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FROM OUR PRESIDENT—TOM YEDINAK

I hope everyone had a great weekend at the Spokane Speed and Custom Show. It was very busy with everything going on. I want to thank everyone who helped with the set-up of the show. Our display looked super! Without your help we wouldn't have had such a great show. I also want to thank the members who pulled shifts at the show to promote the club. We might even get a few new members from the effort. I want to congratulate the

Gent's winners from the show. They are Craig Copher, Dan Ray, Dave Granlund, Paul Inman, and Steve Wohl. You all did a great job on your cars and I really appreciate the hard work you did to get the cars ready for the show. Thanks!

We are now going to get into our busy season. With that being said, I could really use your help with the upcoming car shows. For the old members, we continue to enjoy the help you give us, and for the

new members, please try to sign up for help at the car shows. If you can help us for at least one car show that we put on during this next year, we won't burn out the people who help at most of the shows.

I hope you have a great day and will see you at the next meeting, God willing!



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Murphy was
an optimist.
~Cohen's
Corollary

Family Favorite Pizza Place Shutting Down

SPOKANE, Wash. - Five Mile Pizza has been Spokane staple for over 30 years, but in just over a month they will be closing their doors for good. "It is sad, but it's something we are moving on to the next chapter in my life," said owner Steve Yunk. Five Mile Pizza has been a

Spokane favorite for generations of Spokanites. They are known for its kid-friendly atmosphere it's been the go-to place for birthday parties and family get-togethers. Jennifer Johns was one of those loyal customers, and after finding out on KHQ's Facebook page that Five Mile Pizza was closing at

the end of April, she took her two girls their today to have pizza and play some games one last time. "They've both had birthday parties here. we have been to numerous birthday parties here, and it's really sad to see them closing," said Jennifer Steve says he'll miss seeing

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APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:59pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Steve Williams

Visitors:

Jim Moore, Gen Mgr of SRP Super Oval – 40th anniversary of track, will have theme nights to celebrate this year.

Estelle Nelson talked about the Big Noise Car Show at Stateline Cruisers July 14 – Free evening show, food and drink specials, live band, etc.

Prospective Members:

R. Farstad – No show. Craig T. to contact Mike Pringle – unable to attend. Hold for now.

Reading of Minutes: accepted as printed

Reading of Correspondence: none

Report from Treasurer: Report given and accepted

Report of Committees:

INCCC: Thrifty Auto Supply show is gaining popularity; Guild School Penny Drive 4/28/2018; There will be 15 scholarship awards this year. (See Dean C. for any questions or comments regarding INCCC)

Old Business:

Last minute Speed & Custom Show details discussed

Guild School location(s) discussed

See a club officer for information on shows:

Set up time is 6am at our shows.

Tom has a list of common show responsibilities.

PLEASE sign up to help

A “For Sale” tab will be created on our website

Two more members requested personalized Gents cards

Club picnic will be at Sontag Park on September 9

New Business:

Thank you to Jason Williams for improving on the end of year award processes. The Big Trophy Committee will consist of Dan Carney (chair), Rick Sawyer, Kim Taasevigen, and Rick Murray.

A question came up regarding ownership of a typical American car requirement for membership. At this point, the club informally decided that participation is the valuable key. We would rather have a club that consists of members supporting our cause.

VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Announcements: The dinners served at our meetings is done by volunteers. As long as we continue to eat/drink, we can continue to use this meeting area.

Next Meetings: May 2, 2018 at 6pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:11pm



Notable Dates

- May 2—Regular Monthly Meeting
- April 21—Happy Birthday Dick Ripley
- April 23—Happy Birthday Steve Wint
- May 12—AutoNation Car Show
- June 9—Thrifty Auto Supply Show
- June 17—Wendle Ford Car Show
- July 13—Collector Car Appreciation Day
- July 14—Inside & Out Carwash Show
- July 15—Club Calendar Centerfold Shoot
- July 28—Eagles Car Show
- Aug 17—Good Guys Car Show
- Sept 7—Spokane Interstate Fair day

Also:

Weekly lunch on Thursdays at 11:30 at Roundtable Pizza in the 5 Mile Heights Shopping Center



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

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Ford Will Focus On Trucks And SUVs, Only Offer Two Cars In U.S.

It's all about those sweet, sweet profits.

Ford's future product lineup will look sparse if you're searching for a hatchback or a sedan. The Dearborn automaker plans to eliminate a slew of products – C-Max, Fiesta, Focus, Fusion, and Taurus – while focusing on the higher profits that come with crossovers, SUVs, and trucks. That means eliminating a majority of the brand's sedans while leaving the Ford Mustang and all-new Ford Focus Active. Currently, Ford loses money on the Fiesta, Focus, and Fusion, according to The New York Times.

"Over the next few years, the Ford car portfolio in North America will transition to two vehicles – the best-selling Mustang and the all-new Focus Active crossover coming out next year," the company said today in its Q1 financial report.

