



NEWS

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President's Message



Hello again!
 Already another month has come and gone!

I'd like to thank everyone

who attended the January meeting. I am getting some great vibes regarding the way 2023 has begun, and especially for the upcoming car show season.

We have added a lot of new members in the last couple of years, and some of you are probably wondering who the heck I am. I have been a member for a little over ten years. For the last couple of seasons, I have been unable to bring any of my cars to our shows, due to the necessity of having to haul some of the equipment needed to put on our incredible car shows. Here's the Reader's Digest version of my story. I have had a love for cars

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Impala Barged to Ketchikan

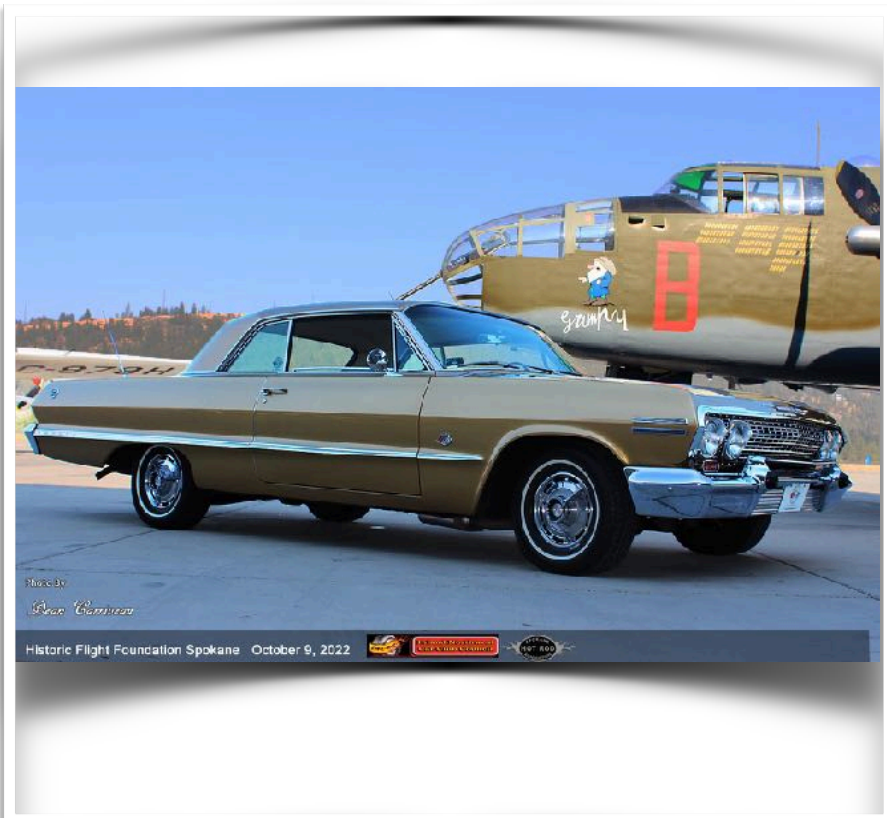
I purchased my '63 Impala SS 409/425hp back in July 2011, in Union Gap, WA. The Beach Boys song must have been the only thing on my mind at the time, that and the gold color stood out--different than other cars. It also was listed as numbers matching car, so I was hooked right there. The owner told me his dad purchased it at an auction in Spokane although I haven't been able to verify that statement. The Washington DMV isn't much help going back prior to 1996.

I drove the car to Seattle and had it barged to Ketchikan, AK. The island community was where the Ketchikan Kruzers Club would cruise the 10 miles of road north then the 10 miles south, then repeat. I found out fast how much the car likes to stop at gas stations because of its drinking problem. Cruises only took place when the weather cooperated in the summer. Ketchikan gets 12ft of rain a year, so we were somewhat limited on decent days to drive. Surprisingly there is a good amount of collector and muscle cars in that small town of about 8,000 people. There was an old airstrip located on another nearby island. The car club would ferry cars over for a weekend of drag racing much to the enjoyment of the local residents. After a great time of camping out and racing, we loaded up and took the ferry back home. Lots of good times there!

Linda and I decided it was time to dry ourselves out

from the rain when we retired. We packed up the cars and our lives and moved to Spokane in 2017. We were surprised at the number of cars, clubs, and shows here and started attending as many as we could. More great times!

While researching online forums on repairs, I came across a man named Verne Frantz who turned out to be a noted expert on 'W' 409 engines and 50th Anniversary Gold Poly '63 Impalas. History documented there were 4,413 SS coupes built and they could only be ordered by dealers for a sales promotional item. Verne's story about the 50 millionth Anniversary Gold Impala was printed in the the March 2017 G & D magazine. There is also a picture of the Gold Impala being driven by NY Governor Rockefeller at the Tarrytown, NY plant with a 340hp 409 with an automatic transmission. That car was reported to be owned by Rick Schmidt owner of National Parts Depot in Florida.



There are 72 identified 1963 Impalas with the 927 color code. My car is in the registry as one of twenty-seven known 'SS' Gold Impalas. Unfortunately, Verne passed in February 2021. His work was on hold until Scott Haring was able to begin to move forward where Verne's files had left off.

