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YOUR TREASURER, DON ROGERS

Don Rogers is currently the treasurer for the Gents Auto Club. Don was voted into the club in the summer of 1976. His car back then was a 1967 Chevelle SS 396. This was a numbers matching car with factory 4-speed and a factory 8-track tape player, which was from that era. After overhauling the motor, horse power was increased from 325 to 360.

This Chevelle was originally purchased from United Volkswagen on Sprague Ave in 1973 for just \$1395. Today such cars are valued at over 40k. This car was shown in the Auto, Boat, & Speed Show in 1977-1980 & 1983, winning the Street Achievement Award in 1980.

After losing his garage, the car was eventually sold to another local auto enthusiast.

In the summer of 2011, Don rejoined the Gents just in time for the reunion. The car of choice this time will be a 2002 Corvette Z06 model. It is all original with all the documentation. The car is black with a two tone matching interior. Although the 'Vette is nice, he still misses the Chevelle, which he restored himself.

Previous positions held by Don include Secretary and Treasurer. This is the second go around as Treasurer.

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Don Rogers
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Jason Williams
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Dean Carriveau



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Reminder that dues will be collected at the next meeting

Call To Order: 4:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Visitors:

Jim Poston with a '55 Lincoln Capri 2DR

Prospective new members:

Reading of Minutes from JANUARY 2017: minutes accepted as written in newsletter

Reading of Correspondence:

Report from Treasurer: report accepted as read

Report of Committees:

INCCC Report: Please also see emailed INCCC newsletter. If you'd like to volunteer for the INCCC show, see Dean C. It was also reported from SEMA that a "miles driven" tax is being considered.

Old Business:

All inputs for the 2017 INCCC Calendar of events were put in.

Spokane Speed and Custom Show is still on for April 7-9. A theme of "Gents Auto Club Timeline" has been tentatively set. Members of this committee will meet immediately following the February meeting for further discussion. All show entries will cost \$65 regardless of whether or not your car is in the club display. If you are entering your car, please do so as soon as possible. If you want to be a part of the committee, please see Steve Williams.

Does the club want to do calendars for 2018? Club voted YES. Tom has started working with sponsors and back-ups. If you'd like to help on this committee, please see Tom as soon as possible. The goal is to have the calendar available for purchase by the second half of August. 2017 calendars are now being sold 2 for 1 – see an officer to get yours!

The club reunion is still a go for September 10 at Sontag Park.

Web Site: The Gents website, www.thegentsautoclub.com, is always being updated with information and photos. There is even a section to order apparel and see what members have for sale. Dean C. and Bruce T. are planning a presentation for the March meeting. All dues are required by NO LATER than the April 2017 meeting.

New Business:

THANK YOU BRUCE TOWN FOR THE TREATS IN JANUARY!

Regarding the Riverside Cruise nights – we will work with the parking lot owners in order to avoid the scofflaw that happened last year. Stay tuned for updates.

Steve Wohl explained to the club that one of the main sponsors for this year's Good Guys show will be producing the mugs instead of the Gents. This decision was beyond our control and was a better business decision for Good Guys. To make it up to us, Good Guys has offered to feature our club in their magazine. Is this something the club would accept? Club voted YES. More information is forthcoming.

Announcements:

Jason Williams has new stickers and member's cards.

Steve Williams has the new-prospective member's folders.

Next Meeting: March 5th @ 4:00 PM at Eagles

Meeting adjourned at: 5:06pm

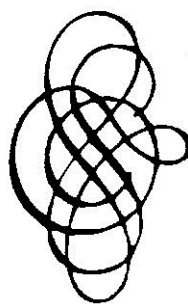


If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, contact Dean Carriveau



Notable Dates

- **March 5—regular Monthly meeting at the Eagles at 4pm**
- Club member birthdays: None known—let me know if you'd like your birthday featured here!
- April 7-9: Spokane Speed & Custom Show
- May 13: AutoNation car show
- June 17: Riverside Cruise
- June 18: Wendle Ford car show
- July 14: Collector Car Appreciation Day
- July 15: St. Luke's car show
- July 29: Eagle's car show
- August 5: Hillyard car show
- August 17-20: Good Guys car show
- September 8: Riverside Cruise
- September 10: Gents Reunion



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Oregon Introduces Bill to Substantially Tax Older Vehicles

DON'T DELAY! We Urge You to Contact Speaker of the House Tina Kotek and the House Revenue Committee Immediately to Request Opposition to H.B. 2877

[Oregon] House Speaker Tina Kotek

[Oregon] Capitol Phone: 503-986-1200

- H.B. 2877 would require registered owners of vehicles 20 years old and older to pay a \$1,000 "impact tax" every five years.
- H.B. 2877 represents an attempt by legislators and regulators who have felt the heat from failed efforts to meet air quality goals to scapegoat older cars. The old car hobby should not carry the burden of past

mistakes!

