

President's Letter

This year has gone by quickly. Of course, I wasn't very involved for a good portion of it.



Thanks to the board of directors, they worked hard to make your club as interesting as possible. We've had many good programs, tours and events and a very successful car show. So thanks Ed, Jane, Greg, Sam, Steve, Victoria, Luke and David. Also, I want to thank Betty Monaci for stepping up and helping to organize the meeting refreshments and making sure there were adequate supplies. In addition, thanks to Sharon Blankenship for getting out all those get well cards. Please give her a call when you hear of anyone who needs a get well wish.

It has been a privilege being your president these past two years. Please join me in welcoming your new board at our annual Christmas dinner.

Thanks to all of you for participating, without you there wouldn't be a club.

**Larry Currie
President**



Reminders:

NEXT MEETING

CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 10
6:00 PM
GOLDEN GOOSE CAFE



The car club is in need of a chairperson for the September car show.

Remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Christmas Party. Toys will be donated to the Sedona Community Food Bank.



Coming Next Year...

An SCC website link to Lands' End and a Facebook page. If you need to order those holiday gifts, call Land's End at 1-800-338-2000 to place an order.

Be sure to check the SCC website for future events and photos from past events.

CLUB DUES

Club dues for 2014 are due and should be paid before February 28, 2014, to ensure that your name is included in the club roster. On the website you will find a copy of the Renewal Application. Questions? Call Sam Pietrofitta, Treasurer, at 928-282-3801. Thank you for your support.



CLUB CLIPS



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

TO:



Sally Peck	8
Karl Scheinuck	12
Lois Uihlein	12
Frank Stanton	14
John Ossenfort	15
Bob Tusso	15
Barry Levitan	22

He drove his car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends.

Thank you, Victoria, for our very entertaining November speaker, Erma Bombeck. Thanks also to Avrum and Susan Cohen, Gary and Diane Carson, and Ralph and Sharon Blankenship for providing refreshments.



Club Calendar

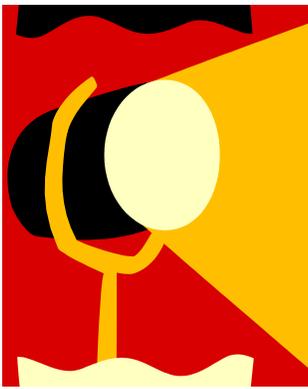
- 12/7** **Cottonwood Christmas Parade—"Patriotic Christmas" Theme**
- 12/10** **Christmas Dinner
6:00 pm
Golden Goose Cafe**

If you're having your car serviced at Red Rock Precision Motors, be sure to ask for the car club 10% discount.



**Congratulations
On Your Anniversary!**

**Bill and Deborah Johnson
12/12**



Spotlight on the ladies of the SCC...

SUSAN COHEN



Susan may have been born and raised in Chicago proper but, at the age of 12, her family moved to rural Chicago near the Des Plaines River. She described living in the middle of forest preserves and even riding a horse to school. In the summers, she enjoyed working as a day-camp counselor which is where she eventually met Avrum. Her career choices were: a teacher, a nurse or a social worker. She chose teaching after earning her bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago but really did not enjoy this profession.

Several years after Susan and Avrum were married, they lived in New Orleans where Avrum was a doctoral student at the University of NO, and Susan received a Masters of Education. But instead of going back into teaching, Susan became fascinated with the architecture of the homes in New Orleans. Since going back to school for architecture was not an option, Susan apprenticed with a contractor on weekends and learned how to sheet rock, miter joints, lay tile, etc. She was happy to be employed at a bank at the time and was able to purchase their first house in New Orleans—a fixer upper. Susan loved the renovation process and for years was very successful buying and flipping houses not only in New Orleans but also in Los Angeles and Chicago. She was so successful that she was able to hire her own crew.

