

# RUSTY NUTS

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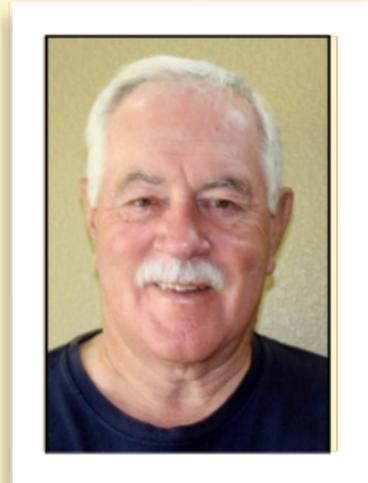
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## Terry Findley's Story



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## Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark



### **Ford vs Chevy**

Many of you have seen the movie Ford vs Ferrari. If you haven't, it was a great flick. Not all of it was true, but it was well done and took us all back to a time when things weren't so complex. I remember many conversations back then that went more like "Ford vs Chevy." I am pretty sure I was involved in some of those conversations.

Today, the conversations have changed to things like "Gas or Electric?" "Miles per gallon?" "Warranty." "How many will it seat?" And "Safety." I can remember the ads from TV stating that the cars were "longer, wider, and lower." They were also BIGGER! Marketing today is different, times are different and people are different.

One of the great things I like about ARC is that you can have any type of conversation you want. If I want to talk old or new car, there are plenty of people in the club who are willing to get engaged in the conversation. The wealth of knowledge and experience in the club is unbelievable! Those who know me know that I am not a true car expert. Not even close! I do know a little and I also know who to talk to when I get lost. I will be forever thankful to so many people who I have been fortunate enough to meet and become friends with through ARC. Here are just a few names: Chuck, Tony, Jerome, Vince, Howard, Larry, John, Craig, Paul, Steve, Jackie, Andy, Jim, Walt, Tom, Suzanne, Lee, Mike, Gary, Dean, Rich, Dave, Bill, and SO MANY others. My point is, ARC has so many great people and all you need to do is to start a conversation!

Without ARC, and my dear friends, we would not have a building, a club, a place to make friends, a chance to learn about the cars we love, nor be able to participate in all of the great ARC activities throughout the year. If you are a new member or a casual member, I encourage you to go into ARC regularly and have some coffee and make friends. You are important! Your thoughts, comments and suggestions are important! Maybe you are dreaming of driving down the street in a classic car of your dreams...it just might happen!

Note: I was asked to be a part of a podcast about cars here in St. Louis. It will be aired starting March 16th. Look for "GetoutNdrive."

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## APRIL 2020

### DEUCE COUPE CORNER

BY TOM JONES, PRESIDENT

The closure of ARC and the Rec Center has set us back on our ongoing projects.

The Thunderbird was close to being painted and available for the April MAG Auction. Since the auction has been cancelled, we may still have time to finish the restoration and auction it as a “charity” car.

The Austin American Bantam, as our next project for ARC seems more than anticipated. Therefore we will plan to sell it as it is. It runs and has most of the parts needed to make it a “cute” driver. Hopefully, an ARC member will purchase it and move forward with the project as their own.

Be sure to keep safe and avoid the virus that is causing everyone to be concerned about their health. ARC will not meet again until the “all clear” is sounded by the CDC and the Rec Center.

Remember my mantra: “Take care of yourself first, your family second and let all the other things take a ‘backseat’ to the first two suggestions.”

Tom



**DOGS TO THE RESCUE!!**  
submitted by Dean Lewellen

Rec Centers are closed until May 3rd  
At this time the next ARC General Meeting  
will be held Tuesday, May 19  
2:00 P.M. RH Johnson Social Hall

## **Downshifting Terry and Pamela Findley (Member number 1108)**

I spent my first 35 years in Southern California and during high school developed an interest in cars and motorcycles. Bought my 1st Model A Ford in '62. It was a 1930 tudor sedan. Had lots of fun with that car and drove it all over SoCal with friends. Prior to moving to Oregon in 1978, I sold the tudor and spent the next 37 years raising a family and had no time (or money) for an old car of any type. However, my wife of 36 years passed away in 2011 and then I decided to return to the hobby I had enjoyed so long ago.

