



NEWS

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President's Message



Hello my fellow Gents, I hope everyone is well!

It is with great sadness that, at this time, I have to announce that I will be stepping away from my position as President of this fine club. I know I am leaving all of you in...APRIL FOOLS!!...GOTCHA!!

That's right everyone, it's April, and just two weeks until one of the best car events happens in Spokane. Thanks to Brian Anderson, the Speed and Custom Show is back! Let's all show our appreciation by attending this highly anticipated event. My company will have a 10x20 booth. We will be showing off our product and also supporting all the wonderful veterans that have fought for this country so that we can have an event like this. I hope to see everyone there, swing by and check out our booth!

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A Hot-Rod-Dad Story

I like to think of myself as a true car guy, meaning that I am not loyal to any one brand. The car I own that some of you would associate with me is my '72 Plymouth Valiant Scamp; but I also own a '54 Chevy Bel Air, a '60 Ford pickup, and recently just bought a '69 Barracuda Notch Back. I have *always*, since I was a kid, liked cool cars. I remember riding in my parent's car, looking out the window searching the roads to spot any hot rods going by.



I've lived in the Spokane area my entire life, but when I was 12, we moved to Mead. There, two doors down from us, I became friends with a boy whose dad was a builder of show cars - that really piqued my interest!

No one in my family really had any hot rods; and their influence on me regarding vehicles was simply the basic maintenance required to keep them running. I did learn a few things from my uncle, and some friends, but the rest of it I've had to learn on my own. I don't profess to be an expert in building hot rods, but I'm getting better at it every day. I still have much to learn and the more things I learn how to do myself the less it will cost me to build a cool ride. I'm passionate about learning as much as I can about the do-it-

yourself end of this hobby because to maintain the time and money for limited. That said, I know I am a I have and the life that I have that

As far as what I'm doing now, I called "Child's Garage". It is aimed

who wants to get into of money, doesn't

intimidated by the process. I post videos on my page of whatever it is I'm working on any given day in my shop. Lately, I've been working on my Barracuda – it's a project car - and will continue to be one for a while. At this point I am trying to get it road-worthy to enjoy driving it this summer.



with a wife, two kids, and a home building hot rods is quite pretty lucky guy for the wife that allows me to do what I love.

I have started a Facebook page more toward the younger person this hobby but doesn't have a ton know how to work on them, or is

I'm just a hot-rod-dad that likes going to car shows and showing the family a fun time as we go cruising in a cool car!

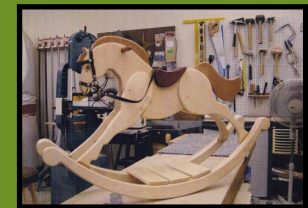
Matt Child, Author and Hot-Rod Dad



My Other Passion ~ by Rick Sawyer

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together," Vincent Van Gogh

The surname Sawyer (meaning "cutter of wood") is fitting for me since my second love, behind classic cars, is wood working. Most Club members would recognize my '65 red Corvette. However, I spend most of my free time in my woodworking shop where I am surrounded by the refreshing smell of wood and a lifetime collection of tools. My woodworking contributions to the Club include rebuilding the Gent's trophy and construction of memorial flag holders for our beloved veterans who are no longer with us.



What I enjoy most about woodworking is the process of creating new things and the satisfaction of restoring heirlooms. Things I have done with wood include everything from building fences and remodeling houses to making furniture and toys. Restoring antiques is a hobby that is driven by my passion to preserve the work of artisans that came before me. Not unlike classic cars, it is a rewarding challenge to diagnose and restore a valued piece of history. Some of my restorations include my father's childhood rocking chair, a grandfather clock, a hand carved 19th century museum piece, multiple family heirloom items (including my wife's infant highchair!) and even a century-old church pew.

Woodcarving provides me with the greatest satisfaction of all. Carving results in the creation of an object from a simple block of wood. Like working on a classic car, there are often stops along the way until the desired result is achieved. My repertoire of carved objects includes: carousel horses, Celtic designs, and other stylized art - including trout and animals.



Once a project is complete (and sometimes before) I am already planning my next undertaking. Currently I am restoring a vintage blanket chest and have three carving projects in various stages of completion. With Spring just around the corner, and the wheel of my might move to the back seat for a few months. They won't mind, they know I will be back!



