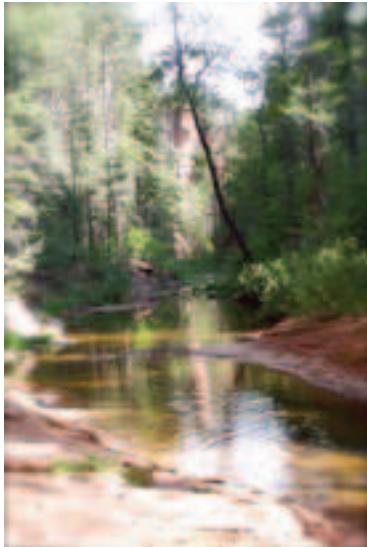


Tire Tracks



May is Here! Can Summer Be Far Behind?

Peak season for tours and events.

The next few weeks will be packed with fun and adventure for all members of the Sedona Car Club! Even the Summer Hiatus which begins on June 15 and runs to September 4, has a special event. And, before we have time to even think, preparations for the Annual Car Show must be underway.

By the time you read this our first Bashas' Car Display will be history. At press time we have 22 entries and the weather promises to be nice and warm.

Sunday, May 8th, will see 39 Car Club members and guests enjoying the annual Mother's Day brunch on the patio of Junipine. Then there will be the four-day tour (May 16 to 19) to Colorado to visit two car museums and drive over some scenic mountain roads. Fifteen cars/couples will be participating, including eight S C C couples.

Our activity for June will be the annual picnic on Tuesday the 14th. Nothing is scheduled for July. But, on Saturday, August 6th, will be our 5th or 6th, Somewhat Annual Garage Sale Rally. So mark your calendars now.

Al Moss



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President's Letter

Well, within a few days, I will have pared my vehicle list down by one.

Last year I decided I wanted a Geo Tracker for our motorhome tow car. A Tracker is a Jeep-like 4X4 car, but it is quite small. Because of their light weight they are very sought after by RVers. While shopping for one last fall I came across one which, though it did not fit my needs exactly, I bought anyway because it was really cheap. Cheap because it did not run and was the filthiest car you could imagine.

My thinking was that I could fix it up and sell it for a profit to offset the cost of the one I would buy to keep.

I worked a long time on the car, but that's OK, that's what I enjoy doing. The whole interior was removed, doused with straight Simple Green and scrubbed with a stiff brush and a pressure washer. The engine, it turned out had a bent valve. My neighbor and I repaired and replaced a lot of parts. I removed a dent in a fender and repainted it. I bought a new soft top for it and, of course, "detailed" the exterior.

It now looks and runs really nice. My plan was that I could easily double my investment in it, which would offset the cost of the other car. (continued on page 3.)

Photography, Geography and Car Trips

Remembrances of summer outings, local and beyond. What will you be seeing, this year?

clockwise: Central Ave, Albuquerque; Church of the Holy Cross, Sedona; artwork, Taliesin West, Scottsdale; beach play, Puerto Vallarta; Tallac Estate, Lake Tahoe; beach scavengers, Carlsbad; San Diego skyline, Coronado Island; 400 years parade, Santa Fe; Talaquepaque, Sedona.



President's Letter

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Last week a friend came over to visit. He is having it tough in these economic times. He and his wife both work, so they need two cars, and their second car just broke down, needing expensive repairs. He saw the Tracker and asked if I would sell it to him. Rachel and I looked at each other sharing the same thought.

I told him I would sell it to them for what I had put into it. A good deal for them. They deserve it. No "fat profit" for me, of course, but a good feeling that maybe I've helped a friend. And... one less car in the yard.

David



Visit Our Website(s)

Greg Zucco is Webmaster for the Club, and has been busy, adding links to members sites, and making the site represent us well to the community. Please visit the site soon, and then

call Greg to let him know. The address is: sedonacarclub.com.

Sally Peck, former President, also is an artist, making beautiful jewelry with beads and other bright materials. We have all seen her work, which she often wears to Club events. She now has a website on which you can view her work and select items for purchase. The address is: wearabledesigns.com

Tom Wachs gave us a pleasant surprise recently by announcing his website, offering acrylic paintings of old cars and beautiful flowers. His works offer realistic detail and vivid giclee colors. You will be impressed. The address is: tomwachsacrylics.com.

Classifieds: Cars for Sale

This top-of-the-line Mercedes Benz 1983 500 SEC just turned 103k miles. It is TILA'S BABY; all of its life it has been part of the Hagemanns' collection. It needs to go to make room for a "new arrival".

