todd was having motor problems. To make a long story short, Jeff now has a new truck called "Trouble Trophy" that he bought in La Grande. After spending the night in Jerome Idaho, we drove on to Moab arriving about 5pm. The Hensons, the Gordons, and Ed Edwards had arrived earlier in the day. Monday morning we went by the visitors Center and then on to Arches National Park (driving our old cars). The colors of

the hills are beautiful and the scenery was spectacular. We had lunch in a picnic area in the park. Since the leader had forgotten to tell every one to bring a lunch some people shared their lunches. That evening we had a parking lot meeting and a gift drawing. Tuesday we drove to Dead Horse State Park and Canyon lands National Park Jack Yale had a little trouble with his Mercury, so he drove his pickup. We had picnic lunches again in the park looking down about a mile in to the canyon at the Colorado River below us. That evening at the parking lot meeting we had a "surprise" party to



celebrate Vern's 68th birthday. The

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Henson's grandson Daniel surprised us by telling Vern that there was going to be a surprise party to-night, but that he didn't know for whom. Wednesday was a free day for people to do what ever they wanted to do. Some went to the museum, Armstrong's and the Goulds drove to Needles, about 100 miles away. Jack, Peg, Dennis, & Karla went on a little "Jack's Tour" on a road where they had to shift into 4 wheel drive. Five couples went on the "Canyon lands by Night" boat ride and light show.



We were served dinner and then boarded a boat to go up the river about a mile. By the time we started back down the river it was dark. Their light truck followed us on the road shining a spotlight on the canyon walls. It was a fantastic show.

Thursday we decided to see some green so we went to the La Salle Mountains. The road was pretty narrow and steep so we took our tow rigs. We saw all kinds of wild flowers and stopped often to take pictures. After being in the mountains we came down to drive along the Colorado.

For our last night together we went to the Bar M Chuck wagon. There was a shoot out before we went inside for a western style dinner and entertainment.

Friday was time to start home. The Goulds had an emergency and had to leave on Thursday. The Armstrongs left about 4:45am and



drove straight home in about 16 hours. Ed Edwards and Carmen left to go to Denver and points East. The Hensons and Gordons traveled together. Jack and Peggy drove back alone in two days. That left the two Shreve families, the Todds, and the Jacks to come back together. We decided to come back by way of Jackpot Nevada. and spend two days getting back. After crossing into Nevada we discovered that there were some caves nearby so we decided to go see them. We took a 30 min tour and were glad we took the time to stop.



We found the "motel not to stay in" in Jackpot (ask Dennis Jackson). Some how we did not communicate very well and got spilt into 2 groups of 2 cars each for the rest of the trip home.

The weather was beautiful (sunshine and in the 80's), the scenery was unbelievable, and the group was great though the leader had some problems leading. Final note: The tour began and ended with a break down. Jack Yale got home, unloaded his car trailer and and car, and was going to town to buy groceries but his pickup wouldn't move. The transmission was completely broke—it didn't have a big enough magnet.

This was a *Great* tour!!
Thanks to Martha and Vern Shreve for all of the work they put into planning it.



Leahman caves in Nevada



We were well fed



Hey! We could use a little help here.



Jack and Karla think this looks like a Roman soldier



Wilson Arch



Miss Kitty!





Wolf Ranch



They lived here for 10 years



Balanced rock. Hope Ed doesn't hit it.



Parking lot meeting



There is our leader in her Hupp.

