

President's Letter

Hello Everybody. I'm sorry to say that our club is still on an inactive status. I'm not even sure if the library would be open for us to have a General Meeting, and if we sat with proper social distancing, it would be difficult to get us all into our meeting room. Regardless, I'm sure that soon (eventually?) we'll be back to normal and our club will resume its activities.

On a different matter, guess what. Unless you've been to my home, or studied our Club Directory, you might not know it, but I've owned an old Jaguar for about the last 25 years. I've always been about to refurbish it, but it's been one of those things I just never seemed to get around to.

Recently, I finally decided that it was time to sell it. In fact, I didn't even care how much I sold it for. Recently, the Fedex delivery man made up my mind for me. He saw it while making a delivery and asked if he could go in the back and look at it. He told me that his mother had owned a similar car and the conversation finally came around to where he asked to buy it. He was going to come over the following weekend to check it out more closely. Since it had been sitting for about a year I drained the fuel, rebuilt the carburetors, and installed a new battery. It ran great.

Well, he never did come back. I decided that since I had finally come to the realization that I should sell the car, why not advertise it and see what happens. I placed an ad in Craigslist and, would you believe it, within 10 minutes of posting the ad the phone rang and the caller bought it. He lived near San Diego and needed to arrange transportation for the car. Ten minutes after the first call I got another call. The second caller really wanted the car. He said that instead of waiting for the San Diego guy, he'd be up here in 2 hours and pay \$500 more than my price. Tempted as I was I had to tell him that wouldn't be ethical, I had already made a deal.

The next day the San Diego buyer called to ask if his transporter had contacted me. He hadn't. The buyer was upset, said now he'd have to make other arrangements. I told him that I'd take it to him for \$300. I figured we could then stay a few days at Mission Bay and escape our heat. He said, "That's not enough, I'll pay you \$400". When I got there he said, "That's not enough, here's \$500".

So yes. I'm sad to have sold the car that I should have restored and enjoyed. But I never did fix it and now it will have a good owner and not just be an old car in your yard. And we had a nice mini-vacation.



David Lombardi
President



Some Stuff:



Sharon Blank	20
Tim Brown	20
Aalia Kazan	2
Susie Lever	3
Rachel Lombardi	19
Joan Miller	7
Jon Orr	30
Martin Ross	26

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Amy Duncan	14
Egon and Deotila Hagemann	14
Dale Martorana and Cheryl Wainwright	14
Vince and Betty Monaci	5
Raymond and Laurie Scott	7



Club Calendar

**Sadly, all club activities are cancelled until further notice.
Nobody can tell when we may once again meet safely.**

THE CLUB WILL RISE AGAIN!



Meeting Refreshments

Note: Those providing refreshments will be reimbursed \$10. Ground coffee is in the kitchen.

**Refreshments: Ice cream with raisins made from our grape harvest. You can top this with dehydrated banana chips from our kitchen.
LATER: Sorry, ice cream is all gone now.**

Coffee: Editor's bar: Treating myself to a good bottle of single malt scotch with money saved since we haven't been to a restaurant since March.

NEW MEMBERS

Nope.

GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES

For most of us these days, when we need to go somewhere in our car, we get in the car, start it up, put it in gear, and drive away. Well, I was thinking the other day about something I read once about the procedure for cold starting a Formula 1 engine. As I recalled, it seemed so convoluted that I did some research on the internet to see if my recollection was correct.

Here is what I learned.

Modern Formula 1 engines are built to such close tolerances that the engine and the oil must be brought up to operating temperature before they can be started. Overnight, the day before it is to be started, the engine coolant is circulated through an external heater until the entire engine reaches about 180 degrees. The engine oil must also be at operating temperature. It, too, is circulated from the engine and the oil reservoir, through an external heater, so that it is already at operating temperature when the engine is started. The same with the coolant.

The intake and exhaust valves in most modern engines are closed by strong springs (not so a Ducati motorcycle, but that's a whole different story). Not so, also, a Formula 1 engine. Those valves are closed pneumatically. Before the engine can be started, they have to pressurize the gas that operates the valves.

So now they've got the engine and its oil and coolant warmed up, pressurized the valves, and it's ready to be started. But they don't just "hit the starter button" and fire it up. First they hand crank it several revolutions to make certain everything is alright.

The last step before the engine is ready to start is to crank it for about 10 seconds without firing it and then checking that the oil and coolant levels are correct (important since they had been flowing through external heaters).

Finally, the engine is ready to be started!

From David Lombardi

NEXT MEETING - SOMEDAY

Guest Speaker:

The Invisible Man

Regional Car Events

Forget it. You're gonna need a new battery and it's too late to put one in this year.

(For a complete list of SCC 2019 events, visit our website at sedonacarclub.com)

A Discount

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

Another Discount

Get your precious car washed at Cleaner Quicker Car Wash and get a 10% discount for members.

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 Christ Lutheran Church. 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 ARNY MESSERSMITH 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: jan@messersmith.name.

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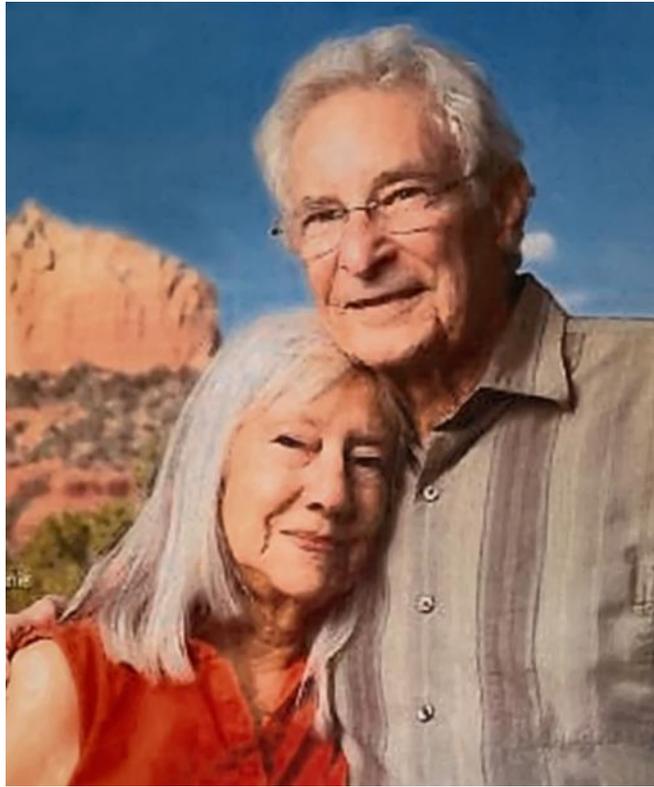
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Larry Currie and wife, Vicki

Longtime Sedona Car Club member, Larry Currie, passed away Monday, August 31, 2020. Larry had been in our club for many years and was always a very active member, participating in monthly events, attending monthly meetings, and entering one or two cars in the car shows. Larry was President of Sedona Car Club in 2012 and 2013, and Treasurer for many years. Larry will be missed by everyone and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.