

President's Letter



Summer is well under way. I hope everyone is having a nice summer. It's a little hot, of course, but don't blame Sedona. It's hot all over and at least we have a dry heat (it does make a difference).

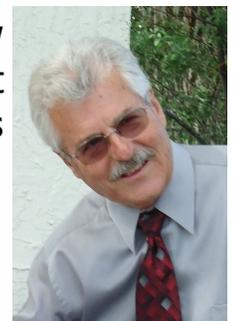
One of our last Club events was our annual picnic. I think it was a great one. I hope everyone who was there enjoyed it.

I'm sure everyone knows by now that our car show had to be cancelled this year. It was a shame. It would have been our 33rd annual show. We had a little trouble in the spring getting enthusiasm for this year's show. Then Sally Peck volunteered to be the chairperson and pretty soon she had a strong committee. The show was on its way.

Then the airport advised us that they were going to pave the tarmac "sometime" during the summer and did not know specifically when the paving would take place. The committee decided that we could not have people enter the show and then cancel it at the last minute. So regretfully, we decided to cancel the show for this year. Next year we'll do it again, bigger and better than ever!

I will be away for the August and September meetings. In the first week of August we are going to Colorado to visit an old friend who now lives in New Zealand, but will be in Colorado to visit her son. After that we are going to the historic car events in Monterey, California, then continuing on up to British Columbia and more. We're making sure we use our new RV! California again in October. Thanksgiving in Arkansas. I want to thank Jane Tusso and Ed Pittman for taking over the meetings while I am away.

David Lombardi
President



Reminders:

NEXT MEETING

August 12
Guest Speaker
Zack Richardson
President of the Sedona School Board

Common Core
The Newest Proposal for
Education



Be sure to check the
SCC website for
future events and
photos from past
events.

CAR SHOW CANCELLED

Due to a paving project at
the Sedona Airport,
our annual car show has
been cancelled. Look for us
in 2015!!

Discount

If your car is being serviced at Red Rock
Precision Motors, be sure to ask for the
car club 10% discount.



Sedona Car Club is now on
Facebook!

Car Club Outing

Since businesses in Oak Creek Canyon have been impacted by the fire closures, join your fellow car club members on August 23 for a Cruise The Canyon & Brunch at Junipine Café at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 23rd.

Regional Car Events

- 8/8-10** 2014 Cool Country Cruise In-Twisters Eat & Drink, Williams
- 8/14-17** Route 66 International Festival, Kingman
- 8/23** Thunder Over the Coconino Car Show & Fly-In, Valle Airport
- 9/5-7** Route 66 Days Charity Car Show, Flagstaff

(For a complete list of 2014 events, visit our website at
www.sedonacarclub.com)

CLUB CLIPS



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

TO:



Steve Blank	5
Marv Wiegand	5
Wayne Andersen	7
John Gain	7
Robert Miller	7
Daryl Laws	8
Raymond Scott	11
Bob Van Steenburgh	20
John Crawford	25
Stephanie Giesbrecht	25
Mike Clark	26
Susan Cohen	26
Carol Roland	30

Congratulations On Your Anniversary!

**Ralph and Sharon Blankenship
8/17**

**Marty and Lisa Glinsky
8/22**

**Luke and Diane Lukich
8/27**



Club Calendar

August 12 Club Meeting
7:00 pm

August 23 Cruise the Canyon
& Brunch at
Junipine, 10:00 am

Just for Fun

Recently a friend showed me a listing for a home for sale at 75 Blue Jay Drive, Sedona. You might be interested to know that it has an attached garage with space for eight cars! It's a steal at \$699,000.

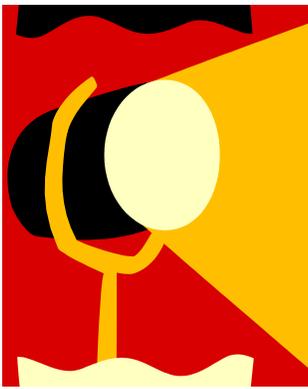


August Refreshments

Coffee—Jim Warren
Refreshments—Susan Cohen and
Diane Carson

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to bring coffee to the September meeting.



Spotlight on the ladies of the SCC...

Sharon Walker



Thank goodness for all my Mystic Hills neighbors who are also car club members!

This month I feature Sharon Walker, who is a native of Oklahoma, born and raised in Snyder, which is near Lawton, home to the Fort Sill Military Reservation.

Sharon attended Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha and received a Bachelors Degree in Education and Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva where she received a Masters Degree in Education. Sharon taught elementary school for 12 years in Oklahoma.

Enough of that weather, she said, and in 1992 headed for Phoenix, where she taught 1st and 2nd grade for three years. She decided it was time for some interaction with adults, left teaching and was employed by Intel for seven years as a Project Manager.

Sharon's family owned a lumber yard in Oklahoma and she inherited her father's love of cars. She said she had a new car every two years!

