

RUSTY NUTS



*From the President
Craig Landers and
the Board: Gene,
Mike (Welcome
Mike!), Ron, Ray,
David, Lynette and
The Rusty Nuts
Crew, may we Wish
all of you a very,
very*

*MERRRRY
CHRISTMAS!*

Let's Meet Gene !

ARC Retired First Vice President

Gene Wojtyna's

1968 Ford "One of One" Ford GT Torino

President Craig Landers

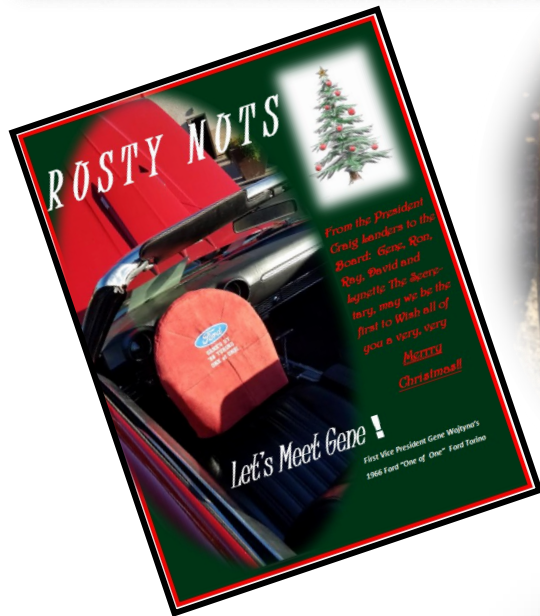


1966 Stinger

Hope everyone had a safe 'n happy Thanksgiving... A lot is going on with *The Club*, first is our Christmas Party on December 12th...NOT DECEMBER 11TH...there was a little mix up with the dates, same time same place.

The shop has been real busy because of the BIRDS coming back, so please try to plan ahead when scheduling work time in *The Shop*. Phase 3 with the new addition to the building is going slowly but good, a few of us met with Hershel Workman, he is the new replacement for Karl Wilhelm (the Rec Centers Major Construction Liaison), he is very interested in getting this project moving.

John, Fred and Mike have been doing a great job selling the raffle car tickets, we are way ahead of last years ticket sales...GREAT JOB... SO



Now, that's a Tail Light!



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Front Cover: A steering wheel cover?? Oh yes, we are in the Desert and it is a Convertible.. Yeah that makes sense but what is this ONE Business? Read about Gene and his GT

Rear Cover: Here we are on a Great Day! Wasn't all that rain just outstanding and look Gene's got the top down and taking it all in. Even the Script is waving in the Sun..

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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 West Valley Cruisers, WVC

67th and Bell Nancy Perry, every Saturday Night

Membership Meetings

The General Membership Meetings are the *Third Tuesday of each month*. They begin at 2pm Social Hall RH Johnson NOTE: No December Meeting

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>

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

Maestro Gary Masak is back!

and this year it's on Feb 14th, so take your Honey on a Valentines Date. Remember: Volunteerism=Comaraderie=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: Nov 11 and Dec 9.

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, 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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Did you attend the last Membership Meeting over at RH Johnson November 18th?

(Note, if you missed it, print out Page 3 for certain Club Event Date reminders)

Elections were held and one new Board Member was unanimously accepted, Welcome Mike Harwell! as First Vice President, replacing Retiring Gene Wojtyna. Gene is our Highlighted member this edition of Rusty Nuts.

Starting on the Left, Lynnette our Secretary, Craig Landers President, Ron Rada Second Vice President, Ray Helt Treasurer, Welcome Mike and Smilin' Dave Dunbar Assistant Treasurer.

You too can become a President or a Board Member, the Bulletin Board in *The Shop* is the go place before Election Season.

The Shop Corner



Do you remember a few issues ago in Rusty Nuts we did a report about the Paint Shop changing Managers?

Did you happen to take a gander at what Lee Schwartz was bodying on??

Well, take a look at where we are today with Mike Maury's 1(Member # 1875) 1948 Topolino 500 B! Vintage Italian Classic



Mike was telling me that Jay Leno has one and the only reason us tall guys can fit is because how forward the engine sits in the frame. A lot of room is freed up in the cab... perhaps even a seven foot tall person could fit!!



