Gent's Journal



November 2019



#### END OF OUR SEASON THF

Well fellow gents it's the time of the year we all dread, the end of our season. Time to put away are cars and sit around counting the days till we can bring them out again.

I just want to say that this season has been one of the best ever. I want thank each and everyone of you for your

participation, dedication and help with all of our events.

It is the members that make this club stand out, and we have added quite a few new ones this season. Welcome to all of you and I hope that you enjoy your time with us I look forward to getting to know all of you. This season has not

been with out its hard times, we had some members dealing with hard times and I hope that the club has been a comfort to you all. I know they have been for me in the past. Again thank you all for this season I look forward to the next one. Best wishes to all from your VP.

#### **CLUB OFFICERS**

- President: Tom Yedinak 509-468-3729
- Vice President: Steve Williams
  - Secretary: Tawnia Littell
  - Treasurer Don Rogers
- Sgt At Arms: Jason Williams
- INCCC Rep: Dean Carriveau

#### GENTS AND OUR OFFICERS-INFORMATION FROM OUR BI-LAWS

It's that time of year to remind us all of the duties of the officers. Elections are set to take place soon. Rick Sawyer, head of the election committee, will be sending out mail-in ballots.

All nominees will be invited to speak at the November meeting. They will share who they are and why they are running for that office. Please make every effort to November attend the meeting.

As promised at our last meeting, here is a list of their descriptions: Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 7.01 President shall preside at all appoint such committees as necessary to carry out all the activities of The Club; serve as chairman of Board of Directors; see constitution; carry out the directives of the board of directors; decide the place for future meetings. In the absence of one of the officers at a meeting shall appoint a

the elected positions and temporary replacement if there is a need for one; shall co-sign checks.

Section 7.02 The Vice T h e President shall perform the duties of the President in his meetings of The Club; absence; co-sign checks, and Inside this issue: render services to The Club, as they are needed along with helping the President.

Section 7.03 Т h Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of The Club; keep the membership; give notice of all regular and special meetings of the membership and board of directors; handle club (Continued on page 5)



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# **O**CTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Steve Williams

Visitors and Prospective Members:

Larry Ellsworth with a '66 Buick Skylark – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Robert Milton with a '69 Valiant Signet –  $1^{st}$  meeting

Scott Messmer with a '79 Corvette

Mike Murua with a '65 Cobra – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, sponsored by Kerry Hafner

Del Skobalski with a '28 Chevy –  $3^{rd}$  meeting, sponsored by Dave Noble

Matt VanWinkle with a '71 Chevy  $C10 - 3^{rd}$  meeting, sponsored by Craig Copher

**Reading of Minutes**: accepted as printed (do you even read these??)

#### Reading of Correspondence: none

**Report from Treasurer**: Accepted as read



**INCCC**: Opening day to the Interstate Fair in 2020 will go the Mustang Club due to the date of 9/11. They have an awesome display. Club agreed to the date change. We will go on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. The INCCC Show No Shine is scheduled for February 29 2020 and the cost of \$40 per person. Finally, see Dean to buy your raffle ticket to have your car pictured in next year's Calendar of Events.

Sticker/Plaque Committee: need a new chair. Volunteers include Dean C. and Ripper (Steve).

**Bent Push Rod Committee**: Several members are working through some health issues. These include Dave Granlund, Frank Romero, Les Seidel, and Dan Carney.

#### Old Business:

- Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>. Social hour will begin at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30. Choices include prime rib and chicken.
- Reminder that the club voted YES for different colors on the dress shirts. See Don Rogers.
- The 2020 Gents calendars have gone out to our sponsors.
- Time to vote for MOST IMPROVED CAR and MOST INSPIRATIONAL MEMBER. Paper ballots can be submitted at this meeting (October) or emailed ballots can be sent to Jason.
- Tom met with the Eagle's Athletic Supporters regarding the annual car show to benefit Honor Flight. The Gents will continue helping with parking and registration.
- The Thrifty Auto show to benefit St. Lukes' was successful this year. Thanks to Steve Williams and the crew.
- Reminder club voted NO when asked to take over the Swap Meet and Car show currently run by the Early Ford V8 club.
- The Gents showing at the 2019 Interstate Fair was a great success thanks to all that participated.
- The Dukes' Drags was a fun time. Do we want to continue to support this event? Club voted yes.
- West Valley High School car show to benefit the annual senior all-nighter was a success. Thanks to all that participated despite the weather.

