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Spokane, Washington

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<p>Membership Meeting May 6, 6:00 Social hour at 5:00</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>G-Board Meeting May 28, 6:00</p>
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| <p>Officers of The Gents 2026</p> <p><u>Elected Officers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Curtis, President • Ken Warren, Vice President • Darlene Inman, Secretary • John Scofield, Treasurer • Jim Earls court, Sgt. At Arms |
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| <p>G-Board Members</p> <p>Bill Keehner
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 Dale Gibson
 Dean Carriveau
 Forrest Anderson
 Greg Collin
 Jack Haley
 Ken Warren
 Leland Jassman
 Paul Inman
 Scott Messmer
 Steve Williams
 Ted Davis
 Wayne Gibson</p> |
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Spokane Speed & Custom Show

Highly Anticipated Show Doesn't Disappoint



High horsepower engines, over the top customization, shiny paint schemes and creativity. All were on display to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Brian Anderson's Spokane Speed and Custom Show. The annual event took place once again at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds on April 9 - 12 and hosted 420-plus show stopping cars.

A number of Gents cars were on display in several settings. The Gents Garage "Evolution of a Dream" and its popular "Spark Plug Challenge" and "Gents Founders" displays were well received as well as other club members' individual displays throughout the venue.

As in years past, Brian Anderson had a number of themed displays throughout various fairground buildings, including motorcycles, model cars, bicycles, dragsters, race cars, Broncos, The Duke's Car Club 80th Anniversary, Hopped Up—a room with old style hot rods, and even a drive-in movie theater complete with free popcorn. Brian's annual show has become the much-anticipated opening event of the car show season and public attendance was good due in part to rainy spring weather. Thanks Brian and your crew for another great show. We look forward to next year.

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President's Thoughts



The first 4 months of the year are in the books and now the show and cruise season is upon us. Steve has been looking into different activities for the club. We are concentrating on car related activities and cruises rather than just shows. There are a couple of nice things in the plans. We hope to have some more details for you at the May general meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know as the club can use everyone's participation.

The 2026 Speed and Custom Show was a great success thanks to the hard work of Brian Anderson and his crew who put on a great 10th Annual show this year at the fairgrounds. The Gents had 12 or 13 cars at the show. All looking really great of course. The club's display was a success, in large part due to the Spark Plug Challenge operated by Steve and Craig Taasevigen. Good times were had by all, especially the kids. Steve plans to have The Spark Plug Challenge on-site, at each of our 3 shows this summer.

In addition to the club display, several gents members had their cars on display at the Speed and Custom Show, including the 4 founding members of the club that are still very active. We all enjoyed a nice long weekend.

The first show this year is June 6th at AutoNation Chevrolet in Spokane Valley. Due to a change in management at AutoNation, participation at their facility was not assured until just this week. They have yet to pick a general manager, but the 2 guys that are in charge of day-to-day operations have expressed to me that they indeed look forward to having the Gents there on the 6th of June.

Rogers' Senior Class Car Show

It was a great day to enjoy your ride. The weather was beautiful and so was the turnout. Approximately 100 cars filled the parking lot at Rogers High School, two of which were Gents members. Rick Milward and his unmistakable 1925 Tall T was a crowd pleaser. The second member was a newer member, Robby Robinson. Both seemed to be enjoying the sunny spring day.



Rick Milward
1925 Tall T



Robby Robinson
40 Studebaker



Spokane Speed & Custom Show

Many Received Awards

Paul Inman
1940 Cadillac LaSalle convertible coupe



Craig and Kimmy Taasevigen 1970 Charger R/T



Gary and Sharon Damm 1968 Chevrolet Camaro coupe



Lisa Wintler 1967 Corvette Roadster



Dean Carriveau proudly took part with his classic Camero in the club display.

Paul Inman displays a plaque commemorating the 10th year of the show.



