

Automotive Restoration Club of Sun City West

RUSTY NUTS

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Meet the Green Team



The "Green Team" is aptly named because about a year ago they bought matching green shirts to look professional as they volunteer to monitor so our shop can operate safely. The team consists of Rick Rasch #754 (2005 C4), Jack Casey #1661 (2006 C6) & John Underhill #558 (2019 C7). These 3 have worked as a team in the shop at ARC every Tuesday morning for the past 5 years. (Story p3)

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THANK YOU!!!

To everyone who shows up to be a Monitor or Foreman so our shop can operate safely. We are always in need of volunteers in these positions so please, STEP UP. The shop does have to shut down if we don't have a foreman and at least one monitor. If you want to come in to find out more or to shadow someone working, do so. All are welcome!

From our President: Craig Landers

Finally a break in the weather which make things ramp up for ARC...the mini car show at Western Bank is now on, and is every 3rd Friday of the month, our 1st one last September was a big success with almost filling up the parking lot, remember free pizza n drinks (ARC members only at this event).

Coffee n Cars went well last month, a big shout out to Gary, Shelly and crew for cooking pancakes 'n sausage for everyone, the donation jar did a lot better too... I believe we ended up with about 70 vehicles. VERY NICE. Some of you ARC members missed out on a good time driving around the PIR Nascar track last Saturday (10/3/26). Big thanks to Ray Helt and Terri Kerr Wiedel for organizing this outing. Pictures can be found in this edition of the Rusty Nuts.

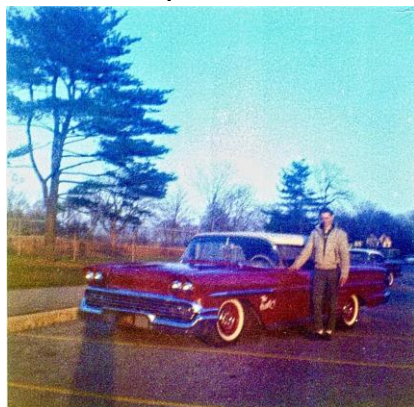
If anyone is interested in going to a Trick n Treat outing, get a hold of Bob Janis, it is an outing where we hand out candy at an under privileged elementary school in El Mirage. The candy will be handed out from the back of your vehicle and the candy will be furnished. You can still bring your own candy if you want.

We have purchased a new belt sander for the club as our old one shorted out, come by and check it out. Please don't forget to come to our car show meetings to plan our next car show in February...we need a lot of volunteers to make it successful. This year we have a new Chairman, Roger Redland, so stop by and introduce yourself... all for now...ENJOY

*Craig*

The Green Team Story

John #558 is the longest running ARC member on the team and the official leader he says, despite Rick being the team Foreman. John joined ARC in 2015 when the building was completed but it was still just an empty shell. He said he had to sign up via U.S. mail sent directly to Suzanne Jones # 6 and he sent his own picture in for the photo id. John said if you wanted to sign up to monitor in those first years you came into the shop where there was a large desk calendar with each square divided diagonally for AM and PM shifts. John's first car was a 1958 Chevy Impala convertible. His car was named the "Hustler" after the B58 bomber. John became the founder of the ARC -Corvette club and continues to act as the president of the club.



Rick #754 also joined as the club was just getting rolling in 2016. Rick joined for "something to do." he says it has always been a fun club where you meet a lot of people, especially if you work as a desk monitor where you meet everyone who comes in. It is fun to work in the shop because you also get to watch what people are building. Rick's first car was a 1955 Oldsmobile, 4 door and he worked in the car business for over 40 years doing everything from "shagging cars" to operating a dealership as the GM. He moved to Sun City West in 2010 and owned a 2005 Impala LTZ at that time. He said he first moved to Goodyear, AZ after leaving Portland, OR but the scorpions there pushed them out!

