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# The Gents Auto Club of Spokane



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Tom Yedinak  
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- Vice President  
Andy Terris
- Secretary  
Tawnia Littell
- Treasurer  
Don Rogers
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- INCCC Rep  
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## 2020 Vision

Oh, come on... You know I **HAD** to use that for the title!

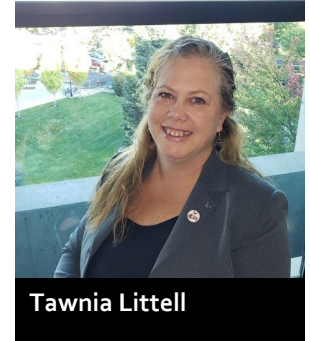
It is my privilege to remain your secretary for this next term. Let's welcome our new Vice President, Andy Terris, and new Sergeant-at-



Andy Terris



Rick and Cathy Neet



Tawnia Littell

share? In this issue, you'll learn a bit about two well known members, Curt Donner and Jim Earls court.

Curt has a long time history with Spokane Teacher's Credit Union and was recently featured on their website.

your club car?

To our new members—what prompted you to become a member?

Let's get to know each other... I will be reaching out.

Have a great year!

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Arms, Rick Neet. Two men with a heart for this club. I look forward to working with them, alongside President Tom Yedinak and Treasurer, Don Rogers, who, incidentally won Most Inspirational Member for 2019.

You will have a chance to hear from each officer in future newsletters. We anxiously await their words of wisdom!

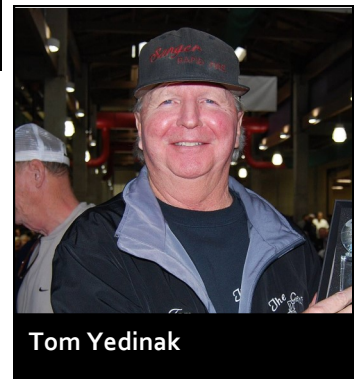
Speaking of "words of wisdom", what stories are you willing to



Don Rogers

And wait 'til you read Jim's story featured on page 4.

To our members from the 60s—what was life and the club like back then? How did you become a Gents member? What was/is



Tom Yedinak

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Steve Williams

**Visitors:** none

**Prospective Members:** Greg Prouty (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Larry Ellsworth (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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

**Reading of Correspondence:** a Thank You letter from Sheri Wohl with Intermountain Search Dogs

**Report from Treasurer:** Treasurer report read and accepted. The 501C status will be reviewed by the board. A suggestion was made to create a separate account for our calendars. No decision was made on this suggestion.

**Report of Committees:**

**INCCC (Dean Carriveau):** see notes that are emailed monthly. The annual Show No Shine is scheduled for February 29.

**Bent Push Rods (Rick Neet):** Cards have been sent out to several members. Some are simply "under the weather" and others are experiencing major medical issues. Keep all in our thoughts and prayers

**Cruise Committee (Ken Fadeley):** They are planning 6 or 7 cruises including Palouse, Harrington, and Tri-Cities

**Sticker/Plaque Committee (Dean Carriveau):** see Dean for your sticker and plaque needs

**Old Business:**

Bill Keehner is now working with Dean and Bruce for our amateur photography needs. If you want a picture of your car on our website or in the newsletter, see Bill, Bruce, or Dean.

Gents Christmas dinner scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>. Club voted to cover the costs for members. Charitable donations to be collected and delivered on the 9<sup>th</sup>. This includes donations for Toys for Tots, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, Spokane Humane Society, Meals on Wheels, Union Gospel Mission, Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, and Search and Rescue. Thanks to Andy Terry, Gary Kivett, and Steve Williams for getting the give-aways.

**New Business:**

Most Inspirational Member: Don Rogers

Most Improved Car: 1964 Chevelle belonging to Jim Earls court

Election Results:

President Tom Yedinak

Vice President Andy Terris

Secretary Tawnia Littell

Treasurer Don Rogers

Sgt at Arms Rick Neet

Thank you to our election committee for their hard work.

**VOTE FOR NEW**

**MEMBERS: Congratulations to Larry Ellsworth – our newest Gents member**

**Announcements:** Does anyone have room for Jan Copher to store her Corvette for the winter?

**Next Meetings:** January 8, 6pm, at the Aerie

**Meeting Adjourned:**



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## NOTABLE DATES

- **January 8— regular monthly meeting**
- **December Birthdays— Kit DeAndre, Tawnia Littell, Randy Jones**
- **January Birthdays—Dean Carriveau, Ken Fadeley**
- **See Don Rogers to pay your dues**



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.

