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Article from Your INCCC Representative

After forty-one years of faithful service, my Posi-Traction Torque Twister tires have finally begun to fail. While Janice and I were enjoying last fall's "Just Park It" tour just outside of Springdale, we heard that unmistakable "thump, thump, thump" sound from the failing left front tire. Jan said my face turned pale (I was inwardly contemplating having to replace my car's beloved bias ply mid-seventies meats, the tires that defined my low-buck youth's attempt to make my ride look faster). We limped home and I jacked up the left front of the car to see what was going on. Although the sidewall still looked unchecked and fresh, hell, there were even those little black molding things (sprues) sticking out of them, the areas between the treads was showing deep cracks. And, then there was that raised bulge, mid-tread, and about the size of a silver dollar on that left front doughnut. Clearly, my 1975 tires were ready to be put out to pasture.

So to be on the safe side, when should you replace your pride and joy's tires, arguably one of the pricier auto maintenance expenses? Tread wear, heat, cold, driving habits,

and proper inflation can all factor in to dictate a tire's expected lifespan.



Most tire manufactures now say that the rubber in tires deteriorates over time and that tires should be replaced after six years and possibly up to ten years if you conduct annual inspections. And then there

are those other factors, tread wear, heat, cold, driving habits, and proper inflation. Let's look at each one.

Tread wear is what most of us use to gauge when a tire should be replaced. When a tire's wear bars finally contact the road surface, your tread is worn down to just 2/32 of an inch. Remember when we used to put a Lincoln penny in the tread and look to see if the top of Abe's 'do could be seen? Tire experts tell us that we should instead be using a tread gauge and measuring at least 4/32 of an inch to stave

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SHORT FOR
BORING CARS

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Introduction of Visitors:

This is Schad and Roni's 2nd meeting

This is Kit Deondre 3rd meeting. Steve Williams is sponsor.

This is Margaret Severson 1st meeting with a 67 cougar.

Reading of Minutes from April 2016:**Reading of Correspondence:****Report from Secretary:****Report from Treasurer:****Report of Committees:** Include INCCC rep. Dean Carriveau give us a report**Old Business:**

Jason Williams has new stickers and member's cards.

If you didn't get a Gent's bag and you were dues paying members as of December 2015. Get with Bob Kivett if you didn't get yours.

We have the following shows/events:

Riverside Run	17 June
Wendle Show	19 June:
St Luke's	16 July
Hillyard Show	6 August
Eagle/Honor flight	13 August
Riverside Run	9 September

2017 Calendars: 11 contracts signed 1 to get. Rays Turf is out. Pizza Pipeline is in for last spot.

Spokane Raceway Park drags are set up for the 20th of August 2016. Starts about 5:00 pm and will cost about \$30.00 to race and enter. We will sponsor with up to \$300.00.

Web Site: I want to thank Dean, Bruce and Steve Wohl for providing information for the Gents website. Dean, Bruce and I will be administrators we had another meeting with Deke for inputs on the 31st of March. Hopefully the Gent's website will be up and running by the 1st of May 2016.

Deke will show us "thegentsauto.com" website and we will do a presentation at the May meeting. The URL for the website is:

thegentsautoclub.com

I called Nate Samuels of the Two Rivers Casino for the car show on May 29th. He will send an email to me to advertise it to all members.

I want to thank Jo Rygwalski for the heads up about the Bonefish Grill. It was a great meal for a great price. Are there any more members who participated?

I want to thank Tawnia for the newsletter. She will try to have it out by about the 15th of the month from now on.

We voted on and agreed to pay \$200.00 for one of the 32 banners made for the INCCC downtown car show. The cost of the banner is a one-time cost. We gave a check to Dean Carriveau to give to them. Bruce asked Jack Hailey to ask the question: "Who pays for the banner if the weather or something ruins the banner."

New Business:

The Christmas Party date is the 3rd of December 2016!

When do we want to start weekday meetings? Last year it was on Wednesday nights at 0600 pm, do we want the same? Yes What month/date? June 1st 2016.

The Wendle car show is the 19th of June, Father's Day. I will have the Wendle's show sign-up sheet at the front.

The money has been given to the INCCC for the banner!

Riverside cruise is on the 17th of June. Meet at Jeff's about 0630pm.

We will take off at 0645pm and be downtown at 0700 pm.

