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Membership Meeting

July 1, 6:00

Social hour at 5:00

G-Board Meeting

July 23, 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	Scot Messmer
Forrest Anderson	Steve Williams
Greg Collin	Ted Davis
Jack Haley	Wayne Gibson

Spring Fling Auto Show



There was a definite chill in the air on the morning of June 6 at 7:00am. Several Gents had already arrived and parked their cars, ready to help with the setup. It was the first Gents Car Show of 2026 and energy was in the air. Cars began to roll in with a final count of 105 participants. On such a cool cloudy day not everyone was willing to be outside, but those who came had a great time. There were hotdogs and coffee to help everyone keep warm. Trophies for 18 different categories were handed out to finish up the show. It was a successful event thanks to all those who helped with setup, registration, judging and cleanup. If you missed being a part of this show there are still opportunities ahead.



REGISTRATION



PARKING



JUDGING



President's Thoughts



We now have two of our three shows under our belt, and they were both very successful. Member participation is improving and we had over 30% of the club members show up with their cars at each show. Response from the public that attended the shows was very positive and there were smiles all around when the awards were presented by VP Ken Warren. Special thanks to Ken and Jeff Warren who have worked hard to fine tune the judging procedure this year. Their hard work was evident at both shows.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Maria Flores who worked tirelessly, in the blazing sun registering the participants and keeping the paperwork straight. She had expert help from Esther Collin at AutoNation and in Esther's absence, Greg Collin was her able assistant at the Wendle Show. Both the management at AutoNation and Wendle Ford commented to me about how great it was to see the hard-working volunteers at each show. The August Show at Mirabeau Park will be the third in our series for 2026 and promises to be as good as the others have been. We have several exciting events coming up during the next couple of months, and we look to see even more of the GENTS there assisting and showing the PNW what great cars our club has. If you have ideas..... suggestions.... or comments, let us know. In the meantime.....THANK YOU TO THE GENTS THAT HAVE HELPED AT OUR SHOWS.

More proof that the "Gents Do It Right".

Car d'Lane

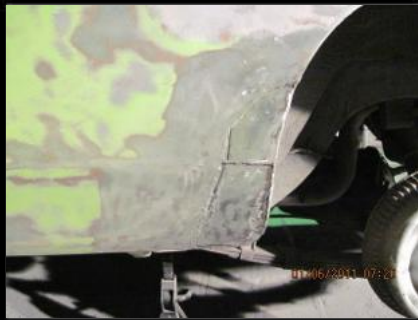
On June 20 several of our members attended the Car d'Lane show on a beautiful sunny day. A great time was had by all those who attended.



The Auto Nation Show Had A Real Variety Of Cars And Lots of Smiling Faces



Restoration Story: Meet Craig Taasevigen— G-Board Member



Yeah, this is one of those stories –

It was 1984, Kimmy & I had just arrived at a party when a guy said half jokingly, “I really like your car, TRADE YA!?”

At the time, Kimmy & I were driving a 1968 Trans Am; metal flaked Chocolate Brown paint, T-Top, fat tires, 400 hp motor, etc. Long story made short, cars were traded that day & the 1970 Charger R/T went home with us.

The Charger R/T was our daily driver for many, many, years. Including, a 1987 trip from Seattle to Fullerton, CA...while towing a U-Haul trailer. And then a second trip the following year, from California to Spokane. Both moves were because of work transfers & advancement. I was fortunate to have had a 45



year career with Master Halco (Wholesale Fencing) holding many job titles, Gate Shop Lead, Office Manager,

Corporate Inventory Control, Corporate Computer Trainer & Branch Manager. Of those job titles, I was a Branch Manager for 30 of them. The job in Spokane was a promotion that included various perks, a company car for example. *Side note; we were given the opportunity to move to Mobile, Alabama or Spokane. I'm certain we made the right choice!

Because we were able to have second car, the tired & worn Charger R/T took a backseat. It stayed in the garage for a long time; waiting for time, money & opportunity. Over the years, parts were gathered & stored.

In 2010 we began putting the Charger R/T back together with help from various old & new friends. After the engine was rebuilt & installed, paint was next on the list. Kimmy & I didn't have a particular color in mind but my good friend Dan Piche' & I began sanding the body anyway. As we prepped the car for paint it became abundantly clear that the Charger R/T was an undeniably unique car. The Build Sheet confirmed the Sublime (FJ5) color along with it being a radio delete car. Ultimately Kimmy

picked the Sublime color you see today (Thanks Kimmy!).

While sanding the car there were many times I'd come home looking like Kermit the frog; green face, beard & clothes. And there were many times while painting that I said to myself; this is a mistake, this is a huge mistake. But when the chrome trim, wheels, tires, vinyl top, etc were added; I was excited to see the Charger R/T come together.

While working to get the Charger R/T together; Kimmy & I began looking at various car clubs to join. We'd join a club but after a few months we'd become disappointed in their leadership, membership & overall direction. When we found "The Gents" we were skeptical but interested. I think our timing was perfect because the club was going through a rebuilding phase, at the time there were just 20 or so active members. We followed them for a year before joining. Moving forward, it's been 15 years & we continue to be proud to be members of The Gents.

