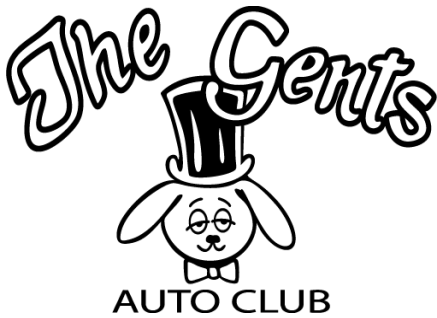




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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 7, 6:00

Social Hour at 5:00

G-BOARD MEETING

Spokane Valley Library

October 1, 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	Ken Warren
Craig Taasevigen	Leland Jassman
Dale Gibson	Paul Inman
Dean Carriveau	Scott Messmer
Forrest Anderson	Steve Williams
Greg Collin	Ted Davis
Jack Haley	Wayne Gibson

Thrifty Auto Show *Mirabeau Park*

A mid August day and it couldn't have been any better for a car show. Gents arrived early to help set up and get ready for the registration and parking process. Little by little cars arrived and were guided to their parking spots. The atmosphere was alive with activity as participants prepared cars, got out folding chairs and did all the little things to set for the day.

It wasn't long before the smell of bbq wafted over the area, letting everyone know there was food ready. The Camaro Club Café members were busy under the covered picnic area getting lunches ready for hungry appetites. Many people gathered under the shelter to escape the sun for a few minutes and enjoy their lunch.

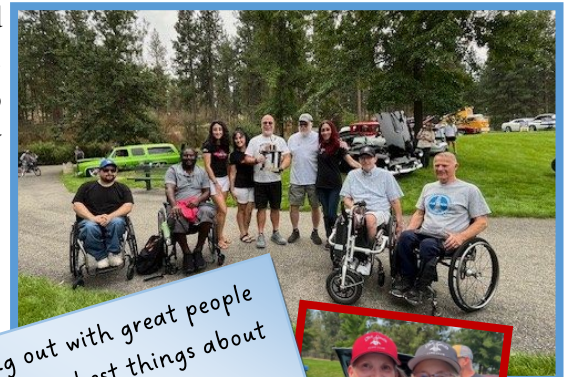


As the day wore on excitement began to grow as everyone anticipated the awards soon to be delivered. Awards included the best of several categories including the decades, trucks, muscle cars, and many more. The coveted award, Best of Show, was won by our own Dean Carriveau.

At the completion of the day the Gents lined the drive way leading out of the park. Every car, as it exited, was shown appreciation for attending the show. The Gents had completed their third and final show for the 2026 season. A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help out at this show and the previous shows.

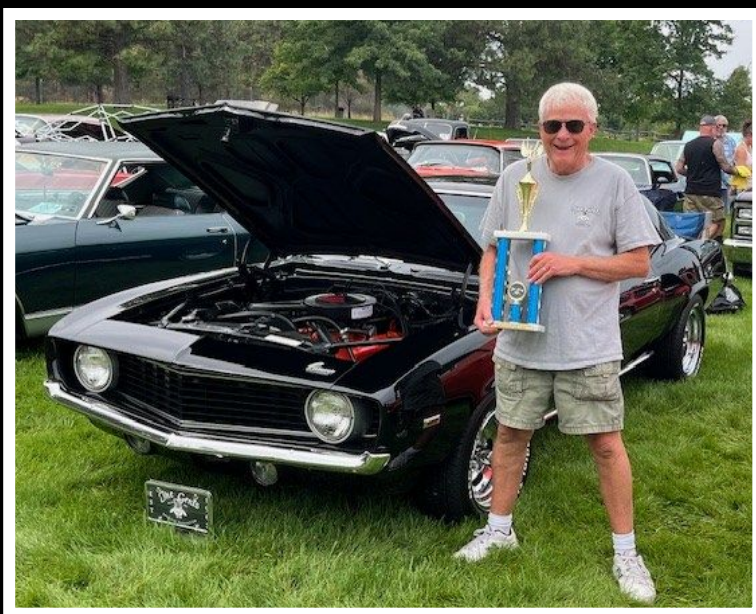


Hanging out with great people is one of the best things about being at a car show.



