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CLUB PRESIDENT, TOM YEDINAK

I just want to say how proud I am about being part of a great organization known as the "Gent's Auto Club." We have come a long way in the last 8 years since 2010. Our membership is up, our bank account is up, our participation rate is up, and our comradery is up. We won "Best Car Club" at the Spokane Speed and Custom Show this year because we came together as a great club and was willing to do a lot of work at

the right time to win. We were able to put on a lot of car shows such as The AutoNation Car Show, The St Luke's Car show, The Eagles Car Show, and the Hotrods in Harmon Park.

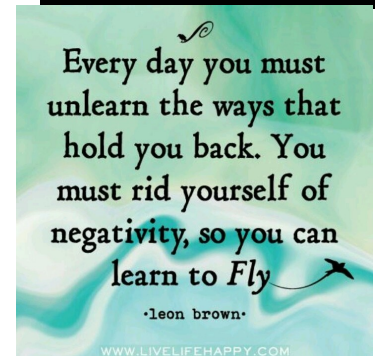
I want to thank our calendar sponsors and Deke for being able to put out the 2017 calendar and the upcoming 2018 calendar, which should be out by mid-October.

We will be getting ready for our "Most Inspirational" and "Most Improved Car" voting which will start taking place in October. We will have our Christmas dinner in the first part of December and for those who might be interested, we will have our election taking place in December. I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy.

Thanks,
Tom

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Call To Order: 5:59

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Williams

Introduction of Visitors/Prospective Members:

Savannah with a 1963 Mustang

Reading of Correspondence:

none

Report from Treasurer:

given and accepted

Report of Secretary:

Minutes accepted as printed in newsletter

Report of Committees:

INCCC – Bring Back The \$30 Car Tabs! Petition available

INCCC Calendar of Events photo raffle tickets are here

Old Business:

See Jason Williams for car stickers and member cards

See Steve Williams for new/prospective member folders

The photo for the 2018 calendar centerfold scheduled for the club picnic

Please see Dean or Bruce to get a picture of your car on the website.

Several members won awards or special mentions at the Good Guys show!

If you would like professional Gents Auto Club business cards featuring your car, please contact a club officer.

New Business:

Sontag Park was reserved for the club picnic. Sammy Eubanks scheduled to play – club voted and unanimously approved a payment to Sammy.

Gents Club canopy/awning – the price would be approximately \$335 (could be cheaper if more are ordered). Deke already has the artwork. More information still to come.

Club voted and approved up to \$500 for refurbishing of the traveling trophy. Brunettes can replace the up-right posts with stainless steel. Rick will work on the wood portions.

Jack Haley's motorcycle was stolen. Reminder to be diligent in crime prevention around your home and garage.

Please start thinking about getting giveaways for the Christmas party. And volunteers are needed. See an officer.

Announcements:

Lunch at 5 Mile Heights Pizza every Thursday at 11:30

Next Meeting:

October 4, 2017 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:05pm





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



Notable Dates

- October 4—Regular Monthly Meeting
- October 15—calendars due out
- December 2—Gents Christmas Party at the Eagles
- December 6—Elections

Happy Birthday to our October birthdays:

- Larry Doten—10/7
- Samantha Blake—10/14
- Les Seidel—10/28
- Craig Cophper—10/30

If you have a special event you would like recognized (birthday, anniversary, etc), let me know!



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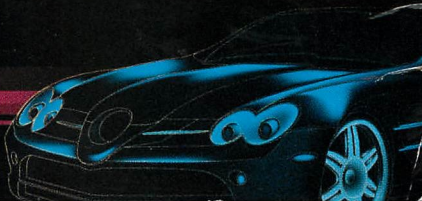
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Playboy Was Named After A Car Company...



Legendary founder and editor-in-chief of Playboy magazine, Hugh Hefner, died this week at the age of 91. While Hef may not have been known as an avid automotive enthusiast, much of his life was surrounded and accented by over-the-top rides. Most people don't know that the name of his now famous empire was inspired by a defunct automaker with the same name, as the story goes.

The Playboy Automobile Company was founded in 1947 in Buffalo, New York. Though it wasn't anywhere near as successful as other American automakers that came before or after, the respectable, small manufacturer built a handful of cars before it went out of business in 1951.

