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I guess it's my turn to write an article. Hm. Where to start?

Ten years ago, my friend, Skip Littell, helped me move into a little house on North Altamont Street, owned by his friend, Archie Petersen. After that, I was talked into joining a classic Chevy car club. "But I don't have a classic Chevy", I told them. "You just have to have a love for those cars." Was the reply. A short time after this, Skip and Archie found me a running 1956 Chevy 210.

I spent several years with this club, earning Most Inspirational Member as well as Most

Improved Car (twice!).

Well, seeing as how I was having such fun in this club, Skip talked me into joining him at a Gents Auto Club meeting. I was hesitant. Gents? Do they even allow women to join?

I went to a meeting and was quickly accepted, although I was told later there was some hesitation because of my 4-door family car. I remember, during my first meeting, offering help to contact members that didn't have email. I was voted in on my third meeting, August 2011. The following month was the first Gents Reunion. Our newsletters started

soon after that and I was subjected to the position of secretary before the year was over... er, I mean I was honored with the privilege of serving as club secretary. <grin>

Actually, it has been an honor. The members of this club have had tremendous patience with me and with my husband since the beginning. Your love and support of us has been a blessing. And the fact that you all welcomed me back after Skip's passing – my heart overflows. I look forward to many more years with this club and continuing to work side by side at shows and other functions together as family.



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Pledge of Allegiance: Sam May will lead.

Introduction of Visitors:

Prospective new members:

Reading of Minutes from APRIL 2017: accepted as printed in newsletter.

Reading of Correspondence:

Report from Treasurer: Don will give report.

Report of Committees: Include INCCC rep.

Old Business:

We need to thank Steve and his committee for doing a great job at the Spokane Speed and Custom Show on the 7th through the 9th of April of 2017. 6 cars were in the display. The theme was promoting "The Gent's Auto Club". The best cars were put in the club display. We had four 42" Screen TVs that will show our 2016 pictures and videos. We had a banner of our Sponsors and Donations. We also set up a table/booth inside. SHRA did a Manikin Challenge! Club paid for display and members shifts. The cars used were Jeff Rogers, Dan Ray, Rick Sawyer, Bruce Town, and Don Earney in the club display. Set-up and tear down went great. I want to thank the members who did shifts for the show. Oh, by the way "We won the Best Club Display"

We will NOT be the sponsor for the drinking mugs for the Good Guy's show at the fairgrounds on the 17 through 20 August 2017. A corporate sponsor will get the cups. We might be a featured club at the show. More to come!

We have all 12 of the 2018 Calendar contracts signed. North Town Auto Insurance is 1st on the list if a sponsor backs out. Steve Williams got all the "food type vendors" and got dates for cruises. We brought it up for vote on whether to do a 2018 calendar and it was approved.

Sign-up sheets are now available for the AutoNation show on May 13th. Toby's BBQ will be serving food. More information to come at the May meeting.

Web Site: The Gent's website is up and running. If you want yourself and your car on the website get with Bruce or Dean for the picture input.

New Business:

On 22 April we had about 12 Gent's members at the Guild School for the penny drive. We presented them a check for \$175.00.

On 22 April there was a great tribute to Don Wilber. There were about 250 people with about 6 Classic Hot Rods. Great service!

On 25 April there was a charity event at the Lost Boy's Garage. There were about 10 Gent's members that attended.

Vote for bigger display Gent's cards. The cost is \$60.00. Vote: Yes. We purchased the cards and we owe Paul Inman for the holders

Spokane Hot Rod Association will be at about 6 Gent's events. Vote for a Gent's paid for SHRA trophies for a couple car shows. Voted YES

Announcements: If anyone wants to join other members for lunch on Thursdays, meet us at 5 Mile Heights Pizza at 11:30.

Steve and Jo Rygwalski will be moving to Arizona.

Next Meeting: May 3rd @ 6:00 PM at the Eagles .