Jack #1661 was the final member to join this 3 man team. He said he had come into the shop just to "Yak" at first but after a few weeks he started volunteering as floor monitor when Rick was Foreman and John was the desk monitor. It wasn't long after they started working together that they decided to continue to work together as a team and chose Tuesdays. Jack moved to SCW in 2013 and

joined ARC after he bought a Corvette. Jack's first car as a '51 Chevy convertible he got when he was 16 and lived in Detroit, MI.

THE CLOSEST THING TO FLYING

By

Dan Kuhl, Member # 891

The other day I received an e-mail from the Society of Automotive Historian referencing the "Kissel Kar". Not being familiar with this vehicle, I did further research that opened my eyes to a bit of automotive history that is not often mentioned.

In 1906 the Kissel Car company was incorporated by Louis Kissel and his four sons. (Note: this story is similar to Studebaker that was started in 1852 by five brothers whose corporation went on to celebrate 100 years of manufacturing in 1952). The Kissel factory was located in Hartford, Wisconsin where it began producing automobiles in 1907. During its 24 year run it produced approximate 35,000 vehicles, including four wheel drive trucks that saw action in WWI. Sadly, production ended in 1931 due to heavy competition and the woes of the Depression that plagued America in the 30's.

The Kissel is remembered for winning the Cactus Derby in 1910, a race from Los Angeles to Phoenix; and its very popular speedster, nicknamed the "Gold Bug" that was manufactured from 1919 thru 1927. Famed aviatrix, Amelia Earhart drove one; she said it was the closest thing to flying without actually leaving the ground.

Amelia Earhart was a true speedster lover. After locating in Los Angeles with her family in 1920, she learned to fly. Becoming a

masterful flyer, she set an altitude record for females of 14,000 feet in 1922. After her parents divorced in 1924 she purchased her Kissel, a 1922 Gold Bug with a unique suicide seat attached to the side of the car body (see Photo).

With the Gold Bug she was ready for her next adventure. She set out for Boston heading up the West Coast to Washington and then east to Banff National Park and Lake Louise in Canada. From there she set her sights on Chicago before finishing her trip on the East Coast. She lived cheaply with only the essentials so she could keep her Kissel running. It was nicknamed "The Yellow Peril". It is said she loved her Kissel like a pet dog; while in the driver's seat she felt emancipated in a male dominated world. She continued to develop her flying skills after she sold the Gold Bug and made a name for herself as the first female to fly as a crew member in a flight across the Atlantic. In 1932 her flying skills permitted her to fly solo across the Atlantic which made her a celebrity for auto sales promotion. She promoted the Franklin, Essex Terraplane and later the Cord 810 before attempting her disastrous flight around the world in 1937. To this day, her disappearance over the Pacific Ocean has not been explained.

The canary yellow Gold Bug has had quite a colorful history. It was powered by a Kissel six cylinder engine that propelled the speedster to 70-75 mph. This is an impressive speed for an American car manufactured during the Nickel Era. The driving public in the Roaring Twenties was impressed with the Gold Bug; so much so, that many celebrities of the day chose to drive one, including: Jack Dempsey, Douglas Fairbanks, Greta Garbo, Al Jolson, Mary Pickford, and Rudy Vallee to name a few. Of the 1500 Gold Bugs manufactured 37 remain

in drivable condition. In 2010 ten of these cars united for a show that will long be remembered.

The Gold Bug still has a strong following. It was featured at Pebble Beach and by the Antique Automobile Club at Hershey, PA. If you are out traveling this summer and want to see a Gold Bug, there is one on display at the Wisconsin Auto Museum in Hartford, WI. If not, a good imagination will permit you to see Amelia Earhart roaring down a road in her Gold Bug; if you look close, she is wearing her leather flight helmet with a silk scarf streaming in the wind. Remember, for Amelia driving a Gold Bug was the closest thing to flying.

In closing I attended the auto auction at the Owls Head Transportation Museum this summer where one (last picture) was auctioned for \$244,000. Not too bad for a car that is not from the modern era of hot rods and resto-mods.



