

RUSTY NUTS

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AUTOMOTIVE/RESTORATION CLUB OF SCW

Don Worcester (1144) Then and Now



Don works on his 2006 Chevy Suburban

Don with his 1959 Chevy Convertible

The Perfect ARC Member!
His story on page 5

BEHIND THE WHEEL

DEAN LEWELLEN, PRESIDENT

Witches, Wars, and Turkeys??



Well, Halloween Eve came and went peacefully, Veteran's Day is just around the next corner and Thanksgiving is not far down the road a few weeks away. ARC is gearing up for a full calendar of activities as we have multiple events scheduled for most weeks plus the normal shop six day-a-week work schedule.

November 8, 2021 is the 10th Anniversary of the Automotive/Restoration Club of Sun City West. It all began as an idea being kicked around by three of our Founders sitting at the "table of knowledge" at the Metal Club one morning 10 years ago. Herb Clark, Member #1, went to the Rec Center office and asked how they could start a new Charter club and was told that all he needed was 75 signatures and a charter would be issued. The rest of the story is the history we are living today. This coming Monday, November 8th, ARC is throwing an anniversary party for ourselves to celebrate the 10 years of blood, sweat and fun we have had and are most thankful for. Signup and come join in! It is a free event for our members only, no guests! There will be commemorative shirts for sale at the party.

You are also encouraged to sign up to help us put on the 10th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet on February 12, 2022. The planning meetings are held in the Sagebrush Room at Beardsley Rec Center every Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM. It takes 100 plus members to make the show happen. There are jobs of all kinds and sizes for everyone. Remember, many hands make the work easy and fun.

Happy Anniversary ARC of SCW!! Come celebrate it with us.

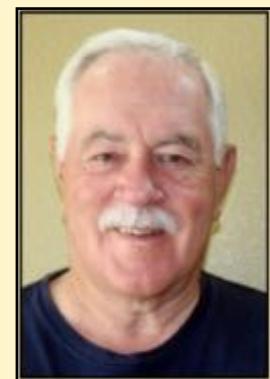
**ARC General Meeting
Tuesday November 16
2 PM RH Johnson Social Hall**

Founder's Focus

A Column by Herb Clark

Brought Back to Life After 53 Years!

Several years ago, ARC member and a friend of mine, Jerome Knudson, got me interested in Model A's. I can remember the 1st time he asked me to drive his '30 Coupe back home. Model A's are simple cars, but until you drive one a few times, they can seem very complicated. I now have my 3rd Model A, and I now understand why people have a love affair with the old treasured relics.



I belong to a large Model A Club in the St. Louis area. Each year for the last 29 years one of our members takes on a challenge called the "Start Up Party." As the name indicates, the goal is to take a Model A that hasn't been started in years and get it started in less than an hour. Over the years they have had cars that hadn't been started in over 20-40 years. This year the 1931 Coupe had been in a garage, on a trailer in New York for 53 years. One of our members bought it for parts. He jokingly said we could try to start it...if we dare!

Larry Shepard, a full time Model A mechanic, said, "Bring it." This was my 1st "Start Up Party." In previous years I have been in AZ and missed the fun. We arrived on a nice Saturday afternoon and about 30 Model A's showed up, and about 80 members. After a nice lunch, I was asked to be the "official timer." At 12:30 the work began. The car first started choking at 19 min 44 seconds. Quickly Larry asked for a new carburetor and at 23 min 14 sec the rusty, dusty old A started and ran so sweet. Really! I am still amazed that this car could start. With a big smile the owner DROVE the antique right out of the garage and around the parking lot.

Patty and I drove home and got out my "new" '31 Woody and took a nice drive! Earlier today, as I am writing this, we took a three hour trip and made a lot of new friends! The best part of owning a classic is watching others smile and wave! Herb Clark



Dates to remember in November**Friday Farmer's Market**

November 12th Lord of Life Parking Lot

ARC needs eight cars for eye candy

Set up at 9:30 and remain until 2:00 P.M.

Western State Bank Friday November 19

ARC car display

10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Pizza, soda and water

10th Anniversary Celebration November 8

Anna's Courtyard

12:00 to 6:00 PM

Sundome Plaza Car Display November 10th

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM AM

30 cars needed

ARC General Meeting

Tuesday - November 16th 2:00 PM

Johnson Social Hall

Lady ARC's Breakfast at Memo's

Thursday - November 18th 9:00 A.M.

You are invited to attend the 10th Anniversary of the founding of ARC on
November 8th, 2021 from 12 noon to 4 PM

Sign up on Group Works or come into the shop to make a reservation

There will be music, food, anniversary apparel for sale and FUN

A - G - bring a Salad

H - N Bring a Vegetable

O - Z Bring a Dessert

ARC will provide Burgers and Brats

You can bring your own beverage

There will be assorted sizes of ARC 10th Anniversary Shirts for sale

Downshifting Don Worcester Member Number 1144 by Ed Zacko

Don Worcester might just be one of ARC's best kept secrets. I first met Don several years ago when ARC first acquired the 59 Thunderbird project car. Many club members and students gave countless hours to that project but as the years passed they gradually moved away, graduated from high school or simply moved on to other projects but in one way or another, Don remained. It became a running joke between us that as he had so many hours invested in the old T Bird they were now bonded and the car was actually his. All he had to do was actually..."buy it. and have a good time."