WE ARE GOING TO PALOUSE FALLS with DAVID

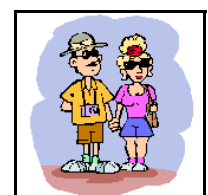
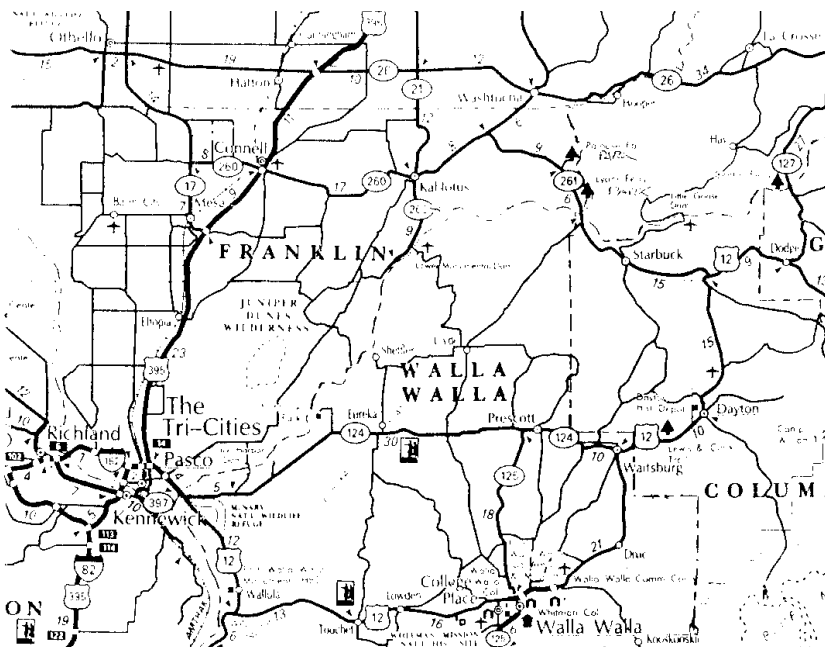
New plans for June Tour. We are not going to Baker City or on a jet boat ride up the Snake river. We are going to Palouse falls. I was reading the May newsletter about Palouse Falls and recalled going there on a boy scout trip about 60 years ago! There was nothing there then, just the falls and a narrow gravel road.

Jan and I drove up there and checked it out, and it will make a great circle tour. There are nice roads all the way except for two miles of well groomed gravel road from #261 to the falls. Here's the plan: On Sat June 29th, we leave CBC parking lot at 09:30 Sharp!! Since there are no rest areas, or pull outs, or wide shoulders, or facilities in Kahlotus. It is important that everyone takes care of business before we leave. I am supplying a map for every one, please bring it with you in case the leader defaults. Bring your cameras it is a sight to behold. After the falls experience, we move down #261 to Lyons Ferry Park at the confluence of the Snake river. There was a huge river boat parked there which has bussed a load of Californians to the falls! This park has more room for picnickers, toilets, showers, tables, boat launch. swimming, etc. Watch out for goose poop on the grass!

From there we cross the snake river, pass by the famous town of Starbuck where some of our famous tourists lost three hours a few years ago trying to beat the Underwood and Duffields to a Clarkston rendezvous. Journeying on, we turn south (right) off #261 onto #12, motoring 15 miles into the heart of beautiful downtown Dayton, parking in front of, or close to the front of the "Wood Shed" café. They can serve 50 or so, and have great food at a reasonable price. After lunch, there is the famous antique rail road depot, 18 restored homes on the national historical register, antique shops, possibly a tour of the oldest court house (in use) in the state of Washington, and more.

We will return to Tri-Cities through Waitsburg, Prescott, Eureka, and over the Snake River to hi-way 12 again. End of Tour. Thanks for coming.

Note: Please call Dave or Jan Underwood @ 627-2820 before June 24th so I can let the Woodshed folks know how many of us to prepare for. Thanks



MISC CLUB INFO

Martha has Outlined the year as to activities planed so far.

- June 21st Canyon Lakes Manor
- June ? Ford Days
- June 29 Palouse falls trip
- July 4th Parades
- Aug ? B-F Fair Parade, and Jacks place
- Sept ? Prosser States day
- Sept 14th Elbe train trip
- Oct ? Apple Squeezin Trip
- Nov ? Farm machine light show
- Dec ? Christmas Party.
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The June 21st date at the Canyon Lakes Manor is from 6 to 8pm.

Object is to visit with the residents and possibly take some for a small ride in our old cars.

The Elbe train ride is a two day event on Sept 14th & 15. There will be more information in Next months newsletter.

