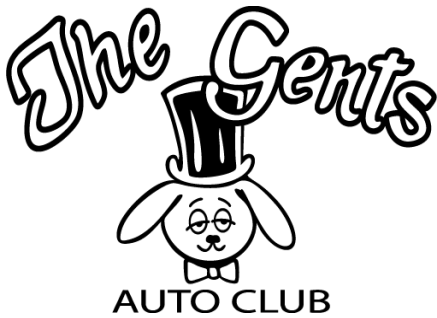




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Membership Meeting

September 2, 6:00
Social hour at 5:00

G-Board Meeting

August 27, 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

National Collector Car Appreciation Day

The Gents Club sponsored this year's Collector Car Appreciation Day. Cars from many different clubs gathered together in in Spokane and drove to Liberty Lake where they met other cars who joined them. The cruise then continued to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The evening was perfect, especially for those who do not have air conditioning in their cars. It was beautiful along the way and it was a pleasure to get to see so many clubs come together to celebrate a day just for car enthusiasts.



Learn more about National Collector Cars Appreciation Day by reading the history on page 2.

Through the Lens of Bill K



The History of Collector Car Appreciation Day

The story of Collector Car Appreciation Day begins with the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Action Network, which set out to win formal recognition for the hobby of automotive restoration and collection. A resolution was first introduced in the United States Senate in 2009 but was not adopted that year. The campaign continued, and in 2010 the effort succeeded when Senate Resolution 513, sponsored by Senators Jon Tester of Montana and Richard Burr of North Carolina, was passed. This established the first official Collector Car Appreciation Day.

The inaugural observance was held on July 9, 2010 and was organized by the Specialty Equipment Market Association together with its council, the Automotive Restoration Market Organization. From the very first year the response was enthusiastic, with hundreds of events staged nationwide, including car cruises, shows, open houses, and displays in workplaces. The resolution recognized how automobiles have inspired music, literature, photography, film, and fashion, framing the collector car not just as a machine but as a cultural touchstone.

In the years since, the SEMA Action Network has requested a fresh Senate resolution each July to launch the day, and the celebration has settled into its place on the second Friday of the month. What started as a campaign for recognition has grown into a fixture of the enthusiast calendar, observed by car clubs, museums, dealerships, and individual owners alike.



Meet Lynn Carmichael

My wife Robin and I became members of the club on April 1. The club's history and charitable giving are what drove me to become a member. I grew up in Spokane and in 1978 Hobart the company I work for moved us to Seattle. We sell and service food equipment for Restaurants, Grocery Stores, Meat Markets and Bakeries.

I enjoy cars of all ages and makes. We have several cars, and as I tell all my friends it is not a retirement savings plan, but it is a great hobby.

We had a 1957 Chevrolet 150 Handyman Wagon in 1975. Robin's father's company bought it new and he bought it from the company. When we got married her father gave it to us. It had 283,000 miles and was beat to s*%t. So I redid it. Rented a sewing machine and put in fake leather interior, put in a 327 with a different crank to increase the stroke, 202 fuel heads. A friend of mine who worked as a body and fender guy painted it and it was the car I drove when I started at Hobart. One day I was headed out to a store when the service manager asked me to take a loaner printer to a store I was driving by. I said sure put it in the back of the wagon. Back then the printers used red ink and he got red ink all over the back grey carpet. Needless to say it made me sick. So I parked the wagon and bought a truck to drive for work. We did not have a garage and it made me sick seeing the wagon sit outside, so I sold it. Now if I would have bought Microsoft stock the new cars would not be as expensive, but I bought groceries.



When I decided that I wanted to get back into cars I wanted to buy another 150 wagon. I looked and looked and finally found one in Southern California at America's Classic Cars. I decided I was buying



the car before I even drove it, because there are so few of them around today. I told Charlie, the sales man, "I want to know who built the car and the history." He told me he would find out, but being the good salesman he is he never did find that out. Ultimately I did find out but that is another long story for another time.

We also have several other cars; 1932 Ford Roadster, 1969 Camaro Indy Pace Car, 1975 Fiat Jolly, 2013 Camaro ZL1 and 2017 Camaro ZL1.



