

RUSTY NUTS

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Special Edition 10th Annual Car Show



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BEHIND THE WHEEL

DEAN LEWELLEN, PRESIDENT



Whew! The 10th Annual ARC Car Show & Swap Meet is history. It turned out to be the biggest and one of the best events ARC has delivered in our ten-year history as a club. It took the detailed planning, the long hours and the hard work of many members to make this complex event happen like clockwork. We set a Club record for car entrants, over 430; a record spectator attendance, estimated over 9,000; and a record income for the Club, over \$82,000, less expenses. The show was also a lot of fun for everyone who attended as well as all the ARC members who made it happen. It was truly a great day! Planning has already begun for the 2023 Car Show & Swap Meet next year. Like the old saying goes, "Just like the County Fair, bigger and better every year".

March continues to amp up ARC activities and events. The Camino del Sol Funeral Home Car Show is on Wednesday, March 2nd. The Annual ARC Golf Tournament is March 5th at Echo Mesa Golf Course in SCW. There are 2 Car Shows that day for the non-golfers at Vistancia and Sun City. The second "ARC Car Games" event returns on March 15th. The Mecum Auction is from March 16th to 19th at State Farm Stadium. The Vintage Vehicles of Sun City is putting on a Car Show at the Cross Church in Surprise on March 20th. Look on GroupWorks and on the peg board wall at the Shop for information and signup details for these events.

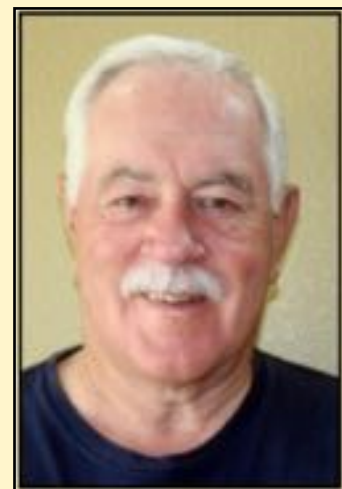
Welcome to Spring in the Valley of the Sun. Get that ride out on the road, warm up the oil and soak up some sunshine. Life is good!

ARC General Meeting
Tuesday, March 15 2 PM
RH Johnson Social Hall

Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark

Great Car Show!

As most of you know, the 2022 Car Show was the "Best Ever!" A big thanks to all who helped make it a huge success! Gary Masak and Bill McVey put together some great teams and it was a sellout. It is ARC's biggest fundraiser, and after canceling the 2021 Car Show because of Covid, it was just what we needed to start the year off right!



Most of you know the Cactus Derby was postponed. I am to blame for the decision. Trust me, Patty and I were looking **SO forward** to coming out and spending the month of February with our friends and being a part of the car show. Here is why I made the decision. Just prior to heading to SCW three of my friends were in quarantine with Covid. My wife has just lost two of her sisters in the last two months to Covid. I have a compromised immune system. Based on these factors, I made the decision not to come. I am truly sorry for any problems or frustrations this may have caused. Thank you for understanding! We are working on a rescheduled date for late Fall. Hope you can join us!

On a brighter note, I really enjoyed hearing many of you state what car you would like to have to drive around SCW. I would love to see those cars you mentioned cruising through the community. GroupWorks is a great communication tool for us to share our car stories and adventures! The post is still up...tell us your dream car!

Someone asked me a couple of months ago what I liked best about ARC. There is a lot! First, our club is good for the community and our charitable activities. Next is the camaraderie. If you really want to get into cars or share your stories, you don't have to be a "gear head." I'm not...or at least I wasn't when I started ARC. I got the opportunity to be around some pretty great "gear heads" and now I am one. One thing I strongly suggest is to invite your spouse. He or she will get the bug. I know my wife said she didn't really want to get involved. She did get involved and started and edited "Rusty Nuts" for about 8 years. She got to know the members and understand why we love cars. Your spouse just might get the bug too!

If you are new to ARC, or not yet involved, try this. Go up several mornings and have a cup of coffee and start up a conversation. Ask for help if you need help to change your oil or etc. If you want to learn more about restoration, ask one of the monitors if there is someone who can help? You will learn! Get involved! Have fun!

Dates to remember
See GroupWorks for more information
March 2 - 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
"Camino del Sol Funeral Home Car Show"
March 2nd Barleen's Bus Trip
March 5th 12th Annual Trilogy Roadrunner Car Show
Saturday March 5 12:00 to 5:00 PM
2nd Annual Golf Tournament
March 15th Car Games 10:00 to 1:00
Sign up at ARC

LARC Breakfast
Thursday, March 17 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

Art work made from leaves



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 stvelinda2004@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.

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. Don't forget to let me know if you hear of someone I should be in contact with.

Nan Janis - (#387) Our thoughts go out to Nan, our ARC secretary, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery, Nan.

In Memoriam:

Ron Curcio - (#1539) We are saddened by the sudden loss of Ron. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Judi, and family at this difficult time.

