

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

President's Vehicle

Not too much to report this month. Thanks to Ed Pittman's efforts, we had a full contingent of SCC member's cars in the annual St. Patrick's parade. The weather was excellent and the participants enjoyed a post-parade lunch at the



Airport Restaurant. Also thanks again to Martin Glinisky for arranging an interesting guest speaker at the March meeting.

Historian Sherrie Wadsack has requested if you have any photos of club events, people or activities to please give them to her for the club scrapbooks.

Al Moss, President

Pittman Plans Plenty

April & May Events In This Issue

April Tour

Desert Caballeros Western Museum

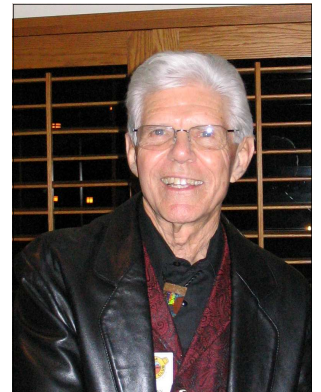
Saturday, April 24, 2010

The April tour will feature a visit to the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg. This museum has some first-class western art featuring artists such as Moran, Remington, Russell, Catlin and Beeler. It also has many old west and Native American artifacts. Some well-done dioramas depicting life in Wickenburg in the early 1900s are on display.

Lunch will be at Anita's Cocina in Wickenburg. Following lunch and the museum we will return home via Prescott. If the weather is nice, we may go through the mountains to Jerome, then home.

We will depart from Bell Rock Plaza in VOC at 9:00 a.m. on April 24th. A signup sheet will be available at the April meeting. Or you can contact Ed Pittman at 204-1326.

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**Executive Board Meetings To
Be Held On Even Months Only
Starting April 2010.**

Tire Tracks

Tire Tracks is published 11 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 Greg Zucco. Distribution by Gene Mai. All submissions are due by the 22nd of each month. Send to:
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Club Calendar

April 17 - Highway 89A Cleanup

April 22-24 - Western Spring Meet Tucson

April 24 - Desert Caballeros Museum
Wickenburg

April 23-24 - Bee Line Cruise In
Payson

May - 9 Mother's Day Brunch - Junipine

August 28 - Thunder Over Coconino car
show at Grand Canyon Airport

September 25 - Sedona Car Club Show

Congratulations ! On Your Anniversary!

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PROGRAMS

Dr. Cory Krueger...
medical aspects of aging...
(what other aspects of aging are there?)

Pittman Plans Plenty, *con't*

Mother's Day Brunch Junipine Sunday, May 9, 2010

Mother's Day brunch will once again be held at Junipine Restaurant in Oak Creek Canyon. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Uptown parking Lot. To reach this lot, take Jordan Road from Hwy.89A. Turn right on Schnebly to the parking lot; just follow the blue P (parking) signs.

We will order from the menu sitting at multiple tables. We will be on the patio so dress appropriately in case of a cool wind. Remember, the canyon is cooler than Sedona.

Reservations are required. You need to signup at the April meeting because the May meeting is after Mother's Day. If you miss the April meeting, please contact Ed Pittman (204-1326) for reservations. Last day for reservations will be Monday, May 3rd.

TRASH TALK

Looking for a few good volunteers for waste engineering duty on highway 89A. Saturday, April 17. Meet at 8 am in the High School parking lot. Sign up at the April meeting or call Bob Van Steenburg and let him know if you are going to be there or be square. Call him at 203-258-1905



Chavez to Host Car Club

Chavez Group Campground is this year's pick for the Club picnic in June. Tentative plans are underway and details will be forthcoming in the next issue of Tire Tracks™. In the meantime save the second Tuesday in June and we'll meet up on the banks of Oak Creek.



The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.



Sedona Car Club Civics Series—Part 3

... Constitutionally Limited Government and The Rule of Law

How would you characterize our government of today? Limited...or does it seem like it has shown no limit in its intrusion into every facet of American life? What would our founders think of the governments control of auto companies, health care, energy, banks, retirement programs and more? This issue explores how the founders originally designed the government's role in our society.