Fourth of July

Suncrest is a small town, but they put on a great family day full of activities including a car show. A group of Gents gathered to enjoy the day. There were vendor booths to shop at, a food court, and a kid zone. For those who stayed late there was an amazing fireworks show.



INCCC Scholarship Car Show

Have you ever wondered about the INCCC and what they do? The Inland Northwest Car Club Council (I.N.C.C.C.) was formed to function as an advisory and information center to and for the members and the car community at large. The council meets monthly to exchange and dispense information to car enthusiasts. The I.N.C.C.C is a Washington State non-profit corporation and an IRS 501 exempt organization.

Every year the INCCC raises money to provide scholarships for area youth. One of those fundraisers is the car show. This year the car show was held at Hutton Settlement.

The purpose of this show, besides providing a venue for members to exhibit their cars, is to award

scholarships to those who have completed their high school requirements, and/or are post secondary students. Recipients are chosen by committee from applications submitted. It's intended that the recipients use the funds for education expenses related to post secondary education or training. The scholarship amounts awarded, and how many are awarded each year, depend on the funds available in the Scholarship fund for that year. The funds come from fund raising activities of the Inland Northwest Car Club Counsel including the registration fees for this show, donations from INCCC member car clubs individual car shows, and many other benefactors.

Since 1993 INCCC
has awarded
\$545,750 in
scholarships.

2026 Scholarship Recipients INCCC awarded \$42,000 in scholarships



Hutton Settlement is a Neighborhood of Care



Hutton Settlement has been in place for over a century. Their program provides the stability that is difficult to achieve in short-term foster care. Children's lives at Hutton are consistent, with brothers, sisters, friends, and other meaningful adults. They provide safe and healthy living opportunities for children, ages 6 to 18 in need of a long-term alternative home. The historic campus consists of four large homes, supported by 319 acres of pristine natural settings with opportunities for learning and recreation.



Dean Carriveau leads the crew of volunteers through the beautiful grounds.



Levi Hutton

The founder, Mr. Levi Hutton, was born in 1860 in Fairfield, Iowa but was orphaned at the age of 6. He was passed around among relatives, mostly living on a farm with an uncle and his family. Young Levi never felt a part of a family. His schooling ended after the third grade as he was expected to earn his way by doing farm chores.

At age 18, Levi headed west to seek his fortune. After a year in Oregon and a year working among the redwoods of California Levi headed north to Idaho. He was a fireman on both a steamboat and a locomotive before becoming a railroad engineer.

After several years as an engineer on the "Rocky Mountain Division," the Northern Pacific Railroad sent him to Wardner Junction, Idaho (now Kellogg) to drive an ore train into the mining country. These were exciting times as people had big dreams of one day striking it rich.

Levi began a string of businesses, invested in others and built the Hutton Building. The fourth floor of that building served as his and his wife May's home until 1914, when they built a house on the south side of Spokane. His wife May, all six feet and 225 pounds of her, shook Spokane Society. They were not used to a woman who dressed outlandishly and spoke her mind. May died in 1915 at the age of 55. Since his childhood as an orphan it had been Levi's dream to build a home for children. It was to be a "home," not an institution. It had to be a secure place where families could stay together and not be shifted about.

In 1919, the Hutton Settlement was born. The following year, Levi was recognized at the Shrine convention by the national Imperial Potentate who said, "If one man could build and do for children what Mr. Hutton has done, what could 500,000 Shriners do?" Consequently, at the next convention, a plan was initiated to start the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

For nine years, Daddy Hutton was able to enjoy the children and to be an intricate part of their lives. These years included a visit from Babe Ruth, who was also an orphan as a child, who played baseball with the Hutton boys.

On November 3, 1928 Levi died. He fulfilled his dream and left a treasured legacy for the many children who have called Hutton Settlement "home." With his acquired wealth he was able to help assure that the settlement would continue for many years to come.



FAIRCHILD CAR SHOW!

