



Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

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LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED
MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCES
FOR JOB
READINESS

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

The Annual SEMA Trip (part 1)

Each year new mentors and young men come on this trip of a lifetime.

Rob and Claudia were incredibly generous in hosting us for our annual SEMA trip, and we are truly grateful for NIC's support in making it happen. Our adventure began at the NHRA drag races, where we met Antron Brown, one of the top fuel drag racers, and had a great conversation with Klarc, the manager of top fuel drag racer Steve Torrence. The excitement of watching the drag cars race created an exhilarating atmosphere for the Walking Tall group. The roar of Top Fuel cars can register between a 2 and 3 on the Richter scale—almost like a man-made earthquake.



Next, we had a private tour of our friend and legend Peter Brock's shop. Peter Brock is the designer of the '63 Corvette "split window" and the Cobra Daytona Coupe, as well as the owner of Brock Racing Enterprises. He took the time to speak with us, show us around, and autographed many items for the group to take home and cherish.

The SEMA Show is a premier trade event for the automotive specialty equipment industry, showcasing the latest products and trends for professionals. We were fortunate to be invited.

We were part of the SEMA education who support the next generation of leaders. They also met many professionals including Mark Trostle of Ram and Mopar Design, Mike Good of PIR, Bill Stuart of CleanTools, Mark and Kimberly of Rapid Air, Jim and Todd of Koni, Tom of Cerakote, Meggin of Miller Welding, Beverly of Knipex Tools, Dan and Adam of Gen-Y Hitch, Jeff of Carr Accessories and Barry and Karen Meguair. .

One of our favorite events at SEMA is the prayer breakfast. This years guest speaker was Pastor Don Wilton, Billy Graham's, pastor who inspired us by sharing heartfelt and funny stories about his family, his own experiences, and his treasured friendship with Billy Graham. Billy dedicated his life to faith and service, always choosing purpose over fame. In Don Wilton's book, "Saturdays with Billy," he illustrates how a simple, mission-driven mindset and intentional living can lead to powerful impacts and effective use of time. That message filled us with hope, reminding us that we could be a source of light as we entered the show, surrounded by thousands of people.

***Next week, we will share the insights of each young man and their mentors about what they gained from**

Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

Thank you for your support and prayers!

this impactful trip.*

If you would like to partner with Walking Tall, please consider a one time donation or regular monthly donations to support and continue offering many skills to these young men. Thank you so much!

Walking Tall: PO Box 3789 Central Point, OR 97502 or walkingtallso.org for online donations.



Our Friend Raiser campaign is currently underway, running until December 31st, with a goal of raising \$150,000 to support our efforts beyond our regular monthly contributions. This funding plays a crucial role in our annual budget, enabling us to provide nourishing meals, essential supplies for our ten programs, and cover the overhead costs that keep our doors open.

So far, we have received \$27,591 towards this goal, and we are incredibly grateful for every contribution. Your generosity helps us continue supporting our community works.

Thank you for standing with us as we work to make a positive impact together!

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