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A TREASURE FOUND—STEVE WILLIAMS

Hello, again, my Gents family. It is time for another mind-blowing article from yours truly. Just kidding!

First, I would like to thank Tawnia for being so patient with me. I have been meaning to write this article for a couple of months now.

As car people, I feel we are trying to keep the past alive for others to enjoy. Well a few years ago I had the pleasure of meeting someone that takes restoring and keeping the past alive to a whole new level.

Steve Schmit was raised on a wheat farm in Moses Lake WA. Like most farm kids he was put to work at early age he was driving tractors at the age

of 7. When most of us were younger, we might have thought of taking the family car for a joy ride. Steve, at the tender age of 12, borrowed dad's airplane to go fishing with his buddy.

Steve has all ways been into building, repairing, and restoring all kinds of things. He has built up quite a collection of stuff, which I won't even try to list; however, the one thing that blew me away was Steve's latest project.

In 2013, he found an ad for 1937 service station on a construction company lot on Trent. They were losing their lease and needed to move it. Steve told them he wanted to restore it, so with the help of some

friends, it was dismantled and stacked on Steve's 10 acres.

Health issues kept Steve from getting started on his project right away, but, in 2017, he finally got started. A few months later, the project has been completed. Words can't describe how it turned out, so let the pictures do the talking.

Steve has extended an open invitation to Gents to cruise out and take a good look at his collection.

He also has an 1867 bar that originally was in the Midway Tavern which was located across from the train station back in the old days.

I hope everyone enjoys the pictures. Let's talk about taking a road trip next season to visit Steve's station.

More pictures on back. ~T

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Service Station before removal

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Tom Yedinak

Visitors: Brian Anderson, 2018 Spokane Speed and Custom Show will be held April 13-15, 2018. Applications are being accepted. Club displays will be done every other year, so they won't be set up this year. Big name cars are being scheduled to come in this year. Sponsors are always welcome. There will be more advertising for this show than last year. Any comments or suggestions? Contact Brian.

Prospective Members: Jesus Moreno (1st meeting); Savannah Johnson

Reading of Minutes: approved as printed

Reading of Correspondence: none

Report from Treasurer: read and accepted. We will be deciding on charities at the December meeting. Donation amounts were discussed and agreed on.

Report of Committees:

INCCC: (see also the INCCC newsletter in your email) A problem was encountered with the auction. The coordinator had to step down, so a new coordinator is being sought. The 2019 Collector Car Appreciation Day is July 13. The INCCC Show No Shine will be February 24. Next year's club events for the INCCC Calendar of Events is due to INCCC by 12/31/17. Dean C. is selling the raffle tickets to have your car's picture in the calendar of events.

Old Business:

Club calendars are available. If you want a print of a calendar shoot, please see Tom or Deke.

Club Christmas party scheduled for December 2, 2017.

Spokane HotRod Association Calendars are available – see Dean C.

The 2019 Gents' Calendar centerfold will not be taken at the picnic. Please let Steve or Jason Williams know if you have a good location in mind.

New Business:

Club picnic in 2018 – Tom tried to reserve Sontag park, but they are not accepting reservations until January. The picnic will be held on September 9, 2018.

Thanks to Rick Sawyer and others – our traveling trophy has been restored.

Do we want to continue with the dinners offered by the Eagles before the meetings? 12 members voted yes. To be discussed further.

Dave Noble suggested that when the club attends other club shows, we should meet at a pre-determined destination and caravan in together. Dan Ray added that we should just do more drives/cruises as a group. Two things to keep in mind as we enter the new year.

VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS: Savannah was not present.

Announcements: Tawnia will have updated membership lists at the December meeting. (as of this writing, if you notice any discrepancies in the list that has been emailed to you, please let Tom or Tawnia know immediately)

Next Meetings: December 6, 2017 at 6pm at the Eagles

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03pm



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



Notable Dates

- December 2—Gents Christmas Party
- December 6—Regular monthly meeting
- December 25—Merry Christmas

Best wishes for December's special dates!

12/3—Darrell Brown's birthday

12/6—Tawnia Littell's birthday

12/22—Jason Williams' birthday

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



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Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017 (RPM Act)

The RPM Act is common-sense, bi-partisan legislation to protect law-abiding citizens who convert cars, trucks and motorcycles into racing vehicles. The bill clarifies that it has always been legal to make emissions-related changes to a street vehicle that has been converted into a racecar used exclusively in competition. It also confirms that it is legal to produce, market and install racing equipment.

In July 2015, the EPA issued a proposed regulation declaring that the Clean Air Act prohibits converting a motor vehicle into a racecar. Manufacturing, selling and installing race parts for the converted vehicle would also be a violation. Although the EPA did not finalize the proposed rule, the agency stands by this interpretation. SEMA contends it contradicts 45 years of previous EPA practice.

Converting street vehicles into dedicated race vehicles is an American tradition dating back decades which has negligible environmental impact. While California is known for having the strictest emissions laws, the state exempts racing vehicles from regulation.

There are about 1,300 race

tracks across the country. Most cater to thousands of organized amateur racing events which involve converted vehicles. These drivers, race teams and spectators—all help drive local economies. They fill up motel rooms and restaurants, shop at local stores. These activities translate into tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity, including about \$1.6 billion in annual sales of racing equipment.

The RPM Act does not interfere with the EPA's authority to enforce against individuals who illegally install race parts on vehicles driven on public roads and highways and the companies that market such products. This is called tampering and is a clear violation of the Clean Air Act.

The RPM Act will provide the racing community with certainty and confidence in the face of an EPA regulatory action that threatens to devastate an American pastime and eliminate jobs in our communities.

