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NEWS AND VIEWS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SEDONA CAR CLUB

President's Vehicle

January came and went with more weather than necessary! Our January tour to the Barrett-Jackson auction sorta fizzled. Even though, as your Tour Chairman (and having purchased an advance ticket, I felt obligated to attend, with all the rain and mud predicted, I opted to stay home and watch the auction on TV. I did go to the start and hand out "route sheets" to the six or 7 hardy souls who drove to Scottsdale for the event. Naturally, the day turned out fairly nice and the

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ground not too muddy. I have been watching the auction on TV and have

come to two conclusions: first, that there are very few very interesting (to me, at least) classic or foreign cars but almost exclusively American "muscle cars" and American iron. Lots of Chevys, T-Birds, Corvettes, etc. and second, that there are lots of people out there with more money than brains. On the third night of the auction a 1971 Hemi 'Cuda sold for a quarter of a million bucks, plus an 8% buyers' fee and about 9% sales tax, for a total of around \$294,000.

Just think: for this many bucks you could purchase a true classic Duesenberg, Bugatti or whatever. This is just my opinion, so it must be wrong!

Please take time to read the Tour Schedule again: many changes or additions since last month.

Al Moss

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The April general meeting has been re-scheduled for April 5th, not the 12th as normally scheduled. Also, the May meeting is rescheduled for the 17th instead of the 10th. Please mark your calendars!

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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Matt Shobert of the Sedona Fire District will give a brief presentation on the Technical Rescue program.

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Club Calendar

February

- 19 Garage Sale "Rally." Rain date-Feb. 26th. Details on page 7.

March

- 12 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

April

- 12-13 Briskman Car Collection in Scottsdale & Kartchner Caverns. See details on page 7.

May

- 8 Mother's Day Brunch (tentative)
- 9-12 Utah Tour. Details on page 7.

June

- 14 Annual Picnic
- 25 Moonlight on Verde Canyon Railroad or Moonlight Auto Tour. (tentative)

August

- ? 2nd Annual Member's Garage visit.
- 16-22 Monterey Historic Races, Concours etc.

September

- 16 NAU Dinner
- 17 Annual SCC Car Show. (Tentative)

October

- 18-20 Petrified Forest & Canyon de Chelly. See details on page 7.

November

- ? Treasure Hunt/Rally

December

- ? Cottonwood Christmas Parade
- 14 Annual SCC Christmas Party

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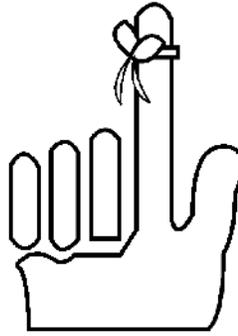
JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Al Moss, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p. m. with Ed Horvat leading the pledge. Al introduced two guests: Dawn Dee, (Bill Harrison's daughter) and Tom Brainard (new Sedona resident). A thank you letter from Sharon Braumba of the Cottonwood Mission was read, thanking us for the Christmas toys. Al reported on the cleaning out of our storage room locker. Notebooks on the history of the club will still be stored there. Greg Zucco was thanked for his first Tire Tracks publication. Greg stated that advertisements for the newsletter will be solicited. Discussion on the PDF version of the newsletter followed and a sign up sheet was passed.

Larry Currie reported accepted money for the 2005 Dues. Current membership: 77 families; 142 members. Ed Pittman gave a tentative date of Sept. 17th for the Car Show. We are in search of a theme. A suggestion was made that this is the airport's 50th anniversary. Upcoming events were announced. Deadline for paying for the Utah Tour is Feb. 15th (\$385.000 per couple).

Old Business: Greg Zucco reported BASHA' S THANKS A MILLION CLUB is still operating for a maximum cash rebate per organization of \$2500. The cashier will link our number to your card and you may link up to three organizations per card. Larry Currie solved the mystery of the disappearance of two coffee pots. Carol Smith suggested the club contribute to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Discussion followed with the majority suggesting the matter go to the board. Loraine Cousins made the motion, seconded by Dave Lombardi. Vickie Currie informed us that a local artist, Tom Aderhold, died, and that checks are being received to help his widow, Jennifer, with medical expenses.

The 50:50 Drawing was won by Larry Currie. After the break, Bill Wheat, owner of Blue Ribbon Automotive Detailing in Sedona, provided a very informative program for hands on enthusiasts.



