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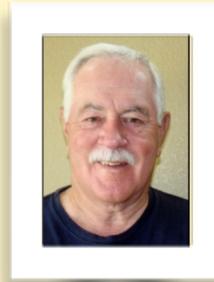


Diana Hudson's
1929 Model A
Roadster Pick Up



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

Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark



"Life in the Slow Lane"

The holidays are over. Things are turning to normal. Wait, "NORMAL?" What is NORMAL? Like many of you, most of my life has been in the *fast lane*. I was fortunate in life to have many great opportunities and great experiences. I had a career I loved. The job had pressure and a lot of responsibilities, but I was fortunate to surround myself with good people and this helped me retire early. The first thing I realized was I couldn't slow down from the fast pace.

Moving to SCW was one of the best decisions I could have ever made. My life in SCW was great! I found out there are more clubs here than a person can enjoy. When I moved to SCW, I immediately started joining all the clubs I could. I loved them all but soon realized I was now back to going full speed...still having fun! My good friend, Chuck Ulbricht, said several times to me "slow down." Chuck is one of my heroes. When I needed something, Chuck was always there for me. When I look back, I see dozens of others who were there to support me too. Thank you all. I also need to thank my wife, Pat, for all she does behind the scenes!

In 2011 when I started ARC, the support came from many! Today when I look back at where we started and where we are now, I must recognize the Jones Family and the Chaney Family! Without their undying support, we would not have the incredible club we have today. The John S. Chaney Building is named after Suzanne Jones' father. His contributions to the early days of the club are immeasurable. Suzanne and Tom were right there too! We need to thank them MORE. They are a great team!

SO, what does this have to do with the "*Slow Lane*?" ARC was a lot of work to get going. But I never dreamed of how much fun it would be to now drive around in a classic car in... the "*Slow Lane*." You need to try it! It would not have been possible without a lot of people. ARC needs you to help keep it going! Volunteer! Get in your own "*Slow Lane*." Be sure to wave!

Thank you
Herb

DOWNSHIFTING
DIANA HUDSON - MEMBER NO. 1157
BY ED ZACKO AND DIANA HUDSON

Diana Hudson and her sister Pam Mclaflin are newbies to Sun City West. Pam and her husband Terry Findley arrived from Sandy, Oregon in 2017 with her 1930 roadster and Terry's 1929 Delivery. Diana and her husband Rod Ludford arrived from Auburn, California in May, 2018 bringing Diana's 1929 Roadster Pickup which is featured in this issue. Of course, the first club they joined was ARC. Sadly Rod passed away suddenly in December, 2018.

In November of 2019 "the gals" brought Diana's pickup into the ARC building for a quick brake fix which slowly turned into a complete frame on restoration which included an engine and transmission swap, new brakes and rear leaf springs and more! The most interesting aspect of their "restoration" was that at the end of each day, despite both of them being elbow deep in transmission grease and engine oil, the girls ended the day as clean as when they started!

Both couples' history with cars is very unusual in that the ladies had the passion for cars and mechanics and converted their husbands to their beloved hobby. As Diana tells it:

"Owning a Model 'A' and/or other vintage cars was not inspired by being brought up with a love for old cars, nor was it because my sister Pam and I have five brothers. Raised on the north coast of California, our dad was into horses instead of cars. Pam and I decided on our own that we could enjoy the old cars. It just happened.

In 1980 after suffering a great loss I felt I needed a project to help get me through the worst of times. On a whim I answered an ad for a 1929 Model A in the local small town newspaper. It was a sad looking mess but I was assured that it could run with a 'little work'. It was about four different colors and had been rough welded in several places and obviously put together using parts from several cars. And of course it didn't run. But, my love for pickups and convertibles made this roadster pickup the car for me.

Because of life's twists and turns, the 'A' sat in the garage for twenty years and became the catch-all for 'stuff'. When my *then husband* moved on and my teenage son left the nest, I decided I needed to fix it or sell it. So...I joined the local Model 'A' club, bought some great books on restoration of the 'A', and decided to do the work myself. I tore it down to the frame, sent all the body parts to a paint shop, replaced the radiator, boiled out the gas tank, and worked on the engine until it finally ran. When I got the body parts back from the painter, I put it all back together. Six months later I was on the road for my first tour with the club. Joining the club was the best decision I ever made. Life-long friendships have been made. I have been secretary, vice president and president of the club.

I met my late husband, Rod, while having coffee with “the guys”. It didn’t take long for him to agree that the Model ‘A’ was a great hobby. He added to our garage with four more cars. We have driven our ‘A’s as far as British Columbia, Canada and Niagara Falls. With my sister for company, I drove my roadster pickup to Texas and back.

