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The Gents Auto Club of Spokane



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A Few Words from the Treasurer

If you haven't noticed recently, we "The Gents" seem to be going through some changes. It seems we are not what we thought we were when it comes to our status. The paperwork to start this club was never completed or filed. So now, we are playing catch up to bring everything up to speed. We are finding that the deeper we get into this, the more there is to it. We have hired a CPA

and a few of our own members that have experience in these matters, to get things up and running. Of course, our own members are volunteers.

In an effort to get legal this year, we will be required to file taxes from this point forward.

One more note. Dues are due. Sixty-five percent of the members have paid. We need the



Don Rogers

other 35% to pay up. Paying dues is critical for the financing of our summer activities. Thank you.

Until next time.

~Don

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March Agenda Topics

Topics for discussion at the March meeting include, but are not limited to the following:

- Voting—the timeline should be presented to the club at the meeting.
- Tax Status—update

to be provided.

- Gent's Insurance—more information to be provided and discussed.
- 2020 Activities—see calendar on page 4. New activities to be discussed.

- Membership—voting in new members
- Don't forget to pay your dues.
- If you have any other topics for discussion, please shoot an email or make a phone call.

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Prospective Members:

Tony Whitcomb with a 1983 S10 with a Corvette motor (1st)

Reading of Minutes: waived

Reading of Correspondence: none

Report from Treasurer: There are still outstanding dues. Ending balance \$9941.54

Report of Committees:

INCCC (Dean C.): Show No Shine on February 29th. We will have 20 Gents members in attendance. The all club picnic will be held Sept 9th at Sontag Park . The deadline for app. for scholarships is Apr 1st.

Gents Care Committee (Rick Neet): (formerly the Bent Push Rods) Rick asked for names of all vets in the club so that we can send cards out for Veterans Day.

Cruise Committee (Ken Fadeley): Ken F. was not present so no dates or destinations have been given. Per Danny Ray, dates to be announced at the March meeting.

Sticker/Plaque Committee (Dean C): The first sticker is free. All other stickers are \$3.

Most Improved Car and Most Inspirational Member: Rick Neet is working on the new process for nominating and voting on most improved member and most inspirational car.

Old Business:

The list of upcoming club events has not changed except the Penny Drive has been added. Dean has secured the parking lot across from the school. Also, Deans video from the Spokane Speed and Custom show will be used by them this year.

The contracts for the 2021 calendar are nearly complete. Sign-up sheets for the 2021 calendar shoots will be at the March meeting. Steve Williams suggested the sponsors get a list of cars to choose from for their photo.

New Business:

Dan Carney reported on the progress for becoming a C-corp. and all that is involved. He has spent much time and effort on this and the club thanked him. A follow up meeting between the CPA and the committee is scheduled and the 2019 taxes will be filed. Our insurance is being examined and will be changed to reflect the need for additional coverage.

The voting for officers plan was read to the club . A motion was made and seconded to establish a cut off for eligible members to vote.

Dave Noble talked about SpokAnimal car show. They would like the Gents to be a part of it and Dave will head a committee to put that together. A date should be set before the March meeting.

VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made and seconded to allow Deke to be a full member in good standing. It passed and Deke is now a full member.

Announcements:

Next Meetings: March 4th, 6pm, at the Eagles

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Rick Sawyer, Temporary, one time, fill-in substitute Secretary (~thank you, Rick!)



Early Bronco Designs Show How Ford Got It Right The First Time

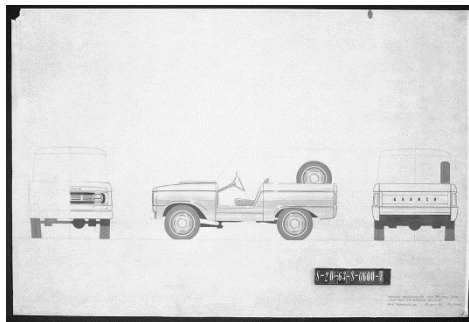
Ford recently unearthed some early design drawings and a photo of a full-scale clay model of the first-generation Bronco that highlights the work of McKinley Thompson Jr., the first African-American designer to work at Ford Motor Company.



As is the case with vehicle designs that saw varied input by a team, credit often goes to the product manager or engineer. For the early Ford Bronco, that means Frey and Paul Axelrad. However, the iconic shape of the original Ford Bronco was the culmination of work by a number of designers. We can see just how much of the design was already set when McKinley Thompson Jr. put pencil to paper in 1963, more than two years before the Bronco would go on sale as a 1966 model.

