

AHHHHH! HA HA HA!



RUSTY NUTS



Attention all Units, Attention All Units The Great Pumpkin has escaped, 58130 and 5150, I repeat, The Great Pumpkin has escaped, 58103 and 5150 * Be advised : IT IS DANGEROUS!!!

Check your Email Inbox Now for Important Voting Info about Phase III Project Voting, ENDS October 3, closes at 2pm..

President Craig Landers



1966 Stinger

Happy Fall to everyone...even if it still is HOT here lol, although it is getting cooler at night.

We have been having a lot of meetings with the Rec Center, Governing Board and several Committees on the new addition to the front (west side) of our building. The new addition will be a enclosed Show Room, a Meeting Room, a new Office and additional Mezzanine for very needed storage.

The shop itself has been very steady with both Short and Long Term work.

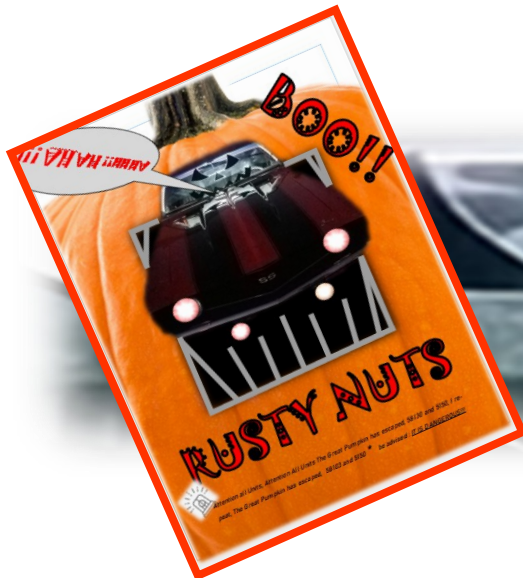
Western bank had their first Pizza 'n Drinks Mini Car Show last Friday...9/19/25...i believe there were around 30 cars that showed up. GOOD JOB!!

Gary and Shelly had their "Inaugural Grab a Hot Dog" for a buck lunch today..9/23/25...they brought in \$115...NOT BAD and still ran out of dogs, we will probably see more of them in the future.

Ray Helt is leading the National Get Out and Drive Day on 10/5/25. This year we will leave the shop around 10am and drive to Bartlett Lake, with a pit stop in Cave Creek, Ray has set up lunch for our crowd

at the marina, he said they have a good menu BRING EM OUT!! The drive takes about 55 minutes to get to the lake.

That's it for now...See you Snow Birds when you get here.



Front Cover: Police Codes: 58130 and 5150, * The Great Pumpkin "IT" has gone INSANE, broken out of Pumpkin Jail and Stole a Car for his escape!!

Just in: Mike Harwell (Member #1540), has reported that his BEAUTIFUL ORANGE 1969 CAMARO SS is missing, see photo above and Back page. Be on the lookout and let's help him find it. Lt Tony G will get right on the Case!

For Your Bulletin Board

Hang up this Quick Reference for Future Events and What's Goin' On.....

On Going Events

ARC Coffee & Cars 8-10 am Last Saturday of the Month

Western Bank Mini Car Show 10-1 pm Every 3rd Friday, Pizza and Drinks for those that bring their Car!!

The Sun City Cruise-In Wednesday evening from 5pm to 9pm at Arbys, 17032 N 99th Ave

Sam's Club is No Longer: It's now at American Furniture Warehouse across from Costco on Waddell every Friday Night same time, 4pm

67th and Bell every Saturday Night

Membership Meetings

The General Membership Meetings are the *Third Tuesday of each month* starting this September 16th. They begin at 2pm Social Hall RH Johnson.

Sign Ups Volunteer at The Shop

If you have time to be a Monitor, Floor Monitor or a Shop Foreman come into

The Shop and sign up or the easy way from Home, sign up online through:

SIGN UP GENIUS <https://www.signupgenius.com/register>

Maestro Gary Masak is back!

and this year it's on Feb 14th, so take your Honey on a Valentines Date. Remember: Volunteerism=Camaraderie=Well Being while doin' Fun Stuff! *Here's the Sched, get involved:*

The Car Show Follow up/Pre Plan/Meetings for the Remainder of 2025 : Tuesdays at Beardsley's Chicory Rm, 8 am: Oct 7, Nov 11 and Dec 9.

The Best Car Show West Valley (It really is...)

STARTING JANUARY 6th 2026: —weekly Tuesday Mornings—until February 17th.

Meeting start at 8am, *Beardsley Rec Center in the Mesquite Room.*

Subsequent follow ups: Sept 15, Oct 6 and Nov 10 2026.

