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NEWS AND VIEWS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SEDONA CAR CLUB

# OIL DISCOVERED RED ROCK STATE PARK!!

## Environmentalists Fear The Worst

**D**ateline - Sunday, May 28th. State Park Officials were hard pressed for an explanation of the recent discovery of oil at the park location. While the first thoughts focused on lessening U.S dependence on foreign oil, environmentalists were quick to rail against the finding as despoiling the pristine beauty of the park and Sedona in general. Battle lines are already being formed by several constituent groups on both sides of the issue. Proponents of drilling in the park claim that drilling rigs could be hidden under large fake red rock boulders that were hollow and could be lowered down over the rigs. Opponents contended that that would only lead to greedy oil company executives playing



officials were also puzzled as to why the oil had an appearance as though it had already been refined. This could change all we know about oil and could save billions. Tire Tracks will continue to follow this "crude" chronicle.

"shell" games with the rigs. It promises to be a donnybrook. Park officials made the discovery on a routine inspection of a parking lot next to the picnic pavilion. Said one official, "It was right there on the asphalt (the oil) and it appeared as though it had just seeped up through the parking lot. It reminded me of the movie "The Blob" I saw as a kid, scary"! Park

## **Brit Car Owners Picnic At Red Rock State Park**

Drive Your British Car Week festivities culminated with a picnic May 27th at the park. SCC members brought their cars to the parking lot by the pavilion and were treated to mostly American cuisine and adult beverages. When asked about the recent discovery at the park where members were just one day earlier, event hosts, Ed & Alva Pittman refused comment, walking away from this reporter mumbling something about taking the Fifth Amendment. The picnic ended on time and everyone drove away in a cloud of blue smoke.


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# President's Vehicle

Sunday, May 8th, saw about 36 members enjoying a nice Mother's Day Brunch at Junipine and the following day the first big Tour of the year began. 25 members in 12 vehicles spent four days touring in beautiful Utah. We visited Bryce, Zion, Capitol Reef, Natural Bridges, Glen Canyon Dam and Monument Valley. Other than a brief snow flurry in Bryce, the weather was excellent. Tuesday evening we enjoyed a truly gourmet dinner at Cafe Diablo in Torrey. The Grande Finale was a 2-1/2 hour tour through Monument Valley. Sally Peck received a new hairdo, courtesy of a Navajo woman in her Hogan.

*“...see cool Utah pics on page 5-6.”*



and car collection. From there, we will go to the home of Bruce and Pat Bille to see their big garage car and motorcycle collection as well as a refreshing swim in their pool. Snax will be provided. Don't miss this! Sign-up and more info at the August meeting.

Friday, September 16th.  
Dinner at NAU.

Saturday, September 17th.  
Annual SCC Car Show.

October 18-20. Tour to Canyon de Chelly. 3 nights. Limited to first 15 couples to sign up--in August.

Unfortunately, the Big Bug which has been plaguing Arizonians for several weeks attacked some of the Utah tourists. Too many names to mention, but I hope you are all feeling better now. (I am!)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, June 14th. Annual Picnic

Tuesday, July 19th. A Moonlight Tour. We will leave at 6 PM from the Safeway parking lot in Cottonwood. Following dinner at The Asylum in Jerome, we will enjoy a Moonlit Ride back to Sedona. As of May 26 this tour is full. If more want to sign up, please contact me to see if there are cancellations.



Al's Morgan pushes TC from Payson Show where he got two first place trophies, displayed on hood.

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Saturday, August 13th. The Second Annual Member's Garage Tour. We will visit two Member's Garages. First, that of Egon and Deotila Hagemann, where we will have the opportunity to see their fabulous garage



Al Moss' next Morgan restoration!

# CLUB CLIPS



TO:

## June/July

- 6/3 Dwight Van Evera
- 6/4 Ron Henry
- 6/5 Ernie Cousins
- 6/5 Tom Wachs
- 6/16 Laila Armst rong
- 6/17 Vicki Currie
- 6/22 Jeannine McKenzie
- 6/28 Herb Miller
- 7/2 Joe Howe
- 7/4 Judy Erickson
- 7/7 Larrie Currie
- 7/8 Lon Walters
- 7/10 Leeds Chessire
- 7/13 Gary Carson
- 7/14 Judy Danley
- 7/14 Deot ila Hagemenn
- 7/23 JoAnne Demascio
- 7/25 Dave Smit h
- 7/24 Bet ty Monaci
- 7/26 Shari Brush
- 7/26 Don Arey
- 7/30 Brook Cunningham
- 7/30 Bob Boydston

## 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

June

- 14 Annual Picnic
- 19 Happy Father's Day

July

- 19 Moonlight Auto Tour.

August

- 13 2nd Annual Member's Garage visit.
- 16-22 Monterey Historic Races, Concours etc.

September

- 16 NAU Dinner
- 17 Annual SCC Car Show. (Tentative)

October

- 18-20 Petrified Forest & Canyon de Chelly.

November

- ? Treasure Hunt/Rally

December

- ? Cottonwood Christmas Parade
- 14 Annual SCC Christmas Party

## Congratulations ! On Your Anniversary!

- 6/3 Mike & Victoria Clark
- 6/13 Ray & Becky Anderson
- 6/13 Norm & Jeanie Uhlir
- 6/13 Dave & Carol Smith
- 6/19 John & Cheryl Ossenfort
- 6/26 Herb & Joan Miller
- 6/27 Tom & Deb Wachs
- 6/30 Al & Nena Baxter

- 7/3 James Bradley/Sandi Galbreth
- 7/5 Bill & Joyce Fobair
- 7/8 Dwight & Pat VanEvera
- 7/17 Bob & Jo Boydston



# Meet the Members



## Jewel of Sedona

What has 4000 sq. ft., eight classic cars, magnificent views, and an innumerably eclectic mix of art, antiques, furniture and memorabilia? Answer: Al and Nena Baxter's Carriage House. While built primarily to serve a museum for the Baxter's car collection, it looks more like a house with eight cars parked in the living room. On a recent visit to the Baxter's, both a study of hanging memorabilia and receiving oral history from Al, left me with an amazing sense of the richness and uniqueness of Al and Nena's lives. Although, perhaps not much unlike that of many others in the Club who lived through the depression and several wars.



