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The Hot Rod Deuce Monthly by Craig Landers, President

OK, I guess this is the last Rusty Nuts before our summer break while Ed and Ellen go sailing for the summer... HAVE FUN...but be safe.



The club and shop have been really busy lately. So far the ticket sales for our raffle car are going well and our new way to sell more tickets has begun. Please come into the shop and pick up as many tickets as you think you can sell, snowbirds too. The price for the tickets is the same as last year, \$20 each or six for \$100. Remember that you are responsible for all the tickets you sign out, the sold and unsold ones.

Our club was invited to the Surprise Arts HQ Gallery for their first auto show May 4 at the Surprise civic center. This accompanies their two-week long Auto Art Show at their Gallery. The curator said she heard nothing but good about our club and decided to invite us...VERY NICE.

We are still having our Coffee 'N Cars the last Saturday of the month and our Western Bank Mini Car Show has been moved to the third Friday of the month.

A few weeks ago about 15 of our members and cars went to the West -MEC open house at their Surprise campus. These are high school juniors and seniors that attend this school two years part-time. The participating students were very responsive to us and our vehicles.

I hope everyone has a nice summer ...talk to you in the fall.

ARC General Meeting
Tuesday, May 21
RH Johnson Social Hall

Founder's Focus A Column by Herb Clark



On Saturday April 13, 22 teams enjoyed a spectacular day competing in the Great Race like competition put on by the RPM Foundation. The 22 cars included 15 student teams representing St. Louis Community College, and joining the competition this year, Ranken Technical College Automotive students and faculty. The "Fun Run" is a tune up for the actual Great Race competition in June. The Great Race this year will start in Owensville, KY and finish in Gardiner, ME. Last year STLCC competed in the big event and finished a very respectable 4th place in the X Cup Division despite some frequent mechanical issues in their classic 1951 Ford.

The teams met in Columbia, Illinois and traversed along a course designed to be tough, but the main objective was to prepare them for the big race in June. The participants left the "Start" in one-minute intervals following "Course Instructions" around the rural area. Along the way they found three checkpoints strategically placed. This is a time and distance event where the Driver must drive at set speeds, while the Navigator studies the Course Instructions in order to traverse around the course. Object: Be at the checkpoint at the exact calculated second! If you are early or late you are given a penalty point for each second early or late!

The group met after the competition at a restaurant in Columbia and shared stories of their adventures of the day. The top three place winners are:

Driver: 1st Nathan Depelhuer 2nd Mike Whitcraft 3rd Larry Beyler

Navigator: 1st Will Van Kirk 2nd Ella Whitcraft 3rd Jim Denneny

We were pleased to have several others join us in the competition! Dr. Julie Fickas, STLCC President, was the Navigator for Don Kloth (Great Race veteran) in Don's well-traveled 1930 Model A Speedster. Three members of the Missouri Valley Model A Club joined the group: Bill Schafer and Gene Roehl teamed up, and Don Pfitzinger and a friend competed in Don's "Pickle" Speedster.

I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped in putting on this event. It is a lot of work, but it is worth seeing the friendly competition, and seeing the students of our local area schools competing. These young men and women are the ones who someday soon will be keeping our cars on the road! We thank Ranken Tech for joining us this year and hope to see them next year in the Great Race.

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Nathan Depelhuer Will VanKirk

Taron Greenlee Randy Hartmann

Dr Julie Fickas & Don Kloth 1930 Model A Speedster

Fourth Annual Golf Tournament for Alzheimers Saturday, April 6

Volunteers begin the event



The teams - 144 people/36 teams



The ball drop



The winners - Susan Lewis, Paul Swanson, and Even Jeska split the \$600 prize.

