

# RUSTY NUTS

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## 2019 Great Race On West Coast

Many of our ARC Members have been waiting for the announcement of the route for the 2019 Great Race. Director Jeff Stumb recently made the announcement that the 2019 Great Race will start in Southern California and travel north to Tacoma, Washington. If all goes well, ARC and several of our friends just might be a part of the event.

The start is NOT pinned down yet, we just know it will be in Southern California. The route will wander through the eastern part of California, head up to the Redwood Forest, then on to parts of Oregon, before finishing at the America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Washington. What a thrill! What a trip!!!

I have no way of predicting who all might join the trek, but some good candidates for this trip would be ARC members, Tom & Suzanne Jones, Don Kloth, Gary Masak, Dick & Beth Crabtree, Herb & Patty Clark, friends Stu Searing, Mark Shaw, East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT), Dysart High School, Sunrise Mountain High School, and possibly West-MEC. The more the merrier! Tony Palozzi has committed to be the head mechanic for the X-Cup Division (student division). His knowledge will certainly keep the kids and their cars on the road.

Are you interested in being a part of this lifetime experience? Please let us know, and who knows, you may experience a "Bucket List" adventure. Contact Herb Clark for more information at 623-444-7778 or [woodmedic@aol.com](mailto:woodmedic@aol.com). Early sign up for anyone who has participated in the Great Race previously is May 15, 2018. The general public will be allowed to sign up after the 2018 race from Buffalo, NY to Halifax, Nova Scotia. If you are interested, PLEASE let me know so I can get you on the list!!!

**The next ARC  
General Meeting  
will be  
May 15, 2018  
2:00 PM  
RH Johnson Rec  
Center  
Social Hall**



*Stu Searing and Gary Masak in Gertrude, 2017 Great Race!*



*Dick & Beth Crabtree in Sweet Vanilla!*



*Don Kloth & Howard Johnson!*

*The 2019 Great Race will run from Southern California to the America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Washington! Several ARC members have participated in previous Great Races!*

*See more photos on page 2.*

## Great Race Memories Through The Years!



*Don Kloth & Herb Clark in their first Great Race in 2014!*



*Herb Clark, Don Kloth, & David Eicke in 2014!*



*Tom & Suzanne Jones in 2015!*



*Gordon Monten & Lauren Matley in 2015!*



*Don & Chris Kloth in 2015!*



*Tony Palozzi, Lauren Matley, & Howard Johnson, crew in 2016!*



*The whole crew in 2016!*



*Herb & Pat Clark in 2016!*

## DEUCE COUPE CORNER

By Tom Jones, President



April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?.....Pilgrims!!!!

Just wanted our ARC members to know that since we started selling Mustang Raffle Tickets, we have sold over 140 tickets in the last three weeks of April. That is \$14,000! We have had mail in requests and are able to use credit cards as well as cash and checks. Don't miss out! We may sell the 1000 tickets before you get back if you are away for the summer.

Our paint shop construction is underway and making progress. This summer we will have the Zacko ARK in the ARC building again. It is really a great sight for guests to see when they stop by to take a tour. We will start summer hours in June, but if the level of interest is still strong, the shop may be open all day instead of just mornings.

In June we have our Fiesta feed; July, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July pot luck; and August, our Ice Cream Social. Even though we will not have monthly meetings, we will still have occasions to get together as a social club. Stay safe and cool over the summer. Remember the ARC shop is air conditioned and comfortable!

## 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 email 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.

### In Memoriam

**Carol Larsen** (Tom #46) - Carol passed away in April. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and his family and friends.

**John Grimes** #757 - John has recently passed away. A memorial service will be held May 8 at 10:00 AM at the Cave Creek Veteran's Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends.

## ARC's Model A Club Goes Cruising

On Saturday, May 12th at 9 AM, ARC's Model A Club is planning a two hour cruise through SCW. Lead by Ron & Joyce Rada, the group will journey down many local streets delighting unsuspecting homeowners in our area. For a short while these spectators will be taken back in time, and hopefully this will bring a smile to their faces. Following the cruise, there will be an old fashioned ice cream social for those who participated in the cruise. All classic cars are welcome!