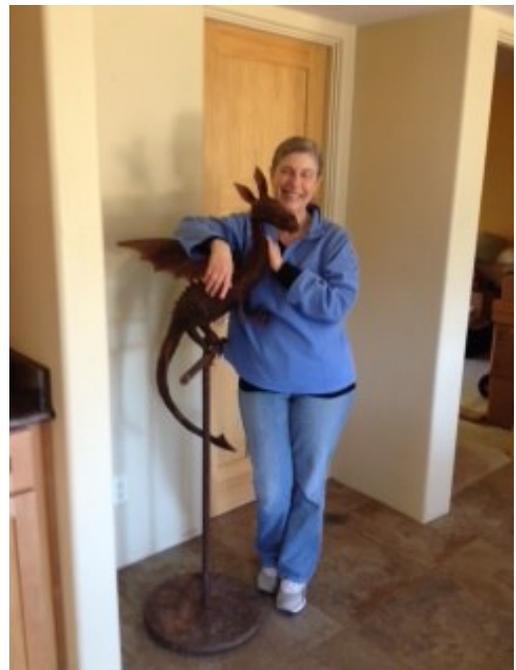
Susan is in the process of working with a contractor to renovate the home that she and Avrum purchased almost a year ago. They have two sons, both attorneys, one

living in LA and one in Maryland, as well as two grandsons.

Susan's dad was a mechanic and he taught her how to repair cars. Her first car was a green Volkswagen but she also had a 1953 Ford anniversary-year car which she named "Maynard," and a 1964 1/2 Mustang convertible. How did Susan meet boys in high school? If she heard them talking about cars, a *Motor Trend* or *Car and Driver* would fall out of her books mysteriously.

Susan and Avrum will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary soon and she says that life is good and she still considers it an adventure.

Susan has loved collecting animal sculptures since before college and here she is pictured with "Esmeralda" which she found in Door County, Wisconsin.



Sedona Car Club Helps Local Graduate Become Mechanic

Sedona Red Rock High School does not have a shop class, an auto club or even a student garage, but that did not deter Daniel Ritter.

With a little help from the Sedona Car Club, the 2012 graduate is on track to matriculate next year from a Phoenix technical school with an associate degree in automotive technology. "I just love cars," Ritter said. "I really want to become a drivability [technician] and run all the diagnostics on vehicles."

Ritter had \$750 applied October 8 to his tuition by the Sedona Car Club after it named him and fellow SRRHS graduate Michael Wilkins, the winner of its first \$750 scholarship in May 2012. Ritter is considering a job offer from a BMW dealership specializing in Mini-Coopers in Florida but would prefer to stay here and work on Fords.

"It's just more schooling [there] and I love Arizona," Ritter explained. "I'm going to submit my resumé to the Ford dealership in Prescott in three weeks and I hope to hear back from them."

Before the middle of his junior year, high school was a struggle for Ritter. His mother Jennifer Ritter said her son had a 1.7 grade-point average at the end of his freshman year. Then all of a sudden, in the middle of his junior year, she said, he was introduced to the world of auto repair school — and by the end of his senior year boasted a 3.0 GPA. "He's more of a hands-on, technical-type learner anyway," she said. He currently holds a perfect 4.0 GPA with less than three months remaining in his 17-month program of study. "My parents and everyone wanted me to succeed," Daniel Ritter said. "So I stopped going out and staying out late on weekends."

He started working, taking a part-time job at a Sedona frozen yogurt shop. Within a short time, he was managing the establishment, running it for the owner. But even with that money in his pocket, Ritter needed help with tuition costs for auto repair school: \$38,880. This included a 15-week Ford Accelerated Credential Training course he is currently taking to get 20 different credentials in Ford auto repair.

"I just finished electrical and noise, vibration and harshness [credentials]," he said.

By August, Ritter will have to start paying back that tuition, \$150 per month, through a student loan. "He's looking at a \$40,000 student loan, which we couldn't help him with because I'm going through the same thing going after my doctorate," Jennifer Ritter said. "But he found a way to get funding and, bless his heart, he's doing it."

Daniel Ritter found a way by applying for the Sedona Car Club's \$750 grant-in-aid, given out twice every year.

"Well, the intangibles come into play here a bit," club secretary Greg Zucco said. "He seems to be a go-getter, a gregarious kid — somebody who's always worked. "We liked what he was pursuing and it seemed like he had the capability of successfully pulling that off."

"We have never had a flood of applicants for these scholarships, but Danny had the most on the ball as far as I was concerned," Sedona Car Club Immediate Past President Ed Pittman said.

