

# Gent's Journal

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## The Merry Month of May



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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT—TOM YEDINAK

Spring is upon us. I am looking forward to the upcoming car season just the rest of the members of the club. We started off pretty strong with the Spokane Speed and Custom show.

I want to thank everyone involved, from the committee, to the car owners in the display, to the car haulers, to the set-up group, to the members who brought movie stuff, to the

popcorn makers, to the raffle and calendar sales personnel, and finally to the crew who took down the display. We got a lot of great comments from the fans at the show.

With that all being said, "We won the Spokane Speed and Custom Show "Best Club Display." We also had about 8 members win their plaques and trophies for their classes in the show.

We should all be very proud of being members of The Gent's Auto Club. It was definitely a club effort and every one of you should be proud of the club.

I want to thank every one of our members for allowing me to be part of the Best car club in Spokane.

Again,  
Thank you very much.  
Tom

Relationships, like cars, should undergo regular services to make sure they are still roadworthy.

*~Zygmunt Bauman*

### EDITOR'S NOTE

To reiterate what so many others have already said, it's car show season!

Many of you know that we honor members at our end of the year banquet. You may be asking yourself, "How can I be nominated for one of these coveted awards?"

Well, let me tell you. BE ACTIVE. Be present. Bring your car. Bring your camera. Recruit your friends—we can use all the help we can get.

If you work on your car, let me know so we can put that in the newsletter, on the

website, and on Facebook.

The Gents Auto Club of Spokane is well known throughout the inland northwest. We have helped set the standard for how a good club should be. I, for one, am honored to be a part of this family.

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# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** 6:01pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** Led by Steve Williams

**Visitors:** Ian Cubley

**Prospective Members:** Henry Leen's 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting ('41 Chevy Coupe, sponsored by Kerry Hafner)

**Reading of Minutes:** accepted as printed in newsletter

**Reading of Correspondence:** none

**Report from Treasurer:** given and accepted

**Report of Committees:**

**INCCC:** notes sent out via email. Copies of these notes will be printed and distributed along with paper newsletter at each meeting.

**Old Business:**

Discussions regarding this seasons shows and events. Sign-up sheets were available for the Speed and Custom Show, AutoNation Show, and the Memorial Day event at Greenwood Cemetery.

Discussed details regarding set up at the Spokane Speed and Custom show.

If the club wins any financial award, the club voted to donate it to charity. Vote took place at March meeting. Charity not decided.

Club approved donating any financial compensation from Greenwood cemetery directly towards 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. Please consider being a part of this event on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

AutoNation Chevrolet – help needed to deliver food from Costco. Both Bruce Town and Ian Cubley offered to help.

Wendle Ford Car Show – members are seeking trophy sponsors. Please see Tom if you want to help. Big Foot Tavern is bringing a taco bar for lunch.

Date for Gents Picnic is set for August 4, per club vote. Location is Jerry Oswald's place. A map will be printed in the newsletter.

Gonzaga Alumni Dinner on June 1<sup>st</sup> – we have room for one more car. Please contact Tom if interested.

The Gonzaga Campus will be the background of the 2020 Gents Calendar Centerfold. The date has not yet been set.

**New Business:**

Eagles' Athletic Supporters requested dash plaques for the Honor Flight Show. Club was asked if they could pay for half of the cost. Club voted to pay for all 100 at \$1 each.

Tawnia to work with Tom and Don.

**VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS: Congratulations to Henry Leen, newest Gents member**

**Announcements:**

Jason Williams has car stickers and new member cards.

Steve Williams has card holders.

Tawnia has prospective member folders

See Dean or Bruce to have a picture of your car on the website.

**Next Meetings:** May 1, 2019, 6pm at the Eagles

**Meeting Adjourned:7:05**



## Notable Dates

- May 1— regular monthly meeting
- April Birthdays—Brad Trudeau, Dick Ripley, Steve Wint, Andy Terris
- April 27—Joya Child & Family Development (formerly Guild School) Penny Drive
- May 11—AutoNation Chevrolet Show
- June 16—Wendle Ford Show
- June 28—Willow Grove Car Show
- July 12—Collector Car Appreciation Day
- July 13—Inside & Out Car Show
- July 27—Honor Flight Show
- August 9-11—Good Guys Show
- August 17—Thrifty Auto/St. Luke's Show at the Spokane Valley Mall
- September 6—Spokane Interstate Fair, Gents Day
- September 15—INCCC All Club Picnic, Plantes Ferry Park
- December 7—Christmas dinner

Also:

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



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

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at Timber Creek Buffet.