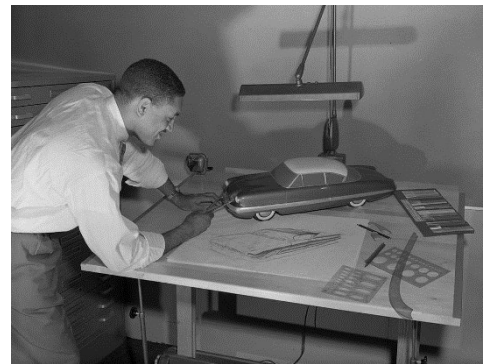
Thompson was a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, where he learned engineering drafting. A 1956 graduate of the esteemed Art

Center College of Design in Pasadena, California, he had worked on many high-profile projects at Ford, including the Mustang and GT40, before he put his creative talents to the compact, nimble off-roader.



In a drawing dated July 23rd, 1963, Thompson drew "Package Proposal #5 for Bronco," a roadster with door inserts that opened up the passenger compartment for easy ingress and egress and improved sightlines for better visibility and tire placement off-road. The wheel openings, smaller in the back, with a horizontal character line that trails toward the rear, are almost identical to those that would reach production. Even the shape of the quarter panel end caps and the tailgate are spot-on, except that Ford badging replaced the proposed "BRONCO" lettering in the drawing. The only real discrepancies are the leading edge of the fenders and the grille, which in the drawing has more in common with the production 1963 F-100 pickup.

By November of 1963, as we can see in the clay model, the design had morphed slightly into the Bronco we all know and love. The fenders became a little blunter and more assertive, but the grille still wasn't quite as it appeared on the production version. It's not bad, but we think they landed on the right choice eventually.



Thompson retired from Ford in 1986 after 30 years of service. He passed away in 2006. We don't have too much time to wait until we see how much of his original vision for the Bronco lives on in the 2021 model, but thousands of die-hard Bronco fans are still appreciating his amazing sense of style. Let's hope Ford nails it just as well this time around.

<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2020/02/27/early-bronco-designs-show-ford-right-the-first-time>

NOTABLE DATES

- **March 4— regular monthly meeting**
- February Birthdays—Mary Bachko, Rick Neet, Les Seidel
- March Birthdays—Matt VanWinkle
- **See Don Rogers to pay your dues**
- February 29—INCCC Banquet
- April 1—regular monthly meeting and free spaghetti feed at the Eagles
- April 17-19—Spokane Speed & Custom Show
- April 25—Joya Penny Drive
- May 9—AutoNation Car Show
- June 21—Wendle Ford Show
- July 25—Honor Flight Car Show
- August 7-9—Good Guys
- August 18—Hot Rods & Hounds
- September 18—Gents Day at the Fair
- September 22—St. Luke's Benefit Car Show



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

A Few Words from the Editor

OK, so the past couple weeks, I was battling a nasty cold. I'll spare you the details. Suffice it to say that I was unable to get much done when it comes to the newsletter. Or much else, for that matter.



What that means is—I was unable edit the stories for Dale McHargue and Craig Copher. My apologies. Their stories are worth printing so you'll just have to wait another month. In the meantime, please enjoy an

article about the early Ford Bronco on page 3.

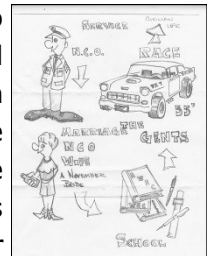
Another member that will have a story published soon is Kit DeAndre. Our own PGA Golf Professional!

I came across a biography on Kit on the Zizzo Racing website. Look for Kit's story in the May edition of our newsletter. (this is a not-so-subtle hint to Kit)

In the next issue, you'll get to hear from our new Vice President, Andy Terris.

If you don't yet know Andy, you'll be in for a pleasant surprise. He's quite the comedian and artist. He originally joined the Gents back in 1964. Three years before marrying his beautiful wife, Bonnie.

According to Bonnie, this pencil art was drawn in 1967. They were engaged at the time and he was often sending her little things like this.



As you can see, our club is filled with unique stories. Thanks to Dale and Craig for volunteering their stories. Kit—let's talk... Who'll be next?

