

# RUSTY NUTS

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## ALMOST HERE - CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET 2017

It's almost time for ARC's 5th Annual Car Show/Swap Meet to be held on February 11, 2017. This is ARC's biggest event and fundraiser. It has been a great success in the past thanks to the many volunteers it takes to put it on. Committees have been working since the last car show in February 2016.

Thank you Tom and Suzanne Jones for all of your work in chairing this big event. Thank you also to all the committee chairpeople. Hundreds of hours have gone into the planning for this event and hundreds of volunteers are needed to make it the best Car Show/Swap meet yet. If you haven't volunteered to help, please give Tom and Suzanne a call or stop in the John S. Chaney Restoration Center to sign up. There is a job for everyone who is willing to work, ranging from selling coffee and donuts, to security, to parking cars, to registration.

Volunteering is a great way to meet other car enthusiasts and to enjoy your club even more.

ARC members are not allowed to compete in the Car Show but there will be a special place to display your "rides" at the show.

Hope to see you all there! A successful Car Show is needed to help pay for the beautiful ARC building and for the many charitable projects ARC does all year long!

The next ARC  
General Meeting  
will be  
January 17, 2017  
2:00 PM  
in the  
RH Johnson  
Social Hall



*The crowd at the 2016 Car Show/Swap Meet!*

*The coveted trophies!*



## In For Repairs

By Linda Victor

Welcome to "In For Repairs"! If you know anyone who needs a little cheering up or who is going through a difficult time, ARC wants to know. We are one big family, and we care about one another. Please contact me at [stevelinda2004@earthlink.net](mailto:stevelinda2004@earthlink.net) or call 623-214-1090 with the information. I will be in contact with the individual by e-mail and also follow up with a card and special note from ARC. Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers. If you know them personally, I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

**Betty Pimm** (Wife of Darwin/#651) - Undergoing Cancer treatments in Canada. Hopes to return in February. Needs lots of prayers. Stay strong, Betty!

**John Grimes** (#757) - John is battling some serious health issues. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Hope you have many good days, John.

**Jeanne Knesal** (Wife of Norm/#605) - Having a slow recovery from brain surgery. Every day is a challenge for her. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers, Jeanne, and hope each day gets better.



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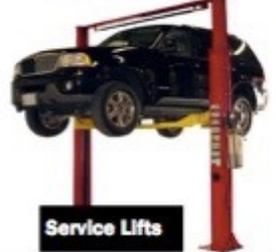


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### John S. Chaney Rock Around the Block 2016

The 2016 John S. Chaney Rock Around the Block was a huge success! There were probably more ARC members who participated than in any other ARC event. Over 70 cars took part in the cruise around SCW and the Members Only Car Show.

The car show winners were: Best of Show, sponsored by Jones Ford Buckeye, - Gary Alews; People's Choice, sponsored by Sharon Forman of Long Realty-West, - Jeri Oman; People's Choice, sponsored by Culver's, - Randy Robinson; Best Display, sponsored by Thunderbird Automotive Service, - Bonnie Robinson; and Best Period Attire, sponsored by Camino Del Sol Funeral Home, - Dave Meyer. Congratulations to everyone who participated! *(Thanks to Steve Victor for the photos.)*



**Projects Happening in Don's Garage**



**Lee Partridge** is working on his "Barn Find" which is a 1970 **Chevy El Camino SS396**. Lee has wanted this car since he was 16 years old. He found it setting in his neighbor's backyard. It had been there for 10 years. The El Camino is a Pro Touring Car, has a level 3 Ride Tec Suspension, Disc Brakes, and is a 4 Speed. It has a solid body and is a real Arizona car. It's a pretty big restoration project. Good luck, Lee!



**Tom Jones** has been working on his '32 **Deuce Coupe** and **Gary Curtis** was helping him. Tom is hoping to finish this project up soon. It is sure looking good!



**Martians Invade ARC** Well not exactly! Members, Bob Janis, Jack Foster and Jeri Omen, dressed in their "Bunny Suits," undercoated their 1955 Ford pickup. This project is a beauty owned by the trio. The quality going into this truck is top notch. Can't wait to see the finished product!



