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

## President's Vehicle

I've been pretty busy lately, preparing for not one, but two, trips. In the middle of the month, Rachel and I will be joining many other club members on the trip to Palm Springs that Al Moss has organized. We will be extending that trip to visit with some of Rachel's family and also with our daughter and her family. We will be traveling in our motor home, so I've had to de-winterize it, change the oil and filter and perform the other services that one does before a trip.

Several weeks ago Rachel was doing some volunteer work at our church and was talking with the priest and several of our friends. Father JC ( yes , that's been his nickname his entire life [Joseph Charles, I think]) had been thinking about a trip, and was about to have a rare opportunity to take a vacation. A visiting priest would be at our church. "Hey", he said, "let's go to Rome". And that started it. Jet-setters that we are we started booking flights and rooms, renewing passports, and wrapping coins to help pay for it all. So, in a few days we leave for ten days in Italy. The day after we return we will head out for the California trip. Whew. I'm afraid I'm going to need a lot of penny wrappers!

Unfortunately, with all of our gallivanting, we will

miss the next Club meeting and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. As Bob Boydston said at the February meeting, our guest speaker, Mac McCall, will be very interesting. I do regret that I won't be there. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a lot of fun. We usually are allowed to enter only 10 or 12 cars. Talk to the Bangiola's about signing up.

***"Jet-setters that we are, we started booking flights and rooms, renewing passports, and wrapping coins to pay for it all."***

I'm glad I didn't miss our tour to the cement plant in Clarkdale. In fact, it seemed like almost no one missed it. We had a great turnout. It was very interesting and it seemed that everyone had a good time. Rachel and I did. Thanks, Gail and Clyde.

See you soon.

Arrivederci! Ciao!

*David Lombardi*  
President



# CLUB CLIPS



**TO:**



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*Tire Tracks*

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## Club Calendar

### March

8 — Car Show Meeting  
17—St. Patrick's Day Parade  
19-21—Palm Springs Tour

### April

27-29 Payson Cruise In & Show  
Call 928-468-9028

### June

12—Annual club picnic

### July

No club meeting

### September

22—Annual Sedona Car Show

### December

11—Christmas Dinner

## Congratulations ! On Your Anniversary!

**Terry & Sandra Medulla** 11

**Larry & Vicki Currie** 29

### Words Of Wisdom

I live in my own little world, but it's OK, they know me here.

The next time you feel like complaining, remember: Your garbage disposal probably eats better than thirty percent of the people in this world.

I gave my son a hint. On his room door I put a sign: CHECK-OUT TIME IS 18.

**MARCH PROGRAM**

Mac McCall, General Manager of Sedona Airport will put on a presentation of Airport Activities and future developments.

**St. Pat's Parade**

The 37th Annual Sedona St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival will be held on Saturday, March 17th, 2007 at 10:30 am. This year's theme is "Irish Myths & Melodies." The Parade has traditionally attracted between 3,000 and 5,000 spectators from Sedona and surrounding communities. The Parade route is in Uptown Sedona on Jordan Rd. and is 3/4 mile long. The club will have 10-15 vehicles in the Parade so come out and support the effort!



Victoria Clark in full regalia.

Jerome Parlor House Madame, Maddie Brown, stops by the club meeting to entice young men. Of course she gets no takers because there are no young men!!



**From the Editor's Desk**



Don't forget to link your Basha's card to the Sedona Car Club. The club receives 1% of your expenditures as a donation.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUCEMENT**

**CASINO Royale**

*Benefiting the children of West Sedona School and the charities chosen by the Rotary of the Red Rocks.*




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Sedona Library - Tues, Thurs, & Sat. 10 am - 2 pm. Some limits on complexity of return. No limits on age or income. Tell your friends. See Greg Zucco with questions.

## Cement Plant Tour



This group of club members pose outside the Clarkdale Cement Plant as a prelude to getting fitted with new shoes. (guess which kind!!) Actually, they reported having a pretty good time and “stuck” together through out the tour. At the end of the tour, many members indicated they would like to “set up” a follow up tour someday but didn’t want the next date to necessarily be “cast in concrete.” (Be sure to ask Dave Lombardi what the difference is between cement and concrete.)

