

# RUSTY NUTS

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AUTOMOTIVE/RESTORATION CLUB OF SCW

## Jim Gallagher (#412)



## Does it Again!

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

## **BEHIND THE WHEEL**

**DEAN LEWELLEN, PRESIDENT**



It's November again already. Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving are just around the corner and Christmas will be here again before you know it. November does mean that our Winter visitor members are back in town and ARC events and Valley Car Shows are ramping up. There are several events during the week and on every weekend this month. The ARC Shop is busy with long term projects underway and more are scheduled into February 2023.

ARC is now holding planning meetings for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show & Swap Meet on February 11, 2023. It takes over 100 members to pull off this show, so come on out to the next planning meeting and get involved. The meeting schedule and location is available on Group Works. We need everyone's help to make the show successful and profitable.

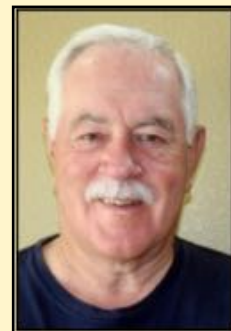
Plan on attending the November General Membership meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the R H Johnson Social Hall. We will be electing the 2023 Officers and a quorum of 67 members is required to validate the election.

Remember to look at RUSTY NUTS, Group Works and the Club website for all the events coming up. Some events require signing up to attend which can be done on-line and/or on the pegboard wall at the shop.

**ARC General Meeting  
Tuesday November 15  
2 PM RH Johnson Social Hall**

## Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark

### Pass it on! Learning is Fun!



I was delighted to participate in the 2nd Annual Get Out N Drive Day. Congress has declared the 1st Sunday in October each year as National Get Out N Drive Day! What does it mean? The birth of the idea took place in St. Louis. John (Custom Nerd) Meyer worked with our local representatives in Congress to get this day each year proclaimed Get Out N Drive Day. I was Sooooo proud to see ARC of SCW had a large group of classic cars driving in the area. I heard it was WELL received by those residents who watched as they passed by!

The whole idea is to show others the beauty of the classics that many of us grew up with as our family cars. The restored beauties bring back memories for many of us of our childhood. Today many of the restoration shops in the country are having a hard time finding qualified workers to help the classics be born again with a new life. National Get Out N Drive Day is to help spark an interest in the younger generations to think about a career in Auto Restoration. Several schools around the country are offering fine programs in automotive restoration...to me it would seem to be more fun to build/restore a classic than to bolt on or replace parts on a new car. Restoration takes creativity to complete a project. NOT ALL PARTS are still available.

ARC has been a great place to learn many of the skills. I have been SO impressed by the skills of our Seniors! I have learned SO much from Jerome Knudson, Tony Palozzi, Lee Schwartz, Chuck Ulbricht, and the late Lauren Matley and many more. Some of you reading this might want to spend a little more time at ARC and ask to assist others. Making friends is easy in this environment and most people love having a little help. Sign up for a class! Get involved!

ARC has also held classes for neighboring school age students. ARC instructors held training sessions one night a week. What would you like to learn? I am absolutely sure there are people who would love to help you too!

By the time this newsletter is out, we will be close to putting on the Cactus Derby Rally. Hope to see you there! Sign up now to participate.

Herb Clark



Go to ARC - sign the form and join this fun event today!!



**Cactus Derby Registration**  
**November 5th & 6th, 2022**  
*This form must be completed and signed by each participant*

**ARC**  
 Automotive/Restoration Club of SCW

Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Navigator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Navigator's Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle Info: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  Stock or  Modified **Submit a photo of the vehicle & proof of insurance.**  
 Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Division Requested (Check One):  1949 or Older  1950 – 1974  1975 – Present  Sports Car  
 The Tournament Committee will have the final decision on which Division a car will be placed. Later entries may be moved to a different group in order to keep divisions close to equal.

**Entry Fee \$100 per car. 60 Car Limit. Make Checks payable to ARC of SCW.**  
 Mail Checks to: ARC of SCW, PO Box 5034, Sun City West, AZ 85376-5034  
 Contact: Tom Jones; arcsofscw@gmail.com; call 503-867-3430  
**\*At least one member of the team MUST attend Derby School on 11-3-2022 at 3PM\***

\*\*\*\*\*No sign up after October 27, 2022\*\*\*\*\*  
 All Drivers must be 21 years of age or older and no car may have more than two adult occupants!  
 Children 12 and under are allowed without penalty.  
 Proof of Vehicle Insurance is required.

**Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement:** My signature below indicates that I understand there are certain risks involved as a result of my voluntary participation in this event and I knowingly assume all such risks and agree to indemnify and hold ARC of SCW and the Recreation Centers of SCW, Inc. harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in this event. In consideration of being permitted to participate in this event, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representative or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue ARC of SCW and the Recreation Centers of SCW, Inc., its officers, employees and agents, from liability from any and all claims including negligence resulting in personal injury, accidents, or illnesses (including death) and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in this event. I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. In addition, by my signature below I relinquish any and all rights to photos and/or videos taken at this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Age if Minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name of Parent/Guardian of Minor Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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## **Downshifting Jim Gallagher (#412) Does it Again! by Ed Zacko**

Jim Gallagher is no stranger to ARC. We met Jim some ten years back when he began the resurrection of a blue 1966 Stingray he had obtained as a burned out hulk. It was one of the first long term projects that inaugurated the newly opened ARC facility. We don't usually feature someone twice but this case is rather unique and celebratory.

In September, with little fanfare, Jim's latest restoration roared to life. This time it was a 1965, Marina Blue Corvette Stingray. "I especially like the 65," says Jim. "It was the first Corvette to have four wheel disc brakes and also a 450 HP engine. That makes this year so unique."

A Corvette is not at all unusual around ARC. Many members have one and some of them have been lovingly restored. What makes Jim's case so unique and remarkable is that this latest one marks his twenty-eighth Corvette restoration. As one who is struggling through only a partial restoration of only one Corvette, the idea of restoring twenty-eight of them is awe inspiring! But, what's more interesting and indeed heartening about this project was the speed at which it was completed.

Every car enthusiast dreams of restoring the favorite car of their dreams. This one, like countless others, had been sitting, gradually deteriorating, in someone's garage for decades either waiting for the latest dreamer to begin or perhaps for the next one to come along after the current owner simply gave up. These are known as "barn finds." They are out there in many forms just waiting for the next Jim Gallagher to come along. The car arrived at ARC literally in pieces. There were boxes of parts that had to be sorted and catalogued just to see if there was indeed a complete car there.

Jim wasted absolutely no time procrastinating. The body was immediately removed from the frame and taken into the paint shop for preparation. The engine was disassembled and taken to a machine shop to be prepared for rebuilding and the frame was completely stripped and sent out to be media blasted and powder coated.

While waiting for the frame and engine, the body was prepped for painting. The newly painted frame returned and without fail, every single day, Jim and his close friend Karl Webber could be found either on, in, or under what was quickly on the way to becoming a car as they worked to install the suspension, exhaust pipes, mufflers and brake lines. The engine parts, back from machining, were ready for Jim and Craig to assemble and install onto the frame. The impeccably painted body was finally lowered and set back onto the frame. Finally, the real work of running an all new electrical system began.

The car finally completed is a true work of art. The engine and transmission are the original that came with the car and have been completely rebuilt, the engine balanced, bored and ported. All numbers are matching and the body sound and unmolested, exactly the way it came from the factory.

Most restorations take years. Many can take decades. Sadly, some are never completed despite multiple owners. The project, from the day it arrived at ARC until that first roar of the engine, was completed in an astonishing six months! To the outside observer, they made it look easy. It all "appeared" to be one smooth, coordinated effort.

Jim said, "My first restoration seemed to go on forever. I've got a good 600 hours into this one and perhaps more but I never would have been able to do this so well and so quickly without the ARC facility we have here. It made all the difference."

Whenever we take our "vintage Vettes" out on the road there is always that same question, "Is it for sale? Name your price!" So I had to ask. "Well?"

"Never! I'll never sell this car!" was Jim's reply.

Congratulations Jim! Well Done!



garage find

almost a car

marina blue



mount the body

it fits

constant work



where does this wire????



it runs

## "Get Out N Drive Day" Event

Twenty-five ARC cars were in attendance. The drive was seventeen miles in and around the Sun City West community. The drive took about forty-five minutes to complete. The route instructions were "Directed Turns and Mileage from Start" with no speeds indicated.



## Western Bank Drive-thru Car Show

On Friday, September 30th, twenty-four cars arrived at Western State Bank for a car show. The ARC members were given pizza, water and cookies. A great time was had by all. The next show will be Friday, November 29th from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.