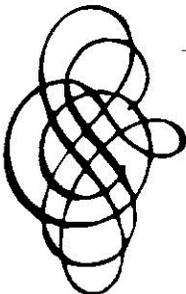


If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, contact Dean Carriveau



Notable Dates

- **May 3 —regular Monthly meeting at the Eagles at 6pm**
- Club member birthdays: Deke Cloyd
- 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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B-17 Bomber-Inspired Car Evokes Images of the Greatest Generation

Peter Lepore had a vision of a hot rod built especially for him. After years of driving a stock 1930 Model A Town Car to the local cruise-ins, the Wayne, New Jersey, resident decided it was time for a little bit more; more power, more style more hot rod. He had an idea brewing in his head, and now after years of thinking it out, he decided it was time to take control and put his concept into action.



After procuring a rusty Model A donor car, it soon came down to whom was going to put Peter's vision into metal, he sought out well-known East Coast hot rod master fabricator Joe Sulpy. However, Joe had since retired and closed his shop, but luckily his son Joe Jr. was now out on his own building hot rods in the Sulpy tradition. Along with input and artistry from his dad, the two Sulpys would take this humble Model A-body and turn it into the hellacious, jaw-dropping hot rod. Game on!



A meeting of the minds took place and Joe Sr. sketched out a quick working outline of Peter's new whip. The simple line drawing on a napkin was enough to sell Peter on Senior's cutting-edge design. So over the next few months the threesome worked

together to get the now-labeled "A-17" project out of their heads, onto the drawing board, and then finally into metal.

Fabrication started out with Junior constructing a one-off custom frame, Z'd front and back, made to cradle the Model A body. The hand-fabricated piece was built out of 2x3-inch square tubing at 0.150-inch thick, and sports a 108-inch wheelbase. From there, a Heidts Super Ride independent front suspension along with stainless control arms were installed to handle the suspension duties up front. A chromed-out four-link with aluminum coilovers controls the ride out back. A Flaming River manual rack-and-pinion system was then mounted up to keep this hot rod aimed in the right direction.



Braking duties are handled by a set of Wilwood four-piston aluminum calipers and 11-inch Ford Grenada rotors up front, and a pair of GM calipers pinching 12-inch Speedway rotors out back. A forward mounted (in front of differential) Sprint Car styled rear sway bar helps keep the car on track at high speeds and improve overall handling. A Ford 9-inch rear stuffed with 4.11 gears puts the power to the pavement. Weld Racing wheels, 18x8 up front and 20x10 out back, shod in Toyo tires, 245/45/18 and 295/45/20 respectively, firmly grip the road and add a little bling out at the corners.

As far as motorvation for this ride, a center bolt valve cover Chevy 350 crate motor was used as the basis of the build. Precision Race Cars out of Newton, New Jersey, did all the assembly work using the stock

heads and crank. The one-off fabricated valve covers and air intake system were executed by Junior himself. Shifting is done through a Chevy Turbo 350, which was rebuilt by local transmission guru John Kramer.



From here we get into the myriad of unique body modifications and fabrication done by Junior. The body started as a 1930 Model A five-window coupe but soon became an amalgamation of parts from period Ford rides, and the multitude of custom-fabricated pieces built by the hands of Junior himself. Junior used 18-gauge steel to form the A-17's body panels. The only other snippet of original Blue Oval steel is the 1933 grille. Junior encased it in all-new steel and blended the classic styling piece into this futuristic "blast from the past" hot rod.



Next, Junior decided to take this build a step further and automate all the movable panels. The hood, trunk, and doors can be opened at a flick of a switch from the cockpit of the A-17. Another crafty trick, mounting the headlights along with the steering components so that the lights turn in sync with the direction the hot rod is headed. Both headlights and taillights

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Creamy Strawberry Crepes



Prep
30 m

Cook
30 m

Ready In
1 h

Recipe By: meliss

"This recipe has been a family favorite for over 30 years! These crepes are delicious and very rich! Be sure you have at least 1 hour to prepare, they are worth every minute!"

