

Gent's Journal

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October

FALL HAS ARRIVED!

Fall has arrived and The Gents are coming off a great showing at the fair to cap off what must be one of our best seasons to date. We have voted in numerous new members and quality of the cars and people in our club now are second to none. The last two years serving as Sargent at arms has been quite the experience and watching the club grow and succeed has been very enjoyable. October marks the beginning of two important times for the Club. The first being the voting for most improved car and most inspirational. These

awards are voted on by you the members and are considered some of the highest honors in the club. I will have the voting boxes out at our next meeting and will be accepting emailed ballots until mid-November with the winners to be announced at the December Christmas party. So start thinking of who you feel deserves this honor. The second major Gents event coming this fall is the election of officers; do to my new position having me on the road most of the time I will not be running for a second term as Sargent at arms.

It has been a great honor and learning experience. I highly recommend any of you who want to be a part of the leadership this club to put your name in for the election and remember to vote. The members have always run this club and that is why it is so successful. I will see you all at the next meeting and look forward to returning to my spot at the back table with all the troublemakers.

~Jason Williams



TEAM ST. LUKE'S CHECK PRESENTATION

Tim Erhgott and Rosie Haley, Gents and Golf tournament Co-Chairperson, awarded a check for \$820.00 to Foundation Director, Nancy Webster. (Rosie was filling in for Steve

Williams who was off waiting for a niece or nephew to be born) Three years and three different car shows to help give back to the Adaptive Sports program at St. Luke's. Many of

the athletes attended as well as over 109 hot rods of all types filled the Northeast corner of the Valley Mall. The first year the Gents Auto Club hosted a car show at Providence Urgent

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CLUB OFFICERS

- President:
Tom Yedinak
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- Secretary:
Tawnia Littell
- Treasurer
Don Rogers
- Sgt At Arms:
Jason Williams
- INCCC Rep:
Dean Carriveau

A car is like a mother-in-law. If you let it, it will rule your life.
~Jaime Lerner

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SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:59 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Williams lead

Visitors: none

Prospective Members:

Steve Wuerst with a 2015 Corvette (member from the past)

Dean Garvey (member from the past)

Tim McGee with a '90 Chevy SS 454 (1st meeting, sponsored by Tom Yedinak)

Del Skobalski with a '28 Chevy (2nd meeting, sponsored by Dave Noble)

Bill Patterson with a 2003 Chevy Corvette (3rd meeting, sponsored by Clemons brothers)

DeShawn Thomas with a 2005 Ford Focus (1st meeting, sponsored by Larry Bachko)

(not present: Matt VanWinkle (out of town) and Doug Nachtigal)

Reading of Minutes: approved as printed in newsletter

Reading of Correspondence: none

Report from Treasurer: read and approved

Report of Committees:

INCCC: Dean C. – Show No Shine award nominations are being accepted through the end of October. WVHS car show/fund raiser is Sept 29, if you want your car's picture in the 2020 CoE, see Dean for raffle tickets.

Welfare Committee: Rick Neet – four cards have been sent. Club has option of buying "Gents" cards from Deke. Club voted YES to purchase 100 cards. Frank Romero is home. He can accept visitors but call first (310-409-8490)

Sticker/Placque Committee: Jason is stepping down due to work obligations. If you'd like to chair this committee, see Jason ASAP.

Old Business:

Discussed remaining shows and events for 2019, including details for the Interstate Fair

New shirts – question was asked if club members could get colors other than the traditional black/gray for the dress shirts only. Club voted YES.

All pictures have been taken for the 2020 calendar. The calendar will be ready at the fair on September 6th

Thank you to all that participated in Good Guys! There were 10 inside/outside winners plus the Featured Club Display plaque.

Winners are asked to stay after the meeting for a photograph.

Shadle Park High School hosted a "Bash on Ash" on August 16. They had a car show and asked the Gents to participate. Another great appearance for the club.

Thrifty Auto Store Reunion car show to benefit Team St. Luke's was also a success! The Spokane Valley Mall is prepared to do this annually.

New Business:

Jack Haley proposed that the club pay for the Christmas party instead of individual ticket purchases. Tabled for October

Chuck Little asked if the Gents want to take over the Swap Meet and Car Show formerly hosted by the Early Ford V8 Club. Their final swap meet will be the 2nd weekend in July, 2020. Club voted NO.

Next year's activities include AutoNation, Wendle Ford, and Eagles Honor Flight Show.

ELECTION TIME! All positions on the board are up for re-election. Nominee MUST approve nominations. All ballots will go to a committee. The committee will not consist of anyone on the current board. More details at the October meeting. To vote for Most Inspirational or Most Improved Car – contact Jason Williams.

