

RUSTY NUTS

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AUTOMOTIVE/RESTORATION CLUB OF SCW

Neil (#581) and Mary White



A man with many cars - see article on page 4

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Deuce Coupe Corner

by Tom Jones, President



When will the temperatures cool off? I am so glad ARC has an air conditioned shop. With highs in the 100's it was nice to be able to work in a cool building this summer.

Many of our members used the time to work on their projects. The paint shop was also busy and saw many paint jobs completed.

Knock on wood! ARC never had to close down for lack of monitors over the summer. New members have joined weekly and the training sessions, every other Wednesday, allowed them to take the required safety, monitor and lift training.

Work on the February 10, 2024 car show has already started and planning meeting dates have been posted.

If you are interested in being an officer in 2025, contact Mike McGuire on the nominating committee.

Regular "pop-ups" for grilling burgers and brats were frequent this summer. Thanks to Gary Masak for heading up the lunches. Our special summer events were a success thanks to Shelly Giles and her crew.

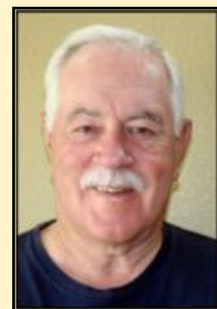
I would like to have more guest speakers at our general meetings this year and instructional classes offered to our members during the month. Vern Lewis Welding will make a presentation at the September meeting and will offer a class on welding in October.

The raffle team has sold tickets for the raffle car at every opportunity. Sales are continuing and we hope to reach the goal of selling all 5000 tickets for the drawing February 10 at the car show.

Remember, ARC is a 501(c)(3) charity and donations may help on your tax status at the end of the year. Donate and volunteer are the two words you may hear most this year. We have less than \$500,000 in construction debt to pay off and our car show helps pay down that debt.

**ARC General Meeting
Tuesday, September 19
2 PM RH Johnson Social Hall**

Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark



Summer Flew Past Fast.....Whew!

Most of us suffered through a record breaking hot summer! It was miserable. It looks like the heat might be with us for a time. I sincerely hope you were able to have some fun!

Working with Gary Masak, we trained several teams for the Great Race this summer. Gary was not only a trainer but also drove in the Auburn, Indiana Spring Great Race Rally, and in the Great Race in June from St. Augustine, Florida to Colorado Springs. Our team was the St. Louis Area Community College. They had five navigators... and had to take turns each day navigating. Gary's skills paid off! This all rookie team did great in the Auburn Rally (*beat me by a couple places*). In the GR they finished 46th out of 130 teams. Many of the teams are multi-year veterans. Our X Cup Team was made up of all Rookies. Their total time off a perfect score for 60+ checkpoints over nine days was 4 minutes 59 seconds. The winning X Cup team with several years of experience total time was 3 minutes 15 seconds. These were excellent times for a nine day, time and distance rally! So proud of Gary and his willingness to help me and the STLCC students.

I would like to THANK a lot of my friends in the St. Louis area who have helped me while I worked with these students and the school. My local Model A club helped us in local rallies and fundraising for our team. It looks like the STLCC program just might have two race teams.

What exciting things did you do this summer? Let Ellen Zacko know! Ellen welcomes all of your adventures and travel stories. Let her know about your adventures!



STLCC with their 1950 Ford Sedan



Broken "U" Joint. On course fix! Part of the fun! Cost the team time!



All 5 navigators received \$2500 scholarships from RPM (Gary 2nd from left in blue shirt)

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**Downshifting
Neil White (#581)
by Ed Zacko**

Of all the ARC members that have been featured in Rusty Nuts, none of them have had as many cars as Neil White. Neil and Mary come to us from Elk Grove, Northern California where they met way back in grammar school, married just after graduation, have been together for an astounding sixty-five years, and have had an astounding 150 cars and still counting.

Neil's first car was a 1937 Chevy. Neil says, "That car had a lousy front end and was very difficult and no fun to drive. It didn't last long." His tenth vehicle was a "basket case" in every sense of the word. It was a Ford Phaeton purchased as a load of parts from Don Cognetti, who ran a chain of auto parts stores. Most of the car was in boxes in the attic. Neil assembled that car and absolutely loved it.

