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A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

As I sit longing for the sun and warmth of summer, I can't help but think of the very interesting perspective of the car scene I am blessed with.

My grandfather was a true late 50's greaser, down to the pack of smokes rolled in his shirt sleeve. He raced Indians and Triumphs up Chuckanut Drive, had scrapes with the law, and drove around in all the quintessential hot rods and classics of the era; a few of which ended up in store fronts, Bellingham Bay, or traded off for a case of beer.

My dad, on the other hand, spent his youth

surrounded by the roar of 60s and 70s Detroit muscle. He spent the years before I was born working at the legendary Thrifty Auto Supply selling speed parts to all the local lead foots. He drove Cudas, Challengers, Camaros, and the ever so prevalent lowered short box pickup of the time.

I spent every weekend of my youth with these two in a garage or at car shows where I learned how to identify the year and make of a car by its tail fins or lack of port hole windows, how to turn a wrench, and several four letters words that aren't repeatable here.

This set me up for a lifelong passion for the classic hot rods and muscle cars but growing up in the generation that I did, this vintage iron was out of our price range. So me and my peers had only two choices - late 80s smog muscle cars or imports. I, of course, stuck to the familiar sound of a V8, but these were the days of the fast and the furious and the buzz of Honda and Subaru's was all around and could not be ignored.

The languages were different but the passion was the same. They were just as much a hot rod as I. Their cars were different that's for sure but they were just as fast and we

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One kind word
can change
someone's
entire day.

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DUES ARE DUE

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Steve Williams

Visitors: none

Prospective Members: Richard Farstad (2nd meeting)

Reading of Minutes: Accepted as printed in newsletter

Reading of Correspondence: Steve and Jo Rygwalski say hello. If you'd like to contact them, please see Tom.

Report from Treasurer: Read and accepted

Report of Committees:

INCCC: No meeting in December

Interstate Fair: Club picked to work 08 Sept. Included with this is the entry fee for driver and one guest, 2 family packs, food coupons, and carnival tickets. Arrival time is 7am and departure time is 7pm. This is a "rain or shine" thing so if you volunteer, please come prepared. Security is provided.

There were enough signatures gathered for the \$30 tab initiative to appear on the ballots this year. And there is talk of removing the emission requirements.

Old Business: Jason Williams has car stickers and member cards. Steve Williams has prospective member folders. See Dean C. or Bruce T. for input into the club website.

Car show dates were given (see newsletter calendar page). The date for the St. Luke's show has yet to be decided. And the Gents will not be working the Hillyard show this year. If you have questions about this, please see an officer. There were lots of factors in this decision. Another option was presented to club by way of Jim Hedley and that was to put on another show in a different location. Club voted no on this for this year. We want to work together on attending shows as a club rather than just working shows.

Sontag Park has been reserved for the club picnic.

The 2018 Spokane Speed and Custom Show will allow us to put up a display similar to last year to promote our club. The Gents will also have a trophy.

The club centerfold photo will not take place at the picnic. If you have a scenic location in mind, please contact an officer.

New Business:

Most Inspirational Member was awarded to Dean Carriveau.

Most Improved Car was awarded to Les Seidel.

Club will be partnering with Burnette's for future trophies and awards.

Questions have been asked about how to determine Best or Most Improved club car. One way we would like to do this is getting information to Dean C. or Tawnia for inclusion in the newsletter and website thereby getting improvement information out for all to see.

Announcements: Lunch with Gents members at 5-Mile Heights Pizza on Thursdays at 11:30.

Next Meetings: February 7, 2018 at 6pm at the Eagles

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 pm



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



Notable Dates

- February 7 — Regular monthly meeting
- April 13-15—Spokane Speed and Custom Show
- May 12—AutoNation Car Show
- June 17—Wendle Ford Car Show
- July 14—Inside & Out Carwash Show
- July 28—Eagles Car Show
- Aug 17—Good Guys Car Show
- Sept 8—Spokane Interstate Fair day
- Sept 8—Dukes' Drage
- Sept 9—Gent's Picnic

Best wishes for February's special dates!

1/22—Gerry Ensminger's Birthday

2/19—Dick Meredith's birthday

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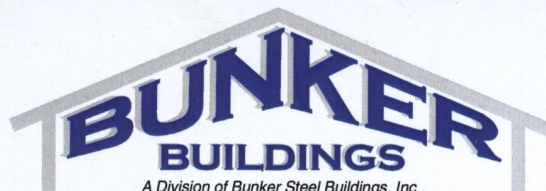
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Larry Bachko and Family

Larry and his wife, Mary, were blessed with three children, Angel, Brandon, and Chris. In 2007, they moved to Spokane from Seattle. Their son, Chris, was attending EWU at the time and they decided they liked the better, slower paced life. They have not been disappointed.