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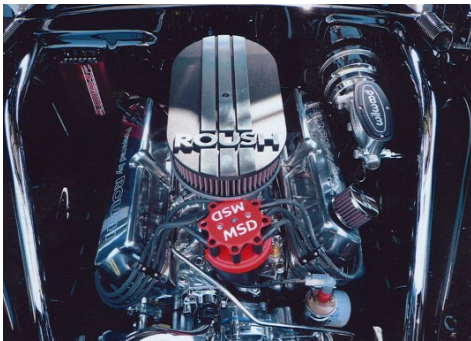
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Editor's note: these are not necessarily club vehicles. These were taken from SMF's website to show examples of his work.



Spokane Speed And Custom Show

April 17-18-19, 2020



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- 1 cups mayo
- 1 bunch cilantro roughly stemmed
- 2 Tablespoons chipotle puree
- Salt to taste



- 1) Combine corn, onions, butter and oil and roast in a 400 degree oven until onions are translucent and tender. Remove from oven and cool in refrigerator.
- 2) Cook fusilli as directed and cool under running water.
- 3) Combine cilantro, chipotle and may on food processor and puree.
- 4) Mix fusilli, corn/onion mix and puree ingredients. Add salt to taste.

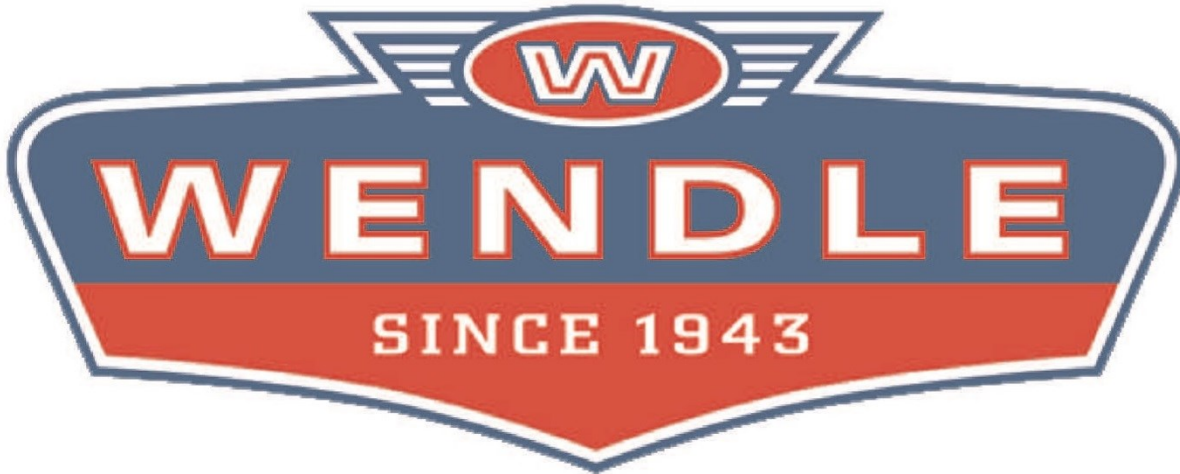
Notes: -Chipotle puree is canned chipotle peppers usually found in the Mexican section of most grocery stores. Before using place the contents of the can in a food processor and puree well.

**Bless the Food before us, the Family
beside us, and the Love between us.**

UPDATE: Washington State Bill to Restrict Eligibility for Hobby Vehicle Registration Passes Senate; Moves to House

Overview: SAN-opposed legislation (S.B. 6156) has been introduced in Washington to significantly restrict eligibility of collector vehicles and horseless carriages. Currently, a collector vehicle must be at least 30 years old, while a horseless carriage must be at least 40 years old. If passed, collector vehicles would be required to be at least 40 years old, while horseless carriages would be defined as being manufactured prior to 1916. The bill would also restrict the issuance of year of manufacture (YOM) plates and considerably increase registration fees. While the SAN does not support this legislation, pro-hobby language from a 2018 bill allowing for personalized plates was included in the most recent amendments. The bill passed the Senate and is scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Transportation on February 29th. (EDITOR'S NOTE: [CLICK HERE](#) TO GO TO SEMASAN WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO)

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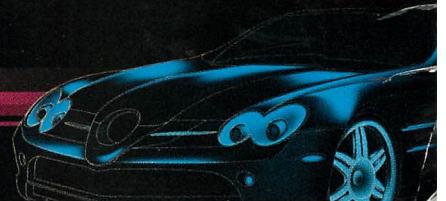
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