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Introducing Our Sgt At Arms

I was born in Ephrata, Washington a LONG time ago 1946 to be more exact. I was raised primarily in the area now called the City of Spokane Valley, The Valley. I attended Pratt School through the fourth grade then moved over to Dishman school until it was time for High School. I was at West Valley High School from 1961 through 1964. During those high school years my two greatest hobbies were discovered, Drumming and Cars.

I was a part of an infamous group of delinquents that eventually started the Gents Car Club. Actually, the meetings were in the basement of my home and later moved to a construction office, at 8th and Park Road, loaned to us by my Uncle. My neighbor

Mike O'Brien and I drove to school in either my 1955 Oldsmobile or his 1939 Ford Coupe. My drumming buddy, Dennis McIntyre, also an original Gents Member, was a bit of a 'gear head' and we often terrorized the Valley in his Dodge. I am always amazed that the gathering of ne'er do wells from West Valley could have gotten together to start a club that has stayed in place as long as the Gents. What is even more amazing is that several of the original guys are members. Three or four of the originals are no longer with us, but they often come up in discussions about the 'old days'. Dennis and I were both original members of a drum corps known as the Percussion-Nauts. That group went on to become well known not only



Ben Curtis

Nationwide but Worldwide as well. My love of drums and drumming served me well as I was honored to become a member of the United States Air Force Band stationed in Washington DC. I joined that group in 1966 and was discharged in mid-1969. The adventures experienced in that venture could fill a book and was unforgettable to say the least. Immediately upon discharge from the USAF I moved to Southern California

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DUES ARE DUE

Minutes from January 2022

Call to Order: President Steve Williams called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Following the Pledge, the president formally introduced the new officers: Don Rogers, Cindy McHargue, Rusty Inman, and Ben Curtis.

Introduction of Visitors: Jacquie Witham, INCCC, joined the Gents meeting to extend an invitation to attend the upcoming "Show-no-Shine" event at the downtown Hilton on February 26. The theme for this year's costume contest will be "On the Road Again". They will have some interesting raffle gifts, including themed baskets, a huge TV, a live band - and there will also be a Silent Auction. The cost is \$45, and the evening starts at 5:30, with a plated dinner served at 6:00.



Prospective Members: Jerry Oswald introduced Victoria (Tori) McCracken. She is the proud owner of a 2010 Chevy Camaro, that has been at several car shows. Tori "loves the attitudes of all the Gents she has met" and is looking forward to helping with events.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of November 3, 2021, were accepted by the members.

Reading of Correspondence:

Report from the Treasurer: Don Rogers presented the December Treasurer's report. The report was accepted by the members.

Committee Reports: Dean Carriveau reminded the Gents about the INCC Scholarships. The awards are in the amount of \$1500. Dean has applications on hand.

Old Business:

Steve asked for volunteers to present the donation check to Second Harvest. Dean Carriveau, Tawnia Littel, and Barnette Bindewalde are happy to help.

Brainstorming: How to Pick the Most Improved Car for 2022: Steve asked the members to think about the process for this award. Should the name be changed? Should a name be entered at the beginning of the year? Members are encouraged to email their suggestions to the board.

Christmas Party 2021: It was the consensus of the members that the Eagles did a really great job, and that all attending had a good time.

New Business:

Set up committees for the year: Steve explained that things are going to be changing this year in an effort to let the members take more control of the club's direction. Every event will be produced with committees. People are needed to volunteer for three shows and the signup sheets for Auto Nation, Wendle Ford, and Thrifty Auto are at the front desk; people can sign up after the meeting. There will need to be a chairman selected for each committee. Honor Flight has different needs but will still require volunteers. The president wants to have this done by the February meeting. Your board will still be involved in the events.

Calendar Committee: Steve, Deke, and Andy need 6-8 Volunteers for this committee. Sponsors let us know how many cars they want; and we will try to limit the tendency of sponsor's using their cars in the Gents photo shoots. Deke requested that the board solicit additional sponsors; the Board and Andy will handle that piece.

Steve reminded everyone that the 2022 dues must be submitted to the treasurer by March; and that if a member hasn't paid by June, they will be placed on the inactive list which will initiate the process of the member having to be voted back into the club. A member of the audience asked if the club has ever considered accepting credit cards for payment of the dues.

Steve announced that the club is starting a new process this month. A check-in sheet will be present for members to sign-in at every meeting. While this hasn't been done in the past, it will help the board as they begin to put a lot of things back in the hands of the members. The members will be directly involved in determining the direction of the Gents Auto Club.

Jim Earls court and Forrest Anderson sponsored Jim Larson (1956 Ford F-100 pickup) to become a new member of the Gents. He has attended three meetings, and the voting process for his inclusion will occur this evening.

Tawnia thanked the Eagle's members who volunteered to help during the evening. The Gents offered a round of applause for Shari DeGuire and Bill Swank.