**References:**

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Numerous websites on the computer.

Images:

Amelia Earhart with her airplane on a stamp issued in 1963. She was a pioneering aviator and early feminist icon.

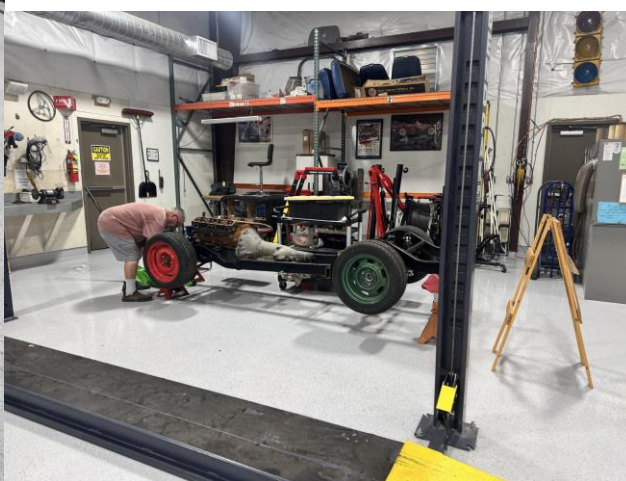
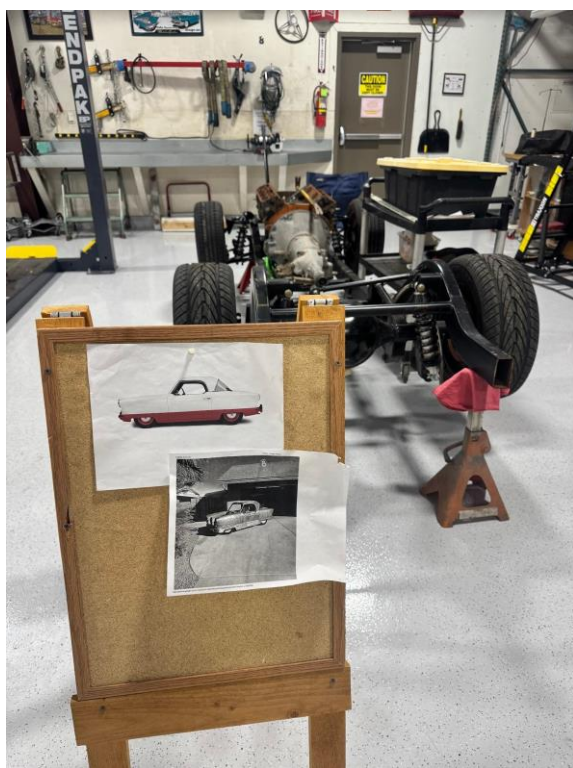
A Gold Bug speedster showing its unique suicide seat

A frontal view from the Owl's Head Auction.

Shop Happenings: Photos and Member News



John Frishcosy #1775 recently traveled to San Antonio, TX to honor him and his comrades in the "Spooky Brotherhood" with a certificate and an engraved legacy paver installed at the Parade Field on JBSA-Lackland AFB. John, also known as 9 toes, is seen with Cab Bergschneider #1003 and with Ron Rada, treasurer #157 when they presented John with a toe in a jar and a bubble wrapped can of chili after John lost a toe after dropping a can of chili on it about a year ago. Below is the "Spooky Brotherhood" group photo at Lackland last month.