Sharon has always been fascinated with two-door sports cars. Her 2008 Porsche, pictured here, is her third Boxster. She was in heaven—she finally found her dream Porsche—one with

a red interior and red rag top!

Sharon is happy to be retired and spends her time hiking with partner, Tom Foulds, another car club member, and one of her hobbies is crafting.

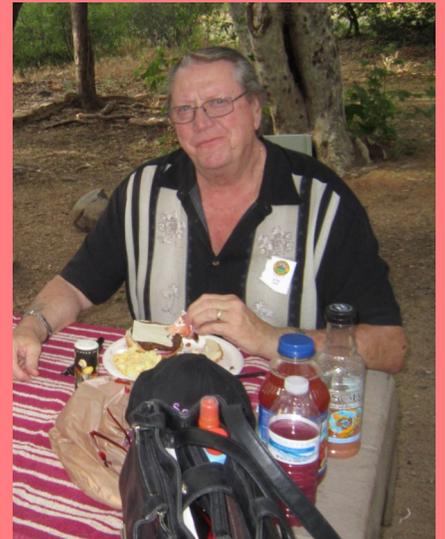
Sharon owns two cats, Max and Bert, and a beautiful Malamute, Harley. Friends of Sharon suggested that she enter Harley in the Sedona Humane Society's Woof N Purr 2015 Calendar contest. Originally vying for the coveted cover shot, Harley will now be featured in the calendar, not sure which month yet.

Even though Sharon loves Sedona, she said she misses being around her son, who lives in Iowa, and her four grandchildren, and nieces and nephews who live in Arkansas.

Thank you, Sharon, for sharing your story with the members of the SCC.



Annual Picnic Chavez Crossing June 3



Car Display at Sedona Winds/Lunch at PJ's Father's Day June 15



OUR FIRST CAR

by Mike and Victoria Clark

"During our 48 years together, Mike and I have owned a number of cars and trucks, but we agree that a 1942 Plymouth Business Coupe was our favorite and most memorable as it was a part of our family for 36 years.

In 1965, Mike spotted the coupe sitting at a service station in Tucson with a "For Sale" sign on it. The asking price was \$75 and the best part, according to Mike, was that the car was running. He brought his father to look over the car, and the former owner, who was stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, was willing to sell it for \$65.

At the time, the car was painted a gray color which Mike suspected was house paint so he had a guy paint it a respectable gray color. The cost was \$20. When I met Mike at Furrs Cafeteria, where we both worked part time, I'd always admired his car. Later on he asked me on a first date, and I was anticipating not only our date, but finally getting to ride in his car. The joke was, that to impress me, he had borrowed his Mom's new Dodge. I told him that I'd really love a ride in his car sometime.

Flash forward a few months, and that old Plymouth made it to the top of A-Mountain, which is a great place to view the lights of Tucson. He asked me to "go steady" in that car, which we've been doing ever since. At some point, we took the Plymouth to Earl Schibe for a \$99 paint job and we changed the color to black.

Being that it was a one seater, when our daughters were small, they could stand up behind the seat which was fine for short drives pre-seatbelts. When our oldest daughter turned 16, she wanted to drive it. We added turning signals and repainted the car a medium blue with red pin striping. She enjoyed driving it until 2002 when the decision was made to sell it because she didn't have a place to garage it, and it had been sitting in the Phoenix sun by the side of her home for several years.

A retired gentlemen, who was wanting to restore the car, purchased it for \$3,500! It was time for our 1942 to begin a new life."



Days Past: The Cactus Derby of 1914 - Part II

The Cactus Derby of 1914 combined all of the drama of today's Indy 500 along with the elements of a modern mud bog race. The race was a great and significant event for the drivers, mechanics, and machines involved. The first prize, \$2,500, hardly covered the costs of the racers, but the real prize was a highly coveted trophy inscribed "Master Driver of the World."

The 1914 Cactus Derby was 132 miles longer than the previous year's race, necessitating three days instead of two. Overnight control points were at Needles, CA, and Prescott, AZ. The nearly one mile difference in elevation between those two points would prove to be a strain for the machines and the drivers.

The 236 miles from Needles had been through some of the roughest country on the trip—hub-deep mud, desert sand, alkali dust, steep, muddy, boulder strewn mountain roads, jagged rocks, miserable weather, with everything from blowing dust to blowing snow. Drivers and their mechanics had experienced all sorts of problems from balky engines, damaged wheels, blown tires, stuck radiator caps, collisions with rocks and boulders, engine fire, stolen and lost and broken parts, "Rube Goldberg" repairs and exhaustion of the drivers and mechanics.

As the eleven racers headed south from Ash Fork, through Chino Valley, Granite Dells, and past Ft. Whipple, hundreds turned out to line Gurley Street in anticipation of the arrival of the Cactus Derby. The finish line for this leg of the race was at the northeast corner of West Gurley and Montezuma Streets.