"Cruzin the Falls" is on 21 May. Meet at Jeff's at 0930. We will leave at 0950. Cars will be parked on the grass. Need helpers for judging.

Gent's party: Can we have it on Sunday? _____. What month? _____ What Day? _____ Establish a committee.

Steve Williams, can you set up days and times to meet at our sponsors?

Announcements:

Next Meeting: June 1st @ 0600 at Eagles _____



Sgt at Arms: Jason Williams—you're next in line for an article for the newsletter!



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If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, contact Dean Carriveau



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Gents and Local Events

- May 20—Five Mile Heights Pizza Parlor cruise night.
- May 21—Cruizin' the Falls
- June 1: regular monthly meeting
- Club Anniversaries: Dick and Connie Meredith (May 2014), Larry & Pat Doten (June 2010), Steve Williams (June 2012)
- Wedding Anniversaries: Dean & Jan Carriveau

Memphis Style Coleslaw

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cup mayonnaise • 2 TBS dijon mustard • 2 TBS apple cider vinegar • 3 TBS sugar • 2 tsp celery seeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tsp onion powder or 1 TBS finely grated onion • 2 tsp celery seeds • 1 16 oz bag of coleslaw mix, plain cabbage or tri-color deli style |
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1. In a large bowl, stir together the mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar, sugar, salt, onion powder, and celery seeds. Add the shredded cabbage and toss until well coated. Refrigerate for an hour before serving and up to 2 days. Toss again right before serving. Enjoy! -

COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) will celebrate "Collector Car Appreciation Day" on July 8, 2016. The date marks the seventh consecutive commemoration in what is now an annual event to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

Intended to celebrate the classics of the past and the future, the U.S. Senate helped launch Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD) by passing Resolutions each year at the SAN's request. The previous resolutions were sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT). The Senators have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and recognize the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for the automobile's unique historical place in our history.

Below is a list of scheduled events to commemorate America's time-tested love affair

with the automobile. Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events submitted the details of their July cele-



bration at no cost using this link. For those unable to celebrate on July 8, the SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July 2016.

- CELEBRATE OUR HOBBY YOUR WAY!
- ATTEND an official vehicle-inspired event
- HOST your own gathering or club meeting
- Promote a "HOLIDAY SALE" at your business
- INVITE partnerships with nearby enthusiast-related groups
- DRIVE your special ride, new or old, whatever the destination



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THINGS I SAY WHILE I'M DRIVING:

Me: What the heck are you doing?
 What. The heck. Are you doing?

Me: NICE BLINKER A**HOLE

Me: Why the HECK are we not even going the speed limit?

Me: I AM GOING 10 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?

Me: Crap, is that a cop? No.

Me: Crap! THAT is a cop...

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off the possibility of dangerous hydroplaning while driving in rain. A quarter placed in the tread should not show the top of George Washington's grape in order to be on the safe side. All season radials should show a tread depth of at least 6/32 of an inch for safe driving.

Heat: Heat can cause a tire to deteriorate faster than anything and its effects on tires are made even worse if you live in a coastal area when salt is also factored in. Along with heat, UV from sunlight and ozone exposure also cause rubber to break down in the tire's sidewalls. That's why we see early sidewall checking on cars that are often parked outside and left in the elements. Think about that brand new unused spare tire in the trunk. It's never even been on the ground. Should

be good indefinitely, right? Not necessarily, as it's been baking on "high" in your car's trunk oven every hot summer and freezing in the winter. We do "enjoy" temperature extremes in our Inland Empire home. Constant climate variations of hot summer heat and below freezing cold takes it toll on your tires rubber and increases its eventual breakdown and failure.


Maintaining proper tire inflation is key in keeping your tires happy and long lived. Low tire pressure can lead to increased heat, outside edge tread wear and sidewall checking. Over inflation will cause the center of your tire's tread pattern to unevenly wear and will also make for a hard, bumpy ride when hitting Spokane's less than smooth road surfaces. Remember, hot weather increases your tire pressure and cold decreases it so you

have to stay on top of inflation. Check your car's tire inflation at least monthly and before taking road trips. Look for proper inflation numbers on the your tire's sidewall, in your vehicle's owners manual, or on the driver's side door jamb.

Finally, our personal driving habits can lead to early tire failure. Driving on uneven surfaces, over rail crossings, kissing curbs while cornering, scraping the sidewalls while parking, these driving habits all have a negative impact on your vehicle's tire health and longevity.

