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Another Successful Car Show - 2017

By Dwight Senne

After initial forecasts of rain, Mother Nature cooperated and provided partly sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s for the 5th Annual ARC Car Show on February 11th, 2017 in beautiful Sun City West. In addition to the great show cars on display, ARC threw open the doors to the John S. Chaney building for free public tours.

Over 400 entries were received and the RH Johnson Recreation Center lot was chocked full of classics, hot rods, pickups, sports cars, and customs. The great variety of vehicles provided something for each of the thousands of spectators that came to witness this annual display of rolling artwork.

The judges had a difficult time choosing a winner in most of the classes, but in the end, a total of 58 trophies were awarded to some very deserving entrants. For a complete list of all the winners, go to the ARC website at restoration.scwclubs.com and click on the link for the 5th Annual Car Show.

The three big raffle winners were Bernie Bersano, who won the 2005 Chrysler Crossfire, Tom French, winner of the Sun City Mechanical home A/C system, and Mary Jo Monten, winner of the Associated Appliance Sales' washer and dryer.

We are fortunate to have great sponsors who help us with this show every year. This year was certainly no exception with Sun City Mechanical and Award Realty returning as Gold Sponsors. We also had AZCA Signs & Wraps, and Associated Appliance Sales stepping up as Silver sponsors. Bronze sponsors for this year's show were The Heritage Tradition In Sun City West, Western States Bank, Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel & Cremation Center, Ginger's Estate Sales by Janet, The Heat Shield by Energy Logic LLC, and The Recreation Centers of Sun City West. We owe all of our great sponsors our loyalty and appreciation for their continued support.

Special thanks goes out to all the club members who volunteered to help this year. We absolutely could not do this show without the great ARC members who step up and give of themselves to make this show a success! A special "thank you" to Tom Jones, this year's Show Chairman. Tom and his wife, Suzanne, put in some long hours to make sure the show would be another rousing success.

We look forward to another year of growth when we hold our 6th Annual show in February of 2018.

The next ARC

General Meeting

will be

March 21, 2017

2:00 PM

in the

RH Johnson, Social Hall



Some of the crowd at the ARC 5th Annual Car Show!



Award Realty booth!



Sun City Mechanical Booth

Over 400 show cars!

About 1800 spectators!

Car Coral filled!

Swap Meet filled!

Beautiful weather!

What a Great Day!

From the Driver's Seat

By President, Lauren Matley



We have just come off the best car show yet! The 2017 5th Annual Car Show/Swap Meet was a complete success. We sold out all spaces this year and the event was our second best profit maker in 5 years! It is due to you - the ARC members. You answered the call for help and you came through in style. It goes to prove that if we all pull together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

I am very proud of all of our ARC family. You have made this annual event the best and largest car show in the West Valley, bar none. We start this month with car show meetings to analyze and improve the 2018 ARC Car Show/Swap Meet. We need all of you to help ARC fulfill it's destiny. Our members have the talent and ability to make ARC the continuing success it was meant to be.

2017 will be a year of charity work for the club. We must always keep in mind that our mission from day one was to exercise our 501(c)(3) charitable status. In order to maintain it, there is much to do and we ask for your help in making our mission a compete success. We need the expertise of all of you ARC members to make it a reality, and have fun doing it too.

ARC is not just a club, but a family made up of men and women who care about each other. Let's keep it that way. ARC members are the best; my hat's off to all of you!.

Happy Camp is for Young & Old

Remember the days in your childhood or teens when you got to go to the Drive In Theater? It was special! I can remember "Buck Night," families and friends could pack the car and see a movie for a buck.

This year, ARC and the SCW Rec Center will make "drive in movies" a treat again. On March 13th and March 27th, we hope you will join us and participate in the award winning "Happy Camp Back to the Movies." On Monday March 13th, we will feature the extremely popular movie, "Cars." Cars is an animated movie based on the decline of Route 66 as a result of the new Interstate systems. On March 27th the movie will be the 1965 comedy classic, "The Great Race." This hit starred Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood, Keenan Wynn and Peter Falk. Based on the true great race from New York to Paris, this show will delightfully show you the comedy of the 60's.

Bring your kids, grand kids, or just yourselves, and enjoy a night at the movies. The theater will be set up at the John S. Chaney Automotive Restoration Center. A car show will be starting at 4:30 PM. Movie at dark! Watch from your car or bring a lawn chair.



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 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.

Verda Bell (#609) - Had back surgery on the 9th of February. She is recovering nicely and has been seen around the club. (Her 4th of July quilt is beautiful. Buy your raffle tickets at the ARC picnic.) We are happy that you are doing well, Verda.

In Memoriam

It has been a very sad month for ARC as we have lost four outstanding members.



Roy Mercer (#268) - Passed away in Canada at the end of January. He was always there to help with the car show raffles. Our condolences go out to his family.



