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President's Vehicle

I had a wonderful experience one day recently. Your Club's Treasurer, Larry Currie, and I presented, on behalf of the entire Club, the Club's charitable donation to the Sedona Community Center. (see picture at right) They were truly appreciative of our gift and told us that it is a wonderful thing we do for our community.

We donated not only to the Sedona Community Center, but also to five other organizations. Our gifts went to Sedona Community Center, Old Town Mission, Boys and Girls Club of Sedona, Boys and Girls Club of Cottonwood, Sedona Food Bank and Sedona Humane Society. The total amount of our gifts was \$2,880.00. I am proud, and I am sure you are too, to be part of an organization that puts its funds to this altruistic use.

Although the money for our donations comes specifically from the earnings of our savings account, it is available for this charitable use because we do not have to use it for the operation of our club. That is because we are able to operate our club largely from the proceeds of our annual car show. So you see, your participation in the car show is very important so that we can perpetuate our charitable donations.



If you have a car which meets the show entry



requirements, please do enter it in the show. If you have an otherwise interesting car that is, say, too new for entry, put it in the display class. And I hope everyone will help with the various jobs that need to be done on the day of the show. I will be there with my car. Look for the red Austin Healey. It possibly won't win, but it is a nice car and it will be there.

Oh yeah. So where am I now? I am sitting under a big tree in an RV Park on the banks of the Animas River in Durango, Colorado. The Durango/Silverton train just chugged pass fifty feet away, steam whistle blasting, and a small plane just flew overhead, engine straining as it pulled a sleek glider aloft.

Life is good!

David Lombardi, President

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7-9-Rt. 66 Days Car Show

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From the Editor's Desk

Note — The following is circulating the internet and attributed to Jay Leno, which is false. Only the quote at the end is his, but nevertheless this essay contains a powerful message.

"The other day I was reading Newsweek magazine and came across some poll data I found rather hard to believe. It must be true given the source, right?

The Newsweek poll alleges that 67 percent of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69 percent of the country is unhappy with the performance of the president. In essence 2/3s of the citizenry just ain't happy and want a change.

So being the knuckle dragger I am, I started thinking, "What we are so unhappy about?" Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Is our unhappiness the result of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Could it be that 95.4 percent of these unhappy folks have a job? Maybe it is the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time and see more food in moments than Darfur has seen in the last year?

Maybe it is the ability to drive from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state? Or possibly the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter? I guess having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough. Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all and even send a helicopter to take you to the hospital.

Perhaps you are one of the 70 percent of Americans who own a home. You may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames thus saving you, your family and your belongings. Or if, while at home watching one of your many flat screen TVs, a burglar or prowler intrudes, an officer equipped with a gun and a bullet-proof vest will come to defend you and your family against attack or loss.

This all in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90 percent of teenagers own cell phones and computers. How about the complete religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of everyone in the world? Maybe that is what has 67 percent of you folks unhappy.

Fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the U. S., yet has a great disdain for its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the

country instead of thanking the good Lord we live here.

I know, I know. What about the president who took us into war and has no plan to get us out? The president who has a measly 31 percent approval rating? Is this the same president who guided the nation in the dark days after 9/11? The president that cut taxes to bring an economy out of recession? Could this be the same guy who has been called every name in the book for succeeding in keeping all the spoiled ungrateful brats safe from terrorist attacks? The commander in chief of an all-volunteer army that is out there defending you and me?

Did you hear how bad the President is on the news or talk show? Did this news affect you so much, make you so unhappy you couldn't take a look around for yourself and see all the good things and be glad? Think about it..... are you upset at the President because he actually caused you personal pain OR is it because the "Media" told you he was failing to kiss your sorry ungrateful behind every day. Make no mistake about it. The troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have volunteered to serve, and in many cases may have died for your freedom. There is currently no draft in this country. They didn't have to go. They are able to refuse to go and end up with either a "general" discharge, an "other than honorable" discharge or, worst case scenario, a "dishonorable" discharge after a few days in the brig.

So why then the flat-out discontentment in the minds of 69 percent of Americans? Say what you want but I blame it on the media. If it bleeds it leads and they specialize in bad news. Everybody will watch a car crash with blood and guts. How many will watch kids selling lemonade at the corner? The media knows this and media outlets are for-profit corporations. They offer what sells, and when criticized, try to defend their actions by "justifying" them in one way or another. Just ask why they tried to allow a murderer like O. J. Simpson to write a book about how he didn't kill his wife, but if he did he would have done it this way..... Insane!

Stop buying the negativism you are fed everyday by the media. Shut off the TV, burn Newsweek, and use the New York Times for the bottom of your bird cage. Then start being grateful for all we have as a country. There is exponentially more good than bad. We are among the most blessed people on Earth and should thank God several times a day, or at least be thankful and appreciative." "With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

Aug:

Ref: Al Moss & Bill Harrison

Coffee: Ernie & Loraine Cousins (If they are in town)

Sep:

Ref: Sally & Les Peck

Chris & Michelle Schoening

Coffee: Vacant

Lombardi Presidency Out of Jeopardy !