Ford's new strategy also includes committing to new propulsion choices, such as adding hybrid-electric powertrains to profitable vehicles such as the F-150, Mustang, Explorer, Escape, and Bronco. The company will begin the rollout of its battery electric vehicles with a performance electric model in 2020. The company plans to bring 16 battery-electric vehicles to market by 2022.

"We are committed to taking the appropriate actions to drive profitable growth and maximize the returns of our business over the long term," said Jim Hackett, president and CEO, in the company's Q1 financial report. "Where we can raise the returns of underperforming parts of our business by making them more fit, we will. If appropriate returns are not on the horizon, we will shift that capital to where we can play and win."

The news Ford is revamping its lineup to eliminate sedans and focus on crossover and SUVs doesn't mean Ford's not looking at making new products. The company will explore what it calls "white space" silhouette vehicles – which are vehicles that combine the best attributes of cars and utility vehicles.


Ford doesn't offer a timeline for when the C-Max, Fiesta, Focus, Fusion, and Taurus will leave the U.S. market. However, in the financial report, Ford says, "For example, by 2020, almost 90 percent of the Ford portfolio in North America will be trucks, utilities, and commercial vehicles." That's relatively soon. If you want a Ford sedan, now's your chance to buy one.

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Root Beer Pork Chops



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30 m

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Recipe By: Ken from CA

"These are great for outdoor grilling. Simple and very tasty. The glaze at the end gives them a lot of concentrated flavor."

Ingredients

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| 4 (1-inch thick) pork chops | 2 tablespoons brown sugar |
| 3 (12 fluid ounce) cans or bottles root beer | 1/2 teaspoon chipotle-flavored hot sauce |
| salt and pepper to taste | 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 cup beef stock | 1 pinch salt, to taste |

Directions

- 1 Place the pork chops in a dish; pour 2 cans of the root beer over the chops. Place in refrigerator to marinate at least 2 hours. Remove the pork chops from the root beer; season with salt and pepper.
- 2 Combine the remaining can of root beer, the beef stock, brown sugar, hot sauce, and Worcestershire sauce in a saucepan over medium heat; simmer the mixture until it reduces to about 3/4 cup. Set aside.
- 3 Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.
- 4 Grill the pork chops on the preheated grill until the no longer pink in the center, about 8 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C). Brush the chops generously with the reduction sauce and continue cooking for about 2 minutes more per side. Remove from grill and brush with any remaining sauce. Season with salt to taste before serving.

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Former member Tom Manfred
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circa 1971

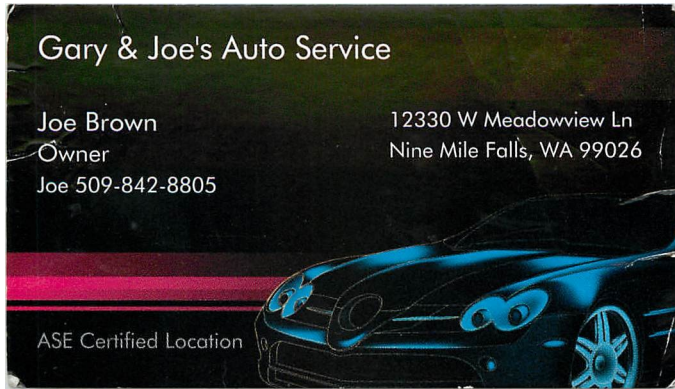
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Fluffy, the Autocross Dominating 2001 Corvette Z06

Besides the fact that getting run over by a fiberglass-bodied vehicle would be a tiny bit softer than an all-steel car, nothing about Chris Jacobs' '01 Corvette Z06 is actually fluffy. In reality, it's a lightweight, corner-carving, 500 lb-ft-of-torque-to-the-wheels autocrossing beast. So yeah, not all that fluffy after all.



Jacobs came up with the name when his buddy Mark Stielow (who you might have heard of) was thinking up a name for another one of Stielow's '69 Camaros. "He always names his cars things mean and ugly," Jacobs told us. He suggested Stielow change things up. The car was supposed to be painted white so he, somewhat jokingly, told Stielow to name the car Fluffy. As it turned out, he wasn't sold and instead painted the Camaro red and called it Hellfire. Typical. So when Jacobs picked up a Speedway White '01 Corvette Z06, he thought the least he could do was poke a little fun at Stielow by naming his new Vette Fluffy.

Jacobs and his wife, Lynda, always had an affinity for Corvettes, owning two others prior to Fluffy. Their last was a yellow C5 convertible that got the couple started in the autocross scene but soon realized the open-top nature of the car didn't lend nicely to competition. Not only did it lose precious rigidity but, as Jacobs' desire for entering the Optima field grew, so did the realization that their little yellow convertible wouldn't cut it. Safety first meant a rollcage and a rollcage meant Jacobs' tall frame would no longer fit in the driver's seat.

