



WT Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES FOR JOB READINESS

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN

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My History with "Walking Tall" ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,Andy Jacobson,,,Trout Lake, Washington



"I first became acquainted with Tom Smurzynski when I bought an Ariel Atom in Ashland back in '05. Tom was their engineer and idea man, and he helped develop the car and make it great. Then in '06, I took it down to Tom's shop (that is now used by Walking Tall) to have him Design and make new upright mounts to hold the rear wheel hub with a larger and stronger bearing so that I could run slicks on the track. I stayed a few days with Tom and Judy while Tom did the Design and Engineering for them. It was then that I got to know them and became friends.

I very much liked and admired their outlook on life and what are their priorities. They have an excellent set of values and a great belief and association with God and Jesus.

Quite a few years ago, they told me about their thoughts on creating the project called Walking Tall in Southern Oregon. How they wanted to put together, along with friends and members of the church they attended, this Special organization.

From my perspective, it was a very noble thought and idea. To help the local boys and young men find another, better purpose in life. A goal that would be so much different than just hanging out, doing nothing constructive, and possibly headed towards a life of trouble. Many of the boys and young men came from broken homes and had not been able to have the help of a mentor as a father figure. They had really never learned to do some of the basic things that would help them in life. Most would also not have had the opportunity to get to know God and all the very special things and love that can come from that knowledge.

With the help of some very special mentors, they have had great success in opening up many young men's lives. The boys have learned skills like building things, developing self-worth and responsibilities. How to communicate and interact with others and achieve a faith-based religion gives them a very important foundation. These fellows have had a chance to do things and go to different events that would not have ever happened without Walking Tall.

It is so rewarding to see all the good that has come from Walking Tall. Tom and Judy keep me apprised of all the "happenings" through the Communications that are sent out in a regular publication, via E-mail. Both Tom and Judy and the very Special Mentors can be rightfully proud of their accomplishments and the lives of young men they have so positively impacted. It is a truly great organization,,,,,Walking Tall !!"

Andy Jacobson

Retired Automotive Designer

A few years ago, a young lady was making desserts for walking Tall. When we found out she had an aspiration to design cars, we called our friend Andy', who has the heart to help the younger generation wherever he can. Andy stopped by here for a couple of nights and gave her some great pointers. She then decided to enter the national auto design competition. She received the future award design, receiving the top prize of a \$12,000 annual scholarship to LTU's automotive design program. This how sharing knowledge with upcoming generations can enrich their future.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms . 1 Peter 4:10

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