While all this was happening, Sister Pam bought a 1930 Model 'A' roadster and completely restored that from the ground up. During the restoration she bought a running 1930 Four door sedan and in 2000 we took our first long distance trip together in that ‘A’ going from Portland, Oregon to Calgary, Canada and back. Pam has owned four Model ‘A’s and worked on or restored all four. She has rebuilt engines, poured babbets, and rebuilt carburetors. Pam has also been vice president and president of her local club. She met her husband Terry while in the Model A club and together own seven vintage cars (down from nine). They are currently rebuilding a 1931 slant-window sedan. Terry is the guy working hard and putting up with us while we replace the transmission and engine in my roadster pickup. He knows a lot more than we do about the ‘A’, but we won’t admit that to him.

We are looking forward to many years of activities with the club. Currently we are snowbirds here from mid-October to mid-April.“



The roadster halfway through construction



The team works in the ARC building



A trip to Niagra Falls



Diana and Rod on the Ferry in Washington state



Racing in the FAST hill climb in Auburn CA
Editor Note: Diana is a champion hill climber - look out members!



Two sisters drive through Amarillo, TX

*Thank you to Diana for sharing her story!!
Ellen and Mike the Moose*

FEBRUARY 2020

DEUCE COUPE CORNER

BY TOM JONES, PRESIDENT

Ground Hog Day, my birthday, ARC CarShow/Swap Meet, Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, my wedding anniversary and Mardi Gras Carnival all have something in common. Yes, they are in the month of February. It is a leap year and the shortest month of the year.

It looks like ARC is off to a great start for 2020. We had over \$6,000 in donations at the end of 2019 and that included a \$1,000 tile that will be placed on the knee wall in front of the ARC building. ARC has room for more tiles and there are lots of unmarked bricks that could be purchased and engraved with personal names and memorials.

We continue to have new members joining each week. I would like to extend a WELCOME to each and every one of them and offer ways to help keep ARC growing and doing charitable work in the area. Working with the youth in the area schools is very rewarding and there are opportunities for any of our members to "plug in ". Both male and female volunteers as proctors are needed for the West-MEC and Glendale Community College for SkillUSA this month. Proctors for the competition don't need technical expertise, just being there for the students. Other events, including the Car Show and the 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck, need volunteers. Inside our community, we need volunteers for Happy Camp with the children and grandchildren of our residents. Please contact me for information of these opportunities.

Once again, thank you ARC members for where we are today and let's make 2020 a perfect year!

The next ARC General Meeting
will be held on February 18th
2:00 P.M. RH Johnson Social Hall

8th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet

ARC
Grand Marshal
Bill Schwind

Sat., Feb. 8, 2020
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

FREE For Spectators
Everyone Welcome!

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Entertainment & Raffles

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Swap Meet

We can always use STUFF for the Swap Meet. Now might be a good time to take a look through your shop and tool box, see if there's something you haven't used in a long time. Something that you'd like to donate for the Swap Meet. Anything automotive, mechanical or tools. Those kinds of things would be appreciated. Please NO MAGAZINES!

American Cancer Society 8th Annual Relay for Life Sunday, February 23, 2020, 3:00 - 8:00 PM Beardsley Park

ARC has a team - "Automotive/Restoration Club of Sun City West"

Join our team for a \$20 donation (As a 501(c)(3) organization, ACS Relay for Life is one of the charities we support)

Sign up online at www.relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz or get a form at the shop.

Contact Steve (ARC Captain) or Linda (Relay Committee) Victor at stevellinda2004@earthlink.net or 623-214-1090

Survivors get a free T-shirt and can be part of the Survivor Victory Lap, which is very inspiring! (Last year ARC had over 20 survivors join in - We know there are many more of you out there, and we would like to honor you. You give hope to so many of us. If you are a survivor, come out to be honored.) ****You don't have to be an ARC member or Sun City West resident to join our team or participate.

For \$10 you can dedicate a luminaria to someone who has lost, won, or is fighting cancer!

We have lost many ARC members to Cancer this year and in the past, and many are fighting this disease right now. Let's honor them by putting their names on Luminaria and displaying them around our Ramada. **Make sure you are there at 6:30 to view around 500 lit luminaria.** Last year, ARC raised over \$4,100 - Let's top that this year!

ARC will have a mini-car display from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Bring your "ride" and participate in the Relay! Sign-up sheet at the shop. The Opening Ceremony is at 4:00 PM followed by the Survivor/ Caregiver lap. Dinner will be provided by Saradella's for survivors and their caregiver around 5:30 PM. The Luminaria Ceremony is at 6:30 PM. It's worth coming out for! There will be entertainment, raffles, and lots going on. We are looking for raffle items to help us raise money for our team. Come for as long or as short of time as you can spare.

