

# Tire Tracks

## Sedona Car Club

Photo: Jim Thomas

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## President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

Well, this will be the last time that I write my President's Message for Tire Tracks. After years of having been president I suggested to the board that they should have a new president. For those of you who might not know it, I was president in 2006, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

I am very proud to have been president for those many years, and actually, it looked like it might happen again next year. But thinking of our current political situation, regardless of which side you might be on, I asked the board members if they really wanted an 84 year old president. Hmm, it didn't take them long to decide to nominate a new president.

As I mentioned, I am proud to have been president for these past years. Among other things I have seen our club grow to a large number of members, our coffers have grown, we are very charitable, and we give a substantial scholarship each year.

I cannot take full credit for our accomplishments. Our club has flourished because of our Board of Officers and Chairpeople. I am happy to say that most of them will retain their positions next year. I especially want to thank my wife, Rachel. She has helped me in everything I have done for the club, many of which I could not have done at all without her help

I am happy to announce the four people who will be new officers next year: Don Hallford - President, Noel Naumann - 1st Vice President, Susie Naumann - 2nd Vice President, and Jim Thomas - Treasurer. I know that under their guidance the club will continue to thrive.

As you know, next Tuesday, December 12, we will have our Christmas Party. I look forward to seeing many of you there. I am sure it will be a good party. It's a good sendoff for this year and it foretells that 2024 is going to be another great year for our Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

David





## ***December Birthdays***

Noel Naumann	6
Clyde Bangiola	8
Lois Uihlein	10
Karl Scheinuck	12
John Ossenfort	15
Bob Tusso	15
Chris Shepard	18
Joel DeTar	22
Barry Levitan	22
Arny Messersmith	23
Nancy Rammrath	24

## ***December Anniversaries***

Sharon and Marvin White	10
Lois and Ted Uihlein	23
Jane and Rick Brothers	27

### **Editor's Note**

***Keep your story suggestions coming.***

Send stories or ideas to:

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**Thanks to Jim Thomas** for technical help and banner photo.

## **December Event**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!  
DECEMBER 12**

**Juniper Bar and Grill  
Sedona Golf Resort**

**35 Ridge Trail Drive  
Village of Oak Creek**

**Bring a wrapped gift if you would like to participate in the left-right gift exchange.**

## **January Event**

**New Year Car Club  
Member's Lunch**

**Saturday January 6, 12pm  
Eden Restaurant  
1750 E. Villa Dr.  
Cottonwood**

**Please respond to Craig  
([craigster62@sbglobal.net](mailto:craigster62@sbglobal.net))  
by Friday December 22 if  
you plan to attend.**

Sedona Car Club

# Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Social hour begins at noon, lunch is served at 1pm

Juniper Bar & Grille at Sedona Golf Resort

35 Ridge Trail Dr, Sedona, AZ 86351

Cost is \$25.00 per person (due before Nov 28)

Send your menu choice and check to:

Don Hallford: 143 Kaibab Way, Sedona, AZ 86351

Menu Choices: Fish & Chips, Taco Plate, Club Sandwich,

Caesar Salad, California Chicken Sandwich

**We will have a sign-up sheet at the Nov meeting**

**Please remember to bring a check**

Gift Exchange: We will play the "Left Right Christmas Game"

Bring an inexpensive wrapped gift or unwrapped gag gift to participate in the fun

Toy Drive: You are invited to bring a child's toy which will be

donated to the Sedona Community Food Bank

# February Two Day Event

**Thursday Feb 8**

**Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson.**

Over 400 aircraft on display.

Members will drive separately to museum.

For more information about the museum. see

<http://www.pimaair.org>



**Overnight at Comfort Inn Benson**

**Make reservations at:**

<http://www.comfortinnhotelsbenazon.com>

**Friday, February 9**

**Group tour of Kartchner Caverns.**

Please reserve Caverns tour through Craig before January 6,  
([craigster62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craigster62@sbcglobal.net)) or cell/text (415)385-6937

# Sedona Car Club in Action

## Competitors at the Ready



On the Starting Grid

## Octane Raceway, Scottsdale



November 16, 2023



Video at <https://vimeo.com/889556156>

# *Member Story*

## *Thoughts from a Certified Gearhead*

### *Don Hallford*

First off, what is a Gear Head? The definition I like best is:

“The most obvious sign of a gearhead, the trait we think is universal, is a [lack of concern for one's own well-being](#) when faced with an automotive challenge. If you're willing to risk burns from welding or possible amputation from flying blades to get an old Toyota pickup working, or possible cancer from inhaling God-knows-what, and can count the busted knuckles on... well.. busted knuckles, you've got the makings of a gearhead.”

My latest adventure with gearheadism was replacing the oil pan gasket on my

Porsche 928. This is my third attempt to stop the oil pan from leaking.

Looking back I wonder “why did I attempt this again?” I could have easily paid someone \$1,500 or so to replace the gasket and saved myself several cuts and bruises. As an FYI the Porsche 928 is nicknamed “The Shark” so all those cuts were just “shark bites.”

I have a few reasons why I dove into this project yet again.

First, I was frustrated the first two attempts to replace this gasket failed. I hate unsuccessful outcomes.

## Gearhead, con'td

Second, I enjoy the challenge of wrenching on my own cars.

Wrenching, “is when one knows enough or cares enough about cars to be reluctant to turn their ride over to a mechanic.”

It might be a macho thing to say, but it's nice knowing how stuff works and to be able to fix things yourself. It inspires self-confidence. And it means AutoZone will always have customers!

But I digress, the third reason, is that I am cheap. I like saving money when I can.

So how did this adventure play out?

First, I quickly learned I'm not as young as I once was. After about five hours on my back under the car, I was dead tired. Second, gear heads should not take aspirins or any other blood thinners.





# General Information

## Club Meetings

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 9:00 a.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church. All members are invited to attend.

## Tire Tracks

Tire Tracks is published eleven times a year for information on events and activities of interest to members. The editor is RAY MICHALOWSKI. Look for it on the club website before the monthly meeting.

We encourage member stories. Send your submissions to:  
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