

Tire Tracks

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



Sedona will soon be the roundabout capital of Arizona. The roundabouts in VOC are functioning and the best I can tell doing a good job. Traffic seems to flow pretty well. These simple roundabouts are what the Brits call mini-roundabouts. Their small diameters mean that large vehi-

cles such as trucks cannot make the turn without driving across the center island. Residents of the red rock city have been suffering with some terrible traffic jams as the dual roundabouts at the "Y" and Brewer Road are being constructed. Hopefully, they will be finished in early September and we will be able to go places once again.

Roundabouts are ubiquitous to Europe. The first circulatory road was built in Paris around the Arc de Triomphe in 1901. This was soon followed by circle intersections in England. These early efforts at improving traffic flow were known as traffic circles. In traffic circles the vehicles entering the circle have the right a way. These traffic control devices were not too successful because of frequent accidents. In the 1960s the concept of the roundabout came into prominence. In roundabouts, the traffic in the circle has the right a way; that is, entering traffic must yield to traffic already in the circulatory road.

One time when I was lecturing at a conference at Oxford, Alva came along. Let me digress and tell about staying at Oxford before telling about my experiences with roundabouts. The taxi dropped us at the college in the summer while classes were out. I went up to the kiosk and explained that I was checking in with my wife. The attendant handed me two keys. I said, "No, my wife is with me we only need one room." She replied, "Not with these rooms." The rooms were tiny with a cot, student desk, two-drawer dresser, and

wardrobe. This was a girl's dorm. I guess they did not need much in the way of clothing because they wore cap and gown to classes. I cannot imagine any American college girl living without a big pile of clothes. After the conference, we hired a car (as the Brits say) and toured Britain. This meant not only having to drive on the "wrong" side of the road, but also facing roundabouts everywhere we went. The single-lane roundabouts like in VOC were no problem, but the multilane ones were nerve racking because the inside lanes had the right a way and cars would charge across your bow as they headed for an exit. You were expected to yield. The roundabouts at the "Y" and Brewer are multilane. Hmmm!

One good thing about roundabouts is that if you miss your turn you can go around again. We did that more than once.

The big thing about roundabouts is that they supposedly move traffic better and have fewer accidents. According to the source I checked on the web there are 40% fewer vehicle collisions, 80% fewer injuries and 90% fewer serious injuries and fatalities. It is interesting that roundabouts do not work well on high-speed roads. In Britain, such intersections have been converted to traffic signals. Sedona's situation could be worse. In Swindon,

England, there is a large complex roundabout servicing five roads. It features a central island with a rotary. Also, in front of each connecting road is a small roundabout. For reasons hidden to me, this is called the Magic Roundabout. In some cities, tramlines traverse the roundabout and complicate the situation. Everything yields to the streetcar because trams trump cars.

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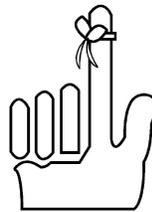
September

20 — Sedona Car Show

Cruise In - the first Saturday of each month 8 am to 11 am at Jerona in Cottonwood. Free coffee.

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Don't forget to register for the Car Show. Call or email Larry Currie 928-204-9540 or lcurrie@sedona.net

Also next meeting at the Public Library

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"Lucky" trip to Monterey

Baseball has the World Series. Football has the Super Bowl. The sports car/race car/collector car world has the Monterey Historics week, home of the Monterey Historic Car Race, Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, several important car auctions and many more events. When we lived in California, Rachel and I went almost every year. Recently, we seem to go about every other year, distance and other vacations getting in the way. This year we decided to go again and made our RV camping reservation in January, on the first day they began taking reservations, because they sell out within a couple of days.



why don't just I go in the car. After all, I'm the big car nut. She would stay home and take care of the dogs. The car gets really good mileage and all the costs would be half as much as they would have been. And I would be truly camping...in a tent! I ordered my admission ticket.



On our way home from Lake Powell we had second thoughts about my being away for a week and decided "What the heck. It's just money. Let's both go". Our vacation was back on. That evening while looking in my file cabinet for a document, I came across a blank envelope, evidently put there a long time ago, containing almost two thousand dollars!! Our trip was on in fine style. When we arrived at Laguna Seca Raceway it was after 4PM and the day's racing events were almost over. They checked our camping reservation at the gate and gave me the camping stickers. Then I was asked if we already had our race admission tickets. Feeling a little mischievous,

As summer began and gas prices started to escalate we had second thoughts about taking this trip. 1600 miles at 8.5 MPG at today's gas prices seemed too extravagant. Eventually, we decided to cancel the trip. There were other, shorter, trips we could take including an already planned trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and Lake Powell just a week before the Monterey trip. After all, it's just a bunch of old cars going around in circles. Shortly after canceling our plans, Rachel (wonderful wife that she is) suggested that





Photos — (1) Ralph Lauren's, multi-million dollar, 1939 Alfa Romeo, owned & raced by Phil Hill at Pebble Beach in 1951 (2) 1958 Ferrari Testa Rosa; (3) Formula One cars (4) Al Moss leaving the pits for his race (5) Al during his race; and (6) Alfa Romeos heading uphill towards the famous Corkscrew turn.

and not wanting to by a full day's ticket when the day was almost over, I said "Sure we do" and fumbling with my envelope I held it ajar so he could (kind of) look in and see my ticket. He thanked us and waved us in. More luck. Tomorrow we would buy Rachel's ticket for the next two days.

The next morning we met with several of our friends. All of us, feeling a little mischievous, decided that what the heck, Rachel

was already in and they only check tickets at the gate, so why buy a ticket. Besides, two of our friends had three day tickets and were not going to be there the third day. Rachel could have their tickets.

More luck.

One of the great things about being at Monterey is having a meal at Fisherman's Wharf. That was part of the planned cost of our vacation. The couple we were at the races with said they had been advised of a good restaurant, made reservation already and insisted that we be their guest for the evening. More good luck. Of course, we had served them a very good home cooked (RV) steak dinner the night before. The race organizers charge for three days of camping, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you want to stay Sunday night, which we did, you

pay the Parks Department as you leave Monday. Sunday night the water main broke and the park had no water. We didn't even know there was no water, we're self-contained. Because there was no water, the park was not charging for the night's camping. More luck. Now the weirdest part of all.

While we were stopped in Barstow for lunch a man approached and asked if I owned the motor home. He was with a film crew and needed a motor home parked in the background for a scene they were shooting about four miles out a desert road. It would take about an hour. He offered \$100. In the back of my mind I wondered if he was a crazed murderer luring us out to the desert or legitimate (he looked OK). I told him we'd do it for \$150. He agreed. It only took about a half hour of our time. More luck.

Our last bit of luck. We stopped overnight in Laughlin. I made 700% on my gambling. Sadly, I only put \$1 in the slot machine. The man next to me couldn't believe I was only betting 5 lines and 2 coins...in a penny machine.



David



Kids — This Is Your Final Exam!

Identify These Items.....10 points

Remembering Them.....Priceless

(answers upside down below)



A



B



C



D



E

Answers

E. Bumper extender and spare tire cover

D. Fender Skirts

C. Not gas pedal but, "foot feed"

B. Steering knob AKA Suicide knob

A. "Curb Feelers"

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The next meeting
of the Sedona Car
Club will be on
Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00
PM, at the Sedona
Public Library,
3250 White Bear
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