

# NEWS

# Fast ~ Friendly ~ Generous ~ The Car Club Others Respect

# President's Message



Hi Gents! I hope everyone had a chance to visit the Speed and Custom show during the 14th-17th. If not,

in my opinion, you missed what I think was the best car show in a long time. There's something about the first car show of the year that just gets the Hot Rod blood flowing. I would like to thank Cindy and Dale McHargue and Jack Haley for their assistance with the booth.

I donated a golf car for Brian to use during set up and he comped me with a 10x10 booth. Half the booth was dedicated to Northwest Golf Cars and the other half to the Gents and Honor Flight. I'm happy to report that we raised \$321 for Honor Flight. Eric Shelly, author of <u>It Don't</u> <u>Mean Nothin,'</u> was also there selling his books and visiting with veterans; and both he and his wife Eva enjoyed the show!

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My name is Roslyn Graham, and I am Randie Graham's daughter. Yes, that is me in the picture below when I was 4 years old.

I am hosting the 1st annual Shadle Park High School Class of '25 Car Show. The show is really a



combination of things that I like. I became a part of school leadership while I was in middle school. I learned that it was fun, and I was able to make an impact

for positive things at my school. My second love has always been helping my dad with the car, going to car shows, and basically anything that involves cars.

When I started at Shadle Park I joined their Leadership Team, and currently I am our class treasurer. When my classmates were looking for ways to make money to support our class endeavors I came up with the idea of putting on a car show. It seemed like a good idea, and we could have fun while making money for our class.

So, please come out and join us on June 4th, at the north Shadle Park parking lot to help raise funds for the Class of '25, and have lots of fun! (See the attached flyer, page 6.)

## The Neighbor Next Door

Hi, I am Casey. Growing up in Federal Way in the '60's my childhood interest in things mechanical changed to things with engines when a new neighbor moved in; he was a diesel mechanic for a trucking company. Working out of his home garage on weekends he would frequently do side work on everything from cars and boats to large diesel trucks. He loved kids and we hit it off, so I spent many weekend hours looking over his shoulder, learning and helping by scrapping gaskets and cleaning parts. The hook was set for me mechanically, and he helped me with a used dirt bike that was purchased with my saved paper-route funds, and a little help from my parents.

By now it was the muscle car era of the late '60's, and my two older brothers somehow talked my not-a-car-guy-dad into selling his slant six powered Dodge Dart and replacing it with a brand new 1969, 440 Charger RT. I don't know how that car survived my brothers' high school years, but it sure hooked me on cars and Hot Rod magazines before I could drive. I took my driver's test in that car in '73, and shortly thereafter, again with the help of the mechanic neighbor, added headers, and 850 Holley, and a higher performance cam. Wednesday night grudge drags at Seattle International Raceway (S.I.R) soon followed; as well as a few Friday night street races on 1st Avenue. We had marked off exactly 1,320 feet using a 50-foot tape measure. We painted start and finish lines across the road. I still laugh

recalling my mother driving that car to work with the lumpy cam and leaky header gaskets after having them uncorked at the drags! After high school a friend and I bought, painted and built a shell of a '69 Camaro into a 454powered, high 11's street-driven bracket racer. Those were good times! I also learned I should stick to the mechanical side of cars, and leave the art of body and paint work to others with the proper equipment in a dedicated shop.



In 1979, high school sweetheart (and fellow Gents member) Lisa and I married. We left special interest cars behind for a few years until in 1983, we bought a 944 Porsche that we auto-crossed locally and road raced at club events at S.I.R. Thankfully Lisa enjoyed the driving events as tires and brakes didn't seem to last long. Work, family and a new house limited the car interest for the next 15 years until a good deal on a Yamaha powered 100cc racing go-kart got me into kart racing at a local short track. After a year I was hooked and bought a 125cc Shifter Kart that I raced for a couple of years in a series that included several

tracks each - in both Washington and Oregon. Family and business needs put an end to my mid-life crisis activities until after my retirement in 2019, when old friends with hot rods suggested, as a hobby, finding a car and getting back into the car culture. The seed was planted, and after discussing the idea with Lisa the search started. I knew for me it would have to be something from the sixties. Eventually I spotted a silver '67 GTX in Michigan, a car I had admired as a kid. Negotiations were started and about a month later the transport showed up with the GTX I now own.



Our younger of two daughters went to Gonzaga and it was during one of the many trips to Spokane that we decided we liked the area well enough to move from Federal Way, after living there more than 50 years. We found a house in Otis Orchards and moved there in 2020. After being here for a while, and going to car shows with the GTX, we both realized that the shows were a good way to meet friends - and the events would be more fun for Lisa if she had a car of

her own. Searching car sites we found (in Michigan again) a car for Lisa: the sublime green 1969 Dart GTS she now drives. The plan to meet friends through cars worked out. While admiring and talking to the owner of a car at the Cops and Cruisers show in Liberty Lake, I was asked by the owner if I might be interested in joining him and some friends for lunch the following week. As it turned out some of those at lunch were Gents. We were invited to attend a show in the Garland District with them; after that we were sponsored into the Gents.

