

Tire Tracks

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

President's Vehicle

Now that the worst of our winter storms are (hopefully) over, it's time to uncover our Funny Olde Cars and take them out for some exercise. Which is exactly what eighteen of us did today (Tuesday, February 23rd). Thanks to Tour Chairman Ed Pittman, we had a tour to Cricket's for brunch. A fun place with the best cinnamon rolls in the world.

I hope you enjoyed watching the winter Olympics from Vancouver as much as we did. How about that Apollo Ohno!! And those cute gal skiers? And did you happen to catch the frequent coverage of the Capilano Suspension Bridge? Narrow, 450 feet long and 230 feet above the river? When I was there I could not screw up the courage to walk over it. NO WAY!

We finally have a nearly-full compliment of volunteers to provide snacks and coffee for the rest of this year's meetings. Following is the schedule (with a few alterations by yours truly!)

March: Cindy/Larry Mortensen & Tom/ Deb Wachs. I will provide the

coffee

April: Betty/Vince Monaci & Ralph/ Sharon Blankenship. I will provide the coffee

May: Amy/Bob Duncan & Sally Peck. Sharrie & Phil Wadsack will provide the coffee.

August: Bob Van Steenburgh & Sharrie/Phil Wadsack. Need a volunteer for the coffee.

Sept. Al Moss & NEED A VOLUNTEER

Oct. David/Rachael Lombardi & Dianne/Gary Carson. Monacis will provide the coffee.

Nov. Steph/Greg Zucco & Larry/Vicki Currie. Monacis will provide the coffee.



A final bit of good news. There will be no Fair in conjunction with our car show this year. Just us and a few airplanes. This, plus the fact that there will be no day-of show entries should make for a much smoother day.

Al Moss,
President

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FREE money is once again being given away by Basha's & Food City starting in September. All you have to do is connect your savings card to the Car club. They'll do it for you, just tell the cashier. Folks, this is a no brainer. We have come up just short of \$100 the past two years. Let's see if we can break \$100 this year. Our ID No. is 23484- *Editor*



Club Calendar

- March 6 - St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sedona 10 AM
- August 28 - Thunder Over Coconino car show at Grand Canyon Airport
- September 25 - Sedona Car Club Show

Congratulations ! On Your Anniversary!

- Robt. & Teresa Van Steenburgh** 20
- Terry & Sandra Medulla** 11
- Larry & Vicki Currie** 29

MARCH PROGRAM

Dr. Cory Krueger,
Board Certified Internist

Breakfast at Cricket's

On February 23rd, sixteen members of the SCC Dining and Driving Club were pleased to get into the sunshine after yet another winter storm. It was a beautiful sunny day although with a nip in the air.

We enjoyed the camaraderie of brunch at Cricket's Breakfast and Sandwich shop in scenic downtown Lake Montezuma. This intimate-sized restaurant is famous for their homemade cinnamon rolls and bear claws. Most of us had the pastries instead of toast.

The community of Lake Montezuma got its name when a large ranch was subdivided in 1957. The developer dug a small lake, then named the development Lake Montezuma, picking up the Montezuma from the areas best known landmark, Montezuma Well National Monument.

It was a nice outing. Well worth the short drive.

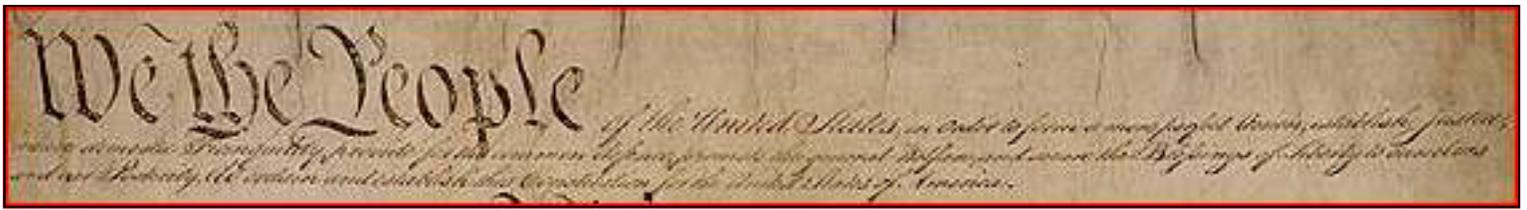
Ed Pittman, Go Places Chairman

Know It All Quiz

This is a quiz for people who know everything! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is Whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

(Answers on page 6)



Sedona Car Club Civics Series—Part 2

...deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Editor's note - Last month Tire Tracks™ began its series on the First Principles of America's founding starting with the principle of Natural Rights and that among these are the right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. The Declaration states that "to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." This month we explore this concept in more detail. To help bring this concept to life think about what is happening now on a national level or even at the local level where several city council candidates are pledging to "follow the will of the people". How do they know what that is? Would you expect them to be seeking your opinion on important issues? What about special interests? This month's column may shed some light on these important questions.