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Tales of Rear Lights at NightBy J W White

Well, it's time to slow down with Ol' Nick, who just celebrated his 15th Birthday November 4th! Wow. He's

a 75 pound Chocolate Lab, *English Style*. Why aren't male dogs 'Bastards'? I've been asking for a time now and can't get an answer, Ladies??

OK, to the Story of Taillights and Nights..... Walking with Nick is a bit different today, the pace is reserved and the stops are longer. Time to watch the World go by? He rests quite a bit and loves the Fresh Grass over at the corner of Deer Vally and Dusty Trail, Palm Ridge Recreation Center. I love our night walks, traffic is not as busy even tho' it's High Season, a bit more solitary, quieter than our morning journeys. While the two of us are 'reflecting' at night, we watch the cars go by...and the bright Taillights pass.

When I first saw that new Cadillac SUV/Van, I knew the tail-light design would not last—fortunately! I can't stop thinking there goes *Batman!* The narrow taillights start at the bumper and almost end at the roofline, rectangle in shape, cornered at the bottom and they curve inward to points at the top.. Yes they look like *Batmans Ears!!* This Automotive Designers' previous career? Illustrator for DC Comics Batman.

Next victim? Hyundai Sante Fe SUV. I know you've seen this one, it just stands out and reminds you — *get back into the gym!* Barbells, yes Barbells, what would you say? About 5 pounder free weights?? A rather good looking SUV (Range Roverish) Design just destroyed by the Taillights. How did this happen? The Tail light Designer was Working Out at the Company Gym and suddenly remembered he had a Hot Date and he dropped his weights. Viola! Tail Lights.....



Recommended "Repair"
Adding inward LED Bulb Strip

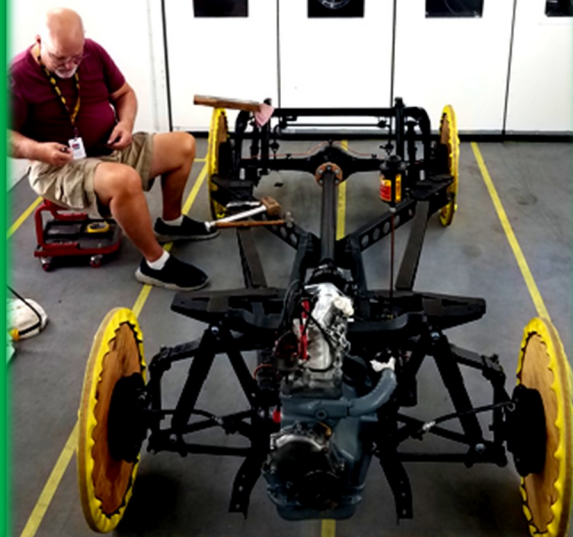
Time for Electric Vehicles, have you noticed a common theme? I call them "The Line." Architects are all consumed, obsessed with "The Line". These 'Lectrics, a lot of 'em have Lines of White Lights out front; and in the rear? Yep thin elongated strips of Red for Taillights. I guess it's easier for us to recognize a battery car at night? *She wanted to be an Architect!* Cool but not much imagination, is there?

How about the 'Deluxe Opened Staple'? Yes, Staple like Stapler. The Taillight appears to just have been removed from a 2 pager or?...Seen the ones that seem to be Arabic Writing? Kinda a new one here, I call it 'The Piano' Red Rectangle bars that stretch clear across the rear and mimic—but are concaved—Black&White Keys. Neat.

Next month? How about cars that remind you about Bass Fishing?...woweekazowee have some Automotive Designers WAY overdone the Front Grills!!

Now, where is my fishing pole?

The Shop Corner continued



I caught Mike happily working on his Topolino inside the Paint Booth. Here he is trying to cut and fit strips of webbing to prevent squeaks and isolate the ride, vibration, a bit more. It's like a belt cloth material but extremely tough to cut. It will last a very long time

Picture below: Notice anything that doesn't look quite right? Perhaps the connection between the driveshaft and differential?? Yep, where is that U-joint? We call that a Rag Joint but here? a Flexible Joint.

The U Joint for cars was available in 1904, by American Spicer..Italy???