Ben Curtis 1961 Chevy Belair Bubble Top



Mike O'Brien 1964 Chevrolet Bel Air



Lon Hansen 1929 Ford Model A five window coupe



Dale Gibson 1967 67 Chevy C10



FOUNDERS

Spark Plug Challenge

A hands on experience is a great way to get the next generation excited about working on engines. Steve Williams set up a couple of engines so anyone who wanted could try their hand at changing some spark plugs. Steve will be setting the same opportunity at our three club shows this summer.



Meet Club Member Scott Rabey



My name is Scott Rabey, my wife is Paula Rabey. I joined the Gents in August 2025, I have two very good friends that are members and encouraged me to join, I am very glad that they did.

I was born and raised in West Seattle. In 1974 I had visited Spokane to attend the worlds fair and enjoyed the area. A few years later when I had the opportunity to move here for work I was ready to come to a smaller town. I have enjoyed living here, it has been a great place to raise a family. I am now retired, but for 38 years I sold rock crushers all over the world. I have been to all 50 states, Europe, Mexico, Canada (from BC to Newfoundland) and to Puerto Rico as well.

In my free time I enjoy working with our cars, it is a lot of fun and interesting too. I also enjoy taking care of our black labrador, she takes up a lot of my leisure time as well.

My wife and I travel to Arizona regularly to see the grandkids, and we have been on a few cruises too. We enjoy following the Seattle Mariners and have gone to Spring Training for years. We are also Seattle Seahawks fans. My wife and I deliver Meals on Wheels every week and we also help care for my 95 year old mother-in-law who still lives alone in her home, a remarkable woman.

Time flies in retirement which has been a surprise to me. Sometimes it's hard to say where the time goes but we stay pretty busy. Not sure how we got it all done while we were employed.

When I was young we didn't have very nice cars. I am the oldest child in our family so I helped my Dad with the repairs on our family

car to keep it going. I learned a lot and it really clicked with me. When I turned 15 I was given our old family car a 1955 Buick Special that had a blown piston. My Dad said I could have the Buick if I could get it running and I have been working on cars ever since. I drove the Buick through high school, it wasn't pretty but it was reliable transportation.



I acquired my first 1969 Road Runner when I was 19 years old. I had always hoped to get another Road Runner and as life sometimes goes it only took me 50 years. A couple of years ago at 69 years old I purchased another 69 Plymouth Road Runner locally, which I drive now. My current Road Runner is the same color (Scorch Red) as was my first Road Runner and that sealed the deal for me.

My car is very stock with a numbers matching 383 engine with a four barrel carburetor and a numbers matching 4 speed manual transmission. It is a basic car with no power brakes or power steering as most of them were in those days, they were street racers.

My car has factory Road Wheels with Firestone redline tires, a bench seat, and a nice stereo.

I haven't changed the look of the car as I prefer it to be stock. I refurbished the grill for a cleaner appearance as well as freshening up other items throughout the car.

I love driving my car as it takes me back to my youth. It sounds great and has lots of power, it is a beautifully designed car. I am fortunate to have found it and acquired it.

In the future I want to install an OEM style

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exhaust system and finish the detailing under the hood, frame, etc. There is always something to improve on a 57 year old car.

The car that I regretted selling over the years was my first 1969 Road Runner. It had a 383 engine, an automatic transmission, and a convertible top. My current Road Runner is a Coupe (aka Post) with a 4 speed manual transmission and it is actually more fun to drive.

The only other car I dream of having is a 1968 Dodge Charger, my good friend had one back when I owned my first Road Runner so I have a lot of great memories of that car too.

I am a V8 gas engine guy, I grew up with them and think that the newer cars don't have the heart that the older muscle cars have. Today's electric cars while faster are "empty" to me.

I am fine with the performance of my car in stock form, I know some guys have added cams, headers, blowers, etc. to their cars but I prefer owning a stock "survivor" classic muscle car.

I learned long ago that good tires and brakes were the most important items on your car, this has kept me out of trouble on occasion and as we get older is more important now than ever.

I change the oil regularly in my cars and pay attention to any new noises and/or drips under the car. I check the oil level regularly as that can



sneak up on you too.