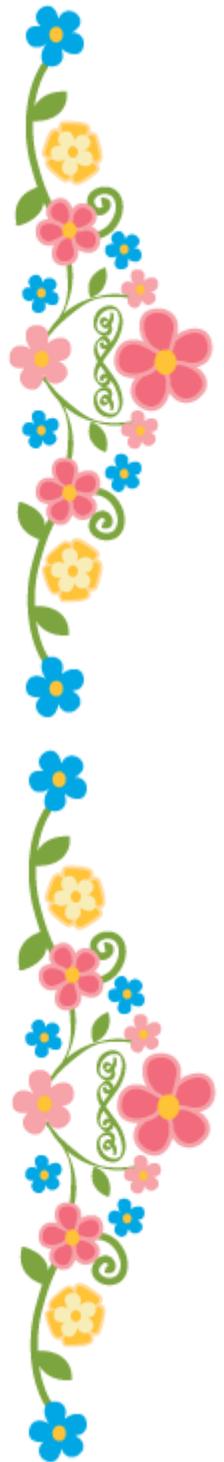
Ingredients

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| 3 eggs | 1 1/4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1 tablespoon lemon juice |
| 1/2 cup water | 1 teaspoon lemon zest |
| 3 tablespoons butter, melted | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 3/4 cup all-purpose flour | 1 cup heavy cream, whipped |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 4 cups sliced strawberries |
| 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened | |

Directions

- 1 Place the eggs, milk, water, melted butter, flour, and salt in the pitcher of a blender; blend until smooth.
- 2 Blend the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla with an electric mixer until smooth. Gently fold in the whipped cream.
- 3 Heat a lightly oiled griddle or non-stick skillet over medium heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 2 tablespoons for each crepe. Tip and rotate pan to spread batter as thinly as possible. Flip over when the batter is set and the edges are beginning to brown. Cook until the other side begins to brown. Stack finished crepes on a plate, cover with a damp towel and set aside.
- 4 To serve, fill each crepe with 1/4 cup sliced strawberries and 1/3 cup of the cream cheese filling, roll up and top with a small dollop of the cream cheese filling and more sliced strawberries.

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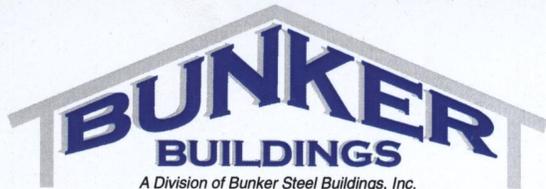
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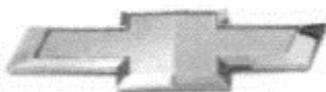
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California Bill to Undermine Off-Highway Vehicles Program Approved by Second Senate Committee

DON'T DELAY! Please voice your Opposition to S.B. 249 immediately to California Senate Appropriations Committee Members by emailing now. *(Editor's note: the contact link provided on the SEMASAN website directs emails to California representatives. This article is provided for your information.)*

You may use the following points in your message:

California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program was established in 1971. California OHV user taxes and fees directly fund OHV management and facility maintenance. This self-sustaining program doesn't require general fund taxes.

The OHMVR program provides funds to local, state and federal agencies, educational institutions and nonprofit entities for OHV management on both federal and state lands.

S.B. 249 would allow OHMVR funds to be spent on unrelated programs, without any requirement to reimburse the funds.

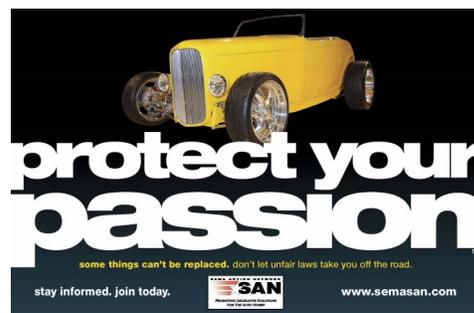
S.B. 249 would threaten closure of existing OHV recreation areas and any new or expanded areas.