FOR RENT OREGON COAST CONDO

New Whale Point (WorldMark) condo at Depoe Bay. Two Bedroom , two bath, sleeps 6. Ocean front. Available August 16 -23, 2002 World Mark price is \$1600/ week for this unit. Our price for the week is \$800.

For additional information contact
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10th	John & Mary Ellen Nelson
10th	Scott & Sandy Klipper
11th	Floyd & Barbara Harrow
12th	Richard & Marlene Kuch
14th	David & Lisa Gordon
15th	Jim & Jan Mokler
17th	Dick & Becky Fuller
18th	Gary & Mercedes Stredwick
18th	Walker & Kaye Young
19th	Dan & Dani Flanagan
21st	Dale & Kathie Petty
21st	Ted & Grace Freemier
27th	Russ & Helen Duffield



5th	Jane Armstrong
9th	Earnie Oeder
11th	Bill Mager
11th	Pete Jackson
14th	Linda Kehl
14th	Jim Stafford
18th	David Gordon
20th	Ruth Ilten
26th	Bob McClary
26th	Russ Duffield

If any of this information is incorrect please let me know @ 547-0916 Or it will not be changed.

DRESSING THE PART

By JANE ARMSTRONG

THE ZIPPER

Last month I mentioned the zipper as a way of dating vintage clothing. You won't find zippers in clothing prior to the 40's.

The zipper was patented on August 29, 1893 as the "hookless fastener" by Whitcomb L. Judson. It was exhibited at the Columbian Exhibition of 1893 in Chicago. The slide fastener was noticed by a young corporation lawyer, Colonel Lewis Walker, who was convinced there was money to be made in the new invention. He bought the patent rights and hired its inventor, Judson, to perfect his invention.

Judson worked two years before he had a workable slide fastener that could be laced into shoes. They were able to make the samples by hand but were unable to construct a machine that would do the work. After numerous failures Judson called it quits. Walker remained undaunted and hired a Swedish engineer Gideon Sundback.

By 1912 Sundback had constructed a workable slide fastener using a pair of fabric tapes edged with spring clips which could be locked together and wedged apart with a slide fastener. It was essentially the modern zipper but was mainly used on novelty items such as tobacco pouches and money belts.

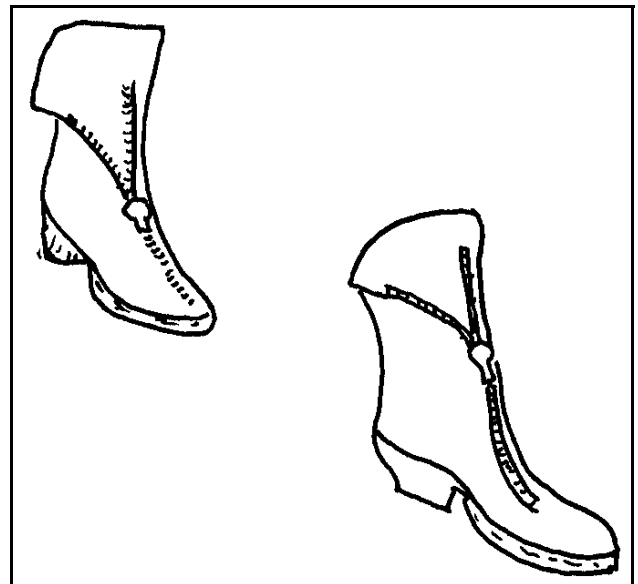
In 1923 Dr. L. H. Marlin, manager of P. Goodrich's footwear department envisioned the fastener being used to make rubber overshoes fit snugly and present a neat appearance. The new idea gained immediate popularity. The name Zipper became the trademark of the new boot.

The first Zipper's were large and bulky, not smooth enough to be used in clothing,

especially in fragile materials. Russ has a suit from the 40's that still uses buttons and buttonholes to fasten the fly.



Next month I will return to a format of describing a particular year or a particular style of clothing using examples. I quickly ran out of illustrations that weren't patented. When my granddaughter was home from the service, she took pictures of my clothes so I will begin with those. Then just today (May 28), I received in the mail a catalog of books of different antiques. Some of those listed were of clothing. In the advertisement, they were described as having illustrations that were not patented. So I should have plenty of material to draw from. I don't know about you, but to me a picture is worth a thousand words.



