



# NUTS & BOLTS

Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts, Inc.

July 2020

## FROM THE EDITOR

I just wanted to give a shout out to Carol Shelton. She is responsible for all the great articles that appear in the newsletter. Without her we wouldn't have much to put in the newsletter. Thank you Carol.



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 set up 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 yourself.**

## MISCELLANEOUS INFO FROM CAROL

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Recently I wrote about the scholarship we Car Nuts awarded several years ago. Today I had another similar circumstance. I was talking on the telephone while my nurse was in the room. She heard me mention the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts and after the telephone call she inquired about the club. She said her daughter was awarded a scholarship in the past. The daughter now lives in Vietnam and is teaching English. The mother was very appreciative that she had the opportunity to have a job in a far away land. Our scholarship helped her. Why do I hear about our club from non-members? Because I talk about the club proudly. Try it sometime!

### FUN COMES AFTER THE PANDEMIC

We will get back to normal - we just don't know when. So let's start thinking of things to do. Some can be done soon if we plan right. I have one suggestion now:

### Amerind Museum

A drive through Texas Canyon, with beautiful granite on both sides, will take us to the Amerind Foundation. (Amerind.org) and phone number: (520) 586-3666 located at 2100 North Amerind Road. As the Museum closes for the lunch hour, the best time would be an arrival at 1:00. It is wheelchair assessable.

This foundation houses permanent and traveling exhibits.

The permanent exhibits include jewelry, baskets and pots.

Melanie Yazzie, Dine (Navajo) printmaker, painter and sculptor will be there exhibiting those items.

### Casa Grand Neon Sign Park

John Murray is planning an outing to this blast from the past. The drive there is approximately 90 miles from Green Valley. Since neon is best seen in the dark and some of us seniors don't do well driving at night, a stay overnight would probably be appropriate.

This park exhibits neon from business such as Valley National Bank to lesser known's like Goddard's Shoe Store. If we Car Nuts want to make our mark, we will have the opportunity to purchase a founder's brick paver. That will contribute to the cause and enhance the park's ambience.

by: Carol Shelton

**The Neon Sign Park is located at 408 N Sacaton St. in Casa Grande, AZ**

# Minutes of General and Board Meetings

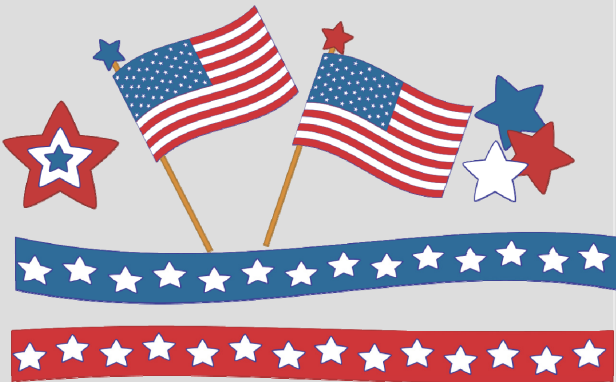
## General Meeting

There will be no general meetings of the Car Nuts until further notice

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

## Board Meeting

July Board Meeting cancelled



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**A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT OUR LOGO, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

I was asked by our President, Carol Shelton, if I had any information about our current logo. Our current logo was re-designed by my daughter, Kimberly DeVault, when I started doing the newsletter for the club. I wasn't very knowledgeable with the newsletter program so she also did the original format. For the newsletter. Eventually I got the hang of it and didn't need her help.

The original logo was in black and white and was created by the founding members in the early 90's. Since the club needed a colored logo she created it and put it in a format that could be used by anyone that wanted it. It is used in the newsletter and advertising and on our club stationary.

Kimberly also created our original website when the Board wanted a website. She wasn't paid for it because she owed me money!!! I told her I would cancel her loan if she would design it. She maintained it until she convinced Bob Smith to take it over. Bob has totally redesigned it and is doing a great job.

Maryann Miller

**OUR WONDERFUL AND KIND MEMBERS**

There is a reason why Car Nuts continue to give to our community. It's not to be praised or win awards. It's because we have so many kind members who want to make a difference in the lives of others.

