

# Gent's Journal

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## MEMORIES WITH MOM ~STEVE WILLIAMS

**H**ello, my fellow Gents-it has been a while since I have written an article for the newsletter.

Anyway, the summer season is here at last and so far, it has been a great one.

Now for my story, better late than never and let me clarify that statement. The thing is I was supposed to have written this article 3 months ago and didn't get it done until now. (You're forgiven! ~Tawnia)



Most all of you know about my father and the '37 Dodge coupe (the Purple car) that has been in my family for over 25 years. What most people don't know, however, is that there was someone else besides my father who had a hand in that car

being here. That person is the first and only queen of the Purple car, my mother.

First, let me publicly apologize to my mother for forgetting how much she enjoyed that car back when it was finished. She loved going to car shows as much as the rest of us.



So, my wife and I recently stopped by mom's to visit and drop off some flowers. She mentioned something about her sister having a booth at the Harrington Days Celebration.

Being the quick thinking man that I am (haha), I remembered that the club had scheduled the Harrington Show as our first run of the season. I immediately invited mom to come with me as a Mother's Day present. She thought that would be fantastic!

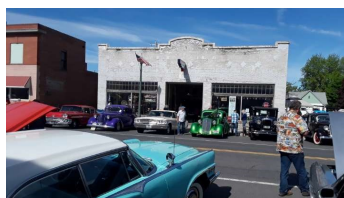
Her enthusiasm changed a bit when I told her we needed to be downtown by 7:30am. She is not an early riser! Nevertheless, she was ready to go when I arrived.

Two days prior to the show, the rains had turned the streets of downtown into rivers. The trip did not look good. We decided to go anyway and the closer we got to Harrington, the better things looked. By the time we arrived, it was a nice, sunny day.

Mom and I had a wonderful time and it brought back many great memories. Harrington is a cool place and they put on a good show. I could go on forever, but I won't.

I will encourage you to share your love of cars with others. You never know how much it would mean to another person. That's what we're all about.

See you soon!



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# JULY MEETING MINUTES



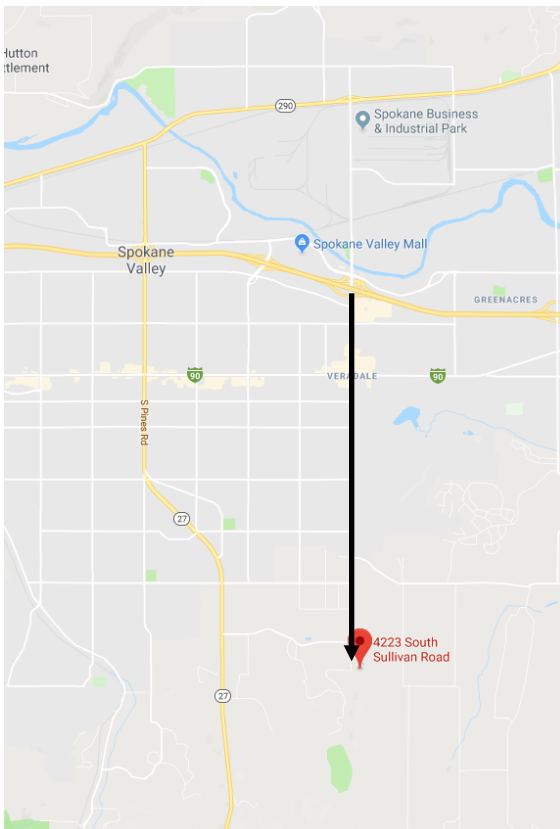
This month, I will read them at the August meeting because I didn't get them typed up in time. Aren't you lucky?

A couple things to remember:

Gents Picnic on August 4 at Jerry Oswald's Place (map below)

August meeting on the 7th at the Eagles at 6pm. They have planned a spaghetti feed. A wine tasting has also been scheduled that evening.

## **Club Picnic at Jerry Oswald's 4223 S Sullivan Road, Veradale**



From the freeway or Sprague, take Sullivan south. Stay in the center lane as Sullivan changes to a two lane road at 32nd. Follow the two lane road to the end of the blacktop. You'll see a fire hydrant and a golf course. You should also see our Gents Club teardrop banners. Turn left into the paved driveway and you have arrived.

# Notable Dates

- August 7— regular monthly meeting
  - August birthdays: Don Rogers (8/4), Tami Lawrence (8/15), Carol Larson (8/31)
  - August Wedding Anniversaries: Dave and Cindy Noble (8/9)
  - 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, location TBD
  - 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.

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## Berrylicious Frozen Sangria Slush



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"This boozy, fruity frozen sangria is an adult version of the icy slushies we slurped down as kids. So refreshing on a hot summer night. Cheers!"

### Ingredients

1 cup red wine	1/3 cup frozen strawberries
1 cup ice cubes, crushed	1/4 cup orange-flavored liqueur
1/3 cup frozen blueberries	1/2 orange, juiced
1/3 cup fresh raspberries	1 tablespoon white sugar, or more to taste

### Directions

- 1 Combine red wine, ice cubes, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, orange-flavored liqueur, orange juice, and sugar in a blender; process until smooth. Serve immediately or freeze.

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Fruit for breakfast, anyone?

## A Note from your Secretary

The updates to the membership list are almost complete. Many thanks to all that have responded to our multiple demands and appeals for information.

Unless requested, special dates such as birthdays and anniversaries, will be published in our newsletter. Take a moment to send happy wishes on those special days.

In addition to the general contact information requests, I am also compiling a list of members' cars. If you have not already told me what cars you own, please let me know. And include

the car's category (under construction, sticker, or plaque).