If you want to be a part of this classic car tour, please contact Ron Rada at [rjrada@cox.net](mailto:rjrada@cox.net). As Suzanne Jones says "aaahoooga."



# 2018 MUSTANG CAR RAFFLE



**GT 5.0 V8 with 10 speed transmission and Performance Package  
Kona Blue Metallic**

**Tickets are \$100 each  
Only 1000 tickets will be sold  
Winner has their choice of the Mustang or \$10,000 cash**

**Purchase tickets at  
The John S. Chaney Restoration Center (ARC)  
or  
the ticket office at RH Johnson Rec Center**

**Drawing to take place on or before the ARC Car Show, Feb. 9, 2019  
Mustang provided by Sanderson Ford**

**LARC's Breakfast**

**May 17, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

**Memo's in the Bowling Alley.**

**No need to reply, just come out and enjoy fellowship  
with other Ladies of ARC!**



**Could be yours!**

## What can you do this Summer?

By Herb Clark

The summer months bring a lot of opportunities for car buffs! All across the country there is something happening all summer long. We encourage you to get out and go to some of the events in your area...or if you are traveling, here are some things you just might have on your "bucket list!"

If you are in the Northeast on June 23rd, why not go to the start of the Great Race in Buffalo, NY, or if you are in the area, check out the other 16 stops on the Great Race's way to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Google "Great Race 2018" for more information.

The Midwest offers many options! The largest Car Show in Missouri is held at the Lake of the Ozarks near the Bagnell Dam on May 4, 5, and 6. Expect to see over 1200 cars on display and hundreds more "Cruisin" down the roadways! June 9th is the Route 66 Festival in Kirkwood, MO. Live bands and many cars that may have traveled the road west on Rte 66 will be on display from 5-11 PM.

If you are in the middle of the country and heading north, here are two stops you do not want to miss! The first one is in the resort area of Okoboji, Iowa where you MUST stop in at the Okoboji Car Museum. This is unlike ANY museum you have seen before. The tour will be a history lesson and more. The building is professionally designed to appear as if you are walking in downtown Spirit Lake, Iowa prior to July 4, 1936 when an errant firework set the town on fire. The false fronts on the stores and the art work behind the glass windows will look real. When you pass into the second room it will be an early morning stroll along the lake.

The second stop you wouldn't want to miss is the "Back to the 50's Car Show" in St. Paul, MN. Thousands of cars and car nuts will all be there to make this show one of the biggest in the country. Dates are June 22nd to 24th. This show was voted the "Best Car Show" in the country in 2016 & 2017.

Another real adventure will be the Woodward Ave. Dream Cruise in Detroit, MI. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, but cars start arriving on August 16th and stay through the 19th. This event is so large it

covers about 8 miles in the Detroit area. Go to party and cruise!

If you are out west and looking for a car show that doesn't have to take a back seat to any, go to the "Hot August Nights Car Show" in Reno, NV, August 6 - 11. During this six day event, you can see a lot of burnouts and street racing. Not legal, but it happens! It is hard to get a room, but well worth the effort!

If you happen to be in the far northwest, there is one place you do not want to miss! Go to the America's Car Museum in Tacoma, WA. This is the largest car museum in the world! Stop and see cars you have only heard about. See the rarest of the rare!

Wherever your travels take you, please be safe, take pictures, and let us know about your car adventures. My plans are to see many of these places again and some for the first time!

## Finally... Paint Room/PrepRoom Gets Started

After so many false starts and waiting on the final approval from Maricopa County, the ARC Paint Room and Prep Room construction has started.

Soon ARC members will be able to do a complete restoration job on their cars. The process of restoration requires many disciplines and a great paint job is essential to making the final product a success. Our new prep and paint booth will allow us to build and paint our projects. Completion of the building is estimated to take about 3-4 months. So, this Fall we can start planning the colors we want to mix in the new paint mixing station.

Thanks to Lee Schwartz for heading up this project!