Tell Your Elected Officials to Protect Motorsports and Pass the RPM Act

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Recently, the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment passed the RPM Act. Republicans and Democrats alike expressed a desire to provide certainty to racers and the motorsports parts industry. However, there is much more to be done before the RPM Act becomes law.

Use our Action Center to send a message to your Senators and Representative to ask them to support the RPM Act.

SEMA members can help spread the word by including links on their websites, social media platforms, storefronts and garages. Members can also rally their customers, employees, followers and friends to take action. Use the assets found in SEMA's digital

toolkit: www.sema.org/rpmtools. And don't forget to join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #SaveOurRacecars.





Easy Baked Brie with Almonds and Brown Sugar



Prep
10 m

Cook
8 m

Ready In
23 m

Recipe By: Fioa

"This baked Brie is my go-to recipe when I have to make something elegant, tasteful, and extremely easy when entertaining guests."

Ingredients

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| 1/2 cup sliced almonds, divided | 1 (8 ounce) round Brie cheese |
| 1/2 cup packed brown sugar | 1 French baguette |
| 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard | cooking spray |

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
- 2 Coarsely chop 1/4 cup almonds. Combine chopped almonds, brown sugar, and mustard in a bowl; mix well.
- 3 Cut Brie round horizontally in half. Place 1 half cut-side up in the center of a round baking stone. Spread half of the sugar mixture evenly over Brie. Top with the remaining half, cut-side up, and spread remaining sugar mixture on top. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup sliced almonds.
- 4 Cut baguette diagonally in slices. Arrange slices around Brie and spray with cooking spray.
- 5 Bake in the preheated oven until baguette slices are golden brown and Brie begins to soften, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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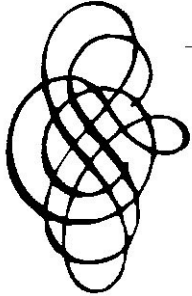


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~Tawnia Littell

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TOYOTA WILL USE COW POOP TO POWER CARS AND HOMES

Let us consider cow poop as a resource — not to fertilize crops, but as a way to one day power electric- and hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles. That's the vision of Toyota Motor North America, which is ... bullish ... on hydrogen as a future energy source for consumer vehicles. It announced plans at the L.A. Auto Show to build the nation's first commercial-scale 100-percent renewable power plant in California, using manure from dairy farms in the state and capturing its methane to generate water, electricity and hydrogen.

The Tri-Gen plant, projected to come online in 2020, will be located at the company's operations at the Port of Long Beach, where Toyota is testing its zero-emissions hydrogen fuel-cell semi-truck on daily runs of around 200 miles.

Toyota expects the plant to generate around 2.35 megawatts of electricity and 1.2 tons of hydrogen per day, enough to power the equivalent of nearly 2,350 average-sized homes and meet the daily driving needs of 1,500 vehicles. In addition to supplying the Project Portal proof-of-concept drayage trucks, the plant will fuel up new Mirai sedans being offloaded from Japan through its on-site hydrogen fueling station, one of the largest in the world.

"Tri-Gen is a major step forward for sustainable mobility and a key accomplishment of our 2050 environmental challenge to achieve net zero CO2 emissions from our operations," Doug Murtha, Toyota North America's group vice president of planning, said in a release.

The plant is based on a pilot project developed by FuelCell Energy, the U.S. Department of Energy, various California government agencies and the University of California at Irvine, according to Forbes.

Toyota says there are now 31 retail hydrogen filling stations open in California. It has a partnership with oil company Shell to open more stations.



<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/news/toyota-will-use-cow-poop-to-power-cars-and-homes/ar-BBG1mvc>

A State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself "this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are four old ladies — the three passengers are wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

The officer replies, "Ma'am, you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving much slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

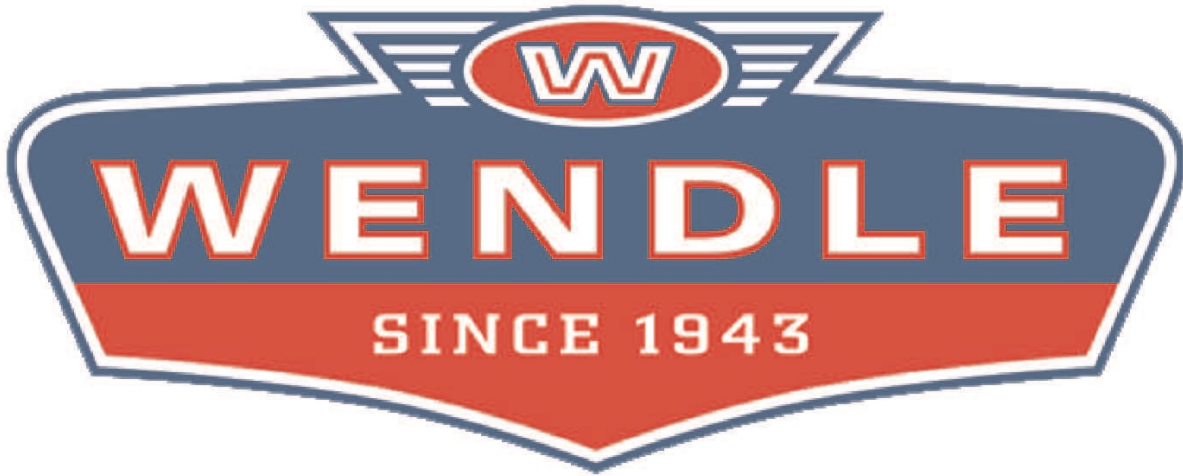
"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-two miles an hour!" The old woman says, pointing to a sign next to the road.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that the sign was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? Your passengers seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."

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