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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 6, 6:00

Social Hour at 5:00

G-BOARD MEETING

Spokane Valley Library

December 29, 6:00

Officers of The Gents 2026

Elected Officers

- Ben Curtis, President
- Ken Warren, Vice President
- Darlene Inman, Secretary
- John Scofield, Treasurer
- Jim Earlscourt, 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

Dwayne Murphy/Karen Miller

Memorial Cruise

The INCCC sponsored a wonderful all clubs cruise on October 3. Members from various clubs met up at Plantes Ferry Park where the sun was shining and the anticipation was high. The cruise headed north through the back roads where the scenery was beautiful.



At one point they reached Greenbluff, which was sporting the fall season décor. Pumpkins, cornstalks and apple cider were available everywhere. Many cars lined the streets and filled the parking lots of various farms as families were seen having a wonderful fall adventure. There was no stopping for this group.







Continuing from there the cruise wound through the country side, coming out in the town of Suncrest and then dropping back down into north Spokane. The cruise finished up with a lunch at Fieldhouse Pizza.







Karen Miller

This year the INCCC Memorial Cruise added a new name, Karen Miller. She was a dear member of the INCCC and active in many ways. She was a board member and served as the treasurer, and Karen was involved in many other things including the planning of the calendar of events. This wonderful lady, whose life was cut short by a tragic car accident, will be dearly missed by everyone in the car community.

PHARAOHS' 2026 PHALL COLOR CRUISE

Members of the Gents were invited to take part in the Pharaohs' 2026 Phall Color Cruise on October 10. The crisp fall weather was perfect and fall colors stunning on a mostly two-lane road route that took us around Lake Coeur d'Alene. The day trip included stops in Harrison, St. Maries for lunch, through Plummer and finally a stop at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley. We were greeted with falls colorful vistas all along the way. Thank you Ken and Debbie Boone and the rest of the Pharoahs for your hospitality and friendship.







President's Thoughts



Halloween has come and gone, and I hope not too many of you suffered a "Sugar Coma" from eating the leftover candy. By now most Club cars are put away for the winter months and the winter repairs and modifications time has officially begun. As I type this I am reminded to get busy and replace the windshield wiper motor on the BelAir, one of several improvements planned for the snow months…... A couple of the guys have just picked up projects….. Randi with his Model A and Greg with his '29 Plymouth and word has it that Dale's '32 is getting some new parts. There are, without a doubt, many more projects in the works for GENTS members. That is the kind of participation in our "sport" that makes the Gents what it is. A bunch of 'car guys' that truly love their project cars, bought or built makes no difference. We need input from the members for our theme for next spring's Speed and Custom show at the Fairgrounds. We would like to continue with the Gents Garage theme.... ideas?

Happy Thanksgiving to Gents, Friends and Family and please mark your calendar for this year's **Christmas Party** scheduled for December 12 at Darcy's. We will see you on November 4 for our General Membership Meeting.

Craig Traasevigen 70 Charger



Through the Lens of Bill K











Medical Lake Homecoming

A Tradition



The Gents have many traditions that connect us with the community, three of which are car shows. There are, however, multiple other ways we reach out and make an impact or support those around us. Several times a year we join with other clubs to have cars available for adult care homes where residence can enjoy the cars and the company. Another way we connect is through the area high schools, helping with fund raiser car shows and events, including homecomings.

Medical Lake has long been a school where the tradition of homecoming has been combined with the presence of classic automobiles. During half time of the football game the royalty is announced and are driven into the stadium in these classic cars. This year eight of the Gents members offered their time and cars for the students to ride in. Even though it was rainy and cold everyone was so pleased to see the tradition continue. A special thank you to those who helped out with the Medical Lake Homecoming.

















Meet Scotty Messmer





Scotty was born and raised in Spokane, WA, and has been a member of the Gents since 1964, but he has been interested in cars his whole life. Scotty began working with his dad in a service station at the age of 10.

As he got older Scotty joined the Army Special Forces and remained until he retired from the military. He continued to work with vehicles as a heavy mechanic for Kenworth Truck Sales.

Attending car shows is what he enjoys in his leisure time, but he also likes to be out boating on his pontoon boat in the summer.

Currently Scotty has a 1966 Chevy Corvette convertible, which is his 5th C2 Corvette. He has a real love for this model. He's had this current car for about 5 months, and has not yet done any upgrades on it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Gents Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12

Darcy's Restaurant

Watch your email for further information.

Toys will be collected for Sacred Heart Children's Hospital.
Please bring your gift unwrapped to the party.





Wayne Gibson—My "Car Guy" Life
Part 3

In the July newsletter Wayne began telling the story of his life as a "Car Guy". This is part 3 of that story.



