

# Tire Tracks

## *Summer Travels. Come Again Soon!*

Whenever we can head North to avoid the Summer Heat, we go gladly. Our group tour to Grand Junction, Colorado, was followed by two more cool spots. First, a week in Steamboat Springs, and later a week in Santa Fe.

Steamboat was new for us, so we took extra time driving, and headed North, just short of Grand Junction. The back roads delivered great mountain vistas and high passes. We approached our destination from the West. What was described to us as “a one street town” turned out to be much more, and is an outstanding base for day trips, as well. We discovered The Village at Steamboat, a fine resort with many comforts, and many restaurants, including The Ore House, an excellent steakhouse, which we will certainly visit again and again.

Santa Fe is an old friend, as we once lived just an hour South for many years. We have a standing reservation at Otra Vez en Santa Fe, each year in September ... Fiesta week! We discovered a new treasure in cool Tesuque. It is the Glenn Green Galleries, just a short walk from the Tesuque Village Market. When you go there (everybody does) be sure to try their excellent posole with red. Enjoy a few shots of this unique and friendly outdoor sculpture gallery ! RLB



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## President's Letter

**Well. The really good news is that our Editor is feeling well again and Tire Tracks is back in business.**

**Fall is here. The days are still quite nice but the nights and early mornings are cool (I think it's time to light our heater pilot). Thanksgiving Day will be soon, a day for all of us to give thanks for our blessings. I know I have many, many, things to be thankful for, among which are my wonderful friends in our club.**

**I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who entered in, and helped at, our car show. We had a great turnout. I hope everybody enjoyed it as much as Rachel and I did. Look elsewhere in this issue for some great pictures of the show.**

See you at our next meeting, Tuesday, November 8th.

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*David Lombardi*



Sedona Car Club  
Annual Car Show  
September, 2011  
*Dreamers*





**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**



*And so is our annual Christmas Party*

The Date: Tuesday, December 13th

The Time: Happy Hour at 6pm; Dinner at 7

The Place: The Golden Goose. 2545 West 89A

The Price: Thirty Dollars per person

- The Menu: Choice of:
- (1) Herb-Crusted Prime Rib with 3 Jumbo Prawns
  - (2) New York Steak with 8 oz Lobster Tail
  - (3) Chilean Sea Bass
  - (4) Linguini with Seafood Medley (Crab, Shrimp, Clams & Scallops)
  - (5) Chicken Oscar Scaloppini(Tender grilled chicken breast topped with crab, sautéed spinach & cream sauce)

Entrees are accompanied by dinner salad, ciabatta bread, roasted veggies and choice of (1) loaded baked potato, (2) mashed potatoes or (3) au gratin potatoes. Also, non-alcoholic beverage and cheesecake for desert. (Vegetarian entree upon request)

The Bar: Will be open for us with mixed drinks or beer at Happy Hour Prices.

So Please: Fill out the attached form and mail it with your check to AI prior to December 5th.

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following reservations

_____	Would like Entree #	And Potato #	
(NAME)			
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(NAME)			

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form, with your check, to AI Moss, 1015 Soldier Pass, Sedona 86336  
(Or give it to AI at the next meeting)

## *A Tale of Taciturn Hillbilly Males and Their Long-suffering Mates: Part One*

Recently your editor has written about car travel, and other stuff, which seemed appropriate for Tire Tracks. But this is about another kind of travel. Kurt Vonnegut called it "Time Travel", that is, reliving episodes from one's past. Vonnegut does not say so, but all recalled episodes are largely fictional, you know. But when Einstein imagined himself riding through space on a beam of light and called it a Thought Experiment, was it fiction, or a scientific method for studying things that existed on a scale he could not yet weigh and measure? I wonder?

A day or two ago, while "creating" another issue of TT, through my haze I became remotely aware of my wife's strong and insistent voice. "... and you've been in here for hours now! You haven't even moved a muscle! I can't tell sometimes if you're dead or alive! You never talk to me anymore! I'm going to send you to a psychiatrist if you don't snap out of your ..."

Her monologue may have gone on a few more minutes, before I stirred a bit, straightened up in my chair and sang a bit from Bob Dylan, "What was it you wanted? Was it something I missed?" I'll be back in a minute. Can you say it again?" With this, she screamed, Oh... YOU!!!" and fled the room.

