

# RUSTY NUTS

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Thank you Diana and Pam for a  
fun day with car games!!



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## **BEHIND THE WHEEL**

**DEAN LEWELLEN, PRESIDENT**



This month we say goodbye for now to our Winter visitor members. These RUSTY NUTS' words will go silent until September, as well. Be safe, travel safe and come back when the Summer heat subsides here in Arizona or when the first snowfall comes down up North. (I can't remember what that felt like.)

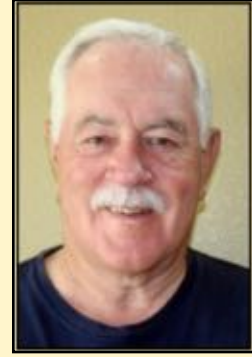
This past Fall, Winter and Spring seasons have been close to the pre-pandemic normal times at ARC since we were first locked down in March of 2020, two years ago. Our Membership numbers are back to normal levels, our Canadian members were finally allowed to travel outside of their borders, and we have enjoyed several in-person car and social events at the Shop and around the Community. Life is good, again.

We are scheduling a social activity at the Shop each month during the Summer. We will have a May "Cinco de Mayo" Fiesta, a June "Pizza/Pasta" Fiesta, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Potluck and the August Ice Cream Social. See, we do not plan to hole up indoors, shut-in, all Summer long.

Come on out, ARC Sweatbirds, and enjoy your Club and Shop this Summer. As the old movie theater marquee words said, "Come In, It's Cooler Inside".

**ARC General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17th  
2 PM RH Johnson Social Hall**

## Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark



### Where Should You Travel This Summer?

With Covid winding down, hopefully, many of us are starting to think about travel again. That is true in the Clark Family too. By the time you are reading this Patty and I are hoping to be packing for a trip to Williamstown, KY to see the "ARK." This is a full size ARK and is a big attraction in the area.

This Summer we will be taking a trip we planned 3 years ago. In my work life (20 years ago), I was able to travel and to be in all 50 states. Prior to the pandemic, we were planning a trip so Patty could say she too had been to all 50 states. Well, this summer the plan is being dusted off and we hope to set out to travel to Idaho, Oregon and Washington. This will complete her quest to have set foot in all 50 states.

How many states have you been to? What was your favorite? Why? Where would you go back to if you could? By now most of you know I like cars, There are some great "Car" related events that go on during the summer. This year the Great Race will start in Warwick, RI and travel to Fargo, North Dakota. It will start on June 18th. You can Google "Great Race 2022" for the full route with dates and times.

In Minneapolis / St. Paul you can see the "Back to the 50s Car Show." This is one of the biggest! In Detroit, why not be at the "Woodward Ave Dream Car Show?" Reno has one of the best car shows called "Hot August Nights." I am sure you have some car events you would like to share with others.

Or... how about a motor cruise across the country? Route 66 is a trip I have ALWAYS enjoyed. If you would like more information just contact me and I will share my information and the history of the "Mother Road" with you. If you are hanging around in AZ, take a trip north and follow the old Route 66. Plan a 3-4 day trip and you will see the world the way it was when most of us were growing up. If you take a trip please write up a little article for Rusty Nuts and share it with all of us.





## Synchronizers\*



Bill McVeigh (# 530) Foreman, and secretary for the Car Show

Bill McVeigh (#530), has been an ARC member since 2015. He was born in Chicago but grew up in Scottsdale. He lived for a while in St Louis, MO but prefers heat to cold and now lives in Sun City West year round. His favorite car is a Chevrolet Chevelle that was made in the 70's .

Bill is constantly working in the background, serving as the secretary for the ARC annual car show, "The Best West Side Car Show." In this capacity, he assists Gary Masak at all car show preparation meetings, helps with the registration forms, goes to other car shows to deliver the early registration forms, and solves the myriad of computer issues relative to the show. As if this is not enough, Bill also travels around to local car shows with Mike Liberatore to sell tickets for the current raffle car and helps Jeri Omen with refreshments for the general meetings.

In more quiet moments Bill can always be found helping others work on their cars as a third hand, giving tours of our facility, which he especially enjoys, and watching the progress on long term projects while learning, from the ground up, about how autos really work .

Although he wanted to go to trade school because of his enjoyment of working with his hands, his parents (his dad) wanted him to go to college. He followed his father's wishes by turning his four college years into six years. At South Dakota State he received his BS with a major in geography. He worked for 30 years as a cartographer for the Department of Defense in St. Louis MO . This pleased his father very much because he actually got to use his geography degree to make a living.

Bill's experience with cars started in high school working with family cars. He learned how to work on cars in high school. He used to work on cars in the driveway. His parents had two rules: make sure he had a car to go to work, and mom could use her car when she wanted it. There were a few times he didn't follow them. When he started college, his parents started to push him to work more on his studies and less on cars. He didn't like that, but happy parents, happy life at home.