I bought a "basket case" 1929 Model A Ford closed cab pickup. As with any "project" car the pickup needed lots of work to get it onto the road. I was working on the restoration when I had an opportunity to purchase my 1929 Model A Ford Delux Delivery. After I purchased the car I proceeded to transfer the registration. At that time I discovered that the Delivery hadn't been registered since 1944 in Colorado. Some of the restored parts I had installed onto the pickup were transferred over to the Delivery as I knew I would be able to have it drivable much sooner than the pickup. I also changed out the engine, installed an overdrive and changed the rear-end gear ratio from a 4.11 to a 3.54 to insure that the car would be able to drive down the freeway at a "reasonable" speed. (My wife says it doesn't matter how fast you can go, what does matter is how well you can stop!) So, when she's in the car I drive at a speed she is comfortable with.

In 2016 we drove the Delivery from Oregon to Colorado to a National Model A meet in Loveland. There I entered the Delivery in the "Touring" class and the car received a 1st place award. Also, while there at the meet I was approached by a Hemmings Motor News photographer who took some pictures of the Delivery and some of the pictures were featured in their 2017 calendar as their month of May calendar car.

After returning from Colorado we made room for another project car that we are currently restoring. It's a 1931 slant windshield Town car (also a Model A Ford). It's currently stored in our shop and will get some more attention when we return in the late spring to Oregon.

### My First Car:

My first car was a 1949 Ford 2-door sedan. Had it painted at Earl Sheib for \$29.95 , put fake white walls on it and lowered it in the front. Got new upholstery (tuck and roll) in Tijuana. Had a blast with this car during my high school years. Sold it to a friend and it was stolen 2 weeks after he bought it from me.

### What Was Your Favorite Car:

I currently own my favorite car and it's my 1929 Model A Delux Delivery.

### Any Other Interesting Cars:

I also have a 1926 Model T Ford touring, a 1937 Ford tudor sedan and a 1955 Chevy BelAir 2-door hardtop.

### How Long Have You Lived In SCW:

We've lived here in the fall and winter since 2017 when we bought our home. We are snowbirds and enjoy the best of both worlds. Our other home is in Sandy, Oregon where we enjoy a rural life-style and travel a lot in our Model A along with many of our club members in the Pacific Northwest.

I really enjoy the environment at ARC. Everyone is so friendly and helpful. The equipment is unsurpassed and it's great to be able to use the facilities and share experiences with other ARC members.

**Another great member story - Thank you Terry  
from Mike the Moose**



**Today's drink special:  
the Quarantini. It's just  
a regular martini, but  
you drink it all alone in  
your house**

Let's keep everyone in ARC  
safe and well.

The Rusty Nuts will go out again next month. Mike encourages everyone to send articles, paragraphs, photos - just about anything would help. We will try to put something together to keep us smiling and informed. Meanwhile have fun during this time of rest, Keep your hands washed and houses disinfected. Most of all keep moving. For us this is like a passage at sea, you can endure it or you can live it. In the next issue share some of your special joys found in your homes in lovely Sun City West.

Contact us at: [mikezackaroonie@gmail.com](mailto:mikezackaroonie@gmail.com)

Just for fun - the first gas station  
copy and drop this link into your browser

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsGrFYD5Nfs>

Camino Del Sol Car Display  
Tuesday, March 3rd



Dave and Jackie Meyer  
'57 Chevy



27 Vehicles attended this event!



Blue Jag - Gary Masak  
Yellow Vette - Ray Helt  
Black/White T-Bird - Les Stutzman

Bob Janis was  
the "Scout Master"

### Mecum Auction in Glendale 2020 by Danny Gayhart (Member No 777)



The rainbows disappeared and the weather was beautiful for the Mecum Auction.