S.B. 249 would undermine the OHMVR program, a dedicated-funding program that has been a worldwide model of success. OHV use contributes an estimated \$20 billion to the California economy.

Overview: Legislation (S.B. 249) to allow funds collected for California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program to be spent by other agencies on unrelated

programs and never reimbursed was approved by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. It has already been approved by the Natural Resources and Water Committee and will now be sent to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.

<http://www.semasan.com/page.asp?content=aa2017CA7&g=SEMAGA>



GM expects \$100 million hit to profits from Venezuela action

DETROIT -- General Motors said it would deconsolidate its operations in Venezuela, reducing global profits by up to \$100 million after the government seized GM's plant there last month.



The deconsolidation, announced Tuesday, means GM will no longer include earnings or losses from Venezuela in its South American

results, but it does not necessarily signal that GM is pulling out of the country permanently. GM has ceased operations and terminated its workers there while it appeals the plant seizure to Venezuela's Supreme Court.

"The company expects a prompt decision and favorable outcome," GM said in a statement. "GM executives have expressed a willingness to talk with government officials and union leaders about the circumstances under which it could be possible to start production and employ some number of workers with a new, viable business model."

GM's deconsolidation of Venezuela follows a similar move by Ford in that

country two years ago. Ford's action resulted in an \$800 million charge, but the effect on GM's finances will be much smaller because it had not produced any vehicles in Venezuela for more than a year.

"The illegal seizure of the plant accelerated some decisions that we needed to make," GM CFO Chuck Stevens told reporters last week. "We don't necessarily want to exit the country, but certainly it's not an environment that you can invest in or run a normal business at this point."

<http://www.autonews.com/article/20170502/GLOBAL/170509951/gm-expects-100-million-hit-to-profits-from-venezuela-action>

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are Headwinds flush-mounted LED motorcycle lights.

The interior starts off with a Sulpy-designed custom dash filled with Dakota Digital gauges. The steering column, wheel, and seat were also made from scratch at the shop. Distressed brown leather was the perfect material for the seat covers, and invokes the World War II era. And check out the overhead control panel. It's another period-perfect design that houses the controls for the automated panels. The windshield is another Sulpy design; a two-piece creation made to mimic the front glass found on the great Flying Fortresses.

The amazing paint and graphics only add the wow factor of this build. First off, Junior laid down House of Kolor Orion Silver. He then fogged the top with Kandy Blue and added root beer to the bottom to

mimic natural reflections in polished aluminum bomber body panels. Next up on the list are the numerous custom air brushings by the Sulpys that cover this brazen hot rod. B-17 accents were added throughout the ride, including stenciling (placards in Air Force terminology) that were taken from actual World War II aircraft. The nose work, "Six Hits and a Miss," is authentic art lifted from a B-17 bomber, and beautifully re-created by Senior. And check out the artwork on the dash; that's a re-creation of a photo of Peter's actual parents, complete with faux yellowed transparent tape. Shane Syx of Fairborne, Ohio, also pitched in with his brush, creating the intense bomb art underhood.

Joe Jr. would like to thank Rebecca Sulpy for her support and assistance during the three-year A-17 build. The shop has since moved to a new location, not only to be closer to family on the East Coast, but also for a chance to work in conjunction with Rob Lulo and his shop, Land Speed Auto-

otive, situated in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Another shoutout goes to Howie Bott in Mt. Olive, New Jersey, for his precision machine work. Last but not least none of this was possible without the mind and brush of Joe Sulpy Sr. The result of the input and hard work of this team is a dream ride of a lifetime. It may be called "Six Hits and a Miss," but I don't see any shots outside the strike zone here.



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