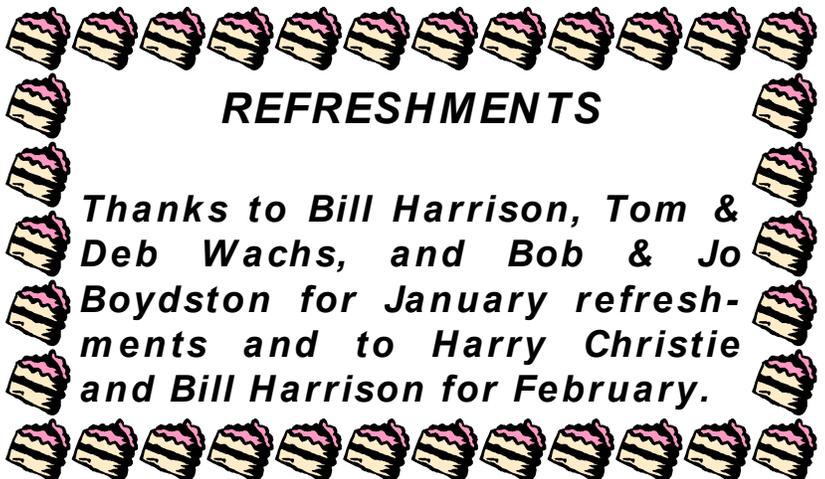
DON'T FORGET!!



Don't forget when you shop at Bashas' to register your card to the Sedona Car Club. As of 1/15 we have 12 participants, but have earned \$59 dollars for the club. We have much greater potential. There are still two months to go. Tell the cashier to enter the Car Club number.

Free tax preparation provided by volunteers sponsored by the IRS and AARP is available at the Sedona Library every Tues., Thurs., & Sat between 10 AM and 2 PM from February 1st to April 14th. Certain complex returns are not eligible. There are no income or age restrictions. Check with Greg Zucco for more info. 204-5854

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside-down, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C. The Russians used a pencil. Your taxes are due again--enjoy paying them.



Meet the Members



Greg Zucco/ Stephanie Giesbrecht

Born in Pittsburgh amidst the smokestacks of Western Pennsylvania, Greg quickly became a Pittsburgh Steeler fan. However, it was mostly from afar since after high school graduation he attended Kent State U. in Ohio, graduating in 1969 and remaining in Ohio for the next 20 some years with a few short stints elsewhere. Greg settled in Dayton and pursued a career in Corporate human resource management. He participated in several entrepreneurial endeavors on the side, but the only one that really stuck was real estate. He acquired and managed a number of investment properties throughout the 80's & 90's. He also started a family and now has two sons still in southwestern Ohio. One is married and made him the grandparent of a beautiful girl in December 2004. After taking a few vacations in Sedona, he knew someday he would retire here. So, at 49 the corporate job was jettisoned and a few years later all the properties were sold and the middle aged man went West.

Since moving to Sedona, (and giving up his quarter horses), Greg has not figured out how he ever had time to work. In addition to the car club, he is on the Sedona Board of Adjustment, does taxes as a volunteer for the AARP, plays handball 3 times a week, softball in the summer, and hikes frequently with his cool border collie, Bixby. Then to top things off he met Stephanie 8 months ago and they started their own private money lending business. In summary, all is sweet in Sedona, as the kids would say, and Greg has no designs on being anywhere else.

Stephanie was born in Boston, transplanted to SF Bay Area immediately for Dad's residency. Privileged childhood led to USC for 2 years and UCLA to finish up. First job from college was as 5-State Training Mgr for Hertz. Problem was for CA girl, States were OK, TX, TN, LA, MS and AL. Lasted for 2 yrs and escaped to Lake Tahoe to ski bum. Left 18 years later after becoming a Systems Analyst specializing in Destination Resort Development automation. Interim contract for State of CA as Database Mgr for 1990 Redistricting of California led to 5-year contract in Hawaii to network 3 resort developments across the 5 major islands. Always having an eye for the Southwest, fled Hawaii for Sedona and another systems job. Y2K hit and spent 2 years traveling between systems clients throughout the Western Hemisphere, updating ancient systems to Y2K compatibility. Enough of that, had mid-life crisis and learned to fly helicopters, earning a Commercial Helicopter Pilot rating, only to determine that commercial flying was not "IT". Always having had a Brokers license, was convinced by long-term friend to "do" loans. Interesting, keeps me home and close to Greg who is the "Love of My Life". Truly a great life in Sedona... Other stuff: Licensed Aerobics Instructor, Active Rotarian, Active 99'er (licensed female pilot's Assoc), Whirlygirl 1182 (licensed female helo pilot Assoc), currently flying powerchutes for 4-Winds Sedona Adventure Company. Got a great dog named Cuddles love of Bixby's life...



Meet the Members (con't)

Scott & Mercedes Mangarpan

Scott and Mercedes Mangarpan and their two sons, Will (15) and Chas (12), relocated to Sedona in August 2004. Having become disenchanted with the crowds and chaos of the Silicon Valley, the Mangarpans desired a lifestyle change. Both Scott and Mercedes are graduates of the University of Arizona, and knew that someday they would return to Arizona. Having visited Sedona on a vacation of the Southwest, they succumbed to Red Rock Fever or simultaneous mid-life crisis's. Scott, an Architect and Construction Project Manager, and Mercedes, a Human Resources Director, said good bye to the corporate and high tech worlds. The entire family has no regrets; the boys love the outdoor activities and the parents are enjoying participating in several volunteer organizations.