The Shop and Shelly Giles need you! We all know Shelly Giles and Gary Masak, they are the ones who put on the "Pop Ups" at *The Shop*, unannounced tasty Free Food (!) for those 'playing' that day...*a very pleasant surprise indeed.* They also are the Chefs for our Special Events..how did you like the Bratwurst, eh? Shelly needs your help, new family commitments are in the picture now and with her schedule she needs to turn over The Clubs Email Contact Program. She has been very helpful giving all of us a reminder with Last Minute Notice of Events via our Emails. She will get you up to speed, ..step up, it's fun stuff to do! Contact Shelly 6233860986 sgiles58@gmail.com

A Bit More Happenings around The Club...



Here is Mike Bannon at the last Membership Meeting over at RH Johnson November 18th. He is Thanking all of us for our 3rd year in a row Donation of \$500. This is for the Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Charity (AMFA). Mike is a Volunteer Fire Fighter for them and is involved with the Nadaburg School District. The School is located in a poor area and well, the kids will never forget. Especially one year when Mike was hanging out of a MediVac helicopter as Santa!!

Thanks to *your* Volunteerism funds are available and for you? *New Friends and Feelin' Good about it!*

Now, we need to do something about the "Ring Girl". Eileen B, where were you?? ;)

**'Tonight there's gonna be a Jail Break'
And the Wizardess did it!!**



Dan and Corlean Kuhl at 'Trunk-or-Treat'. At Riverside Middle School passing out candy— and they gave out 5 bags! *They were busy for the evening!*

ARC's Dream Car Raffle

Win a 2016 Mustang or \$10,000 Cash
2nd Prize \$1,000 • 3rd Prize \$500
Tickets: 1/\$20, 6/\$100

Drawing 2-14-2026, 2:00 PM MST

All Proceeds Go to ARC, a 501 (c) (3) Charity



***Have you seen the new
Raffel Car??***

Hot, Hot, Hot!

ARC ANGELS



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 is here with Dan Kuhl to lend a hand as the ARC ANGELS.

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

New, New, New: Two Club Members are starting up a Program to help those with Golf Cart issues. Tony Heinen and Gene Wojtyna.

Contact The Shop for now...623-544-6054



"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:

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.

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.

John Frishcosy # 1775... A lot of us workin' in *The Shop* know John, he comes in every morning for his cup of Java and to give us a pep Talk: "Keep at it !" Haven't seen him for a bit, a freak accident, last we heard : "He was walking it off". Get well!

“In For Repairs” con’d

Send a few prayers, kind words, thoughts towards Bruce’s way... We’ve been watching him put together his 2 seater, hand built roadster in The Shop for some time, a True Craftsman.



Bruce Hagemeyer

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ARC Gets Ready for 14 th Annual Relay

Planning is underway for the 14 th American Cancer Society Relay for Life of the Sun Cities which will take place in Beardsley Park on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Steve Victor, your captain, has already signed up the ARC team at www.relayforlife.org/suncitiesaz Last year ARC raised \$5,000 to promote research as well as to help those individuals going through this dreaded disease. We are especially looking for survivors to honor on this day.

You can help by:

- Signing up for the team
- Bringing your car to the event for a mini car display
- Monetary donations
- Donating a raffle item for our day of fundraiser
- Purchasing a luminaria to honor someone who has lost, won or is fighting cancer
- Canned food donations to hold down the luminaria bags (Food goes to Food Bank)
- Coming to the Benefit Concert on Sunday, February 1st, featuring “Senior Moments”

Let’s Celebrate-Remember-Fight Back together.

You may contact the Victors with questions or for \$10 concert tickets. 623-214-1090

slvic@comcast.net

They will have a table at the January General Meeting.



**Dave and
Jackie Meyer
out Front.**

President Craig Landers
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you BIRDS stop by the club and pick up some tickets, \$20 each or 6 for \$100, it is a nice vehicle!!!

We have been getting quite a few new members every month, so you new members don't be shy on volunteering to Monitor at *The Club*, I tell people it is not rocket science and there is plenty of members there to help you with any questions you might have. If you have experience in auto shop or safety get a hold of me and we will talk about coming a foreman. That's all for now...



And now for Gregarious Gene and his clean Machines!

So Gene pulls up in his Beautiful GT, stops, pulls out a Duster and goes to work... "Gene, do you think anyone will see what garage dust there is, in the photos??" Nope it's just Gene's Pride in his Clean Machine, a 1968 Ford Torino GT Convertible!