**Case in point: May 27, 2020 "Acts of Kindness" Green Valley News.**

Our member, Gary Ballew, partnered with Ms. Sam Sweetman. Gary is her instructor at the GVR Clay Studio. She said she learned how to sew at age 8 and wanted to help our "situation" by making masks. And did she ever and is still going strong! The Green Valley News reported as of May 17 she had made 412 masks.

She is still busy making masks and Gary Ballew is handing them out. He asked me if I needed any. (I have several so I declined). But Gary went to fire stations, food banks, and everywhere he could to help provide them.

Here is Mr. Ballew's quote printed in the newspaper: "We need to be sensitive to what's around us and help people who need help now".

Now that's a Car Nut!!

By: Carol Shelton



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## **HOT MEMORIES, HOT FOOD and HOT CARS at the HOT ROD CAFÉ**

### **MEMORIES FROM 2011 BY PHILLIP SMITH (SMITTY)**

What more could a group of Car Nuts want on an early morning breakfast Cruise to the iconic Leo's Auto Supply building, where the old sign still stands under the watchful eye of legendary Paul Bunyon. Why of course we want more, we are car nuts after all.

A photo opportunity of course next to the famous and enduring Don's Hot Rod Shop and home of it's equally famous owner driver Donny Toia.

Who can forget the local gasser wars at Tucson Dragway, as the Incognito in all it's various forms fought it out on the two lane blacktop against challengers in the mid sixties and early seventies. Or not be reminded of the cars and racing of their hometown track or cruise corridor.

Familiar Arizona names such as Loper's Speed Shop Willys, Gary Hudspeths Chevy, Kevin Rottys, Anglia, and Gerald John's Anglia the Stud Field Mouse, to name a few all rekindled memories as you peruse the walls of the Hot Rod Café, which is located in the far end of the building ensconced in what was once a muffler shop, and the site of the original Dons Hot Rod Shop.

After ordering a favorite beverage and breakfast preference, it didn't take long for the conversation to turn to the favorite of any such gathering. Car stories of myth, legend and fact floated through the air as all enjoyed good food, the camaraderie within the atmosphere created by design of the racing and hot rod world, a pictorial and display feast of long past and present car nut dreams.

If you've never been, drive on over to 2831 N. Stone Ave. And when you see Paul Bunyon standing on the corner, pull in and say hi, before you walk on down to the café.

Who knows how many times you'll want to go back, and who knows who you'll run into. Car Nuts they are everywhere.

**By: Phillip Smith**

**This restaurant is now closed.**





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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 them down. Thanks Maryann Miller,  
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If you have a car for sale, just let me know.  
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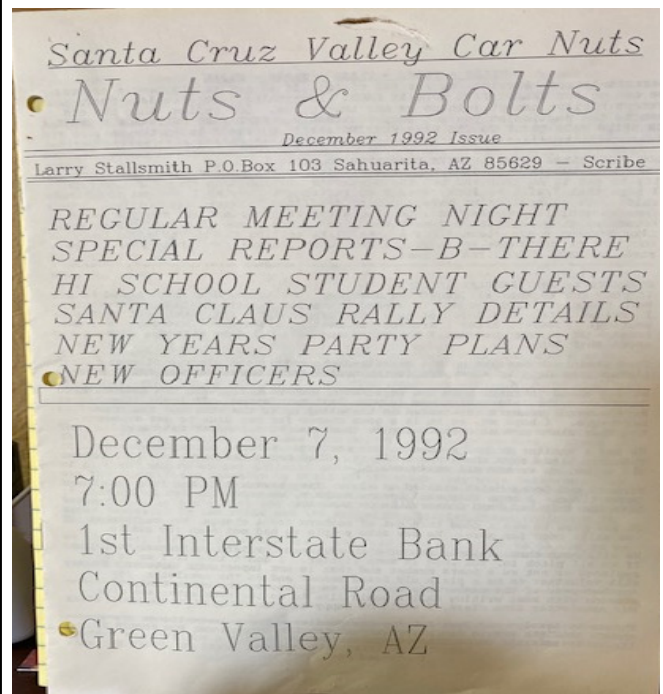
## Car Shows

**ALL CAR SHOWS CANCELLED FOR NOW.**

Check out [www.cruisinarizona.com](http://www.cruisinarizona.com) for the latest info on car shows around the state.