Editor's note—I find a lot of articles on the internet for your viewing and reading pleasure.

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# Mitsubishi Minicab Might Be The World's Cutest Fire Truck

There's even room for two people to sit on the outside.



Someone in Canada now owns the coolest, most adorable fire truck around. Before it crosses the Pacific to a new home, [check out this little life-saving machine on video.](#)

The Mitsubishi Minicab is a tiny workhorse of a vehicle in Japan. They're available in a variety of bodies, including vans and pickups, to fulfill a variety of commercial roles on the country's tight roads. This one features a

traditional cab and room for two more people to ride on a bench outside the vehicle. Farther back, there would usually be a pump for sending water to the fire engine, but the equipment is gone from this one. Instead, the new owner just has storage space back there. The Minicab complies with Japan's *kei* vehicle class, which limits the engine size to just 660cc. This little truck makes the most of its lack of muscle with a five-speed manual gearbox and a two-speed transfer case. If more traction is necessary, four-wheel drive activates at the push of a button. This setup in combination with the relatively light weight should make getting stuck a challenge.

The cabin also has controls for the lights and for external speakers,


including microphone connections for yelling at people along the road. Unfortunately, neither piece comes with this vehicle, but the new owner could get them going again. We'd love to know what the new owner intends to do with this little rig. It could be a neat purchase for a fire department looking to have some fun at parades. Alternatively, the Minicab still seems quite capable and could be a great tool on a farm where someone needs a little hauler but wants something different than a side by side.

Editor's note: I am well aware that Mitsubishi is not American made but it was too cute! I couldn't pass up this article!

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/mitsubishi-minicab-might-be-the-worlds-cutest-fire-truck/ar-BBWBfcR>

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May 11 is our show at AutoNation Chevrolet. As big of a deal as this is, let us not forget the specialness of the day that follows. If you can, call your mother. If not, say a prayer and be thankful for the woman that raised you.





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## Sopapilla Cheesecake Pie



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Ready In  
3 h

Recipe By: CandelB

"I make this to take to pot luck dinners and get rave reviews! Easy to make, smells great while cooking and tastes wonderful!"

### Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon Mexican vanilla extract  
2 (8 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls  
3/4 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter, room temperature  
1/4 cup honey

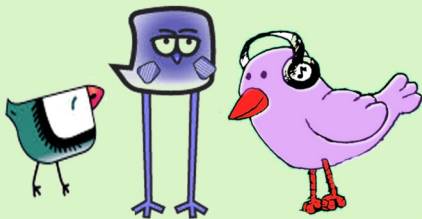
### Directions

- 1 Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Prepare a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
- 2 Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.
- 3 Unroll the cans of crescent roll dough, and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into 9x13 inch rectangles. Press one piece into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, then cover with the remaining piece of crescent dough. Stir together 3/4 cup of sugar, cinnamon, and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven until the crescent dough has puffed and turned golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey. Cool completely in the pan before cutting into 12 squares.

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Always focus on the front windshield and  
not the review mirror. ~Colin Powell

## A Little Bird Told Me



I have it on good authority that Brad Trudeau is having work done on his beloved Monte Carlo. The work being done includes "windshield wipers, oil change, hood painted, and all glass changed and decals put on [the] doors and rear seat belts". Hopefully before and after pictures will be provided.

A couple cousins have offered to help Brad drive his car to our events this year. If you or someone you know can also help out, please contact Brad directly, via text at 509-385-1541.

## New USMCA trade deal would hurt U.S. auto production, boost parts production

Jobs gained in parts and engines, jobs lost in final assembly as cars cost more

The U.S. International Trade Commis-



sion estimated the proposed new North American free trade deal would modestly boost the U.S. economy but could reduce U.S. vehicle production. The economic [assessment of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement \(USMCA\)](#), released on Thursday, said the trade deal would increase U.S. real gross domestic product by 0.35 percent, or \$68.5 billion, on an annual basis and add 176,000 U.S. jobs, while raising U.S. exports.

The report's estimates are for year six of the trade deal, once it is fully implemented.

