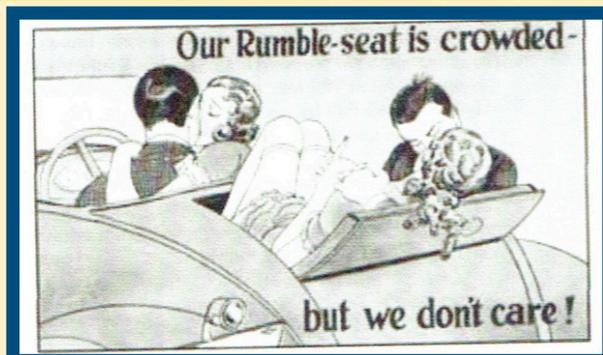


# RUSTY NUTS

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**The dream Ray didn't know he had!!**

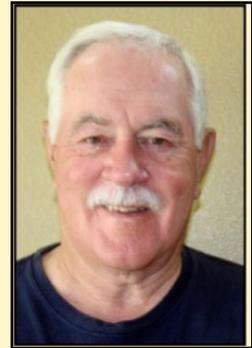


Rusty Nuts is the Monthly Newsletter of the Automotive/Restoration Club of Sun City West, AZ

## Founder's Focus

### A Column by Herb Clark Member Number ONE

*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!"*



### Where Should I Buy My Classic?

This is a question often asked. There are several different places you can buy a car of your dreams, but "where do you start?" The answer is simply start at home and do your homework! Without doing your homework, you have a very good chance of spending too much money or buying a lemon.

Start at home by going online. Start with known websites like Hemmings, Hagerty's, classiccars.com, and others. Know the car(s) you are interested in. Get a feel for the prices being "asked." They ALL will sound good in the write ups! When you know what you are looking for, narrow down the search to find out the true condition. Is it a recent restoration? What was actually done? Do they have receipts for the parts or maintenance performed? Try to get references on who worked on the car. Once you have completed your homework, you will have a feel for the price range. For more information on pricing, you can go to Hagerty's Price Guide (online) to see what many cars are currently selling for based on four levels of condition.

Some like to buy cars at auction! All the cars look pretty good. You can ask several of us who have driven these cars across the stage at an auction, and most of us would say, "Buyer Beware." Not all the shiny, pretty cars are what they appear to be! In many cases they are being sold for a reason. Go to the auction site early. Look at the car(s) closely. Ask to look under the hood. Take an expert with you. Start it up! Turn on **ALL** accessories. Ask the driver or owner questions. Many times at the bigger auctions if you buy a bidders pass, they will include several drink tickets. Wait until you have finished bidding to drink!

If you are buying from an owner or a classic car dealer, drive the vehicle. Have a checklist of all the questions you want to ask. Check all accessories. Try to get a little history on the previous owner(s). Contact them if possible. It is your money, so spend it wisely. In most cases there is no warranty and you want to make sure you are making a good investment. My best suggestion is to ask some of the knowledgeable members of ARC to give you help and guidance. ARC has people with a wealth of knowledge!

Don't be afraid to buy a classic... just be smart. I can tell you it is usually cheaper to buy one already restored than to restore it yourself!

# DEUCE COUPE CORNER

BY TOM JONES, PRESIDENT

This message is for the ARC members who have not previously donated to us as a 501(c)(3) charity and to those who have been past donors as well. My theme for the next two months of 2019 is to make a plea to our membership to help reduce the outstanding debt we have in our building loan balance.

Donate to ARC to keep our club alive and well for the coming years. Our yearly car show/swap meet does not generate enough funds to run the facility and pay off our debt the same time.

To quote a current article: “ you can avoid paying taxes on your IRA withdrawal by donating to a qualifying charity.” “ The Qualified Charitable Distribution is available to residents who are at least 70.5 years of age at the time of a gift of up to \$100,000 to a qualified charity. IRA holders cannot have taken their required minimum distribution for the year and cannot take possession of the money, it must go directly to the charity. Funds must be transferred by Dec 31 to qualify for the 2019 tax year.

ARC is a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization. You can donate to ARC and keep the money working for your club. This is your club. Buy a brick, tile, bench or Raffle ticket. Donate your time by monitoring or volunteering to work at the car show/swap meet. We still need someone to coordinate the T-Bird club project. Step up, please!