The T bird eventually found a proper home and left us but then came—The Bantam! Again, several members stepped up and gave their time but Don was always there, either out front or most often back in the paint prep area covered in body filler dust, and sanding fenders and body parts seemingly forever.

I asked him why he put in so much time and he replied simply "Since I don't have a real collector car of my own to work on I have plenty of time. I want to learn as much as I can and I also contribute something to the club."

There in that one sentence Don managed to disprove a major misconception about ARC and also demonstrate what makes ARC unique. The myth: "I don't have a fancy, exotic car and I'm not a mechanic so I don't have any place in such a club because I have nothing to contribute."

I hear this all the time and I assure those folk that this is a serious misconception. Don and all of the Thunderbird and Bantam volunteers certainly have proven them wrong on that score. The single most important thing any club member can do is to lend a hand when required. It's really that simple! No collector car required.

Don came to us from the suburbs of Chicago where he began as a meat cutter and worked his way up to meat department manager for a major Illinois grocery chain. He began his mechanical training by tearing down his bicycle "to try and make it better." When he was 14, his dad bought him a 1941 Chevy. The previous owner was trying to turn it into a tractor and had cut three feet out of the frame. It came to Don without a body and only a board for a seat. The engine was in bushel baskets.

Don managed to get his hands on a manual and eventually reassembled the engine, mounted it onto what was left of the frame and actually got it running. He moved on to '48 Chevy, then there was the '51 Mercury, a '56 Olds and finally he bought a brand new 57 Chevy Bel Air.

"I put on two four barrel carbs and immediately incurred the wrath of my dad!"

"You're going to ruin that car!"

"And he was right. I blew the Power Glide tranny soon after and had to ask dad for the money to repair it."

Eventually Don married and had three children, two boys and a girl. Both boys are car nuts but alas, family responsibilities precluded Don from having his dream car, a 1950 Oldsmobile.

Don Worcester continued

One morning just after the Bantam was sent off to its new owner I found Don sitting at the monitor's counter looking sad and depressed, like a guy who just received his termination notice. "All projects have been completed. ARC has decided to downsize. Your services are no longer required." That same morning he learned that there was a second Bantam on the way and his eyes lit up. Termination notice rescinded!

Don credits Lee Schwartz and all of the ex body shop guys for all the help and "on the job training" he has received. Don is just one more outstanding example of what a club member should be. He may not be a secret but he and all members like him are perhaps ARC's "secret weapon."

One other thing I noticed about ARC over the years is that many members have waited as long as fifty or sixty years before "the time was right" to finally acquire the car of their dreams. In this regard, Don is in good company. He is still on the young side of 100 so there is still plenty of time for that '50 Olds to show up.

Thank you Don for all you do for ARC!



**The second Friday of every month there is a car show
in the Lord of Life Lutheran Church parking lot
corner of RH Johnson and Meeker
ARC provides the eye candy for the Farmer's Market
On November 12 we have eight spaces available for cars
Check Group Works for more information on how to
be a part of this fun event.**

**ARC team off to the BeeLine Cruise In Car Show
in Payson, AZ on October 8 and 9
Beautiful ride, Cars, Food, Fun and 100 raffle tickets sold!**



Greg Masek, Tony and Teresa Giralamo, Ed Zacko, Jim Gallagher, Craig Landers ,
Gary Masek, Ellen Zacko, Sharon and Mike Liberatore

The ARC team featured in the group photo on the previous page had fun working the crowd of the car show to purchase raffle tickets. The day was perfect up in Payson Arizona. We ate kettle corn and gyros although the vendors ran out of food and the coffee was made one cup at a time. Maybe ARC needs to help them with the "Get it Done" process. All in all it was a fun weekend and ARC had another winner.

Carolyn and Ralph Roll took home another trophy. They soon will have to buy another house just for their cars and trophies. Their perfect 1939 Ford coupe Deluxe won the top twenty award. The judging for the show was a bit different as there were no "official judges." Each participating entrant to the show was given a ballot and all were afforded the opportunity to be judges.



**Carolyn and Ralph Roll's
1939 Ford Coupe Deluxe**





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 you all and wishing you brighter days ahead.



LARC Breakfast
Thursday, November 18
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

Dysart High School Auto Tech Hold “RE” Grand Opening” by Herb Clark

On Thursday, October 14th Dysart High School held a Grand Opening Celebration for the Reopening of their Auto Tech Shop. During the pandemic the school took the opportunity to update their 20 year old auto shop. Updates included air conditioning, restrooms, electronic updates, paint, and several other things.