Well cared-for would be a gross understatement. This outstanding car is a prime candidate for a serious collector, or any driver who can appreciate a quality sports coupe. The asking price is \$7,000 ... firm. Call Diana, 282-4740.



This 1998 Miata MX5. looks and drives like new. It has an automatic transmission, new tires, new brakes, powder-coated steel wheels, new seat covers (original equipment), a black mesh grille and fresh paintwork, to offset a lifetime under Sedona's sun. The color is deep green metallic and the top is black vinyl (good condition). Included is a new top cover, and a new cover for the entire car. Oh yes, it has been driven only 34k miles. The price is \$7,500 ... firm. Call Ralph, at 282-2890



UNDER THE SHADE TREE
...AN HONEST PACK OF LIES



I was messin around in my garage, one afternoon, when my peace was disturbed by the sudden appearance of my neighbor and old friend, Perry, who apparently had something to tell me ... something that for some reason couldn't wait. Well, I was just killing time anyway, so I offered him a seat and settled in to hear him out. This is what he said.

"It was such a nice morning that I actually wanted to be outdoors, and since my grass needed cutting, I fired up the lawnmower and had a go at it. I finished off the backyard and settled down in my shady old hammock for a little cool-down before movin on to the front. I was admirin my old cherry tree which was just droopin with bright red fruit, and I spotted about four beautiful bluebirds. They were settlin in for a feast. I enjoyed the 'bucolic quality' of it all ... the warm day, the smell of fresh-cut grass, the bountiful crop of fruit and the heartfelt joy these birds took in this beautiful day.[Did I mention that Perry was a preacher? ed.] My short break had become something truly special, so I just relaxed and let the moment play out."

"After a while the birds one by one, they settled on the let their full bellies rest. I lesson on living naturally, on don't know how much time passed. meant nothin. After a while, wing and flew about fifty feet dead! Next, two more birds did exact same endin."

"I ran into my house to tell the birds, but there was nobody to listen, so I drifted back out to the yard, still ponderin what I'd seen. There, on the lawnmower handle, was the last bluebird. He hadn't moved and he still didn't move for a long time. I wondered if he was dead, too, and just hadn't fallen down yet. So I kept my eye on him, and after a while, he dropped a huge white load right there on the lawnmower engine. Then he flew away, just as pretty as you please!"



apparently got their fill and, handle of the lawnmower, to was thinkin, 'What a fine being right with the world!' I I was feelin so mellow. Time though, one of the birds took before fallin to earth. He was the exact same thing, with the

somebody what had happened to

At that point I had been listening patiently to his story and was ready for him to get to the point. But now he was saying nothing, just looking at me with that "don't you get it?" look on his face. Well, I didn't get it! So I told him so.

He said, "You really don't get it? Well, it took me a minute, too. But then, like a flash it just came to me. Aha!"

If you want to know what he said next, look for the answer which is found somewhere in this month's issue of Tire Tracks. RLB

Playlists Rock!!!

Lately I have been wondering if I might be one of those persons who “just doesn’t get it”! Unlikely as that seems, I felt that I should do something to dispel any further self-doubts. So I went online (that’s one point), and found my way to YouTube (that’s two points), where I felt sure that the secret of “getting it” must reside. Scattered here and there amongst the clutter of vainglorious and even bizarre displays of ego, I noticed something showing up again and again. It was Playlists (that’s three points)! Surely I was “getting it”! The ultimate proof of being “clued”, of “getting it”, must be to have a Playlist (that’s four points). By developing a list of your very most favoritest popular tunes, anybody can assert an incontestable claim to be “somebody who gets it!”. This is a true five-pointer!

One problem remained, however. I’m one of those guys who just doesn’t have favorites. I don’t generally care much about who wins, or what is the best. I am appealing for your help. I need your help! Submit your playlist of 20 all-time best car songs so I can choose a winner. Then, when I am asked by one of “them”, I will just hand them your playlist and they will think “He gets it!”. Got it?

Songs About Cars Contest

Submit the Best Playlist of Songs About Cars

Win Big Money and be Famous!

Remember “Little Deuce Coupe”, or “Hot Rod Lincoln”? Your editor is holding a contest to find out who among us recalls the best of these Americana Classics. Just draw up your very own list of the 20 all-time best car songs, according to you, and send it To: RalphB@esedona.net. All entries are due on or before June 5, 2011. The editor’s decision is final. A \$25 cash prize will be presented at the June picnic. You must be present to win.

Criteria:

Only songs that were professionally recorded, produced and distributed are acceptable.

The title, name of the recording artist, and if possible, name of the album, are required*.

