

NUTS & BOLTS

Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts, Inc. May 2020

FROM THE EDITOR

Since there is no news for April because of the Corona Virus, I thought I would go back to some old newsletters and include them in the newsletter. Hope you enjoy and maybe you will remember and find people you know in some of the articles.

I have included a few articles that Carol Shelton sent me.

It is annual dues time again. Most members dues are set to expire in April. For members who have joined recently, your dues expire on the anniversary of your join date. Our new online membership system is setup to automatically send renewal invitations based on your renewal date. Click on the link in that reminder to pay your dues online.

Please continue practicing social distancing during this Covid-19 era and stay safe. If you have a classic or car you love, take it out for a drive and enjoy your-



STORIES ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING

Staying at home and social distancing is the rule of the day due to the Corona Virus. Our newsletter will be lacking articles, but we should keep it in print. So, here's the deal: Send me what changed in your life since this. The Rules are: It has to be positive and maybe funny. No crabbing and no negative.

Here's mine:

"Member Lois Sostarich and I drove with 9 other cars to have a "virtual" birthday party. Lois led with her Desoto. We entered this very quiet neighborhood and slowly passed our Birthday Girl's house. Cars were beeping, music was playing and bubbles were flying and floating.

Our Birthday Girl came out (at 10:30 a.m. AND STILL IN PJ's" and we were able to sing Happy Birthday to her. So many neighbors came out of their houses, smiling and waving. They were happy for some fun commotion!

I know our virtual birthday was a joy for us, our friend and those living in this oh so quiet neighborhood.

Carol Shelton 4-23-20"

So: Now you have something to do. Get thinking about what changed for you during this what THEY call a situation.

Send them to tubaccarol@aol.com and I will forward to Maryann Miller.

See you around the bend.



Didn't have picture of Carol's parade so inserted a picture of Gary Ballew at White Elephant Parade from 2010

Minutes of General and Board Meetings

General Meeting (May 2009)

The May 2009 General Meeting Future Activities: of the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts The Sahuarita Car Show will be was called to order on May 4, May 8 from 5-9pm. SCVCN will 2009 at 8:00am by President, have an exclusive section in Joe Pierce. There were members present. There were 7 scholarship recipients present La Posada Car Show will be on and 1 new member.

Treasurer's Report:

passed out. The club donated a Vail. May 30. parts washer to the Sahuarita H.S. It will have a plaque placed Steve and Gail Ault are going on it to identify it as a gift from SCVCN. The club has a new P.O. Box. It is P.O. Box 1216, GV 85622.

Twist & Shout will have a Cinco de Mayo event on 5-5-09 at 5pm. They would also like to host an There will be a May lunch at activity every other Tuesday.

Cars for Sale:

Joe Pierce: 18' flatbed trailer Karen Rogers: 38 Cadillac Rich Huston: 1950 Ford Engine 1947 Packard engine, Ford Tractor

Dave McKnight: 1957 T-Bird replica, \$15,000, 1974 Chevy Miscellaneous:

dump truck

Paul Ober: 1923 Model T vette

Past Activities:

Jerry Cover reported on the suc- qualifications. cessful breakfast and tour at his house. Andy Szedlus reported on Health & Welfare: the Arivaca Boys Ranch.

Paul Plett reported on the American Legion Show. There were 65 -70 cars there.

Butch Wittman reported that 45 cars were at Polskys.

Wayne Potter reported that there were 55 cars at Quail Creek and \$801 in cash and 230 lbs of food was donated to the Food Bank. Maryann Miller There was an article in the GV News about this show.

There was no report on the Rt. 66 event as many of the members were not back yet.

46 which to park our cars.

May 16 from 4-6pm. Members will meet at GV Mall at 3:30.

The treasurer's report was Rincon Valley Car & Bike Show in

to the Show Low Days Mountain Festival and would like to have other members join them. Contact Steve if interested. 603-5342.

Fred's Arena on Wed. May 20. An email will be sent with more info.

There will be a June lunch at Cattle Town More info will be sent out.

The 7 scholarship recipients were introduced and told a little about George Johnson: 1976 Cor- themselves. Our new member and scholarship committee member, Paul Ober, talked about the students and their impressive

Joseph Olles passed away He was a 10 year Club member. He is survived by his wife Wanda.

The Board Meeting will be Thursday, 8:30am May 7 at Lila Szedlus's social center. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

Secretary



Next **General Meeting** ?— Breakfast - 8am Meeting - 8:30am

Board Meeting (May 2015)

The board meeting to the American Diaby John Murray at Jim 8.55 am. members present were: John Murray, Summer Hammond, meetings: Randv Arthur The Board meeting lar scheduled summinutes from April mer meetings due to 2015 were approved no as published.

Treasurer's report: scheduled The

Report was proved by the board. Any questions, con- The meeting tact Del Hammond.

New Business:

Arthur Mournian volunteered to do the T-shirts for the car show again this **Discussions** vear. were held concerning cost, shirt suppliers, design and volume. Arthur will present results of his investigations at a future meeting.

