



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

Sign at rear of white Mercedes: "Do you smell fries?" Oddly enough, I did. James Sweet was showing me his 1977 Mercedes 300D.

Man, I couldn't be driving this car for very long, without making a quick stop at the hamburger drive-in. The vehicle would save money toward my gas bill but the delightful aroma would cause figures to quickly rise on my daily calorie count.

I first talked with James about his car when gas prices were near \$4.00 a gallon. Thankfully, we drivers have been seeing a little help at the pump lately, but the prices are still higher than we would like and than what we experienced a year ago. Our money is quickly going to other steadily rising commodities: groceries, clothing, utilities and most of what one would consider staple items.

So, it's still good to save money on gas, and many Eagle Lake residents are doing just that. Let's talk scooters.

Johnny Prazak says he and his wife first became interested in one when they saw a movie set in Europe with scooters as a primary source of transportation. A little on-line research promoted even further interest and today's he's driving one about town, enjoying the ride but also enjoying and appreciating the 110-115 miles per gallon he gets. He bought his scooter in May of this year and has only filled up on gas six to seven times. But the cool mornings of



late October kept him from driving every day.

Beverly Duddleston says the same thing. Her scooter is parked at the bank on most days when it's not too chilly. She also ties down her tennis racket and heads for the courts on it as often as possible. Her only warning: watch for dogs!!

Just to mention a few locals, Bobby Anderson, Tim Austin and Joe Duncan have been spotted enjoying the convenience and economy of their scooters.

Tony Tyler and Tony Hosman are among those enjoying their

motorcycles.

Don and Jo Churchill enjoy their red "Smart Car for Two". While spending Christmas 2006 in Germany, they were sold on the look and mileage of the car they discovered there. A product of Mercedes and having been sold in Europe for ten years, the car was just becoming known in the United States. They ordered one, but it took 18-20 months for them to obtain the car, which was on the first truckload to come to Houston in January of this year. Now living in Columbus, Jo works at "For All Occasions" in Eagle Lake and can be seen driving through town and happily getting 40-46 miles to the gallon. They comment, "It's extremely roomy and packed with safety features. We really like it."

But I still had french fries on the brain, so I consulted James

blends, stating other owners "living green" have totally converted their vehicles to straight vegetable oil, which he plans to do some time in the future. It will take some additional, but minimal, modification, but till then he is pleased with the car's performance. Purchased some four months ago, he enjoys the constant reaction to his sign and receives many a honk and wave from fellow drivers.

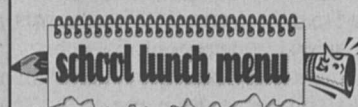
In fact, he made a new sign, which he currently posts at the front of his biodiesel vehicle, still asking, "Do you smell fries?"

As for me, on weekdays I park my Sonata (30 mpg) and use my daughter's former college ride - a '98 Toyota Corolla - which gets close to the same mileage but its daily use cuts the miles that are multiplying so quickly on my newer car's odometer. As I and many Eagle Lake citizens are discovering: every cost-efficient detail helps the pocketbook.

But for today, I'll just swing my Toyota into the local DQ and order some of those fries.

And it's really not just a personal food choice or junk food craving, I want to contribute toward those economy-minded people like Mr. Sweet, and make more used oil available.

"He who will not economize will have to agonize." -- Confucius



Rice Schools Nov. 10-Nov. 14 Breakfast

Mon.-Breakfast pocket or Cereal, Juice Milk
Tue.-Donut, Sausage link or Cereal Juice Milk
Wed.-uncrustable or Cereal Juice Milk

Thu.-Breakfast roll or Cereal Juice Milk
Fri.-Cereal Yogurt Juice Milk

Lunch

Mon.-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli normandy Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tue.-Burrito, Confetti salad, corn, Fruit, Milk
HS Alt: Steak Fingers.

Wed.-BBQ Chicken sandwich, fries, pickles, Fresh Fruit, Milk

HS Alt: hamburger
Thu.-camp fire stew, black-eye pea, salad, crackers, banana, berry blend Fruit, Milk

HS Alt: hot dog
Fri.-ham sandwich, burger salad, green peas, chips, Fresh Fruit, Milk

HS Alt: chicken fajita bowl

Carrot Cake Recipe

Some of the more popular foods this time of year are pastries. Be it cakes or cookies, many people find holiday desserts too delicious to resist. For those hosting a holiday party this season or those simply looking to satisfy their cravings for sweets, the following recipe for "Carrot Cake with Coconut" from Michael van Straten's "The Healthy Jewish Cookbook" (Frog Books) is sure to please even the pickiest of pastry palates.

Carrot Cake with Coconut
Serves 6-8
2 tablespoons honey
2/3 cup raw sugar (if unavailable, use light brown)
3 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
13/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
9 ounces carrots, grated (about 13/4 cups)
4 ounces (about 12/3 cups) dry unsweetened coconut, plus 2 tablespoons for decorating*
3/4 cup mixed unsalted nuts, crushed
Scant cup olive oil
*can decorate with coconut flakes

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Put the honey, sugar and oil into a bowl and whisk briskly until well combined. Add the eggs and cinnamon and whisk well again. Gradually sift in the flour and whisk until well combined, then stir in the husks that have collected in sifter. Stir in the carrots, coconut and nuts. Pour into a

greased 7-inch cake pan and cook for about 90 minutes.

Let cool and serve sprinkled with the extra coconut.

School Days

Rice School Calendar Nov. 10 -Nov 14

Mon.-9thGr.-Lead Program@WCJC

Rice Ath. Booster Club

H/B Supper-5:30-7:30 pm

Tue.-TROOPER GARY - GUN SAFETY

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day Program 9am, Gym

Wed.-Srs.Balfour Ordering-Lunch Pds thru Act.

Pd. FCA Meeting-Act. Pd. Trooper Gary K-8th

Thu.- 4:30p Jr. High Basketball Boys @ Home

Girls @ Hallettsville

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Fri.- Football Playoff:

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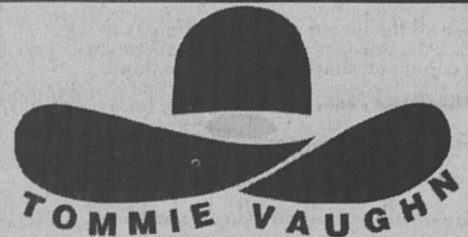
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