

RUSTY NUTS

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The next
ARC general
meeting will be
held on
April 16th, 2:00 P.M.
R.H. Johnson
Social Hall

Deuce Coupe Corner

by Tom Jones, President

Our very first ARC Golf Tournament was held on Saturday March 23rd at Echo Mesa Golf Course. Thank you, Craig Landers and Chuck Willkom for putting this on. It was a great success. I especially enjoyed driving the beverage cart. It was a perfect day and everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

The MG Club will have a tour of ARC on Saturday April 6th. Silver Auctions Arizona will have a 2 day auction (April 10-12 to check-in) (April 13-14 to drive), and Solstice facility will have a car display Wednesday, April 24th. It should prove to be a busy month.

ARC paint and body shop is up and running and work on the Thunderbird is back in progress. Too bad we have had to make a clean up system that requires a \$20 deposit, but maybe it will only be short lived.

Thank you to all the members who monitor and keep the shop open during the week. Training Saturdays are working well. Keep up volunteering and we can continue having a premier club.



by Danny Gayhart

March 14th-17th Mecum Auction was a Milestone event for Mecum Auctions and the Auto/Restoration Club of Sun City West. ARC's members, family and friends filled the drivers ranks with 90 drivers.

Tom Jones and I met with the VP of Operation's, Harold Gerdes, Saturday afternoon and he was thrilled with the progress of their auction. Harold told me Sunday, at the close of the event that this was the "Biggest & Best" run first time auction in his memory!

ARC's Mecum drivers can take great pride in their part of this historic event. When asked about next year, Harold said they will be coming back and next year's event will be twice the size! Although Mecum doesn't have a signed contract at this time for the location, that will be published as soon as the date is set.

I personally want to thank all my ARC friends, especially my wife Miss Claudia and Tom Jones, for backing me the last 7 months as my vision came to fruition. Together we made history in the Valley of the Sun.

Below ARC members who drove cars at the Mecum Auction in March - ARC had NBC Sports network coverage - Several members were also on TV



Happy Camp At ARC!!



Happy Camp on Monday, had 17 little kids... and at least 24 BIG Kids in attendance. The session was scheduled for one hour, but the excitement went well beyond! Thank you to Rich and Gary Masak, Suzanne (Sparky) Jones, Linda & Steve Victor, Pat Clark, Craig Gayhart, and Band Director Tony Palozzi.

Our members were fantastic. Rich and Gary showed the eager students all about nuts and bolts. They also taught them about the tools used to tighten and loosen bolts. Suzanne and her upholstery crew were teaching button tufting and how to use a stapler for fastening. "Music Man" Tony Palozzi led the parade with his all percussion band!