How Can I Help?

- Join the Team-It's a fun afternoon to hang out with your friends
- Stop by and support your fellow ARC members
- Bring your car
- Purchase a luminaria-Let's honor our ARC members
- Donate cans of food-to hold the luminaria down & then, donated to food pantry
- Donate a raffle item
- Monetary donation (Can be done on line or leave an envelope in the folder.)

Come out and support your community.

You may contact the Victors with questions. They will have a table at the February ARC General Meeting on the 18th.

Thank you in advance,

Steve & Linda Victor



MAG Auctions
 ARIZONA AUCTION WEEK
 REGISTER TO BID OR CONSIGN YOUR CAR TODAY!
JANUARY 10-12, 2020
 Peoria Sports Complex
 16101 N 83rd Ave. Peoria Az 85382



ARC received \$3500 from Mag for their participation



Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes of the plethora of classic cars auctions that take place in the Phoenix area each winter/spring?

We have, by my count, at least 8 Classic Car Auctions in the valley. They are by their own claims: The Biggest, The Best and The Most Exciting Car Auctions in the world!

My list, in no particular order is, The Mecum Auction, Barret-Jackson, Russo-Steele, Gooding and Company, R-M Sotheby, Bonham, Leake Auctions and the Mag formerly Silver Auction.

The ARC of SCW has for several years shared a close relationship with the Mag/Silver Auction Company. This year we provided the Mag Auction with check-in and Driver help. ARC members and friends filled 163 of the 220 anticipated 4-hour work slots for a total of 652 volunteer hours. Mag compensated us with a check for \$3500 dollars for our help.

I would love to list all the outstanding volunteers but space allows me only a few. Members Roger Babler and Don and Iris Box both solicited friends and worked more than 10 4-hour time slots!

The entire effort would not have happened without the tireless help of Tom and Suzanne Jones. They were with me every day to see that all went well.

Here are some thoughts about the Mag Auction by one of our longest serving volunteers Betty Hoyt.

"This is the third time that I had the opportunity to volunteer at the car auction. This position is to work with a buddy (an ARC person) to check in the cars. It's really simple just to complete the forms, ie: verifying VIN, looking for any scratches or damage on the car and obtain mileage as well as check for personal items left in the vehicle.

It is really fun working with our ARC members and building a camaraderie/friendship. The shifts are only four hours and it goes fast! There is a tent set up that has coffee, snacking foods and water that we can help ourselves to.

Just so you know ladies, this is actually fun and it's easy! I say "Ladies" because this is not just for the men!! I think there were about 4 or 5 women helping and it's we, the ladies, that actually make it fun!!! "Girl power!" We can do it! Oh my gosh, not to mention looking at all those classic cars takes your memories back to the Good Ol' Days!"

In closing I would encourage more members to give this effort a try. It's easy work and you give back to the club that is still "One of a kind". The next Mag Auction is scheduled for April 24th-25th which means we will probably start check-in on April 20th.

Hope to see you there.

Danny Gayhart

A Raffle for a Raffle
A great idea from Warren Burdine
(20 tickets have been purchased by this as of today)

In the ARC building tickets for \$5.00 may be purchased for the 2019 Ranger. When twenty tickets have been purchased the lot will be put together. From the twenty tickets one ticket will win a \$100. raffle ticket. You have a 5% chance to win \$100. If you are a lottery person this is a no brainer. Take a chance today. Go the ARC and buy some tickets.

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
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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

Buying a raffle ticket from out of town?
It is easy - call Mike Liberatore at 815-263-8686
He is able to process credit cards and mail your raffle ticket receipt
Everyone is a winner - either donating to a great club or
winning one of three prizes - call Mike today

Hagerty Insurance sponsors a fun day with cars and kids

The ARC 1901 Oldsmobile, Walt Jefferson's 1957 Chevrolet, Tom and Carol Lundbom's 1972 Buick, Jay Finlay's 1953 Mercury, and Ed Zacko's "Buddy" were showcased at the event.



Tavan Elementary School Fifth Grade Class gets to ride in ARC cars. This event was to generate interest in driving cars and foster an interest in classic cars.

Cool Raffle

Cool Raffle tickets are still on sale. They are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. You can win either a Complete Home AC System, or \$3000.00 Cash. They make great Christmas Presents too. To purchase them please contact me at wtm113@yahoo.com or get them at the shop. Let's keep supporting our club and our gold sponsor Sun City Mechanical.

