RUSTY NUTS

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The next
ARC General Meeting
will be held on
Sept 17th, 2:00 P.M.
Social Hall West

Blood Drive September 17, 2019 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM ARC Building

Deuce Coupe Corner

by Tom Jones, President

Over the summer there were questions on the May vote to increase storage at the shop. A committee of Dean Lewellen, Gary Masak, Mary Jo Monten and Dave Meyers met and drafted an amendment to the motion. They will be able to provide their input as to what options ARC has for "safe storage of heavy items" at the General Meeting.

Apart from that, the June, July and August ARC events in the air conditioned shop were very successful. Food, fun and bingo gave the opportunity for members and guests to visit and see what was going on in the shop over the "slow", "hot" summertime. Looks like the "snow birds" are beginning to return to Sun City West. Welcome back!! This summer was hardly "slow" as almost every stall was in use and the paint booth has been utilized weekly. Thank you Craig and Lee for keeping the shop open and in use. The Thunderbird project and Model AA Service Truck project have been moving along as well.

Tad Pollock has some new shirts to show and sell at the shop and meetings. Due to popular demand, there are new and different member shirts and a new shirt that highlights ARC and Sun City West for others to purchase. Caps are also available.

Welcome back Ed and Ellen Zacko and Mike the Moose from their voyage over the summer. This Rusty Nuts Newsletter becomes a labor of love and I am thankful for the ARC volunteer members who step forward and tackle the duties and jobs that keep this club the envy of other car clubs worldwide.

The Great Race ... Great Time!

By the time you are reading this newsletter the Great Race will have been over for a couple months. For those who did not follow the daily action on GroupWorks, I would like to recap the race for you!

Preparations for the event started last winter. Once again ARC was represented. Tom Jones and his son Rod Jones were competing in Tom's 1960 Ford Fairlane. Simple car! Six banger with three on the tree! Tom has raced this car a couple other times and it has been good dependable transportation. Gary Masak was asked by Mark Shaw to be his navigator. They raced in a 1970 Karman Ghia.

This year's race left Riverside, California on June 22nd and finished 9 days later in Tacoma, Washington. 130+ cars were at the start line, but only 95 cars completed the journey. The course was about 2400 miles long. It covered parts of Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington. They crossed the deserts in California, and were greeted by snow in the mountains of Oregon. The two lane curvy roads lead them through the Redwood Forest and Crater Lake. Occasionally they got a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean. Along the way they were met by thousands of car crazed fans. The racers saw several museums and interesting places.

All of Sun City West and our entire area can be proud of how our teams fared. Tom & Rod had 1 Ace (perfect score) and finished overall in 48th place. The competition was as tough as I have EVER seen! Gary Masak and Mark Shaw had 5 Aces, but some car trouble kept them in 54th place overall. The teams represented all of us very well! Many of the teams they competed against have been doing this for over 30 years.



From Left to Right! Rich Masak (Support Crew) Gary Masak, Mark Shaw, Tom Jones, Rod Jones.



Gary Masak & Mark Shaw



Tom & Rod Jones

The Paint Booth In Action by Lee Schwartz

ARC's Paint and Body Shop has been busy over the summer. Work was done on the club's 59 T-Bird project and the AA Ford truck project along with several complete paint jobs and some minor repairs. There are several projects waiting to come in so it will continue to stay busy. Things are going well and we are happy to see club members using our new addition



Don't they shine!!





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Downshifting John and Rieta Dorssom Member Number 182

John and Rieta moved to Sun City West fifteen years ago when he retired from The Department of Defense at Ft Leavenworth, KS. Their son, Steve and daughter Pam both live in Phoenix while daughters, Meli and Tara reside in Joplin, MO. John's first car was a 1948 Plymouth coupe and subsequently, throughout his formative years, he has bought and sold many cars. All he says about them is that "I was very glad to see them all gone!"

When you visit the ARC facility you will often times be welcomed by Shop Foreman John Dorssom and his soft Kansas drawl. When you come to take the required safety course, John will be your teacher. Show up at five o'clock in the morning for cleaning day and there is John calmly pushing the Zamboni to polish the floor. Perhaps you were late signing up for a club barbecue or forgot or lost your ticket, "Go talk to John." John's response is always the same, delivered in his unhurried, soft spoken way. "Oh, no problem, we'll solve it." You may not always see or hear him but John is always there in the background, making it happen!

