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Tire Tracks

THE VOICE OF THE SEDONA CAR CLUB—PUTTING DEAD TREES TO GOOD USE



Let me remind everyone that the meeting in October will be the first Tuesday (Oct. 7th) instead of the second Tuesday. This is because when we signed the contract with the library the second Tuesday was already booked for October. Have any of you had a car

stolen? Statistically, it seems to happen often, but I have not met too many individuals who will admit to losing a car. It happened to me many years ago. Alva and I had a new 1964 Pontiac two-door

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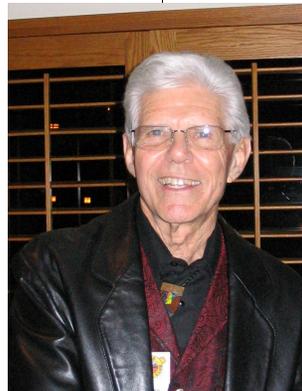
hardtop, silver with a black vinyl top. This was our only car. I paid for a ride to work so Alva could have a car every day. One day in January, I had to take a physical examination, so I drove the car to work and went for the exam at 5:00 o'clock. When I came out of the doctor's building the car was gone. I stood looking at the empty parking space thinking; I know that is where I parked it. I went back inside the doctor's office and called

Alva. "Did you come get the car?" Her reply was an indignant, "Of course not." I telephoned the Oklahoma City police and reported the stolen car, then called my friend George with whom I worked, and asked him to pick me up and take me home.

George collected me and I told him the story. We stopped at a traffic light and George said, "That looks like your car there." Sure enough stopped at the light was a silver and black Pontiac pointed the opposite direction. I said, "It looks like mine, but mine has wheel covers that one has

bare wheels."

When the light changed to green, the Pontiac turned right and we turned left on his tail. At this point I could see the license number and it *was* my car. What do we do? Remember this was before cellar phones. We talked about stopping at a pay phone to call the police. What good would that do? The police already knew the car was stolen. We could see that two guys were in the car. George said, "At the next stop light let's just go up and grab them out of the car." I looked at George with disbelief. George was 6'4" and 220 pounds, an ex-basketball player. I weighed perhaps 160 with a pocketful of nuts and bolts. George convinced me it was the only thing to do.



At the next red light, the Pontiac stopped with us right behind. George and I got out and approached. The two guys were talking to four teenagers standing on the corner, so they never saw us approaching the car. We jerked the doors open at the same time. I had no idea what was going to happen, so I decided to be aggressive. I reached inside and grabbed the guy by the lapels of his winter coat and jerked as hard as I could.

He came flying out landing on his back. I cocked my fist to hit him as hard as I could. I figured it might be my only punch before he broke me in pieces. He yelled, "Don't hit me! Don't hit me!" Then I saw that he was a kid perhaps my size, but only a teenager. I checked to see how George was doing. His kid was still in the car tangled up with foot pedals but not resisting in any way. About this time a clerk came out of the drugstore on the corner asking what was happening. I told him to call the police.

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Successful Community Fair '08 Driven by Sedona Car Club

The Car Club is grateful to all those responsible for making the show a success. One of the biggest ever! And without a Committee chaired by David Lombardi there would have been nothing. The club can be proud that once again the cars were the main attraction and this year we dodged the weather bullet. — Editor



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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Saturday, October 11th is the date for the second non-annual **TREASURE HUNT**. This will be a two hour, **fun** event, ending with lunch. It will be limited to the first 20 cars/couples to sign up at the October 7th meeting. Yes, the October meeting will be on Tuesday, the 7th. It will be necessary to sign up at this meeting: there will be no "post entries"!

al moss

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Within a few minutes, police cars came from all four directions with sirens blaring.

We told our story to the police and they cuffed the kids and took them away. One cop said, "I've been in law enforcement for 25 years. I never heard of anyone recovering their own car."

It turned out they were 16 and 17 year old sons of a doctor and lawyer, both prominent families. The doctor called and apologized for his son, offering to pay for any damages. We never heard from the lawyer. I have often wondered how those two kids turned out. If you tried that today, the kids would be packing and put a 9 mm between your eyes.

Happy motoring.

Ed Pittman

Welcome to new renewing members:
Ross & Lee Ann Morgan

Car Club Meeting Minutes

President Ed Pittman opened the meeting at 7PM and introduced our guest, John Davey who is the owner of a 1963 Chevy pickup. Ed led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our program was a slide show of past club activities from 1992-2002 presented by Les and Sally Peck. Next month's program will be on "Dark Skies".

