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President's Letter

Well, first let me say that I am sorry I missed another meeting. More about why in a minute. I want to thank Jane Tusso for chairing the March meeting. I know she did a good job. When I first heard that the guest speaker would be Lon Walters, I was looking forward to hearing him. I'm sure he had some interesting thoughts about the Sedona real estate market.



I also missed being in the St. Patrick's Day parade. I think Rachel and I have been in every one of them since we have been members in the club, 14 years now. In fact, some acquaintances said to us the other day, "Hey. We didn't see you in the parade." Even they expected us to be there.

We did postpone our being away for a couple of days, though. We might have left sooner than we did, but I had signed up to help in our highway clean-up morning and did not want to back out on that. I think that our club should be proud that we participate in this program and I want to thank Luke Lukich for taking charge of this endeavor. Next time he asks for volunteers, sign up if you haven't in a while.

So, where were we? Well we did something we've never done before...made an impulse purchase of a vehicle. Usually I think and dream about a car for ages before making the plunge. This time it wasn't a car, but a new(er) motorhome. We had seen one at the RV dealer recently and decided right then to get one. The purchase wasn't instantaneous, just the decision to buy one. It took several weeks to find the exact one we wanted, and it was in Oregon. We made the deal over the internet and phone, but then had to go get it, and the timing interfered with our club meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April Meeting. Yes, I have every intention of being there.

**David Lombardi
President**



Reminders:

NEXT MEETING

April 8
7:00 PM

Guest Speaker:

John Hauptman

Former Director of Services and
Consumer Relations
Cadillac Motor Car Division



**Be sure to
check the SCC
website for fu-
ture events
and photos
from past
events.**

**Editor's Note: Remember to
send me your first-car
stories!**

**Save the date—June 3, 2014
for the annual picnic at Chavez
Crossing. More details to
follow.**

To the ladies of the car club—if I haven't interviewed you yet, and you'd like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please email me at:
chathamjet@yahoo.com

**Sedona Car Club is now on
Facebook!**



Regional Car Events

- 4/5 Diane Flory Benefit car Show, Prescott Valley**
- 4/12 D.I.C.E. Alliance Spring Car, Truck & Bike Show,
Prescott**
- 4/25-26 21st Beeline Charity Show, Payson**
- 4/26 3rd Annual Cruise-In for the USA Veterans Car Show,
Prescott**

(For a complete list of 2014 events, click [here](#).)

CLUB CLIPS



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Thanks to Lon Walters for speaking about Sedona real estate trends at our March meeting.

Thanks to Steve and Sharon Blank and John and Judy Gain for March refreshments and to Carol Shea for coffee.

Welcome new members:

Jerry Gardella
Robert and Marylu Miller
Cary Walter



Club Calendar

- 4/8 Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sedona Library
- 4/26 Mongo's Car Display,
Village of Oak Creek

If your car is being serviced at Red Rock Precision Motors, be sure to ask for the car club 10% discount.



**Congratulations
On Your Anniversary!**

April 20 Bob and Teresa
Van Steenburgh

44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

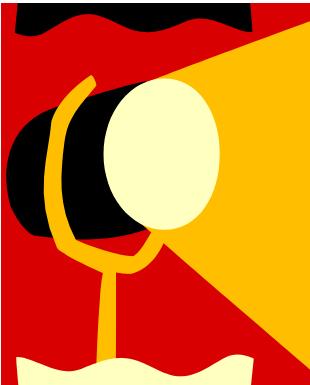


Lunch at Up the Creek in Page Springs



What,
me
worry?





Spotlight on the ladies of the SCC... Pat Wiegand



Pat is another car club member born and raised in Detroit and then moved to the suburbs when she was 11 years old. Pat (and Marv) spent about four months in Sedona and the rest of the year in Macomb Township, Michigan (northeast of Detroit), where Marv owns and operates the award-winning Wiegand's Nursery and Garden Center. The nursery sits on 750 acres, employs about 300 people (Pat was the former bookkeeper), and sells trees, shrubs and perennials in the warmer weather. (Don't know when that will be.) The retail store sells bird seed, pet supplies and indoor house plants during the winter.