I quickly slipped back into my daze or haze or whatever. But my mind was a wee bit troubled by what had happened. And I pondered. My mind locked on to a question - whether my distinctive character and that of my male progenitors, all a bunch of taciturn hillbillies, could be an hereditary trait, linked to our first emigrant ancestor, or perhaps even earlier? Sounds pretty silly, huh? But I just had to know.

Like Copernicus, Galileo and Einstein, I had no way to literally observe something in a distant scale or time, and no way even to separate family myths from fact. Also, Time Travel apparently can take over your mind, similar to LSD flashbacks. Thought Experiments don't involve such risks and are less likely to carry fictionalized and revisionist content. I decided to use Vonnegut as a tryout, then move to Einstein for the heavy lifting. But how far back? Why not start out with my own childhood, and then visit 1940, 1840, 1640, 1240, the dawns of history? Why not?

Vonnegut didn't tell us how his characters actually achieved Time Travel; it just came over them on its own. But I was already good at going into my focused trance states, so I decided just to focus on a childhood incident involving my father, and see if I could pull out anything useful about his character. It didn't take long before I was back in 1940, on my first (and last) father and son hunting experience. RLB

*To be continued in the next issue.*

# CLUB NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday To:

EGON HAGEMANN, 10/21: DAVID LOMBARDI, 11/24: LYNN ORR, 11/12: GEOFFREY ROTH, 10/28: DON SCHAEFER, 10/14: HERB SOLTRO, 11/13: JEANIE UHLIR, 10/6: SHARRIE WADSACK, 11/29: GARY ZUCCO, 10/6: JAMES BRADLEY, 11/29.

Happy Anniversary to ..

PHIL & SHARRIE WADSACK, 11/3:  
HERB & RICA SOLTERO, 10/20: SAM &  
ROSE PIETROFITTA, 10/14: ERNIE &  
LORAIN COUSINS. 11/28.

## LITTER LIFTERS

Our thanks go to Bob Van Steenberg who served long and well as coordinator. Luke Lukich has agreed to assume this role in 2012. This is your call to volunteer. Dates will be announced.

## New Executive Board Slate: 2012

Your nominating committee, Vince Monaci and David Lombardi, presents the following slate of nominees for club officers. Voting shall be by acclamation at the November General Meeting. Please be sure to attend.

President - Larry Currie

1st V.P./Programs - Martin Glinsky

2nd V.P./Editor - Ralph Blankenship

Secretary - Greg Zucco

Treasurer/Membership - Sam Pietrofitta

Historian - Steve Blank  
Al Moss - Tour Chairman  
Luke Lukich - Highway Clean-up  
Member At Large - Ed Pittman

## CLUB MEETING: NOVEMBER

The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be held on Tuesday, 11/8/11, at 7:00 PM, at the Sedona Library. Attend this meeting if at all possible, because the slate of Executive Board members and Officers for 2012 will be elected this night. Enjoy at least one election this year without mudslinging and artless spin. That alone will make coming to our meeting special.

## BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet Tuesday, December 5, 2011, at 8:30 AM, at the Cousins' clubroom. Final planning for the Christmas Party will be on the agenda. All members are invited to attend.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD

PRESIDENT

DAVID LOMBARDI

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TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP

SAM PIETROFITTA

SECRETARY

SHARRIE WADSACK

HISTORIAN

JOHN GAIN

TOURS & EVENTS

AL MOSS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

RALPH BLANKENSHIP

# Upcoming Events, Tours and Meetings

Mark your calendar! The Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Golden Goose, on the second Tuesday (13th) of December. Happy Hour begins at 7:00. Cost is \$30 per person. Please make your payment early. You may bring a check to the November general meeting. It is important that you make your choices of entrees prior to the date of the party. You can do this by using the registration form, reproduced on page 4 of this issue of Tire Tracks. See you there!

We are invited again to participate in the Cottonwood Christmas Parade on December 3, 2011. This annual outing is usually followed by good food and companionship. Sign up at the November meeting, but late joining is okay, too.

Al Moss has agreed to remain on the Executive Board and will develop another outstanding program of events and tours, which he does with special attention to both members' interests and careful planning.

## TIRE TRACKS

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