Bill McVeigh



Another Fund Raiser for our building fund

Tickets for the *Gypsy Jazz* Concert

can be purchased from Dean Lewellen or Ellen Zacko

Thirty Percent of the ticket price after expenses goes back to ARC

Support ARC just buy a ticket

Wednesday March 4th

2:00 P.M. and 7 P.M.

Price \$20.00

Palm Ridge Summit Room A/B

Check made out to ARC or cash is accepted

(six clubs are participating in this event, it is advertised on our radio
and the tickets are selling now)

OUTRAGEOUS, IMPRACTICAL AND SPLENDID

The Rusty Nuts first book review by

Dan Kuhl

As you all know I have been writing articles for a long time. My first article was published in 1994. I have written many articles over the years but no book reviews. Because the book that I just finished was outstanding and of interest to all auto buffs, I want to share this book with the Club.

The name of the book, published in 2018, is *Fins* by William Knoedelseder. The book is centered around the remarkable life of Harley Earl, automotive stylist for General Motors, and is peppered with many antidotes from the lives of other engineers and stylists from the ever-changing automobile industry.

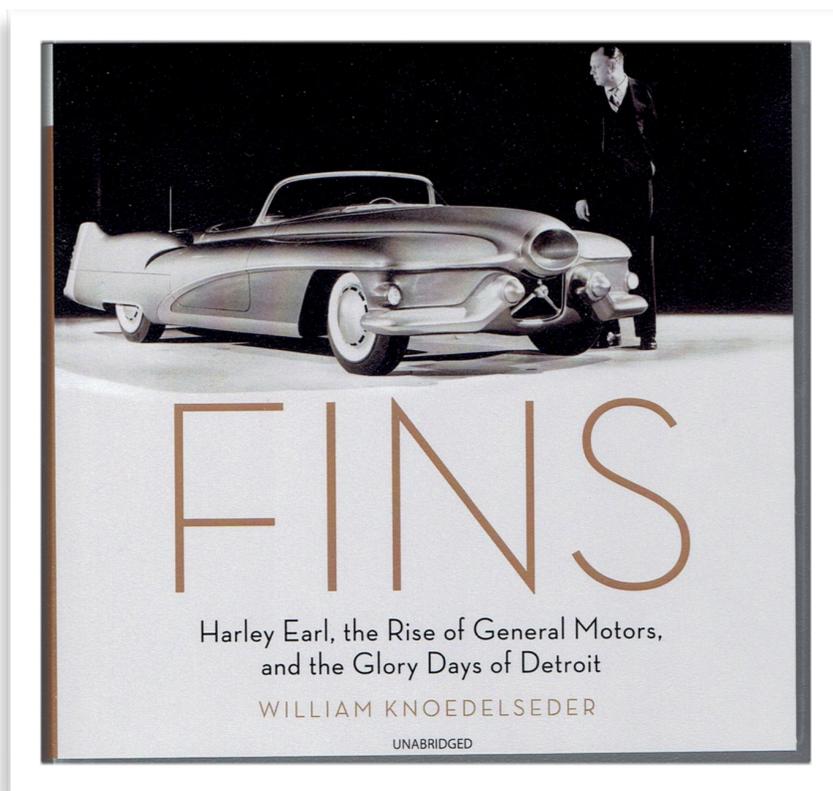
His story begins around the turn of the 20th Century with Harley growing up in the hills around Hollywood, dabbling in custom work in the blossoming auto sales business. Tales of his custom designs of movie star's Cadillacs reach GM in Detroit, who asks him to come and design autos for their burgeoning market share.

Harley stumbles along through his career hitting heads with many designers and stylists to create some of the most iconic cars of the 20th Century. Although credited with the first fins on the 1948 Cadillac, some believe it was Frank Hershey, a famous designer in his own right, who becomes disenchanted with Harley's ways and goes to Ford to become the father of the Thunderbird. It was at this time the stage was being set for the most outrageous, impractical, and splendid period in automotive history.

As with other facets of post WWII American life, the auto industry appeared to reach its zenith. In some literature it has been called the "Golden Age of the Automobile". Of course there were the fins, but also there were amazing color schemes, lots-of-chrome, and the race to build the most powerful engine. America was in love with cars, and the manufacturers were trying to give them what they wanted. It was also at this time that Harley completed his Design Dome, the greatest style studio in the world. After viewing it on the web, the Dome is on my bucket-list the next time I visit Detroit. It was also at this time that he brought in the Damsels of Design, the first lady design team in the industry, to help design the interiors of GM automobiles.