Some of the sponsors



The prizes

InKind donations for raffle & prizes		Value	Donation From
Golf Bag-raffle Prize	Raffle	\$310	Craig Landers & Jim Gallager
4 Titlist Golf Bags - Team prize \$275 each	Team	\$1,100	Craig Landers & Jim Gallager
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50 cal. Bullet Antenna	Raffle	535	Chuck Willkom
YETI Beer Cooler	Raffle	\$375	Chuck Willkom
27 Degree WAZAKI HyBrid	Raffle	558	ARC
1 BYBOMAYA CNC Putter	Raffle	\$60	ARC
Hole in One Car	tournament	\$2,450	Sanderson Ford - John Platt
Hole IN One Golf Cart Insurance	tournament	\$465	SouthWest Golf Carts-
4- Mens Jackets 4 Mens Shirts	Team	\$560	Estate from Palm Springs member
Complete Car Care Service	Raffle	\$800	West-MEC
12 Pack Members's Mark "BIRDIE Juice"	Raffle	\$15	Nancy Willkom
B- Rattler Pop Bowl Section Tickets	Team	\$480	AZ Rattlers
4- \$50 gift Cards	Team	\$200	Banner Health
12- Oil Changes & 40 point Inspection	Team	\$600	King Automotive
Cobra Left Handed Putter	raffle	\$250	Home-Instead Living
8-S25 Gift Cards	Team	\$200	TailGaters
4- Gift Cards	Team	\$80	SoFi's Resturaunt
4-Bottles "Birdie Juice"	Team	\$80	Nancy Willkom
		\$250	Sun Cities Tire and Auto
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Hilton Garden Inn	Raffle	\$200	Hilton Inn surprise az
4- \$10 gift Certs.	Team	\$40	Golf 4 Less
4- Rds of golf w/ carts	Team	5400	Briarwood
4 Rds golf w/ Carts	Team	5240	Hillcrest
8-\$25 gift cards	team	5200	Tailgaters
4- \$30 Car Service	Team	\$120	Wilhelm Automotive
Introductory Flight Lesson	Raffle	\$150	Fly Eagle Sports
8- \$25 Gift Cards	team	\$200	Greek Palace
4 Rounds of Golf	Team	\$240	Sun City
4 Rds Golf	Team	\$200	SCW- Golf Ops-Pat O'Brian
8-\$25 Gift Cards from Tailgaters	Team	\$200	ARC
4 PGA Caps-4-Bucket Hats-4 PGA Jackets	Team	\$440	Chuck Willkom
4 D'Back tickets	Team	\$480	DiamondBack's Foundation
2 sets of 2 ea. KC or Ranger Games	Raffle	\$400	Surprise Stadium 2025 season
2 Rds Golf	Raffle	\$200	Corta Bella
Private Lesson Reid West Golf Academies	Raffle	\$75	Ralph West PGA
3- \$20 Gift Cards	Raffle	\$60	OutBack Steak House
2- 525 Gift Cards	Raffle	\$50	LongHorn Steak House
4- \$50 gift Cards	Team	\$200	Irish WolfHound Pup
4- Spring Training Games 2025 KC/Texas	Team	\$400	City of Surprise Parks & Recreation
B- \$20 Gift Cards	teamb Raffle	\$160	In & Out Burger
2- Bottles "Birdie Juice"	Flag Prize	530	Chuck Willkom
InKind non Cash Donations		\$21,833	

The fun and more teams



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Golf Tournament Summary by Chuck Willkom

Terrific Golf Tournament and awards dinner despite the wind. It started with ball drop by SCW Fire where Susan Lewis, Paul Swanson, and Even Jeska split the \$600 prize. For the poker run \$350 was won by Cathy Bombardier with four sixes. I have never seen a poker run with so many good hands. We had the four of a kind, a full house, two 3 of a kind, and numerous pairs. The two long drive bottles of "Birdie Juice" were won by Brenda Gagas and Norm Holt. Closest in two flag prize of four PGA shirts and gift cards were won by Team #9, Brenda Gagas, Kelly Smedley, Tina Slinker, and Michelle Womack.

All thirty-six teams won four prizes of equal value from prize list. The four Schwab Cup Sponsor ticket won by team #12-B of Don Faciana, Ken Brown, Ken Herich, and Dave Dorn. The four Golf Bags won by Team #1-B consisting of Jim and Karin Smedley and Jack and Loretta Eggleton.

