

RUSTY NUTS

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It was cold and rainy but fun in WICKENBURG

WICKENBURG PARADE

Although the weather was cold and rainy on February 9th, 30 brave souls traveled to Wickenburg to participate in the Gold Rush Day's Parade. Unfortunately, the tiller on the 1901 Olds broke shortly after the parade started, so our President, Herb Clark, got to watch the rest of the parade from the sidelines. The streets were lined with viewers who all seemed to enjoy the classic cars. They were guessing what year they were. After the parade, we parked at a car dealership for a car show. They provided lunch, and entertainment of long-horned steers riding in a car. You can't beat that.

The next ARC
General Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday, March
19th at 2:00 PM in
the R.H. Johnson
Lecture Hall



Waiting for the parade to start.



Guess his weight - win a prize.



Parked and ready.

Some of the cars
that participated in
the Wickenburg
Parade and the
Longhorn Bull in the
car.



More from Wickenburg



PUBLIC FORUM MEETING

The Second Public Forum Meeting for the public to discuss the proposed building for ARC, will be held March 5th at 10 AM in the Social Hall at the RH Johnson Center. Come out and show your support for our club.

SECOND ANNUAL ARC PICNIC

Based on the success of our First Annual ARC Picnic, the Second Annual ARC Picnic is scheduled for March 20th, 2013 at Beardsley Park. The menu will consist of burgers, brats, hot dogs, beans, chips, water and dessert. If you wish to have other beverages, please bring your own.

Entertainment will be a Royal Roast of Herb Clark, so bring your stories and share the fun. There will also be a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to our building fund.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Metal Club, or by e-mailing jean.ruppert@gmail.com or sueschiestl@hotmail.com. The deadline for

buying tickets is March 15 because we need time to get all the food. No tickets will be sold at the picnic. Thanks to Jean and Jim Ruppert for hosting the picnic.

EDITOR'S GARAGE

It's already time for our 3rd edition of the RUSTY NUTS. I hope you are enjoying it. I need your help though, I need you to report to me interesting stories that you think other ARC members may enjoy. Report new cars you have bought, car shows you enjoyed going to, interesting facts you know, or anything else you think might be good for the RUSTY NUTS. Some of us will be leaving for the summer, so report interesting things you are doing during your time away from SCW. I can't come up with all the ideas for our newsletter, so please help me out. Pictures are good too.

Some members reported to me that they are unable to open the newsletter sent in PDF file, and that other members don't have a computer. It would be way too
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**AS OF 2/27/2013,
ARC HAS
333 MEMBERS
AND GROWING
RAPIDLY.**



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expensive for ARC to send a printed copy of the RUSTY NUTS to all of our members, but for \$10 a year, we will send a printed copy out to you. It is still better if you can receive the newsletter online and print it yourself, but if you need it sent, send \$10 with your name and address to Pat Clark, 15412 W. Blue Verde Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Please make the checks payable to ARC of Sun City West. If you know of someone who can't get the RUSTY NUTS online, please give them this information.

We are still looking for someone to coordinate our "IN FOR REPAIRS" article about members who are ill or hospitalized. Or it could just be a person who would send cards to our members who need to know we care about them. Call one of the officers if you are willing to do this.

We also need volunteers to help put together an ARC roster of members. Our officers are swamped and need assistance to get this done. Call Herb Clark at 623-444-7778 or e-mail him at woodmedic@aol.com.

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

- 3/2 Home Depot, Surprise 9 - 12
- 3/7 Larry Miller Automotive 11 - 1
- 3/9 Fund raiser for the Posse 9 - 2
- 3/16 Thunder in the Dessert,
Tom Jones Ford 10 - 4
- 3/17 Relay for Life 9
- 3/20 Members Car Show before the
ARC Picnic 3

PIE WAGON UPDATE

The Pie Wagon is coming to life, just waiting to deliver those pies. Several guys have spent numerous hours working on the body, frame, and mechanics. It is great to have so many knowledgeable men working together to achieve this Club project. Thanks to all.



The Pie Wagon in progress.

RELAY FOR LIFE

ARC is fielding a team to participate in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk on March 17th at Beardsley Park. The walk will take place from 9 AM to 9 PM. ARC has several members who are currently undergoing cancer treatment, been diagnosed with cancer, or are cancer survivors. This tribute walk will honor those who have battled cancer or supported a loved one as they have gone through treatment.

To join our team online, go to relayforlife.org/suncitywestaz. Click SIGN UP, then click JOIN AN EXISTING TEAM. Type in our team's name, **ARC's Relay for Cancer**, to join our team. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 on behalf of ARC for the American Cancer Society.

ARC members are invited to bring their cars for display and stay for lunch which is available at the park. Survivor Honors will start at 11 AM and the Luminary Lighting will be at 7 PM. If you have questions or need more information, please call Suzanne at 623-764-3163 or e-mail sjmicrosmith@aol.com.

Hope to see you there. You don't have to walk from 9 AM to 9 PM. You can walk as much or as little as you want.