CAR SHOW THANK YOU

ARC would like to acknowledge Don Dauterive and the entire Rec Center maintenance staff. Their work and cooperation during our car show helped to make the car show.



The recipe for a successful Car Show

At first glance, our annual car show “just seems to happen” as if by magic. But it is not that simple. Listed here are the many teams which come together and make this show happen successfully. We tried to include everything but, no doubt, have missed a few. Each task represents a team of volunteers dedicated to perform a specific task. Without these volunteers there would be no show. Every ARC member draws a specialty and the teams hone their skills year after year. We thank you for your hard work.

SUN CITY WEST

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU

- Marking the Spaces
- Set Up/Tear Down
- Security
- Parking
- Registration
- Regis. Runner
- Refreshments
- Cart Drivers
- Prize Raffle
- Dream Car Raffle
- Cool Raffle
- Swap Meet
- Sponsors
- Vendors
- Car Corral
- Judges
- Trophy Design
- Trophy Making
- Trophy Engraving
- Printing
- Participants
- Photography
- Captain Copy
- Copy Crew
- EMT's/Fire & Rescue
- Radios
- Shop Tours
- Signage
- Recruitment
- \$\$ Couriers
- Safe Deposit
- DJ/Sound Engineer
- Apparel
- Environmental Service
- Electrical
- Apparel
- Car Show Flyer
- Car Show Poster- **Tommy Marès**
- Car Show Prognosticator- **Lauren Matley**

Under the able leadership of Gary Masak, the core car show team meets weekly to plan the next Car Show. These meetings begin in September and continue right up to "show time."



Like a circus coming to town, preparation for this big event begins two days before the opening of the show. Thanks to the tireless efforts of so many volunteers, somehow, the work gets done and although it all flows seamlessly, by showtime everyone is exhausted.



At 06:00 show day explodes with activity - registration - transportation - vendors - food trucks - swap meet - people and cars, cars and more cars arrive for check in!



"Captain Copy's" Registration Headquarters

Like the Wizard of Oz, the "Captain Copy Team" works frantically behind the scenes to process and keep up with the constant flood of registration forms. Each form is meticulously examined, copied multiple times, sorted and collated for future reference. Finally, the forms are placed on clip boards according to class for proper judging. The work is constant and tense with no time to talk or visit. The smallest mistake results in massive confusion.

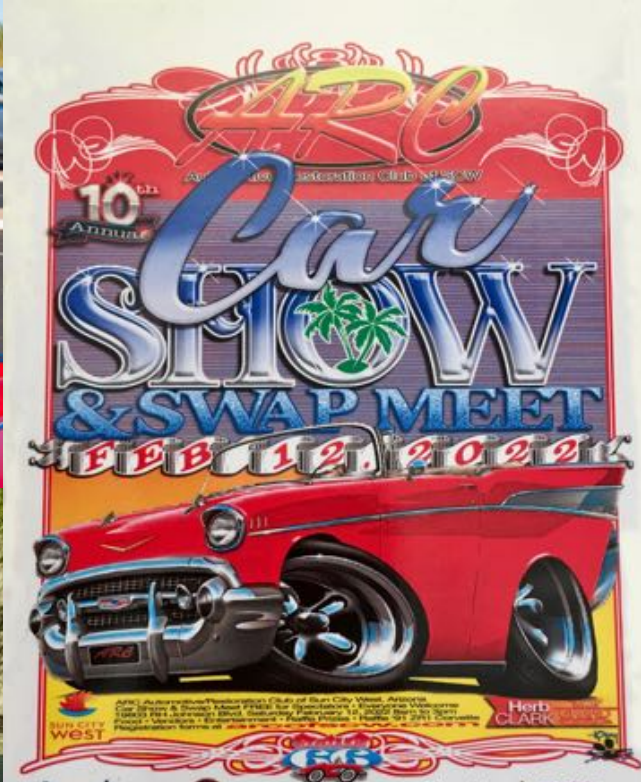
"Who dares to approach the Wizard! Dorothy go home!"



The show is about trophies, raffle drawings and prizes. Did you ever wonder where all the trophies come from? The wooden bases were made by Ray Peterson and Vince Crelley did the metal art.



ARC members choose a job and do it each year - honing their skills and refining their job with each passing show. Providing coffee and doughnuts, sand bags for the tents, making posters and T shirts, parking, registration, security and transportation. The list is endless!



Time for the Awards Ceremony Gary Masak, Master of Ceremonies.

Throughout the day the judges examined all the entries in the various categories. Eventually the judges completed their work and the prizes were distributed. The categories ranged from Best 1920, 30-34, 35-39, 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, best 70, best 80 - 90, Best 2000, Best Corvette C1, Best Corvette C3-4, Best Corvette C5-6, Best Corvette C7-8, Best Mopar, Best Pony, Best Truck, Best Low Rider, Best Volkswagen, Best Orphan Stock, Best GM, Best Custom, Best T-bird, Best Upholstery. Trophy Sponsors included Blue Collision, AZ Swing Kings, Hot Rod International, Sundown Crossing Dental, Allen's Auto Service, Victoria Love, Thunderbird of Surprise, Interiors by Thomas, Sun Devil Auto. Gold, silver and bronze sponsors gave large donations. There were fifty winners in all. Some winners featured clockwise from top left; top three sponsors choice, silver sponsor Western State Bank; Rec Center choice, best club participation, gold sponsors Startz Insurance and Sun City Mechanical.