# pay your dues

## Principal Guitarist—STCU Featured Member

Curt Donner, retired educator, STCU member since 1978.



The career teacher and coach—who's been known to sing a song or two—can trace his family's membership back to STCU's founding in 1934.

Over his 28 years working in Spokane schools, Curt Donner pretty much did it all. "Oh, I taught P.E., math, computer skills; coached football, boys' and girls' basketball, track, cross

country, wrestling," he says. "I came from a family of educators, and had a great career."

Curt's father, Bill Donner, worked his way from student to teacher, vice-principal, and finally principal at Lewis and Clark High School, where he handed Curt his diploma in 1970. Bill also knew STCU's first president, Ernie McElvain.

"My dad was an STCU member from the beginning. He remembered the first shoebox deposit system," Curt says with a chuckle. "I'm humbled by our family's long history with STCU."

An amateur guitarist and singer, over the years Curt's been a regular performer at Spokane's annual Street Music Week, which benefits Second Harvest Food Bank. "It's always fun, and it's

for a good cause. What's the saying? 'It's not about virtuosity, but generosity,'" says Curt.

The owner of a rare, three-digit STCU member number, Curt's proud to carry on the family legacy at STCU, and is a walking testament to the credit union's deep ties to the community and local educators. "They've always been there for me, and I'm proud to be a long-time member," he says.

(editor's note: Story by STCU. It can be found online here: <https://stcu.org/member-moments> )

# The Life of Jim's 1964 Chevelle Malibu SS

General Motors in Van Nuys, CA, November 1963 – the birthplace of this beautiful Chevrolet Chevelle. The original owner purchased the car from Buchanan Chevrolet right here in Spokane, WA. One sad night, thieves ran rampant and stole the car. They managed to strip out the engine and transmission before law enforcement was able to recover and return it to its distraught owner. In 1971, Jim Earls court purchased her for a paltry \$135.

From there, Jim built a hi-performance engine, Muncie M-22 four-speed transmission, GM twelve-bolt rear end. Would you believe he acquired a variety of tickets?

In 1988, Jim gave the car to his son who then painted the car with "Corvette Hugger Orange". He removed unnecessary weight, installed a "big block" racing engine, and entered the drag racing arena. After blowing the

engine, he decided to store the car in a farmer's barn while he traveled the country with NHRA drag racing teams as a mechanic.

Shortly after returning home to Spokane, tragedy struck. Jim's son died in a car accident. The

and exhaust system, interior... He has also removed & repainted the dash and related parts black to improve color contrast. Other work performed on this car includes the door trim; customizing the trunk; removing dings and dents; touching up rock chips; color sanding and buffing; replacing side moldings, replacing the windshield; and finally installing the correct four-speed console.

She is indeed a work of art. Jim has invested the cliché "blood, sweat, and tears", proudly earning the Most Improved Vehicle award this past year.



Chevelle remained in storage for 15 years.

Fast forward now to 2015. It was time to bring the car back to life. Jim brought her out of storage and proceeded to get down to business. He chose to preserve the paint and character of the car without doing a frame off restoration. Being an outdoor type person, Jim did the complete task outdoors, in fair weather conditions, over the course of the next four years. He never used a garage except for winter storage.

The restoration has included new wiring, body parts, drive train



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### Our History

The F.O.E. was founded in February, 1898 by six theatre



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of Good Things." As numbers grew, members selected the Bald Eagle as the official emblem and changed the name to "The Fraternal Order of Eagles." The women's auxiliary traces its roots to 1927. The Fraternal Order of Eagles includes nearly 800,000 members and more than 1,500 locations across the United States and Canada. Stop by one of our locations and see why we're known as People Helping People.

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It's that time of year:

**DUES ARE DUE**  
**PAY YOUR DUES**



## New Year Black Eyed Peas



Prep  
20 m

Cook  
3 h

Ready In  
11 h 20 m

Recipe By: MAYAESR

"A delicious New Year's Eve recipe to bring you luck in the new year! I still use the ham bone and some of the surrounding meat from the traditional ham that I make each year, but the ham hocks also add a nice, smokey, and their own."