Health and Welfare

The board approved a donation of \$100

was called to order betes Association in Blakeman's Board memory.

Board

Estes and The board approved Mournian. not having any regumajor activity during the summer months. The next board Treasurer's. meeting will be Oct. ap- 2015.

> was adjourned at 9:23am.



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COW PALACE SNAFU (JUNE 2015)

The June Monthly meeting didn't guite turn out the way it was supposed to. About 32 members showed up at 7:30 in the parking lot of the Cow Palace hungry for breakfast. We all waited and waited. The doors didn't open. Acting President for the day, Dale Hukari, walked around the back to the kitchen and discovered that no one showed up for work. So the question was. what are we going to do. Dale got the ball rolling and called Arizona Family Restaurant and they were happy to accommodate us on short notice.

We arrived 20 minutes later and they escorted us to their dining room on the east side with all the cloth tablecloths. It was set up really nice and the waiters got to work taking all our orders right away. About 10 people decided not to come. They missed a good meal and short meeting. Dale did a good job filling in for the President. As our past President, he still knew how to run a meeting. We all decided to stay at the Arizona Family Restaurant for the next two months as we don't get a big crowd in the summer. We all fit in the room just perfect and we didn't have to eat in the bar.

Thank you Arizona Family Restaurant for doing a great job at the last minute.

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History of First Model T Ford

On October 1, 1908, the first production Model T Ford is completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.

Before the Model T, cars were a luxury item: At the beginning of 1908, there were fewer than 200,000 on the road. Though the Model T was fairly expensive at first (the cheapest one initially cost \$825, or about \$18,000 in today's dollars), it was built for ordinary people to drive every day. It had a 22-horsepower, four-cylinder engine and was made of a new kind of heat-treated steel, pioneered by French race car makers, that made it lighter (it weighed just 1,200 pounds) and stronger than its predecessors had been. It could go as fast as 40 miles per hour and could run on gasoline or hemp-based fuel. (When oil prices dropped in the early 20th century, making gasoline more affordable, Ford phased out the hemp option.) "No car under \$2,000 offers more," ads crowed, "and no car over \$2,000 offers more except the trimmings."

Ford kept prices low by sticking to a single product. By building just one model, for example, the company's engineers could develop a system of interchangeable parts that reduced waste, saved time and made it easy for unskilled workers to assemble the cars. By 1914, the moving assembly line made it possible to produce thousands of cars every week and by 1924, workers at the River Rouge Ford plant in Dearborn, Michigan could cast more than 10,000 Model T cylinder blocks in a day.

But by the 1920s, many Americans wanted more than just a sturdy, affordable car. They wanted style (for many years, the Model T famously came in just one color: black), speed and luxury too. As tastes changed, the era of the Model T came to an end and the last one rolled off the assembly line on May 26, 1927.



Idea for this article came from an email from Bill Sheets.

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1992 Lincoln Town Car 150,000 miles, all service records, silver with nice leather interior. Contact Jan at (503) 244-0451. (Local Resident). (10/2019)

1951 Ford 2 door 4 speed stick.

Pat Nilo—612-390-6666 (11/2019)

If your car is listed here for sale and it has already be sold let me know. I will be starting over with a list of cars and will date them and leave them up for 6 months and then take then down. Thanks Maryann Miller, maryann614@cox.net



A new spring like never before in my lifetime. So sad



If you have a car for sale, just let me know. maryann614@cox.net

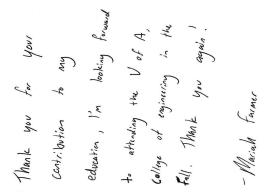
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Car Shows

ALL CARSHOWS CANCELLED FOR NOW.

Check out www.cruisinarizona.com for the latest info on car shows around the state.

BELOW IS A THANK YOU CARD FROM ONE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS





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ARIZONA HIGHWAYS VISIT THE CARNUTS

The carnuts received a late email plus a phone call from President, Joe Pierce, asking for the club to bring their cars to Twist and Shout for a film crew from the TV show "Arizona Highways". Of course everyone wanted to be on the TV show, so about 39 cars showed up. We had cars from every era, style and color lined up in a long row.

The film crew first filmed the cars with a camera attached to their SUV and drove down the line of cars. Then all the members stood by their cars and waved at the camera as they drove by again.

After filming all the cars, the crew picked out particular cars that they liked and had the owners stand by their car and tell the camera what kind of car they had. I think Ralph Hartsock got the most attention. He had to put down his convertible top and they filmed the inside of the car.

Tom and Amy Reese really got the VIP treatment with a personal interview about their Model T that Tom has owned since high school and they filmed them driving away at the end of the film session.

Jerry Copp had his car filmed with a club member sitting in the back of his rumble seat.

As luck would have it, I was the only one standing near his car when they asked someone to sit in it. I had to repeat many times "I love a rumble seat"!!!!.