**Bill McVeigh** was given a ride on a lift while the truck's owners were bleeding the brakes!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## 2005 CROSSFIRE RAFFLE

**This 2005 Chrysler Crossfire  
could be yours!**

**Drawing will be held at the ARC  
Car Show/Swap Meet**

**February 11, 2017**

**1 ticket - \$10.00**

**3 tickets - \$25.00**

**15 tickets - \$100.00**

**Tickets are available at  
the Rec Center Ticket Office,  
and at the John S. Chaney  
Center.**



## Route 66 - Cruise Across Arizona Set



The response to the "Cruise Arizona on Route 66" has been great. The cruise is almost full, but if you want to go along, there are a few spots available. The guided tour of the historical Route 66 in Northern, AZ will leave SCW on Thursday, April 6th, and return on Sunday, April 9th, 2017. You will see the London Bridge, Oatman, Kingman, Peach Springs, Seligman, Ashfork, Williams, Flagstaff, Twin Arrows, Two Guns, Winslow (Standing on the Corner), Holbrook, and the WigWam Motel. Also included are the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 6th, 2017. To make a reservation or for information, contact Herb Clark 623-444-7778 or [woodmedic@aol.com](mailto:woodmedic@aol.com). Once the group is filled, no reservations will be accepted.

A Route 66 Seminar will be conducted following the ARC General Meeting in January for those who have signed up.

### FUN FACTS

**The first Indy Car to go over 100 MPH was Renee Thomas in "a Ballot" going 104.7 MPH.**

**Louis Meyer started the tradition of drinking milk in the winner's circle at the Indianapolis 500 in 1936. After he won, he toasted the victory by chugging down a big drink of milk. Louis did not drink alcohol. Now "Milk" is the liquid of choice by the winner after the race!**

## Meet Darrell Langer *By Pat Clark*

Darrell Langer grew up on a farm 2 miles from Marshall, and 9 miles from Madison, WI, and lived there for all but 10 years of his life.



Darrell's grandmother thought he should become a carpenter, like his grandfather, so she gave him carpenter tools when he was only 5 or 6 years old. She gave all the other kids toys, but not Darrell.

He was very mechanical minded and by the time he was 10 years old, had his own shop where he converted a push lawn mower into a riding mower. He and a friend would go to salvage yards and get old water heater tanks and refrigerator compressors and build air compressors. Darrell still has his compressor and it still runs with the same motor.

Later on, he worked at a gas station where he eventually became a mechanic. He did all work except automatic transmissions - mostly brakes and tune-ups. Out of 6 or 8 gas stations in town, theirs was the only one to fix truck tires. They charged \$5 to change the tires. He also worked as a silo builder, worked on a pipe line, and worked for a canning company in the field.

Darrell built a truck box on a tractor to haul food and water to pigs and chickens. He still has that tractor along with 18 others. Three are work tractors and the rest are collectors and they all run but are not all painted because Darrell has been building sheds for neighbors instead of painting. He is planning to build a 30 x 35 foot shed for himself next. Wouldn't you all like to have that?

In 1972, after his father passed away, Darrell bought a dairy farm. He eventually sold insurance and in January of 1979 he was elected to the Board of Directors for the insurance company. In April of that same year, he was elected to the town board where they started an ambulance system. In 1981, he became President and General Manager of the

insurance company and Chairman of the town board and also chairman of EMS. His wife became the office manager for the insurance company in 1989 which means they lived insurance 24/7 until he retired in 2013.

He was very busy with all of his jobs so he sold his dairy herd in 1997 and retired as the town board chairman to concentrate on raising corn and soybeans. He still has his farm and finds raising crops restful and relaxing. He also raises delicious looking vegetables in his very large garden. I sure wish I lived closer to him. He likes to buy old stuff for his farm to fix up. His lawn mower is 33 years old!

Darrell and his wife, Caroline, started coming to SCW in 2009 after placing an ad on Craig's List looking for a rental in AZ that would take two cats. They rented for three years and bought a home in 2012. Sadly, Caroline passed away in January 2014. Darrell's friend, Judy, now lives with him.