## ARC Angels

*The following notes have been received regarding the ARC Angels. Many more notes are received but we don't always have room to print them. Thank you, Randy Robinson and the ARC Angels.*



To the Members of the ARC of Sun City West.

I would like to say a special thank you to Randy Robinson of the ARC Angels for his determination in my effort to purchase a 1957 Chevrolet Nomad, in the SCW area. I have been looking for some time for a nice 57 Nomad, and found one on the internet in Randy's area. I heard about Randy and the ARC Angels on the internet and contacted him for his help and expertise in attempting to purchase this car. I live just south of Lexington, Kentucky and did not wish to fly out to check on the car without first knowing that it was in good condition. I contacted Randy and he offered to contact the owner of the Nomad and check it out for me. Not only did Randy check it out and test drive it for me but he also negotiated a better price.

It is good to know that there are folks like Randy and the ARC Angels that are willing to go out of their way to assist others without expecting compensation. Please let Randy and the ARC Angels know that I greatly appreciate the efforts that were made on my behalf.

Truly Thankful, Charlie Davis

Dear ARC Angels,

We want to express our appreciation for the wonderful assistance that Mr. Randy Robinson provided to us this past week. Randy not only consulted with us, but actually assisted us in fixing our driver's side automatic mirror, (after it suffered a minor mishap with our garage door). Many thanks, Randy!

The Auto Restoration Club (ARC) Angels of SCW are an outstanding resource, especially for single ladies and widows, to call on for consultation assistance on anything related to your vehicle. They are reliable, honest and quickly respond to assist in resolving your car issue. They will provide peace of mind by providing needed information and pointing you in the right direction. The fact that their service is free is really hard to believe, but it's true! Please contact them, you will not be disappointed.

Thanks Again, Barbara and Dick Coupe

## Happy Camp!

Our neighbor lost their son last year so they are now new parents of a 5 year old. Anyway, today I ran into Erma and she wanted me to pass on what a great idea those cardboard cars were with their new son, William. Ever since he took his home, it has been a pirate ship, a bed to sleep in, and 2 or 3 other things which I don't remember. She wants me to pass on a big Thank You for ARC's part in Happy Camp. Gordy Monten

*Many other great comments have been heard about the cars at Happy Camp! Thank you Steve & Linda Victor for the idea and all of your work! Thank you to everyone else who helped with Happy Camp too! With more help, next year will be even better!*



## The Great Escape

**Editor's Note:** *The following article was written by Dale Oestreich of Precision Restorations in St. Louis, Mo. It was printed in Hemmings and we are reprinting it with the permission of Dale Oestreich.*

Classic car restorations are like movies: some can actually be compared to a love story while others might turn into a frightening horror show. Even if the situation seems dire, there are always ways to get out of your nightmare...and avoid them in the future.

### **The Fast and The Furious**

Take your time finding the perfect partner to handle your unique restoration (a big red flag: be cautious if you are immediately asked what your budget is.) Seek out relevant information to ensure a job well done such as:

- Background history and examples of quality craftsmanship
- Client satisfaction rates (through testimonials and a BBB rating)
- Solid structured approach to developing a work estimate
- Clear production schedule to enable timely restoration
- Commitment of anticipated production start and project delivery
- Consistent updates that include project photos and progress

### **Pay Attention To The Reviews**

"It's taking forever, and it seems like nothing is getting done." "This costs too much for what they have completed." "The work is shoddy and substandard."

First and foremost, avoid restorers who earn a countless amount of negative reviews. While technology has made it easier for people to constantly complain via social media, there is usually a kernel of truth in these stories. Seek out those restorers who offer quality service that generates positive testimonials. Rely on industry experts and like-minded friends to steer you in the right direction before dropping off your beloved automobile with just anybody.

### **If At First You Don't Succeed**

There are two practical options to pursue if you get into an unfortunate predicament:

Stay just a little bit longer – If you are feeling good about the finished work (even if it's taking way too long to complete), take a breath and review the situation. Stay put if you feel the owner is making a good faith effort to finish your car within a reasonable timeframe. Remain cautious in regard to the terms of the restoration's balance...especially if you have paid a substantial amount for parts, labor and materials. It's up to the restorer to complete your project in a timely and quality manner. Just be aware of the risk since you have seen the shop's true colors in how the slow-motion restoration situation was handled.