Government, is the one institution in society with a legal monopoly on the use of force. This makes it the most dangerous institution in any society, and the one most important to limit. The Framers knew this, and while they may have wanted a government more centralized than the one defined by the

Articles of Confederation, all understood well the importance of setting limits. So in what became known as the Constitutional Convention of 1787, they spelled out those limits, dividing the intended federal government into its familiar three branches, designating specific powers to each and building checks on the power of each into the others. Example: the President (executive branch) is designated Commander-in-Chief, but under Constitutionally correct government, only Congress (legislative branch) has the power to declare war.

Limitations on government are, however, fragile and must be preserved by vigilance, as Thomas Jefferson observed ("vigilance," he said, "is the price of liberty."). This is, in a nutshell, the central problem of political philosophy: not how to build the ideal society but how to control power. A Constitution is merely a written document; it won't protect itself. The need for vigilance is one of our responsibilities. To see how far we have drifted from Constitutionally limited government, we have only to look at the Constitution and realize that there is nothing in it about education, for example. Nor will one find anything allowing for taxation on one's personal income or for social security or for affirmative action or many other things now taken for granted.

The Constitution does make provisions intended to ensure that the checks on government power have

teeth in them. These were insisted upon by the critics of the original Constitution – the so-called Anti-federalists. We owe them the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution. The First Amendment grants citizens the authority to criticize official government policy without being arrested and thrown in jail; the Second, arguably, was intended as a separate check on government power by means of an armed adult citizenry (the original meaning of *militia*). Other amendments place additional limits on the power of government; the Ninth and Tenth, finally, underscore the rest of the document by designating that in a Constitutional republic the states are sovereign. The federal government is their servant, not their master. Moreover, the enumeration of certain rights in the Constitution and Bill of Rights was not to be taken as exhaustive of all rights, the clear implication being that rights antecede legal authority. Here we arrive, again, at a moral and metaphysical / theological basis for Constitutionally limited government. Most of the Framers, of course, believed that rights as moral claims with teeth in them can come only from God, the Author and Final Arbiter of justice in the universe

The rule of law. The Constitution was intended to be the supreme law of the land. While cashing out what this meant took some doing, the idea was to build up – for the first time – a society whose government answered to the authority of its own founding documents as understood above. There were, of course, antecedents such as the Magna Carta. That document made specific claims on the king, John, but didn't provide a larger philosophical framework. By and large, in the past the king was the law and could do as he pleased. The Framers of the U.S. Constitution set out to change that. The struggle toward controlling power with something other than a greater power was long, hard, and is far from over. There is, a minority in any population that is fascinated by power and understands people and relationships only in its terms. Many members of this minority in our population end up in politics where they can thwart the inten-

tions of the Framers. They have had plenty of help from the academic and educational worlds, where ideologies emphasizing power have flourished.

Conclusion

It is far easier to lose liberty than to win it. The loss comes about, like so many losses, from forgetfulness, from carelessness.... Again and again in recent years — in the name of national security, in the name of public safety, in the name of convenience masquerading as necessity — we have tolerated constitutional short-cuts which involved serious trespasses on individual rights....

The Constitution is a limitation not alone upon the government. It is a limitation on the people, on us. Sometimes it keeps us from doing what we would like to do. That is the purpose of a Constitution. That is the essential meaning of limited government. That is the indispensable condition of a government of laws....

Free men can never rely upon courts alone for the preservation of their freedom. Courts can give warning of danger. But they are really powerless to protect us from ourselves. They can remind us of our heritage. But they cannot preserve that heritage for us.

A free society is a society in which there is wide tolerance of diversity — tolerance of religious convictions which may seem to the majority to be leading to perdition, tolerance of political opinions which the majority may deem dangerous and even disloyal, tolerance of the largest possible range of individual eccentricities and idiosyncrasies. It is a society in which there is respect for privacy, respect for individuality.

What we have to remember above all else as a self-governing society is that it is we, the people, who must possess self-control. And it was precisely in order to maintain boundaries for our power — that the United States Constitution was ordained and established.