- H.B. 2877 ignores the fact that vehicles 20 years old and older are overwhelmingly well-maintained and infrequently driven and constitute a small portion of the overall vehicle population.
- H.B. 2877 is unfair to low-income vehicle owners that are forced to drive older vehicles as affordable transportation.

Overview: Legislation has been introduced in Oregon (H.B. 2877) to require registered owners of vehicles 20 years old and older to pay a \$1,000 "impact tax" every five years. Under the bill, vehicles registered as antiques would be exempted from the tax. In Oregon, "Antique vehicle" means a vehicle that is older than one-half the number of years between the current year and 1900 (1958 model



<http://www.semasan.com/page.asp?content=aa20170R1&g=SEMAGA>

Editor's note: While this is occurring in Oregon and we live in Washington, it's always a good idea to be aware of what is happening around us. We need to work together to keep our hobbies safe. This alert was copied verbatim from the SEMA SAN website.



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before it even had a chance to garner any support. (SEMA, our automotive aftermarket association that's a watchdog for the likes of all car hobbyists was informed the bill was "dead on arrival.")

The proposed bill was not only a bad idea for automotive enthusiasts but also to those of us that drive an older vehicle because we choose to do so or must out of economic necessity. If you are wondering how such a bill could even come from the mind of a politician, which we would all most likely agree there is little

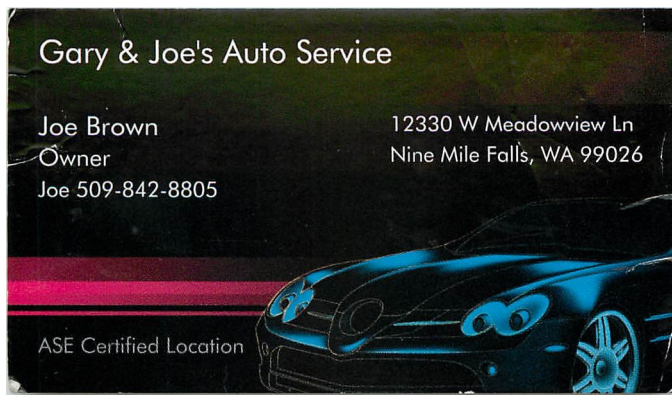
reason why so many things occur, the rationale was made that, "older vehicles cause a disproportionate wear and tear on Oregon roads." I guess your older Corvette or mine, because of its inherently skinny tires, must "cut" into the road more so than a newer Corvette with fatter tires? (Hey, that was my best guess.)

While this didn't become law there are other attempts by many states to gather additional revenue for whatever the reason. The takeaway from this lesson should be to pay close attention to what's happening in your state. Additional driving taxes such as increased

gasoline taxes, mileage taxes (based on how far you drive your car), and others are all lurking about.



<http://www.superchevy.com/news/1702-be-alert-for-additional-taxes-on-your-hot-rod-even-if-its-a-corvette/>




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 - 5 1/4 pounds alligator meat
 - 1 1/2 pounds onions
 - 2 bunches green onions
 - 2 bunches fresh parsley
 - 1 medium head garlic
 - 1/2 bunch celery
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- 1 quart oil for frying
 - 2 eggs
 - 3 tablespoons dried savory
 - 2 ounces salt
 - 1 tablespoon black pepper
 - 2 1/2 pounds cracker meal

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes; drain. Put the alligator meat, onions, green onions, parsley, celery and potatoes through a meat grinder into a large bowl. Mix in the eggs, savory, salt and pepper until well blended. Shape into 1 ounce balls (golf ball sized) and roll in cracker meal.
2. Heat oil in deep-fryer to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Fry meat balls until golden and crisp. Drain on paper towels.