### THE BRICK

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do

it?" The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me." Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A

quick look told him everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy! push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!" God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

## **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1907, with 43 in attendance. Pledge of allegiance. Meeting minutes of 1/9/2007 approved as presented in Tire Tracks

### Introduction of Guests:

Ralph Blankenship's sister, Yvonne from N. Iowa; Eileen and Peter from Pagosa Springs; Vince Monaci's snowbird friend Chris from west of Chicago ('63 'Vette Convertible owner). Thanks to Chris for his work at the Food Bank during the months he is here

### President's announcements:

Sign up sheet for refreshments still has blanks-please step up if you have not committed to a date

John Ossenfort called from Flag, snowed in, asking for volunteers to car watch at the Regional Classic Car Club event on 4/29. There will be 40-50 1925-1948 cars at Flagstaff City Hall from 9-Noon. Same group of cars will be at Sedona Radisson the following day per Tire Tracks. Call John if you can help.

Rim Country Classic Car Club event, 4/27-29 in Payson – Al Moss encourages our support

We are very lucky to have Sally Peck (member since 1992) step up as our Car Show Chair this year (9/22 – Sedona Americana Day). Sally has chaired 2 car shows and a car race in California. Even though this is not her first rodeo, we all need to lend a mighty hand. See Sally for assignments. So far...

- Need car club booth set up and tear down - *Open*
- Ballot counting – Bev (Dave to bring RV as command post)
- Registration – Larry
- Parking – Joe
- Trophies – Lee and Al
- Classes – Al, Ed, Bill
- Flyers – Greg
- Mailing and publicity – *Open*
- Announcer – Dave L.
- Sponsors - Vince

Want ideas on how to entertain car owners during show hours

Can we use A/P PA system, if not we will rent?

Need to recruit apprentices for next year

Membership: Larry Curry reminded us it is re-

newal time. Currently 54 families, 98 members are paid, 20 members unpaid and will be dropped by end of month if dues not received.

### Tour Chairs: Clyde and Gayle Bangiola

- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's parade 3/17. Meet at 0830, starts at 1030. Line up in chronological order
- Palm Springs 3/19-20 – all booked
- Cottonwood Village Retirement Community on 4/21 from 11-3. Show up with your car and you will be served lunch
- 5/21-5/25 – Joe and Mary Tulley tour to Santa Fe, NM. Watch for details in Tire Tracks

Sharon Blankenship is our "Sunshine Lady". Remember to let her know if someone needs a greeting or some cheer!

Lee Niederkorn received an email from son of former member Dan Danly (wife Judy), saying that his father had past away as a result of a fall from a ladder. Card was passed for signatures and wishes.

Bob Boydston passed along thanks for card from Joanne. Next month's speaker is Mac McCall Sedona A/P manager.

Sharon Blankenship introduced the program, Victoria Clark who delighted us with her character monologue of Jerome Parlor House Madame, Maddie Brown.

Thanks to the Pittman's and the LaTorre's for delicious refreshments.

Winner of 50/50 – Scott Mangarpan

Adjourned by consensus at 2025.



## MG Returns

By Jack Stewart

The first Chinese auto plant in the U.S. will not build economy subcompacts, as some might guess, but a revived British sports car. Nanjing Automotive Group of China announced that it intends to build a plant in Ardmore, Oklahoma where it will assemble MGs from Chinese-built components. A research and development center will also be in Oklahoma, and the state will provide a large portion of MG's \$2 billion budget. Nanjing bought MG Rover after its collapse in 2005. At that time, MG was building the TF--a 4-cylinder, mid-engine sports car that was Britain's best selling roadster. It was never exported to the U.S. Before MG Rover's collapse, a coupe version was being developed. Current plans are for coupes to be assembled in Oklahoma, and roadsters assembled at the former MG Rover plant in Longbridge, England.



1948 MG Tc

Total production is projected to be between 12,000 and 16,000 units with 60 percent of sales in the U.S. and 40 percent in Europe. The new MG will go on sale in 2008 or 2009.