**\*People who keep the gears meshing allowing ARC to move forward.**

## The Second Annual Car Games Diana Hudson and Pam McClafin

The second annual Car Games were held on March 15th at the Sun City West Christian Church. About 40 drivers participated in the event. Seven different and unique "road blocks" tested the driver's ability to maneuver in different and unique ways.

Everyone at the event expressed what a great way it was to spend a morning. Lunch, catered by the church, was enjoyed by everyone. Several "drivers by" who stopped to see what was going on, stayed to watch the competition.

The Social Committee would like to thank all those who helped with setting up, running the event, and cleaning up afterwards. We couldn't have done this without you!

**Road Block #1 "Spark My Engine"**, was a test of both driver's and passenger's ability to install and then remove four spark plugs from an engine head. The object was to do this in less time than other competitors.





**Road Block #2 "Feed Our Wildlife"**, was a test of both participants to toss a bean bag within an area that would allow the stuffed animals to eat the food being tossed to them. If the food reached the pens the animals were in, the points were greater than if the food simply landed within a circle surrounding the animal.



**Road Block #3 " Save Our Wildlife"**, was a test of the driver's ability to avoid running over any of the animals lying on the road soaking up the sun. Several drivers missed every single one of the poor little critters.



**Road Block # 4 "Stop on a Dime"**, took great judgment as to where the center of the back bumper of their car was. A plumb bob was hung from the back bumper and the driver had to drive forward, stopping when they felt the plumb bob was directly over a bullseye on the asphalt.



**Road Block #5 "Ride the Rail"**, also had several perfect scores. The object of this stop was to place the passenger's front tire on a 2X6 board and then drive 24 feet without dropping off the board. The trick was that the boards were not straight and it took guidance from the passenger to remain on the rail.





**Road Block #6 "Wet T-shirt"**, tested the skills of both people in the car to remove t-shirts from a bucket of water and then toss them into a bucket several feet away.



**Road Block #7 "Waitress"** tested the coordination of the passenger and the smoothness of the driver. The passenger was given a serving tray to be held balanced on one hand out the passenger's window, and a glass filled with water was placed on the tray. The driver then had to navigate over several pieces of lumber without causing the glass to fall from the tray. This proved to be one of the tougher stops.



## The Car Game Winners

David Enley

Don Labossiers

Joe and Colleen Davies

Gene Wojtyna

Bob and Gladys Dale

Ed and Ellen Zacko



50's SOCK HOP  
AT ST. SIMON AND  
JUDE SCHOOL  
by  
Dave Meyer



ARC received a call from Alisa Randall of St. Simon and Jude School asking Dean if we could supply a 50's car for their fundraising event celebrating the 50th anniversary of their much loved Principal and her birthday. The event was a 50's themed evening including an auction and a sock hop. The auditorium was decorated in balloons, flowers, and white table cloths for the dinner and sock hop followed that evening. The festivities began in the main courtyard with the auction and cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for the attendees. They parked our 57 Chevy in the center of the courtyard to get the mood going for the guests who were all dressed in appropriate 50's clothing. Pictures were taken of my car with the guests standing in front of it, which added to the mood. They were extremely appreciative that our club responded to their request to make their festivities a true 50's event. After the auction, the attendees moved into the auditorium where dinner was served and the sock hop began. The event went on for several hours after in the auditorium and soon we reluctantly chose to leave.



## Politics at its finest - The battle continues by Dan Kuhl

I recently came across a photograph of a 1930s “service” station that is selling gasoline blended with ethanol. This photograph led me to research its development and use in America. There is quite a bit of information on the web. I chose to provide a condensed listing of the timeline offered by Wikipedia.