2022 DREAM CAR RAFFLE

This year the car raffle was once more led by Mike Liberatore and countless other members. A 1991 Corvette which ARC purchased from a member in 2020 was the raffle car. 3000 tickets were sold at \$20.00 per ticket or six for \$100.00. The happy winner was Carol McDade, a former Sun City West resident and former ARC member. Carol has had hot rods in the past and will enjoy this car. This was perhaps our most successful raffle yet! Thank you Mike and your team for all of your hard work. All tickets were sold!



Sun City Mechanical gave ARC an AC unit to raffle
Dave Manthey won this **Cool Raffle!**



American Cancer Society Relay for Life Update Steve & Linda Victor

Thanks to everyone who came out to support one of ARC's Charities at the 10th Annual Relay for Life of the Sun Cities event on February 20th. We were glad to be back at Beardsley Park this year. ARC members stepped up by bringing their cars, money for the American Cancer Society, and food for the Valley View Food Bank. We had 32 cars---our most ever at this event. The final numbers aren't in yet, but it looks like ARC raised over \$1,300 at the event, with a total close to \$4,000. The total day's contributions were over \$6,000, with a grand total for the relay just over \$70,000. We were able to hold two benefit concerts and a bowling benefit, which helped increase our total. Looking forward to next February when we will be having our 11th annual Relay in Beardsley Park. Donations can still be made at www.relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz





Steve and Linda Victor - ARC team organizers



Jazzy Poms performed



Car Show from 3:00 to 5:00 PM



Raffle tickets were sold



Memorial luminaries lit the walkway

Around the Shop

ARC continues to hum along. Jim Gallagher's "latest" project is beginning to look like a Corvette. Tony Palozzi's, "JAZZ" is almost ready to Rock and Roll. Tom Jones is 75!!



OshKosh B'gosh By Dan Kuhl



OshKosh B'gosh was founded in 1895 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This company is famous for its bib overalls for labor-intensive working men. They later came out with a pint-size version for children that has carried their reputation into the 21st Century. Recently this line of children's clothing was purchased by Carter, a very prestigious children's clothing line, that is sadly now made overseas.

The heart of my story is about the world renowned Oshkosh Corporation that still manufactures trucks in Oshkosh. The fact that it still makes trucks at its original location is significant in itself, but what makes it extra special is that it was the first to manufacture a four wheel drive truck in 1917.

Four wheel drive vehicles were manufactured before 1917, but these earlier examples were all cars, some of which may have been converted to trucks as was the first Model T truck. Believe it or not, the company still has this first four wheel drive truck on display at the company facility in Oshkosh. In 2017, in celebration of the company's 100th anniversary, some employees restored old "Betsy" to her former glory (The restoration can be viewed on the web from start to finish in time lapsed photography; it is reminiscent of the ARC shop).

The history behind Oshkosh began in Clintonville, WI where the Four Wheel Auto Company (known as FWD and now home to Seagrave fire trucks) is located. One of this company's founding fathers, William Besserlich, received two patents for his work on four wheel drive technology and tried to interest Ford, Studebaker, and Packard. With no interest he sought financial backing to start a new company, the Wisconsin Duplex Auto Company, that secured a factory location in Oshkosh, just 90 miles from Milwaukee.

Locally, we are lucky because we have one of the largest fire truck museums in the nation, The Hall of Flame. The museum collection includes an Oshkosh and many Seagrave fire trucks. What an amazing overlooked piece of transportation history, BY GOSH!

Reference:

I recently read *Snow: A Scientific and Cultural Exploration* by Giles Whittell. The author describes how well the Oshkosh four wheel drive did in snow. The discussion piqued my interest in seeking information on the web about Oshkosh history.

ARC'S Social Page

BUS TRIP!!! BARLEEN'S OLD TIME ROCK N ROLL

Wednesday March 2nd

ARC members and friends are invited for a trip back
to the 50's and 60's Rock n Roll favorites -

\$60.00 includes bus and show

Checks payable to

Marilyn Kloha 20606 N 142nd Ave. SCW, AZ 85375

Deadline Feb 19th Questions: call 623 546 1692

ARC CAR GAMES

March 15th

SCW Community Church

151st and RH Johnson

Games will begin at 9 AM

Lunch will be provided to participants

in the Church Activity Room

Awards ceremony

will take place during lunch

Thank you to Diana Hudson and Pamela McClaflin

the coordinators for this special event

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.

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!

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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

The strength of the team is each individual team member. The strength of each member is the team.
Phil Jackson, basketball coach and Mike the Moose



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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I couldn't do this job without her special help.

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