As always happens with old cars, we did have one problem. Gary Ballew's car had to be pushed into a parking space, as it died 50 feet from the lineup of cars. A few members spent the whole 2 1/2 hours trying to figure out what was wrong and finally pushed it into Fletchers for the night. I got a call from Gary the next day sheepishly explaining that there was no gas in the car!! Gary, I think it is time to get the gas gage fixed!!

We also had some cars that I haven't seen before. There were two British cars that showed up. One belongs to Jack Burch. He said he does come to a few meetings so we were glad to see him.

We were all lined up for about 2 1/2 hours and got to do a lot of catching up with other members that we haven't seen in a while. It was a fun day in Green Valley.





Story & pictures by: Maryann Miller (April 2009)



INSEARCH OF THE PERFECT CAR: SUMMER 2014

Back a few short years ago....just where did they all go? I saw a book at the Boston airport, it was cheap, I was waiting and so I bought a copy of "IN SEARCH OF THE WILD ASPARAGUS" by E. Gibbons. From the recipe section of the book I quickly surmised that the author was some sort of degenerate chef that seconded as a drunken sot. My kind of guy. As I killed the afternoon waiting for United to unite, I learned that the "good Gibbons" had dedicated his life to this endless quest of searching for wild and organic natural foods to off set the concocted pollutants of assorted premium wines, cheap wines, premium distilled liquors and rotgut booze. At some point I lost interest in the narrative about wild sunflowers and white wine and tossed the book. Later on while I was on the airplane I started to think back on lifetime pursuits and what I should be in search of. In the years that followed I became an addicted fly fisher, bird watcher, mass murder of elk and deer along with the odd moose. I tried to learn Sanskrit, Urdu and wild bird calls. I even took up organic gardening and the never ending slug war. Then I inherited a 1956 Mercury station wagon with 17,130 miles on it. The car was in perfect condition.

Now like most first timers at anything...remember your first love? Well this was no different. I screwed up. I recalled back when my father who I was convinced was a tough mean man that only a very stupid person would cross and make angry had this old car in a barn. Later on after I had recovered from the trauma of burning down the barn with the car in it...my cousin Johnny was teaching me how to smoke hand made cigarettes, anyway the car was a 1935 or 36 Pierce Arrow dark green and black trim...the whole thing so addled my brain I shunned cars that were collectible. But the Mercury was like a very short skirt on a long legged lady bending over to tie her shoe...just a bit more and it will become very interesting... and so it was with the Mercury. Just a bit more. Now at this point in my life I thought that a wrench was heavy equipment and a Phillips screw driver was orange juice, vodka and Milk of Magnesia. I was not equipped or talented to turn the wagon into my vision of a hot rod. Besides that the car was showroom perfect so I just had to chop it up and hot rod the thing.

In those days I was not a purist of anything and so everything perfect was a challenge to push further on toward a vision beyond reality. Fortunately for the car a guy named Cussler bought the car and did all the tricky stuff with lots of money and time and added the car to his collection. But that aside, I was hooked. Now fast forward a few years. No make that a lot of years, too darn many in fact and I find myself up in the top of Nevada at a place called Denio Junction. It lists itself as a motel-bar-gas-café. Reality and self denial has been slow coming to Denio. There is a "rat trap" RV park and more than a few too seductive ladies about who spend time in the bars closer to the mines around Winnemucca Nevada. I am at the place sniffing around for another barn find, project car or cream puff. I have this urge to restore, hot rod or admire the metal creations. And so here it is in Denio. A faded out 1954 GMC three quarter ton pick up truck. The truck runs well, stops straight, keeps it's oil in the engine and out of the exhaust. A perfect candidate for my efforts. The only problem with this proposed enterprise is the owner. He is a young whelp of about forty or so. He gets his personal satisfaction out of telling people like me that the truck is not for sale, no way and no how. And so there it is. Another find but not a keeper. Someone in the club with real people skills needs to take this chap aside and work him over, perhaps you will get lucky and buy the truck. Send me an e-mail and I will hook you up with the truck's owner.

By: Toussaint Black Creek Ph.D.

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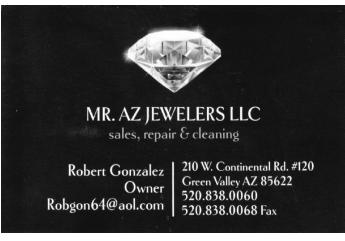
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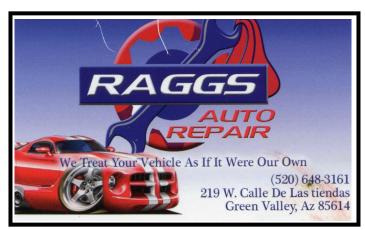


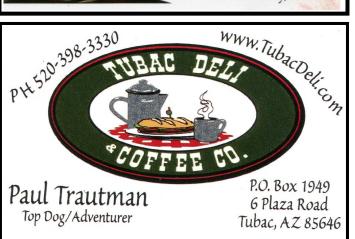
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