Autocar reports that Lotus will also play a part in MG's revival. The TF's design dates back to 1995 and Nanjing will need help from Lotus to meet current market demands and federal regulations.

MG helped launch America's postwar sports car craze with inexpensive, fun to drive roadsters. It was America's best selling sports car in the '50s and '60s, but faded during the '70s. The last MG sold in America was in 1980. The name was revived for performance versions of Austin coupes and sedans in the '80s, but those were never sold in the U.S.

The American roadster market will be tough to break into with competitors like Mazda's MX-5, Pontiac's Solstice, and Saturn's Sky. However, the MG name still has a strong following. Nanjing will not only have to build a good sports car at

the right price, but convince buyers its car is real MG. Assembling an existing MG roadster design in England (traditionally coupes are a small portion of MG sports car sales) and development work from Lotus helps credibility.



2006 MG TF 135

## Jaguar Unveils XKR

By Jack Stewart

After a short absence, the Jaguar XKR is back. A supercharged XKR had been in the XK line since 2000, but the redesigned XK that went on sale in the US this past April offered only the naturally aspirated base model. At the London Motor Show on July 18, Jaguar added the XKR coupe and convertible to the 2007 XK line. The American introduction will be held at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance on August 20. Supercharging raises the 4.2-liter V8's horsepower from 300 to 420. The 2006 XKR V8 developed only 390 horsepower.

Manufacturer's 0-60 times are 4.9 seconds for the R coupe and 5.0 seconds for the R convertible versus the base XK's times of 5.9 seconds (coupe) and 6.0 seconds (convertible). Top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph. To handle the extra power, XKR's have larger brake discs and stiffer springs. The computer control for shock-

absorber adjustment and the antiskid system has been recalibrated for better handling.

Rs are identified by hood vents, a wire mesh grille, unique wheels, and R badging. Aluminum interior trim is standard on XKR's and burled walnut is a no charge option. Base XK's have standard walnut trim and optional aluminum trim is part of an \$8,125 package.



The XKR should go on sale in the U.S. in early 2007. Prices have not yet been announced, but it is estimated that the '07 XKR will cost approximately five-to-six percent more than the 2006 XKR. That puts the coupe's sticker price at \$86,000-87,000 and the convertible's at \$92,000-93,000.

Nimble, responsive, and luxurious; the naturally aspirated XK was enthusiastically received by the press, but many wanted more power. The supercharged XKR should quiet that complaint.

# And the Survey Says.....

by Sharon Blankenship/Ellie Haga

At the January meeting of the Car Club I asked all of those members attending to answer some questions that would, I hoped, would guide Ellie and me in our search for programs that might please all of the membership. This goal, pleasing everybody, every time, is probably unattainable in the real world, but it still has a good sound, and we would like to have something to aim for. So here is what we learned.

About 84% of the members said they would prefer programs about cars. 13% disagreed with that idea. Programs dealing with a wide range of topics are also welcomed by 89.5%. 10.5% disagreed with wide-ranging topics. So, how should these results be interpreted? We suggest that our members will be quite happy with either car topics or other topics, but there will always be a minority with other preferences.

What kind of program formats should be encouraged? 83% preferred entertainment, 35% would rather not have group participation, and they split, 60% to 40%, over the inclusion of hands-on experiences. The survey did not ask for the respondent's own gender, but 2/3 indicated that they are tolerant of programs that appealed mainly to persons of the other gender. My, aren't we tolerant!

On the question of paying program presenters, only 10.5 disagreed with using club funds for appropriate stipends (token payments). So, now that every possible question has been answered, we are ready to charge boldly into the quest for good programs, and we still encourage all of you to come up with good suggestions.

Thanks. ... Sharon and Ellie



## AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH

- May there always be work for your hands to do;
- May your purse always hold a coin or two;
- May the sun always shine on your windowpane ;
- May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
- May the hand of a friend always be near you;
- May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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**Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye!**

The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 PM, at the Sedona Community Center, 2645 Melody Lane.



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