Board Meetings

Kuentz Center's Kiva Room, OCT.15; NOV.12; DEC.10; JAN.14; FEB.11; MAR.11; APR.15 and MAY 13 2026

 Attention:....New Phone# For ARC: 623-544-6054

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Propitious Occasion for *The Shop* Word of the Day


In last months' issue of Rusty Nuts we printed out some numbers what *The Shop* owes to date and what has been paid concerning Phases 1 and II. Re-cap: Phase 1 Construction of *The Shop*, Phase II Building Addition —for the installation of an Entire Paint Booth with related equipment. Here's a Bit of Info:

In a quick look over, it cost about 1 Million for the first Phase in which our Members—through their Gifts and Volunteer work—started to pay off the Recreation Loan by 2018. Phase II came along and we were 2/3rds paid but the Balance popped back up to about 3/4 quarters of a Million upon completion 2019. Before our last Membership Meeting the Balance?

\$324, 410.29

Our last Payment to the Recreation Center was in 2024 in the amount of: **\$50,000.00.**

If you were not at the last Membership Meeting September 16, you missed a *Propitious Occasion!* Our President Craig Landers and Board



Building Payment History

	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Owed</u>
2016 Building Phase I Completed		\$898,936.04
2016 Payment (Donations & Pledges)	\$437,310.88	\$461,625.16
2017 Payment	\$51,294.99	\$410,330.17
2018 Payment	\$98,950.00	\$311,380.17
2019 Building Phase II Completed	\$399,410.29	\$710,790.46
2019 Payment (Donations & Pledges)	\$116,465.00	\$594,325.46
2020 Payment	\$9,350.60	\$584,974.86
2021 Payment	\$60,000.00	\$524,974.86
2022 Payment	\$75,000.00	\$449,974.86
2023 Payment	\$75,564.57	\$374,410.29
2024 Payment	\$50,000.00	\$324,410,29
TOTAL PAID	\$973,936.04	

SEE PAGE 10 CHECK

The Shop Corner What's New?

Pete Bowman Member #1611 came up with a Great Idea to help us find the hand tool that we need. Photo on R, the Arrow points to an 8X10 paper that lists the location and drawer of the tool you're looking for. The Tool Boxes are A through D, L to R. The Upper on A? *Leave that one alone it's the Preidents!!*

Another one? Our President Craig Landers Member #634 said: "Enough with the Drill Bits!" They are now organized by size, stored by the Electric Sander and Belt Saw, see below. There is also a system, if you come across a not so sharp drill bit, drop it in the cup and it will be sharpened.

Thank you to both of them for their efforts!

Photo on L: Cal (where are the Halloween Do Nuts) Busenitz, Member # 961 has found the location of the Big Drill Bits and Various Drivers. Lo- SEE PAGE 8



First Club Member Meeting '25/'26

In case you did not attend the First Club Meeting over at RH Johnson, September 16th, or a Snow bird who hasn't returned yet, here are a few coming up items you should reserve on your Calendar:

October 24th

THE WITCHES RIDE.... It's a Charity Event \$15,000 was raised last year, thank you! It's for Beenvilla who help people in need with Drs. appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Meet at Beardsley Park, the line up is at 3pm. They all parade down Beardsley to Conquistador Dr. all around and back to the park. **There Will Be a WITCHES DANCE....** The Band "Still Above Ground" will perform, bring your chair and Food Trucks will be available.

October 27th

ARC Members have been invited to participate in the annual "Trunk or Treat" over at River-view Elementary School, 12701 N Main St, El Mirage, AZ 85335. Meet at Beardsley about 4 pm to caravan over. Candy is supplied and DRESS UP SCARY!!

More info? Bob Janis 602-614-4878.

October 28th

Gary and Shelly are puttin' on that Fabulous, "I Just Can't Wait" **OCTOBER FEST 2025** \$5.00 Donation at *The Shop* They will produce in-house sausage for us! It's all fresh come on down about noon, more info? Call Gary 219-776-3507

National Get Out and Drive



We just don't seem to drive as much as we did.. or at least I don't and I look forward to taking Frankie ('56 Ford Wagon with a Modern Day 302 engine) out when I can. And you know what? I'm smiling when I pull into the Garage... actually bc we made it home.... ;)

ARC ANGELS

**“Doin’ Good
Stuff for
Others...”**

Need some help with getting your car started? Batteries seem to just quit without warning here in the desert and Randy is ready!

Randy Robinson will be here the rest of the Summer and Dan Kuhl will return soon to lend a hand. ARC ANGELS

So if you need help with your battery or some other car related issue, give him a call at: 206-819-8655. When Dan returns: 602-757-2625



“In For Repairs”

by Steve and 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.

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.

Some of our members have had a challenging summer. We hope that they are all on the mend and doing what makes them happiest.

We wish them feel good days ahead.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of former member Robert Renfro, and Tony Giralamo's Mother-in-law at this difficult time.



Tony Giralamo (Lt Tony G), Shop Manager, Member

The Shop Corner **What's New Continued?**

cated on South side underneath the work bench by the big Red vice.