All raffle prizes were picked up. Gene Wojtyna won the golf bag and Karen McComb won the Yeti cooler to name a few.

The dinner and presentations



Downshifting Mike Harwell (#1540) by Ed Zacko

Mike Harwell grew up in northern Illinois with three sisters and one brother. His father, a mechanic, owned the local family service station which introduced Mike to the automotive world. At the young age of 13, Mike was doing the tire repairs at his Dad's garage and quickly made his way from there. "I have had a love for cars ever since!"

Mike's first car, a '63 Mercury Comet 4-door, was given to him by his father and needed a lot of engine work. "It was an ugly car for a 16 year-old but, it was a "gift from Dad!"

He rebuilt the engine and cleaned the car from front to back. "It was really filthy and I asked my dad if I could sell it and get a '66 Pontiac Le Mans that I had my eye on?"

Mike and his dad went to look at the car, which had a big dent in the passenger door, and talked the seller down to \$700. Mike sold the Comet for \$500 and worked off the difference in the garage. He drove the Le Mans for a few years and when he told his dad he wanted to buy an Opel GT (the poor man's Corvette), "The look on his face was priceless!" Upon looking at the GT his father said: "What would you want with that?" and quickly persuaded Mike to buy a '72 Buick GS, which eventually became his "favorite car!"

Mike achieved Master Certification from The GM Training Center in Hinsdale, IL and went to work for Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac, Chevrolet and the GM Hydramatic Division. He retired from the auto industry in 1998. Mike arrived at ARC with a gorgeous orange '69 Camaro SS that he had completely restored.

When asked, if you could have any other car, what would it be? "It would be a McLaren Speedtail if I didn't have to pay for it." Mike is now a regular fixture in the shop working on his latest project, a Shelby Cobra replica. "I've only recently started working in the shop, but the friends I've met only reassures me we made the right choice in the place to retire.



Monitor Sign Up Information by Ed Zacko

Our ARC facility is a wonderful asset but to keep it running smoothly and consistently we need a regular staff of monitors. Many members have complained that it is difficult to sign up so with this in mind, we hope to simplify the process.

I have developed a system that works extremely well for me and would like to share this with the membership.

The first step is to open up a **GroupWorks account**, the gateway to all of the clubs in Sun City West. For security purposes, membership is by "Invitation Only." Request an invitation from Iris Box:

Open a GroupWorks Account

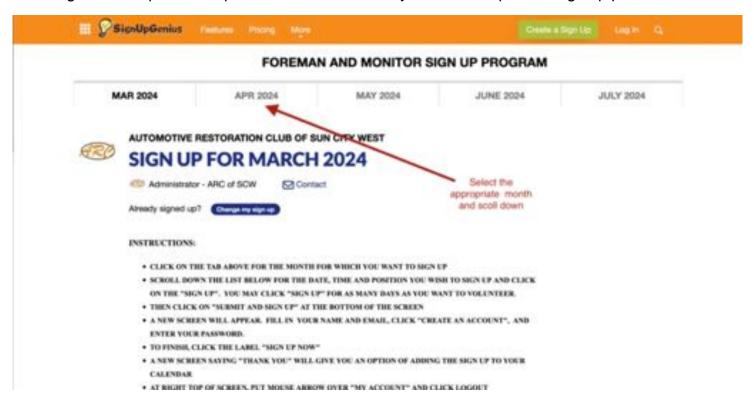
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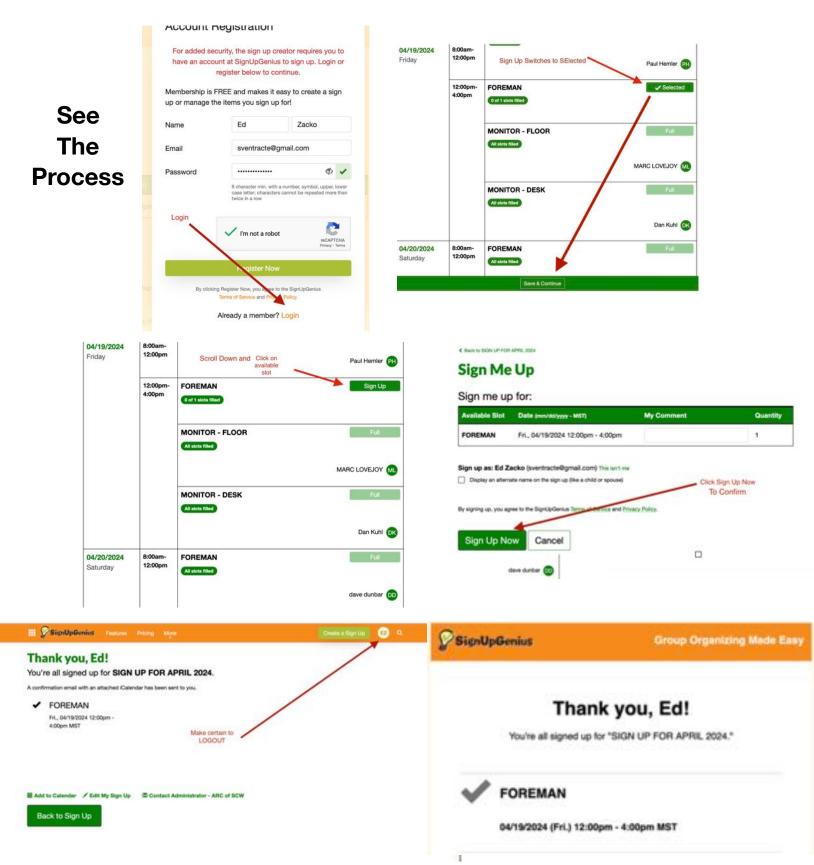
Once you have a GroupWorks account, the rest is a few easy steps.

First, copy the URL below, paste it into any web browser, and click "Return"

https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43072da06a0c9ebc24-foreman#/

This takes you to the SignUp Genius. **Immediately bookmark this page for future sign ups!** This is the single most important step. This bookmark is always the first step in the sign up process.





3rd ANNUAL CAR GAMES April 18, 2024 Diana Hudson and Pamela McClaflin

We picked a perfect day for Car Games this year. They were held on April 18 in the Lord of Life Church's parking lot. This year we incorporated several new games as well as some of the popular games of the past, a total of six games in all.

We asked for and received quite a number of volunteers to help with running the games and many of them also participated in playing the games. We couldn't do this without your help. A special thanks to Rick Chaney for supplying some rock and roll music for us. Music is always a welcome extra!

This year we also added a "Poker Run" that proved quite popular. It was won by Bob Janis. He was smiling at the end of the day.

Each winner of the six games received a custom mug that was presented after a complimentary lunch of hamburgers and baked beans. Bill McVeigh, Shelly Giles, and Suzanne Jones prepared the meal. Thanks!



We think everyone who participated in this year's Car Games had a blast and we're already planning for next year! There will be more new games and we are looking forward to having even more participants joining us.

Editor's note: Some games pictured were The Maypole, Blindman's Bluff, Road Kill, Wash Day and holding a glass of water on a paper plate while the driver went over two by fours.



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2025 Raffle Car Update

Who owns that beautiful Ice Blue Thunderbird parked out in front of ARC? It could be you!

We are trying something new this year. Every member is being asked to step up and help sell. No money will be collected until the tickets are sold, just stop in and pick up six or more tickets. Once you sell them, drop off the money received and the ticket stubs at the shop. You can buy the tickets yourself or sell them to friends and family. Snowbirds, be sure you take as many as you think you can sell back at your summer homes, then just turn in the proceeds once you return.

We will be also holding two "Members Only" drawings, the first on August 1 and the second on December 1. The member who sold or bought the ticket pulled will receive a \$50 gift certificate and one day of lift usage.