The songs must be about cars; the mere mention of a car is not sufficient.

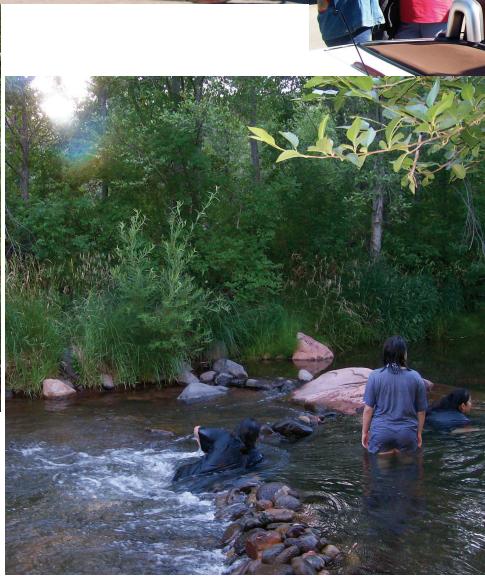
Songs using car as a metaphor for something else, a woman, for example, are acceptable.

Plagiarized playlists, copied directly from online sites, will be unacceptable.

*The editor will attempt to locate the songs and download them onto a CD, so any member can secure a copy of the winning Playlist. Great for long car tours!?



Photo Page: Recent Events and Tours



This is a preview of Chavez Crossing, where our Annual Picnic will be held on June 14, 2011. Be there, y'heah!

CLUB NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

Martin Glinsky has arranged for us to hear from John Kincaid, a financial professional, from the VOC. He will talk about investments and estate planning. See you all on May 10th.

LITTER LIFTERS

Our mile of 89A is kept in great shape thanks to Bob Van Steenberg who does a great job of signing up volunteers. Our thanks go to Bob. He is always there, alongside those members who volunteer. The next Lifting is scheduled in June, so be alert at the May meeting when Bob will offer the details. If you haven't volunteered yet, this is your call.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The month of May is a bonus month, that is, it seems that more people were born, and married, in May than in any other month of the year. But judge for yourself ...

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Victoria Clark	Richard & Judy Young
Amy Duncan	Tom & Debbie Wachs
Bob Duncan	Joe & Mary Tulley
Katrina Roth	David & Rachel Lombardi
Phil Wadsack	
Cheryl Ossenfort	

WHAT DID PERRY SAY?

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"Never fly off the handle when you know you are full of cherries!"

Perry was always a joker, but being also a preacher, he couldn't say, "shit!". But I can, and so I did! See you under the shade tree.

RLB

NOTICE

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO APPROVE OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM AACA. THE BOARD PROCEEDED WITH THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS AS APPROVED. THE BOARD IS NOW MODIFYING THE CLUB BYLAWS BY REMOVING ALL REFERENCES TO AACA CONTAINED THEREIN. INASMUCH AS THIS LATTER ACTION WAS INCLUDED BY REFERENCE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS VOTE, NO ADDITIONAL VOTE WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS. IF, HOWEVER, ANY MEMBER WISHES TO HAVE A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE BYLAWS CHANGES, PLEASE NOTIFY DAVID LOMBARDI OR ANY BOARD MEMBER, IN WRITING, BEFORE JUNE 1, 2011, AND A SEPARATE VOTE WILL BE SCHEDULED. **IF NO REQUEST IS RECEIVED, NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

NOTICE: Tire Tracks will not be issued in June or in August, due to the Summer Hiatus. A Midsummer Tire Tracks will be issued on July 15th. I hope we all will be traveling some. RLB

BOARD MEETING

The Board will not meet in May. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 8:30 Am, at the Cousins' clubroom. All members are invited to attend.

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Upcoming Events, Tours and Meetings

April Event: Saturday, 4/30/2011, SedonaCar Club display at Bashas' Parking Lot.

May general meeting: Tuesday, 5/10/2011, 7 PM, Sedona Library.

May Event: Sunday, 5/8/11, Mothers' Day Brunch, at Junipine. Meet at Uptown Parking Lot. Leave at 9:30 AM

May Tour: Tuesday thru Thursday, 5/16, 17, 18 & 19/2011, Gateway and Grand Junction, CO. Meet at Uptown parking lot, 7:45 AM.

June Event: Tuesday, 6/14/2011, The Annual Picnic, at Chavez Crossing Campground. Cost \$5 person; bring own beverage. 4 PM until ??.

August Event: Annual Garage Sale Rally. Saturday, Aug. 6th. Details to come.

Summer Hiatus, 6/14/2011 to Saturday, 8/20,2011.

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