Can't wait for summer weather to get out there to go cruisin!!

~ Gordon Patterson

"With another winter mostly behind us, we can start to think about the classic car driving season beginning to blossom across the country."

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~Persident's Message, Continued~

for most of my life and my first vehicle was a 1953 Ford F100. My father was the one that started it all, together he and I built a '37 Dodge Coupe, and a '23 T-Bucket (the car I joined the Gents with). I acquired a '56 2-door Ranch Wagon to add to the family collection. I still have all of them, and like many of you, I have been working on a project this winter. The last car my father purchased, about 15 years ago, was a '63 Studebaker Grand Turismo Hawk. It has sat under a tarp all these years. When he passed, my sons and I ended up with the car. We have been working on it for the last couple of years, and hopefully this summer will be the one when it will be debuted. I am rebuilding the carb at this time, and I've never done that before, so wish me luck. I could go on forever as you all know.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting. I hope all of your projects are going well!

~ Steve Williams

MOTIVATION

The first mistake I made today should not have been a mistake. I knew better.

I was burdened with the task of hanging a stained glass decoration and I needed a hook. Not a large hook mind you, rather one just big enough to carry three small owls on a branch - roughly a quarter pound. My small hooks are in a plastic organizer, labeled "**SMALL HOOKS**" on a chest high shelf just past the El Camino where I have the other labeled containers. Easy enough. So I looked over there to ensure that said boxes were in their places. They were.

As I headed to grab the hook I spotted a treasure. A framed family picture taken a few years back at The Arboretum on a cold fall morning. The picture has since been replaced and the old one sits here, the front picture in a line of about twenty others that have been relegated but not forgotten. The pictures are well organized, well protected, and ready to be hung in the garage when I get a chance. It was in that moment the salience of the words "**PICTURE HANGING STUFF**" was realized and I reached over to grab the container.

I looked around the shop to see where to hang the picture. I found the perfect spot just above the red 1970's Craftsman tool box, adjacent to a picture of my passed uncle's jet boat and below a colorful kite which I've flown for more than 20 years. Luckily the hammer was in the hammer drawer where it should be; about knee height in the medium sized drawer.

Our recent cross country move had major organizational impacts on my shop - for the better. It took only a moment to grab a nail. And within another moment the picture was up.

After admiring my decorating abilities I went after a microfiber to dust the picture frames and found one in the Amazon box not far from the hooks, exactly where it should be: in the southeast corner of the garage below the shelf with the plastic containers. Immediately beneath the clean rag box sits a noticeably larger black plastic moving box with a yellow top. Unlabeled. Hmm. I set aside the rags for a moment and pried open the locking lid. "Son of a %\$(!" I exclaimed as I found the flywheel shroud to the TH350 that rests in the El Camino that rests about seven feet behind me. The screws were even taped to the inside of the perfectly clean shroud. Is it a shroud or a shield? I don't recall. Nor do I really care.

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2023 Scholarship Applications Available Now!

INCCC Scholarship applications are now available. Applications will be accepted from January 1st through April 1, 2023.

Students must be a senior or a graduate of an accredited high school. Scholarship recipients also must be attending /enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school approved by the Scholarship Board.

If you would like an application contact Steve Williams or Dean Carriveau. You can also call Susan Freund at 509-226-9911 - or Codv Dodd at 509-483-3633.

"I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by."

Douglas

Adams

2023 Gents Officers

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Next Meeting:

April 5, 2023

**Eagles Aerie 2,
6410 N Lidgerwood**



Join the Fun at the JOYA Penny Drive! May 20, 2023.

Motivation, continued

What I do care about is that I had left the nut drivers on the core support while I was fabricating a new radiator mount the month prior. I grabbed the $\frac{3}{8}$ " and slid under the car to install the shroud/shield. I came back out to grab the $\frac{1}{2}$ ". It didn't take too long to get the small piece of black plastic installed. This made me happy, because I thought I lost that shield five years prior during my last attempt to clean my garage. Too bad I lost the list of things that I needed to complete otherwise I would have checked it off. I very proudly



The rest of the box was full of small uncompleted projects. A rearview mirror with glue. Boom. Done. New chrome trim for the rear corners of the bed. Installed. I found the pre-glue up pieces of a cool cutting board I've been working on since my youngest was in diapers (she's almost in middle school now) and took them down to the woodshop. The other goodies I put away and then took the now empty moving box and stored it with the eighteen others. I won't tell you what I found down there. But I will tell you it captured my attention.

You see, some of us are plagued, nay, blessed with the ability to walk away from a project that isn't quite done. I think of it like leftovers. You make a great meal, then if you save just enough you can have more meals later. And on lucky days those leftovers might actually taste better than the original, like chili. The same goes for projects. A slightly undone project is just a prompt for more action later. It's a message to yourself to say you're not done yet - you've still got things to do. A motivator to get up and complete the hard stuff so you can get onto the fun stuff. I don't even know what a completed project is anymore as projects

Qlisper Raceway Park News

Qlisper (kuh-lee-SPEH)

Raceway Park plans to have a full season of scheduled races on the drag strip and road course by 2023, welcoming the return of Top Fuel/Top Alcohol Dragsters, Nitro/Blown Alcohol Funny Cars, Jet Cars and Wheel-standers.