- \* 1896, gasoline is cheap and abundant, and ethanol is taxed at a high level. Automakers design cars to operate on gasoline.
- \* 1906, the ethanol tax is repealed under Teddy Roosevelt’s administration. Corn ethanol is now cheaper than gasoline.
- \* 1908, the Ford Model T is fitted with a carburetor that will run on gasoline or ethanol.
- \* 1914, the regulatory burden on ethanol is again decreased.
- \* 1918, Scientific American says it is “now definitely established that alcohol can be blended with gasoline to make a suitable fuel...” It is also noted that 10 gallons of ethanol can be produced from a ton of seaweed.
- \* 1919, with the prohibition of beverage alcohol, the industry turns to ethanol as an outlet for its product.
- \* 1921, leaded gasoline is developed at the General Motors research laboratory in Dayton, Ohio.
- \* 1923, leaded gasoline is marketed; and in 1924 GM claims that the problem of “engine knock” has been solved. By the mid-1920s ethanol is blended with gasoline in every industrialized nation of the world. Public health officials are appalled at the prospect of lead poisoning and demand that ethanol blends continue.
- \* 1924, GM nearly abandons leaded gasoline after a terrible refinery accident injures and kills dozens.
- \* 1925, Henry Ford tells the New York Times that ethyl alcohol is the fuel of the future.
- \* 1926, The Public Health Service allows leaded gasoline to return to the market.
- \* 1930s, The Dust Bowl influences Henry Ford to again state the importance of ethanol fuels.
- \* 1933, the American Petroleum Institute initiates a campaign against the use of ethanol with the end of Prohibition.
- \* 1937, the farm chemurgy movement spurs the use of ethanol blends at 2,000 service stations throughout the Midwest.
- \* 1964, a seven-car crash at the Indianapolis 500 results in the banning of gasoline use for 41 years. It was determined that alcohol-based fuels were less likely to result in serious fires. The ban was lifted in 2005.
- \* 1971, The Nebraska Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee is formed to find new uses for surplus grains.
- \* 1979, Jimmy Carter’s administration creates incentives for ethanol production.
- \* In the late 1980s and 1990s the price of a barrel of oil drops to \$12, causing the developing ethanol industry to go bankrupt.



- \* 1988, There is a push by President Bush's administration to clean up air emissions, by removing the benzene from gasoline fuels. This sets the stage for the 1990 Clean Air Act.
- \* 2003, California is the first state to outlaw MTBE. Other states followed.
- \* 2007, the United Nations urges a five-year ban on biofuels.
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Where are we today? Go to your local filling station (no longer a service station) and fill-er-up with the seasonal blend and hope your Studebaker will take you to the movie "The Promised Land" and don't forget your fuel stabilizer.



## 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 [stevlinda2004@earthlink.net](mailto:stevlinda2004@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.

**Bonnie Robinson** - (#399) Our thoughts go out to Bonnie, who is recovering from surgery and is now in rehab. We wish you a speedy recovery, Bonnie, and keep you in our prayers.





## Cars With Personality!

by Deborah Ray

Anthropomorphize - intransitive verb: "To ascribe human characteristics to things not human."

What goes into auto design, and what do designers think about when building a car that will appeal to buyers? Many buyers want a ride with personality, rather than one that would be difficult to pick out in a parking lot full of nearly identical models.

Whether that personality projects calm strength and reliability, classic elegance, fun with a certain pizzazz, an aura of power, or other qualities ranging from happy and cheerful "cuteness", to a more sinister, sullen, angry, threatening, or even dangerous tone, the choices are many, especially among vintage and classic cars!

What attracts you to certain vehicles? Would you prefer a car that smiles back at you when you smile at it, or one that warns other drivers looking in their rear-view mirrors, "Get out of my way!!!"

Here is a gallery of some automobile faces and personalities, everything from the ridiculous to the sublime - plus a few genuinely anthropomorphized cars: Herbie the Love Bug; My Mother The Car; K.I.T.T. from Knight Rider; and who could ever forget the evil incarnate 1958 Plymouth Fury, "Christine"?



Is your car happy or mad?





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**2023  
DREAM  
CAR  
RAFFLE**

The 2023 Dream Car Raffle information is now posted on the ARC website:

[arcofscw.com/home/arcs-2023-dream-car-raffle](https://arcofscw.com/home/arcs-2023-dream-car-raffle)



Look familiar - go for it!!

ARC Members  
always have fun!!

**LARC Breakfast**  
**Thursday, May 19**  
**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**

## 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.



## Drag Racing Continues in Daytona Today

Paul Burrier

It is said that the first automobile race happened the day the second car was made. Americans, more than any nation other than, perhaps, Italy, love racing cars. By the mid-50's street racing was commonplace. This straight line form of racing became known as "drag racing" since it started on the main streets, or "main drags" of nearly every town. Seeing a need for safety and sanctioned timing of these races, pioneer Wally Parks formed the National Hot Rod Association in 1951 in Southern California. NHRA took hold on dry lake beds in the West but it was several years before sanctioned quarter mile drag strips appeared in the rest of the country. On the East Coast, the beach at Daytona, Florida was a summer drag racing venue when hundreds of drivers would show up, often in a car that just came from the dealer showroom, to see what it could do. NHRA drag racing now draws the largest crowds in motor racing with 11,000 horsepower top fuel dragsters reaching speeds in excess of 335 mph in under 4 seconds.



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Ed's Flintstone Mobile



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## A Message from Mike the Moose

If you don't take the time to do it right  
you'll find the time to do it twice!

Will Rogers and Mike the Moose

Easter in the desert  
from Dean Lewellen



See you in  
September!



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](mailto:mikezackaroonie@gmail.com)

Your stories make this newsletter!

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