To pass time sitting around ARC's "Table of Knowledge" feasting on endless coffee and doughnuts can be quite illuminating because you never quite know who you are talking to and just what they were in their "pre-Sun City West/ARC lives". It is here that we discovered that "Quiet John the Doughnut Man" is really his secret identity. Behind this "mild mannered foreman, cleaner, teacher and barbecue manager for ARC" lurks, John Dorssum... **Heavy**—-Metal —-Rock Star! No kidding!

John is the road manager and driver for the heavy metal rock band "Images of Eden!" The band, led by his son Steve has just returned from a whirlwind extended cross-country album tour.





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If you have ever wondered what it's like to be "on the road" with a famous rock band, here's your chance, told in John's own words.

"I am still reeling from my latest adventure of being road manager for my son's band, **Images of Eden**, during April and May of this year.

The tour covered 18 states and 21 venues. We logged just under 10,000 miles, in 30 days! I feel very fortunate to be back home in one piece. I delivered the band on time, every time and without getting lost one time, and no speeding tickets or arrests, (lucky)!

Our tour bus was a 15 passenger Mercedes van, especially set up to handle bands and their equipment. The band is made up of 7 hard core rock and rollers, 8 including myself. All band members were average age of 50, all with different bathroom schedules, so you can see where this is going.

The most famous "bathroom event" came while traveling under the Hudson River, through the Holland Tunnel, when I received several requests to stop for a bathroom break, which didn't happen!

Our tour kicked off in Las Vegas, at Vamps bar and nightclub; this is the owner that also has the "Counting Cars" show on tv.

Next up was "Whiskey A Go Go" in L.A. on the famous Sunset Strip, where parking was \$40.00 for 2 hours. We moved on to the "House of Blues" in Anaheim, big place that served everyone real well.

From there we came back to Tempe for 1 night, then on to Lubbock, TX, Austin,TX, Houston,TX, San Antonio, TX, and Dallas TX. We continued on to Oklahoma City, OK, St Louis, MO, Indianapolis, IN, then North to Chicago, IL, Racine, WI, Flint, MI, St Charles, IL, then on East to New York City, Reading, PA, Poughkeepsie, NY, Asbury Park, NJ, winding up in New Bedford, MA. From there it was only 2700 miles back to Phoenix.

There were lots of stories to tell, one being that some money came up missing, \$500.00 cash, which we wrote off as stolen. Five days later we received a call from the Oklahoma City motel telling us that they found an envelope containing \$500.00 in the room's trash and asked us if it was ours? We happily responded, "Yes", and they sent a check to our bank. We were all amazed!

The band, myself included, made a unanimous decision that they never want to go back to Brooklyn, NY again. That place was a real circus!

The band has released several CD's and albums to their credit and is currently completing a new CD which will be ready for next summer, just in time for another tour!

Right now I'm not sure what to ask, as in "Do I have to go?", OR, "When do we leave?"

Thanks to Ellen and Ed as they had to pry this out of me, but they are such good people I could not refuse."

Thanks for sharing your story with ARC members John!! Ellen, Ed and Mike the Moose





Community of Giving



Blood Drive

September 17, 2019 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ARC Building
19803 W. RH Johnson, Bldg. B2
For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Arrive at the meeting with your heart sticker on!!

Stop by the ARC Building before our General Meeting and GIVE BLOOD

The need is constant.
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Give blood.





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Contact Tom Jones at 503-887-3430 arcofscw@gmail.com

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Welcome to Herb's Column - hopefully a monthly addition to our Rusty Nuts. To the original members of ARC Herb needs no introduction. To you more recent members, a bit of background is in order.

Herb Clark is ARC's founding member number ONE! ARC was Herb's idea and John Chaney supported him from the very start. Herb went to the Rec Center to find out just how to start a club and went at it. He pitched his idea to anyone he could find and drove us crazy at the Metal Club. When he started talking about the club having their very own building several people laughed in his face, told him he was crazy and walked away. But Herb persisted and as you can all see, here we are! Herb's positive "never give up" attitude seemed to have set the tone that has become ARC's main characteristic, Get it done! Herb Clark is truly "Numero UNO!

Should I Buy a Classic Car?

This is a question I have been asked several times. There is not a definitive answer to the question... And only you can really answer it! I would suggest you decide what kind of car you would REALLY like to have. What is it that turns you on? What kind of car goes down the street and makes you smile and crave to drive one? Ask yourself, "Why do I like this car?"