I'm sure some of you reading this can attest to having "that someone" in your past who sparked your interest in cars. Let's all get out there and enjoy our cars at some of the many shows and events in the area. It's a great way to meet people! And, unknown to you, you or your car may be the spark that brings someone new into our hobby. You might even be "The Neighbor Next Door!" ~ Casey Wintler

Here comes 40. I'm feeling my age and I've ordered the Ferrari. I'm going to get the whole mid-life crisis package.

Keanu Reeves



It's a never ending battle of making your cars better and also trying to be better yourself.

Dale Earnhardt

# The Story of My 1940 Deluxe Sedan

My name is John Scofield; I am the Treasurer for the Gents Auto Club. I am married to Jessica, and together we have two children: Lincoln, who will turn 5 in July; and Reagan, who just turned 3 at the beginning of April. I also have five adult children that have given us six grandchildren.



The 1940 Ford 2-Door Deluxe Sedan I joined The Gents with back in September of

2020, was my away in June car from his Scofield, my life and 2010. In 1968, 1940 Ford 2and take care new baby When my dad



Dad's car. When he passed of 2015, we purchased the estate. My Dad, Jack chased this car for most of finally found this one in my Dad had to sell his Door Deluxe Sedan to feed

of his (me). and I

would go to car shows he would always gravitate to the '40 Fords, and would tell me that he used to have one but after I was born he had to sell it. I am so very proud to say this is our car now, and I hope to have it for the rest of my life, God willing.



I have really enjoyed the last two and a half years of being a Gent. My family and I take great pleasure in showing our '40 Ford at various car shows around Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, as well as boating on the Spokane River, and spending quality time as a family. I look forward to forming lasting friendships with each of you.

I have been in the compressed air industry for 37 years, in various position for small distributors and large manufacturers. I work for Ingersoll Rand and have been with them for 17 years. Ingersoll Rand manufactures and sells compressors from 2HP all the way up to 2,000HP, along with dryers, filters, and services for everything we sell;

we also have compressor air piping from 1/4" to 12". My sales territory currently is Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana, and Eastern Oregon.

I want to let all the Gents Members I know that should you have any question regarding air compressors, compressed air dryers, or piping for your business or personal shop/garage please feel

free to call, or text me at 206-437-9559; or email me at john.scofild@irco.com.



(President's Message, continued) On a personal note, for those of you that had the pleasure of meeting my mother last year during my shop tour, you know she is quite a car person; in fact she and my Dad built the '37 Dodge together many years ago. Mom and her sister Cindy came to the show on Sunday. I met them at the gate to get the scooter I had rented for Mom. We stopped by the booth to say hi to everyone then proceeded on a 3 hour tour. Mom was really digging her scooter, and my aunt was overwhelmed by all the glistening cars. Things were going great, then it happens just when you think you have gotten to a point in your life that there isn't anything that your family can do to embarrass you, it happens. My aunt got a little ahead of us and as she entered a building full of cars she turned around just as my Mom and I entered the room and in her great big outdoor voice said, "Sandy, look at all the Woodies!" You can't take old people anywhere. Thanks again to Brian for putting on an amazing show! And to everyone that helped at the booth. And a big shout out to my Mom and aunt for reminding us that you can grow old, but you never have grow up!

Until next time, enjoy the beginning of the Car Show Season!





~ Steve Williams



Celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th!

2023 Gents Officers

President: Steve Williams Vice President: Paul Inman Treasurer: John Scofield Sergeant at Arms: Ben Curtis Secretary: Cindy McHargue

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**Next Meeting:** 

June 7, 2023

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RACE TO REMEMBER 5K 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 ay, May 28th | 5:00pm-7: wood Memorial Terrace Beer Garden | Auto Club gested Donation ds Benefit Second Ha HEROES' PANCAKE BREAKFAST onday, May 19th | 8:30am-10:30s ritage Funeral Home Per Person se for Veterans & Service Personnel ncakes-Sausage-Juice-Coffee

All Proceeds Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank

FLAG CRUISE Find Guide Monday, May 29th | 10:00am - 11:00am Riverside Memorial Park Follow the American Legion Riders on a Flag Crui 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 | llam Fairmount Memorial Park 5200 W. Welleslev

FLAG RETIREMENT SERVICE Monday, May 30 Pines Cemetery QUESTIONS? Call 509.326.6813 or visit: FairmountMemorial.co

3900+ American Flags on Display at All Cemeteries

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**Turning Point Church Show & Shine**, Saturday, June 17, 9-4.

# **2023 GENTS EVENTS**

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

#### 2023 FATHER'S DAY WENDLE AUTO

Food Bank.

**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!**

5/20: Car Show. Valley Warriors Against Cancer - Warriors at Work Car Show -Jayne Park - Valley, WA. More info: 509-936-3054.

5/21: Alpha Phi Car Show. 10 am - 2pm. Fund raiser for Women's Heart Health. Roos football field parking lot, 1136 Washington St, Cheney.