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AUTO FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW *By Eric Meltzer*

I suspect many of us yearn for an earlier time when life seemed simpler and somewhat more comfortable. These are the years that form our interests and personalities and as a car guy there was never a shortage of stimulus. Back when, it seemed, a vehicle was an extension of a personality and television and movie characters reflected that trait. It doesn't seem so much now. When there were only a few major networks the choices were limited. Streaming was the subject of science fiction and video games were too crude to hold anyone's attention for long.

There doesn't seem to be the same emphasis on iconic cars from the entertainment industry that once fueled a young imagination. Cars are used in movies and TV shows like the appliances they've become, less defining of the character and almost completely unseen but it wasn't always this way. I know I'm dating myself but we're going to take a stroll through some of the star-cars of my youth, skipping most of the movies where cars were the central theme and instead focusing on those that were extensions of the leading role.

Back then you couldn't have a successful private investigator unless he drove a special car. That meant a man, slightly irresponsible who lived on the edge. When my generation sees a red Ferrari 308 GTS they think of Thomas Magnum in "Magnum, PI" - rugged, handsome, and fast. The mid 70's brought us to Jim Rockford in "The Rockford Files" driving a gold Pontiac Firebird Esprit. Just an average guy trying to get by with an average colored car just on the edge of sporty. Before he played Spenser in "Spencer For Hire" driving a dark green, slightly weathered 1966 Mustang Fastback, Robert Urich played Dan Tanna in "Vegas" driving a cherry red 1957 Thunderbird. You can practically predict the different personalities from the producers' choice of cars.

Likely the best known is James Bond. 007 who drove many different cars throughout the movie series but it all started with perhaps the epitome of British class and style, the 1963 Aston Martin DB5. After several transgressions in actors and automobiles, the hokier Bonds stooped to accepting sponsorship from AMC (American Motors Corporation for those who don't remember) rebounding slightly to a Lotus – outfitted like a submarine. Fortunately, the franchise has found its footing and the current Bond has settled on Aston Martin, oozing style and sophistication. Maxwell Smart, the bumbling anti-Bond drove a Sunbeam Tiger. Like his character, the Tiger was a confused sports car, ultimately capable but in need of some help along the way. In the shadowy fringes was David Hasselhoff playing Michael Knight in control of his talking 1982 Pontiac Trans Am named KITT complete with flashing grill lights reflective of the flashy actor. Laughable today, but it propelled Hasselhoff to vocal stardom in Europe.

Starsky & Hutch drove the 1975 Ford Gran Torino, red with the white stripe. Not very discreet while undercover but perfect for the discos of the time. Marked cruisers, while not as individualistic still conveyed the all-business vibe. Reed and Malloy drove a Plymouth Belvedere and later in the series, an AMC Matador black and white patrol car bearing the show's name and radio call sign "1-Adam-12" on the roof. The disheveled Lt. Columbo drove a somewhat run down 1959 Peugeot convertible. Like his ride, temperamental yet with an underlying tone of thoughtful wisdom and most definitely, unique. The 1980's brought crime fighters Crockett and Tubbs of "Miami Vice" who chased down smugglers in a Ferrari Daytona. A Replica was used due to the real car's cost and rarity. Enzo Ferrari became outraged by this and offered the producers the use of the latest Ferrari at the time, the Testarossa to replace the fake Ferrari. The white Testarossa stepped in to carry the show's fervor. Who else has Phil Collins stuck in their head right now?

Then there was the "Italian Job" movie, quirky and dangerous. The original featured Austin Minis while the remake made use of Mini Coopers. Whenever we have a row of Mini Coopers on display on our lot an "Italian Job" reference inevitably comes up. Can you imagine "The Dukes of Hazzard" without the General Lee? That orange 1969 Dodge Charger was as much a star as the actors themselves. Even cartoons like "Scooby-Doo" had the Mystery Machine van and Fred Flinstone drove the Flinstone Mobile. "Back to the Future" brought the DeLorean.

Now, cars are off set and out of sight. Character's personalities are defined by their technical savvy and relationship status.



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**Fryeburg Town Managers Report - by Katie Haley**

Town elections will take place on June 6th at the David & Doris Hastings Community Center from 8AM to 8PM. There are two Selectperson seats open and we are fortunate to have four people running for these two seats. Please get out and vote!