The quality of the cars was best on Saturday and ARC drove most of them. Although we had a late start, we finished on time.



clockwise

- Danny Gayhart - 67 Dodge Van
- Greg Gayhart - 49 Cadillac
- Gordy Carlson - 96 Corvette
- Greg Gayhart - 65 El Camino

ARC's members were part of a 115 driver force who drove 1210 vehicles, down from last year's 1280 in what looks to be the last Mecum Auction this spring of 2020. Mecum has postponed their next two events on the recommendation of the CDC.

Despite the plunging stock market and the threat of COVID-19 our members drove thru the rain on Thursday & Friday to get the job done. All the members who I have talked to had a good time and are looking forward to next year.

The Glendale stadium layout was notably different than last year with the big tent being out front on the Interstate 101 side. They also rearranged the stadium floor to better display the "Star Cars" and the Mezzanine area was used to display many cars before their trip across the auction block. The top car sold for 1.1 million, a 2017 Ford GT and 68% of the total lots sold.

I personally think the driving job went smoother than last year because of the new layout and the fact that there were fewer drivers per shift than last year (less standing around idle).

My brother Greg worked every shift this year, here is what he thought.

"I worked all 4 days of the auction. What a great time! Although we had more than our share of rain we still had fun. I interacted with all the employees of Mecum and everyone was very pleasant, helpful and glad to have all of us working for them. The crew from Certifleet services really appreciated us for doing a great job and they praised us every morning at our drivers' meeting. Where else can you have a blast from the past to be able to drive cars from all years that we all enjoy. I cannot wait for next year and sad that MAG Auction has cancelled their April auction which is another great time and a donation for our club."

Greg Gayhart

If you didn't work this year for some reason and still want to be contacted for upcoming auctions, notify Sharon Rogers at ([srogers@certifleet.com](mailto:srogers@certifleet.com)). Gary and Chuck Gilbert along with Sharon Rogers from Certifleet did an excellent job of managing the drivers and have offered ARC's members the opportunity to drive in an upcoming event near you.

Despite COVID 19 - 33 Drivers showed up for the auction



**Claudia Gayhart  
(definitely the prettiest  
driver in the show)  
drives '65 GTO, '07 Cadillac,  
'59 Pink Cadillac  
'67 Green Plymouth  
Rufus Sprague also shown**

# A Night to Remember - ARC's first Gypsy Jazz Concert Fund Raiser



Ellen and Ed play with Tim and Jimmy on the Palm Ridge stage



Thanks to Tom Jones for allowing ARC to be the main sponsor and Dean Lewellen who represented ARC in this fund raiser - selling tickets and promoting this concert. The result was ARC received \$1931.46

Tim and Jimmy give a concert in "Buddy" on Facebook



At the party after the 7 PM show we jammed until midnight - Tim and Jimmy enjoyed a thank you cake

### **ARC Angels Still in Business**

Randy Robinson wants you to know that even though the Rec Center has closed ARC, the ARC Angels are still able to help residents with their automotive concerns.

Please let your friends, neighbors and residents know that they can still contact Randy or Dan Kuhl for their automotive concerns.

### **Another Thank You to the ARC Angels for the fine work they do for our club**

Thank you for having the ARC Angels group in your club.

We were blessed to have been given the name of Randy Robinson of your club who came to our assistance.

My brother, who was renting a home in Sun City, passed away and left a car that we needed to dispose of before the end of February. Randy met us at my brother's rental and helped us get the car running, showed us the value of it and how we could sell the car quickly. We did not get the full value of the car but we able to sell it very fast and are very thankful to get rid of it.