Membership chairman, Larry Currie reported that our club now has 60 families and 111 members. He said we also had 72+ pre-registered cars for our Sept. 20th Car Show. An announcement was made that our next club meeting would be a week earlier, Oct. 7th as the library will need the meeting room on Oct. 14th for their book sale. Larry Currie will send out an email reminder.

Tours/Events chairman, Al Moss talked about the rally on Sat. Oct. 11th. It would be a treasure hunt and will last about 2 ½ hours. We will have lunch after the rally. Space is limited to 20 cars. A signup sheet was passed around at the meeting. Bill Harrison talked about a possible tour event to Gateway Museum in Colorado. He passed around information about the tour from a previous trip. The last time we did this tour was in June 2006.

Car Show chairman, David Lombardi gave us an update on the upcoming Car Show. He asked that members enter their cars, even if it is in the "display" category. A signup sheet was passed around for workers at the car show. We were asked to wear our red club polo shirts to the car show. David had some for sale for those who wanted to purchase a shirt. Al Moss gave us information on Phil Hill, the famous American auto racer who passed away on Aug. 26th. You can get additional information on Phil Hill at www.philhill.com.

Ed Pittman announced that our club by-laws state we need to appoint a nominating committee in Sept. for next year's board members. Sharon Blankenship and Scott Mangarpan have agreed to be on the nominating committee.

George Lauman ended the meeting with a joke. Ed Pittman decreed that we would end all future meetings with a joke so members need to be prepared to deliver a joke at future meetings.

David Lombardi sold the 50-50 tickets and the winner was Bill Harrison.

Judy Gain, Secretary

Classifieds

1964 ½ Mustang hardtop. Original owner Recently rebuilt engine, A-code 289 engine with holley 4-BBL. Too much to list. Must see and hear. \$32,000 Car located in Sedona, AZ!

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Duncan double dips....again!!

Umpteenth Award for the Umpteenth Time

Tire Tracks© has lost track of not only how many car show awards the Duncan's have amassed over the years, but also how many entries they have contributed. This year it was 4 or 5 entries. And for the fourth time the "Woody" was Best of Show. It is rumored the Duncan's have gone into the plastic recycling business!



At Right — Traditional Styling and Classic Lines characterize these two car show entrants.



Above — Jaguar has been roundly criticized for trying to knock off a Miata look alike. Seems like "Jaguar" spelled out in chrome letters might be just the touch this vehicle needs.





Left — An authoritative Joe Tulley tells this Cadillac and its owner where to go.

Below - Several of the Car Club wives wanted to perform for the crowds so they took to the "street." Note "Christine" in the background from the Stephen King movie.



Above and Right — Who was it that once famously said, "if you bring food, they will come." Note the usual suspects crowded around the buffet.



Car Club Dudes (and Dudettes) Descend on Durango



A five-car caravan made its way through parts of scenic Utah before ending up in Colorado. Ross and Lee Ann Morgan drove their Ford Model A Coupe. Ross calls this his chicken coop car. I'm not sure if this is because he found it in a chicken coop or because it served as a chicken coop. Many of you have seen it. In fact it won the Presidents' Trophy a few years ago at our car show, not for beauty, but for original thinking. It is pretty rusty looking with hand painted lettering on it. When I saw they were driving a model A, I thought we were going to be making a slow trip. Not so. That little car really scoots along. I wonder what people in their big Mercedes thought

when a rusty little car blew past them at 70 mph. Ross does have 140 hp under the hood, which helps explain part of it. The train ride was worth the drive. The scenery was spectacular with the aspen leaves turning in the high country. The only serious complaint was about the coal smoke and cinders. It got on everything, face, hair, clothing. The washrags were black when we got back to the motel. Larry Currie did not wear a hat and his white hair turned steel



gray. We will probably die of black lung disease after inhaling that stuff for 9 hours.

Our leader was 48 minutes late for the start home on Thursday. It seems he wanted a fancy breakfast instead of what came with the room. Does this make him a candidate for the Bent Hubcap? Award?

Article courtesy Ed Pitman



Right - Steven Segal wannabe, Ed Pitman notices train robbers on the caboose roof and entertains taking them on. More violence from our President???



Tire Tracks® resumes it's Post Cards from the past by Victoria Clark with this 1909 Thomas Flyer

Center Photo
1951 Buick LaSabre



FREE money is once again being given away by Basha's & Food City starting in September. All you have to do is connect your savings card to the Car club. They'll do it for you, just tell the cashier. Folks, this is a no brainer. We have come up just short of \$100 the past two years. Let's see if we can break \$100 this year. - *Editor*



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The next meeting
of the Sedona Car
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**Tuesday, October
7th**, at 7:00 PM,
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