Pat owns a pink 1955 Thunderbird which is housed back in Michigan. Marv bought the car for her as a 20th anniversary present. He found the car in El Salvador and had it exported to Michigan where he did a frame-off restoration that took him three years to complete.

Pat and Marv own 12 cars and most of them are garaged in Michigan. The 1950 Jeepster and 1967 MG live here in Sedona. They have been members of the car club for about seven years.

Pat and Marv have lived in Sedona for 20 years and will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in November. Pat says that old cars brought them to our town. They were looking at cars to purchase in Phoenix and a friend told them to drive through Se-

dona—they did and put an offer in on a house.

Pat mentioned several car shows that she attends back in Detroit. One is the Woodward Dream Cruise that draws 40,000 cars and one million people. Another is Detroit Autorama where she won first place in the Thunderbird class for the 50th anniversary of Thunderbird. In 2013, Pat was surprised to see one of the Ridler Award contenders—VOC resident Ken Seresun—who entered his 1934 Ford, two door sedan named Dad's Sedan.

Pat and Marv have three daughters—two live in Michigan and one lives in California. They are also grandparents to six.

While I was interviewing Pat, Marv called from Michigan to report it was snowing and the temperature was expected to drop to 15 degrees. Pat, that car would look awfully nice in Sedona!



BADWATER BASIN

Greg Zucco and Stephanie Giesbrecht, as is often the case, found themselves underwater during the last week in March, thanks to David Lombardi. More on that later.

Perhaps that characterization is a bit misleading. By underwater, we meant to say "below sea level," about 282 feet below to be exact. That's the lowest elevation in the country and it happens to be at Badwater Basin in Death Valley. We spent the week there in Furnace Creek Campground and took several side trips in the jeep, some off road, some on. Death Valley is the largest National Park in the country and the campground filled up every day. But with its size, visitors were spread out in the Park itself, so the feel was that you had it all to yourself.

Okay, why is Lombardi key to this adventure? Well, when we decided to camp at Furnace Creek, we wanted to be able to use our jeep for tours without breaking camp, so when I heard David had an old tow bar he used on his jeep, I jumped at the chance to acquire it and tow the jeep with us. That's half the story. When I took the jeep to pick up the tow bar at David's, he said, "Hey, we could install this right now if you want to." Wow....what an offer. It looked simple enough, maybe an hour job. Two and half hours later we were done, mostly due to David's tools, drill press, and mechanical inclinations. I could have never done it myself, but would have tried and cussed up and down for a week. That was really special and the mark of good man. So we owe David a debt of gratitude for a great journey.



They had in mind a Twenty Mule Team, but had to settle for a Two Jack A___ Team.

MY FIRST CAR – 1953 CHEVY CONVERTIBLE **BY: DON SCHAEFER**

I turned sixteen in 1959 and lived in St. Louis, MO. For several years I had been saving money earned by mowing neighbor's lawns at about \$2 each, putting the money into my "car fund." I really wanted a 1953 Ford convertible but could not afford one. I found a 1953 Chevy convertible which I bought for \$250. My father helped by buying my first tank of gas at about 23 cents per gallon! As soon as I got the car home, I put the top down and jumped into the back seat to snap the boot over the top. While stepping into the rear seat I was surprised to find that the floor mat covered a badly rusted rear floor and my leg went through the floor and into the frame. The first of several surprises!

Some of the interesting cars that I have owned but should have never sold –

- 1959 Triumph TR3A (two of them)**
- 1962 Pontiac Catalina Convertible**
- 1967 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible**
- 1939 Ford Two Door Standard Sedan**
- 1974 Jaguar XKE V12 Roadster (Primrose yellow/4 speed)**

I currently own a 1988 Porsche Carrera Coupe, a 1983 Ferrari GTS, a 1948 Willy's Military Jeep, a 1982 BMW R100RT motorcycle and a 1975 Triumph Trident T160 motorcycle. Wish that I could participate in the Sedona Car Club but I am rarely in town on weekdays and split my time between Sedona and Scottsdale.



