

RUSTY NUTS

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In all human affairs there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result.

James Allen, author

Our Result - A GREAT CAR SHOW!!



Another Very Successful Car Show 2019

Mother Nature cooperated and provided partly sunny skies and temperatures in the 60s for the 7th Annual ARC Car Show on February 9th, 2019 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 public tours.

Over 400 entries were received and the Rh Johnson Recreation lot was totally Full of Beautiful 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 56 trophies were awarded to some very deserving entrants. For a complete list of all the winners, go to the ARC website and click on the link for the 7th Annual Car Show. arcofscw.com

The two big raffle winners were Steve Urycki for the 2018 GT Mustang and Ray Finley won the Air Conditioning system provided by Sun City Mechanical.

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 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage returning as Gold Sponsors. Bronze sponsors were The Heritage Tradition in Sun City West, Western States Bank, Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel & Cremation Center, Champs Automotive, The Heritage Tradition an SRG Community, Pacifica Senior Living, Soltice Senior Living, Edward Jones Matthew McNally.

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 Gary Masak this year's show chairman. Gary put in some very long hours to make sure the show would be a rousing success.

We look forward to another year of growth when we hold our 8th annual show in February of 2020.

Some Happy Winners



Tom the winner of the Mustang Steve Urycki



Turning over the keys



Grand Marshall winner



Winner of the Child's Tesla

Ray Finley won the Cool Raffle of an Air Conditioning System provided by Sun City Mechanical



From registration to action in the field , it was a great show!!





The next
ARC general
meeting will be
held on
March 19th, 2:00 P.M.
R.H. Johnson
Social Hall

Deuce Coupe Corner

by Tom Jones, President

March is here and we have survived February, the Car Show, snow and flooding in SCW. Wow, what a month. Well, we are almost to warmer weather. So glad the ARC shop is heated as well as air-conditioned.

March is a busy month for ARC. Camino del Sol will have a car display on Wednesday March 6th. Happy Camp will be at the ARC building on Monday March 18 & 25th. We need your cars displayed around the building.

Our very first ARC Golf Tournament is planned for Saturday March 23rd at Echo Mesa Golf Course. Thank you, Craig Landers and Chuck Willkom for putting this on.

Thank you to all the members who monitor and keep the shop open during the week. We have only had to close down a few afternoons when we did not have work or monitors. Training Saturdays are working well. Keep up volunteering and we can continue having a premier club.

Downshifting Roger and Lousanna Wasson Member Number 1276

Roger started his mechanic career at the age of 14 working at an independent garage that repaired VWs and Porsches. At age of 15 he owned my first Race car a 1957 Plymouth that he raced at the Springfield Fair Grounds. By age 16 he was a paid commission line mechanic. At 17 he rode his motorcycle from Springfield, Missouri to Boca Raton, Fl. Stopped by Petty Enterprises on the way down there. His senior year in high school he rebuilt a '56 Tbird for himself. (and no he has no college education) Roger moved out here to Wickenburg, AZ in 1964 and stayed here until the middle of '66. His stepfather was the Service manager for the Ford dealership in Wickenburg at this time. Roger's main job was to overhaul automatic transmissions on the Fords that came in. It was too hot in Arizona so in 1966 moved back to Missouri to work in the VW garage.

In 1969 Roger moved again to work for Petty Enterprises (Lee, Richard and Maurice) in North Carolina. He worked with Maurice in the engine room and went to all of the races with them at this time. His job was to tune the engines and take care of the transmissions and rear ends. While with them Roger won 44 of his 200 NASCAR victories. Too many stories to share here. I meet Louanna in 1971 at the Atlanta race and moved home in 1972. We have been happily for 46 years.

We asked Roger why he would want to join our club? His response was "I just want to loaf and hang around while we are here in Sun City West but I do not want to turn any more wrenches....been there done that. Just like the smell and atmosphere I guess."

Roger's response sounds a lot like most of our members - just like the atmosphere. The following are photos Roger send of himself while working at Pettys.