The next  
ARC General Meeting  
November 19th  
RH Johnson Social Hall  
2:00 P.M.

MONITORING IS FUN!!!  
ALWAYS DOUGHNUTS

I would like to give special thanks  
to Suzanne Jones for her help  
with this new Rusty Nuts layout!



Downshifting  
Ray and Merrilee Peterson (Member Number 68)  
by Ed Zacko

When Ray Peterson joined ARC he had no plan to speak of but simply wanted to hang out, talk cars and watch the “Big Boys” do their thing, maybe cook some burgers. He didn’t really have any project or dream car in mind at all, at least that’s what he thought. He didn’t yet know about Tom Jones, the “Pied Piper of ARC.” One morning, as Ray sat harmlessly with his coffee and doughnut, he never realized that all of this was about to change when President Tom Jones walked in, looked at the bulletin board, turned around and said “Hey Ray, have I got a deal for you! “

“Who, me? Oh, I don’t think so. I don’t know anything about this.”

Tom handed Ray an ad for a fiberglass 1937 “Cord” and said “Aw, that’s not a problem. You’ll have plenty of help. Here, give him a call” and out the door he went.

Ray contacted the seller who was in fact two brothers. He soon discovered that this was not a kit car that he would have to complete but an authentic, completely finished, replica built in 1970 from the ground up by Samco Corp led by Bill Lear of Lear Jet fame.

The brothers were frantically trying to clear up their father’s estate and get back to their own jobs and families in St Croix Virgin islands. They were indeed motivated sellers. Ray struck a deal and suddenly found himself driving away in a beautiful red classic. Life doesn’t get any better than this!

Ray quickly discovered the electrical wiring was horrible. “I’m surprised that the car didn’t burn up!” He and the Cord took up residence in an ARC project bay and Ray set to work rewiring the entire car. “It was a fun project and we had a good time!”

As the work progressed the car came under quite a bit of scrutiny and it was decided that the engine was much too big for the car. One thing about ARC is that you are never alone in your projects. There is always someone who knows just how to do the job. Soon out came the big 440 and in went the smaller 351 along with a new transmission.

Craig Landers, shop manager, ever watchful, noticed that something just didn’t look right. The body tilted to one side. So, up on the lift she went and sure enough Craig found all sorts of things wrong, not only with the body attachment to the frame but with the actual frame.

“You know Ray, the best way to fix this is take the body off of the frame, rebuild the frame and reassemble the car,” said Craig.

For Ray this was one of those Wile E. Coyote moments, ya know like when that safe was just about to fall on his head?

“I can’t do anything like that. I don’t know nearly enough to tackle such a project.” But now Craig was involved and as Ray tells it, “Craig did all the welding, I did all the grinding. Craig did all the work. I was *fetch and carry*.”

I never thought I would get in so deep. I never expected to do anything like this. It has been a real education and it has been a lot of fun but it's not over yet. Now that I'm in so deep I want to redo the interior, lots of cosmetics and maybe even a new paint job."

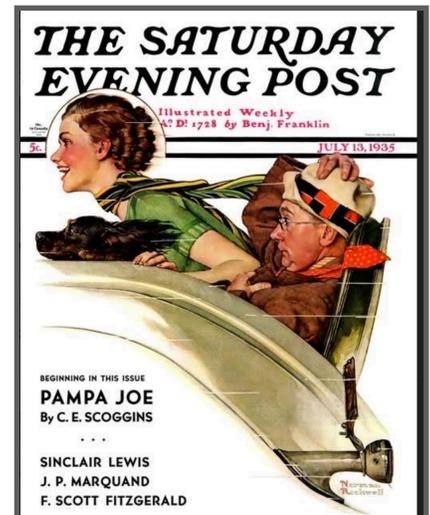
**And that's the way things seem to go around ARC!**



## COURTING MADE EASIER, AND MORE EXCITING

By Dan Kuhl

In the 1946 movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” Jimmy Stewart courted Donna Reed at her character’s parent’s home, of course in the parlor, listening to “Buffalo Gals” on the phonograph. This scenario was not conducive to an active love-life and could be dangerous to a visitor if the actions taken did not meet the approval of the girl’s mother. During the first half of the 20th Century the development of the automobile greatly changed how young couples conducted their courting activities.