### Ingredients

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 pound dry black-eyed peas        | 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil            | 5 pepperoncini peppers            |
| 1 large yellow onion, diced        | 1 bay leaf                        |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced            | 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder        |
| 2 (32 ounce) cartons chicken broth | 1/4 teaspoon ground thyme         |
| 8 cups water                       | salt and pepper to taste          |
| 1 pound smoked ham hocks           |                                   |

### Directions

- Place the black-eyed peas into a large container and cover with several inches of cool water; let stand 8 hours to overnight. Drain and rinse before using.
- In a large stock pot over medium heat, cook and stir onion and garlic in olive oil until onion becomes translucent, about 5 minutes. Pour in the chicken broth and 8 cups water, bring to a boil, and reduce heat to a simmer. Stir in soaked black-eyed peas, ham hocks, tomatoes, pepperoncini, bay leaf, garlic powder, thyme, and salt and pepper. Cover and simmer until peas are tender, ham meat is falling off the bones, and the broth is thickened, about 3 hours.

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if one has not dined well.  
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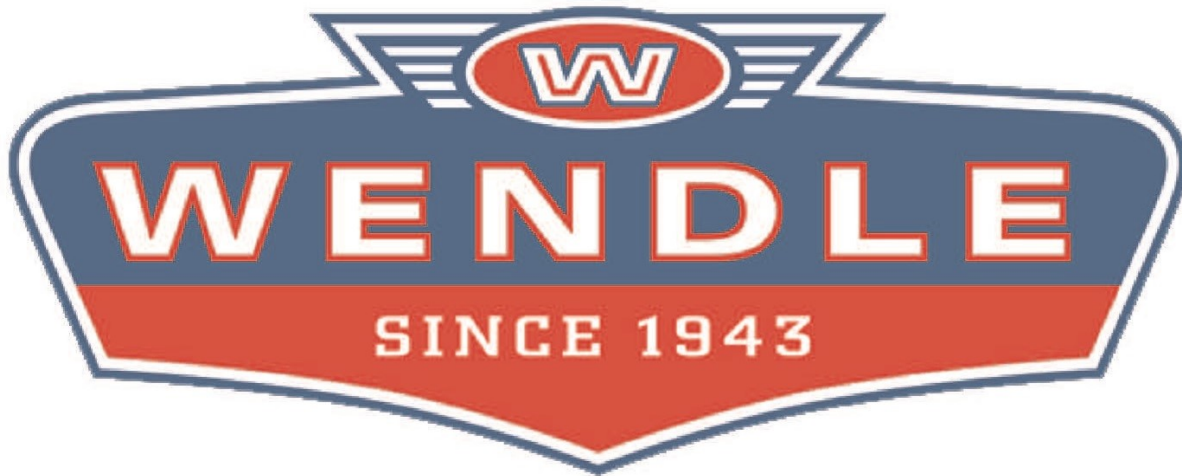
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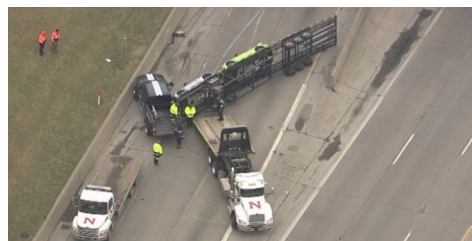
## Truck Carrying Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Cars Flips on Freeway

A car carrier rolled over onto its side on I-75 near Detroit today with two 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 cars on the trailer, according to a report by Fox 2 Detroit.

The news site said all northbound lanes were closed while the vehicles and the car carrier were rescued, and no injuries were reported.

The cars appear damaged but not destroyed based on this far-away photo Fox 2 took from a helicopter.

Detroit news station Fox 2 reported this afternoon that a truck pulling a car trailer flipped



onto its side on I-75 in downtown Detroit today. This is of interest because the cars on the trailer were a pair of new 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 cars—in Iconic Silver and Grabber Lime—presumably on their way to their lucky new owners. The semi also made contact with a heavy-duty Ford pickup in the accident, the video shows.

The truck sat on its side, and

northbound traffic was stopped in all lanes for several hours, while arrangements were made to rescue the GT500s and take them away on flatbed trucks.

We're betting this is not the last hairy escape either of these cars will have on a roadway in their lives.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/news/truck-carrying-ford-mustang-shelby-gt500-cars-flips-on-freeway/ar-BBY61rp>

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