Cut your losses as soon as possible – While this is difficult to do since you have already spent a considerable amount, it may be time to pull the car. Common sense tells you to try and salvage the funds but – if sub-par work has already been completed – it's best to remove your car plus all associated parts before potentially threatening legal action to recover your investment.

P.S. Don't beat yourself up because you didn't do enough research the first time around. For many, if not most individuals, a classic car restoration is likely the first (and only) time they will experience this process. You may have gotten excited about a cool looking classic car and not delved into details about the restorer. You simply accepted what you were looking at and reading about, and you trusted the shop's integrity like most people would.

### **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

If your gut tells you to move onward and upward, then listen...and remember which characteristics to look for in a restorer based upon the items listed at the beginning of this article. Another tip: don't pass up a quality company that may be halfway across the country. If the shop meets your requirements, a transport fee ranging from \$800 to \$1,200 is a small price to pay when it comes to a six-figure restoration.

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### **The Terminator**

Once you have ended your relationship with the less-than-stellar restorer, it's time to make arrangements to retrieve your car. Speak respectfully and transparently to the shop owner about your intentions, and be prepared to present invoices regarding purchased parts (they're yours to keep) and picking up your car (try to be present when the transporter comes). Take the approach that this is the best situation for both parties involved since you are less than satisfied with the completed work.

### **Deliverance**

We'd like to give you an inside look as to why delivering a quality-restored car can be difficult. Here's what we know firsthand: the financial aspect of a restoration business is very challenging with respect to appropriating funds correctly, as well as handling the peaks and valleys of the business cycle.

Managing production is the most important part of the restoration process. Unlike a factory where specific time is allocated for a certain job, a restoration project has many variances. There are no instruction manuals, such as with putting a piece of furniture together, so the technician performing the work must execute the task both correctly and efficiently.

Most restoration shops that face problems of not finishing projects in a reasonable timeframe...or even not at all...typically do not take the time upfront to estimate every task. While this is extremely important to avoid delays, it is a very timely and arduous process.

This "runaway train" result is when a technician may try his best but – without a reasonable expectation of the time it takes to complete a task – labor costs far surpass what is charged to the client. This trickle down example also means that funds which are expended now may be needed later in the restoration process in order to complete the work.

Unintentionally depleted funds mean that money earmarked for parts' purchases may not be readily available, which stalls the project while continuing the cycle of lateness and mismanagement. Successful restorers understand the many challenges they face and, in light of the varied situations, can manage each task plus the technician while avoiding a reduction in quality.

### **The Finale**

Classic car restorations don't have to be a nightmare. The process can be a happily ever after experience from beginning to end with a little patience and a lot of planning.

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### Editor's Garage

By Pat Clark

Welcome to May! Where have January, February, March, & April gone? This world is certainly moving quickly! Herb & I are back in St. Louis. We are heading to the Lake of the Ozarks for the Magic Dragon car show next weekend and then will look forward to the Kirkwood, MO Route 66 Festival in June. What are your plans? Let me know and send pictures for the September issue of Rusty Nuts. (No Rusty Nuts in June, July, or August.)

Remember to get your Mustang raffle tickets before they are gone. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. They are \$100 each - what a bargain if you win! Go by ARC or the Ticket Office at RH Johnson to purchase yours. If you are out of town, you can call Tom Jones at 503-887-3430 and use a credit card or check for tickets. In lieu of the Mustang, you can choose to take \$10,000 cash if you are the winner.

I would like to step down as the Editor of Rusty Nuts next year. This is the 52nd issue I have done and I feel like I'm getting a little stale and someone new could add some fresh ideas. If you have an interest, please let myself or Tom Jones know. Thank you!

Have a wonderful summer! If you are traveling, be safe! If you are staying in SCW, stay cool! Take lots of pictures to share your adventures with your fellow ARC members in the Fall. They would love to know what you are up to!

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