WEBSITE

Tom Lundbom has been doing a great job keeping our webpage up to date. If you haven't visited it, you are missing out. It contains up-to-the-minute news about ARC events. Visit it today by going to restoration.scwclubs.com.

ARC OFFICERS

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

DOWNSHIFTING

Jim & Jean Ruppert's 1971 MACH 1



DOWNSHIFTING is designed for us to get to know our fellow members. I chose Jean and Jim Ruppert this month because they volunteered to chair our picnic and because I rode behind their beautiful ride in the Wickenburg parade. I noticed just how beautiful this car is.

Jean was born and grew up in Alaska. Her father originally was drawn to Alaska in 1936, by providing transportation of live stock in support of a government project to develop an agriculture industry within the Matanuska Valley. This project was at the end of the depression and part of Roosevelt's New Deal. The intent of this project was to provide fresh produce for the restocking ships traveling between the U.S. and the Orient and Military operations as well as the residents of south central Alaska. Jean's dad, having come from a farming family, soon had his fill of farming and went into gold mining.

Jim was from a small mountain town, Kellogg, Idaho. He moved to Alaska in 1970. When Jean and Jim got married, Jim was into riverboating. He also loves to fly and has owned 3 planes. They have made 21 trips flying from Anchorage to Phoenix. This is a 22 hour trip and usually takes 3 days.

Some of these trips were with their two black labs in a 4 passenger plane. Now they fly with their darling Portuguese Water Dog, Emma. Jim and Jean have flown as far east as Lakeland, FL, west to Dillingham, Alaska, and from the Arctic Circle to Matzalan, Mexico. Jean said she used to race Jim from their cabin at Big Lake, Alaska to Anchorage. He was in his plane and she was in her 85' 325e BMW. She won several times.

Jim's first car was a 49' Mercury. His favorite was his 71' Torino. He had a Corvette for awhile but liked the Torino better. Living in Alaska, he has always had pickups. Collecting classic cars was not real popular in Alaska as they had to be stored from October to May. Jean's favorite car was her 75' baby blue Torino.

The Ruppert's present car is a 71' Mustang Mach 1. They wanted to find a Torino since they both loved their former ones but could not find the one they wanted. Jean found the Mach 1 in Boulder, CO where it had been restored. Jim said the 71' Mustang is very similar to a 71' Torino. While on their way to see the car, they got a call from the owner saying the Mach 1 had been dinged at the shop. He promised to repaint it though. They loved it

when they saw it and bought it with the understanding that if they didn't like the paint job, they didn't have to take it. Needless to say, the paint is beautiful and they are thoroughly enjoying the car.

Before retiring, Jean worked for the city of Anchorage and Jim worked for the state of Alaska. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and one more on the way. Of the 5 children, 4 live in Alaska and 1 in North Carolina.

Jim and Jean moved to SCW in 2000. They lived in condos for several years and now live in a beautiful home on the Stardust Golf Course. They are just getting into golf and love to watch the golfers pass their home. They feed hummingbirds and have had to chase roadrunners away from killdeer nests in their yard. I had a very nice visit with the Rupperts and know you will enjoy getting to know them too.

CRUISE CONTROL

By ARC President, Herb Clark

February has been busy for me. We had company for eight days (there should be a three day limit), and for the last week, Gary Curtis has been showing myself and Howard Johnson how to put a new front end suspension in my 1951 GMC truck. Gary has been patient and his help is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

I hope to get back to my real job...fund-raising! Many plans are in the works and we just need the time to implement them. If any of you would like to help me out in this endeavor, it would be very much appreciated! My goal is to raise \$200K or get pledges for that amount by April 1st. If you know of anyone who would like to contribute a nice donation, we might be able to get them a tax deduction. Please have them or you contact me.

Mark your calendar for March 5th at 10 AM. That will be the Second Public Forum Meeting. It will be held in the Social Hall at RH Johnson Rec Center. We need you there to show support. We also need you to speak for our cause. We expect little opposition but we want the board to know just how passionate we are about having a facility. Our current membership is growing fast and is now over 300 members.

Our annual picnic is coming up March 20th. Jean Ruppert is working hard with her committee to make this a great event. The "Members" car show will start at 3 PM in the Beardsley parking lot (aquatic side lot), and the picnic will start serving at 4 PM. Tickets are only \$10 per person and friends are invited to join us.

We encourage our members to check out our website for the latest information on club activities, car shows, and other important club information. Go to restoration.scwclubs.com. If you have a car, either here or elsewhere, let us know and we will list it under "Member's Rides."

It won't be long until the "snowbirds" fly off to their summer place. Patty and I need to leave early for a granddaughter's wedding in North Carolina. The wedding is April 6th. My hope is to come back late spring or early summer to spend more time in SCW.

I encourage all members to get involved and enjoy the fun. Come join us for breakfast every Monday morning at Memo's Bistro. Our start time is 7:30 AM. We don't have an agenda, just a lot of car talk with friends!



Herb's ride.

Get your tickets for the 2nd annual ARC picnic March 20, 2013.

"Members Car Show" starts at 3:00 PM, serving starts at 4:00.

See you there!