Notice, I didn't mention burning rubber, fast cornering, and skidding to a stop. None of us would ever think to do those sorts of things.

I remember we were driving driving in your car The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk
City lights lay out before us And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder
And I had a feeling that I belonged



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Washington State Reintroduces Bill to Provide for Single License Plate

DON'T DELAY! Please request support for H.B. 2419 immediately from the Washington House Transportation Committee

- H.B. 2419 provides that any vehicle originally manufactured without an installed bracket, device, or other means to display and secure a license plate on the front of the vehicle, and registered in an area near a toll facility that does not allow the manual payment of tolls, may be required to purchase

and use a "Good to Go!" pass.

- H.B. 2419 would protect the aesthetic contours of certain vehicles and relieve vehicle owners of the burden and expense of having to create mounting holes on some original bumpers.
- H.B. 2419 would save money, conserve resources and bring Washington in line with other states that are moving to a single plate requirement.
- H.B. 2419, if enacted into law, would take effect on July 1, 2017.

Overview: Legislation (H.B. 2419) has been introduced in the Washington State House of Representatives to allow the issuance of only a single rear-mounted license plate for vehicles originally manufactured without an installed bracket, device, or other means to display and secure a license plate on the front of the vehicle.



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This Colorado Parts Yard has been Collecting Classic Cars for Decades.

A bright orange Ford pickup sits wrapped around a tree. The truck dips in the center from the force of impact, its headlights shoved around either side of its arboreal lover. Surprise though! The tree embraced by 1978 chrome isn't the one that did the damage. Automotive artists Gary and Alice Corns sat the crumpled Ford against the tree in their wrecking yard as a visual joke, and visitors to Colorado Auto and Parts enjoyed it so much that it's become a permanent installation. "We moved it once and people asked us where it was, so we had to put it back," said company president Alice Corns. It's just one of the quirky

About a decade ago Alice and Gary moved all the classics out of the self-service yard. "People will destroy a perfect door to get a door handle," she said. "We didn't know what we were going to do with the cars, but we knew we didn't want them crushed."



new homes for the Mustangs, Chryslers, Buicks, Lincolns, and Caddys you'll see in these photos. "There's no reason for these cars to sit," said Alice. "If someone buys them or the parts, they can get a brand-new life. I'm pretty big on recycle, renew, and reuse, and making old cars into hot rods and customs, that is recycling."

Contact Colorado Auto and Parts on Facebook or at www.coloradoautoandparts.com to see if the yard has what you need. And if you feel like window shopping, please visit the website at <http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/this-colorado-parts-yard-has-been-collecting-classic-cars-for-decades/ar-BBsjdH>



Walking through the rusting rows for a car person is like visiting your local animal shelter. "Take us home," begs a row of crumpled Cougars. A DeSoto grins hopefully at you through a row of broken chrome teeth. A cute, blue Corvair still looks perky, even with a wrinkled hood and shattered windshield. A sleepy-eyed Packard gazes up with double headlights and perfect dagmars. There are some rare machines tucked behind the Mustang-lined fence. Bullet-grilled Cadillacs and Mach1 Mustangs are interspersed with Rolls Royces, Mercedes, and Buick Rivas. You want classic trucks? Metro vans? A Studebaker? Here, here, and here. How we left without a full load on a flat bed is a triumph of willpower. Oh,



presentations you'll find in in the parts yard's 38-acre recycling facility.

Alice Corns' parents started the auto recycling business in 1959. "Back then it was called a wrecking yard or junkyard," she told us, "but now I get mad at my kids for calling it a junkyard. They still do though." With that in mind, we'll go with wrecking yard for the rest of this post, but bear in mind that the Corns' business involves much more than simply crushing metal. The majority of the land is a self-service parts yard, like it was when Alice's dad ran the business, but there's a section to the side that will blow your mind. See, Papa Corns was a car collector, and when an interesting classic or muscle car came in during the 40 or so years that he ran the place, he'd stick it off to the side. He restored some, but most just sat there. "I don't really know why he kept them," said Alice. "Maybe just to say he had them?"



speaking of which, here is a Triumph.

So can you buy these cars? The Corns have been selling some of the nicer, titled cars on eBay while deciding what to do with the rest, but now they're ready to find



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