A total of 97 cars were produced between 1947 and 1951, the first and most notable being the Continental. Under the hood was a 40-horsepower four-cylinder engine, and its advertised top speed was just 75 miles per hour (121 kilometers per hour). With a wheelbase of just 90 inches, and a total length of just 156 inches, it was a tiny car. The maga-

zine that soon followed, though, was anything but.

Playboy Magazine was founded in 1953. The name reportedly came from an employee of Playboy Automobile Company who suggested to her son's friend that he call his new magazine 'Playboy.' That friend was Hugh Hefner.

Like the auto manufacturer after which it's named, the magazine had its sights set on a male-dominated audience. The men's lifestyle brand was one of the first of its kind – but it wasn't all just about beautiful women. Cars were an integral part of the Playboy personality, specifically in the magazine's Playmate of the Year award, which was given out annually beginning in the mid-60s.

The first Playmate of the Year was Lisa Winters in 1953. But it wasn't until 1964 that the company began including a vehicle prize along with the honor. Donna Michelle was the first to be awarded a car as Playmate of the Year in 1964 – a tacky bright pink 1964.5 Ford Mustang complete with a 289 V8 (pictured below).



The award continued on annually from then, and varied in uniqueness from an odd Lamborghini Countach Roadster kit car, awarded to India Allen in 1988, to the Eagle Talon, given to Julie Lynn Cialini in 1995. The most recent winner of Playmate of the Year, Eugena Washington in 2016, took home a brand new Fiat 124 Spider. Other unique offerings included a Mazda 6 in 2009, a Shelby Series 1 in 1998 (below, bottom right), a pink Volvo P1800 in 1973, and a Plymouth Barracuda in 1967.

Alongside Playmate of the Year, Hef himself was known for his impressive selection of vehicles. The Playboy Mansion was often pictured with a 1969 Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman limousine in the driveway, typically alongside a first-generation Maserati Ghibli, a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL convertible, or both.

Playmate of the Year, the magazine's annual Car of the Year award – which saw winners like the Porsche 911 Carrera GTS in 2015, and the Jaguar F-Type in 2014 – and its heavy involvement in motorsport cemented the magazine, and Hefner, in history as an automotive influence to be sure.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/playboy-was-named-after-a-car-company-and-its-legacy-reflects-that/ar-AAsA10d>



Perfect Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars



Prep
25 m

Cook
1 h 10 m

Ready In
9 h 35 m

Recipe By: Kiwi

"These pumpkin cheesecake bars are delicious and perfect for the fall holidays. They taste best when chilled in the refrigerator overnight!"

Ingredients

Crust:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup white sugar

Cheesecake Layer:

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pumpkin Layer:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (12 ounce) can evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
- 2 Stir flour, butter, and 1/4 cup sugar together in a bowl until dough is well-blended. Pat dough into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- 3 Bake in the preheated oven until crust is lightly golden, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 4 Beat cream cheese, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 egg, and vanilla together in a bowl with an electric mixer until smooth.
- 5 Whisk pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, 3/4 cup sugar, 2 eggs, cinnamon, salt, ginger, and cloves together in a bowl.
- 6 Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over cooled crust. Pour pumpkin mixture over cream cheese mixture.
- 7 Bake in the preheated oven until bars are set, about 60 minutes. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate overnight.



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Upside-Down Camaro Owner Hassled by HOA



Remember the Trippy Tippy Hippy Van from the 24 Hours of LeMons racing league? Its creator Jeff Bloch has several different cars complying with the rules of the series and one of them, the street-legal, Upside-Down Camaro, is in trouble.

The machine was recently given to racer Dave Montoya, who borrowed it from the LeMons HQ for an event. Apparently, the homeowners association in his neighborhood is annoyed by

the appearance of the weird vehicle and has sent him a letter, asking him to remove the car from his driveway.

Stating that “all Permitted Parking Areas shall be used solely for the parking of motor vehicles used for personal transportation,” the HOA gives Montoya 15 days to park the car somewhere else so that his “property is in compliance.” But there’s one thing they are missing – the Camaro is actually exactly that, a road-legal vehicle for personal use.

The Upside-Down Camaro is built on top of a fully running 1990 Ford Festiva, modified to wear the Camaro shell, and meets California’s emissions standards. It’s actually one of

the very few cars from the LeMons series that’s road-legal.

“Told them to p--s off,” Montoya told *Jalopnik* regarding the HOA’s letter, also saying that he will send the association members a link to a video of him driving the car for “personal transportation.”