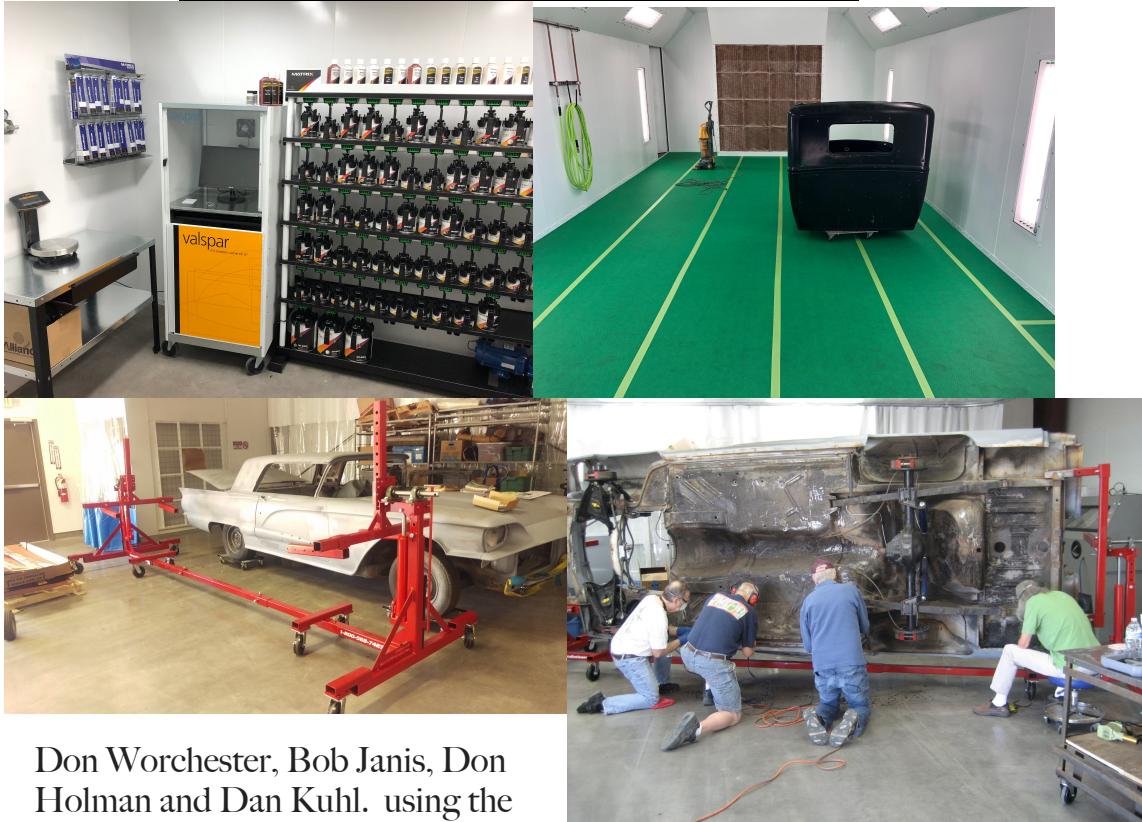
by Herb Clark

THE FIRST ARC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our very first ARC Golf Tournament was held on Saturday March 23rd at Echo Mesa Golf Course. Thank you, Craig Landers and Chuck Willkom for putting this on. This was a fund raiser for the Desert Southwest Chapter of Alzheimer's Association. The club raised \$1000 for this charity.



The Paint Booth First a dream/then reality!



News about the Paint Booth from Lee Schwartz

Progress is being made in the paint and body shop. The mixing bank is in. Additional supplies are arriving daily. The paint booth is coated and the floor mat is down. Bob Jannis and his crew are already making use of the prep station working on the clubs T-Bird. A crew from the rec-center will be installing the new air lines next week. Monitor training will take place in the next couple of weeks and we will start training members. Keep watching GroupWorks for the latest updates and when sign-up for shop use will begin.

DEPOSIT FEE

A deposit Fee will go into effect 4/1/19. Due to the lack of clean up at the shop, we are forced to apply a \$20. deposit fee when using a bay. You will need to leave \$20. with the monitor and you will receive it back when the bay is cleaned up and ready for the next ARC member to use. That means taking used oil and parts out of the building and sweeping and/or mopping the area before you get your deposit back. This is no joke - Tom Jones



Coming Events
Silver Auctions AZ
Peoria Sports Complex
Wednesday, April 10, Thursday, April 11, Friday, April 12
check in
Saturday April 13 & Sunday April 14th driving

Veteran's Car Show April 20
Prescott

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.

Lauren Matley (# 16) - Our condolences go out to Lauren and his family for the loss of their daughter, Martha. We keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



In Memoriam:

Gary Nelson (#8) - We are sorry to report the passing of Gary. He was an early member of ARC, and helped to get our club started. He started Nelson Auto in Minnesota, which his daughter continues to operate. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Bonnie, and family.

Many members are still struggling with health issues and going through various treatments, so let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you.