The reason behind this is to create a member database that is more than just a contact list. If someone wants to know who in our club owns Chevys, a couple of clicks on my computer and we'll have that answer. If someone wants to know who owns cars from the 60s, I can tell you in a matter of moments.

I'm using an Access database which does so much more than Excel, in this case.

With this, I'm considering creating a

"yearbook" of sorts. Combining some of this database information with pictures that we take through out the year, and printing a book for posterity. What are your thoughts on this?

Final word—if you would like a copy of the contact list, let me know. This will include only names, phone numbers, and email addresses. If you receive a copy of this list, please respect fellow members' privacy.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

~Tawnia

# Michigan Woman Celebrates 50 Years of Owning 1969 Pontiac Firebird

A noteworthy milestone that any auto enthusiast can appreciate.



A woman by the name of Maria Carpenter recently celebrated a momentous anniversary with her beautiful Goldenrod Yellow 1969 Pontiac Firebird convertible. Last month marked 50 years since Carpenter, of Shelby Township, purchased her Firebird from the former Higgins Pontiac dealership in Ferndale, Michigan. She still has a black-and-white photo that was taken as she drove the brand-new car off the lot on June 9, 1969. You can see her holding that framed photograph in the above image of Carpenter standing proudly next to the Firebird.

The salesman from whom she purchased the vehicle was a retired police chief for the city of Ferndale. He also happened to be a friend of her father-in-law's. Maria Carpenter says that her '69 Firebird was the first car that

he sold and gave her a great deal below the sticker price. What's more, he gave her a dozen roses to celebrate the sale as well.

"I paid \$3,882," she recounted. "You couldn't even get a clunker right now (for that price)."

When Maria Carpenter was first looking for a car, she actually had her eyes set at a Camaro, Mustang, and Firebird. It was the Pontiac Firebird's eye-catching yellow hue that was the selling point for her. The Goldenrod Yellow paint code was actually a new color that had to be specially ordered from the factory.

Upon purchasing the Firebird five decades ago, it became Carpenter's daily driver. She used it on an everyday basis to take her and her three kids to where they needed to go. Instead of replacing the Firebird, though, she decided to put the car in storage and not sell it. Since Pontiac had stopped making the Firebird convertibles for some time, she predicted that her example could become more valuable in the future.

After a lengthy 25 years in storage, Maria Carpenter decided that it was time to restore her 1969 Pontiac Firebird.

"When you don't drive a car after 25 years, it causes more damage than good," she said, adding that the company that handled the restoration work did an "amazing" job. "It is in perfect-looking condition. Not a mark. Not a scratch."

The car is now in show-quality condition and has earned Carpenter close to 50 trophies over the years. She takes very good care of the car and never drives it in the rain. As it turns out, she was right about the car's worth too! Since its restoration, Carpenter has been offered as much as \$60,000 for the car. But sometimes, you just can't put a price on love.

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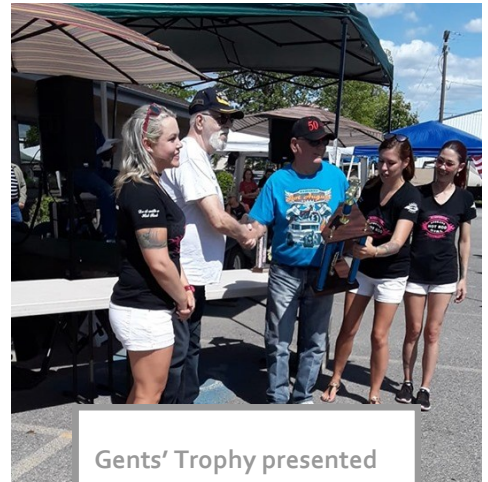
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# 2019 Honor Flight Show



Gents' Trophy presented by Craig Copher

HOLY MOLY!! ONE HUNDRED SIXTY registered cars. Yes, that is 160! Our parking committee did a phenomenal job squeezing in all those cars. Please note—that is 160 REGISTERED cars. That does not include cars that showed up but didn't want to be judged.

Many thanks and undying gratitude to all that helped with this show—from those that showed up at 6am to set up to those that stayed behind to tear down. Thanks to those that served breakfast and those that served lunch. Thanks to those that ran around all day taking pictures and collecting donations. Thanks to those not part of the Gents, Eagles, or Honor Flight but helped anyway. Your work did not go unnoticed.

Even though the show itself is over, there is still work being done. Monies being totaled, notes being gathered for next year's show, and other miscellaneous clean up work. We'll be working on scheduling the check presentation much like we did last year. As soon as that information is known, we will share it with you.



Melani's Memorial Trophy

Again, thank you! This show would not have been this successful if not for those that volunteered and worked.

If you would like to be a part of the committee for next year's show, please contact me. Ideas are already being discussed.

See you soon!

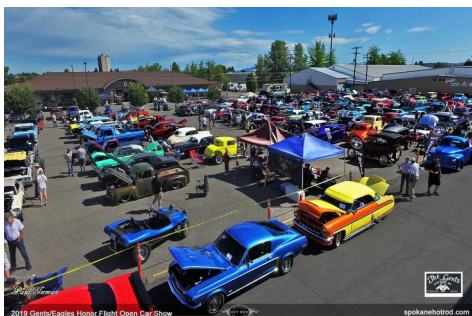
~Tawnia

A few pictures are shared here but many more are being shared online. Please check out the Facebook pages for [The Gents Auto Club](#) and for [Spokane Aerie 2, Fraternal Order of Eagles](#).

There is still time to donate. If you would like to do so, please contact a Gents' Club Officer. We'd be happy to take your money—it's for a good cause!



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