#### New Business:

• Time to vote for officers – all positions up for reelection. This year, Rick Sawyer and committee will send out absentee ballots to those not present at the November meeting. Please arrange to attend if possible. Club approved this method this year. Nominees to be contacted individually to ensure they want to run for office. Nominees will have a chance to speak at the November meeting.

#### VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS:

Del Skobalski – YES

Matt VanWinkle - YES

Announcements: Don't forget to pay for your dinner

Next Meetings: November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Eagles

Meeting Adjourned: 7:01pm



### NOTABLE DATES

- November 3—Turn the clocks back. Yes, you still have to do this.
- November 6— regular monthly meeting
- October birthdays— Craig Copher, Jan Copher, Marlene Johnson, Cindy Noble, Les Seidel
- November birthdays—Jeff Larson, Gary Schroeder,
- November Anniversaries—Larry & Mary Bachko, Jeff & Carol Larson, Andy & Bonnie Terris, Tom & Patty Yedinak
- December 7—Christmas dinner



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.



Dave was born July 8, 1953 in Spokane, WA where he lived and grew up on the South Hill and graduated from Ferris High School. Dave met Shannon Gutman the summer of 1975 and they were married on May 22, 1976. At age 16, he started working for Safeway and worked there till his retirement in 2008. Dave and Shannon raised two great sons and have three grandkids. Dave had a love of the outdoors. He spent much time camping, 4-wheeling, hunting and fishing. Going to Twin Lakes with his boys was always a true joy to him. He was an excellent cook and loved doing it. All who enjoyed his food will truly miss it. He was a very generous man with his time. He was a Stevens County Sheriff reserve, a volunteer fireman, and head of Easter Seals at his store for years – it was a 3-day event filled with food, vendors and entertain-

ment that he organized. He was a Santa for many years at the store and even talked a helicopter pilot from Felts Field into dropping him off for all the kids. He loved being a Grandpa to his three grandkids. Later in life, he enjoyed attending car shows with his red Pontiac Solstice, where he met many great friends. He lived a full life and lived it his way. Always a beer in his hand.

Dave was preceded in death by his father, Dave Granlund. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Shannon of Nine Mile Falls; sons, Kristopher and Nicholas of Spokane; three grandkids all of Spokane, Caiden (15), Isabella (14), and Elijah (10); mother, May Granlund; and brother, Doug Granlund both of Spokane; as well as many cousins, uncles, aunts and many, many good friends. You will be missed. Love you bunches!





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## Samhain Pumpkin Bread

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Prep 20 m

Cook 50 m Ready In 1 h 30 m

Recipe By: LApagmom2

"This recipe was shared with me years ago by a friend. Since then it's been tweaked and modified to its current form. Perfect for Samhain celebrations. The spices in this pumpkin bread blend together nicely, representing all things desired with the promise of new beginnings."

#### Ingredients

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

#### Directions

- 1 Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease 2 loaf pans.
- 2 Stir the flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, and cloves together in a large bowl. Whisk together the pumpkin, water, eggs, vanilla, and vegetable oil together in a separate bowl. Gradually pour the wet mixture into the dry while whisking until everything is well mixed. Fold the walnuts into the batter. Divide the batter between the two prepared loaf pans.
- 3 Bake in the preheated oven until the top is golden and springs back when lightly pressed, 50 to 60 minutes. Allow to cool 20 minutes before removing from the pans.

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A recipe for a thankful heart: one cup of true love, two cups of kindness, three cups of grace, a teaspoon of patience and forgiveness, and just a pinch of zest for living. That's the kind of thanksgiving meal we're cooking in our lives together!

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Editor's note—I find a lot of articles on the internet for your viewing and reading pleasure. If an article was taken from the internet, a hyperlink will follow the article.

> Full credit goes to these writers and photographers.

Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving

Charmaine J. Forde

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correspondence, and scrapbook; and keep custody of all records of The Club.

Section 7.04 The Treasurer shall collect dues; collect all other money due The Club; keep The Club books, make payment from club funds when so ordered to by the board of directors; shall countersign all club checks; keep an account of all club money matters; and shall make regular reports of the financial condition at The Club meetings.



A copy of our bi-laws should accompany this newsletter. I misspoke at our last meeting when I stated that the President and Vice President needed to be members for only a year. Our bi-laws indicate TWO years (Article VI Section 6.02).