Summer Picnic Assures Lombardi of Legacy

It was only a little carton (photo at right), but it had the potential to bring down a presidency. After an ice creamless picnic last year, President Lombardi promised to rectify that deficiency at this year's picnic. True to his word the carton at right really is ice cream, a whopping 4 ounces at that! In a populist

outburst Lombardi was heard to say, "Forget doing what is good for the club, I'm going to give the members what they want, not what they need. Next year we will escalate this entitlement to include cake. Let them eat cake!" (and ice cream)



Photos — Above, Scott Mangarpan offers words of support to Ernie Cousins. "I don't care what Lorraine says, that shirt is way cool. You really hit the Goodwill Store at the right time, cause I am in the store weekly and have not been able to find one."

Left — The cook contributes to a rise in the earth's temperature by a half degree. Then with a smirk on his face he says, "don't worry we bought some carbon offsets." (heh-heh)

"I was this close to hitting the right front fender of a white Mazda Miata, when this older gentleman threw himself between my car and his, while mumbling something loving about women and them being given the privilege of driving."



“Let’s see, Harringtons. Yes, that’s \$10 for the picnic, \$3 Sedona tax, \$5 for seat in shade, \$4 late fee, \$4.50 in interest. \$3 for me to work collecting picnic fees, no name badge special event \$29.50. By the way I hope you appreciate the club subsidizing the picnic!”

Right—A glum Mary Tulley commiserates with Alva Pittman just beyond hearing distance of her husband, Joe. “You know, it used to be I could dress him up and take him out anywhere, however, since he started dressing himself, it’s just been getting harder and harder.” Alva says not to worry, that she went through the same thing with Ed. She got him to shape up by threatening to drive the Jag to the grocery store and park near the cart return area. This gives Mary the idea that perhaps she could once again have influence in Joe’s life if she hid his Bocce Balls.



Above - A skeptical Jim Bradley (right), is treated to a whopper of a story by Terry Medulla. *Center* - Greg Zucco, right, presents Treasurer, Larry Currie a check from the Basha’s Thanks A Million program that comes from members shopping at Basha’s. Collecting money for Larry is better than taking an aphrodisiac. *Left* - John Gain can’t get away from the women no matter how hard he tries.

Da Bocce Boys of Summer



Tom Dawson, Joe Tulley, Vince Monaci, and Ed Pittman — “Da Bocce Boys of Summer” pictured here proudly displaying their.....ah, yes, ah, their equipment. They all seem to be satisfied with their equipment and one can see they all have two pieces of equipment that are the same size, although color varies. Bocce takes place most Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Joe Tulley’s backyard. (Yes, grown men still do play in the sand)



What Is Bocce Ball

Bocce dates back to 5200 BC. Bocce is played on sand, soil or asphalt courts approximately 20 to 27 metres in length and 2.5 to 4 metres wide, sometimes with wooden boards of approximately 15 centimetres in height surrounding the court. Bocce balls can be made of bronze or various kinds of plastic. Unlike lawn bowls, bocce balls are spherical and have no inbuilt bias.

A game can be contested between two players, or two teams of two or four. A match is started by a randomly chosen side being given the opportunity to throw a smaller ball, the **jack** (called a **pallino** or **boccino** in some areas), from one end of the court into a zone about 5 metres in length, ending 2 metres from the far end of the court. If they miss twice, the other team is awarded the opportunity to roll the pallino anywhere they choose within the prescribed zone. If neither team is able to roll the pallino into play as prescribed in the rules, then the pallino is placed on a spot that is marked on the court. At this time the team that attempted to put the pallino into play first gets to roll the first ball.

The side that places the jack is given the opportunity to bowl first. Once the first bowl has taken place, the other side has the opportunity to bowl. From then on, the side which does *not* have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining bocce balls. Like lawn bowls, the team with the closest ball or balls to the jack is awarded one point for each ball that is closer to the jack than the other side's closest ball. The contest continues until one team scores 13 points (though this can vary regionally).

Players are permitted to throw the ball in the air using an underarm action. This is generally used to knock either the jack or another ball into a more favourable position. Tactics can get quite complex when players have sufficient control over the bocce ball to land or roll it accurately.



Above — In between pitching balls, Vince Monaci is told by Mary Tulley to make himself useful and hose off the patio furniture. Not being one to fool around with an Ex-New Yorker, a compliant Monaci gets to work. In a passive-aggressive move, though, he uses more water than necessary.



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The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be on Tuesday, August 14, at 7:00 PM, at the Sedona Community Center, 2645 Melody Lane.



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