Linda Victor

An Undiscovered Corner of the ARC Building Needs to be Used by Ellen Zacko

Last week I had the opportunity to work in the upholstery corner of the ARC building. I brought my sailmaking machine to the club and with Tom's assistance set up a table for my work. I was a little leery of doing this but Ed, my husband, said it would be the easiest way to get the job done. We were doing the last fittings of our exterior canvas for the cockpit. The canvas was on and off of the boat about five times for each side. I went through three bobbins of thread. All in all it was a very long but successful day.

What I learned is that there are now three sewing clubs in Sun City West. Rip'N'Sew, PVP and ARC. The area set aside for upholstery at ARC is fabulous for large sewing projects. The table provided for layout is huge. There are two drop down sides three feet each which makes the complete table about twelve feet. The placement is well out of the way of all vehicle traffic. There is a sewing machine provided which is industrial. You should bring your own thread. The supply seemed limited. The machine is a straight stitch very strong machine. There is a cabinet which has a great source of equipment needed for sewing projects. All in all I learned that will be my area for future big sewing projects. I encourage everyone to use this spot. I brought my machine because it has the zig zag feature. I am sure the machine on hand can do any project. Let me know if you complete some projects there.

From Suzanne Jones - "The Chaney siblings all grew up working at JC Auto Trim and that is why we support the use of the space. The table is great for laying out a convertible top or carpet for your vehicle, also it's the right height for working on seat cushions and leanbacks. Having the bay next to the table allows the worker to have their vehicle close at hand for fitting, etc.; just as Ellen needed her boat there for fittings." photo Happy Camp using the Upholstery Area!!



Dream Car Raffle 2019 Ranger

Drawing on or Before 2-8-20

- Grand Prize:
**Vehicle or
\$20K Cash**
- 2nd Place:
\$500. Cash
- 3rd Place:
\$300. Cash



- Lariat Series
- FX4 Off-Road Package
- 10 Speed Auto.
- Supercrew Cab
- Color: Magnetic
- MSRP: \$43,860



1,000 Tickets to be Sold

\$100/1 ticket

All proceeds go to ARC

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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. Thank you Randy and all of the ARC Angels for your continued service to the SCW community.



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ARC Members



The Three Rs And It Ain't Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic By Dan Kuhl

Back in the early 20th Century there were three automobiles royalties manufactured that stole the stage in prestige and quality; they were cars that most driving citizens in America aspired to own, but more often than not, settled for Henry's Model T Ford. These autos of luxury were known collectively as the Three Ps, Packard, Peerless, and Pierce Arrow. Today the Three Ps are all considered classic cars by auto hobbyists and demand high prices by collectors.

It is interesting to note that two of these marques had an association with Studebaker. In both cases, neither Pierce Arrow in the 30's nor Packard in the 50's benefited from the relationship, both went out of business during financial downturns in America's economy.

The Three Rs are best known as reading, writing, and arithmetic, the three skills of literacy. But in this narrative, the Three Rs will be known as the Roosevelt, Rickenbacker, and Rockne automobiles. They are rare and never seen by most hobbyists. They are very unique automobiles as are their namesakes Theodore Roosevelt, Eddie Rickenbacker, and Knute Rockne; The first a President of the United States, the second a WWI ace pilot and Indy 500 race-car driver, and the third a University of Notre Dame football coach.

The Roosevelt was manufactured by the Marmon Motor Car Company of Indianapolis, Indiana from 1929-30. It had the first straight eight engine in the low priced field and conveniently located the headlight switch, starter button, and horn all in the center of the steering wheel. A Roosevelt can be seen on display at the Watson Lake swap meet held in Prescott each August.

The Rickenbacker was manufactured by the Rickenbacker Motor Company of Detroit from 1922 to 1927. The car sported a "Hat in a Ring" at the top of the radiator shell, which was the logo for Rickenbacker's 94th Squadron in WWI. The Rickenbacker was the first production car to use modern four wheel brakes. I have only seen one of these in a small auto museum in South Dakota.