Thrifty Auto Show—Mirabeau Park

A Plethora of Awards



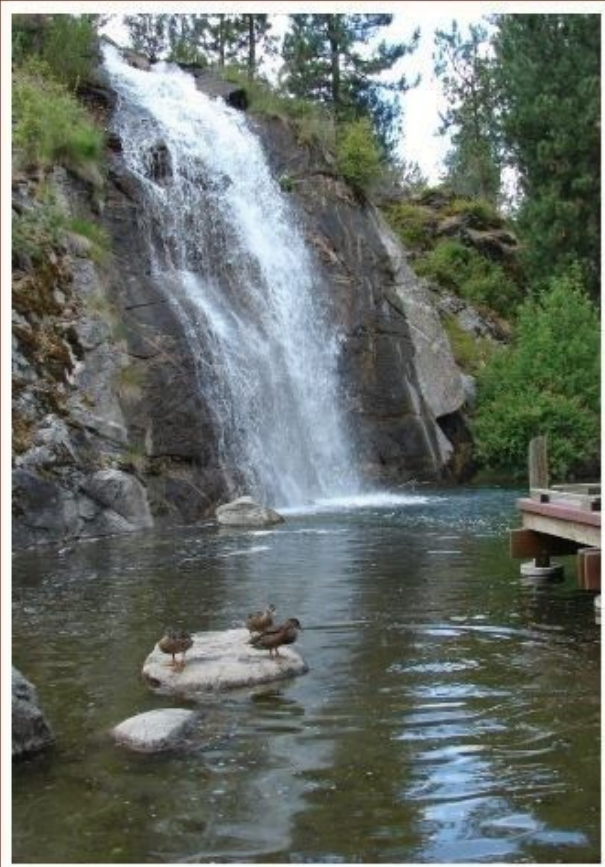
Best of Show



Final Fairwell From Mirabeau Park and the Gents



MIRABEAU POINT PARK WALKING TRAILS AND GEOLOGY

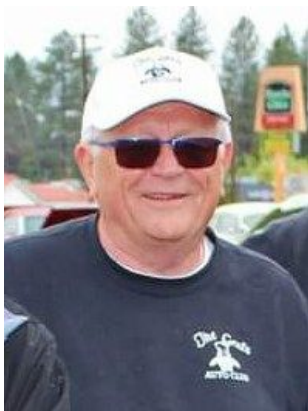


Park History

Mirabeau Point Park sits on the site of the former “Walk in the Wild Zoo” which opened in 1972 until it closed in 1995. The zoo housed over 55 species and 200 animals including Bengal tigers, snow leopards, elephants and flamingos. After the zoo closed, the 88 acre area was redeveloped into a modern community and regional gathering space. Today, the park includes Mirabeau Meadows, Mirabeau Springs (the former tiger enclosure), Discovery Playground and the Center Place Regional Event Center. While walking the park’s modern trails you can still spot crumbling concrete foundations, old animal enclosures, and structures from the zoo era. Remnants like cage bases and pen foundations remain visible tucked behind rock formations and the park’s waterfall.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to host the Thrifty Auto Car Show at the park. It is the most beautiful setting you could ask for to host a show. If you haven’t been out to Mirabeau you really should set aside some time and enjoy the beauty.

President's Thoughts



Our third and final show of the season was a great success. There were nearly 130 cars registered and the weather could not have been better. Thanks again to Dean Cariveau, Bill Keener and Greg Collin for posting their photos of the event for all to see. Deke Cloyd combined his photos into a nice slideshow that was posted and received very positive comments.

Although our club shows are finished for the year, the GENTS also assist with other shows yet to come this season. Hot Rod Blues is coming up on September 12. The GENTS will be assisting with registration and parking. This is a GREAT show guys so do not hesitate to take part.