Larry is enjoying the retired life having retired from the Navy in 1995 and from Boeing in 2016. Mary retired from the Navy in 2017 but still works as a Family and Pediatric nurse practitioner/midwife. She has her own practice, Saturn Clinic, located on Mullan and Broadway.



They acquired their 2006 Dodge Charger back in June 2005. It is pretty much stock except for the

Shaker Hood and the Daytona Exhaust system. It came with every option Dodge offered on it, including the Daytona grill and badging, rear spoiler, and a pistol grip shifter. The updated navigation unit with front and rear cameras and a DVD player were also included. At 85000 miles – it's still going strong.

Having searched for a Roadrunner since the late '90s, they finally picked one up in February 2012. They found her on eBay in Dyer, Indiana. She came with a 383 4 barrel with a pistol grip, 4-speed with the air grabber hood. The body is [Larry's favorite color] B5 blue with a black vinyl roof. They were told that it is kind of a rare car being a coupe and having the radio delete, bucket seats with a center console, and rear window defogger options. The Roadrunner also has around 85000 miles.

Since they brought her home they have had the dash rebuilt, put on

new shocks, new seat belts, and a new gas tank and sending unit.



This past year, they have installed 4 wheel disc brakes, Vintage Air A/C, new halogen headlights, new grill, and headlight surrounds. On a trip to Las Vegas, they found and installed factory cruise control. On the gas tank, Larry had a picture painted of a coyote being run over by a roadrunner.



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Strawberry and Chantilly Crème Log Cake

Ingredients for Sponge Cake

70g Cake flour or All purpose flour
20g Sugar
4 Egg yolks
30g Cooking oil
30g Fresh milk or water
1tsp Vanilla extract
4 Egg whites
50g Sugar



Steps

- 1) Prepare a 11 x 11 (or 10 x 10) inch baking tray, line with parchment paper or baking sheet, grease some oil on it with a brush.
- 2) In a large bowl, mix egg yolks, vanilla extract, sugar, cooking oil and fresh milk together with a hand whisk, mix well and add in sifted flour, mix well again, set aside.
- 3) Whisk egg white to foamy and add sugar, continue to whisk egg white to smooth peak form at medium speed.
- 4) Then fold 1/3 of the egg white to the egg yolk mixture, fold well with a rubber spatula and fold in the remaining egg white.
- 5) Make sure the baking tray is completely cooled down before pouring the plain mixture into it. Level the surface
- 6) Gently knock the tray on table top to remove air bubbles trapped in the batter and bake at 350° for 15 mins.
- 7) Turn cooled sponge onto a plastic sheet. Gently peel off baking sheet from the bottom of sponge and invert the sponge with skin facing up. Spread the layer of chantilly cream (Recipe below) over the sponge and line fresh strawberries on it.
- 8) Gently roll up the sponge to make a Swiss roll. (place a tea towel underneath to prevent plastic sheet slip) Wrap with plastic sheet or cling wrap and chill it for one hour.

Ingredients for Chantilly Cream

1 cup heavy or whipping cream
2 to 3 tablespoons powdered sugar (or more if you like it sweeter)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Steps

- 1) Beat heavy cream with powdered sugar and vanilla until it holds stiff peaks.

Editor's note: this sounded delicious. Please forgive me for not converting to US measurements. Yes, I'll probably make this for myself on the 14th.
Happy Valentine's Day!

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An advertisement for Auto Expressions. It features a blue car in the foreground with a 'KEEP IT CLEAN' sign on the bumper. In the background, there's a tall clock tower. The text 'AUTO eXpressions' is at the top, with 'eX' in a large, stylized red font. Below it, 'Randy Jones' is written. To the right, a list of services is provided: Headlight Restoration, Paint Restoration, Paint Protection, Scratch, Chip, Ding and Dent Repair, Plastic Restoration, and Odor Removal. At the bottom right, the phone number '509-723-1256' is listed. A small 'save the ta-tas' logo is also visible near the car.