Besides his 19 tractors, Darrell has a 55' Chevy pickup that was given to him by an elderly old maid who didn't get along with many people. She died six months later. He had been trying to buy it from her for years. He also has a 1920 Model T pickup that he bought from a friend in April of 2016. His



brothers and sons want him to get Pontiacs like they have stored in his barn.

Darrell joined ARC after talking with Tom Jones and Steve Victor at the Car Show two years ago. He helped a lot to get the ARC building organized and ready for operation. He started helping Walt Jefferson and they ended up making a great team. He also helped Dysart High School build their 1967 Mercury Cougar for the Great Race in 2016. Darrell said he enjoyed all the work.

Darrell is a very interesting, modest, fun loving person who I think you will enjoy getting to know. Most days you can find him at ARC working on his Model T or helping someone else work on their ride.

## Models Wanted...Please read!

No ladies, we not asking for you to come out of retirement! And no guys, we are not having a lingerie show! We are talking about **model cars!**



Member Warren Burdine mentioned to VP Andy Schiestl that we should sell our excess model car inventory. Bob Pratt donated his fine model car collection to ARC a couple of years ago. His 800+ cars are not for sale!!! Since that time, members and friends of ARC have continued donating their (smaller) collections of cars. Many of these donated cast metal cars are duplicates. Warren suggested we sell them! He researched the value of each car and we cleared a space for them in the glass case as you enter the building.

Almost every day someone walks in and says, "I had one just like that as a kid." So now they can buy one and remember their youth. In most cases, we have the boxes they came in. Thanks to Warren we now have another source of raising money!

**HAVE A WONDEFUL 2017!**

**TO: ARC Members**

**RE: Gifts and Fund Raising for the Club**

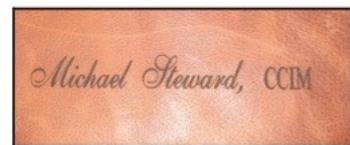
Mike and Sue Steward, members of ARC, have a limited supply of top quality genuine **ALL leather** portfolios. These are being offered to ARC members or their friends and families. For each portfolio sold, **all profit of \$50 is being donated to ARC club.** Leather = 100% water buffalo, with "antiqued" finish. Each "**Personalized**" with laser engraving of **your name** or **gift recipient's name.** Think: grandkid's graduations, job interviews, etc. **Price: \$100 each.**

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American Cancer Society 5th Annual Relay for Life  
 Sunday, February 19, 2017, 2:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Beardsley Park

Sign up online at [relayforlife.org/suncitywestaz](http://relayforlife.org/suncitywestaz) or  
 Contact Steve or Linda Victor at [stevelinda2004@earthlink.net](mailto:stevelinda2004@earthlink.net) or 623-214-1090

ARC has a team - "Automotive/Restoration Club of Sun City West"

In lieu of a sign up fee, The American Cancer Society is asking for donations!

Survivors get a free T-shirt and can be part of the Survivor Recognition Ceremony which is very inspiring!  
 (Last year ARC had over 20 survivors join in - if you are a survivor, come out to be honored.)

For \$10 you can dedicate a luminary to someone who has lost, won, or is fighting cancer!

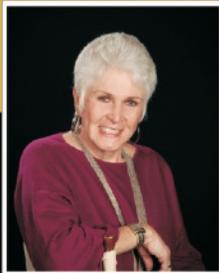
Last year, ARC raised over \$2300 - Let's top that this year!

ARC will have a mini-car display from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Please bring your "ride" and participate in the Relay!  
 You don't have to be there the whole time! The Opening Ceremony is at 3:00 PM followed by the Survivor/  
 Caregiver lap. There will be dinner provided for survivors and their caregiver around 4:30 PM. The Luminary  
 Ceremony is at 6:30 PM. It's worth coming out for! There will be entertainment, raffles, and lots going on.  
 The Victors will have a table at the January 17th ARC meeting where you can sign up and buy luminaries.