We're very thankful for the many friends we've made along the way & the many opportunities.



Special Thanks

For several years the Greater Spokane Postal Customer Council has supplied coffee during the AutoNation Show. It was especially appreciated this year with the cold weather. Thank you for helping keep us all warm.



Wendle Father's Day Show



Lee Jassman spent some time with his daughter Renee Johnson.



Thank You Volunteers

Putting on a show requires many people willing to help out. We appreciate all who help out at our shows.



Shadle Park Car Show

A great day of spending time with family and friends while helping a local senior class.



Congratulations

The following members earned the honor of receiving their club car plaque during the month of June.



Ken Warren
2024 Camaro LZ1

Clayton Kenney
1967 Fairlane Ranchero



Michael Zambryski
56 Ford T-Bird



Darlene & Paul Inman
37 Ford



Scot y Messmer
1966 Corvette

CLUB ACTIVITIES

1. We have a club hosted event on July 10. **The National Collector Car Appreciation Day.**
2. **Pullman Senior Center** in Pullman July 22nd.
Meet at the Safeway at 32nd and Highway 27 at 9:00 am.
3. **Southside Community Center**
3151 East 27th Avenue,
Spokane, WA 99223
Date and time: July 29th 4:30 to 6:30 pm.



Steve
509-981-0984

We continue to look for ideas for club activities. These might be cruises or garage tours. Please contact Steve with any ideas you may have.



**\$10 ENTRY
FEE PER CAR**

**CRAFT BEER TENTS
(3:00 PM - 6:00 PM)**

BBQ COMPETITION

**FREE KID ZONE
WITH CRAFTS**

FREE CAR DYNO
SPECIALTY CARS DISPLAY

If you plan to attend, call the number listed and they will help you get registered.

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**GOOD CARS
GOOD FOOD
GOOD MUSIC**

Upcoming Events

July 4 Nine Mile Falls Car Show

July 10 National Collector Car Appreciation Day (Gents will host)

July 18 Fairchild Car Show

July 29 Southside Community Center

August 1 Chewelah Misteqwa Casino Hotel Car Show

August 1 Pinehurst Show/21st Annual Rod and Custom Show

August 15 Gents Thrifty Auto Supply Reunion Open Car Show

September 19 Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet



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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
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Check out
the many
additional
pictures of cars
and activities
on the Gents
Facebook
page.**



Willow Grove Assisted Living - June 25th



Wayne Gibson –How My “Car Guy” Life Began



If you were a boy who grew up in the 50's and '60's, you were likely building model cars. Brands like AMT and Revell were popular. Now looking back on this hobby, I can see that it was a marketing ploy by car manufacturers to get young people hooked on automobiles! I was one of their subjects, constantly building models of "Hot Rods" when I wasn't playing baseball.

Then, came the early teenage years. At 13, I was hanging around a neighbor who worked at a body and fender shop. He would paint cars on the "side" in his modified chicken barn! (More on this story at another time). I was the gopher and sanding helper, I was learning a lot and having fun. Plus our new neighbor who moved across the street, had a mint '40 Ford sedan with a small block Chevy in it. Then, he built a gasser out of another '40 Ford sedan! They would do a few launches on Farr Road in front of our house. I was hooked and had to have a '40 Ford for my first car. My Dad was skeptical at first, but went along with it, much to my relief! The '40 Ford neighbor, Gene Kisha, and his brother-in-law Bob Hodge went on to build and race "Ron's Drive In" gasser. Most of you know that story. NHRA Nationals class champion etc!



I started looking for a '40 Ford in the spring of 1964. My 16th birthday was coming up in August and I just had to have one before my birthday. Lawn

mowing and a paper route allowed me to earn a few bucks to buy the '40. As luck would have it, I was helping a family friend with some yard work on Coleman road off of Trent. As I walked past an older home next to where I was working, there it was! Yep, "Sargent strip tail lights" of a '40 Ford deluxe coupe! The owner said it didn't run and need-ed an engine. Who cares, I wanted it anyway. My dad said he wanted to look at it first, so in a couple days we went over to look at it. Unfortunately, we got into a wreck on the way over there!

Luckily, it all turned out ok though! We looked at it, bought it for \$75.00 and my Dad chain towed it home with my brother Dale and cousin's help. Of course, the '40 Ford neighbor was pretty impressed with my purchase. He also helped me on it. The car was really straight and had nice original interior with good paint. I put a '50 Merc flathead in it in my parents' driveway, installed dropped shackles, 8:20's on the rear with 15" Chrysler wheels. All sourced at Ferry's Wrecking by Felts Field. I was ready to go! Passed my drivers test on my birthday in my mom's '55 Buick and we went cruising that afternoon in my '40. My "Hot Rod" life had started.



Through the Lens of Bill K

A chance to see some of our member cars



Owned by
John Scofield



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



4th of July
Lakeside
Middle School

Registration on 8:30

\$20 per vehicle

Fireworks
Live Music
Food
Games

Dale Berbridge
(509)939-3705

Sign up to help out. Be a HERO!!