Dale Gibson set up the first of several garage tours a couple of weeks back and those who attended enjoyed great garages, great conversations and an all-around good time. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming tours.

Note that the GENTS have raised a significant amount of cash that will be donated to the Spokane Fire Victims from this summer's disastrous fires. The actual amount will be reported at this week's general membership meeting. Thanks to all that took the time and contributed.

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE HELPED THE CLUB OVER THE SUMMER AND HELPED TO PROVE THAT....the "Gents Do It Right."

Jack Haleys 32



Through
the
Lens
of Bill K



August Garage Tours



The tour started with a gathering for lunch. After some delicious food and good fellowship the group loaded up for their first leg of the tour.



First Garage

The first stop was at Sue Freund's home and garage. Sue has been in and around cars for a long time. She is very involved with the Inland NW Car Club Scholarship Fund. She has a very large collection of magazines, model cars, antiques, and hot rods.



Second Garage



Glen Anderson (father of Brian Anderson) has been into cars and antiques for a very long time. He has a large collection of signed magazines, His collection of gas pumps, miniature cars, model cars and much more is almost overwhelming. You could look for hours and not see it all.



Third Garage

Russ Freund is the son of Sue Freund. Russ got into cars by following in the steps of his father, Claude. Besides having a large collection of auto memorabilia he has a hot rod shop. He has built some very high end cars. His shop has a paint booth and auto repair. Along with his wife they have an auto electric wiring company next to the shop. As with the other two garages visited, there is so much car related stuff to look out.





Wayne Gibson—My “Car Guy” Life

Part 2

The July newsletter contained the first part of Wayne’s car story. If you missed it you might want to go back and read it or maybe read it again. His story continues here.

Well, my ‘40 Ford was about as cool a car as a 16-year-old “car guy” could hope for! I fixed it up myself with the help of my brother Dale, now a charter member of the “Gents Auto Club,” the neighbor car guy and my dad. My Mom even sewed up, rolled & pleated door panels. I added a black nylon seat cover and 6v radio! Now was the time to go cruising. I spent many trips cruising Riverside with my big brother Dale and Cousin Lee. In the back seat of course. But I knew the drill.

Being a 16-year-old with a car was the definition of freedom! Friday and Saturday nights in downtown Spokane were wonderful times cruising Riverside. The coolest cars in the Spokane area were down there every weekend. It was a way of life for a teenager in Spokane in 1964. Kids would pop off the hubcaps on their parents’ cars and join in the cruise night. Guys, girls and cars were all having a great time together. There were a few stop light drags here and there, but normally you were just showing off your ride!

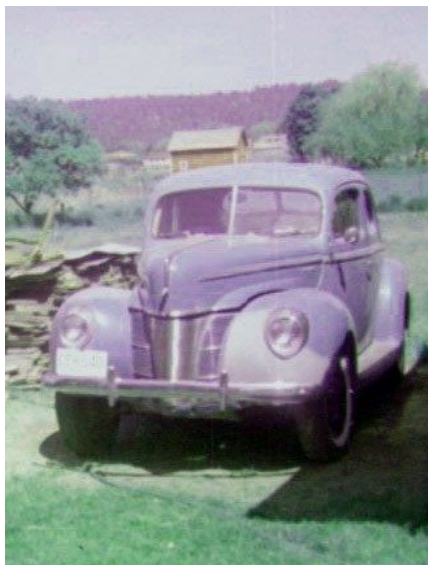
My ‘40 had a look for sure, but cruising downtown had its limitations! You could make one lap down Riverside to Main, then down Main to find a parking spot and let ‘er cool off! With a ‘50 Merc engine in it, that put the fan arrangement too high on the ‘40 Ford radiator. To fix that, my body man neighbor welded a longer bracket on the original fan mounting equipment. That worked fine and I learned that when you make one modification on your car, you normally have more to make.