Survivors are also invited to a Survivor Birthday Party Celebration hosted by the Sun City West Relay for  
 Life Committee, on Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00 at the Sun City West Foundation, Grand Canyon Room. For  
 information about the birthday party, you may contact the Victors, or Sue Opsal at [sueopsal@yahoo.com](mailto:sueopsal@yahoo.com), or  
 623-251-7314. Thank you in advance, Steve & Linda Victor



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## ARC CORVETTE OWNERS

If you have already signed the Corvette Club sign-up sheet at the ARC building, you can disregard this letter. To those who haven't signed up or haven't heard about the new Corvette group, please think about joining.

About a month ago, a couple of ARC members, who happen to be Corvette owners, were wondering if there would be any interest in forming a sub-group within ARC, of Corvette owners. We posted a sign-up sheet in the shop and started gathering names and numbers of interested members. At this point we have around 25 names.

There are just two requirements for membership in the new club: 1) You must be an ARC member in good standing and 2) You must own a Corvette or be a Corvette enthusiast.

Right now, we're only gathering names to see if there is an interest in forming a Corvette Club. Sometime in January of 2017 we will contact all the people on the list and have an "idea gathering" meeting. We'd like to see what the members would like to do. Would you like long cruises or short drives? How about a Drive and Dine, or a Poker Run, or a Scavenger Hunt? We could also do trips that take several days, like the Rt. 66 cruise that Herb Clark is putting together right now. At the meeting, we'll try to put this all together and see if we can get this off the ground.

If you're interested in becoming a member of this new Corvette club, and we hope you are, please stop by the ARC building and put your name on the Sign-up sheet or send me an email with your Name, Phone Number, Email Address, and Year and Type of Corvette you own. Send your email to: [jandm@wamail.net](mailto:jandm@wamail.net).

Thank you,  
John Underhill

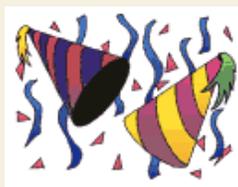


## Model A's...A trip back in time!

When the 1st Model A Ford rolled off the assembly line in late 1927, it started a new era for Ford. Ford had a long life on the American car market with over 17 million Model Ts sold. The Model A had a shorter life span (1928-1931), but sold a whopping 4.8 million cars. The popularity of these cars was largely due to their low price. The basic Tudor sold for around \$500. The luxurious Town Car sold for \$1200.



Ted Carman, ARC member and former President of the Arizona Model A Club, would like to start an ARC Model A Club. His best guess is we have twenty Model As in SCW. ARC's Chapter would also include Model Ts. If you own a Model A or T, please let us know and we will put this arm of ARC together. We also encourage any of our members who would like to be a part of this group to please sign up at the John S. Chaney Building. You don't have to own one to be a member!



## ARC TRAINS THEM EARLY!

Shane Harris, grandson of Tom and Suzanne Jones, thinks this 1950s era pedal car is fun and great to work on. The car was purchased by Tom and Suzanne in 1976 for their Son, Rodney Jones, for his fifth birthday. At the time, it was customized with CF insignias and painted red and white so he had his own company car. A million pedal miles, three cross country moves, and 40 years of being stored in an attic and barn, have made it a lot worse for wear. But Shane doesn't care! (Thanks to Marilyn Kloha for the photo. Shane's mother is also pictured.)



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## EDITOR'S GARAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! I hope everyone survived Christmas. 2017 promises to be a great year for ARC! We start off with a BANG with the Car Show/Swap Meet in February. ARC needs everyone's help with this one. It is our biggest event of the year. Come on out and help, you will enjoy it! March brings car shows and cruises and "Happy Camp" for all to enjoy. April will be here before we know it and includes the Route 66 Tour of Arizona. Then it will be about time for the snowbirds to head to their summer retreats already. Time passes fast so don't wait to get involved - DO IT NOW! Thanks to everyone who volunteered or made donations during 2016. Without your help, ARC would not exist.

I'm still asking for stories and pictures for Rusty Nuts! Send them to [prclarkgolf@aol.com](mailto:prclarkgolf@aol.com). Have a wonderful 2017! Thanks, Pat