Illustrated by Jane Armstrong



GUESS WHO

This fellow is known to all of you. If it will help, this picture was taken in Germany in 1965. No it isn't Robert Redford, however there is quite a resemblance.

How many of you guessed that last month's mystery guest was Jeff Todd.

Come on dig into those photo albums and send in some photos of your spouses taken when they were as young as they think they are now.



FUNNY BONE

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, When Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. Brenda. may I come in? he asks. "I've got someting to tell you." Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim but where is my husband?. "That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness Brewery" "Oh God No" cries Brenda. Please don't tell me..." "I must , Brenda. "Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry." Finally she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen

Tim?' "It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned." "Oh my dear! But you must tell me true, Tim did he at least go quickly?" "Well no Brenda... no. Fact is, he got out three times to Pee."

READERS CORNER



To fellow Ye old Car Club members -

800 Hadden Lane
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April 19, 2002

I live a little bit further away than most of you from the Richland area, so understandably I don't get to many meetings, but you'll find my name in your roster. However, for those of you who don't recognize me, I am John Nelson's little (but a bit older, but not likely wiser) brother. The Shreves, and the Stredwicks and the Underwoods and several others remember me, I am fairly certain. Together, we took that beautiful wooden spoked 1926 Dodge of John's and made that wonderful thousand mile circle down into Oregon. All I have to do is look at the pictures of that beautiful Dodge just north of the Sea Lion Caves on the coast to bring the recollections flooding back.

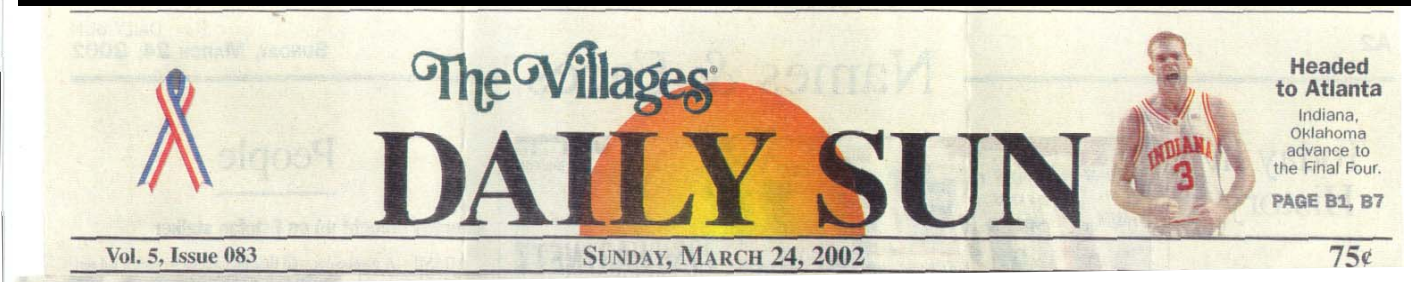
Anyway, as many of you know, I have a serious case of the disease of Antique car-itis and among our treasured possessions is our 1967 Amphicar, the "our" referring to my wonderful wife and life partner, Carol. In these parts, which some of you have probably not visited, one of the neat events is the Antique Wooden Boat Show at Mount Dora, Florida, which takes place at the end of March each year. This year marked the 15th Annual event. Mount Dora is a neat little small town with oodles of Antique shops and a real old town flavor and is situated right on Lake Dora.

The Antique Wooden Boat Show is nice enough, but about 5 years ago, they began to also have a "Woodie Gathering" (You know, those gorgeous wooden bodied station wagons and convertibles that used to be common place.) In 1998, we took our 1948 Ford Station Wagon (a.k.a. "Woodie") to Mount Dora for the show. We already owned our Amphicar, but having had the fear of something or other put into us about the perils we faced if we ventured into the water (after all, cars are for terra firma, right?), we had not yet dared to take a chance on sinking or anything else unpleasant ruining our maiden voyage. Anyway, we took our beautiful 1948 "Woodie" to Mount Dora (Our 1948 Woodie should be the subject of another story - in fact, if you look back in your "Gas Gauges," you will find the story of how I ran into another "woodie" nut who it turned out had lived across the street from John and me in Detroit during World War II {do any of you youngsters remember that war?}). However, we did not know each other, the main reason being that he was 2 years old and I was 7 when his family moved there, and we were still the same 5 years different in age when we moved away.)