Losing my driver's license at 16 for 90 days, felt like an eternity. As you will remember in my last "Car Guy" episode, I wrecked my cousin's beautiful '56 Chev Bel Air door hard-top. My penalty for failing to yield to the right of way was losing my driving privileges for 90 days and attending safety driving school.



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"COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS"
WAYNE A GIBSON
who has satisfactorily completed the safety course
is hereby awarded
TRAFFIC SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Juvenile Court Commissioner

Director
Spokane County Traffic Safety School

The 90 days came to an end in March 1965. I was 16 with a '40 Ford coupe and a Merc' flathead in it so I was ready for Spring cruisin'. The weather in Spokane in March can still be cold, so while I was sitting out my 90 day sentence, I installed a 6-volt hot water heater in my '40 coupe. It came from a junk yard, of course.



I drove the '40 to school every day, warm thanks to the heater. Then the unthinkable happened! It shorted out and sparked a fire that spread through the dash, firewall, and most of the interior…all happening while in the West Valley High School parking lot. I rushed out of class with a fire extinguisher, only to discover it didn't work; neither did a second one. It was a tough day! The Millwood Fire Department arrived and put out the blaze, but the car was a mess, and I was devastated.



You learn a lot about cars when you make mistakes that cause you grief. I wasn't aware of the fact that all electrical accessories are fused. Lesson learned the hard way.

My '40 was beyond repair for a 16-year-old, plus there were lots of cheap cars to buy in 1965. I sold the engine to a guy for his stock car and the rest of the car to a local hot rodder. I had $150 in my pocket for my new ride. Now what do I buy to replace my '40?

Wayne's story will continue in upcoming months.

October 1—Garage & Shop Tour

Stop 1—Wayne Gibson's "Corvette Room"

















Stop 2—Derrick Socci's Shop & Garage













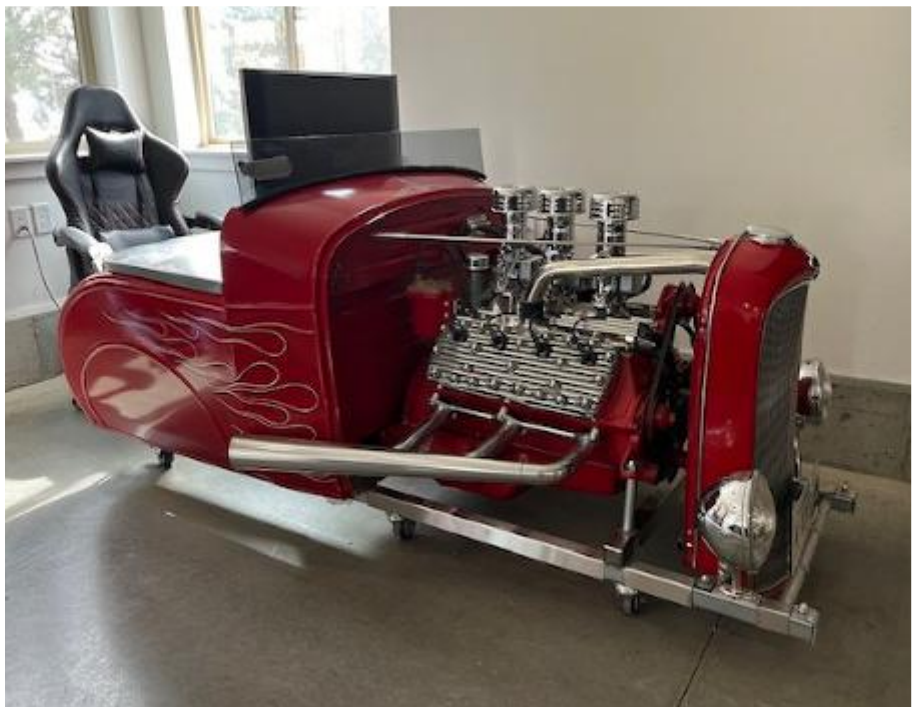
The Journey Continues

Stop 3—Dan Stutski's Shop & Garage











Stop 4—Ted Davis's Shop & Garage













Finish *with* Food, Friends, Fellowship

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)
Glenda Haddican
509-714-0455
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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

$28,000 (motivated seller)
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2027 INCCC Show-no-Shine Banquet

HOT ROD HOEDOWN



February 20, 2027 at Mirabeau Park Hotel

The banquet committee is asking for bandanas, Mason jars and sunflowers for decorations. Please let them know if you have any of those items they could use.

The banquet will again feature many gift baskets, raffle prizes a 50/50 drawing and dinner.
Dance to the Kevin Shay Band.

The Hot Rod Shop at the corner of Pines and Empire will take used oil. Clean with no water or antifreeze.

The address is 12205 E Empire.

JR @ 360 979 6966

You might get a tour of their great shop with all the bling they sell and engines they build.

Gents Merchandise

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

Gents Merchandise 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