Barney Oldfield was first coming into Prescott, with a 48 minutes and 5 seconds lead over Olin Davis in the Simplex. Slipping and sliding in the mud, Oldfield roared into Prescott from the east end of town.

As reported in the Prescott *Courier*, "As Oldfield swooped over the hill and neared the scratch (finish line), there was a mighty cheer from all who were in line, and as himself and the mechanics stepped from the car, looking like two huge mud geysers, rather than men, they were surrounded by dozens of inquiring and enthusiastic fans, each eager for the first words from his lips, which were practically sealed by mud and muck."

Davis in the Simplex was second at Prescott and Louis Nikrent was third, just 8 minutes behind Davis. Amazingly, in spite of the loss of an hour at Kingman, Ted Beaudet was in fourth place, only 6 minutes behind Nikrent. All of the eleven autos which made it to Prescott arrived in good condition except Beaudet's Paige and it was still anybody's race. It was 138 more miles to Phoenix.

Oldfield was determined to win the Cactus Derby as he triumphantly skidded to a stop at the finish line in Prescott. He had had a bad stretch of unfortunate luck, circumstances and bad choices for the last four years. A win for him in the Cactus Derby would be a huge win for Oldfield.

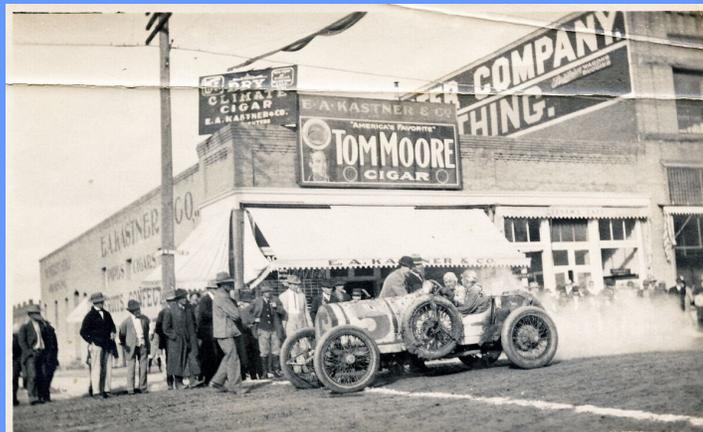
The remaining racers took off the next morning, November 11, on the worst leg of the trip, down Copper Basin Road to Kirkland, Congress Junction, Wickenburg and on to Phoenix. Soon, the grade on Copper Basin Road took its toll: Davis, driving the Simplex, was out. Oldfield took it easy starting out, but got stuck in New River where he was passed by Nikrent and Bill Bramlett. Oldfield had to be pulled out by a team of mules.

As the last few miles of the long race were in sight, as reported by *Motor Age*, Oldfield "opened up and drove as he had not driven in the race." At this point, Oldfield believed he had lost to Nikrent. The article continued, "As he (Oldfield) came down the road, the car and crew looked like an adobe house on wheels. The cigar in his face had turned to a clay clod and the mask on his face had holes where mouth and nose were hidden."

The end of the race was anti-climactic, with Nikrent crossing the finish line at the Phoenix Fairgrounds first but Oldfield winning with the elapsed time of 23 hours. Nikrent was second at 23 hours, 35 minutes; Beaudet third at 25 hours, 4 minutes, and Durant fourth at 25 hours, 46 minutes. Eight racers finished the race. *Motor Age* commented "From the spectators' standpoint, as well as that of the drivers, the 1914 Phoenix race is the greatest of them all."

Arriving in first place in his muddy Stutz, Barney Oldfield and his mechanic slide to a stop at the scratch line in Prescott. Oldfield would go on to win the timed race.

Courtesy of Sharlot Hall Museum



Club Meetings

The General 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 8:30 a.m. at the Cousins' clubroom. All members are invited to attend.

Tire Tracks

Tire Tracks is published eleven 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 Jane Tusso and posted on the website by Steve Blank before the monthly meeting. All submissions are due by the 1st of each month. Email them to: chathamjet@yahoo.com.

Classifieds

For Sale—1987 Mercedes Benz 560SL, red, about 58,000 miles. It was repainted in 2012. Asking \$12,000. Call Nancy at 928-300-3274 if you are interested.



For Sale—1951 Ford Victoria Hard Top—See last page for details.

Wanted— Still looking for a Mercedes Benz SLK350, preferably a 2009. Contact Jane at 201-572-0184.

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Time to Stop

A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting.

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman rolled down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, "PULL OVER!"

"NO," the young lady yelled back. "IT'S A SCARF."



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**How do they get the deer to cross
at that yellow road sign?**

George Carlin



Editor's Note: My brother found this car in Morristown, NJ. It's a 1951 Ford Victoria hard top, V-8 Automatic. All original but it was repainted several years ago. He's only the second owner. It has 32,000 miles and he's asking \$32,000. If you're interested, he said he may be able to deliver it to Sedona (to see me)!

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