BOO!

*Have you seen the new
Raffel Car??
Hot, Hot, Hot!*



Raffle Car Update

Looking for that RED COVERTIBLE??

This 2016 Convertible 'Stang has a Four Cylinder Motor with a Turbo and may be rated at 300HP. 603 Tickets have been sold, \$20. each, 6 For a C Note.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE IN YOUR EMAIL BOX **ANSWER DUE October 3rd about Phase III VOTING**

The ARC Board has unanimously agreed to have the entire ARC membership vote to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$40,000 for the finalization of architectural plans for the completion of the ARC building, commonly referred to as Phase III.

A vote to approve of the funding was conducted at the last monthly ARC General meeting, which passed by a vote of 45 for and 31 against. The Board received some feedback from a few members that thought the vote was done inappropriately, with not enough notice to members being made.

The Board decided that since it was a sizable monetary amount, all of the members should have an opportunity to vote.

The link below, will take you to the RCSCW voting site.

Your vote will be tallied by the RCSCW staff and the ARC Board will be notified of the result.



Members presented a Check to the Recreation Center in the amount of \$104,410.29.

Accepting on behalf of the Rec Cen was the lovely Ms. Christine Novello, Governing Board President.

Wow this is a good sign, it portrays our success!! Our Members are the Best at Volunteering and Giving. It all comes back to you: Volunteerism= Camaraderie= Well Being while doin' Fun Stuff!

Balance? \$220,000

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L to R: The Lynette, Ray, Ms. Novello, Ray, Craig, Eugene, and David — who made the photo this time...;))



We meet about 10am at ARC and the Trip to Bartlett Lake is about 100 miles Round Trip. There will be a Pit Stop along the way. Have your

Lunch there at the Cove Restaurant with a get view of the Lake.

Thank you Ray Helt for putting this together.

I've renewed my AAA Card so we should be good to go..or stop...breakdown dead ahead.

**Member Profile
Mike Harwell #1540**



One could say that Mike was born with a wrench in his hand. His Father owned a series of Service Stations starting with a Marathon. Mike began working, after school, at the age of 12 fixing flat tires. He and his siblings, 3 sisters, a brother,

grew up in an idyllic Farming community, Woodridge, about 70 miles west of Chicago. Talk about a great Business Account his Dad pulled in, taking care of all Municipal Vehicles....but it came with a funny catch. You remember being young with a Fast car... Mike did outrun the local constable but upon returning home? Guess who was on the porch talking with Dad?? Yep the same policeman he outran. Dad took care of that Incident. *I pushed no farther.* His first car? A 1964 Beige 6 cylinder 4 door Mercury Comet given to him by his Dad who was always fixing up vehicles and selling them. Being a young man in a racing town that just would not do. Heard of Oswego 1/4 mile Race Track?? Gassers Baby! Mike

MIKE Cond was also industrious fixing, selling cars and set his eyes on one those new Opel GT's and talked his father into taking a look. Dad was not impressed but the car next to it? A beautiful Buick Grand Sport.. "That's the one you want". Dad knew the Dealership game and after 6, they drove away with a FULLY LOADED Silver 1972 GS Stage 1, 455 Auto and Mike never lost a street race in it.

Mike and Deb raised 3 successful children in Oswego and Mike has retired from a 30 year Automotive Career working for Independents and Dealerships. Ever wonder who puts together flow sheets to find mechanical issues? Mike was involved in the groundwork for a new type of Automatic Hydramatic Transmission Repair/Diagnostic Flow Sheet--- that is still in use today!

Mike soured a bit on this new mechanical era of just replacing parts instead of fixing them and finished his working career owning a Masonry Company that specialized in Retaining Walls and Soil Sampling.

They came out here once to take in our Baseball Winter Games, loved the area and practically moved right on in Sun City West. ARC? Just like coming home for him..and the Members? The residents? They both love how friendly we are and wished they'd come on out 10 years earlier.

His vitality and passion has retuned being a Member of ARC and his loves? Muscle Cars, there's nothing like that raw power screaming!

PS Have you seen the Cobra that he and Wayne Restored? If you walked in the first day it barely rolled in and saw it done on its' last, unbelievable and SCARY. It's For Sale if you got what it takes... 630-291-4182

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Attention:....New Phone# For ARC: 623-544-6054



Great News! Mike's Camaro has been located and returned to him by Gary and Shelly.

Bad News: the Great Pumpkin "IT" is still on the Lose, be careful out there; Lt Tony G is still on the Case!

In other News, Gary and Shelly will be serving Pumpkin Pie and are asking **ALL 650 CLUB MEMBERS** to come on down to *The Shop* as soon as possible. Apparently they "Found" a very Large Pumpkin and there's just too much pie!!

Wait a minute here, did the Chef's Gary and Shelly capture the Great Pumpkin??