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Right to left: Al, wooden Indian, Nena and Stephanie Geisbrecht



The Carriage House



The Baxter's like **BIG** Vases.

# Meet the Members (cont)

## Sell, Sell, Sell

Al grew up on a farm in Iowa during the 30's and the family did whatever it took to survive. They sold chickens, eggs, corn, donuts, cream and, oh, by the way Continental autos in three models—Ace, Flyer, & Beacon. From there the family and Al started Baxter Motors, which included the following dealerships over 30 years: Chrysler/Plymouth, Dodge, Studebaker, Buick, Oldsmobile and Packard (which was the source of the Baxter's prize '55 Packard Caribbean), Mercedes, Jaguar, Renault, Peugeot, Triumph, Austin-Healy, Morris Minor, MG, Isetta and Simca. If that wasn't enough, Baxter Motors also sold: Norge refrigerators, Philco radios, Maytag gas engine powered washers and Oliver tractors (taking livestock in trade). Nena became Manager of Parts & Service at the Studebaker dealership and they married in 1957.



## UTAH PICS START HERE Con't on next page



UTAH PICS CONTINUED



A dish to suit everyones taste.



“Now if you guys can’t keep quiet, I’m going to lock you in this Hogan to cook!! This is not a car club meeting.”



Open up, we know there’s a bathroom in there!!!



“Floor it Gail, floor it.”



**2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## MEETING MINUTES

Ed Pittman, First Vice President, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed reported the Utah Trip was "a Survival Trip with members falling like flies from illness." Our Al Moss became ill upon return home.

The June Picnic will be held at the Senior Center our regular meeting night (June 14). In Treasurer Larry Currie's absence, the Executive Board voted the picnic FREE. AND, WE'LL HAVE SHADE AT THE CENTER'S NEW RAMADA! The Menu was read. Guests you bring will need to pay \$10.00. If you sign up and do not attend you will be responsible for paying the cost due to Catering.

The Moonlight Auto Tour to Jerome is July 19. A sign up sheet was passed. Participants will dine at the Asylum Restaurant. In August, we'll visit members' garages (Hagemann's and Bruce Bille) and enjoy cars, snacks, and a pool romp. That's August 13.

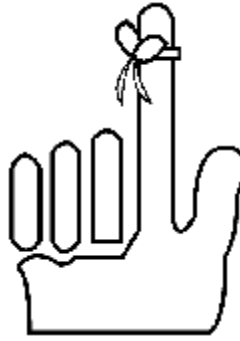
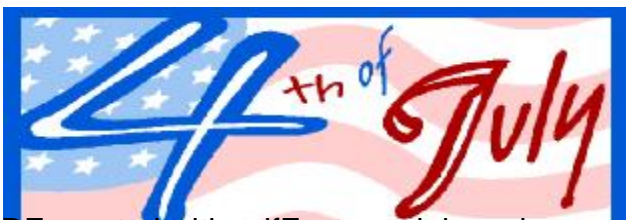
The Car Show Committee will meet to work out the nitty gritty May 18 at the Pittman's, 9 a.m. AND DON'T FORGET, THE NAU DINNER WILL BE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CAR SHOW (Sept. 16).

Our Program Leader, Ed Horvat, returned ill from Utah AND had three different people bailout on him for our May meeting entertainment! Dave Lombardi had more time for cookies and cake. We thank Herb Levinson for entertaining us with stories describing his experiences in Vegas, keeping us quiet and spellbound. In 50 years of collecting, Herb has owned 9 Ferrari's.

The evening concluded with Gregg Law's announcement of his purchase of a Jaguar XJ6 Series III, and your Secretary winning the raffle. She hasn't won ANYTHING SINCE SHE WAS 13...(editor's note - excepting Ralph)

RESPECTFULL Y SUBMITTED,  
Sharon Blankenship, Secretary

# HAPPY



## DON'T FORGET!!

### PICNIC!!

Don't forget June 14th at Adult Community Center, 5 PM. No charge. Guests \$10. RSVP Larrie Currie by June 9. The club pays for all reservations so we're sorry, but no shows will need to pay \$10.

### CAR SHOW

**Next car show meeting at Ed Pittman's on July 21st at 9 AM. More volunteers needed, Show up or call Ed for information.**

Thanks to the Smiths, the Carsons and Bill Harrison for providing May refreshments. Greg Zucco, Stephanie Geisbrecht and the Niederkorns will bring them in August.

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## Classifieds

### For Sale

1980 Mercedes 450 SL, mileage...159,500  
2 door convertible with canvas & hard tops. Newly painted, gold. New chrome. Immaculate condition, well kept up mechanically.  
Jeanine McKenzie 204-9695

### For Sale

1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue. Excellent condition, always garaged. 70,600 miles. Blue gray. Priced at \$4200. Call Bob Parman at 284-1252.  
Submitted by Bob Boydston.

### **BONUS**

**An added feature this month! If you receive the newsletter by PDF, several extra pages of Utah photos have been added. Weight and size prohibit sending with the hard copy.**



## **TireTracks**

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## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be the picnic on Tuesday, June 14th, 2005, at 5:00 PM, at the Adult Community Center of Sedona, 2645 Melody Lane.