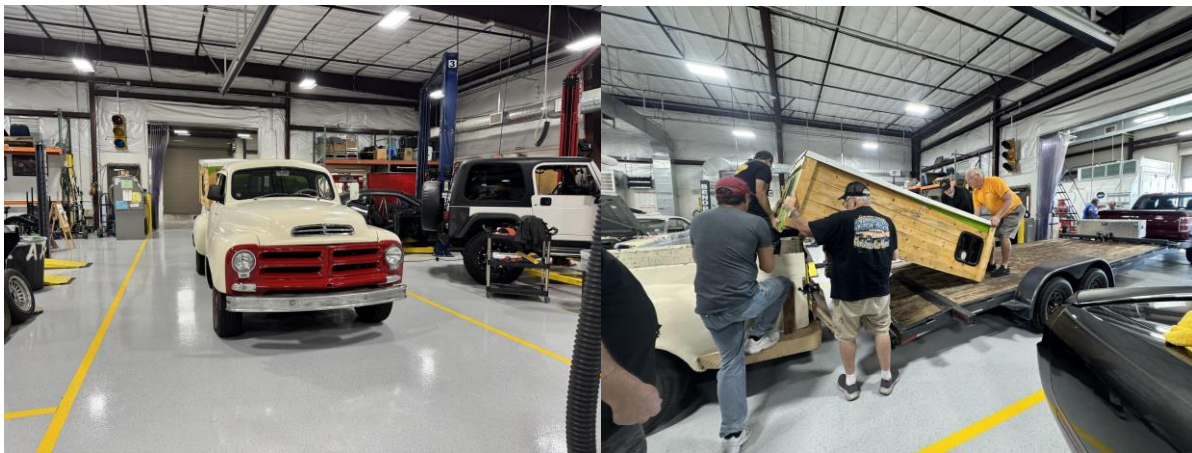
Larry Gardinier #1838. Brought in a new fun project at the end of September. Stop in the shop to see his before and after (hopefully!) pictures of the and see his progress. Like the tortoise, Larry works slow and steady and will win in the end!



Scott Keating #. Listens as Ray Crivello #. Explains the problem on his project, new to the shop this year. Another one that will be fun to watch the progress on.



Rick Popp #1866 works in the body shop on a project of love (a 1932 Ford roadster) for his wife, former racer, Margi Popp #1915. Dave Grasnack #2172 diligently works on his 1969 Firebird.



Muscles in the shop help to remove the hillbilly camper off Terri Kerr Wiedel's (#2151) 1956 Studebaker.



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Jim Gallagher # Works on his Beautiful '65 Stingray

ARC members participated in the Annual Get Out and Drive Day by gathering at the Phoenix Raceway and driving 5 laps for the Phoenix Raceway Charities. Here are a few photos taken by members. More to come when the Raceway sends me the pictures they took of our group before the "race."



Ed #29 & Ellen #899 Zacko in their '62 Corvette



Alan & Cathy Bombardier in their GTX



Mickey Sasso #1471 & Nancy Levee #2244



The Studebaker stood out in the crowd of Performance Cars



A picture of the track from the pits as our team rolled in



Dave Dunbar #1542 with his C8 corvette.



Phil Corbell #567 & a friend with his C3 corvette



Part of the group as we wait our turn on the track.



A view up the track from the back of the ARC team



The shop got a new power cord reel thanks to our club president, Craig Landers, and the skilled rec center lift operator who installed it very carefully for us.

“In For Repairs”

by 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. 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.

We hope that no news is good news and that all of our members are having more feel-good days than feel-bad days.

We do have a number of members dealing with cancer, seizures, surgeries and other serious and minor health issues right now. Take care of yourselves and reach out for support if you are feeling alone, you are not! WE are family!

ARC Angels



There is a new procedure for accessing help from our wonderful ARC Angels that began in September. You can call or stop into the shop to complete the request form seen here. This way we can keep better track of how much support we are providing. Kudos to Gene, Dan, Randy, Tony (golf carts) and anyone else who steps up to support our community in need!

Call the shop @623-544-6054 and request ARC ANGEL Support. Thanks to all our Angels!