Then came the Lincoln / Thunderbird Project. As Neil says, "It began as a 1947 Lincoln with no front suspension, engine or transmission." He cut the car in half, threw the front away and grafted the front of a 1978 Thunderbird onto it. It had hydraulic windows which he converted to electric, and gave it a tilt wheel. Neil drove that car for thirteen years and eventually sold it to a classmate who drove it all over the country while Neil pursued his business of buying and selling cars. Selling that car was a huge mistake for Neil. He missed it terribly and wishes he still had it today.

For Neil the one "car of a lifetime" that he still wishes for is a 1957 or 1958 Cadillac Brougham with the stainless steel top. Today when you find one they are valued at over 100K but Neil keeps that dream alive.

Neil can always be found at ARC working on his current "and final?" project. This one is converting a 2004 step side pickup into a custom camper van. He serves regularly as a floor monitor and helps to sell tickets for our current raffle car.

If Neil wins this raffle car that will make it 151 cars for Neil and Mary! But who's counting.



Some of the many cars owned by Neil and Mary



Ford Phaeton



62 'Vette



T Bird

Synchronizers*

Shelley Giles (#1566)

ARC member Shelley Giles has become a familiar face in the club although she has been a member for only two years. She was born and raised in Arizona around 7th and Camelback. With her husband Patrick, also an ARC member, Shelley resides full time in Arizona.

A little family history starts with her mother living in North Dakota. She has two brothers who live in Arizona and a daughter in Buckeye. Shelley is a grandmother to a fourteen-month old grandson who she occasionally watches. She also has a stepdaughter who lives in California. Patrick is retired military and is 100% disabled due to Agent Orange.

With her team she has helped with ARC's events to make them more fun. She runs ARC's Facebook page and encourages everyone to join. It is ARC-SCW Auto Restoration Club Facebook Page.

Shelley graduated from high school as an L.P.N. while working at Smitty's Grocery Store in the meat department. Smitty's offered her more money to stay and work with them instead of nursing. After wrapping meat for twenty years and retiring from the grocery industry, she took a refresher course in nursing. She spent a total of eighteen years in hospitals and clinics before retiring because of medical issues.

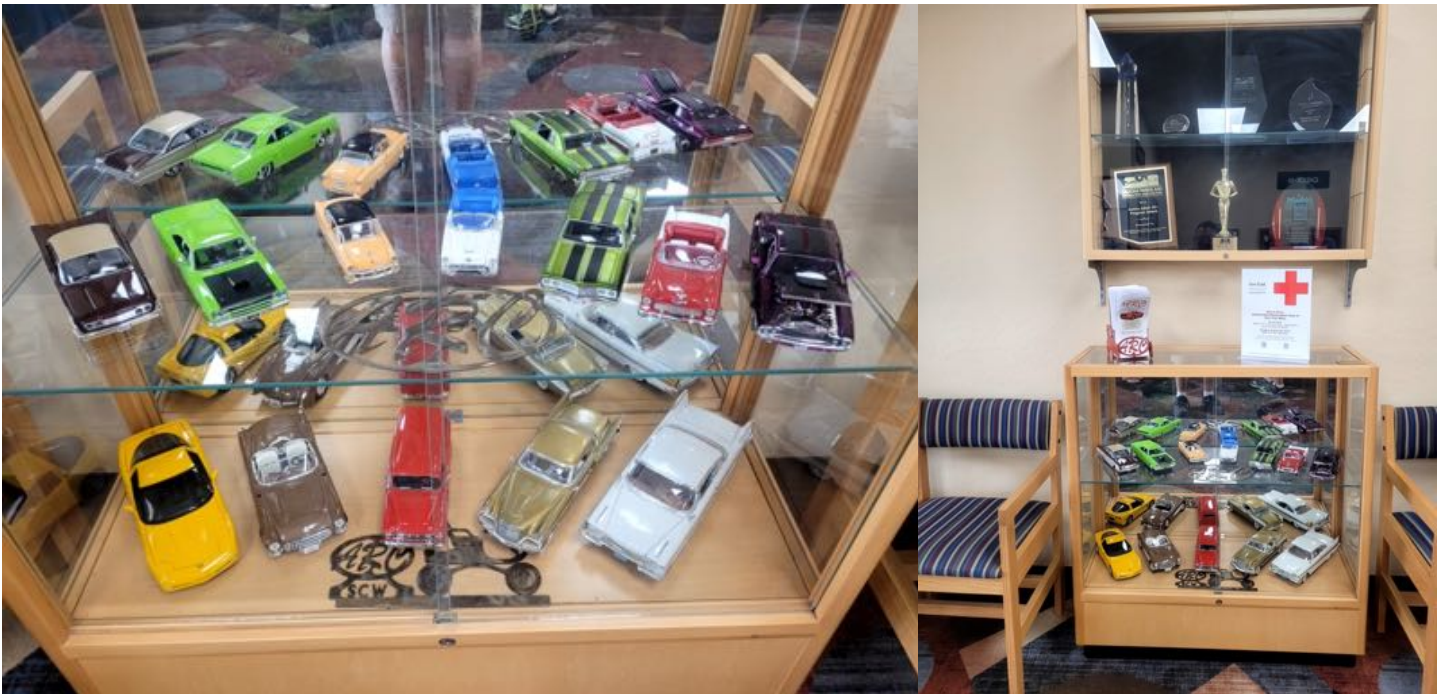
Shelley doesn't know much about cars but is learning. Her first car was purchased at a bank auction in 1981, a 1980 Toyota Celica for \$5000. She needed help to get it home because it was a stickshift, which she had never driven before!