Fairchild Air Force Base was proud to host its inaugural Car Show. As an incentive the clubs that had over 10 cars received a gift card for \$500. The Gents didn't just reach 10 cars, but had the most cars of any club with 26 cars.

The show included cars from so many different car clubs. All registered participants received commemorative swag bags, and complimentary food and beverages throughout the duration of the event.

The day featured a wide array of attractions, including craft beer vendors, a BBQ competition featuring Pitmaster Moe Cason, a dedicated Kids Zone, and the "Start Your Engines" craft tent. Participants also had access to a complimentary on-site car dynamometer (dyno).

It was a great day, even with the high temperatures. The area was full of all types of shade producing covers, and club members gathered together enjoying each other's company. For those wishing to stay later there was a concert and a chance to win a signed guitar. A show that you don't want to miss next year.



**Gents had the
Best Club
Participation**





Meet Lee Jassman

Lee has been married to his wife Marilyn for 46 years. He has two step kids, Renee who is an interior designer and Chad who has a glass business in Kalispell, Montana. Lee grew up in the Spokane area, moving to the



valley in 1953. He attended Dishman Grade School and graduated from West Valley in 1964. This is when he first became a Gent. He stayed a part of the club from 1963—1965 when he entered the Navy. Moving around kept him from getting back into the Gents until 2024. Moving around is putting it mildly. He was in the Navy from 65-67, San Jose, CA 67-72, Spokane 72-80, Everett, WA 80-81, Galion, OH 81-82, Spokane, WA 82-08, Arizona City, AZ 08-21, Lakeside AZ 21-24 and back to Spokane, WA from 24—present. Now that's a lot of moving.

Lee worked in route sales for Tony's Pizza until being promoted to Marketing Manager of Northern Ohio for Archway Cookies. Lee has always had the urge for nice cars and speed.

Currently he has a Nova that he bought online from Pennsylvania and had it shipped to Arizona in 2017. Lee changed the engine in 2023 to a 383 Stroker. He wants to improve the car and keep it in top condition, to keep the Gents plaque in the back window.

Lee has had 9 different cars that he wishes he had kept, but he still has fun with the Nova. He entered the Nova at Jones Ford Show in Casa Grande, AZ in 2018 and took third place. Lee is glad to be back with the Gents enjoying his ride.

HOT ROD
BLUES

IN BROWNE'S ADDITION
2ND & CANNON SPOKANE WA

SEPTEMBER 12
12:00-4:00

Three Clubs Join Together

On Wednesday, July 22, a group of twenty, comprised of Gents, Pharoahs and Vipers club members toured Highway 27 through the small towns and ongoing harvesting from the Spokane Valley to Pullman. The Three Creeks Post Acute Care Facility led by Danielle Daniels hosted a barbecue for the group in exchange for an impromptu car show for their residents. It was indeed a good day for all of us. Special thanks to Danielle Daniels and the staff and residents of Three Creeks Post Acute Care. Well done!



Dashin' into Dishman



A short drive to the valley and a turn into Dishman brings you to an opportunity to view nearly 100 classic cards. It was a beautiful day to wander and look at all the cars. Unfortunately no Gents received awards, but three of the members won raffle prizes, making it a fun ending.