Sincerely  
Mary Ann Nelson

### **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.

**Who can drive all their customers away and still make money?**

## Happenings Around The Shop until it suddenly closed!!



**Ron Roda 1929 Plymouth in the making**

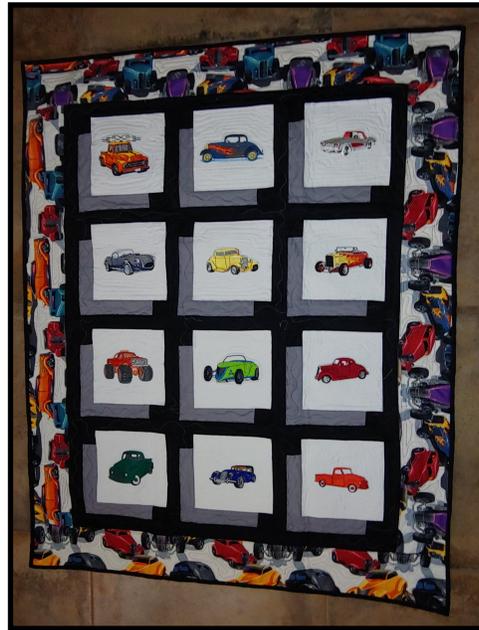
**Craig, Ray, Doug and Jim supervise!!!**



**What kind of cars do cooks drive?**

**Another day at the office!!  
John Donley, Gloria Jones, Gary Masak**

Verda Bell and Mary Jo Monten will be selling tickets for this fun quilt at future 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



**Every cute ARC car needs its own car quilt-buy a raffle ticket**



Where do Volkswagens go  
when they get old?

## 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.

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

**Lori Holman** (Don-# 330) - Going through a battle with cancer...again. We keep you and Don in our thoughts and prayers, Lori. Stay strong!

**Chuck Slyker** (# 332) - Also going through a cancer battle....again. We are here for you, Chuck. Let us know what we can do. Keeping you in our prayers.

**Lauren Matley** (# 16) - Continues to work at getting stronger. Thanks for the great Car Show weather! Keep up the good work, Lauren.

**Vince Crelley** - (#127) - Recovering from surgery. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Vince. We keep you in our thoughts.

**Ron Carson** (#494) - is at home (13303 W. Paintbrush) under hospice care. Cards and thoughts are welcome for the family.

**Gloria Tasseaux** - (#624/Wife of Paul Cowley-#474) - We are saddened to report the loss of Gloria. She has had a tough few years. We keep Paul and his family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

LARC Breakfast  
Thursday, May 21 9:00 A.M.  
Memo's in the Bowling Alley if it is open  
No need to reply, just come  
and enjoy fellowship  
with other ladies of ARC  
Remember, no fragrances please

Men's Breakfast  
Every Monday 7 A.M.  
Memo's Bistro in the Bowling Alley when it is open



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



### **Special Information for you**

Further information can be found on Group Works

#### **MAG Auction**

In April is postponed until further notice

#### **1933 American Austin Bantam**

ARC will begin accepting bids on the 1933 American Austin that was donated to the club. As it sits, its value may be between \$5K and \$10K. We would like to have a club member have first chance, so we will open the bidding to the club prior to advertising. The engine was started on Thursday so we know it runs. If any club member is interested, please comment on the post in Group Works so we know how to proceed. No bid needs to accompany the comment on the post, as we will determine who might be interested and take bids when the ARC shop opens in a few weeks.

#### **Golf Tournament Cancelled**

The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Stardust Golf Course has been cancelled.

The Golf Prize Raffle will be held and those who bought tickets will be notified if they win a prize. Drawing date to be announced.

#### **Eagles Tribute Concert**

**The Briarwood Car/Charity and  
Concert Scheduled for April 1st  
is postponed until a later date.**

46th Annual Prescott Antique Auto Club  
Watson Lake Show  
Saturday, August 1 - Sunday, August 2  
for info and directions: [paacaz.com](http://paacaz.com)



**Answers to jokes  
Chef-Rolets  
The Old Volks Home  
Taxi Drivers**

## **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 a 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**Ellen Zacko, Editor of Rusty Nuts**



ARC meets monthly the 3rd Tuesday, at 2:00 at RH Johnson Social Hall (no meetings in June, July and August)

ARC board Usually the Thursday just prior to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Members and guests are welcome at 8 am @ Camino del Sol meeting room. It's an open meeting.

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## A Message from Mike the Moose



**We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them - Mike and Albert Einstein**

Rusty Nuts is *your* newsletter. Thank you for 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](mailto:mikezackaroonie@gmail.com)  
Your stories make this newsletter!

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