Now Ritter has to weigh his options between BMW, which would pay for his additional education in repairing its cars — so long as he works at one of its dealerships for two years — or Ford, which is local. Ritter believes a career in Ford repair would be more lucrative. "I look at it like, everyone owns a Ford; not as many people own BMWs, so I'm more likely to get paid," he said.

Wilkins, who has already graduated from the school Ritter is attending, chose to leave Arizona to work in California.

For more information about the Sedona Car Club scholarship, visit our website or email info@sedonacarclub.com.

Signs of the Times

Just as each decade is remembered for fashion styles, hit songs, and headlines, automakers have consistently given us vehicles that will forever serve as mementos of the good ol' days. Here are a few rare rides from years gone by that might get pulled over by the fashion police if they were on the road today:

1970s



Right in step with the jeans fad, AMC released the 1972 Levi's Edition Gremlin. This fashionable hatchback featured Levi's denim-covered front and back seats, complete with buttons, orange stitching, and the brand's signature red tab. With ad campaigns like, "The economy car that wears the pants," this fad faded faster than the Levi's did.

1980s



In 1982, a year after releasing his album *She Shot Me Down*, Frank Sinatra became the inspiration for a limited edition Chrysler Imperial. These cars only came in one color, Glacier Blue, a true tribute to Old Blue Eyes. This model also came with a series of Frank Sinatra cassette tapes and his initials stamped in gold.



1990s



Volkswagen has been a niche player in the auto industry for years; however, they took their creativity to a new level when, in 1996, they released the Golf GL Harlequin model. The exterior panels are a combination of four different Golf colors — red, dark blue, yellow, and teal — creating a patchwork effect.



2000s



Auto manufacturer Smart commissioned fashion designer Jeremy Scott to create three limited-edition models for the car brand, titled "forjeremy." Despite the many couture touches this limited-edition car features, it's Scott's signature wings situated right above the rear taillights that earned him the designation of being the first fashion designer to modify a vehicle's exterior.



SEE MORE STYLES

To see four more signature-edition vehicles from decades past, visit AAAHighroads.com/signs-of-the-times.



SOLD!

To the Fastest Bidder

After keeping a low profile for the past three decades, Juan Manuel Fangio's two-time Grand Prix winning car was sold July 12 for \$29.7 million at Bonhams auction during the Goodwood Festival of Speed in West Sussex, England,

The winning bid, placed by a private buyer via telephone, made Fangio's 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196 the most expensive car ever sold at auction, the most expensive Formula One car ever sold, and the most valuable Mercedes-Benz in the world.

Winner of both the 1954 German and Swiss Formula One Grand Prix races at the hands of Fangio, a five-time World Champion, it's easy to see the value of this 2.5-liter, straight-8 piece of racing history.

Courtesy of Highroads Magazine, November/December 2013

Sedona Car Club Classifieds



**FOR SALE—Four (4) USA made 6-bolt 15 x 7 Chrome Rally wheels with center caps for 1947-1953 Chevy Truck, \$300 firm
Mike J 928-274-4013**

FOR SALE—Ford Explorer Sport, excellent condition inside and out. Looks brand new even though it is a 1997 with low miles (113,000). \$3,800 obo, buyer finder fee of \$100 paid after sale, call prior with buyer name and phone. Mike J 928-274-4013

FOR SALE—1947 to 1953 chrome Chevy truck rear bumper, fair condition, \$50. Mike J 928-274-4013

WANTED—Car show chair for 2014.

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS—STAY TUNED

Five auctions in the Phoenix area plus a trip to the Martin Auto Museum and dinner at the Keg Steakhouse.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Coming new to *Tire Tracks* in January.

Email me your first-car stories.

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Club Meetings

The General Meetings of the Sedona Car Club are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sedona Library except in June when our meeting is the Annual Picnic and in December when it is the Annual Christmas Party. We do not meet in July. Please attend and bring a car-loving friend.

Board Meetings

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Cousins' clubroom. All members are invited to attend.

Tire Tracks

Tire Tracks is published eleven times a year by the Sedona Car Club and contains information on events and activities of interest to members. It is compiled and edited by Jane Tusso and posted on the website by Steve Blank before the monthly meeting. All submissions are due by the 1st of each month. Email them to: chathamjet@yahoo.com.



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Editor's Note: The Tusso Family Christmas photo circa 1990. Enjoy your holidays with family and friends.



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