Going through old records, Carol found this newspaper article from 1992



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## YESTERDAYS DREAMS (More Phillip Smith Stories from 2011)

After a visit to the Hot Rod café, and seeing all the pictures of early local drag racing at the old Tucson Dragway on South Houghton Road, nostalgia kicked in to my less than completely active brain. Old racing memories, cars and people I knew, some long gone, some whose whereabouts are unknown, and a few I run into now and then. All had dreams of racing success. Many made it. Some such as I just drifted away from it, regulated to the “I used to” crowd of story tellers, but yet not without dreams.

Often as I stroll around a track here or there, a Cruise-in or a car show or just looking at a someday I’ll finish project, those dreams blossom, just as they did after the visit to the café. I could do this and that and build the biggest baddest yadda yadda yadda in town, usually just before or right after I start my afternoon nap, which is required for any continued ambition. Then there is reality, and those dreams join the fate of the old raceway. Still there, still visited now and then. Ahhh—memories and dreams— enjoy them.

**By Phillip Smith**



Tucson Dragway today, somewhere in that blacktop lies a lot of yesterdays.



Tucson Dragway 1972)



# THINGS That BOGGLE THE MIND

## Statistics FOR THE Year 1910

Fuel for a car was sold in drug stores only

Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads

The average US wage was 22 cents per hour

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400/year

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION, but attended medical schools that were condemned in the press and the government as substandard.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The population in Las Vegas was only 30.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health"

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

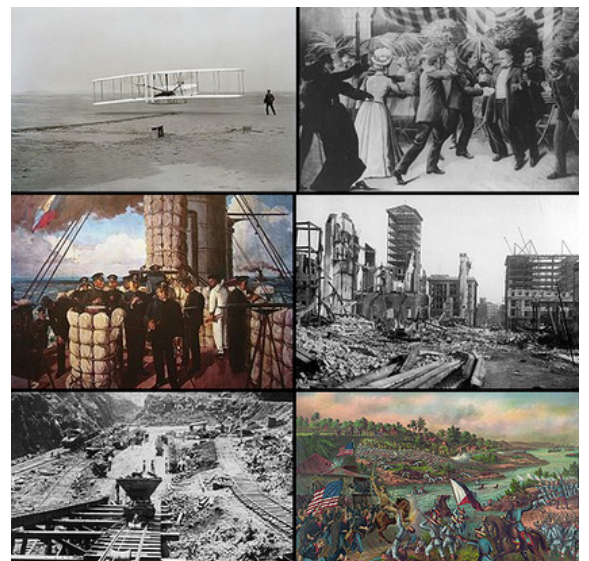
Imagine that this can be forwarded to someone else without typing it and sent to others all over the world, all in a matter of seconds.

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

Contributed by Carol

Shelton

Do you know what year  
this car is



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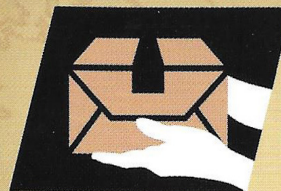


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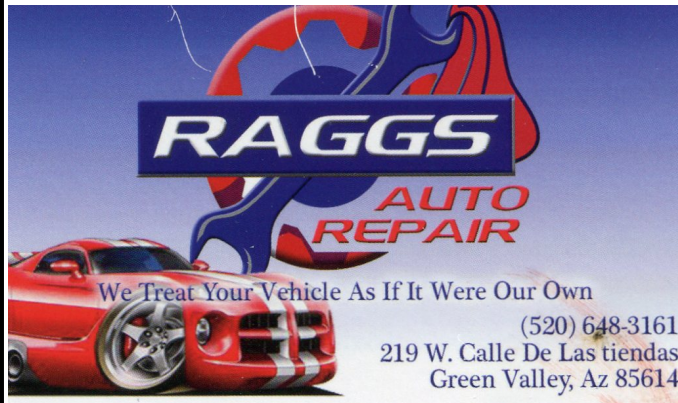


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