The open Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8th at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds starting at 6PM to 8PM. Town reports are available at the Town Office for pick up and are also on the Town's website. The Town meeting warrant along with notes describing each warrant article are contained within the Town report; please reach out if you have any questions about the town meeting warrant articles.

Beginning in June, the Transfer Station will no longer be open on Sundays. The Transfer Station will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 6:30-4:00. This was a tough decision to make but seems to be route that many Towns are going. Businesses of all kinds have had to adapt by changing hours and days open in order to save costs, retain/attract employees, and follow industry trends; the Town is no different. I thank you all in advance for your understanding and your continued respectful treatment of the hardworking Transfer Station attendants.

I have had numerous volunteers reach out about helping with beautification efforts in Fryeburg and their work has been amazing. Thank you to all the great volunteers for their hard work and efforts.

Please reach out with any questions or comments that you might have.

**Community Concepts by Ashley Lawrence**

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**Eastern Slope Regional Airport by Eric Meltzer**

It's summer camp season and we see an uptick in the volume of traffic at the airport from campers arriving and departing by general aviation aircraft. Adults also fly in often for parent's weekends. This is just another way your regional airport helps support the local economy and makes it possible to close the gap between our outdoor recreational opportunities and those who need to travel to access them. We also frequently have kids here participating in aviation summer camps that introduce participants to the opportunities in aviation while emphasizing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts.

Aviation Day is scheduled for Aug 26, 2023. It's early so there's plenty of time to plan to participate. Last year was very well attended and this year should be just as popular. The Eastern Slope Aviation Academy with a focus on STEM aviation and hands-on aviation opportunities will host their open house with activities like flight simulator demonstrations and scenic flights. There will be food trucks, fly-ins from planes of all kinds, vintage cars, and a silent auction with a variety of items from in and outside the aviation sector. More details to come, we hope to see you there.

**Fryeburg Public Library by Maryann Eastman - 207-935-2731**

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "All Together Now", focusing on co-operative and collaborative events.

- June 2 at 4pm, CS Parker will be reading his poetry and selling his published works.
- June 14 Book Group meets at 10am on to discuss The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.  
 (Other events to be announced once finalized)

Got a topic or hobby to share? Contact the Library. We welcome varied and new programming/events - Art classes, history talks, how to's, stories of yesteryear...

Bring us your books for the book sale!! We have cleared some space and are happy to take your books now.


**On-Going Events:**

- Story time: every Sat at 10am, ages 3 to 5, but older siblings are welcome
- Anime Club every Fri 3:30 to 4:30pm in Weston Room, Walking Group
- Jaunt around town every Wed at 9am. Meet on front steps/lobby
- Puzzle Club: Meets 1st Wed of each month. Anyone can work on current puzzle any day the library is open, set up in Mulford Room
- Crochet Club meets 10am on 2nd and 4th Sat of the month in Weston Room
- Book Group meets on 2nd Wed of each month in Weston Room.
- Adult Education: Fri from 8 am to 3 pm

Fryeburg Public Library, 515 Main Street, Fryeburg, ME 04037  
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**"More Than Just A Picture" by Joe Shaw**



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**FUNDRAISER TO HELP LOCAL WOMAN**

"Take A Chance" Silent Auction with a Good Ole Fashion Supper is being planned for Sheila Tibbets to help with living expenses and multiple trips to Boston. Sheila suffered a massive heart attack and had open heart surgery. She has congestive heart failure, had three surgeries last year, and is now waiting for a new heart at Mass General Hospital. She has a long road ahead of her and appreciates any help you can provide.

The event is scheduled for June 10th at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg. Monetary donations can be sent to: Sheila Tibbetts c/o De Tait, P.O. Box 324, Brownfield, ME 04010. Please contact Deb Tait at 207-890-3550 or Jenn Leach at 603-387-2720 with any questions.