My favorite car movies are Bullitt and Vanishing Point, they have great car chases and exhaust sounds with a lot of action. I have always favored Mopar cars so I would add Dirty Mary and Crazy Larry to my favorite car movie list as well.

The biggest car show I have attended was several years ago. I rode with a friend in his corvette and we joined up with his corvette club and caravanned to the show. It was an annual event called the Corvette Funfest in Effingham, IL with hundreds of Corvettes. At the end of the day the Beach Boys performed a private outdoor concert for the attendees, it was awesome.

Member Recognitions



Clayton Kenney headed up the Spokane Speed and Custom Show display.

CONGRATULATIONS

Five cars received a rating high enough to qualify for the Gents' car plaque.

Thom Coffman

Greg Collin

Paul Inman

Jeff Warren

Ken Warren



Tom Davis and Jacquie Witham worked tirelessly to help in putting together the INCC Calendar.

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

West Valley Car Show

West Valley's parking lot was transformed as over 170 cars from multiple car clubs gathered to help raise money for the senior all-nighter. Sunday was a cloudy, but comfortable day as everyone enjoyed the many aspects of a well run car show. The Gents had a good representation of close to two dozen cars. It was a great showing in support of the school where the club began in 1963.



Greg Collin received the award for "Most Photographic" car.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Input from the club has been very limited, and by limited I mean Steve has received only one suggestion so far. Below are some suggestions from Steve. Please let him know if you are interested in any of these or have additional ideas.



Steve
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- 1) Spokane Street Tin Car Show & Swap Meet, SCC May 3, 9 am.
- 2) Cheney Mayfest Memorial Car Show, May 9, 10 am downtown Cheney.
- 3) Depot Days Wallace, ID, May 9, 9 am downtown Wallace.
- 4) **First club show**, June 6, at AutoNation 9 am. Need volunteers for check-in and setup.
- 5) Shadle Park High School Show, June 7, We have supported this show for the past couple of years.
- 6) **Second club show**, Wendle Father's Day Show, June 21, Need volunteers for check-in and setup.

I have some shows that have been suggested for July. I will have that information ready for the next newsletter. I have only one person who has committed to a shop visit in June, So if you are interested in having a shop visit let me know. I want this to be your club where you decide what you want to do. Please help out by giving me your suggestions. Steve

First Club Show

Autonation "Spring Fling" Car Show

June 6, 9 am

Volunteers needed for check in and setup.

Second Club Show

Wendle Father's Day Car Show

June 21

Volunteers needed for check in and setup.

Upcoming Events

May 9 Hugh Marconi – Wallace Depot Days Car Show

May 9 Cheney Mayfest Memorial 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



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 the show is \$25. All proceeds from the show go to the Northern Pacific Depot Museum. More information: npdepot.org



JOIN LOCAL CAR CLUBS AND COLLECTORS
NATIONAL COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY
JULY 10, 2026
AREA CRUISE DEPARTING AT 4:00 PM
MEET AT SCC AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING BLDG.
EAST MISSION STREET - SPOKANE, WA.
HOSTED BY THE GENTS AUTO CLUB
INLAND NORTHWEST CAR CLUB COUNCIL SUPPORTED EVENT
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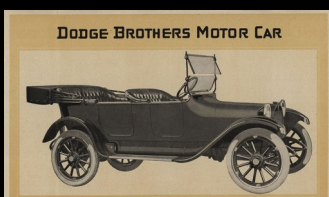
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[509-397-4666](tel:509-397-4666)

Closing, has lots of chevy 350 engine blocks for sale



CAR HISTORY – 1914

Dodge introduces the very first auto made entirely of steel. Interesting auto factoid: In 1914, an amazing 146 new makes went into production. Only one survives to this day: Dodge. The first Dodge was produced in November 1914, costing consumers a whopping \$785.

Gents Merchandise

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

[Gents Merchandise](#) Password: gents-merch

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.

If you have any questions or concerns about navigating the site or suggestions on improving it, let me know ASAP. We can add other items to the site as needed so if you have ideas, let me know.

Ben Curtis,
President

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**These items
and more on
the website**