Now here are some practical questions. How much would one cost? Can I afford it? What are my plans to do with it once I buy it?" These questions are important. Maintaining a classic or muscle car can be expensive! They are NOT nearly as dependable as a new car today. Ask yourself if you want one that is "original" or, a RestoMod? A RestoMod is one that looks original, but has most of the modern day comfort features like air-conditioning, cruise control, and power steering. The RestoMods are now gaining in popularity and the prices are about the same as one without all the creature comforts.

Other questions are: Where do I keep it? Who can work on it? How much is insurance? What are your plans to show it off? Are you going to take it to car shows? Will you be "cruising" it around town? How about taking a vacation trip on Route 66?

My best advice I can give you is to NOT go out and buy a car alone. Grab one or two of our ARC members who are knowledgeable about all aspects of buying a classic and get their advice. Take them with you! Pick their brain. Knowledge is king when buying an older car!



"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.

Al Van Antwerp (#839) - Underwent brain surgery and is recovering at home. Hoping you are getting stronger and healthier every day, Al.

Ron (#494) & Jan (#495) Carson - Both dealing with health issues. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you back in SCW this winter. Ron & Jan.

Lauren Matley (#16) Still battling health issues. We are here for you, Lauren. Hope you are having a feel good day.

Joyce Huber (#216) - Had some health issues but is doing better now. So glad to hear you are better, Joyce.

Kathy Swanson (#243) - Had some health issues but is doing better now. Happy to hear that you are better, Kathy.

Gloria Tasseaux-Wife of Paul Cowley (#474) - Is under Hospice terminal care service. We keep you in our prayers, Gloria and Paul.

In Memoriam: We are saddened to report that we lost two of our special ARC Ladies this summer, as well as a dear friend to our ARC members.

Marilyn Underhill (#792) Marilyn was a huge contributor to the ARC Board and a special lady. She will be missed by all of us. Our hearts go out to John and the Underhill family.

Linda Kloth (#408) - Linda battled health issues for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and the Kloth family at this difficult time.

Spencer Caldwell of Spencer's Rod Shop passed away in July. He was a good friend to many of our ARC members. We keep his family and friends in our thoughts at this difficult time.

Linda Victor

Another Thank You to Randy and Dan Kuhl

All of our family and both of us, would like to thank Randy and the ARC organization for all of their assistance in helping us getting our mother and her affairs take care of. We were in our home in Wyoming when mom's neighbor made us aware she was in the hospital with major health problems. Mom's neighbor gave us a card with the ARC Angel's information when we got to mom's home in Sun City West. We contacted Randy and he helped us find an assisted living home for her when she was released from the hospital. He also gave us a name of a great realtor and an estate sales company.

It is with our most sincere appreciation that we all thank ARC.

Mike and Gena Jones

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.

LARC Breakfast Thursday, September 19th 9:00 A.M. Memo's in the Bowling Alley No need to reply, just come and enjoy fellowship with other ladies of ARC Remember no fragrances please





Remember Raffle Tickets

Make Great Gifts

To purchase contact Gordon Carlson at
408 892 2538 or drop in at the ARC
building. Support our club and its
growing efforts.

Coming Events Rocket Ranch Tour-Prescott lead off

AS OF NOW IT WILL BE ON SEPT 19th HERE IS THE ALL DAY PLAN

- 1. FIRST STOP IS A BARN TOUR AT MONTY'S BARN. HE HAS SEVERAL AIR COOLED FRANKLIN'S, HIT A MISS ENGINES, SEVERAL OTHER STOCK OLDER CARS FROM THE TEENS TO THE 50's AND A VINTAGE TOY COLLECTION.
- 2. NEXT STOP IS THE TOUR OF ROCKET RANCH.
- 3. THEN LUNCH AT THE BONFIRE.
- 4. LAST STOP IS THE PAAC 4:30 TO 7 CRUISE NIGHT AT BMO BANK.
 A FULL DAY OF FUN IN PRESCOTT

TOUR OF ROCKET RANCH IN CHINO VALLEY



Car Show
Food Trucks
Wine and Beer
Giveaways & More

A BENEFIT FOR
NORTHWEST VALLEY CONNECT

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 20, 2019
12:00-4:00 p.m. | Outdoor Event
Beardsley Park, 20011 N. 128th Ave
Sun City West

October 20th at Beardsley Park Motors and Wheels

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A Message from Mike the Moose



Good judgment is the result of experience - Experience is the result of bad judgment!!!

Rusty Nuts is *your* newsletter. Member contributions are welcome and encouraged. Everyone has a story and yours could be important to the membership. send your contribution to: mikezackaroonie@gmail.com