She and Patrick own a 1964 Chevelle Malibu Super Sport and also belong to the Chevelle Club. Always busy playing and teaching Mah Johng, she is also a member of the Boomers and Zymurgy and plays pinochle 500, while learning Bridge.



ARC In the RH Johnson Library

Ray Helt with the assistance of John Underhill placed a small number of cars in the display case in the library entrance. There are ARC brochures on the case and a poster for our blood drive.



Remember When????



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Watson Lake Car Show
August 5 and 6
Eight ARC members
attended the Car Show/
Swap Meet to sell more
than \$1000 in
Raffle tickets.



Cars and Coffee in May Recap by Scott Hogle found in Group Works

For the ARC snowbirds who may have been wondering how this May's Cars and Coffee event went, I thought I'd provide a quick recap.

The weather was fantastic - nice and sunny and not too hot during the morning hours. I'm guessing there were 50+ vehicles on display with a lot of ARC members and guests in attendance.

For me, two vehicles really stood out. First was a 2023 Corvette Z06. The vehicle was so new that the Monroney Sticker was still on the windshield and the seats still had the clear plastic seat covers on them. As I recall, the MSRP was just under \$130K and the last that I heard was that the Z06s were in short supply and were trading for over MSRP. I'm not 100% sure, but I think the owner was from outside SCW but knew about the Cars and Coffee event. It was a very cool car that seemed to attract a lot of attention.

The other car that caught my attention was a Chinese built Vantage pickup that was purchased from [PublicSurplus.com](https://www.PublicSurplus.com). While the truck was unique what really caught my eye was the contraption in the bed of the truck. It turns out the young man who owns the truck builds carbon-fiber steering wheels and the contraption in the bed of his truck was a device that uses pneumatic rams to stress-test the steering wheels that he manufactures. It was cool to talk to someone who is working to build his own business and equally cool to learn that he heard about ARC's Cars and Coffee via the Facebook page.



Attention All Members of Automotive/Restoration Club of Sun City West

The ***Nominations of Officers*** for next year is rapidly approaching. The task of the Nominating Committee is to present a **Slate of Nominees** to the Membership in the October meeting for vote in the November meeting. Nominations will remain open until 30 days prior to the election of officers in November. All candidates nominated, either by the nominating committee or from the Membership, will sign the **SCW AUTO RESTORATION CLUB - AGREEMENT TO SERVE IF ELECTED Form**, *stating that they agree to serve to the position which they are applying to be accepted on the Slate of Nominees.*

I will post a **signup sheet** and the **Agreement to Serve if Elected Form** at the ARC Building until one day prior to the October meeting. On that date, I will pick up the documents.

You may email me at okiemcguire@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in being nominated. Provide your name, member number, and the position you wish to be nominated. If you feel that you cannot serve on the Board in 2024, **PLEASE** consider volunteering in 2025, or in future years.