Owning the “40 Ford at sixteen was a great learning time for a young

“would be” car guy! The learning curves I’d encountered were enumerable! Fast forward to the Fall of ‘64, on a nice sunny Saturday in Millwood. My West Valley High School buddies and I were over at Russ Solari’s house next to the school cleaning and polishing our cars to go cruisin’ that night! There was Hendrickson’s ‘57 Ford, Russ’s ‘39 Ford standard sedan and Scott McKay’s ‘57 Chevy BelAir two-door sedan.

I had made a deal that day to clean up and wax my cousin Lee’s mint, lowered ‘56 Bel Air two-door hardtop, finished in Sierra Gold and Adobe Beige! I was feeling cool driving the ‘56! He drove my ‘40 Ford for the day. Instead of cruising over to Joe’s Pizza to meet the other guys, Jeff and I decided to drive up to Rogers High School to check out a couple of girls that Jeff knew. While searching for the girls’ houses, the unthinkable happened! I crashed Lee’s mint ‘56 into the side of a ‘57 Pontiac at an unmarked 4-way intersection. Of course, I was in the position to yield the right-of-way and ended up with a ticket! My fault, for sure!!

The good news is I braked enough not to total the ‘56, but the bad news was explaining what I was doing in North Spokane in Lee’s car to my “no nonsense” father! It was an awful day for sure. The ‘56 got fixed and my cousin was pretty good about it. I lost my license for 90 days and had to take mandatory driving classes. My cruising’ days were over, at least for now! The ‘40 was stored behind my parent’s garage all that winter!



Wayne’s story will continue in upcoming months.

CONGRATULATIONS CLAYTON



Any of you who know Clayton Kenney know that he has a wonderful sense of humor, and he is a man who loves life. The forty years he spent with the Edwall/Reardan school district as a school bus mechanic, driver and trainer, were full of love and caring. Fellow Gents member Rick Sawyer is a master wood carver and made a beautifully detailed scale model of a school bus from hard maple wood. Rick presented the bus to Clayton on August 31. Rick used a light yellow/orange stain on the wood's smooth surface so that the maple's grain can be readily seen. The bus features a full complement of wooden seats, tires, mirrors and other tiny details that took many hours and wood carving skills to replicate. Gents members may now appreciate why Clayton chose yellow for his beautifully restored 1967 Ford Ranchero. And no...., it's NOT an El Camino!

September

5—6	Silverwood Coaster Classic Car Show	Athol, ID
5	Vintage Harvest Truck & Car Show	Davenport, WA
5	Rev It Up For the Radio KCHW 102.7 Fundraiser	Chewelah, WA
7	Bob's Car Show	Newport, WA
11—12	Wheelin' Walla Walla Weekend, 30th Annual	
12	Deer Park Drag Strip Reunion	Deer Park, WA
12	Inter. Drive Your Studebaker Day (all cars welcome)	
12	Show N Shine 1th Annual	Mead, WA
12	Inland Northwest Buick Open Car Show	Mirabeau Point Park
12	Garry E Norman Memorial Car Show	Valley, WA
12	Fall into Chelan Car Show	Chelan, WA
12	QVCC Car Show	Quincy, WA
12	Renegade Restorations Sprague Days Car Show	Sprague, WA
12	Hot Rod Blues	Spokane, WA
12	Rats & Rods in Rathdrum	Rathdrum, ID
12	5th Annual Roseburg Elks Charity Auto Show	Roseburg, OR
12	Liberty Lake Police Cops, Cars, and Cruisers	Liberty Lake, WA
12	Nelson Road Kings Queen City Cruise & Show	Nelson, BC
13	Palouse Days Car Show	Palouse, WA
13	Dodge Charger Cruise-IN	Spokane Valley, WA
13	Pioneer Street Rods Carousel Cruise	Butte, MT
17	SMS Monthly Summer Car Meet	Sandpoint, ID
20	Hunters Annual Benefit Car Show	Hunters, WA

DWAYNE MURPHY CRUISE

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the INCCC All Clubs Memorial.