Sign out six or more tickets and you have until next January to sell them. Surely you can sell six tickets by then. If you haven't sold them by January and don't want to buy them yourself, just turn in any unsold tickets.

John Kunch has agreed to run the car raffle and he has already taken the car to a few shows. Let's all help John make this the best raffle ever.



Meet the Board Lynnette Saylor, ARC 2024 Secretary (139892) Jack Saylor (139891)



Jack and I were both born and raised in Southern California in the days when Orange County was comprised of dairies, strawberry fields and orange groves. Cypress, CA was a glorious place to grow up! We were high school sweethearts and married in November 1966. However, Jack promptly left after we were married for only seven days (his excuse was that the Navy made him go!) He finally came back to me a year later and we began our adventure together. We have two great kids, Sean and Shannon, who have blessed us with seven grandkids between them.

Jack worked as a carpenter and then as a general building contractor (yes, he was one of the guys who built up the Orange County housing market). I joined Panasonic Corporation in Cypress, CA in 1983 in the Human Resources Department as a Payroll Clerk. I slowly climbed that ol' corporate ladder, eventually relocating our family to the Seattle, WA area. Long story short, I retired in December 2008 as Human Resources Director, U.S. Operations, for Panasonic Avionics Corporation headquartered in Bothell, WA. Twenty-six years working with a great company and even greater people – lucky me!

Of course, by then our children were grown and we were more than ready for some retirement fun. We relocated from the Seattle area to Spokane and then to Coeur d'Alene, ID but after about ten years we just got tired of the winter cold and ice. (Jack took several trips sliding down the icy driveway into the street. No, he did not enjoy those trips and no, luckily didn't break a hip!) We spent several winters in AZ in our motorhome and made the decision that Sun City West is the place for us. We moved here full time in May 2022 and feel so very blessed to be in this wonderful community.

Now, cars my first car was a 1958 Renault Dauphine (ok, stop laughing) and Jack's was a 1955 Chevy - red. He taught me to drive in that Chevy – "three on the tree" and I didn't even grind the gears (well not too many times. He said he didn't care but we were kids so) We've had a few thousand classic cars (am I exaggerating? Maybe/maybe not) but I will say that we've had a blast with them all. In 2003 we drove in our '71 Riviera to Flint, MI to a Buick National meet with 58 other Buicks from the Seattle area. Talk about a blast! A couple years later (same group) we drove our '51 Buick woody to Rochester MN to promote the Buick National meet that our Seattle club hosted. Many wonderful cars, many wonderful friends, many wonderful memories!

We love ARC! We've met so many interesting, friendly and fun members. We look forward to enjoying the club and member friends for many years to come.

The Saylors and their cars



'58 Renault



'53 Woody



The young couple



'71 Riviera



Jack's 55 Chevy



Sean and Shannon

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 will 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.

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy summer!

Anna Scheidt (#213) Anna is going in for back surgery this month. Please know that we are thinking of you and sending prayers your way, Anna. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

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.

ARC AT WEST-MEC CAR SHOW

12 ARC cars caravaned over the West-MEC Campus for their Car and Power Sports Show on Saturday morning, April 6th. President Craig led the group which included the new ARC Raffle T-Bird. Gary Alwes came and showed his latest Harley in the Power Sports group.

The West-MEC students organized and were responsible for the entire event. These young folks did a great job from start to finish. There are currently 47 students enrolled in the Automotive Technician program at the West-MEC West Campus.

There was music, food trucks and lots of interesting cars, motorcycles and Power Sports vehicles we ARC members do not see often. The hit food item of the day was one of "Ray's Pretzels" from his food truck. The warm, soft, salty pretzel was pan-sized and more than made a meal alone. Yummy!!

Show cars were judged by the decade of their production. ARC had two winners. Ray Helt won first place in the 2000-2009 class with his 2004 Corvette and Dean Lewellen won first place in the 2010 and newer class with his 2014 Jaguar.