The Rockne was manufactured by the Studebaker Corporation of South Bend, Indiana from 1932-33. Knute Rockne, a very successful football coach at Notre Dame, located just down the road from the Studebaker factory, was approached by corporate management to fill a sales manager position. He agreed, but was unable to fulfill his obligations when he was killed in a air plane crash in 1931. Knute Rockne died before he could see the car named after him. The engine in my '59 Studebaker pickup was developed for use in the Rockne. Named the Commander Six, it was in use for 28 years.

Do you remember how they would say "Mind Your Ps and Qs"? In this case if you "Mind Your Ps and Rs when you are at the car shows, hopefully, you will remember the great history behind these wonderful old automobiles.

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Roosevelt



Rickenbacker



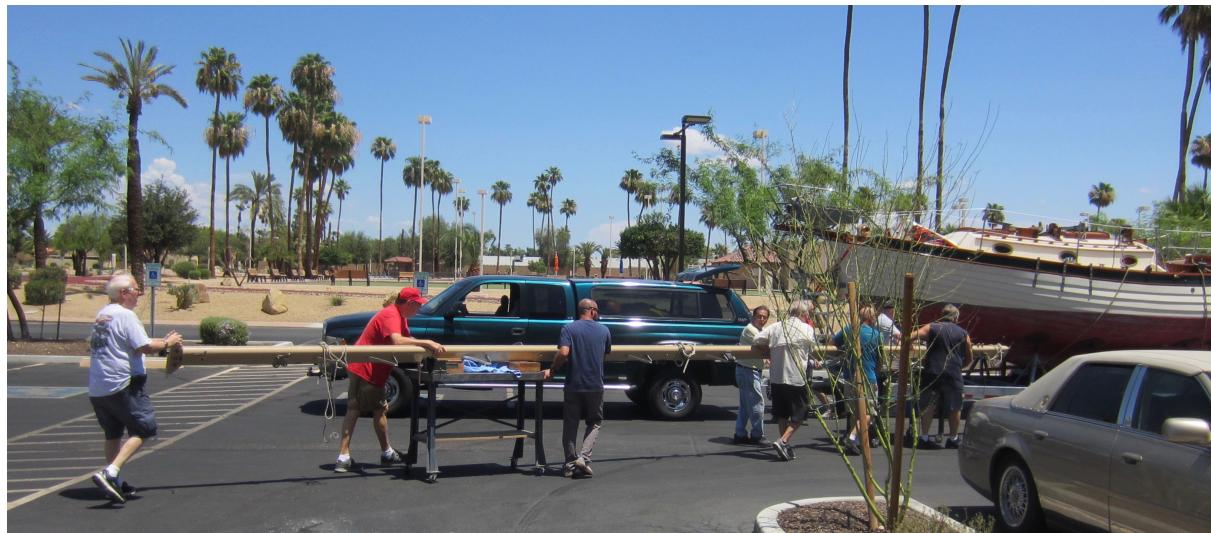
Rockne

The Continuing Voyage of the Yacht Entr'acte

With the help of a great crew on July 18th, 2018 the ARK exited the ARC. After 23 months we, Ellen and Ed Zacko completed our restoration project. We saddled up and trailered her to Napa Valley using Craig and Tad's perfect route. In Napa she was placed on supports in a shed where we stayed for three weeks. In the shed we did many small jobs of installing hooks, lights, small items we had removed and put in a box. The marina applied a very beautiful bottom paint of copper which should last ten years. Finally on August 9th the mast went up and boat was launched. She floated with no leaks.

We couldn't leave the marina immediately because we had to see the premier of Ed's movie, "Crazy Rich Asians." Last February Ed went to Burbank and recorded the soundtrack for many of the upbeat tunes in the film - especially "Money". If you saw the movie and your foot was tapping - it was Ed in the background.

Well armed with much valuable navigation information supplied by Rob Renfroe, we headed out for a short cruise of San Francisco Bay. It was great and cold. I have not been that cold since I left Minnesota in 1974. But the boat sailed well and was admired by all who sailed by.