HONOR FLIGHT CHECK PRESENTATION!

VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS: Bill Patterson – YES! Congratulations!

Announcements:

Contact Tawnia if you need a paper copy of the newsletter.

See Dean if you want a picture of your car on the website.

Jason has new stickers and member cards

Tawnia has prospective member folders and applications

Next Meeting: October 2nd, 6pm, at the Eagles

Meeting Adjourned 7:02 PM



NOTABLE DATES

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- October 2— regular monthly meeting
- December 7—Christmas dinner


Also:

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



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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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Holiday Pumpkin Bread



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Recipe By: Denise LaPonsie

"A very moist holiday bread that makes enough for you and gift giving as well."

Ingredients

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| 3 cups white sugar | 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| 4 eggs | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 2/3 cup water | 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 1 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1 teaspoon ground allspice | 1 cup raisins |
| 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup vegetable oil |
| 2 teaspoons salt | |

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour three 7 x 3 inch loaf pans.
- 2 Mix oil, sugar, and eggs together in a large bowl. Mix in pumpkin puree and water. Stir together flour, soda, baking powder, salt, and spices. Add to the pumpkin mixture, and mix until just combined. Stir in nuts and raisins. Divide batter into prepared pans.
- 3 Bake for 1 hour. Cool on wire racks.

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Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine.

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Care location in the Spokane Valley with the athletes playing a rugby scrimmage on the sloped driveway in 90° heat. A great crowd with Ben & Jerry's ice cream on board for everyone sweet tooth.

The last two years Steve Williams and Tim Erhgott were the masterminds behind the "Thrifty Auto Supply Reunion Car Show & Fundraiser" proceeds to benefit Team St. Luke's.

Despite pouring rain, the second year the show donated \$1,000.00 to Team St. Lukes.

This year lots of sunshine, many cars, and a great location.

Candice Belcourt, Therapist (creator of the Adaptive Sports Program), Nancy Webster, the entire St. Luke's Foundation, and all the athletes wish to "Thank everyone involved" who

helped raise money for St. Luke's Adaptive Sports Team.

For more information on St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, please visit their website: st-lukes.org



Presenting the check at the annual "Tee It Up" Golf Tournament

EPA CHIEF BLASTS CALIFORNIA AIR, THREATENS TO PULL FEDERAL HIGHWAY DOLLARS

'Worst air quality' charge after denying California right to set tougher standard.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration escalated its fight with California on Tuesday, accusing the state of failing to enforce the U.S. Clean Air Act and threatening to withdraw billions of dollars in federal highway funds to the country's most populous state. California, which has imposed strict state standards limiting vehicle emissions in defiance of Trump's attempts to roll back regulations, has "the worst air quality in the United States," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler wrote to California Air Resource Board chief Mary Nichols in a letter dated Tuesday.

EPA officials acknowledged they had not sent any similar letters to other states and denied the letter was politically motivated. They say California has the largest backlog of state implementation plans to address ambient air quality standards.

The letter contended that California "has failed to carry out its most basic tasks under the Clean Air Act," and 34 million people in the state live in areas that do

not meet air quality standards — "more than twice as many people as any other state."

Wheeler said in a statement "EPA stands ready to work with California to meet the Trump Administration's goal of clean, healthy air for all Americans, and we hope the state will work with us in good faith."

California is set to receive just over \$4 billion in federal highway funding in the budget year that starts Oct. 1.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, said the "threat to withhold California's highway funding over clean air quality reports is the height of hypocrisy. California doesn't need to be lectured by an administration beholden to polluters."

She added that "the administration is trying to undo all the progress we've made in reducing harmful emissions and combating climate change."

Last week, the EPA said it was taking the unprecedented step of revoking California's waiver under the Clean Air Act to set tailpipe emissions standards and require zero emission vehicles, while the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](https://www.nhtsa.gov/)

said California was preempted from take action on tailpipe emissions.

On Friday, California and 22 other states sued NHTSA and it plans to challenge the EPA decision at a later date. The letter was reported on Monday by the Sacramento Bee but was to be announced by the EPA on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration said it was withholding \$929 million from California's high-speed rail project that was awarded in 2010, prompting the state to file suit.

On Tuesday, the state of California filed its 29th environmental lawsuit against the Trump administration, challenging the EPA's determination that 1,365 acres of salt ponds in Redwood City are not "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

<https://popculture.com/celebrity/2019/08/30/jessi-combs-fatal-crash-police-recover-computers-jet-car/>

ELECTION YEAR

Time to consider running for a spot on the board.

All positions up for election.