The \$383.00 Paint Job...and it wont' scratch

Pictured here is a 1949 Cadillac completed covered with 38,295 pennies! They were affixed one by one using silicone. The pennies added over 200 pounds to the vehicle's weight. The entire project took six weeks. The pennies are American and include an 1817 "Big Cent," two error pennies, and four 1943 steel pennies.



True or False?

The first automobile show was held in New York.

True: It took place on November 3, 1900, at Madison Square Garden, and was sponsored by the Automobile Club of America.

(Courtesy of Highroads Magazine, January/February 2014)

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED—Contractor or recommendation for one to build a garage/shop in Cottonwood; will be 2000+ sq. ft. with a high ceiling and pull through for 5th wheel. Plans and permit application have been submitted to county. Property is not in the town. Contact Jim at 908-878-7324.

WANTED—2005-2007 Mercedes Benz SLK350. Contact Jane at 928-282-0894.

FOR SALE—Contact 928-821-3577 for showing

1985 Corvette Hardtop, black exterior with black interior, automatic transmission, 23,982 miles, asking \$8,500 OBO.

1993 Mercedes Benz 600SL, black exterior with tan interior, custom wheels, hardtop/convertible, 68,655 miles, asking \$17,000.

2002 Fleetwood Motor Home, 37 ft., 2 slides, living room, bedroom, 2 TVs living room, bedroom, pusher Diesel, 330 cat engine, asking \$35,000 OBO.

FOR SALE—1929 Ford Two Door Sedan, all original steel body, 383 Chevy 350 Trans, 8" Ford rear end, Heidt suspension, coil over, B & M shift, new paint, tilt wheel, all new wiring front to back, appraised at 35K before paint and wiring, asking \$34K or best offer. Contact Don Rambo at 928-204-9558.



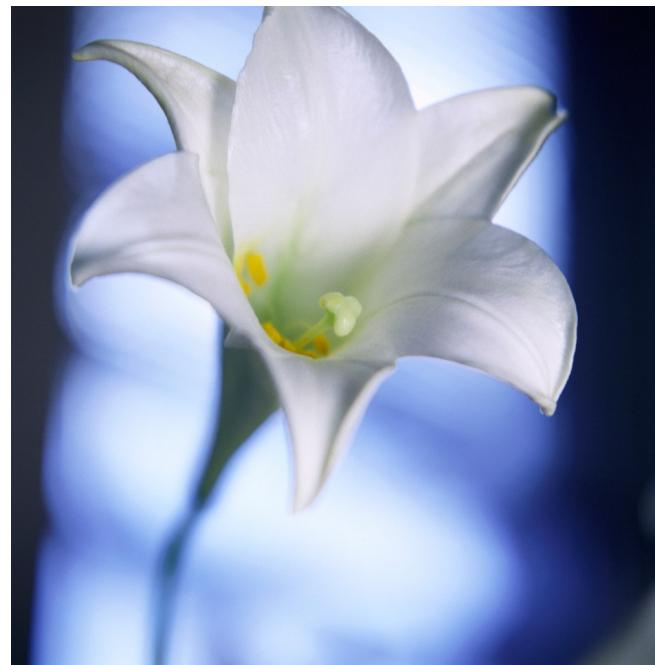
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Drive on...Classic Car Tale

A group of retirees were discussing their medical problems over coffee one morning. "Do you realize," said one, "My arm is so weak I can hardly hold this coffee cup." "Yes, I know," replied the second. "My cataracts are so bad, I can't see to pour the coffee." "I can't turn my head," rejoined the third, "because of the arthritis in my neck." "My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," commented the fourth, adding, "I guess that's the price we pay for getting old." "Well, it's not all bad," piped up the first. "We should be thankful that we can still drive."

What not to say to the nice police-man...Gee Officer! The last officer only gave me a warning too!



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