As noted in the development of the Oldsmobile (ARCmobile), there was considerable carryover in design trends from buggies to the first automobiles manufactured. You rode up high on very rough roads with little to no protection from the elements. By the late teens a few closed cars were starting to appear. But it was the development of the rumble seat that permitted a young couple to pursue more engaging romantic activities away from the steering wheel or go double dating with friends who wanted to share the evening in snuggle-pupping at the local “lovers lane”. By the mid-20s, according to historian David Lewis, some couples even found ways to engage in romance on the large running boards and long sloping front fenders, of course with the aid of pillows and blankets to make these areas more accommodating.

In the Roaring 20’s the closed car continued to gain more of the market-share. This type of arrangement permitted a young couple to carry the comfort of home to the submarine races down by the local lake. In 1922 Hudson introduced the Essex; at \$1495, it was the lowest priced closed automobile manufactured in America. By 1929 ninety percent of the cars made were now closed while the rumble seat continued until the last holdout disappeared in 1939.

In the 1930’s the big news was that a radio was an option in most cars. You could take your sweetie out parking and listen to the hits of Irving Berlin and Cole Porter while watching the stars from above twinkle in your girl’s eyes.

Automatic transmissions were on the horizon so it was up to you to find something that would allow you to sit close to your date on the way to the evening's festivities. A "necking knob" was the answer. Mounted on the steering wheel, it permitted the driver to participate in lovemaking while steering the car down the road with one hand on the knob. Your parents were told the knob was necessary because of the added safety while shifting gears.

Most first dates start with an agreed upon activity. In the good-ol-days, your ride would take you to Bob's Big Boy, Sonic, or A&W Restaurants. There you would get a bite to eat and hopefully visit with friends doing their thing. This was followed by a trip to the drive-in movies, which, before the night was over, turned into the "passion pit" where the show in the back seat was better than the show on the screen. I can still remember my first experience at the passion pit; but sadly it was not in a Studebaker.

During the October Larc breakfast at Memo's, the ladies discussed their memories of being in the Rumble Seat!!



## “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](mailto: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.

**John Rank (#308)** - Recovering from surgery at home. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, John. Hope you are having a feel good day.

**Gloria Tasseaux** - (Wife of Paul Cowley-#474) - Currently under Hospice care. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gloria and Paul, as you go through this difficult time.

**Lauren Matley (#16)** Still battling health issues. Working to get stronger and just released from Sante in Surprise. We are here for you, Lauren. Hope you are having a feel good day.

**Bonnie Robinson** (Wife of Randy-#138) - Going through health issues up in Washington State. Hope you are improving every day, Bonnie. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see you down here this winter.

Linda Victor



## THE PORSCHE 911—FABULOUS AT FIFTY-FIVE by DEAN LEWELLEN



**My two Favorite Ladies**



**My current Porsche**

I really enjoyed Herb Clark's "Corvettes are Cool" article in the October RUSTY NUTS, and it prompted me to piece together an article about another iconic sports car from the eastern side of the Atlantic pond—the Porsche 911.

The Porsche 911 made its debut at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Auto Show in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in September of 1963. It was initially designated as the Model 901, but Peugeot told Porsche they had copyrighted all vehicle model numbers with a zero in the middle, so, the Porsche folks had some extra numerals with them and changed the middle number to a "one" and the rest is history. Now, after over fifty-five years of continuous production, development and refinement, the Porsche 911 has become recognizable on every continent on the planet and remains fresh, youthful and timeless to this day.

In as much as the profile, configuration and component locations have remained the same over the 911's lifetime, every detail, system as well as the performance has been improved and modernized along the way. Engine displacement has grown through the years from 2.0 to 4.0 liters, horsepower rating has climbed from 130 to over 500 in turbocharged versions. Fuel is now delivered and controlled by a digital

motor electronics (DME) system instead of six Solex carbs. Wheel size has grown from 15" diameter x 4 1/2" wide to 20" diameter x 11" wide on the rear of the turbo (wow!). The 1964 911 could reach a top speed of 130mph and 60mph in 9.1 seconds while a 2019 turbo can reach over 200mph and 60mph in under 3 seconds (double wow!). The transverse torsion bar suspension system has given way to a coil-over/strut design to keep the rubber patches in contact with the road in all driving and handling situations.