Auto industry employment would rise by 30,000 jobs for parts and engine production, but U.S. vehicle production would decline in and U.S. vehicle consumption would be reduced by 140,000 units, or 1.25 percent of 2017 sales, because of higher prices, the report said. Complying with new rules of origin and other requirements under the agreement would lead to small increases in vehicle costs.

The report found that 1,500 U.S. vehicle manufacturing jobs would be lost and the price of new U.S. vehicles would rise from 0.4 percent for pickup trucks to 1.6 percent for small cars.

The report may give ammunition to opponents of the deal. The leaders of the three countries approved the deal last year, but it still must be ap-

proved by the U.S. Congress. The deal is a replacement for the more than two-decade-old North American Free Trade Agreement.

The auto industry had been a key focus of the deal for the Trump administration. Some automakers may decide "not to offer vehicles that would be too expensive to bring into compliance, which would ultimately decrease consumer choice," the report said.

President Donald Trump has touted the deal as boosting the U.S. auto industry employment, which could be a key 2020 campaign issue in some battleground states. In February, he said at his State of the Union address that the deal would "ensure that more cars are proudly stamped with our four beautiful words, 'Made in the USA.'"

<https://www.autoblog.com/2019/04/19/new-usmca-trade-deal-would-hurt-u-s-auto-production-boost-part/>

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## Study: European fully adaptive headlights better, should be legal in U.S.

Over in Europe and in Canada, some automakers offer fancy LED headlights that can selectively dim sections of the light to prevent glare while maintaining long-distance illumination elsewhere. And according to testing by AAA, these lights don't just sound good on paper, they offer greater illumination and potential for reduced glare over U.S.-spec lights.

In testing, the organization found that the adaptive lights provided 12.5 percent more high-beam illumination than the U.S. versions. In low-beam mode, U.S. lights were better by just 1.9 percent. But the big advantage is running high-beams even with nearby cars, and AAA says that comparing U.S. low beams with the adaptive headlights running in normal high-beam mode, the adaptive lights can illuminate 86 percent more area ahead of the car. Perceived

glare from all lights were in the low range, and when going over hills, the adaptive lights usually caused less glare than U.S.-spec lights, though occasionally the adaptive lights were slow to adjust over hills.

So why don't we have these lights available? The Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) code doesn't allow for low-beams and high-beams to be active simultaneously, which is required for adaptive lights to work. In addition, the government uses static tests for lights with brightness limits for low- and high-beams. Because adaptive lights only dim select areas, the overall brightness will be too high.

Considering the benefits of adaptive lights, it's no surprise that AAA feels that the government needs to change the regulations to allow

them. AAA isn't the only group pushing for European-style lighting standards, either, as Toyota, VW and BMW petitioned the government for revisions, and NHTSA is developing regulations that allow the lights. AAA supports NHTSA's move to permit adaptive headlights. It also has its own suggested changes such as more dynamic testing, including road tests. Additionally, AAA proposes upping the high-beam output limit from 150,000 candela to the European 430,000 candela, provided that the lights can start adjusting at the 400-meter mark Europe tests the lights at rather than the U.S. 220-meter mark. The organization notes that the higher light power is a contributing factor to the European lights' better illumination.

<https://www.autoblog.com/2019/04/22/aaa-european-fully-adaptive-headlights/>

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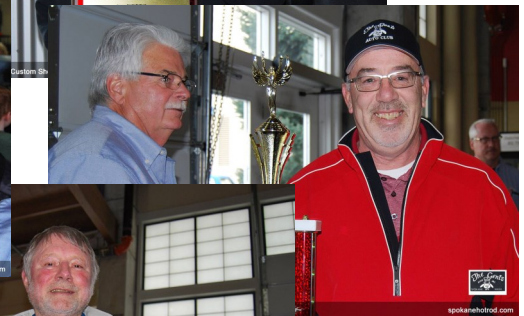
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OMG! The third annual Spokane Speed and Custom Show WAS AMAZING! If you missed the show... well, I'm sure you had a good reason.

Brian Anderson (you know, the head guy) indicated on a Facebook post, that he's hoping to expand the show next year by adding a couple new buildings for displays. AND, as of April 15th, he had 20 cars already committed to being at the Spokane Speed and Custom Show in 2020.

If you have the capability, please go check out the [Speed and Custom Show Facebook page](#). Here, you'll see many more pictures. It's the next best thing to being there!

Meanwhile, here are some trophy winning pictures from our photography teams.



*Congratulations!*



Photos  
courtesy  
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