That's when the search for a new, reasonably priced yet competitive autocross toy began. Since C5s are such a competitive

platform to begin with, that's where he started looking. This time, though, one with a roof. What he came across was a lackluster eBay ad for an '01 Corvette Z06 that was pre-modified. He called up the salesman to inquire further who then emailed over some of the vehicle's paperwork. Jacobs was sold after seeing the first page: a Katech receipt dated May 2001 for \$26,000. "It was at that moment I became more than mildly interested," recalled Jacobs. "A friend local to the dealer did a quick recon mission to confirm that it was a clean car then a Wednesday flight to and from Dallas sealed the deal and Fluffy was now on its way north." The \$26,000 Katech receipt went to a slew of performance parts, including a fully built C5R 427ci engine with ported heads, LG headers, Penske shocks, T-1 springs and antisway bars, AP Racing brakes, Fikse wheels and Doug Rippie Motorsports hood. Inside the cabin, the Corvette was fitted with Sparco Evo racing seats and Sparco harnesses. As far as 2001 goes, this C5 Z was at the top of its game. By 2015 though, the car was ready for a refresh.



They took the C5 out for its first test 'n' tune session but quickly found out the new brakes weren't playing nicely with the old master cylinder. They stuck it back on the trailer and got it worked out before their next event, The Motor State Challenge in Michigan a few weeks later. While at that event, something else happened. "Once at the hotel I went to unload the car off our open trailer and nearly killed myself. Blown right rear shock had spewed oil all over the deck." Jacobs told us. Luckily for him, a couple of guys from RideTech were there and hooked

him up with a set of their HQ triple-adjustable coilover shocks.

The rest of the 2015 season went well for Jacobs and Fluffy with no other major problems. But, by the time the competition season was over, he already had some ideas of how he'd like to continue modernizing the Corvette. Jacobs promptly dropped the Corvette back off at Finish Line Performance and had the guys at LandSpeed Development do some work on the old 243 heads. They beefed 'em up with new Xceldyne valves and Brian Tooley Racing valvesprings to get them ready for a custom-grind camshaft from Custom Machine Performance. On top of the valvetrain upgrades, Finish Line Performance also threw on a FAST intake manifold, Lingenfelter throttle body and an Airaid cone filter. When it was all said and done, Fluffy saw an increase of 50 horsepower; now making 521 horses to the wheels. Torque also increase significantly, up about 40 lb-ft to 507.

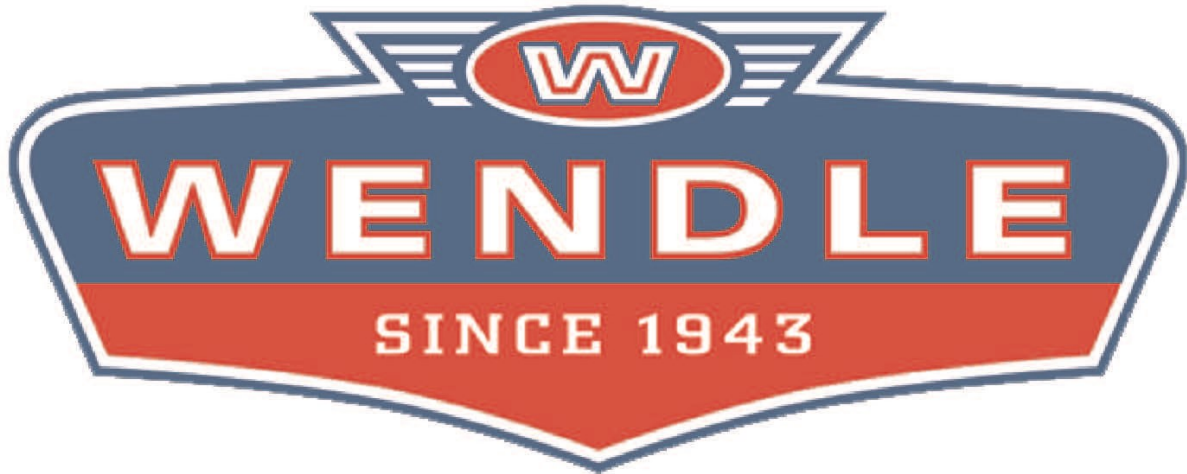
After another successful season in 2016, the only major change Jacobs decided to make was swapping out the stock transmission since it was bound to go eventually. In its place went a Tranzilla TR6060 from Rockland Standard Gear paired with a Centerforce Triad clutch.

As far as the 2017 season goes, Jacobs claimed the car was "dead nuts reliable." Well, that was until the original timing chain went out while he was wide open at 6,500 rpm and burnt nine valves. Dead nuts reliable, huh?

All jokes aside, Fluffy has proved to be a trusty and potent competitor for Jacobs, winning him numerous class championships in his local autocross division. It also gave him the competitive edge he needed for some impressive finishes in Optima's Search for the Ultimate Street Car competitions and Motor State challenges. So, the moral of the story? Don't judge a book by its cover—er title. Because if you ever get thrown into competition against this fluffy little white Corvette you might not be let down too softly.

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those friendly regular customers. Especially the groups of State B basketball teams coming to the parlor for team dinners.

"I think that what I am going to miss most is you have the same groups of people coming in. Now you have three generations you have grandparents, you have parents, and now their kids."

Five Mile Pizza will still be open to the public until their last date which is April 28th. Crews will start demolition on May 3rd.



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