Would This Slow You Down?



Or Not



St. Paddy's Day Shenanigans

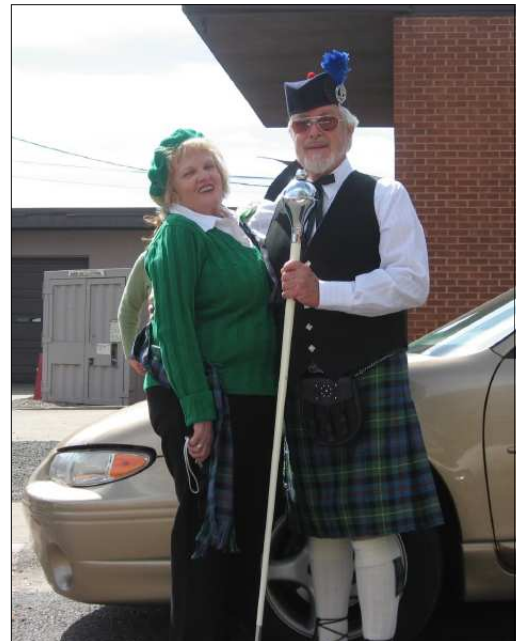


At left - shortly after this photo, John Gain was chosen as Car Club Member of the Year, a new award based on "Who you know". He was asked to invite his new friends to the next meeting. We'll see.

Below - Joe Tulley is pictured using his magic wand to wish for a Leprechaunette from New Yawrk. Poowf !!! Before he knew it, there she was in all her green glory!!!

Meanwhile, Vicki Currie gets the bird. She tries to lure him into doing the Irish Jig with her.

OLE!!!!
Wait, is that Irish?



Left - John Gain tries to squeeze in anywhere he is welcome, which after the shot on the opposing page, was not many places.

Below - Is that Guinness Stout Tom Wachs is holding, or is Bill Harrison holding up Tom Wachs



Above - Judy Gain cannot find her husband, so poses with Sharrie to avoid embarrassing questions.

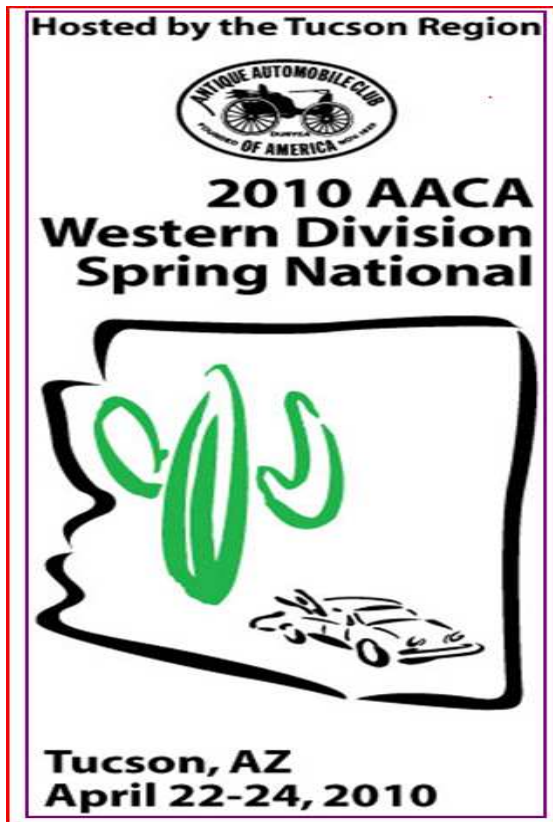
Left - Try to identify the Car Club members in this photo for a free admission to the next Club meeting.



Above - Ed Pittman tries to discuss inappropriate behavior of Club members with President Moss, but after checking out Ed's shamrock table cloth, President Moss decides Pitman is in no position to call the kettle black.

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Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!

The next meeting
of the Sedona Car
Club will be on
Tuesday, April
13th, at 7:00 PM
at the Sedona
Public Library on
White Bear Rd.



Tire Tracks

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