



Student & Youth Education

Our plan is to use our state-of-the-art facility to help train the youth of today on the complete restoration process. We have many gifted members who have incredible talents in the restoration process. Once the facility is completed, we plan to work with local high school and Voc Tech schools to find students/candidates who might be interested in receiving this type of training **free of charge**.

Students would be selected based on their needs and desire to learn these trades. We would in some cases provide housing for needy students. A full curriculum would be established and the students must perform up to the expectations. Their successful completion would earn them a diploma.

In the meantime, we have already partnered with Hagerty, a collector vehicle insurance company, to provide youth an opportunity to learn to drive a stick shift automobile (see attached article from *The New York Times* with ARC member Tom Jones). Tabetha Salsbury-Hammer is spearheading the Hagerty Driving Experience along with other educational programs for youth through Hagerty's *Operation Ignite!*. Today's vehicles are almost exclusively automatic while the vehicles of yesteryear were almost exclusively stick shift. What better way to educate youth and inspire them to a greater appreciation for the vintage and classic vehicle! This is a partnership we will continue to expand in the days to come.



We are currently speaking with Tom Dickerson of the Dysart Unified School District to partner with their vocational technical program as program advisors and guest instructors. Kurt Woods, automotive instructor at Dysart High School, is excited to have the opportunity to

partner with ARC to take advantage of the vast array of knowledge and experience our members wish to share with his students.

We have also contacted Darin W. Barga, Executive Director of the Arizona Automotive Institute to work with them in creating curriculum that would provide education on the history, care and maintenance of the classic vehicle. Our first project with them will be in the Summer of 2013 as students learn how to retro-fit a 1960 Ford Fairlane with air conditioning. With summertime temperatures in Arizona hovering in the 115+ range, A/C is a must! But it takes knowledge and skill to properly install it in a vehicle that was never designed for A/C and that's where ARC will partner with AAI to provide the necessary essentials.



ARC is dedicated to educating the youth of today and providing them an opportunity to have hands-on experience with classic and vintage vehicles. We want them to experience first-hand how classic vehicles are different in every aspect from today's vehicles. We feel compelled to help make them knowledgeable about these treasured vehicles, their history, upkeep and maintenance.

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Generational Shift: Learning to Drive a Stick

By LARRY EDSALL



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Tom Jones of Sun City West, Ariz., rides shotgun in his 1960 Ford Galaxie and helps Michelle Mousel learn how to manipulate the classic car's "three-on-the-tree" gearshift.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Dorrie Sibley's reason for bringing her son Breslin, 16, to learn how to drive a car equipped with a manual transmission, a so-called stick shift, had nothing to do with the reason the instructional event was being held. But it was a very good reason nonetheless.

"He might be out with a drunk friend one day," Ms. Sibley said.

Should that ever happen, Ms. Sibley wants her son to be ready to move into the role of designated driver.

Breslin Sibley and some 40 other young drivers were here last month to participate in the Hagerty Driving Experience, an event designed to introduce young drivers both to enjoyment of driving classic cars and to learning how to drive any car, new or old, with a manual rather than automatic transmission.



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The steering column shifter on Tom Jones's 1960 Ford Galaxie.

Hagerty, the classic car insurer, started this program nearly two years ago in conjunction with the Collector Car Appreciation Day, which has been established by a [United States Senate](#) resolution on a yearly basis since 2010.



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Operation Ignite

Hagerty's *Operation Ignite!* is a suite of programs designed to grow young people's interest in classic cars and boats.

Since its official inception in 2009, over 1,500 young people have been given insider's access to the classic car and boat hobbies, through activities such as:

Youth Judging

At many events around the country, young judges learn the basics of judging while taking a look at select vehicles, interacting with owners and learning details, facts, and the history of each vehicle.

Hagerty Driving Experience

The Hagerty Driving Experience gives young adults the chance to drive classic cars, and more specifically, learn to properly drive those equipped with manual transmissions.

Youth Reporter Contest

The winner of the *Operation Ignite!* Youth Reporter contest wins all expense paid trips to four major collector car events and records stories for each event attended, featuring interviews with industry leaders and hobby celebrities.

Next Gen News

Next Gen News, the official newsletter of Hagerty *Operation Ignite!*, is designed to keep young enthusiasts up-to-date on the hobby, while also providing fun stuff to get them excited about cars and boats.

Young Designers Contest

Hagerty's Young Designers Contest reaches out to young people who are passionate about design for great cars, providing them the opportunity to showcase their skills. Designers are asked to submit original renderings based on a specific theme each year. The top five finalists are selected by online voting and are awarded an expense-paid trip along with one guardian to Monterey, Calif., during the Pebble Beach Concors d'Elegance for final judging.

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The Historic Vehicle Association is devoted to the celebration, preservation and protection of our motoring history and heritage.

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Collectors Foundation

The Collectors Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships and grants to organizations committed to hands-on education and making a difference in the lives of young people through the appeal of historic vehicles.

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