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**Request for
ARC ANGEL Support**

The Following Information is Required Before Assigning a Primary ARC Angel

Requesters Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Vehicle Status: ☐ Drivable ☐ Not Drivable
 Brief explanation of need: _____

ARC Use Below

Start Date and Time of Day Requested: _____
 Amount of Time Estimated for Completion of Task/Project: _____
 Description of Task/Project: _____

Primary ARC Angel: _____
 Assistant #1's Name: _____ Assistant #2's Name: _____

RESULTS of ARC Angels efforts: _____

Any follow up needed: _____

EVENTS coming up

- **Every Monday.** 6:30 am Hole-n-One, Breakfast Group

- **Nancy Perry Cruise in @Mixteca.** Every Saturday 5-9pm, 67th & Bell
- **Board Meeting, Oct 14,** Wednesday 8:30am Kiva, Kuentz Recreation Center
- **General Club Meeting** Oct 20, Tuesday 2pm Social Hall @ RH Johnson Recreation Center
- **Western Bank Mini Car Show** Friday Oct 16 10-12. Free Pizza *ARC members only*
- **ARC Car Show @** [Chaparral Winds](#) Retirement Community, 16617 N Westpoint Pkwy, Surprise Saturday, Oct 24. 10AM-1PM. *Click the Blue words for a link to the announcement and more information. They are promoting the ARC Raffle Car so plan to bring your car to support them.*
- **Trunk or Treat,** Oct 29 Riverview Elementary School - gather at Beardsley Park at 4:30pm before caravanning to the school. **Event from 5:30-7pm. DONATE candy at the shop if you can't go, but please, everyone consider this worthwhile event...see Bob Janis with ?'s. It is FUN!!**
- **ARC Cars & Coffee** Saturday Oct 31 7-9:30am
- **The** [Grand Car Club Show](#), Saturday Oct 31 10am-1:30pm Click on the Blue words for a link to the form or find them in the shop

Future Events



ARC Chaparral Winds Retirement Community PRESENTS
CAR SHOW
 AT CHAPARRAL WINDS
 Hosted by ARC - Automotive/Restoration Club of SCW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WIN A CAR!
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Chaparral Winds Retirement Community
 16617 N Westpoint Pkwy, Surprise, AZ 85374

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October 31, 2026
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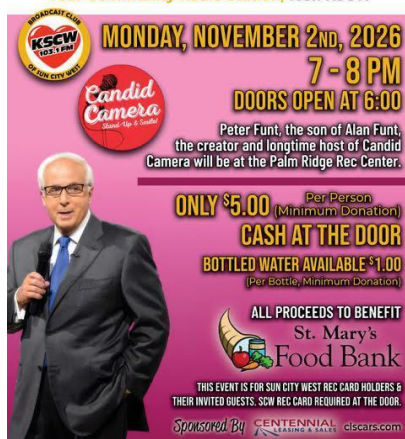
By signing below, I understand that I am responsible for my vehicle(s) and contents. I agree to release The Grand and The Grand Car Club, their employees and managers, officers, volunteers and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known claims whatsoever that may be suffered by me or my property. Event management reserves the right to restrict entrance and/or their guest due to behavior deemed unacceptable during any and all activities, including the right of eviction from the premises if necessary. The car show will be held rain or shine.

Signature _____



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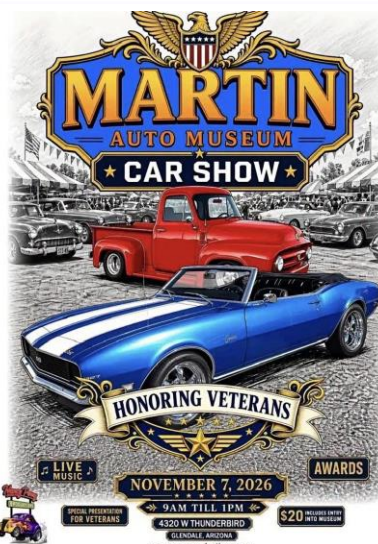
Peter Funt, the son of Alan Funt, the creator and longtime host of Candid Camera will be at the Palm Ridge Rec Center.

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