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The Gents Auto Club

Spokane, Washington

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Membership Meeting

March 4, 6:00

Social hour at 5:00

G-Board Meeting

March 25, 6:00

Officers of The Gents 2026

Elected Officers

- Ben Curtis, President
- Ken Warren, Vice President
- Darlene Inman, Secretary
- John Scofield, Treasurer
- Jim Earls court, Sgt. At Arms

G-Board Members

- Bill Keehner
- Craig Taasevigen
- Dale Gibson
- Dean Carriveau
- Forrest Anderson
- Greg Collin
- Jack Haley
- Leland Jassman
- Paul Inman
- Scott Messmer
- Steve Williams
- Ted Davis
- Wayne Gibson

INCCC Banquet A Success

INCCC Show-no-Shine Banquet: The February event was a big success with three tables of Gents in attendance. Those who attended had a wonderful time and enjoyed spending time with fellow Gents. Thank you to all of the Gents members for all of your wonderful donations for our gift baskets. The baskets, 55 gallon drum table and chairs set, and fifties icon memorabilia were VERY popular raffle items and drew a lot of tickets. A wrap up meeting is scheduled for March 5 and planning will begin for the 2027 banquet.



President's Thoughts



With winter nearly finished, (what winter we did have!!), and as we are looking forward to Spring and warmer weather, the plans for the year's activities are taking form. Steve Williams is busy working on the planning for adventure through the summer and early Fall... if you have some time you want to devote to his project, give Steve a call.

The Speed and Custom show planning is well under way, and it will be a nice display. The "Spark Plug Challenge" will be double in size with double the fun. We are going to be in Building "B" this year in order to give us more exposure. Our theme is a furtherance of last years "Where Dreams Are Built." This year is "The Evolution of Dreams." Contact Clayton Kenney or Larry Setchell if you want to help make our display the best club display again in 2026.

There are plans underway to change our Garage Tour events just a bit to make them more convenient and fun for everyone. If you would like to open your shop up to your club brothers and sisters for an afternoon/evening, let us know !!!

Please help Esther and Greg Collin keep up the great work on our Newsletter by submitting your stories to them ASAP. See you at the next Membership Meeting.

The Gents is the second oldest local car club in the area, but we are by far the most generous and active. As Dean Carriveau says... "GENTS DO IT RIGHT."

Tony Whitcomb Send Off



Tony's son, Brian, put this out on Facebook and some of you may not have seen it.

Good morning, My wife and I have been thinking about this a lot and we have decided to do my father, Tony Whitcomb's Final Send Off (memorial) on his birthday weekend, Saturday May 16th. We hope you all can attend as you all meant so much to him. We will be holding his send off at our house in Cheney. We will provide food, water, and soft drinks. Please spread the word through the car club and or his friends I might not know. We would appreciate it if you would let me know if you are coming so I can make proper arrangements for this. (509)251-6033

Tony was a good guy, a member of our club and I know a lot of us will want to attend.

Date: May 16, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: 17511 W State Route 904, Cheney WA 99004

Meet the Gents Treasurer—John Scofield

My name is John Scofield, I am The Gents Auto Club of Spokane Treasurer. I am married to Jessica Scofield and together we have two children, Lincoln who turns 8 in July and Reagan who just turned 6 at the beginning of April. I also have five adult children that have given us six grandchildren.

I joined The Gents back in September of 2020 with a 1940 Ford 2 Door Deluxe Sedan that was my Dad's car. When he passed away in June of 2015 we purchased the car from his estate. My dad, Jack Scofield, chased this car for most of my life and finally found this one in 2010. In 1968 my Dad had to sell his 1940 Ford 2 Door Deluxe Sedan to feed and take care of his new baby boy (Me). When my Dad and I would go to car shows he would always gravitate to the '40 Fords and told me that he used to have one when I was born, but 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 five and a half years of being a Gent. My family and I enjoy showing our '40 Ford at various car shows around Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. We also enjoy boating on the Spokane River and spending quality time as a family.

Meet Dean Carriveau

**G-Board Member
Gents INCCC
Representative**



My name is Dean Carriveau. My wife is Jan and we are both members of the Gents. I've been a member of the Gents since 2012 and Jan became a member in 2020. We have a daughter, Jennie, that many of you know and two grandsons ages fourteen and twenty-five. We are fortunate that they all live in Spokane and we spend a lot of time together with shared passions for music and friends.

I grew up in Spokane, graduated from Ferris High School and began working for the Harriot Nelson Cowling photography studio until its closing in the spring of 1970. During this time I was also going to Eastern Washington State College until being booted for lack of academic initiative. Such is youth. Without a job or desire to continue school I decided to move to the Bay Area in the spring of 1970. I worked briefly for Standard Oil and then was hired by Pacific Telephone and eventually retired from AT&T after twenty-nine years of service. I was fortunate to have AT&T move my family back to Spokane in 1981.

After retirement I started college again at fifty years old and this time graduated in 2004 with a BA in Reading and Early Childhood Development. I worked as a teacher for Spokane District 81 for nine years before retiring for good at sixty-three.

