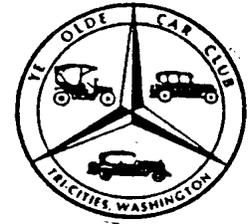


# The GAS GAUGE

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Now here is a beauty from days gone by. This 1955 Oldsmobile is the pride and joy of Bob & Delores McClary of Kennewick. It has a front seat big enough to accommodate Bob.



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## ANOTHER PARADE, ANOTHER AWARD?

Not just one but, two.

Inside this issue:



FIRST PLACE

**This parade** was another smashing success. We had 28 cars show up. We won first place for our efforts. Martha Shreve led our group with Doc Hastings riding on her 37 Packard convertible. The weather couldn't have been better, in the eighties with a slight breeze to keep us cool. We had two defrugalties ( what the heck does that mean) . The first one involved Russ Armstrong's Star. He noticed that the bead on one of his front tires was split and in danger of coming apart. No fear Ed is here!! Ed Edwards came to the

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## Points to Ponder

Happiness sneaks in through  
A door you didn't know  
You left open

*John Barrymore*



## TOUR ACTIVITY

### **THIS TRIP IS BEING RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE**

Fred Fraser is trying to put together a trip to Elbe, Washington. The reason for the trip would be to ride the Excursion Train through scenic Mount Rainier. The cost for the Train ride is Adults (if we had any) \$11.50 Seniors \$10.50 and Children (under 12) \$8.50. Fred has made some calls for overnight accommodations

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If You are interested **PLEASE** CALL FRED @ 946-9850 for more details

### Excursion Trains



Porter 2-8-2 #5 is shown crossing the Nisqually River trestle.  
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**Steam train excursions through the foothills of Mt. Rainier.**

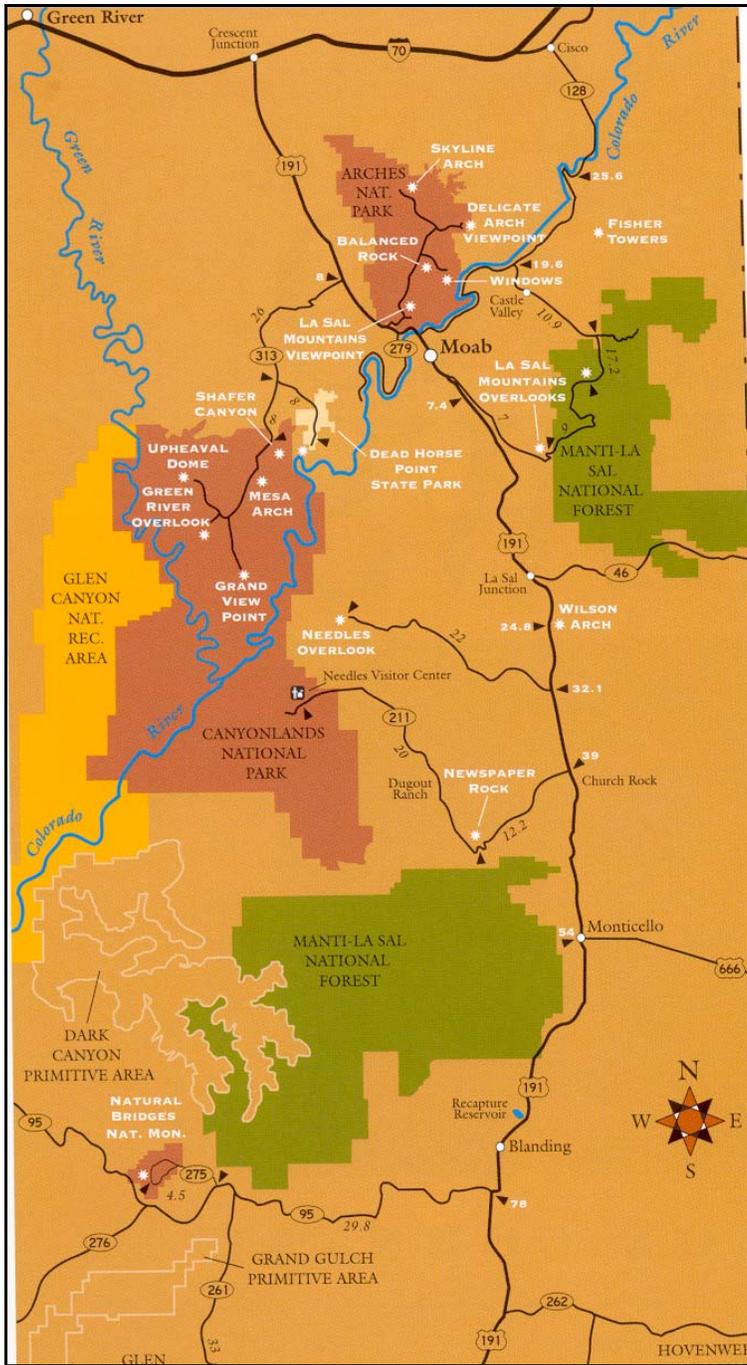
*Experience the Golden Age of Steam as you chug across spectacular bridges and clickety-clack through lush tall forests. Whistle at Mt. Rainier and let of steam by Mineral Lake. Enjoy the one and one half hour trip from Elbe to Mineral Lake. Fourteen miles of Old Time Fun for all and pleasant memories for many. Every train is pulled by a vintage steam locomotive with tourist and open cars.*