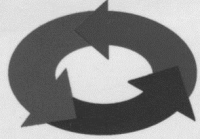
Potholes are for the most part a function of water infiltrating the subgrade. When water that has managed to infiltrate the paved surface freezes it expands as it freezes and forms ice. The pressure exerted from this process starts to break up the asphalt in the surrounding area, allowing for even more water to enter once the ice melts.

After a series of freezing and thawing cycles, the surface will break apart and a pothole will develop. During the winter months the hot mix asphalt plants are shut down due to the cooler temperatures making the use of a cold weather asphalt mix necessary. The patches done with this material sometimes fail. They are then replaced later in the year as hot mix is made available by the asphalt plants.



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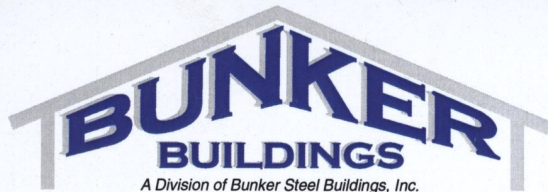
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Be Alert For Additional Taxes on Your Hot Rod, Even If It's a Corvette

In the Interim: Keep one eye on lawmakers and one eye on your wallet

There isn't a part of our daily lives that some form of government—whether it be local, citywide, state, or federal—isn't trying to separate you from your money. (A wealthy friend once told me that making money wasn't the difficult part ... it was the keeping of it that kept him up at night!) On the whole these taxes, levies or fees take care of a multitude of items that we need. And while all of us in some form believe we pay too much in taxes the fact is we have it better than many countries and the return on our investment is better than the rest.

However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't pay attention to our duly elected officials for as well-meaning as they are—and I'm giving most the benefit of the doubt—the fact is sometimes they lose their “way.” By this I mean unnecessary or excessive taxes that should have been more closely monitored before reaching critical mass. While reading an issue of *Hemmings Motor News* I came across a proposed Oregon law that was, fortunately for us automotive hobbyists, struck down. This is an example of such a tax that had it gone through uncontested, unchecked or held to a higher standard would

have proven expensive to those of us in the car hobby.

The following was one state's attempt to generate revenue. As we all know, the government may make money but on its own it doesn't generate “new” monies. All of its operating capital comes from its constituents whether it is, again, on a local, citywide, state or federal level. Without us any form of government cannot function, at least not if it has a budget and spends money.

The state of Oregon recently had a proposed law titled HB 2877 introduced by its House Committee of Revenue. Both hobbyists and normal folk were very fortunate their state legislators opted not to allow this House Bill to gain traction and work its way through the hallways to become a law.

Simply stated, the revenue committee was looking for a way to round up additional funds but this time it would have been at the misfortune of older car owners. Now, while many of us drive newer Corvettes, the reality is there are a healthy number of older Corvettes on the road. Many may not be daily drivers but they do frequently see the light of day. The result of this impact tax of \$1,000 levied every five years on any vehicle older than 20 years would have been significant and burdensome. Think about that for a minute. Basically every pre-LS-powered (C1, C2, C3, C4) Corvette would fall into the clutches of this tax.

It should be noted that if your Corvette is registered as an antique you would be exempt. Not knowing Oregon law but I can tell you that of the few states that I am familiar with Corvettes aren't considered antique vehicles. (If you have an antique plate on your Corvette I would like to know how you did it in your state. If you are in one of “my” states you have “bent” the registration process to make that happen!) Oregon was specific that should this have become law the money would have been used to maintain the state's roads and bridges ... a lofty and righteous goal. However, in my state there're already such taxes like a portion of the gasoline tax, registration fees and others already earmarked for such maintenance.

Oregon does have a couple of “outs” for owners of vintage cars (Corvettes) used only for exhibitions, parades, club events could be exempt along with vehicles (Corvettes) that are 25 years and older to qualify under the states “special interest” exemption.

Unfortunately, upon closer examination of HB 2877 no exemption was made for special interest vehicles. Now that would have been a big ol' bummer for vintage car owners, which take in a healthy dose of Corvettes still on the road.

It was noted that the Oregon House Committee on Revenue didn't schedule a hearing for the bill, effectively killing it

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