Backing up a bit here, I spent the summer of 1967 in the Bay Area and liked it. I made enough money working in a car wash on weekends to buy my first car, a 1956 Ford Fairlane Sunliner convertible for \$70. I drove the car home and enjoyed it for my senior year of high school. I still enjoy that car today and feel like that seventeen-year-old kid whenever I get behind the wheel.

I met Jan in 1971 and we were married in 1972. We'll celebrate our 54th anniversary in May. Should mention that we were in an accident with the Sunliner on our second date when a group of teenagers ran a

red light and nearly took the front of the car off. I put what was left of it in storage and kept it in various locations until bringing



it back to life in 2018. I've tried to keep it as stock as possible with its 292 Y-block and two-speed Fordomatic transmission. Many years of collecting fenders and all necessary front end parts paid off and I was able to drive it again in 2018. I did all of the work myself including all running gear, exhaust, clock, radio, electric seat, suspension, interior and body work. I built it as a driver and it's never going to be a perfect show car but makes me smile.

I should also mention our 1969 Camaro. We bought it as a daily driver from a dentist for \$1,400 in 1973 with 42,000 on the odometer. I've kept its stock 327



engine, Muncie four-speed Hurst shifter and extras the guy ordered new including tachometer, clock, FM stereo radio, console and gauges. I had it professionally painted its current tuxedo black In 1996. In my leisure time I still dabble in photography and enjoy restoring juke boxes, pinball machines, radios and coin operated stuff. Crazy collections for sure, but again, they make me smile. Jan and I enjoy music and attend many live shows locally and at festivals. I like every kind of music but focus mainly on blues.

I probably won't be buying any other cars as Jan and I also have a couple of vintage Volkswagen Beetles, a 1956 two door Ford Ranch Wagon and a 1938 Chevrolet truck.

I did sell my 1954 Oldsmobile '98 a couple of years ago but don't regret doing so. The car only had 21,000 original miles and was purchased by a retired Oldsmobile engineer. It went to a very good home and I know he'll give it the love it deserves.

It's been difficult to write about this stuff without sounding like a braggart and for that I apologize. That's not my intention.

The best advice I can give to anyone restoring an old car: Do the work yourself and don't put more into it than you can sell it for. Otherwise, buy one that's already done.



Club Business

- The INCCC scholarship application is available. Speak to Dean Carriveau if you have any questions or pick up an application at the March 4th meeting.
- O'Brien Truckers is building a pattern for the small 4" x 6" plaques, and Ben has ordered 24. The cost to members is yet to be determined. Some will be raw castings and some will be painted and sanded.
- The club is interested in monthly car-related activities. Please let one of the officers or G-Board members know if you have any ideas. (i.e., drive to Harrison, poker run, etc.)



Upcoming Events

- April 18..... Rogers HS Car Show
- April 18..... Sunnyside High School Show & Shine
- April 26..... West Valley Senior All Nighter Car Show
- May 9..... Hugh Marconi – Wallace Depot Days Car Show
- June 6 Gents/AutoNation “Spring Fling” Open Car Show**
- June 20 Miss Shifters Broads and Rods
- June 21 Gent’s Wendle Father’s Day Show**
- July 10 National Collector Car Appreciation Day (Gents will host)**
- August 1 Chewelah Mistequa Casino Hotel Car Show
- August 8 Pinehurst Show
- August 8 21st Annual Rod and Custom Show
- August 15 Gents Thrifty Auto Supply Reunion Open Car Show**
- September 19.....Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet



Hugh Marconi – Wallace Depot Days Car Show:

This will be the 40th edition of the Depot Days show, Mothers Day weekend, May 9th . Last year’s show had over 300 entries displaying their cars on the downtown streets of Wallace Idaho. Cars can be entered in seventeen various trophy categories plus best of show and people’s choice awards. Pre-registration is \$20 and can be done on-line at npdepot.org Registration on the day of show is \$25. All proceeds from the show go to the Northern Pacific Depot Museum. More information: npdepot.org

Hosted by: Inland Northwest Lady Jeepers and Rock Star Wheelers

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

Fundraiser CAR SHOW

SAT. APRIL 18TH 2026 9AM - 1PM

\$20 Entry Fee..

Car show, Trophies, Refreshments, Meet new friends & Help the Graduating class!

1622 E WELLESLEY AVE.

- Best Stock
- Best Build
- Most Mud
- Best Theme
- Crowd Favorite

WEST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ALL NIGHTER CAR SHOW

Sunday, April 26th

12:00pm to 3:00pm

West Valley High School

8301 E. Buckeye Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

\$10 Per Car

No Early Registration

8301 E. BUCKEYE AVE. SPOKANE VALLEY, WA

INCCC Newsletter

WE STILL NEED A VOLUNTEER! It would be a sad thing indeed if an organization such as the INCCC’s newsletter goes dark. If you’d like to take this on and continue the monthly newsletter, please contact Lalaynia Miles at inccnewsletter@yahoo.com (509) 218-8727