The basic requirements that Ferry Porsche laid down initially for the 911 design team have been faithfully met in each refinement and update—two plus two seating, engine/transaxle at the rear and trunk located at the front. The view to the outside from the driver's seat has remained the same for over fifty-five years, but the scenery now passes by more quickly, and no doubt, in more comfort.

I have owned six, wonderful Porsche 911's over the past forty-five years. A '73 S model (super fast, but power and torque came at max rpm's making it difficult to drive daily, but what a fun track car), a '75 Carrera (garage queen), a '76 S model (in family for over ten years), an '89 Carrera (last of the "real" 911's), a '95 Carrera (still in family in our Son's garage in Texas), and, our current '92 C2 Cabriolet with Tiptronic (a cruiser perfect for two elderly drivers here in Sun City West). Every one of these 911's had a unique personality, yet they were all faithful to the DNA that Ferry Porsche embedded in every model of the 911 ever produced. I wish I had kept them all—oh well...

## ARC Angels

The ARC Angels are a group of ARC members, led by Randy Robinson and Dan Kuhl, 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, Dan and all of the ARC Angels for your continued service to the SCW community.

## Motors and Meals Winners



Danny Gayhart 1st with a  
1965 Pontiac GTO



Carolyn and Ralph Roll 2nd with a  
1928 Ford Phaeton



David and Carol Campbell 3rd with a  
1957 MGA 1500

## Trunk and Treat Fry's Parking Lot



## Octoberfest at ARC

There's always a party at ARC. After the October General Meeting the members adjourned to the ARC building for brats, hot dogs, cookies and beverages  
Craig Landers and Ray Peterson cooked the meat on our grill and the Apron Ladies of ARC served.  
It was a fun time!!

## **Trilogy Car Show**

**January 20, 2020**

by Mike Liberatore

Trilogy Roadrunners Car Show has invited ARC members to join them at their 10th annual car show January 20th 2020 from 10-2. They have always supported our club and I encourage members to support theirs. As in past years, I will be there selling raffle tickets for the 2019 Ford Ranger. This has always been a great show and I encourage ARC members to join me with their rides.

Previous participants are receiving this early notification and registration notice.

Trilogy Roadrunners are very excited about this year's show. This show will be better than ever. Registration opens to the public [on November 1st](#) but you can sign up now.

New for this show will be a second award category. 1st & 2nd place trophies will be awarded in a Club-Member class and a Guest-Class.

This year's donations (\$20 per vehicle) and proceeds will be awarded in the form of a scholarship to a deserving student attending the Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix.

## **Coming Events**

Explore Class at ARC (Gold Cart Maint.) - November 6

Ferrari Club of America Frenzy - November 6 - November 10 Scottsdale

YesterYear Benefit Concert - November 19

Semi-annual Sundome Plaza ARC car display - November 22

Fire It UP Car Show - November 23

8th Annual Rock Around the Block - December 7th

Christmas Pancake Breakfast—Wednesday, December 11th 8:00A.M.

ARC December General Meeting in the RH Johnson Social Hall

Tickets \$10.00 available at the November Meeting

John Dorssom is in charge of this event.

## Happenings Around The Shop

Top Row - Bruce Hagemeyer and his model A hot rod with Greg Gayhart  
Greg Freeman prepping his sports car for paint



2nd row Jeri Oman with '31 Model A truck  
Jack Sigler with his Chevy Chevelle he has owned since high school;

Available in the ARC building  
ARC T-Shirt \$10.00  
ARC Cap \$15.00  
ARC Car Flag \$15.00  
ARC License Plate \$20.00  
Order Windbreaker  
Black, Dark Blue or Pink \$40.00



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](http://www.ArvidKay.com). We can give you an estimate of what your home is worth today.