## HOW ABOUT A TOUR TO MOAB UTAH

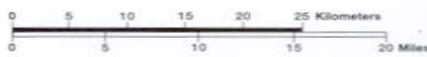
Vern and Martha Shreve took a trip this summer to (among other places) to Moab Utah. They would like to put together a tour to Moab next May. This area has some of the most beautiful scenery this side of the Pecos (where ever the heck that is).

Because of the distance we would most likely trailer our cars to Moab and take day trips from there. We may or may not caravan to Moab. We need input from the you as to which way we should do it. We still have plenty of time to plan this tour so let's get our heads together and plan a great tour akin to those of days gone by. I will put a little more information on side trips in each of the up coming issues of the news letter. Lets not leave all of the planning up to the Shreves. Take a look at the map on the next page to see some of the side trips we could take.





Key to Map



-  GRAND VIEWS
- 78** MILES FROM MOAB
- 29.8** MILES BETWEEN POINTS



- 6th Vern & Martha Shreve
- 11th Russ & Jane Armstrong
- 17th Bob & Alice Rupp
- 20th Denny & Linda Kehl
- 22nd Jack & Peggy Yale



- 1st Jack Yale
- 1st Betty Hinkle
- 1st Jan Mokler
- 9th Mike Boob
- 9th Jim Gilbert
- 13th Ginger Vetrano
- 16th Lois Metler
- 17th Marty Meyers
- 21st Jim Geiger
- 27th Sheri Gordon
- 28th Lee Noga
- 30th Linda McGrath

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

rescue. The spare tire from his "T" fit the Star and they were happily on their way. Vern brought his "T" truck with the calliope mounted on the back. He didn't ride with us, he rode with the floats and represented East Benton Co. Museum. This allowed him to vie for another award, which he won, of course. The award plaque looks just the same as the one on page 1 so I won't show it again. How about a picture of his truck instead.



We do have a celebrity this month. Our own Martha Shreve was mingling and hobnobbing with a politician.



I have to say again how impressed I was with the turn out. I do wish I had taken more pictures of our cars.



Well of course my car is the most prominent., I'm taking the picture **and** I'm the Editor of this rag

Oh, I almost forgot the 2nd defrugalitiy ( there is that word again). The second also involved Russ Armstrong's Star. This time it was the carburetor, but I understand that every thing turned out ok and he was soon on his way.

The fun continued after the parade at Jack Yale's house where he and Peggy hosted a great chicken feed. Not a bar-b-que as reported in last month's newsletter. We also got to meet Duke (the digger). Many thanks to our hosts and everyone who helped them put on a great event.



Looks like John wasn't the first in line this time

## MISC CLUB INFO

- **Russ Duffield** had surgery to repair a faulty mitro valve and word has it that all is going well.
- **Joe Kuhns** finally sold one of his cars, his 46 Ford two door.
- **Rick Vance** has gone to work for Quality Structures (a pole building construction company) They have been in the tri-cities for 18 years and have a very good Cell 727-0050 Home 627-4419
- **The Vances** also own and operate Cascade Sign & Design and will continue to do so.

## Calendar of events for the month of Sept

- **Every Wed morn breakfast** at Denny's on 395 and Kennewick Ave. Time 8am. No admission. (ha-ha)
- **Monthly meeting** at Nine-to-Nine Auto in Pasco Thur Sept 27th at 6:30 pm. Formal dress not required.
- **3rd of Sept** States Day Parade in Prosser. Every one is invited to attend. Those of us who will be going will meet at the Gas station at the Benton City exit on I-82
- .at 7:30 in order to be on time for judging. The parade is at 10am. Be early enough to get lined up.
- **7th of Sept** The Richland Players are putting on their version of the play "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU", and have asked us to bring some classic cars to their parking lot to advertise the play. The play takes place in the 20's and 30's. They would like us to be there from 6pm to 8pm. For more details call Red Rutherford @ 783-5331.
- **Any time of the month**, any thing you think we might have fun doing.
- Would anyone be interested in looking at the IHOP restaurant for our Wed breakfast.



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## Readers Corner

These articles are submitted by readers

### MEMORIES

submitted by Mary Fraser's Mother

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 Greely, 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.



## More readers corner

This story was submitted anonymously , but is thought to be a true story.

Jack Yale and Richard Kuch are camping in the desert, They have set up their tent, and are asleep. Some hours later, Jack wakes his faithful friend. Richard, look up at the sky and tell me what you see. Richard replies, I see millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" asks Jack. Richard ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Jack?"

Jack is silent for a moment, them speaks. "Richard, you dummy, someone has stolen our tent !



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