Anyway, when we arrived, what do you know, but there were 3 Amphicars stealing the show and I got my first ride in one. The rest is History. We go "Swimming" all the time with it and have a wonderful time giving people rides and scaring the bejesus out of them when I cautiously ease down the ramp and then gun it for an almighty splash which has earned me the nickname of "Splash" Nelson. As you can imagine, the crowd (which is considerable) love to watch and the Amphicars literally steal the show, even though it is an Antique Wooden Boat show. This year we had 14 Amphicars and I gave many rides. Most of the other owners are less daring (or maybe a little brighter) than I am, and seldom make much of a splash. What a pleasant surprise then to have this story and picture appear in a local paper the next day. In all honesty, last year, the Lake County edition of the Orlando Sentinel had a trio of Color pictures of me in a "going,going,gone" sequence on the front page of the Sunday Edition the next day. Believe me, Amphicars make quite a hit and I promise my passengers a genuine James Bond type adventure with each ride. One of the devilish things I do is to ask each of my 1 to 3 passengers his or her weight before we go in. They assume it is a legitimate question, because they don't look forward to sinking either, and afterall, should one be going swimming in a car? They then tell me their weights (both honestly and often sheepishly) and after they've all divulged this personal secret, I tell them I didn't really need to know, but I was just curious! The devil makes me do it. Then we're off for the splash (SHREEEEEEEAK) of their lives. I have an absolute ball and play James Bond over and over. Well, hoping I haven't bored you, if you want a fun time, come to Mount Dora next year and expect to have a wonderful time. Otherwise, I just might surprise you and join my brother, John, for another memorable tour of the Northwest in one of those fascinating old cars that you people seem to be attracted to. From near Daytona Beach, Florida, I send you greetings and wish Ye Olde Car Club good weather and great outings.

Victor Nelson

READERS CORNER



Mount Dora antique boat show combines nautical experience with nostalgic flavor

Exhibitors combine old ideas with new to develop their own creations

By **BEN BAUGH**
Daily Sun

MOUNT DORA - If you're looking for a nautical experience with a nostalgic flavor, the 15th Annual Mount Dora Antique Boat Show might suit your palate. Classic vessels and vehicles are part of the exhibition, which started March 22, and will run through today. Some exhibitors combined old ideas with the new when developing their own creations. "I made my boat this year," Kissimmee's Gerald Matthess said. "I really like the idea of the barrel back because I like the rounded look. I rounded both the front and the back of the boat. I'm a woodcarver by trade. I love boats," Matthess said. Some cars seemed to have a penchant for taking to the water. Victor Nelson's Amphicar was one of the more popular vehicles of the show. "They were built from 1961 through 1967 by a company named Berlin," Nelson said. "the vehicle's not a conversion. 'They're amphibious. I haven't sunk yet'" The Mount Dora Woodie Gathering was comprised of a number of classic motor vehicles. A 1930 Model-A was converted from a Huckster Wagon to a Whiskey Wagon, an innovation of Skip Sampson. "I built them to have some fun," Sampson said. "I use the wagon for parties and club events. I've been involved in collecting classic cars for the past 30 years. I own nine Model-A's. A number of vessels possessed a distinctive appearance. The Silver Arrow has a unique body design, and was built in 1958 and 1959, said Pat Crusse of Cornelius N.C. "I became involved with boats about seven years ago, when my brother asked me to paint his boat" Crusse said. "I do about seven shows a year. This is a great show."



Victor Nelson's Amphicar is able to adapt to land as well as water during the 15th Annual Antique Boat Show in Mount Dora.



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