My '64 Thunderbird

My name is **Matthew Loomis**, and I am sending this article - with pictures- to show what progress I've made on my '64 T-Bird, or Thunder Chicken, as I have heard it called. I purchased her down in Kennewick two years ago. I'll admit, I did not have the knowledge to know what I was getting into, but I had a gut feeling about the car. Straight lines, no rust, and the interior was fantastic for her age. Mechanically, things were not so fantastic. I'll get into that shortly.

Dean Garvey is my sponsor, a wonderful gentleman. Without him recommending a backyard mechanic who is worth his weight in gold, I'd be up the creek without a paddle.

The T-Bird was tired. I couldn't even drive her around the block without her overheating. That has since been resolved. Below is a list of things that have been done to her so far:

Fixed a driver's side exhaust manifold leak

Installed a new water pump

Installed a new power steering pump

Installed new cap, rotor, plugs, and wires

Rebuilt the original carb

Replaced the coolant plugs

New drum brakes all around (Should have gone with a '65, then I would have front disc brakes!)

Rebuilt the power brake booster

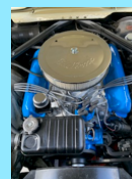
Added a new fuel tank

Added a new fuel sending unit

Installed a new radiator

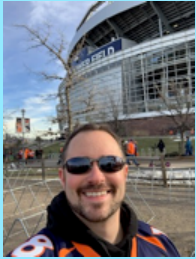
Completely rebuilt the front suspension

Removed the original carb and installed an Edelbrock AVS2 650 cfm carb on her. She was a different car after that!



I know the rear end needs going through, but I haven't won the lottery - yet.

As one of the youngest members at 35, I completely support the mentor program. Without Dean I would be lost. I would love to see the club continue for years to come. I haven't had many conversations with y'all, but I look forward to them. I remember the Good Guys show where I spoke to Les Seidel; and I also spoke with him at the Thrifty Show at the Spokane Valley Mall. I miss him.



I am proud to be a Gent and would like to show off the club sticker!



(President's Message, cont.)

Until then, take care and remember:

**Life is
too short to be
in
a hurry.**

~ Steve Williams

**Drive-in
banks were
established
so most of
the cars today
could see
their real
owners.**

**~E. Joseph
Cossman**

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Custom Cars are Good for the Soul

John had always been passionate about cars. As a young boy, he would spend hours playing with toy cars, and as he grew older, his interest in cars only intensified. He loved everything about them - their design, their power, their sound. So when John turned 18, he bought his first car - a beat-up old Ford Mustang. It was nothing special, but John saw something in it that others didn't. He saw potential.

Over the next few years, John spent every spare moment he had working on his Mustang. He taught himself how to fix engines, how to paint cars, and how to design custom interiors. He spent all his money on new parts and tools, and he worked long hours at his day job so that he could spend his weekends in his garage. It was hard work, but it was incredibly satisfying.

Eventually, John's Mustang was transformed. It was no longer a beat-up old car, but a sleek and powerful machine. Everywhere John drove it, people turned their heads. They asked him how he had managed to make it look so good, and John would proudly tell them about all the work he had put into it.

But building custom cars wasn't just about impressing other people. For John, it was a deeply personal experience. It was a way for him to express himself creatively and to challenge himself to learn new skills. It was a way for him to connect with something he loved on a fundamental level.

And it wasn't just about the final product, either. The process of building a custom car was just as important as the end result. John loved the feeling of getting his hands dirty, of working tirelessly on a project that he knew would eventually pay off. He loved the sense of accomplishment he felt when he solved a problem or learned something new.

As John continued to build custom cars, he found that the process was good for his soul. It gave him a sense of purpose and fulfillment that he couldn't find anywhere else. It allowed him to focus his energy on something positive and productive, rather than on the stress and challenges of everyday life.

And it wasn't just John who benefited from this hobby. Other people were inspired by his work, too. John's custom cars became a source of inspiration for others who shared his passion for cars. They would see what he had built and feel motivated to start their own projects. John loved being able to share his knowledge and enthusiasm with others, and he was always happy to help anyone who needed advice or guidance.

In the end, John realized that building custom cars wasn't just a hobby - it was a way of life. It was something that had become ingrained in his identity, something that made him who he was. And he was grateful for it, because he knew that it had brought him more joy and satisfaction than he could ever have imagined.

This was written by CHAT GPT-4, (that was developed by OpenAI), after entering the prompt

"write a 500 word essay on why building custom cars is good for the soul."

It took less than a minute.

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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.