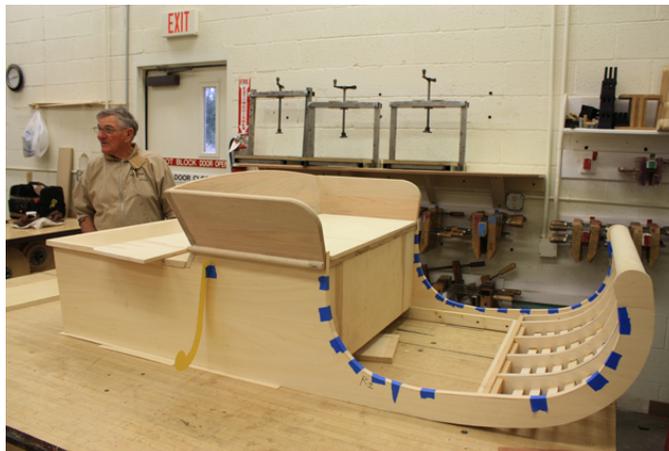


7th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life a Success

ARC members, along with many others, braved the cold, windy day to come out to Beardsley Park to support cancer survivors and raise money for cancer research. Twenty-seven members joined the team, with 22 of them being survivors. They were cheered on as they did a victory lap around the walking track with their caregivers. Twenty-two ARC cars were displayed in the parking lot. Over 600 bags were lit for the luminaria ceremony at dusk. It was quite the sight to see. Our ARC team raised \$4,165, with \$1,000 of that raised on Sunday. We were 5th out of 21 teams. Thanks to everyone who came out to help haul "stuff", put out luminaria bags, sell raffle tickets, walk, donate, and display cars. This year's Relay raised \$65,171 to help with cancer research and services to cancer patients. For information or help go to www.cancer.org or the 24-hour information line at 1-800-227-2345. Hope to see more of you at next year's Relay.

Steve and Linda Victor





Firsts - Many ARC Firsts *by Herb Clark*

Most people know ARC was the *first* Senior Automotive Restoration Club in the United States. But what they don't know is there are other "*Firsts*" associated with ARC. One of the most often asked questions is when somebody *first* sees the red horseless carriage out front of the John S. Chaney Restoration Center is, "What is it?"

It is a replica (not a kit) of a 1901 Curved Dash Oldsmobile! The Curved Dash Oldsmobile was the *first* mass produced automobile in the US. Olds made 425 of these vehicles, and they sold for a staggering \$650. Most common people made less than a dollar a day back then. Ransom Eli Olds was the designer/maker. In a couple years he sold to a new conglomerate named General Motors. He became dissatisfied with his new partners and sold out completely. In 1912 he started marketing the *first* power lawn mower. Later he started another manufacturing company making cars and trucks. He called his new company REO. You may have heard of the REO Speedwagon! No, it is not the band of the 80s.

ARC's very *first* project is the one you see out front of our shop most mornings. I knew, when we started the club, we would need some kind of project to keep the momentum going. When ARC became a charter club, we did not have a facility, meeting place, or tools to work with. Looking online for a project, I read the history of the Olds and with a little searching, found a guy in Louisiana who had the blue prints from the original Oldsmobile. I called him, and for \$30 he sent me a disk with the shop drawing from the plant in 1901. Also on the disk were the plans for a 1904 "Pie Wagon." (Also known as a "C" Cab.)

The plans arrived in early December 2011. With the help of Walt Beuck, he & I built the body. Lee Schwartz built the frame and the metal parts, John Chaney built and engineered the extended axles. He later upholstered the seats in a vintage "Diamond Tuft" pattern. I built the wooden seat. Lauren Matley did the painting! Some people think the body is metal or plastic...it is not! It is wood. After two weeks of sanding, Lauren approved our sanding as "ready for painting."

Many others helped. I cannot remember all of those who helped out, but it was a group effort. Tony Palozzi and Jerome Knudson did the wiring, Hank Mahal made the tiller steering coupling and the brass "Oldsmobile" emblems. Others who pitched in were Chuck Ulbricht, Howard and Lorence Johnson. Many others helped or advised us along the way!

In early January, we were asked by the Arizona Centennial Parade Committee if we could finish it by the parade date of Feb 14th, 2012. They wanted it in their parade! We all worked feverishly, and started it up for the first time on Friday, Feb 10th. Saturday morning, Sept 11th, Brad Huber trailered it up to Wickenburg for the Gold Rush Parade. Chuck Ulbricht rode along with me through the streets of Wickenburg. Tuesday was the Centennial Parade in SCW, and ARC's *first* project was now honoring the State of Arizona! We made it!

When the horseless carriage was donated to ARC, Tom Jones took it to the DVM. They licensed our 1901 Curved Dash Oldsmobile tribute as a "1901 Curved Dash!" The *FIRST* that I am the most proud of is how ARC is the *FIRST* club in SCW to build and pay for our own incredible building. ARC is also noted in the community as the *FIRST* club to do so many charitable activities for the community.



Our Horseless Carriage
Thank you to Herb Clark for sharing ARC history with us!

Mecum Auction March 14, 15, and 16

An update from Danny Garhardt - Mecum Auction Advisor

This auction is evolving daily. News is old the next day. I'm very busy as the auction has grown to 4 days with 1250 cars in just the last week. The need for drivers has reached 280. As of today 86 ARC members are driving.



The inventory is lower than usual and the prices have been going up! This is a great time to sell your home or to buy a new one!

Please check us out on our website:
www.ArvidKay.com. We can give you an estimate of what your home is worth today.

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ARC Members



In For Repairs



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.

Steve and Linda



An Accident waiting to happen-always be careful

ARC Angels

The ARC Angels are a group of ARC members, led by Randy Robinson, who quietly go around helping SCW residents who are in need. They don't ask or look for recognition or praise. Occasionally, someone who has been helped, lets us know. The following is a letter received from one of these recipients of help. Thank you Randy and all of the ARC Angels for your continued service to the SCW community.