## YOU'LL LOVE THAT FOUR-DOOR by Dan Kuhl

Recently an Auto Restoration Club member, Tony Giralano, brought a 1954 Pontiac Chieftain four-door into the shop to breathe some life back into its flat-head straight-8 engine after sitting in the California desert for umpteen years. He is a confirmed hot rodder who has never owned a car from the 50's nor a four-door sedan. His Pontiac is definitely a horse of a different color. On the other hand, I have owned several four-door collector cars over the past 38 years. Thank you Tony for giving me the impetus to enlighten the Club on the merits of owning these wonderful old cars that are too often overlooked by a car-hobby enthusiast.

We need to preserve the four-door sedan which came as a station wagon or hardtop as well, because these workhorses are intrinsically linked to our nation's history as are Victorian homes and turn of the century mills. These are the cars that sold in greatest numbers, as noted in the latest issue of *Turning Wheels*, a publication of the Studebaker Drivers Club, and carried the American family to work, school, church, and across the country on Route 66.

From the hobbyist's point of view these cars have many desirable characteristics. A four-door sedan was affordable when it was new and is affordable today when compared to the two-door hardtop and convertible. The balance sheet looks like this: the owner gets 50% more doors for about 50% less money. This makes pretty good sense, especially if you are trying to break into the collector car hobby.

The extra doors can be doubly important if you are transporting kids, grandparents, pets, or if you decide to take friends out for dinner and show off your ride. And, remember there is typically more room in a four-door model, especially a station wagon.

Practicality set aside, what would make an antique car junkie happy? In a nutshell, the ride. We buy these cars to drive and reminisce about the good old days. Once you've made the decision to buy a four-door you will notice the front and back ends are the same as a hardtop as are the following: the same engine and drive-train, the same interior and instrument panel, and the same view out the windshield.

When all is said and done, affordability is the key factor. You get your ride at a reasonable price, save a part of history, and have fun doing it. When it comes time to sell it you will not make a killing, but guess what, you didn't pay a ton for it either. Such is the story with my '40 Ford that I recently purchased and my '53

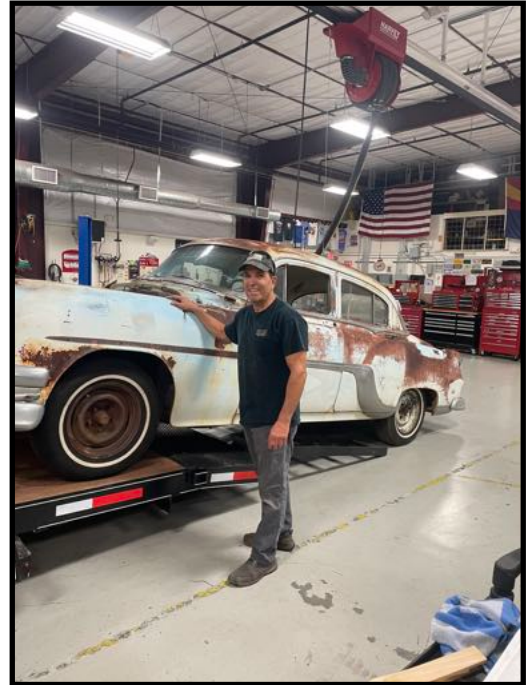
Buick, purchased in 2015. My first four-door, purchased in 1984, was a '63 Studebaker Daytona Wagonaire with the sliding top. All three are uniquely nostalgic with great histories, and get their share of attention at car shows. But most important, the two that I own currently are a thrill to drive.

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## Solstice Senior Living Car Show

The Solstice Senior Living event was Friday, October 14th. ARC had twenty-one cars in attendance. Solstice furnished coffee and donuts. The residents enjoyed seeing the beautiful cars.



## ARC'S Social Page

November 5 and 6

Cactus Derby - pre registration and training session required

November 5th, 2022 - 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Shepherd of the Hills Car Display

November 17 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
Good Guys Visit ARC shop

November 29, 10 to 1P.M.  
Western State Bank Car Show

Tuesday, December 6th 8:00 A.M. to 9 A.M.  
North Canyon HS 2nd Car Show

December 13, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
AAHC Public Meeting



## Remember When from Paul Burrier



## 2023 Dream Car Raffle



Get your raffle tickets in the ARC building

Only 3000 tickets will be sold

\$20.00 each

6 for \$100.00

You can't win if you don't play

Tickets are really selling - as of this writing 1000 are sold

Get yours today!!!