These are the six (6) Officer positions to be voted on for the Board of ARC. Those positions and current nominees are (nominees marked with -inc are the incumbents):

President – Criag Landers
1st Vice-President – Ray Peterson - inc
2nd Vice-President – Gene Wojtyna - inc
Payables Treasurer – Ray Helt - inc
Receivables Treasurer – Ron Rada - inc
Secretary – Lynnette Saylor

These positions are open to any members. If there is more than one nominee for any position, we will have a ballot vote in the November meeting. A quorum is required so please plan to attend. Please CLICK on the link <https://arcofscw.com/about/bylaws/> to review all job descriptions.

Sincerely,

Steve “Mike” McGuire and Dave Dunbar Nominating Committee

In July several ARC members attended a touching memorial service for Zane Childress who lost his battle with cancer. During the service it became quite apparent that ARC was instrumental in his life when we made his wish come true in the form of restoring his Grandpa's truck.



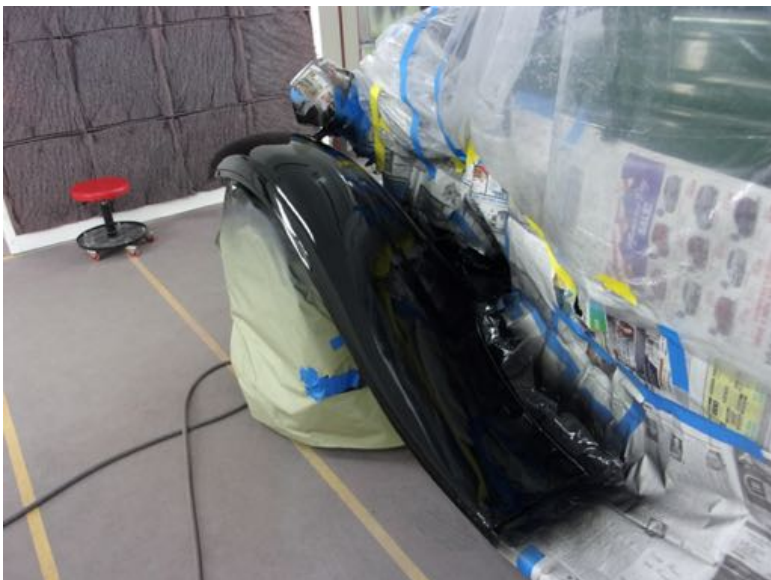
IN FOR REPAIRS ADDITIONAL

**By
Dan Kuhl**

A few years ago ARC member Ron Rada picked up a nice '31 Ford Model AA truck in Minnesota that he donated to be the club mascot. The restoration work was completed in the spring of 2020, about the same time of Darrell Langer's passing. Darrell spearheaded much of the restoration project. The truck is normally on display under the ramada next to the shop building.

The Double AA is used for various events throughout the year, including the annual car show held in the RH Johnson Recreation Center parking lot every February. This year the truck was being moved just before the February 2023 show when the driver failed to see one of the large flower planters by the shop. A small dent resulted in the left front fender. It was bad enough to detract from the truck's classic Ford Model A beauty.

Because the paint booth and associated prep are so busy with club member projects it was difficult to get the Ford in to repair the dent. Finally, about three weeks ago, work began in earnest with final paint applied on the first of June. Involved in the repair work were Wayne Brand, Bill McVeigh, Bob Janis, Lee Schwartz, and Dan Kuhl. A thank you goes out to these club members. The truck is again displayed under the ramada and is ready for action. And more important, Darrell is in heaven with a smile on his face.



**2024 Raffle Car
2016 Mustang Convertible
Tickets in the shop
1 for \$20.00/ 6 for \$100.00**

As you all know, it's been a hot hot summer, but Fred & Mike have been working hard at keeping raffle ticket sales strong.

We are approaching 600 tickets sold, so we still have a ways to go.

If you haven't purchased your 6 for \$100 tickets yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance to all of you for helping ARC accomplish its goal of selling 5000 tickets.

This car is pristine, and will look fantastic in the driveway of one of our members.

All you need is \$100 and some garage space.

Mike Liberatore.



Welcome to "In For Repairs"!

Linda Victor

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 all you and wishing you brighter days ahead. Don't forget to let me know if you hear of someone I should contact.