Bloch has already created a number of vehicles for the LeMons league, including cars that look like a plane, a helicopter, and the station wagon from National Lampoon’s Vacation.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/upside-down-camaro-owner-hassled-by-homeowners-association/ar-AASWul>

Sputnik and The Dawn of the Space Age

History changed on October 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union successfully launched Sputnik I. The world's first artificial satellite was about the size of a beach ball (58 cm. or 22.8 inches in diameter), weighed only 83.6 kg. or 183.9 pounds, and took about 98 minutes to orbit the Earth on its elliptical path. That launch ushered in new political, military, technological, and scientific developments. While the Sputnik launch was a single

event, it marked the start of the space age and the U.S.-U.S.S.R. space race.

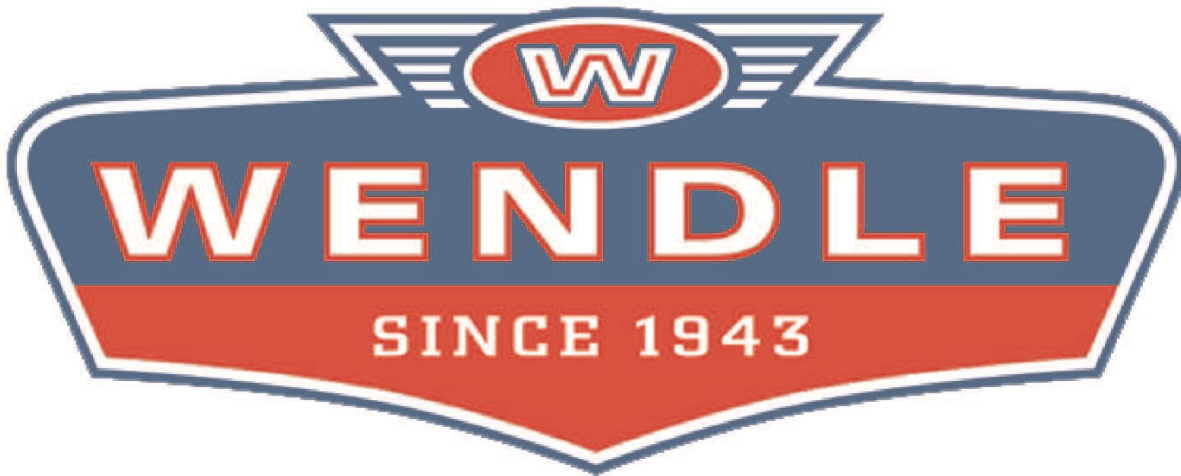
The story begins in 1952, when the International Council of Scientific Unions decided to establish July 1, 1957, to December 31, 1958, as the International Geophysical Year (IGY) because the scientists knew that the cycles of solar activity would be at a high point then. In October 1954, the

council adopted a resolution calling for artificial satellites to be launched during the IGY to map the Earth's surface.

In July 1955, the White House announced plans to launch an Earth-orbiting satellite for the IGY and solicited proposals from various Government research agencies to undertake development. In September 1955, the Naval Research

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Laboratory's [Vanguard](#) proposal was chosen to represent the U.S. during the IGY.

The Sputnik launch changed everything. As a technical achievement, Sputnik caught the world's attention and the American public off-guard. Its size was more impressive than Vanguard's intended 3.5-pound payload. In addition, the public feared that the Soviets' ability to launch satellites also translated into the capability to launch ballistic missiles that could carry nuclear weapons from Europe to the U.S. Then the Soviets struck again; on November 3, Sputnik II was launched, carrying a much heavier payload, including a dog

named Laika.

Immediately after the Sputnik I launch in October, the U.S. Defense Department responded to the political furor by approving funding for another U.S. satellite project. As a simultaneous alternative to Vanguard, Wernher von Braun and his Army Redstone Arsenal team began work on the [Explorer](#) project.

On January 31, 1958, the tide changed, when the United States successfully launched Explorer I. This satellite carried a small scientific payload that eventually discovered the magnetic radiation belts around the Earth, named after principal investigator James Van Allen.

The Explorer program continued as a successful ongoing series of lightweight, scientifically useful spacecraft.

The Sputnik launch also led directly to the creation of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In July 1958, Congress passed the [National Aeronautics and Space Act \(commonly called the "Space Act"\)](#), which created NASA as of October 1, 1958 from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and other government agencies.

<https://history.nasa.gov/sputnik/>