ARC has been very involved with the Dysart program for about 6 years. It all started when ARC members started assisting with the teaching, adding real experiences to the classroom instruction. Our involvement included Lee Schwartz teaching welding at the school. Many others were involved with helping prepare a 1967 Mercury Cougar for the “Great Race.” The Cougar was in rough shape, but with ARC’s help, we were able to obtain a new “Crate” engine and MANY more parts to get the car rolling again. The car was a great project for the students to learn from the knowledgeable ARC helpers.

Once the car was running, a new paint job and new upholstery had it ready for the Great Race from San Rafael, CA to Moline, IL. Working with Jim Grieshaber, CTE Director, and Kurt Woods, Instructor, we trained 3 students on the skills of a “Time & Distance Rally.” I believe one of the students who was part of the race team, Quincy Rust, was the first female to participate in the X-Cup Division. The team did well and even had an “ACE,” the coveted “perfect score” for one leg of the race. Two of the students received scholarships.

The Grand Opening brought back several fond memories for Tom Jones and myself. We were all smiles when we saw the great improvements to the Auto Tech Shop. We both agree that seeing many of our old friends and being introduced to some of the newer staff was the highlight of the day...but our hearts started beating faster when we saw the “67 Cougar” all polished up and showing her brilliance. Great people! Great memories! We are looking forward to working with Dysart and West-MEC more in the future.



Herb talks to the students about the race car

The ribbon is cut for the second time

ARC'S Social Page

BARLEENS CHRISTMAS SHOW UPDATE

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!!
NO MORE SIGNUPS, PLEASE!!

MARILYN KLOHA **IS** TAKING BACKUP RESERVATIONS.
CONTACT MARILYN AT 623-546-1692 OR EMAIL AT
mkmiaz@live.com.

The AUTO RESTORATION CLUB will be leaving for Barleens Christmas Show, "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" on Saturday, December 4, 2021. This is a matinee performance which includes dinner, show and bus transportation.

TOTAL COST---\$60 pp
(Gratuities for dinner wait staff and bus driver are NOT INCLUDED)!

SEND CHECK[S] PAYABLE TO--- Marilyn Kloha
20606 N. 142nd Ave.
SCW, AZ 85375

If sending more than one check, please include names
and phone numbers.

QUESTIONS?? Call Marilyn 623 546 1692

If you would like to read more about Barleens,
check out www.barleensdinnershow.com

1931 Duesenberg Model J Derham Tourer with Gary Cooper



Even the stars owned
Classic Cars
submitted by
Randi Robinson

1931 Lincoln with John Wayne and Constance Cummings



1932 Packard Sport Phaeton and owner actress Jean Harlow



Johnny Weissmuller and his 1932 Chevrolet



1927 - Al Jolson and Cadillac touring car at St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco



**ARC MEMBER GUIDELINES FOR ARC SHOP USE WHEN
PURCHASING, IMPROVING, OR SELLING VEHICLES**

APPROVED BY ARC MEMBERS AT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018

ARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

- 1. ARC Members shall be allowed to purchase vehicles, restore/fix these vehicles in the ARC facility, and, at a time of their choosing, sell the vehicle so they can move on to the next vehicle they have a passion for.**
- 2. Vehicle must be titled in the ARC Member's name before it enters the facility.**
- 3. No vehicle storage allowed in the ARC facility.**
- 4. Limit of three (3) vehicles per year.**
- 5. Subject to Shop Foreman approval.**

**THIS POLICY WILL BE FOLLOWED UNTIL REPLACED BY
ARC BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL**

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.

RAFFLE CAR

The 2022 ARC car raffle is well underway. There are approximately 1700 tickets remaining to sell. Mike Liberatore posts weekly on GroupWorks. He lists the events/shows and where help is needed for ticket sales. Anyone wishing to help can reply to the GroupWorks post or call Mike at 815-263-8686. This is a fun and easy way to donate back to the club. No experience necessary. Mike needs a minimum of two people per show.

A big THANK YOU to all members who have stepped up this year to sell tickets. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Just picture this car in your garage



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.

Obtain the order form(s) at the Monitor's Desk
and pay ARC desk monitor



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. We can give you an estimate of what your home is worth today.

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Lee Schwartz, Paint Shop Manager

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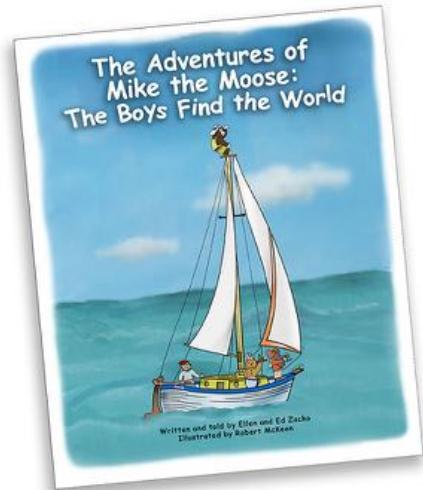
A Message from Mike the Moose

It is never too late to become
what you might have been.

George Eliot, author and Mike the Moose



My book is for sale in ARC-
filled with wisdom!
The perfect holiday present!!
no supply problems!!



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!

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