Announcements for the Good of the Order:

Marc Fleming suggested that, after the pandemic passes, the club should begin strategizing a response to the potential threat that it could become punitive for car enthusiasts to drive older cars. Dean explained that our SEMA representative is in direct contact with the Legislature regarding the RPM Act that has been reintroduced in our State Legislation.

Vote for New Members: The vote for Jim Larson to join the Gents Auto Club was nearly unanimous.

50/50 Drawing: Jim Larson was invited to draw the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing. Dave Sanders won and donated the funds to the local food bank.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

allrecipes!

Dong Po (Chinese Pork Belly)

★★★★★

Named after an ancient Chinese statesman, poet and gourmand of the Song Dynasty, the pork belly is cooked three different ways, rendering the meat succulent, tender and very flavorful. (If you can't find pork belly, ask the butcher; it is what bacon is before it is cured and sliced.)

By Good EatNZ

Prep: 15 mins
Cook: 2 hrs
Total: 2 hrs 15 mins
Servings: 6
Yield: 6 servings



Ingredients

- 1 pound raw pork belly
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup light soy sauce
- ¼ cup dark soy sauce
- ½ cup Chinese rice cooking wine
- 3½ ounces Chinese rock sugar
- 1 (1 inch) piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 8 spring onions, sliced

Directions

Step 1

Slice the pork belly into 2-inch wide strips. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and stir in the pork slices; reduce heat to a simmer, and cook the meat for 10 minutes. Remove from the water, and blot dry with paper towels.

Step 2

Heat the vegetable oil over medium-high heat in a large wok, and brown the pork strips well on all sides. Pork will splatter - use a splatter shield for this step.

Step 3

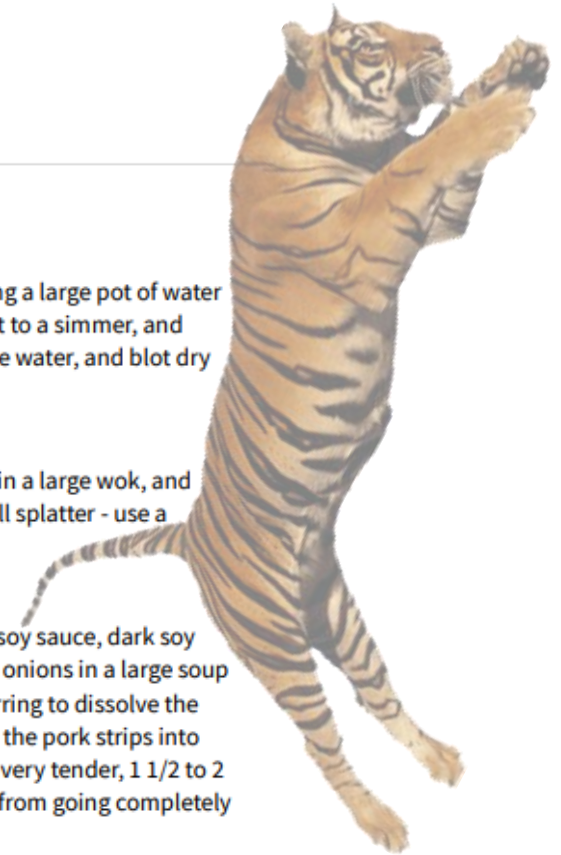
While pork is browning, mix together the light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, rice wine, rock sugar, ginger, and spring onions in a large soup pot or stockpot. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer, and lay the pork strips into the liquid. Cover, and simmer until the meat is very tender, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Add water as needed to keep the liquid from going completely dry.

Cook's Notes:

Chinese rock sugar is available at specialty and Asian grocery stores. If you can't find it, substitute brown sugar.

Tips

A dash of five-spice powder is delicious, but not traditional. I like to quickly stir-fry some vermicelli with some of the remaining liquid and serve the pork on top.



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NOTABLE DATES



• February 2—regular monthly meeting

- April 8-10—Spokane Speed & Custom Show
- May 14—AutoNation car show
- June 11—JOYA Penny Drive
- June 19—Wendle Ford car show
- July 30—Eagles’ show benefitting Honor Flight
- August 20—car show benefitting Team St. Luke’s
- September 9—Gents’ Day at the Fair



If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, [contact Dean Carriveau](#). Meetings are held at Darcy’s on the last Tuesday of each month.

PER INCCC: ***NOTICE***
COVID*19

Due to the virus, the 2021 car event season will remain a very fluid situation for an unknown time. We strongly advise you, before going to an event, contact the event organizer for their latest updates. In our calendar of event line listings, event contact information is included.



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SPOKANE AERIE NO. 2, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES was incorporated on Jan 15 1906 as a NONPROFIT Regular corporation.

In 1923, they were located at 174 S Howard St in downtown Spokane where they remained until 1960 when they relocated to a building on east Francis Ave.

"...[T]his two storey brick building was designed by an unknown architect. With terra cotta adornment and heavy brackets under the overhanging cornice, above which is more decorative terra cotta, the building was almost certainly architect designed." (information from Waymarking.com)

Further description of the building from the same website: "The ground floor of this two-story red brick building has been altered with the addition of glass blocks and other infill, but the half round marquee over the central entrance remains. The upper floor retains excellent integrity.