## 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](mailto: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. 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)** We are thinking of Bonnie as she is dealing with some serious health issues. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Bonnie.

**Zane Childress** - Our honorary member is once again going through difficult health issues involving a tumor in his neck. As always, Zane and his mother, Michelle, are special friends of ours, and we keep them in our prayers.



### 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.

## Fifth Annual Motors and Meals



ARC participated in the 5th Annual Motors & Meals event at Beardsley Park on Sunday, October 23rd. The event is put on each year by Northwest Valley Connect as a charity event for the organization that provides assistance and rides to appointments for people of the community who have special needs.

ARC had 51 cars on display and they were judged by Northwest Valley Connect folks. The judges selected 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for the cars on display. Framed plaques were awarded to the three winners.

ARC members and drivers present at the event donated \$670.00 to Northwest Valley Connect to further their cause.

### The winners

**1st place Jack & Lynnette Saylor with a Silver/Blue 1964 1/2 Mustang**

**2nd place Barb & Dale Stoltenow with a Black 1973 Plymouth 'Cuda**

**3rd place Mike Girard with a Blue 1956 Chevy sedan**



**1st Place**



**2nd Place**



**3rd Place**



LARC Breakfast  
Thursday, November 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



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 Members





Many things  
seem  
to be  
point  
of  
view!!



## 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

Every car needs a Car Dash Display - get yours today!  
Especially if you are in any car shows



Car Dash Example



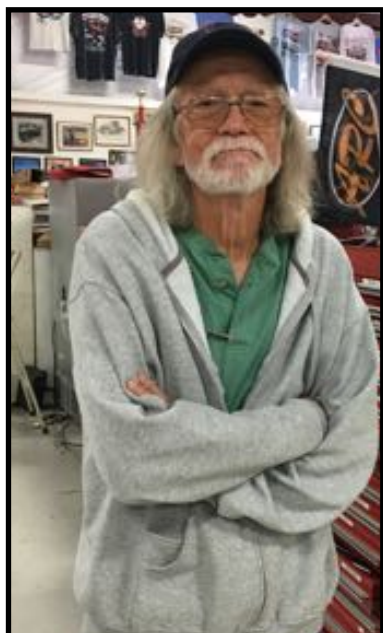
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We welcome ARC members to our team with good ideas every month!

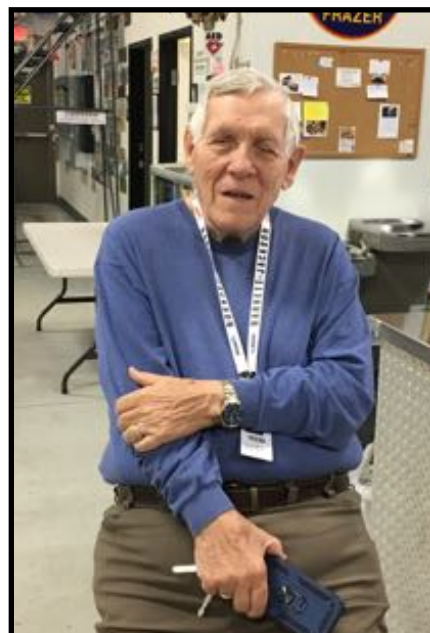
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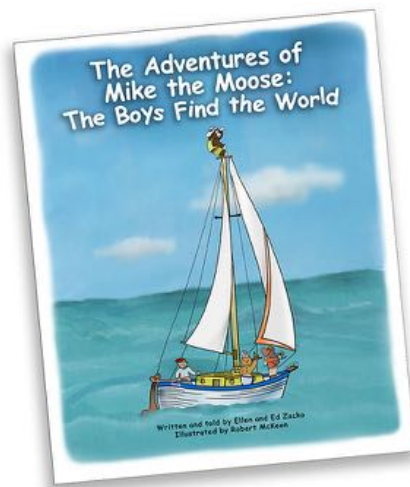


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## A Message from Mike the Moose

Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese.  
Billie Burke, actress, and Mike the Moose



**The holidays are around the corner!!  
Mike's story is for sale at the new PORA store.  
Grandchildren love this adventure book!!**

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.  
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