Harley Earl was a colorful man with a flamboyant wardrobe that he often accessed multiple times a day. At his death in 1969, following a stroke, Frank Hersey said that he had made one mistake in his career, leaving Harley's design team. That alone speaks volumes for the man who made GM the greatest manufacturer in the 20th Century.

The book would make a great gift for any occasion. It is available on Amazon and as an audio book, which I personally use a great deal with my poor vision. I highly recommend the audio version of the book as the narrator adds much color and animation to the story. In closing, Studebaker is only occasionally mentioned as are the other independent auto manufacturers.



Thanks again to Dan who always comes forward with great articles for the Rusty Nuts. Be sure to share your book reviews or other stories with us. Just send a word or pdf file to Mikezackaronnie@gmail.com. We love to share your stories and everyone has a story to tell.

from Ellen and Mike the Moose

Verda Bell and Mary Jo Monten will be selling tickets for this fun quilt at the Feb., Mar., and April ARC meetings. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Money raised will help support the summer potlucks. Mary Jo did most of the embroidery squares and Verda did the quilting



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.

We know that many of our members are facing some challenges right now but wish to remain private. We are thinking of all you and wishing you brighter days ahead.

In Memoriam:

Ralph Wernli (#548) - We are sorry to report that we have lost another member of our ARC family. We keep Ralph's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Some Coming Events

Further information can be found on Group Works

ARC 8th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet

February 8th RH Johnson

Valley Speed Center and Beeline Cruise

Wednesday February 12

Skills USA Competition February 22nd

2:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Glendale Com College

Relay for Life February 23 - info at

www.relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz

West-MEC Touch a Truck February 29th, 2020

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Happy Camp

Monday March 23 and 30 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

March 28 Stardust Golf Course

Blood Drive

March 30 8:00 to 1:00 P.M.

LARC Breakfast

Thursday, February 20 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



Order Your Car Dash Display Plaque

New Display Plaques for your car, golf cart, or bike? It is good for you and fund raising for the club. Get rid of your old, torn, dog eared displays, the new ones are made with champagne-beige color paper and laminated with thicker, UV protection pouches.

Price: \$15 each... or \$20 for two if it has exactly the same content.

Print the order form on page 21 or stop by the club and ask a Desk Monitor to see sample plaque. Get an order form, fill it out, and make your payment in cash, check, or credit card. NOPE, NO chickens.

Any questions, call Sue Steward: 623-262-5225 or email: suesteward.az@gmail.com.

Sue is donating the time and materials to help the club raise funds. 100% of the sale proceeds goes to the club. So, stop by the club and place your orders today.



Automotive/Restoration Club Of SCW

Dash Display Order Form

ARC desk monitor: _____
Date of payment Monitor Initials

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1. Your name: _____; Your phone #: _____
2. Complete information below about your car.
3. Pay \$15 to ARC. Give payment (cash, check, or credit card) to the desk monitor. \$20 for two (2) IF writing/content is the same.
4. Have desk monitor write down date of payment and initial the form; then make a copy of this completed form for your records.
5. Scan/email completed form to: suesteward.az@gmail.com
6. If you cannot email the form, call Sue Steward 623-262-5225 about the order. Sue will pick up the order form from the desk monitor.

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Year Make of Car

Model Style (2 door, convertible, etc.)

Cost of Car When New or Purchased

Anything Special about Your Car

Owner Name(s)



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ARC Members



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 to all of the ARC Angels for your continued service to the SCW community.

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ARC monthly membership meeting is the 3rd Tuesday, at 2:00 at RH Johnson Social Hall (no meetings in June, July/ August)
The December meeting is on a different day as it is a breakfast

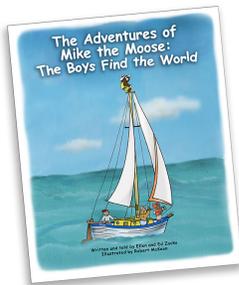
ARC board meets at 8:00 A.M. the Thursday just prior to the 3rd Tuesday monthly meeting. Members and guests are welcome at the Camino del Sol meeting room. It's an open meeting.

Summers include social gatherings of burger burns, ice cream socials, picnics and much more.

A Message from Mike the Moose



You've got nothing more than time. Time is the final currency, not money, not power. Spend it wisely



Available at ARC and
Mikethemoose.com



Rusty Nuts is *your* newsletter. Thank you to all the member contributions. Keep them coming. Everyone has a story and yours is important to the membership.

Send your contribution to: mikezackaroonie@gmail.com
Your stories make this newsletter!

Special thank you to Deborah Ray, my friend and proofreader.
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