Clayton Blankenship (#293) - Was lost to a heart attack on February 3rd. Clayton was instrumental in coming up with the design for our ARC Member shirts. He spent countless hours monitoring at the building as a desk and floor monitor, as well as a Foreman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy, who is also a member, and their family. Rest in peace, Clayton.



John Schneider (#39) - John passed away after a short illness. He was returning to Minnesota to be closer to family. He was well known, with his wife Susie, for their jump rope making device used at ARC car shows, as well as the Relay for Life Event. John had many talents and will be missed. We keep you and your family in our prayers, Susie.



Ted Carman (#116) - Yet another loss for ARC as Ted passed away February 21st from injuries suffered in a car accident in his Model A in January. Ted and his Model A didn't miss an ARC event. He was instrumental in getting a Model A Chapter started at ARC and his dream was to deliver Meals on Wheels in his Model A. Ted will certainly be missed around ARC and we keep his daughters in our thoughts and prayers. A service for Ted will be held at Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel on Saturday March 4th at 10 AM. His family asked that you drive your Model A to the service if possible.

AZ Cactus Derby March 4th

The original "Cactus Derby" started 99 years ago. It was a cross-country race from Los Angeles to Phoenix. It ended in 1913 after Barney Oldfield won it for the fifth time! To leave Los Angeles and head out across a desert, mountains, rivers and a lot of unknowns, must have been a challenge we can only dream of today! How did they get across the Colorado River? There were no bridges!



ARC ralliers are holding their version of this event on March 4th. This is NOT a speed event. It is all about teamwork between the driver and navigator. One half hour prior to the first car's leaving, drivers will be given a set of instructions to follow. The route will take them to unique places many of them have never seen. All roads are paved. The team that follows the instructions the best, including the proper speeds, will be crowned the winner.

The starting time will be at 1:00 PM. We encourage all who are not participating to come and cheer on the teams. The cars will leave in one-minute intervals. After the last car has left, we will share with the spectators where and when they might see the racers on the course. Most racers should be returning to the starting/finishing point at the John S. Chaney Restoration Center around 4:30 PM.

The winners will receive a custom trophy made by ARC members Tom Metzger and Vince Crelley. The name Cactus Derby is now owned by the Coker Tire Company who is also the owner of the Great Race. We thank them for allowing us to use this historic name. Remember, if you haven't ordered your Coker Tires yet, the order must be in by March 1st. Order now and get free shipping. Use tag ARC2017.



We have a completely remodeled 3 bedroom home on Pebblebrook Golf Course located at 18642 N. Conquistador in SCW that has a lot that will hold a 2-3 car garage that could be used for storing your vintage cars. Please call us at 623-308-2316 to see this amazing home. There is none like it in Sun City West.

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ARC Members and major sponsors of the
 Car Show



ARC to help Motors & Meals

Northwest Valley Connect has asked ARC to help them in their Saturday, March 11th event called "Motors and Meals." The event is for all who want to attend. Our cars will be on display from 1-6 PM. We invite other clubs to join us! No charge to display!

Northwest Valley Connect is a non profit organization that helps provide those in need with transportation to doctors appointments, grocery shopping, and to other places they need to go. This event will feature food vendors, beer vendors and more. Please come out and help make this event great! If you get "MyGrove," click on to the video in "Events" for details. See you there!

ARC A's

Ron Rada just received word that the application for Charter in the Model A Ford Club of America for the ARC Chapter has been unanimously approved by their Board of Directors. Congratulations! Ted Carman would be so proud! There are about ten members in the ARC Chapter!



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The Tale of the 2005 ARC Chrysler Crossfire Raffle *By Gordon & CiCi Carlson*

WOW! Just one year ago, I was delivered to the Auto Restoration Club Center. Many members greeted me and told me that I was to be a prize for a lucky ticket holder at the Annual Car Show in 2017! Eagerly, I watched as folks bought tickets and said, "Oh, I hope this one's a WINNER!" Happy members drove me to many car shows, after I was polished and sparkling like a brand new penny! Gordon and CiCi took me to the Fireman's Car Show in Peoria. One of their friends named Bernie Bersano bought three tickets from CiCi, hoping I would be *His* Crossfire.

On Feb.11, 2017, looking FABULOUS, I was on display in Sun City West at the Annual Car Show! Tickets were still being sold as I eyed the crowd.

Finally, the big moment arrived, we all held our breath.....YES, to my delight the name BERNIE BERSANO was called! "BERNIE IS THE WINNER OF THE 2005 CROSSFIRE." He is a Veteran - a highly decorated Marine. Now he is also the most popular guy at Westbrook Village in Peoria! Joyce, Bernie's wife, loves me too, as well as their family. I am so lucky to have such a Happy Home!!