Bonnie Robinson (#399) We are thinking of Bonnie as she continues to battle health issues. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Bonnie. Hope you are getting stronger every day.

Bob Pratt (#221) We are saddened to hear that Bob has suffered a stroke and is in a care facility. We keep him and his wife, Eva Jean, in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

John Donily (#1019) John...we hope that you are on the mend and having feel good days soon. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Wilkom (#574) Heard you are recovering from shoulder surgery, Chuck. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

In Memorium

John Harworth (#671) We are saddened to report the loss of John. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Roger Cooper (#33) Roger was instrumental in getting ARC started. His dedication to our club will be missed. We think of his family at this difficult time.

Denise Wirz (Wife of Mike (#680)) Denise passed away while back home in Wisconsin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and his family at this difficult time.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

By
Dan Kuhl

Thanks to Danny Gayhart a number of ARC members have had the opportunity to drive the car of their dreams at the Mecum Auction. On the last day of my foray I drove a '38 Ford woody, a '40 Ford coupe, a '56 Corvette, a '58 Chrysler Imperial convertible, and best of all, a '69 Corvair with only 20 miles on the clock! The atmosphere in the essentially brand new Corvair was alive with 1963 memories of learning to drive my parents' new '63 Corvair. As can be seen in the photo, the car still had its "window sticker" which lists the Corvair price tag at a little over \$2800. The day I drove it over the auction block it sold for \$35,000, not too bad for a proverbial time capsule! But, Danny would not have been offered a chance to provide drivers for the Mecum Auction if it wasn't for the great auto hobby that developed over the last 70 years.

In the first half of the 20th century, a number of well-to-do visionaries believed there was a need to save and restore the automobiles of the past. They were able to fund their exploits with moneys earned from their respective successful business ventures, in one case ladies' perfumes. Three of these men are chosen here to set the stage for things to come in the second half of the century and later at the Auto Restoration Club. The first is Barney Pollard of Detroit. He saved between 1000 and 2000 cars from the grip of WWII scrap metal drives by working a deal with the Federal government to provide alternate scrap metal for the cars he saved.

The second is Bill Harrah, the Las Vegas casino guru. Before his death in 1978, he collected and restored close to 2000 magnificent automobiles of extreme rarity. After his death, his collection was auctioned off with two hundred of his cars going on display at the National Automobile Museum in Reno. This museum is not too far from Phoenix and is a must see for any red-blooded car fan. The third person of this triad is J.B. Nethercutt, whose collection of automobiles is considered to be one of the best in the world and is conveniently located in Sylmar, CA, just off I-10. This guy knew his cars, winning six Best of Show awards at Pebble Beach, more than any other entrant to date. Admittance to this museum is free even after his death in 2004. It definitely sounds like a bucket list adventure.

These three pioneers among others, turned their interest into a national hobby pursued by baby-boomers following WWII. With incredible disposable income the boomers followed their hunger for their favorite cars into car clubs, museums, auctions, concours, tours, and many other activities like the Auto Restoration Club here in Sun City West.