Cruise to Chewelah

The cruise to Chewelah will take place on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Details are still being worked out. The route will take us from either Plante's Ferry Park or Valley Mission and make its way to the city park in Chewelah for an **all-clubs picnic**.

Contact: Ted Davis (509) 981-7480

Friday, Sept 18, 2026 @ 5:30

**2nd Annual Car Show
All Antiques and Collectors Welcome**

**Sponsored by 2nd Mile Ministry of
New Horizon Community Church**

3122 W. Lincoln Rd. Spokane (5-Mile Prairie)

Free Food/prizes

Register at NHCCspokane.com—go to events then to car show.



**Garry E. Norman
MEMORIAL
CAR SHOW**

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026 ★ 1 PM
VALLEY, WA AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

- ★ All Veterans Car Entries are FREE! ★
\$15 Entry Fee for All Others
- ★ Cars may begin arriving at 12:00 PM
- ★ Show starts at 1:00 PM
- ★ Judging begins at 2:00 PM
- ★ Trophy presentations at 4:00 PM
- ★ Special Demonstration by Bradley's Takevondo Demo Team
- ★ Veterans Tribute with the National Anthem
- ★ Live Music by Local Artist Andrew Matherly

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**HOT ROD
BLUES**

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Required**

**IN BROWNE'S ADDITION
2ND & CANNON SPOKANE WA**

**SEPTEMBER 12
12:00-4:00**

FOR SALE

32 Chevy 2-Door Sedan

Older street rod project
305 SBC motor
TH350 3-speed automatic transmission
Pontiac rearend
Body is mostly original, has not been chopped

\$18,000 (motivated seller)
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Gray interior



29 Model A Ford Roadster

Brookeville all steel body, hood, fenders, and running boards
Ram Jet 350 fuel injected crate motor
Automatic 700R4 transmission built for street rod
Ford 8 inch rear, TCI chassis
Straight axle front
Disc brakes front, drum rear
VDO gauges
All new parts
Bucket seats
Have all documents / manual on car build

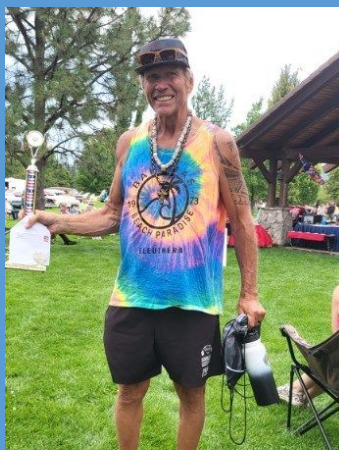
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Camaro Club Show

The 35th Annual Inland Northwest Camaro Club Open Auto Show, took place on Saturday, August 22 at Mirabeau Point Park in Spokane Valley. There was a small group of Gents who made their way to the beautiful Mirabeau Park. The competition was challenging, but four of our Gents members walked away with trophies.



INCCC News—Calendar

Raffle packets were distributed to each club representative to begin the raffle for winner's cars to appear in the INCCC 2027 Calendar of Events.

Jacque will have those raffle tickets available at our September Gents general membership meeting, September 2. Contact: Jacque Witham (509) 844-8428

Gents Merchandise

Here is the link that will take you to our club merchandise order form:

[Gents Merchandise](http://www.jotform.com/form/260407909317055) www.jotform.com/form/260407909317055

We have worked hard to get the best pricing on our items, and hope you are satisfied with how inexpensive most of them are. The site requires the use of a credit card to complete your purchase. The amounts charged are routed directly to our club bank account after subtracting the credit card fee of about 3%, we are not able to do this without paying the fees.

Please Note: All embroidered items can be finished in approximately 2 weeks, and screen printed items will take a bit longer since we need to order a minimum of 12 items for screen printing before they can go into production. You will be notified when items are finished and they will be delivered at the next general membership meeting.

**Many items
on the
website**