ARC members help get the mast on board



Squeezing into the ARC building



In the shed with new copper bottom job

We would like to thank ARC for their support in this project. Nowhere in the whole world could we have done such fine work with such great conditions. It was a tremendous amount of work that really needed to be done. Although some days we were on the verge of exhaustion, we would happily head to the ARC building every day knowing we would be met by friendly encouraging faces who just loved to watch us go up and down and up and down that staircase while they sat talking, drinking coffee and eating donuts. ARC is the best club in SCW with such gifted members willing to share their talents and energy to get it done. Or watch someone get it done.

It is now time to get the boat offshore once more. This could never have happened without the facilities in the ARC building. Yacht "Entr'acte" will always be thankful that Herb Clark , the founders, and many members made this happen.



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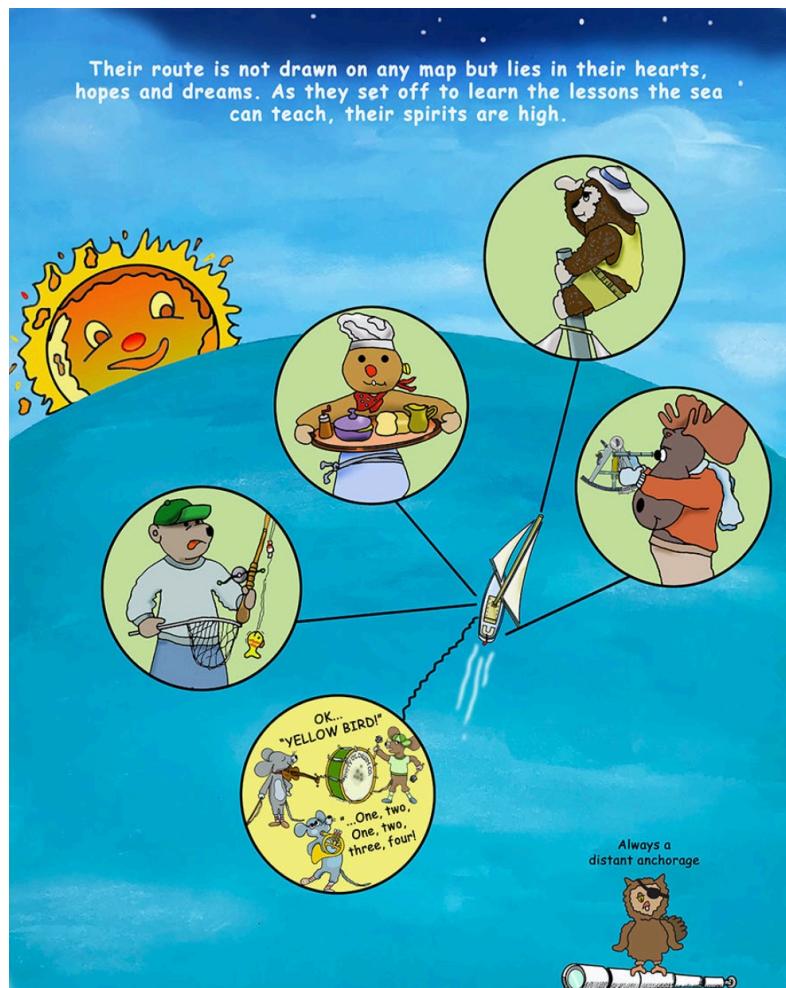
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A message from Mike the Moose (and Lee Iacocca)
“So what do we do? Anything. Something. So long as we
don’t just sit there. If we screw it up, start over. Try
something else. If we wait until we’ve satisfied all the
uncertainties, it may be too late.” For me that means -
it is time to launch the boat and go sailing.
I hope everybody does something this summer!



Try this you tube link for some entertainment

<https://youtu.be/zJfPEr7jLyk>