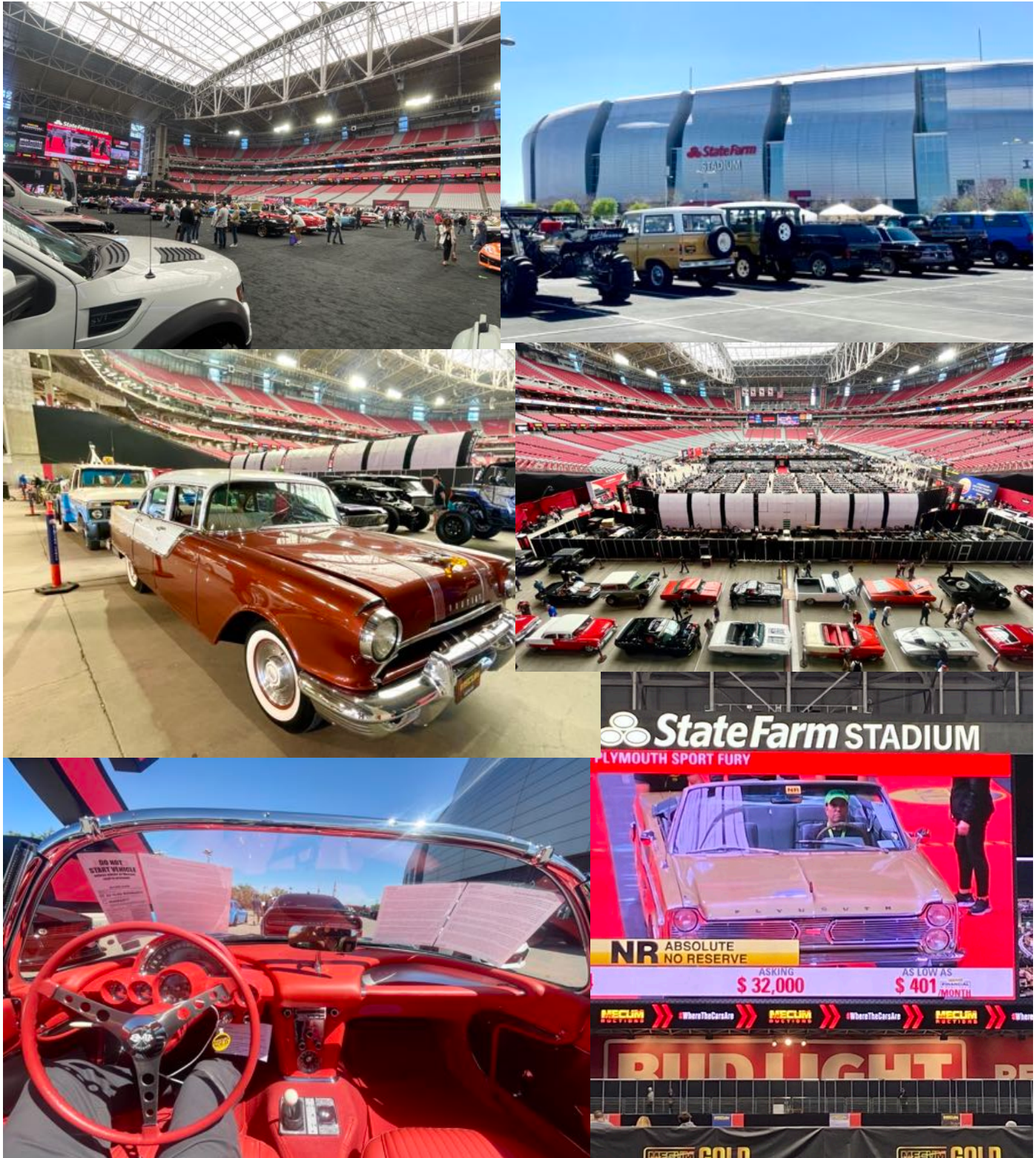
The real indicators of where the hobby is today are the auctions like the Scottsdale Barrett-Jackson, and the many car magazines on the newsstand like Robert Peterson's *Hot Rod Magazine*. The Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles is named after him. So remember, there is nothing like the excitement of driving the car of your dreams at the Mecum Auction. Thank you again, Danny, for getting me involved at Mecum.

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An exciting day at the Mecum Auction last spring!!



Cinco de Mayo Luncheon



Cars and Coffee August 26th
ARC at its finest but
where are the Cars??



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.

Everyone's Best Friend!!



**L'ARC Breakfast
Thursday, September 21
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**



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(no meetings in June, July and August)

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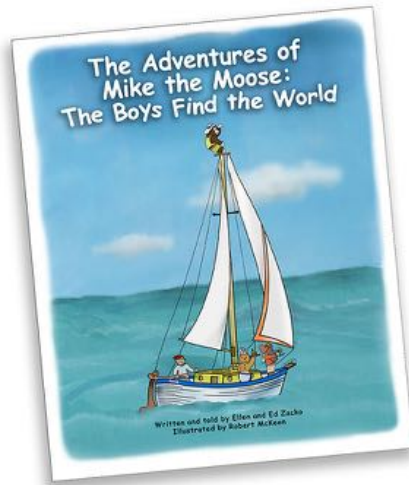
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A Message from Mike the Moose

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the U.S.



Mike's book is available at the PORA store on Camino Del Sol - stop in and shop for gifts made in Sun City West!!

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
 Your stories make this newsletter!

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