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- Mon, June 12th, POLLINATOR FRIENDLY YARD Learn how you can help make your property more appealing and beneficial to native pollinators. Expert Wendy Scribner, Natural Resources Field Specialist will share how.
- Tues, June 13th: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH .
- Fri, June 16th: •FATHER'S DAY LUNCH, a special meal and surprise!
- Mon, June 19th: Gibson Center CLOSED for the day
- Fri, June 23rd: ART FOR LUNCH with - The Della Valla Bluegrass Trio
- Tues, June 27th: BOOK CLUB, meets after lunch
- Thurs, June 29th: LONGEST DAY Alzheimer's Association Awareness and fundraising. Food auction in dining room, game day, cribbage, Rumikubes, canasta, as well as croquet, yard darts and corn hole.
- Fri, June 30th: FRAUD AWARENESS WORKSHOP Northway Bank, Michele Brooker will present how fraud impacts, how to spot, avoid, and report a scam *(The Staples techs say that seniors who have fallen for Scams, are nearly % of their work. They would like us to become educated!)*

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The public performance at 7:00 pm will celebrate the work of some of musical theatre's greatest composers and lyricists. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for students. Purchase tickets online at [www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac](http://www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac), or call the box office at 207-544-9066.

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**FRYEBURG RESCUE** by Eric Meltzer

It's the season for hiking, biking, and taking in all that nature has to offer and with it comes exposure to insects, some that carry pretty nasty disease, like ticks. Ticks are commonly found in grassy, brush, or wooded areas, or on animals. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), vector-borne diseases, transmitted by ticks, mosquitoes, and fleas, tripled between 2004 and 2016 with the vast majority caused by ticks. Seven new tick-caused illnesses were discovered as well. One of the most common is Lyme disease, which can severely impact joints, heart, and nervous systems. 95% of all confirmed Lyme disease cases in 2015 stemmed from just 14 states including CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. Signs of tick-borne illness include rash, fever, chills, aches and pains, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. A bull's-eye rash is a common indicator of Lyme disease. A simple antibiotic, doxycycline, can be used to combat many tick-borne diseases if recognized and treated early. Preventing tick bites can be as simple as tucking pants into socks and shirts into pants. Wearing light colored clothing makes it easier to spot ticks. The CDC also recommends treating clothes with insect repellents. For a natural deterrent my daughter, Rachel, is having good results using cedar oil while hiking the Appalachian Trail, this season.

Shower shortly after coming back indoors and tumble dry your clothes on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks. Tick's saliva has anesthetic properties, so you may not even realize you've been bitten. Check yourself, kids, and pets for ticks regularly. Ticks often attach themselves to warm areas such as the knees, behind the ears, groin, armpits and hairline so pay close attention to these areas. Ticks need to be embedded between 2 hours and 96 hours to transmit disease so the quicker they can be removed the better the chances of avoiding illness. If you find an embedded tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp it by the head as close to the skin as possible. Gently pull the tick upward, making sure not to twist or squeeze it. Dedicated tick removal tools are available for those who choose. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the area with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

**HIGH SPEED INTERNET** by Terry Lochhead, ESRB Communication

**No Internet? Change is coming!** If you live in Denmark, Fryeburg or Lovell, and don't have internet, change is around the corner. The Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) has awarded Spectrum a grant to build a new fiber network to deliver high speed internet to all unserved locations in the three towns. Fiber provides the most stable internet service available.

The remaining four towns in the coalition (Brownfield, Stoneham, Stow, and Sweden ) will now be better positioned to win a separate MCA grant because they have a much higher percentage of unserved locations. The coalition is still on track to apply for funds for a new fiber network for all locations in the four towns.

Pending contract negotiations, Spectrum will use its grant and its own resources to build a fiber-to-the-home network for the unserved locations in Denmark, Fryeburg, and Lovell and bring existing coaxial cable service in those towns up to an equivalent level by the end of 2025.

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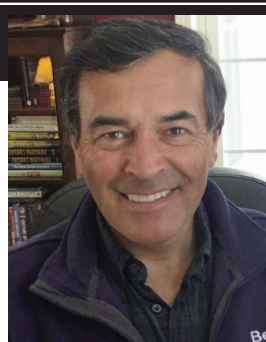


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### Fixing Our Broken Politics

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The first was to require more transparency in lobbying disclosures. All too often legislators and the general public learn about who is pushing a certain agenda well after that issue has been resolved. This is because current laws regarding the disclosure of lobbyist activities are not sufficient. Therefore, I submitted LD 1627, a bill that adds reasonable reporting requirements to Maine law for members of the lobby.

Under current law, lobbyists must report only after they lobby for 8 hours in a month on behalf of a client. A lobbyist may pick up a client, lobby for under the limit, and members of the Legislature are never aware. I do not mean to infer members of the lobby are disingenuous, but at times the power of the lobby exceeds that of legislators. Public accountability is appropriate. I was pleased to get a unanimous committee support for this bill.