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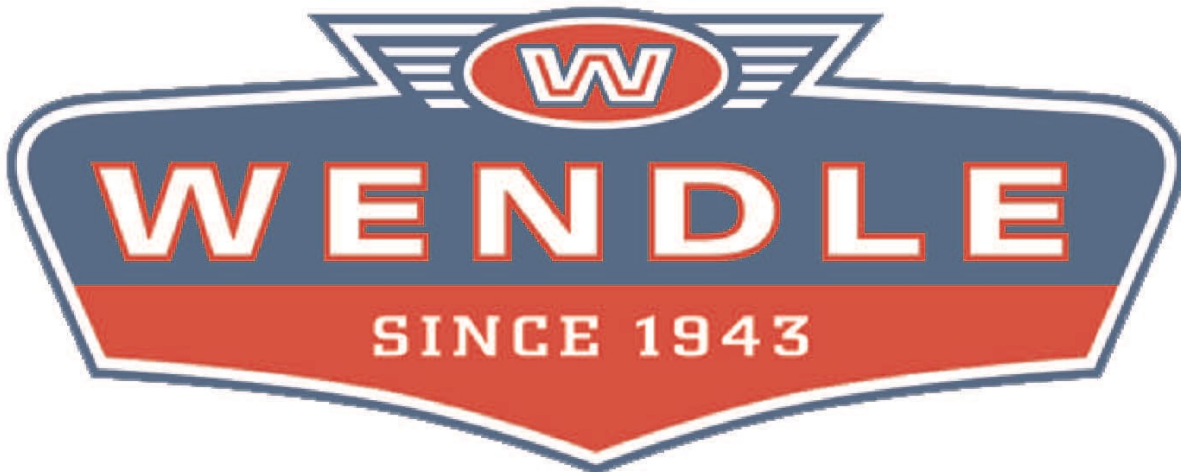
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New camera system is catching, ticketing drivers using smartphones

It looks down into your car to see what you're doing with your hands

CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian state is attempting to persuade people to put down their smartphones while driving by rolling out cameras to prosecute distracted motorists.

New South Wales Roads Minister Andrew Constance said Monday that Australia's most populous state is the first jurisdiction in the world to use such technology to punish drivers distracted by social media, text messages or phone calls.

Road safety experts are alarmed at the growing prevalence of accidents involving drivers using smartphones on New South Wales roads. Experts say drivers who illegally use phones increase their chances of an accident four-fold.

"There is no doubt drink-driving as far as I'm concerned is on a par with mobile phone use, and that's why we want everyone to be aware that you're going to get busted doing this anytime, anywhere," Constance told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The government intends to roll out 45 Mobile Phone Detection Cameras across the state by December, he said.

In fact, each unit contains two cameras. One camera photographs a car's registration plate and a second high-set lens looks down through the windscreen and can see what drivers are doing with their hands.

The units use artificial intelligence to exclude drivers who are not touching their phones. Photos that show suspected illegal behavior are referred for verification by human eyes before an

infringement notice is sent to the vehicle's registered owner along with a 344 Australian dollar (\$232) fine. Some cameras will be permanently fixed on roadsides and others will be placed on trailers and moved around the state.

A six-month trial of two fixed cameras



this year checked 8.5 million vehicles and detected more than 100,000 drivers with their hands on phones, including one driver who was using a phone and iPad simultaneously. Another driver had a passenger steer while they both held phones, the government said.

The government wants to expand the program to 135 million checks a year by 2023. New South Wales has 5.2 million registered vehicles.

National Roads and Motorists' Association spokesman Peter Khoury, a leading advocate for road users, accused the government of using stealth to crack down on illegal phone use. While the association supported tougher action against drivers distracted by phones, it wanted signs warning motorists that phone detection cameras were operating in an area, as happens with speed cameras in the state.

Government modeling found that the phone detection cameras could prevent 100 fatal and serious injuries over five years.

The annual state road toll in New South Wales fell by 35 deaths to 354 last year.

Police said more than 16,500 drivers had been fined for illegally using phones so far this year.

Drivers are allowed to use phones in hands-free cradles and through Bluetooth. But it is illegal to touch a phone while driving except to pass it to a passenger. The ban even applies to drivers who are stationary at red lights or stuck in traffic jams.

Constance said his government was relaxing the law to allow drivers to legally pay with their phones at restaurant drive-throughs.

<https://www.autoblog.com/2019/09/23/australia-cameras-detect-drivers-using-smartphones/>

Editor's note: This may be happening outside the United States, but if it's happening there, it could happen here.

It's always good to know what's going on around us.

You want to be a Gents' Officer. You know you do. Any member is eligible for any office except President. To run for president, you must be a member in good standing for at least one year. Come to the next meeting for more information (or email Jason or Tawnia with your questions)

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