Hello Tom Jones,

I am one happy lady!!! The scar on my car has disappeared thanks to Dan Kuhl, one of your ARC ANGELS!!! He did a professional job and faster than I could have driven to a garage to have had it fixed! A great relief to have "a look like new" job done right here in SCW!

How grateful I am to have ARC in SCW and thank you for all the work you have gone thru to get it here and the sharp looking building you put up. A great addition to SCW!!!

In appreciation,
June Racus

THE LION'S GROWL

By Dan Kuhl

(Thank you Dan for being June's ARC Angel)

As you have already guessed it, I try to write interesting articles that are usually Studebaker related. And believe it or not, it is so easy because Studebaker is still everywhere in our automotive culture, even though it has not been manufactured for over 50 years.

The other day, I was going through the cars for sale on Ebay when I spotted a '62 Studebaker Champ pickup with Lions Drag Strip on the door. It was a cool looking truck but didn't grab my attention until I spotted a reference to the same drag strip in the current issue of the *Buick Bugle*, news-magazine for the Buick Club of America. This article was about drag racing the '38 Buick Century "Straight 8" at Lions. These cars could do 100mph, hence the name Century, but with a little tweaking these long strokers can do 118 in the quarter mile.

Well, my interest was piqued, so I searched the web for information about Lions Drag Strip. I found some great information and some racing videos on YouTube. They are worth checking out.

Lions opened October 1955 in Wilmington, CA, just outside of Long Beach, after a local judge became concerned about the dangers of street racing. He contacted some local charities to assist in paying for a drag strip's construction. The new strip was named after the very prestigious Lions Club charity; The logo was a growling lion holding a dragster with the slogan "Drive the Highways...Race at Lions".

Soon after it opened racing legend, Micky Thompson became the manager. He turned the strip into a huge success when he instituted Saturday-night drag racing under the lights. The strip was known as the best in southern California, and went by the name "The Beach". Its location near the ocean supposedly gave the strip its "rarified air" that the

that the racers so fondly coveted.

In 1965 an episode of the Munsters, "Hot Rod Herman" was filmed at Lions. And, it was at this drag strip that the Christmas tree race starting system was first employed. Until its use races were started with flags. On December 2, 1972, after 18 years of operation and 18 racing fatalities the track closed after hosting "The Last Race". Gates opened at 8 AM on the 2nd and closed at 1:30 AM the following morning.

Yes, the "Growl" has been silenced, but there is much to remember. Was the Ebay Studebaker truck part of this historic racing scene? The owner selling the truck did not know. He claimed it is painted as he bought it. In any case, the paint sure put some growl in that old Champ pickup.

(Footnote of interest: Mickey Thompson and his wife Trudy were murdered in 1988. The case remains unsolved)

References: The Web and July 2018 *Buick Bugle*

(The editor thanks Dan for his contributions to the Rusty Nuts- to share your story with club members- send pdf to Mikezackaroonie@gmail.com)



Hot Rod Herman



Dan with his second love

Highlights of the February ARC general meeting - Silver Actions check, new board members, retiring Mike Whiting receives a special thank you from ARC by Herb Clark



BE PART OF THE FIRST ARC GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 23 12:00 PM shotgun start
\$85.00 per entry
dinner by Dillions after the tournament
proceeds go to Alzheimers
Many raffle prizes will be given
For more information and to sign up stop by the club

Coming soon
Paint for the new Paint Booth
One step closer — —

LARC'S BREAKFAST

March 21

MEMO's in the bowling alley

No need to reply, just come and enjoy the fellowship
with other ladies of ARC!

(Remember, no fragrances please!)

The Rusty Nuts - Want Ads/Swap Meet page is for ARC members to advertise their cars and car related items free of charge. All ads will run for three months unless you let me know that you have sold your item or no longer wish to have it advertised. Non-members can advertise car related items in Rusty Nuts for \$25 for 3 months. Send ads to mikezackaroonie@gmail.com

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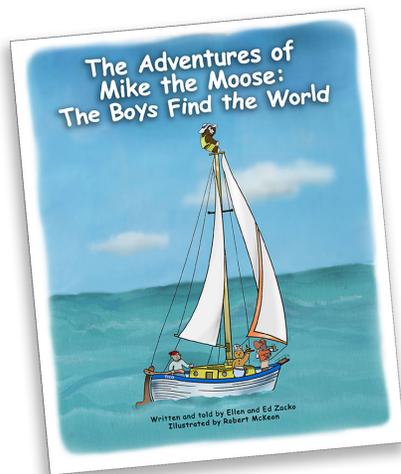
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A Message from Mike the Moose

It's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular!!!



My story is always available in the ARC building. It is a children's book made for adults!! Join Mike's Fan Club!! buy a book and put it on your coffee table to start fun conversations!!!

Copy and paste this link in you tube to see my wedding video the only moose wedding in Sun City West - another ARC first!

<https://youtu.be/9GaproaG8-0>