It has five window bays in a 1-2-3-2-1 arrangement The windows are double hung eight over eight wood sash with terra cotta sills, semicircular arch spandrels filled in with circles, and other terra cotta adornment. The circles in the spandrels above the three windows of the central bay exhibit the initials of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles: FOE. A terra cotta belt course articulates the ceiling level. Above, decorative brick work in geometric patterns adorns the space below a bracketed crenellated projecting cornice."

The letters "FOE" can still be seen in the center circles above the door.

Aerie 2 is now located just behind their former Francis location at 6410 N Lidgerwood Ave.

Taken from their current social media site: "For more than a century, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has had a major positive influence on our region, nation, world... And most importantly on our

communities.

It was the Eagles who pushed for the founding of Mother's Day, who provided the impetus for Social Security and, who pushed to end job discrimination based on age. The Eagles have provided support for medical centers across the country to build and provide research for medical conditions — we raise millions of dollars every year to combat heart disease and cancer, help handicapped kids, uplift the aged and make life a little brighter for everyone.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles uphold and nourish the values of home, family and community that are so necessary and it seems so often get ignored and trampled in today's society. The Eagles are hometown builders. We support our police, firefighters, and others who protect and serve. We fund medical research in areas such as spinal cord injuries, kidney disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's. We help raise money for our communities...we are the Eagles and we are 'People Helping People.'"

Our Sgt At Arms, cont:

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where our family Sand & Gravel Company had opened a quarry. Except for a few months in Spokane in 1970 I stayed in So Cal until September of 2020.

While in So Cal I was heavily involved with The Road Kings of Burbank. That club was formed in 1952 and has some members that are synonymous with hot rod cars and Drag Racing. I was an active member of the Road Kings for almost 18 years, spending three years as Club President. I remain an "Associate Member". During those years I became friends with many of the original members of the club and spent time around lots of them. Some of those are TV Tommy Ivo, Bob Muravez (aka Floyd Lippencot Jr.), Don "The Snake"

Prudhomme, "Fast" Eddie Salvatore, Spider Razon, and Joel Embick among others.

My son Jason and I raced in offshore powerboat racing for several years. We campaigned a 35' MOTION catamaran. The boat had two Big Block Chevy

engines and we ran just under 120 in the rough Pacific Seas. We culminated our boat racing with finishing as 1993 National Champion in the "Modified" class of the APBA. Following that my wife and I along with Jason operated an AMA Motorcycle Road Racing team. We employed up to three riders in several classes and raced all over the nation. Thanks to sponsorship from Yamaha, Honda and Suzuki we had a modicum of success and had 8 GREAT years travelling and racing.

Finally, after over 51 years in Southern California I was able to retire 'back home'. When I returned to Spokane I attended a Gents meeting with one of the original members and my long-time friend Dale Gibson. Dale and I became friends when we started High school. I am a lucky guy to have so many long-time friends like Dale, Mike O'Brien, Lon Hansen, Scotty Mesmer and Rusty Inman (you guys call him Paul). Whenever we get together it is a HUGE contest to see who can tell the best Lie story.

Rusty and Steve approached me about joining the board of the club and I am honored to be able to do that. I hope to be an active member of the club and I look forward to helping wherever possible. I have a 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan that was mostly built in Dick Megugorac's (Magoo's) shop in Canoga Park, CA. Most of the body work and final assembly was done by a great car guy, Roy Hamblin. Roy worked for me as a mechanic for 8 years and is now a major team member in Salt Lake City working for Dave Kendig. The car was finished in 1993 and I have some alterations scheduled for this winter so that the car will be on the road in the spring. Meanwhile a 1957 GMC pickup is in the works as well.

Ben Curtis



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Note from the editor:

Yes, the article about the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2 is a reprint but only because the Gents Sponsor for February 2022 is the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2. :)

I am still looking for article ideas from the membership. Who out there has information to share? I know you do.

Don't feel like you have to have a perfectly edited article—anything will do. Just write us something. Introduce yourself as our new Secretary and Sgt at Arms have done.

Did you learn something new while in quarantine?

Write about it.

Are you interested in buying that classic car you saw advertised? Write about it. Should you buy it? Ask us and we'll let you know.

Do you have a recipe to share? I know some of you out there bake and cook. You don't have to let us in on your secret ingredient but please share your recipes.

And, because I know you all have read this far, submitting articles for the newsletter isn't the only way to contribute to the club. Committee members are needed. Two of the committees in the works are the Calendar Committee and the Car Show committee.

You know you want to

volunteer. Let's make this OUR club.

Please come to the next meeting (Wednesday February 2 2022) and show your support.

Oh, and because I will assume some of you may not have seen this yet—**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES.**

Club Treasurer Don Rogers will gladly take your money at the meeting. Don't let your membership lapse. If you do, you'll stop receiving the newsletter. You know that's the second best part of this club, second only to showing your car! haha

~Tawnia

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