Another more significant bill I introduced is LD 1590, "An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources," an important step toward improved disclosure of political spending. Currently, many individuals and entities who use large amounts of money to influence our political process remain hidden from public view. This is because a person determined to remain in the shadows can readily evade campaign finance reports by using non-profits or other entities as intermediaries. Even where the name of the intermediary is disclosed, it often reveals nothing about where the real money – and real influence – is coming from. This bill will end that practice by requiring disclosure of the real, original source of campaign spending. Others coming after me will address the bill in more detail.

For a democracy to function properly, voters require access to information that allows them to assess candidates for public office and to hold them accountable once elected. Our country's Founders recognized the importance of this and wrote the First Amendment to enable "we the people" to participate in informed debates and scrutinize our representatives and the election process that chooses them.

This democratic promise is threatened when wealthy special interest groups hide their actions behind organizations and shell corporations with benign and unrevealing names. The actual driving force behind the election spending – the person or entity with the interest in influencing the outcome – remains hidden from view.

Since the Citizens United ruling, the practice of using "dark money" to finance campaign advertisements has increased dramatically. Candidate spending is disclosed, but this is often just a small part of the picture. Huge independent expenditures leave ordinary voters with inadequate knowledge about who is buying millions of dollars of media to elect their favorite candidates.

Existing laws mandate that individuals and corporations who purchase campaign ads reveal their identities, but wealthy special interests frequently bypass these regulations by channeling their money through intermediaries who then buy advertisements without disclosing the true source of the funding. This can lead to a "Russian Doll" phenomenon where each attempt to determine the true source runs into yet another vaguely named nonprofit or shell corporation funneling the money through from another source. The individual, organization or corporate mega donor who provided the original funds is not revealed to the public, or is only discovered through painstaking investigation long after the election ends.

It is past time to end the shell game. The people have the right to know not just the

name of a contributor on a campaign finance report, but the original source of the funds used to make that contribution. At the very least, anyone acting as a conduit for exceptionally large contributions should be required to disclose the true sources of those donations.

Some other states are currently ahead of Maine in the effort to achieve real disclosure. Proposition 211 passed with 72.3 percent of the vote in Arizona last year, and Alaska has also passed a law to shine a light on dark money. An overwhelming majority of the public – 83 percent according to credible surveys – supports meaningful disclosure and the public's right to know.

Where the person or entity that is truly funding campaign advertisements is no longer able to hide, we may also see a reduction in negative advertising. LD 1590 is a bill that everyone should be able to get behind.

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### State has even more money, but Legislature is still not willing to return any of it, even though government is fully funded

The Legislature is still in Special Session after adjourning last month in order to prevent a Republican proposal to give \$200 million in income tax relief targeted to taxpayers, especially low- middle income earners most impacted by runaway costs for everyday items needed to live in Maine.

Since my last report, the Revenue Forecasting Committee met, and again revised projected state tax revenues up. Governor Mills released her plan to spend the extra money, but did not include any tax relief. My Republican colleagues have again called for tax relief, increasing their proposal to \$400 million, roughly 3% of the state budget.

Since the Governor has repeatedly said that the partisan budget passed in March fully funded state government, I am disappointed that there is no money to help struggling families. I am hopeful that with all the taxpayers money available, and all essential services funded, money can be found to help the people who paid it.

On a positive note, my bill to keep our volunteer firefighters safer, by allowing them to have larger light arrays on the personal vehicles they use when responding to calls, is on track to become law. I appreciate the bipartisan support it has received and the opportunity to work with both parties on legislation that benefits Maine.

One of the privileges I have as a State Representative is the ability to recognize constituents and guests in the chamber of the House. Also, I have the chance to invite honorary pages to serve the House. Honorary Pages are usual school - aged children, who help serve the House for a day by passing notes between legislators. On May 18th, I was afforded the opportunity to welcome a group of 3rd and 4th graders from the New Suncook School in Lovell for this purpose. It was a pleasure to have them help during the session. I have also had constituents from Brownfield and Fryeburg visit. It is always nice to see familiar faces! I appreciate the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House. I love hearing your thoughts and concerns, and appreciate your input!

Please let me know if there are bills or issues of concern to you, or if you have questions involving state agencies. I can be reached at [Caleb.Ness@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Caleb.Ness@legislature.maine.gov).

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