What attracted my attention to his car besides Red, a Convertible a Ford was the steering wheel cover,,,hmmm 'one of one'.

Come on over and let's talk, drink some coffee and have some of your favorite food, Popcorn after the photo shoot.

Gene brought something that was very interesting, a matted and framed *Martin Report* about the Ford. Most of us have heard about the *Monroney Sticker*, it's the second thing we look at while taking in the looks of a new car, it's the Price Invoice with Listed Options etc. on the Window. The Martin is kinda like a replacement for the long gone Monroney but it lists a bit more info. Fascinating, this car was Factory Ordered 01/02/1968, BUILT by 01/09/1968 and Released 01/12/1968!....amazing and to think it takes me "long time" to get anything done. The Torino was put together in the Lorain Assembly Plant, Ohio (closed 2005) which produced about 8M various models of cars. The brand new Ford was delivered to Petty Ford in Salt Lake City by Rail for \$159.20.

Gene's Forst Car was a 1955 Mercury Custom 2 Door Baby Blue, gone to rust with the winters of Wisconsin.



In every young man's life eventually an awareness of the world and it's way comes. But Gene? Gene rated very well with the US Air Force aptitude test and was assigned as an Analyst in Northwest Alaska. He probably was exposed to some critical intelligence. What a step that must have been for a Farm Boy working on his parents Dairy Farm 4 miles west of Conrath, WI. (Pop 88 in 2020).

ARC Club Special Events



December 11th

Date Change !!

The Club's Christmas Party is over at Palm Ridge this year from 5pm to 8pm. Food will be catered, Beef, Turkey and all the side dishes for a \$20.00 charge per person. There is a Maximum number of 200 persons and at last count we have about 670 Members. So come get your Tickets soon which will be available at the next General Meeting (RHJ 11/18) sold by Shelly Giles and they can also be purchased at ARC from Dana, on Monday Mornings and Wednesday Afternoons. Window for the Event Closes 11/26.

January 1st 2026

While you are recovering from the previous Night's Partying and perhaps a bit tired of the Telly, come on over to *The Shop*, *yes it will be Open!* and renew or start your Membership for the New Year.

Perhaps you'll Meet Jack and Lynette Saylor (Secretary of ARC) who'll show you around and take your money!

If you are a Returning or even a New Member you will be surprised about the layout and facilities of our Club.

It seems improvements, new hand tools, organization procedures upgrade frequently. The Monitors, Floor Monitors and Shop Foremen are all experienced and there to help you accomplish the service, repair of your vehicles.

The Dues are reasonable only \$35.

February 22nd 2026

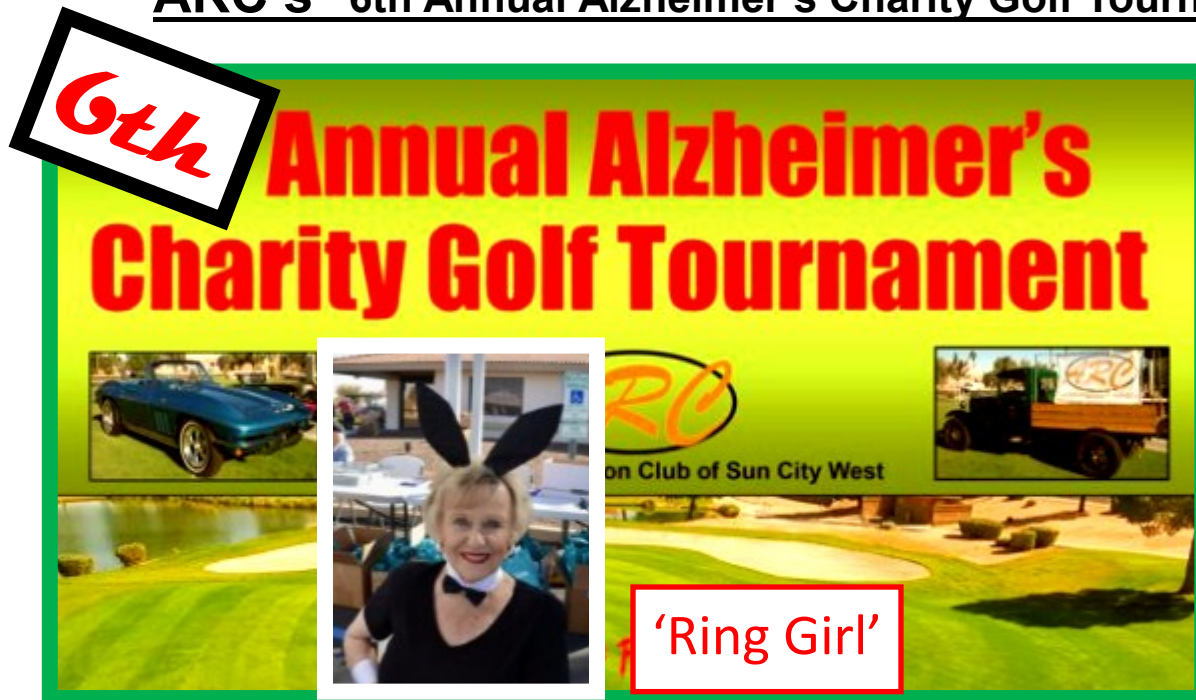
Planning is underway for the 14 th American Cancer Society Relay for Life of the Sun Cities which will take place in Beardsley Park on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Breakfast Club Every Monday Morning about 6;30 at Hole 'n One good food, good coffee.