If you have any questions about the bilaws, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any questions about the election this year need to be directed to Rick Sawyer, Barney Ryan, or Danny Ray.

Please note that our bi-laws do state that elections shall be decided on by a "majority vote of all active members in good standing present at said meeting." (Article VI Section 6.06) However, we as a club voted to utilize mail-in ballots this year as a way to include those that simply cannot make a meeting. If this method is successful, we will need to consider amending the bilaws.

Again, please make every effort possible to attend the meeting November 6th.



I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. ~Henry David Thoreau





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Note from the editor to our members – share your stories with us. Let's keep our history as alive as our cars. What made you want to join? Who sponsored you? Contact me with your story.



If you, as a business owning, Gents Auto Club member in good standing, would like to advertise in our newsletter, please get me a business card or graphic as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. ~Tawnia Littell 509-251-2546 or watchingstars1@msn.com



# RPM Act, clarifying the legality of street-to-race conversions, reintroduced in Senate



n October 16, Senators Richard Burr (R-North Carolina) and Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) reintroduced the "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act" before the U.S. Senate. If passed into law, the bill would cement the legality of street-to-strip conversions involving removing cars' EPA-mandated emissions controls. Wait, you say, since when was yanking the catalytic converter in the name of elapsed times illegal? Smoke and screaming horsepower-could there be anything more American? The short answer: Emission-exempt race conversions were never illegal, but the EPA considered the issue for a hot second and freaked a bunch of people out.

Here's the slightly longer version: The Clean Air Act of 1970 left room for emissions-exempt race conversions of street cars. Though Senator Burr argues the leeway was intended all along, enough gray area remained that in 2015 the EPA proposed—in a 629-page bill delineating greenhouse gas emissions and fuel efficiency standards for mediumand heavy-duty trucks—that street cars converted for track use remain emissioncompliant. Catalytic converters and ECUs had to stay, even on dedicated race cars. (Note: In this regulation, the EPA differentiated street cars converted to race cars from cars built for racing from the get-go, like NASCAR, sprint cars, etc. The irony, in the case of stock car racing, is not lost.)

The proposed language applied to amateur and professional garages and the approximately \$2 billion racing retail industry. At the time, Motorsports.com reported that if the proposed 2015 bill solidified into federal law, each engine or piece of equipment in violation could incur a \$37,500 penalty. SEMA was none too pleased, and the motorsports community raised a general hullabaloo. The EPA attempted to defuse the situation, saying it merely wanted to prevent the sale of parts that deactivated a given vehicle's emission system. (Like a grinder? We digress.)



Although the EPA retracted the proposed language in April 2016, the aftermarket industry and surrounding fanbase had been sufficiently alarmed, and momentum had already gathered the legislative chain. Three months before the proposed language was pulled, U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-North Carolina) introduced the RPM Act in the House to assure the permanent legality of emissions-bedamned street-to-strip conversions. Heat began to build and traction resulted. Since its introduction, the RPM Act has been the center of hearings in both the House and Senate and cleared the major hurdle of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

"SEMA looks forward to working with Congress to enact the RPM Act and make permanent the Clean Air Act's original intention that race vehicle conversions are legal," says SEMA president Chris Kersting, who has testified before Congress on behalf of the RPM Act. "We thank Senators Burr and Manchin for reintroducing a bill that will protect businesses that produce, install, and sell the parts that enable racers to compete."

The bill's reintroduction ahead of the 115th session of Congress hopefully signals that all language wrinkles have been ironed out and the bill faces a smooth, well-prepped track to becoming law in 2020.

(article written by Grace Houghton// October 25, 2019)

https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/ articles/2019/10/25/rpm-act-clarifying-legality -street-to-race-conversions?

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## Support the RPM Act

CONTACT LAWMAKER(S)

**Time for action!** The RPM Act was reintroduced in the U.S. Senate for the current session of Congress. The Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2019 (RPM Act) protects Americans' right to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles, along with industry's right to sell the parts that enable racers to compete.

You may be one of the thousands of supporters who contacted your legislators about the RPM Act in a past session. We appreciate your efforts and are in need of your support once again! Tell your U.S. Senators to do their part to save racing from government threat by supporting and passing the RPM Act.

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# AutoNation



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Matt Child has a GTO for sale. If interested, please let Matt know by phone or email. 509-869-4129 or matt\_child@yahoo.com