It was a fun outing for the members who attended—good weather, good conversation and good support for the West-MEC Automotive Tech program.



This picture is from an article called "The Rescuing Hug". The article details the first week of life of a set of twin girls. Each was in her own incubator, and one was not expected to live. A hospital nurse fought against the hospital rules and placed the babies in one incubator. When they were placed together, the healthier of the two threw an arm over her sister in an endearing embrace. The smaller baby's heart stabilized and her temperature rose to normal.

Submitted by Paul Burrier



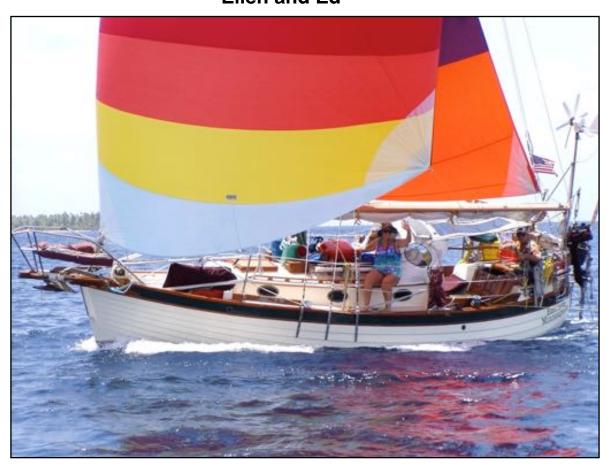


For Sale

ARC Logo Items
Caps
ARC flags and license plates
Breakaway lanyards
Come to the shop and have a look!

Important Club News

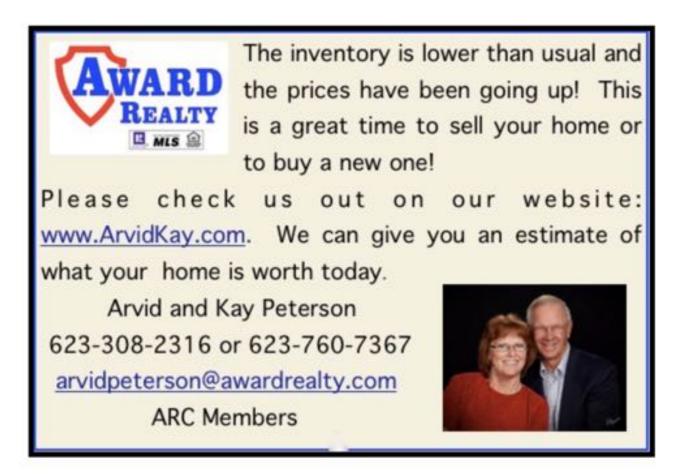
Ed and I have spent more time on the sea in our sailboat than in our house in SCW. Finally we are heading out again, this time the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. The plan is to sail May and June and then be gone off and on starting in January. Living on our boat in Mexico makes it impossible to edit the Rusty Nuts. This means our last Rusty Nuts Edition will happen December 2024. We would love someone to step up for this fun position in December 1st for the Jan 1st issue. We have done it for six years. It is a fun job but you must have Internet, enjoy fooling around on the computer, and it is best not to travel too much. I am sure the team will continue to help and we are here to train. Our next edition will be in September. We will do September, October, November and December. Wait to hear from you to fill in for 2025.



ELKS CAR SHOW MAY 11 PRESCOTT VALLEY



The Prescott Elks #330 is hosting the Motsy's 2nd Annual Memorial Car Show on Saturday, May 11 from 9am - 3pm. \$25 pre-registration and \$30 if paid at event entry.



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The Rusty Nuts Team and Mike the Moose
thanks you for all the contributions!





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Always helping in the background



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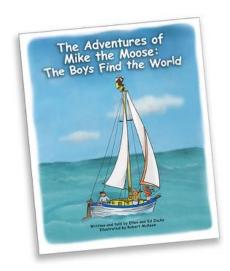
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A Message from Mike the Moose

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.
Robert Frost, poet and Mike the Moose





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 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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