Learn more at:

QRPRacing.com

I'm always being asked what's my favorite car. And I've always answered, "the next one."

~ Caroll Shelby



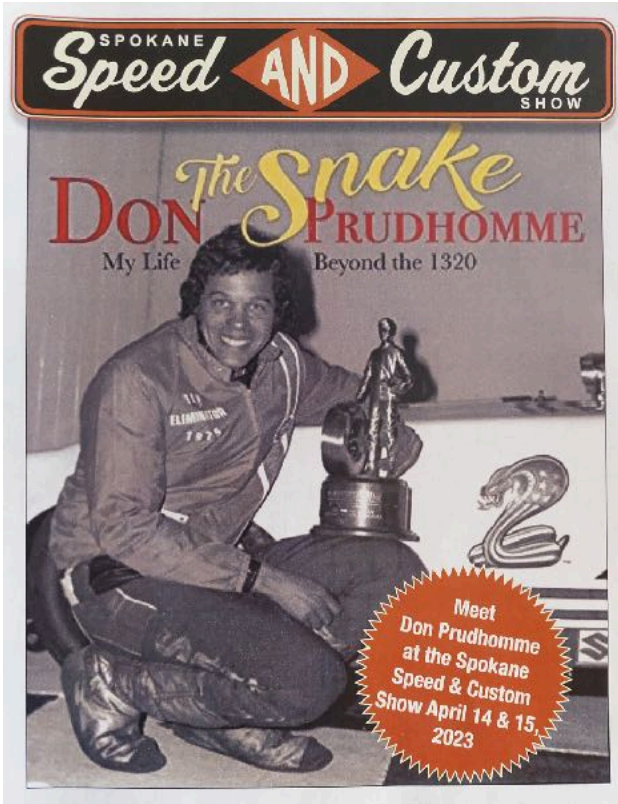
have become like Tribbles in that they multiply incessantly. Ironically, I never *intend* to leave a project undone, it just happens. Alas.

After I finished all my little tasks I came back inside and cleaned up. I reheated some leftovers for the wife and kids (day old homemade lasagne) and poured a glass of wine. Not long after I sat down, in the middle of a story about video games from the teenager I looked behind my wife and there sat three brightly colored owls on a branch. Waiting to be hung.

The first mistake I made today was to conclude that I could simply 'find a hook'. But now I'm not quite sure it should be called a mistake at all.

- Ryan Sain, Formerly of Spokane

*** Upcoming Events ***



2023 GENTS EVENTS

2023 AUTONATION SPRING FLING AUTO SHOW, Saturday, June 3, from 9 am-2 pm. All proceeds go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

2023 FATHER'S DAY WENDLE AUTO SHOW, Sunday, June 18, from 9 am - 2 pm. All proceeds to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

2023 HONOR FLIGHT AUTO SHOW, Saturday, July 22, from 9 am - 2 pm. All proceeds to benefit the Inland Northwest Honor Flight Organization.

2023 THRIFTY AUTO SUPPLY REUNION CAR SHOW, Saturday, August 19, from 9 am to 2 pm at Mirabeau Meadows. All proceeds to benefit Team St. Luke's Rehabilitation program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL WEEKEND
MAY 28-30, 2022

3900+ American Flags on Display at All Cemeteries

EVENTS

RACE TO REMEMBER 6K
Saturday, May 27th | 8:30 am-10:00 am
Fairmount Memorial Park
\$25 Entry Fee With T-Shirt | \$15 Without T-Shirt

SALUTE TO SERVICE BENEFIT CONCERT & CAR SHOW
Sunday, May 28th | 5:00pm-7:30pm
Greenwood Memorial Terrace
Band | Beer Garden | Auto Club
\$5 Suggested Donation
Concert Proceeds Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank

HEROES' PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Monday, May 19th | 8:30am-10:30am
Heritage Funeral Home
\$3 Per Person
Free for Veterans & Service Personnel
Pancakes-Sausage-Juice-Coffee
All Proceeds Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank

FLAG CRUISE
Monday, May 29th | 10:00am- 11:00am
Riverside Memorial Park
Follow the American Legion Riders on a Flag Cruise through Riverside Memorial Park and Fairmount Memorial Park.

GREATER SPOKANE ELKS #228 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
Monday, May 30th | 10am
Spokane Memorial Gardens
5909 S Cheney-Spokane Road

MELVIN M. SMITH DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
Monday, May 30th | 11am
Fairmount Memorial Park
5200 W. Wellesley

FLAG RETIREMENT SERVICE
Monday, May 30th | 11am
Pines Cemetery

QUESTIONS?
Call 509.326.6813 or
visit: FairmountMemorial.com and
[Facebook.com/FairmountMemorial](https://www.facebook.com/FairmountMemorial)

Overheard:

A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days.

~ Tim Allen ~