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Their interest in joining 1937 BMW 328. The Mercedes' father who was a pilot, Mercedes is named after her mother. He had on order until her

the car club is a result of owning a car was formerly owned by Mercedes' father who was a pilot. (As an example, Mercedes is named after a 300 SL Gullwing which he mother informed him of the need was an airline pilot who flew in the

Berlin Airlift. While stationed in Berlin, he purchased the BMW from a farmer who had hidden the car from the Nazis under a hay stack in his barn during the war. The dilemma he had was to drive the car from the Russian sector of Berlin into the American sector. In order to get the BMW through the checkpoint, he dressed in his pilot's uniform and when approached by the guard, he flashed his Texaco credit card. The Russian guard was not about to stop a uniformed official bearing identification embossed with a large red star!

Scott and Mercedes are looking forward to participating in Car Club events as well as gaining advice on restoration of the 328; however, this will have to fit in between the boy's activities and the building their new home.

Check out the unique story behind Bill and Mercedes' 1937 BMW 328



Members To Remember

In some issues of **Tire Tracks** various members will be recognized for who they are or what they do. It seems like a good idea for members to remember other members when they need to do business in the community, need help with something, possess a special talent or contribute to the club or their community. Consider this your bulletin board. All postings and submissions are welcome.



Did you know Deb Wachs was a fabulous quilter? This “Wild Garden” was recently on display at the Sedona Library. It is 98x98 and the inspiration for it came from sunflower fabric and Deb’s friend Mimi helped her choose the rest of the fabrics.





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2005 Tours & Events On Tap

And now the details...

- The Third Somewhat Annual Garage Sale "Rally" Always a popular event, Saturday the 19th. (Rain date: Saturday the 26th) For those who did not participate in the first two Garage Sale "Rallies" (9/98 & 3/02), the object of this two hour event is to go to several garage sales and purchase inexpensive items in designated categories. At noon all participants will meet for lunch and judging of the best item in each category. Be prepared for some fun and many laughs. The event will begin and end at the Highway Cafe on 89A near Soldier Pass at 10 A.M. Be there by 9:45. In case of rain: the event will be held the following Saturday. If it LOOKS like rain in the morning, call Al at 282-6914 to confirm whether the event will be held or postponed. Don't miss this FUN event and by all means bring your "Special Interest" auto; there will not be too much driving.
- April 12-13 — Another visit to the Briskman's car collection and home in Scottsdale, then on to Sierra Vista for the night. Wednesday morning we will tour the newly opened "Big Room" at Kartchner Caverns. It will have been five years since we toured the recently opened Rotunda, the first cavern to be opened to the public. Due to the popularity of Kartchner Caverns, it will be necessary to sign up and pay (\$22.95 per person) at the January meeting. 32 couples have signed up and paid for this tour and no more can be accepted. Those registered are as follows: Anderson, Bangiola, Blankenship, Boydston, Briskman, Cousins, Currie, Duncan, Horvat, Levinson, Mckenzie, Medulla, Miller, Moss, Niederkorn & Tulley. You will be notified shortly as to details and where to make your room reservations in Sierra Vista.
- May 9-12 — I have put together what promises to be a fantastic four day tour for next May. Monday, May 9th we will travel to the Grand Canyon North Rim and have a picnic lunch. We will spend the night in Kanab, Utah. On Tuesday we will go over the Smithsonian Butte Byway, a spectacular road where we will see the towering slick rock pinnacles and balancing rocks of the Canaan Mountain as well as panoramic views of Zion National Park. We will have a brief stop at the picturesque ghost town of Grafton, where the "Raindrops Are Falling" scene from Butch Cassidy was shot, plus the cemetery with some interesting headstone inscriptions. We will then tour Zion and/or Bryce National parks and proceed to the Boulder Mountain Lodge for the night and dinner at Hell's Backbone Grill. Both are truly outstanding. Wednesday we will visit Capitol Reef National Park and travel over scenic roads to spend the last night at Goulding's Lodge at Monument Valley. While there we will take a 2-1/2 hour Jeep tour of Monument Valley with Navajo guides.

Doesn't this sound like a grand experience!! The total cost for the three nights lodging and the Jeep tour is just \$385 per couple. This tour is limited to 15 couples so don't delay in signing up. The deadline for registering, with payment, is February 15th, 2005.

You can access all of the above places and get detailed information and pictures on the internet by using Google.

14 Couples signed up at the January meeting, but only 6 paid for the tour. Those who paid are Duncan, Horvat, McKenzie, Pittman, Smith & Tulley. Those who signed up but did not pay are: Bangiola, Bille, Blankenship, Boydston, Carson, Chamness, Currie & Medulla. The absolute deadline for signing up and paying is Feb. 15th: Please bring your check to the February meeting. Yes, .I know the event is a long way off but please understand that your tour chairman must make reservations far in advance.

- October 18-20 — Petrified Forest and first night at La Posada in Winslow. Then two nights at Chinle with a great 5-hour ride up the bottom of Canyon de Chelly with Indian Guides. (Don't miss this!)

Al Moss

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be held on Tuesday, February 8th 2005, at 7:00 PM, at the Adult Community Center of Sedona, 2645 Melody Lane.