One of the Declaration's self-evident truths answers the question, why do men establish government? The answer: to secure natural rights, or the rights people are born with. The Declaration implies that these rights are not secure outside of government.

Outside of government, people are in what the Founders called "the state of nature." They have natural rights, but when men live without government, those rights are jeopardized. As James Madison explained in Federalist no. 51, in the state of nature, "the weaker individual is not secured against the violence of the stronger." In such a state, even the decent may be tempted to act according to their selfish passions rather than their reason and duty. As James Madison put it in the same number of The Federalist, men are not angels—that is, they are not simply rational. The state of nature is characterized not by life, liberty, and happiness, but rather by violent death, slavery, and misery. Because of this—and so that they can enjoy their rights in peace—people join to form governments.

When people set up a government, they must give up some of the power they had in the state of nature. For example, one gives up the right to punish wrongdoers and gives that right to government. In this sense, one surrenders some of the natural right to liberty. But in another sense, the right to liberty is unalienable, meaning that one never gives it up at all. That is, no one rightfully assigns to a government absolute authority over his freedom of action, and no one rightfully gives up his ultimate right to revolt against a tyrannical government. One surrenders liberty conditionally: we give some of it to government, on the condition that gov-

ernment secures our rights.

For instance, people may not rightfully give government the right to kill or enslave them or confiscate their property (except as restitution for injuries committed). But people accept some restraints on the liberty they enjoyed in the natural state for the sake of more secure liberty. For instance, they give a portion of their property for the greater protection of the right of acquisition (e.g., when taxes go to pay for judges and for national defense).

As the Declaration explains, governments must derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed." The word just here means two things. First, the only legitimate powers of government are those that have been consented to by the people. For example, as the Declaration's list of grievances shows, government acts tyrannically, or unjustly, when it acts without obtaining the consent of the people. What the Founders called "republican government," then, is the only fully legitimate form of government. A republic, Madison wrote in The Federalist 39, is a government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the great body of the people."

But while consent is necessary for government power to be legitimate, consent in itself is not the sole standard of legitimacy or goodness. That is, the people do not have the right to consent to unjust powers. Put another way: Just because the people have consented to something does not make it right. We may only rightly or justly consent to those powers of government that do not violate the unalienable rights of individuals.

And this points to the real challenge of self-government: Government must obtain the consent of the people, but the people must be of such a character that they will give their consent only to good or just measures. Consent must be enlightened consent, which means it must be consent with a view that the basis of one's own right to give his consent is the same basis of the rights of others to give their consent.

Consent has two aspects: consent in establishing government and consent in operating government. The first, which the Founders called the "social compact," is nicely defined in the Massachusetts state constitution of 1780 as an association "by which the whole people covenants with each citizen, and each citizen with the whole people, that all shall be governed by certain laws for the common good." This occurred in America, for instance, when elected representatives in each state wrote the state constitutions, and again when delegates elected by the people of each state voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution of 1787.

After the people join together to form a government, they must also give their consent, on a regular basis, to its operation. This requirement arises from the fact that the people are not only the source of political power, but that they retain their unalienable right to liberty and therefore may never delegate power to the government permanently. Thus the Declaration of Independence lists at least ten instances in which Britain violated the Americans' right to ongoing consent to government, expressed through elected representatives.



James Madison, fourth President and "Father of the Constitution"

For example, the king had refused to approve laws passed by colonial legislatures "for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish their right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only." The king had also "kept among us in times of peace standing armies and ships of war without the consent of our legislatures." Above all, Britain is condemned "for suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever."

It is not good enough that rights be secured by a king or other unelected rulers. When conditions are

favorable, the form of government most consistent with the equal liberty we are born with is democracy. As Thomas Jefferson wrote: "the republican is the only form of government which is not eternally at open or secret war with the rights of mankind."

Government, in my humble opinion, should be formed to secure and to enlarge the exercise of the natural rights of its members; and every government, which has not this in view, as its principal object, is not a government of the legitimate kind.