Mike Libatore presenting the Crossfire keys to Bernie Bersano! Congratulations, Bernie!

Be a Part of Automobile History

Be sure to sign up for the incredible field trip to see some of the oldest race cars in the world! All of them are pre 1915. Alan Travis has opened his collection of cars to ARC members on March 6th. There will be two showings. The first session will be at 10 AM and the 2nd showing at 2 PM. **ARC members MUST sign up for this event!** Due to size constrictions, only 40 may attend at a time. ARC members will "cruise" over to Alan's home starting one hour prior to the time they signed up. Please double up. Parking is limited!

Note: The morning session is full but there are a few afternoon openings.



ARC ANNUAL PICNIC

MARCH 7th - Noon

\$5 per person, bring a dish!

Anna's Courtyard

CARS WILL BE ON DISPLAY!

Tickets @ JSC Building

Join other ARC Members for an afternoon of fun and food.

This is the last week to buy tickets!

Meet Mike & Verda Bell by Beth Hansen



Mike was born in Davenport, Iowa and learned about being an Athletic Trainer, a person responsible for the care, prevention and rehabilitation of athletic injuries, in High School. He attended the University of Iowa and got his Bachelor's Degree, then the University of Arizona for his Masters of Education, specializing in Athletic Training. He became employed at the University of Minnesota where as an athletic trainer, treated ice hockey and baseball injuries. After the U of M, Mike moved to the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where he retired at age 53 in 2004.

Verda was born in Washington State and grew up in Oklahoma. She graduated from Missouri State University with a BS in Industrial Engineering. As an Engineer, she worked in TV and the computer industry. She retired in 1996. Verda went back to college at COD in Glen Ellyn, Illinois majoring in Fashion Design. Both Mike and Verda ended up in the Chicago area where they met and were married in 1995.

They moved to Sun City West after retirement, where Verda took up quilting. She has enjoyed making quilts to raffle in supporting fund raisers for ARC. Mike and Verda also enjoy the Wood Shop and have furnished their house with what they designed, including cabinets and furniture. Mike is also active in the Metal Shop and has donated several pieces of his work to ARC for car show raffles.

Mike became interested in cars after learning that his grandfather was a Bantam car dealer in Iowa. ARC sparked his interest and he purchased a car.

Verda bought her first car at the age of 16 and had to fix it before driving. She worked on many different cars as she was the fixer along with her dad. Her favorite car was her

yellow Triumph, TR 7. Mike says he owns his favorite car right now, a 1934 American Austin Roadster, which has been in several of our car shows. Mike also liked his 1991 Ford Explorer, which was the first year for this model, and his first vehicle to go 100,000 miles on the original brakes and tires.

One of the Bell's interesting car trips was to the American Austin/Bantam Convention in Monroe, Michigan last summer. They visited family and friends along the way and took over 30 pictures with the car, then used them to do their Christmas Letter. Their family and friends will have these pictures and wonderful memories for many years to come.



If Mike and Verda could have any car today, it would be the English (Chummy) Austin 7 for Verda. The left hand drive version of the Austin 7 came stateside in 1930 as the American Austin. It was built in Butler, PA. The company went bankrupt in 1935 during the Great Depression. In 1937 it came back as the American Bantam with a few design changes. In 1940, Bantam won the military contract to produce the famous "Jeep" of WWII fame! The first Jeep was called the Bantam Reconnaissance Car (BRC).

Mike and Verda enjoy promoting ARC with the two National Austin/Bantam clubs they belong to, and they say that it appears more members may be moving to our area with their "itty bitty" cars.

The 1934 Austin Roadster is "big enough for your ass, her ass and a gallon of gas". It is a crowd pleaser, and most people are not familiar with the vehicle. Donald Duck drove a caricature of one in the Walt Disney cartoons, and "Benny the Taxi" in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" was an Austin Roadster.

Relay for Life By Steve & Linda Victor

Thanks so much for joining the Automotive/Restoration Team and supporting the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life." Whether you participated on Sunday, made a donation, purchased a luminaria, brought a food donation, provided raffle items, brought your car, or helped out at the event, Thank you! Despite the rain, wind, and cooler weather, we exceeded our goal. Our team raised \$3,517. We were third out of 16 teams. We can be proud of our accomplishment! Linda's "Walk to Remember" Team raised \$1,816 (5th place). The whole event raised just over \$40,000. Our group had 26 cancer survivors. There were 275 participants; of those 156 were survivors. There is Hope! Hope all of you



Some of the ARC Survivors! We are so happy that you are Survivors!

enjoyed the time you were able to spend with us and will consider joining us again next February.

Corvette Club

The first meeting of the newly formed Corvette Club was held in Feb. There are close to 40 members. Sign up in the John S. Chaney building if interested.