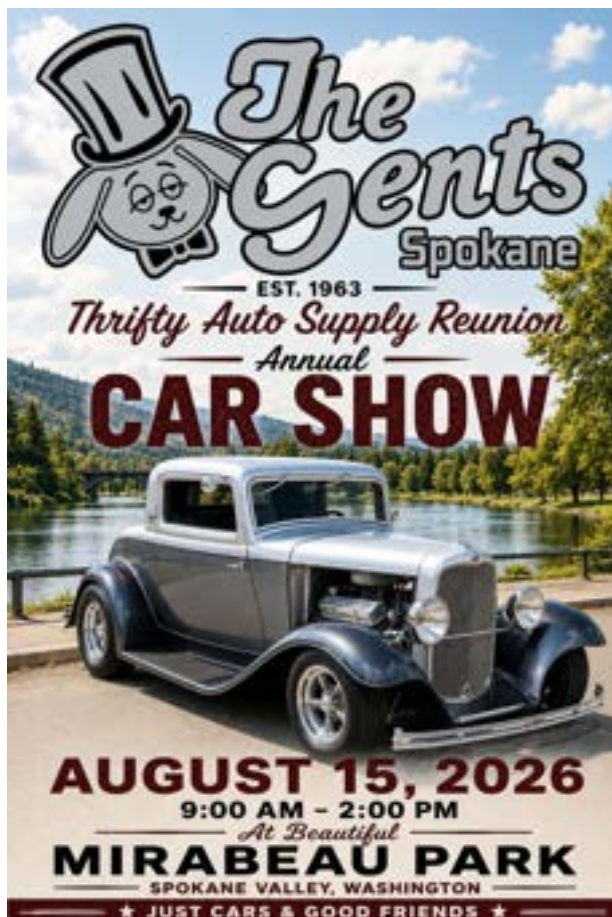
FINAL CALENDAR SHOOT

Special thanks to Deke Cloyd for the many hours he has spent in putting together the club calendar. Deke has been taking pictures for the Gents for 15 years, which is a huge commitment. Get ready for a calendar that will sell itself when the pictures are seen.



Some Upcoming Events

August 1, Chewelah Mistequa Casino Hotel Car show., Mistequa Casino, Chewelah
 August 1, Rockford Lions Club Show in the Park. Rockford, WA 9:00 – 2:00PM.
 August 1, Comancheros Show, Pinehurst, ID
 August 15 Gents Thrifty Auto Supply Reunion open car show 9 – 2PM
 August 29 Cops and Kids Balfour Park, Spokane Valley 4 – 7PM
 August 29 – 30 Tailfeathers and Wheels swap meet and show Davenport, WA
 August 30, Pontiac Roundup, Spokane Tribe Casino 10AM – 2PM
 September 5- 6, Silverwood “Coaster Classic” Silverwood Theme Park, ID
 September 12 Hot Rod Blues in Browne’s Addition 12 – 4PM
 September 12, Buick Open/HASSIE open car show. Mirabeau Point Park
 September 12 - 13, 26th Annual Vintage Harvest Davenport, WA
 September 15, Alderwood Manor Open Car Show, 10AM – 3PM
 September 19, Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet, Mirabeau Park Hotel
 September 26, 509 Street Machines “Cruising for a Cause, Saving Paws” show
 October 3, INCCC All Clubs Memorial Cruise to Chewelah
 Consult your on-line INCCC Calendar of Events for more shows, details and update information! <https://incarcclubcouncil.com>



DETAILS

Date:

August 23, 2025

VENUE

105 N Balfour Rd
Spokane Valley, WA

Time:

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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
d-ghaddican@msn.com
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)
Glenda Haddican
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Tim Lane—Run to the Sun

Tim puts on Valleyfest in the fall and the Run to the Sun tour and poker run in the summer. This year's tour began at Mirabeau Park and traveled approximately 80 miles on scenic two-lane roads in Washington and Idaho. Various stops along the way included Russ Freund's beautiful home and shop, Jack and Rosie Haley's "Rods and Dreams" garage, Classic Cars Restoration in Coeur d'Alene and finally, Jack Scanlon's amazing shops and collection. It was quite a day filled with gorgeous cars, unique automobilia displays and eye-popping scenery along the way. Each stop provided free refreshments to cool you down and tease your taste buds. The tour ended again at Mirabeau Park where there was a barbecue and live music along with significant cash prizes and raffle items for winning poker hands. The second annual Run to the Sun tour was a home run.



Note From the Editor

I'm sitting here thinking about how many months I have been doing this newsletter. January was a little challenging because there just wasn't much going on. It was a quick couple of days and I had it done. Then around May things picked up and I had plenty to include. But who would have dreamt the August newsletter would keep me up a couple of nights because of all the events. It is amazing to see the participation and all the options that are available to get involved. If you didn't attend any of these events you have missed getting to know a lot of great people. Let's keep the participation up and make the next month even better. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this newsletter, and thank you to all the members who contribute pictures and ideas.



Gents Merchandise

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

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