- James Q. Wilson

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Don't worry about tomorrow!
After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

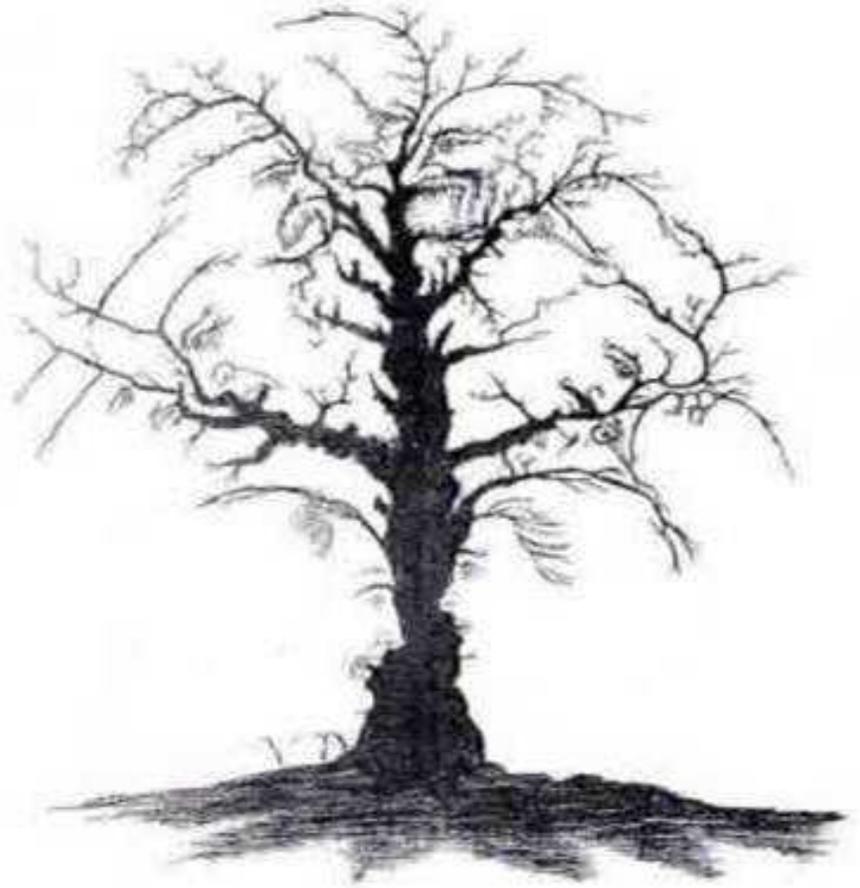
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More Free Service

Free Tax Preparation is offered once again this year thru the AARP/IRS. All taxpayers qualify with emphasis on low to middle income brackets without a great deal of complexity.

Service begins February 2nd and will be available at the Sedona Public Library on Tues, Thurs, and Sat. from 10 AM till 2 PM. First come first served. Tell all your friends.

CAN YOU SEE 10 FACES IN THE TREE



Answers To Quiz on page 3

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends
Boxing.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward s .. Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)
- 3.. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons ... Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside Strawberry.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.)
6. Three English words beginning with 'dw' Dwarf, dwell and dwindle .
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh Lettuce.
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S' Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings,

UK's Lucas Ltd. To Build Electric Car

One of the United Kingdom's most enduring brands will proceed with plans to build the quintessentially British electric vehicle. Lucas, the world leader in faulty electrical components, has determined after decades of deliberation to finally push ahead with plans for an electric vehicle wholly of its own design.

The Lucas electric car, to be called the "Prince" in homage to the company's founder, Joseph Lucas, who died in 1902, taking with him to the grave his secrets of how to make working electrical parts.

Since that time, the company has been awarded more wisecracks than any other.

Lucas has led in many important innovations since, counting the first intermittent windshield wipers, the first self-dimming headlights, and the first anti-theft starter interrupt devices among its several inventions. The company has also long extolled safe driving practices, as exemplified by its motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas's EV will be based on a design originally conceived in 1968. The company had intended to



build the EV in the 1970s but the plans were thought destroyed when the company's then-chief engineer's car caught fire. The blueprints were recently rediscovered in fine shape in a back room, after having been overlooked for decades due to poor lighting.

Memo From: NASCAR
Subject: Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon announced today that he was firing his entire pit crew. This announcement followed Gordon's decision to take advantage of President Obama's scheme to employ Harlem youngsters.

The decision to hire them was brought about by a recent documentary on how unemployed youths from Harlem were able to remove a set of wheels in less than 6 seconds without proper equipment; whereas Gordon's existing crew could only do it in 8 seconds with millions of dollars worth of high tech equipment.

It was thought to be an excellent and bold move by Gordon's management team, as most races are won or lost in the pits. However, Gordon got more than he bargained for! At the crew's first practice session, not only was the inexperienced crew able to change all 4 wheels in under 6 seconds, but within 12 seconds, they had changed the paint scheme, altered the VIN number, and sold the car to Dale Earnhart Jr. for 10 cases of Bud, a bag of weed, and some photos of Jeff Gordon's wife in the shower.



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In the News!!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The next meeting of the Sedona Car Club will be on Tuesday, March 9th, at 7:00 PM at the Sedona Public Library on White Bear Rd.



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