Katie Ferguson, Vice President of Sun City Mechanical, presenting Tom French with a refund check for the "Cool" raffle. Mr. French had previously purchased an air conditioner from SC Mechanical and then won the A/C at the ARC Car Show raffle. Congratulations Tom and Thank you Sun City Mechanical!

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March Upcoming Events

- 04 The Cactus Derby - 1:00 PM
- 06 ARC Field Trip to view Alan Travis Car Collection.
- 06 Car Show Meeting at 10 am at RH Johnson Shuffleboard Room
- 07 ARC Annual Picnic at ARC Building starting at Noon -Tickets \$5 each
- 09 Board Meeting 8 am at Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel
- 09 Camino del Sol Car Display from 11-1, limited space, contact Tom Jones to sign up
- 13 Happy Camp - ARC will present the movie "CARS," movie will start at dusk on an outdoor screen in the RH Johnson parking lot near ARC
- 16 LARC's Breakfast at 9 am at Memo's at RH Johnson
- 21 ARC General Meeting starts at 2:00 pm at RH Johnson Social Hall
- 27 Happy Camp - ARC wil present the movie "The Great Race." it will start at dusk on an outdoor screen in the RH Johnson parking lot near ARC

Facts from our past....

- . In 1936 the AMA reports that 95% of all cars built this year were selling for under \$750 wholesale .
- . Even though there was a worldwide depression going on, the US auto makers reported 3,7 million cars were built.
- . REO suspended making automobiles to focus on building their truck line.
- . Louis Meyers set a new track record by winning the Indianapolis 500 with a speed of 109.069 mph.
- . And in this year of inventions, cars started being produced with defrosters.
- . Here is a fact for Lauren, Gordon, Dick and Walt, the 3 millionth Buick was built in 1936.

2017 WINNERS!

There were many winners from this years ARC Car Show/Swap Meet! The biggest winner of all was ARC! We had a beautiful day, wonderful display cars, many volunteers, thousands of spectators, much camaraderie, and even made some money for the ARC building and for the many charitable projects we take part in.

The winner of the 2005 Crossfire convertible was Bernie Bersano from Peoria. Bernie's wife had been in the hospital so we hope winning the car cheered them both up. Our own Mary Jo Monten won the washer and dryer from Associated Appliances, and Tom French won the Air Conditioner from Sun City Mechanical. Numerous others won raffle prizes that were donated.

About fifty beautiful trophies were given to various divisions of cars in the show. The judges had a hard time choosing the very best. The top five People's Choice Awards went to: #1 Donna Downs & Russ Robb and their 1934 Hupmobile Cabriolet, #2 Les Ewer with his 1955 Chevy 210, #3 David Foster and his 1934 Ford, #4 David & Jayme Chapin's 1950 Olds Convertible, and #5 Kenneth Fabozzi and his 1965 Chevelle SS. The Dipsticks won the Club Award with the most participants. And Mikaela Thomas from Dysart H.S. won the Valve Cover Design competition for kids. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to Dwight Senne for most photos.



35' Chevy Phaeton



66' Fairlane



A clown by Tony's truck



Zane's truck



Corvette Stingray



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Model A



Shoobox Ford



The Swap Meet



Mikaela Thomas



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Wanted: A set of original 2004 Corvette shop manuals (4 books). If anyone has a set from a previous car that they would like to sell before I purchase from eBay or other sources, I would like to buy them. Contact Larry Mills, longarmsmills@msn.com or 206-465-5420.

1965 Olds Cutlass 442 2Dr Post. Numbers Matching, Ps,Pb Red on Red. \$19,500. Steve Victor 623-214-1090.



1981 Volvo 242 GLT. Vin:YV1AX4723B1202191 Newer paint, grey cloth interior, 367,000 miles rebuilt engine, records since new, Bilstein, IPD sway bars, Jamex springs, white gauge faces, tinted windows. Pioneer DEH-P900R, 4 Infinity speakers, Infinity subwoofer, Kenwood amplifier. Randy Pace rcpace@cox.net, or 602-751-3600.



2006 Black Crossfire for sale. 6 Speed manual, V6, 20,440 miles, garage kept. \$10K OBO. Art Time 760-680-6057.



STILL WANTED: Stories and pictures for Rusty Nuts. prclarkgolf@aol.com.

Editor's Garage

By Pat Clark

It has been a month of ups and downs. The biggest UP was the Car Show/Swap Meet. What a wonderful day with wonderful people! All of you volunteers made it a success. Thank you!

The DOWNS were losing four of our ARC members. Roy Mercer, Clayton Blankenship, John Schneider, and Ted Carman will all truly be missed. They all participated in ARC events and volunteered to help many times.

As Lauren Matley said, this year will be a year of charity work for ARC. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and our main purpose is helping others. Please consider giving of your time and talents to help ARC achieve our goals. Thank you.