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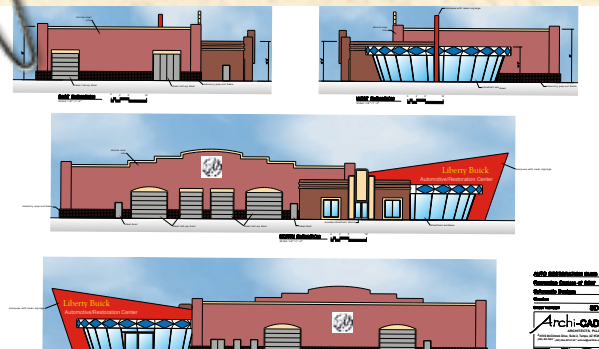
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Pat Clark - Editor

“YES” VOTE FOR ARC BUILDING

With a 9 - 0 unanimous vote, the Rec Board of SCW gave ARC the go ahead to proceed with plans to build a state-of-the-art building on the R.H. Johnson Rec Center property between the Men’s Club and the walking track. This means we need to raise the money for the building. Pledge forms are available on the ARC website for anyone wishing to contribute to the building fund. Payment is not required now and payment plans can be worked out. Please consider contributing. Let’s make our dream come true soon.

The next ARC General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 2:00 PM in the R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall



Proposed "retro" ARC facility



ARC Picnic



Chef Randy

2013 PICNIC

ARC'S 2013 Picnic on March 20, was lots of fun with about 150 members and guests attending. The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious. Thanks to Jean and Jim Ruppert and their committee for a job well done. There was a "Royal Roast" of Herb Clark. Everyone, except Herb, seemed to enjoy hearing "Herb" stories

Fun and good times at the ARC picnic

Picnic Car Show





Classic "Rides" at the picnic



John Rank's Hot Rod

RELAY FOR LIFE

Many ARC members participated in the Relay for Life event held at Beardsley Park on March 17. Many members brought their classic cars. It was very encouraging to see so many purple shirts (worn by cancer survivors) at the event. Thanks to Suzanne Jones for heading the ARC team and to Linda Victor who was an organizer.

WEBSITE

Remember to check the ARC website to find all the latest happenings of ARC. You can also find the Want ADS there. Visit today by going to restoration.scwclubs.com.

ARC SECRETARY STILL NEEDED

ARC is still in need of someone to volunteer to be the club secretary for 2013. A full time SCW resident is preferred. Please contact one of the officers if interested. Thank you.

EDITOR'S GARAGE

Your editor's car is in a new garage. Herb & I are now in St. Louis. We had to leave SCW early this year so we can attend our granddaughter's wedding in North Carolina next weekend. I hate to tell you that it has been raining here today. We miss the sunshine of AZ already.

What a busy month we had before we left. We had the Second Public Forum that went very well, the picnic, the Relay for Life, a couple of car shows, the Rec Board's vote to approve our building, and Herb's class, "The History of the Automobile." Thanks to all the members who helped make all of these very successful.

Now that we can proceed with plans for our state-of-the-art building, it is very

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**AS OF 3/30/2013,
ARC HAS OVER
350 MEMBERS
AND IS STILL
GROWING.**



CRUISE CONTROL

BY ARC PRESIDENT, HERB CLARK

Where did all the time go? It seems like just a few days ago we were planning the Rock Around the Block event, and now we are seeing the snowbirds retreat. Patty and I are flying back to St. Louis a few weeks early this year. On April 6th, one of our granddaughters is getting married in North Carolina. I am planning to come back and spend some more time in late April or early May.

This year we have accomplished a lot as a club. I must single out some individuals who went the extra mile to make this year so great. Lauren Matley was the leader for the unbelievable Car Show this year! He exceeded all of our expectations. Suzanne and Tom Jones are just simply incredible. Only a few of us know just how much they do to make our club function. These are only a few of the so many people who made this a very successful year for ARC! **MANY THANKS** to all of you!!

The year is not over for many of you who live in SCW year round (I'm jealous). This summer I will be working on raising money for our new facility. I will be applying for grants and asking for donations. Let me know if you have any ideas. Each month, I will update you on any success.

Believe it or not, plans are in progress for next year's John Chaney Memorial Rock Around the Block Tour. Two sponsors have already signed up.