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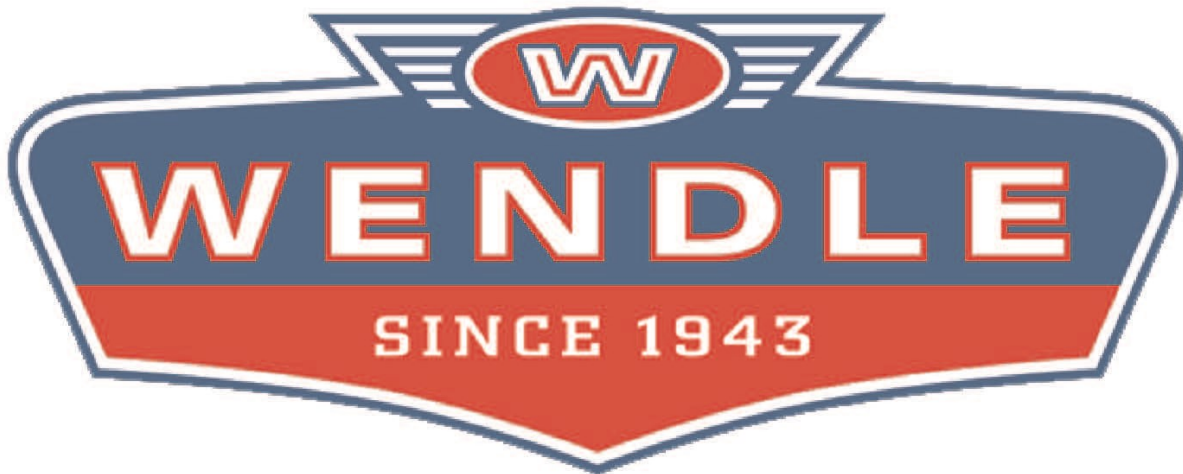
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~Tawnia Littell

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WASHINGTON INTRODUCES BILL TO ALLOW PERSONALIZED COLLECTOR CAR PLATES

DON'T DELAY! Please contact the Washington State Senate Committee on Transportation Immediately to request support for S.B. 6009:

- S.B. 6009 Would allow for personalized plates for collector vehicle.
- S.B. 6009 Recognizes license plates' contribution to the aesthetic contours of collector cars.

Overview: Legislation has been introduced in the Washington Senate (S.B. 6009) to allow for personalized license plates for collector vehicles. The plates would be available for a one-time fee of fifty-two dollars. In Washington, collector vehicle plates would be available for vehicles that are more than 30 years old, owned and operated as collector vehicles, and not used for general transportation.



Inexpensive Valentine's Day Activities

FOR THE FOOD-LOVERS.

1. Host a home-hosted Iron Chef Competition.
2. Spend the day/night wandering around and getting free samples.
3. Plant something.
4. Go on a brewery tour.

FOR THE WANDER-LUSTERS

5. Play the penny-game.
6. Let the map decide your fate.
7. Explore a rummage/car boot sale/ flea market.
8. Create a scavenger hunt for your S.O.

FOR THE ADVENTURERS.

9. Go ghost-hunting.

10. Try indoor skydiving.

11. Go hiking.

12. Test drive a car.

13. Go to a zoo or aquarium.

FOR THE DIE-HARD ROMANTICS.

14. Make an uber-cute relationship time capsule.

15. Go cloud-watching or star-gazing.

16. Make a scrapbook together.

17. Look through old photo albums together.

18. Write a love letter/poem/song for each other.

FOR THE CULTURE-LOVERS.

19. Attend a local, free concert.

20. Go on a creative date.

21. Hit up an open mic night.

22. Pick something at random from your community's newsletter to attend.

23. Make an outdoor photo shoot of the two of you.

24. Go to a local bar you haven't been to before.

FOR THE HOME-BODIES

25. Create something together.

26. Play truth or dare.

27. Build a fort.

28. Host the ultimate game night.

29. Make your own nightclub.

30. Have a movie marathon.

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were all doing what our car guy brethren did before us - take what we could get and make it faster, lower, and cooler.

I had the chance this summer to take my dad's T-bucket to a car meet organized by an import club. I was blown away by the appreciation for the classic the group there had, although it is not commonly shared by hot rodders of the traditional scene.

The fact is this, the current caretakers of hot rodding as we know it are getting older and soon the next generation will be tasked to keep these cars and their stories alive but they won't get the chance if we don't bring them into the fold. There are a

few like me out there who stand in the middle and appreciate the Supras and the 32's the same but we are not enough to keep this going. It is going to take the hot rodders and muscle car guys reaching out to the import crowd to keep the flame burning.

So next time you hear of some parking lot meet - go; and when you're parked next to some kid in a slammed civic, talk shop with him. You may be talking to the future owner of a chopped and blown Model A.



Jason Williams,
Sergeant at Arms

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