ARC Club Special Events Con'd

ARC's 6th Annual Alzheimer's Charity Golf Tourna-



March 28th Sat 2026

Held at the Trail Ridge Golf Course 21021 N 151st Ave. SCW, AZ 85375

Shotgun time: NOON

The contact person is: Chuck Willkom 406 652 5675. Chuck would like to extend his 'ThankYou!' once more to all of you who volunteered the last and previous years.

Interested in in a Team? Sponsor a Hole? Donate a Prize? There were 36 Lines of Prizes last year and each line came in Fours! All Teams Win!

There will be a Poker Run, Skill Games, Ball Drop and Raffel. Last year? \$5K in Raffle Prizes, \$20k worth of other prizes and Game Cash. This year 5 Hole in Ones, Car Golf Cart or \$15k, Putters and Coolers.

If any ARC Member knows of some someone in the Business Community who wants to be a Sponsor please let him know. He has all the forms necessary for the Business owner or if you prefer Chuck will contact them.

The Kick Off Planning will be January 1st so give Chuck a call 406 652 5675, it's a very worthwhile endeavor!

Gene Torino con'd
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Career? Gene was an educational/technical student recruiter, upper division, for De Vry University and was very successful — his personal skills— I'd bet he mentored a few and today

is noted for his Posse Skills.

His most entertaining trip in this Torino? The time the car was loaded up with his wife, two friends *with luggage* for a trip to Yellowstone National Park. The Top was down all the way to and from Ogden, UT *and* through the Park...the Views the Weather the Luggage!!

How did Gene end up with Fords? It all stemmed from the 40's and 50's Chevrolet he and his Dad worked on, they were difficult to wrench but Fords? The Engineers designed an engine bay with mechanics in mind..easier to work on.



if he could have a car he wanted today? A 1960 Ford Starliner two tone, Turquoise and White, Hardtop.

He bought this car in 1997 for \$5000 and the only work that was needed was to replace the high pressure side hydraulic hoses for the convertible top. He recently installed sequential turn lamp monitors..see back page.

He has been a resident of SCW since 2000 and is also a member of our Roving Posse here.

Popcorn was mentioned? Did you know we have a Large Pop Corn machine? Hot. Salted. Gene keeps that machine clean!

Come on down to the Shop and have some along with some good coffee.

What is this 'One of One'? His car was the only one with this Factory Option: *Headrests!* The cost? Forty Two dollars and 2 cents.



ARC Apparel

Hats	\$20
Men's T-Shirts	\$20
Ladies T-Shirts	\$15
Long sleeve Ts	\$25
Golf Shirts	\$25
Windbreakers	\$25
Front zipper Sweatshirts	\$30





Has your wife been sayin' "Honey you're gone too much at *The Shop*. What takes you so long? Do you need my help, *again??*"

Want to smooth things over? Bring her home this hat and it'll work.

Jim Swanson announced that Denim Shirts will be ordered with the woven ARC Logo! These shirts are Sharp Looking, I'm requesting mine now... Jim one M for me please, thanks.

The clothing for sale at reasonable prices have Quality and support our *Club*.

Have something you might want? Talk with Jim Swanson.



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GENE'S Clean Machine
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