Have a nice summer everyone!

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important that we raise the money needed for the building. We are encouraging you to make a pledge of whatever you think you would like, to help get our dream built into a reality. You can get a pledge card on our website at restoration.scwclubs.com or by contacting Suzanne Jones at sjmicrosmith@aol.com.

Thank you to Linda Victor for volunteering to be our coordinator for "In for Repairs." If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized or who may have had a death in their family, please let Linda know. She will send a card and if we have permission, we will publish the information. Linda's e-mail is stevlinda2004@earthlink.net. Thanks also to Steve Victor for taking lots of pictures at our events. We need more volunteers like the Victors.

Remember, I need stories!!

*Happy
Easter
Everyone!*



Don roasting our Prez

If you are a snowbird, have a safe trip home and a great summer.

If you stay in SCW, get involved in our club. You will be glad that you did. You are guaranteed to meet some great people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/6 Long Realty (Camino Del Sol) Open House
10 AM - 2 PM
FREE food & trophies

4/13 Dance Club
50's & 60's Sock Hop
5 to 7 PM
ARC member (and guest) showing a car admitted free to dance. Pizza is \$5.50 per person.



Jay's '53 Mercury



Jay

DOWNSHIFTING

DOWNSHIFTING is designed for us to get to know our fellow members. This month, you are going to meet Jay Finlay. Jay is a very active member of ARC. She grew up in the Bay area of California. Her family moved 16 times in 18 years, all in the Bay area. Her parents would also get a new car every two years. When she was about to graduate from high school in 1959 at the age of 16, her parents owned a 1954 Oldsmobile Starfire convertible. There were only 2,800 of these cars built in 1954. They asked Jay what she would like for graduation and she said a pony. Her parents discouraged this idea, saying it would cost too much to feed a pony. They said they would buy her a car instead. Jay told them she would take their car because they had it for sale anyway. They said no, they would buy her a different car. The 1954 Olds was sold for \$400 and a 1953 Mercury convertible was purchased for \$700. Jay said she never understood why they did this. There were 8,635 of these Mercurys built in 1953, so the Olds would probably be an even better collector car than the Merc. She still owns it.

The only time Jay considered selling "Nellie"

(her name for her Mercury), was in 1977 when an axle broke at an inspection station on I-5 in northern CA. She stopped for the inspection and when they told her she could go on, the car would not move. She thought it was the transmission. When she found out it was the axle, she decided to keep it.

Another time in 1983, Wolfman Jack, the famous radio disc jockey, offered Jay \$50,000 for "Nellie." At the time, "Nellie" was worth around \$9,000. Although it was a lot of money, Jay refused the offer and kept the car. She admitted she did think about what \$50,000 could buy - like a couple houses. About ten years later, Jay had the Mercury in a parade in Modesto, CA and saw Wolfman Jack watching. His jaw dropped when he saw and recognized the car that he had wanted.

Jay has had only six different cars in her life. Her favorite is her present second car, a 2000 Honda Insight Hybrid. It gets 55 miles per gallon and is a lot of fun to drive.

Jay has attended a lot of car shows including the Early Ford V8 meets. She likes these meets because each regional group makes their own trophies. She has some beautiful, unique trophies. Most of them are for second place because the Merc is a "driver" and

"drivers" usually don't receive first place trophies. She does have several first place trophies though. A few of the many meets she has attended include the 1986 Vancouver Expo 86, which is the world's largest indoor car show. Jay drove the Merc to Vancouver and won first place; 1997 Napa Valley, CA meet where she also won first place; 2003 Ford Motor Company's 100th anniversary meet, where Jay won the "Longest Distance" trophy; and the 2012 Redmond, OR meet. The Nationals are held every two years and will be in South Lake Tahoe, NV in 2013. Jay plans to attend.

Jay started riding motorcycles in 1970 and owns a 1994 250 Honda Nighthawk. She mostly drives it in SCW to her softball games. She plays 2 or 3 times a week.

She has one daughter, who lives in Sparks, NV, and two grandsons aged 10 and 13.

Watch for Jay on the streets of SCW either in her 53 Merc, her Honda Nighthawk, or her Honda Insight Hybrid. You may also see her volunteering for ARC events.