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ARC Members



LARC Breakfast  
 Thursday, November 21 st 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

**Dream Car Raffle**  
**2019**  
**Ranger**  
**Drawing on or Before 2-8-20**

<b>Grand Prize:</b> Vehicle or \$20K Cash <b>2nd Place:</b> \$500. Cash <b>3rd Place:</b> \$300. Cash		<b>Lariat Series</b> • FX4 Off-Road Package • 10 Speed Auto. Supercrew Cab • Color: Magnetic • MSRP: \$43,860
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**1,000 Tickets to be Sold**  
**\$100/1 ticket**  
**All proceeds go to ARC**  
**ARC is a 501 (C)(3) Charity**







Automotive/Restoration Club Of SCW

Remember Raffle Tickets  
 Make Great Holiday Gifts  
 To purchase contact Gordon Carlson at  
 408 892 2538 or drop in at the ARC  
 building. Support our club and its  
 growing efforts.

## Special Gypsy Jazz Concert



Ed and Ellen Zacko present  
Tim Kliphuis/violin and Jimmy Grant/guitar  
Wednesday March 4th, 2020  
2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.  
\$20.00 ticket price for each concert  
Palm Ridge Summit Room A/B  
Sun City West

Purchase tickets through sponsored SCW Clubs  
ARC, Woodworkers Club , SCW Broadcast Club,  
Music Club, Club Espanol  
and Zymurgy Club  
Seating limited to 400 seats per concert

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Between concert barbecue with live music  
March 4th 4:30 to 5:30 PM  
Anna's Courtyard (ARC Building)  
Hamburgers, chips and drink for \$5.00  
Picnic tickets available at ARC after February 12

**Tickets will sell out quickly for these concerts. ARC has a supply of tickets which will be sold at the General Meeting Pancake breakfast December 11th Payment can be check made out to ARC or cash. Ellen Zacko and Dean Lewellen will sell the tickets before and after breakfast. Be prepared!!**

## **ARC CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **ARC OFFICERS**

**Tom Jones, President**

**Bob Janis, 1st VP**

**Dean Lewellen, 2nd VP**

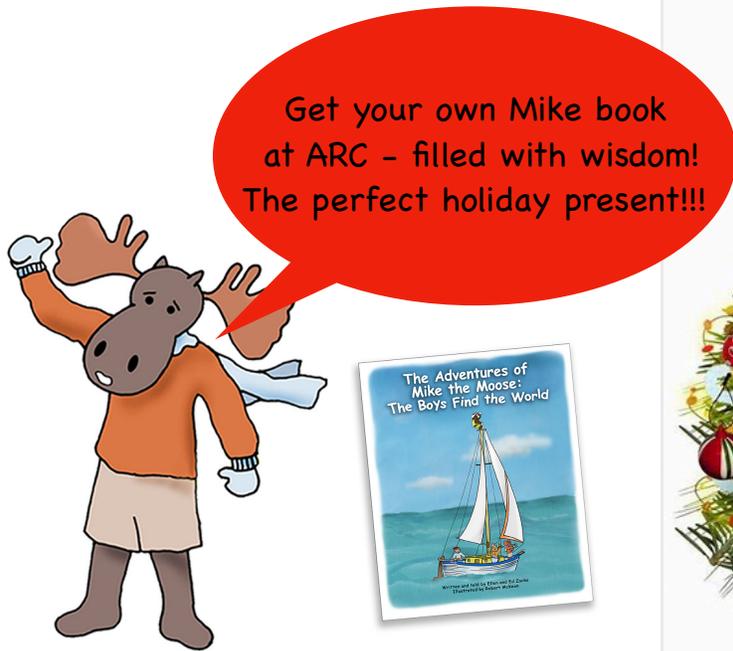
**Kathy Swanson, Secretary**

**Pete Mahnke, 1st Treasurer**

**Gary Kakert, 2nd Treasurer**

**David Eicke, Safety Officer**

## A Message from Mike the Moose



Also available at [Mikethemoose.com](http://Mikethemoose.com)  
using Pay Pal

The less time I have to work with,  
the more things I get done.

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](mailto:mikezackaroonie@gmail.com)  
Remember every story is a good one for our members!!

Special thank you to Deborah Ray, my friend and proofreader.  
I couldn't do this job without her special help.