

# 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

# Traveling with the Rim Country Classic Auto Club

Payson Arizona

RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018



THE RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- ◆ Providing social, educational and recreational activities for its membership.
- ◆ Participating in and supporting civic activities for the betterment of the community.
- ◆ Encouraging and promoting the preservation and restoration of classic motor vehicles.
- ◆ Providing organized activities involving the driving and showing of member's cars.

## Join Us!

RCCAC meets at 6:30p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Tiny's Restaurant, 600 E. Hwy. 260 in Payson

RCCAC  
P.O. Box 2853  
Payson, AZ 85547

Meeting Minutes can be reviewed on the clubs website:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/rccac/>

Past newsletters can also be viewed and printed from the website.



## Fuel for Thought

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope everyone's Holidays were filled with close family, good friends, lots of fun, and great food.

We begin 2018 with lots of new ideas, new members, fun events and activities planned, and we will be having our 25<sup>th</sup> Beeline Cruise-in car show.

I'm going to put an early plug in for volunteers for our 25<sup>th</sup> car show. I had a car show survey at the June (2017) monthly meeting. One of the questions asked was, 'Would you be willing to put in a minimum of 2 hours working at the 2018 car show?' All of you except 1 member responded "yes" you would be willing to put in at least 2 hours working at the car show. So, I'm hoping and expecting we will have lots of members sign up to help. We're starting a little behind in organizing the car show, so the volunteering sign-ups will begin immediately. Please help us out. If you're hesitant in chairing a committee, why not ask another club member or your spouse to co-chair it with you to share the responsibilities?

You will find 2018 a fun year for the members of the RCCAC.



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# FROM THE GLOVEBOX



## January Activities

at a glance

3rd RCCAC Membership meeting 6:30

11th WOW at 11:30 AM  
Cardo's Pizza & Italian Restaurant

13th OR 20th Movie TBA



## Birthdays

- 05– Ken Tozi
- 10– John Johnson
- 12– Shirley Bertram
- 12– Pete White
- 13– Wendy Trainor
- 19– Phyllis Brasch
- 30– Bev Tozi



## Members

### Dues are Due for the 2018 year!

Please send in your renewal dues as soon as possible. We are hoping to get the new 2018 club Directory out for the February Meeting.

If you are needing an application please go to:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/rccac/>

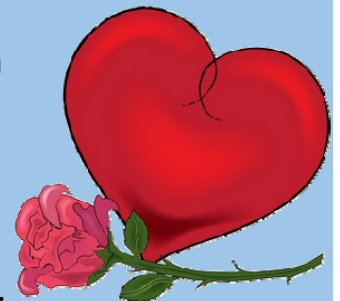


Cardo's Pizza & Italian Restaurant  
January 11th 11:30 AM  
All RCCAC Women Welcome!



## February 14th

Mark your calendar for a Valentines outing. More info to come!!! Save the date.



After a two month holiday hiatus from the movies. We will be starting it back up in January.

Come to the January membership meeting to help us decide which Movie to see this month.

The movie is voted on at the monthly club membership meeting.

It' will always be on either the 2nd or 3rd Saturday at 10:am and is announced via e-mail.

**Make sure your e-mail is up to date!**

\$7.00 gets you the movie, a small drink and a small popcorn.

**See you at the Movies!**

Looking for a change of wheels or want to kick some tires?

### Upcoming AZ Car Auctions!

- January
- 13– 21 Barrett Jackson Scottsdale
- 17-21 Russo—Steele Scottsdale
- 18– 21 Silver Auctions We-Ko-Pa resort

### UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

**January**  
27 Phoenix, Az.. 3rd Annual South Mountain Car Show

**February**  
3 Bullhead City,  
10 Apache Junction.  
10 Sun City West,  
10 Mesa. Az.  
16 - 17 Chandler, Az.  
17 Oro Valley, Az.  
18 Chandler, Az. Pontiac Heaven  
24 Mesa, Az.

**For more car shows and info visit web sites below:**

[www.cruisearizona.com](http://www.cruisearizona.com)  
[www.cruisinarizona.com](http://www.cruisinarizona.com) carshows.html





### Looking to sell parts OR Looking for parts!

**NOTICE:** Harry Welsh is looking to rent a garage or shop.

If anyone in the club is aware of anything that may come up with friends or neighbors in the Payson area please give them a call.

They will be moving their classic vehicles along with a lift from back

east in the next year and need space to keep them. Phone Harry at 612-287-5668

From John Caileys Garage– the following items.

1. Low back seats with black seat covers - new. \$50 pr.



2. "Tuff Stuff" Chrysler alternator. 1 wire, 100 amp, single pulley. Fits 1961 - 1985 - new. \$75.

3. 18" flex fan. \$25.



4. "Evans" waterless coolant. 4 gallons. Used less than 15 minutes. \$25 a gallon ( that's 1/2 price Contact John Cailey on any of the above 4 items 928-474-3560



Kenmore wood burning stove with a thermostatically controlled fan. Works good, was using it to heat the shop. FREE to first taker. Contact Steve Fowler 928-478-6676

1969 Buick Wildcat Convertible. A real head turner! New top; 430 cid engine. 67,600 miles on it \$15000 OBO. Contact Dwight Bare 480 620-4518



<mailto:tbare37@gmail.com> Bring cash and take it for a ride!



Set of 19" rims and high performance tires. Rear rims are 19x9.5 with 7 inch backspacing, fronts are 19x8 with 6 inch backspacing. Rims are chrome plated, and are Chevy pattern. Tires are Michelin Pilot Super Sport. Rears are 275/35ZR19, date code 2113, and are at 4/32

(still have a little life). Fronts are 235/35ZR19, date code 5913, and have 7/32 tread (less than half worn). Asking \$275.00 contact Steve Fowler 928-478-6676

1955 Chevy 327engine 700-R4 overdrive, 3.70 axle, power steering, front discs on 2" drop spindles, power brakes with auxiliary vacuum pump, 3" drop at rear, front and rear sway bars, Southern Air in-dash A/C, Autometer gauges, Custom AutoSound radio with USB/IPOD inputs. Painless wiring, Ididit tilt column, 140A alternator.

Asking \$28,000. For more information or want to take it for a ride, call Steve Fowler 928-478-6676



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# Car Trivia Answer!

Kaiser used to be known for much more than medical care. Henry J. Kaiser, a name most of us know from the Oakland-based hospital chain, took on the Big 3 automobile manufacturers — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — at the end of World War II.

Kaiser had been wildly successful in most of his endeavors. Before World War II his companies were involved in the building of more than 1,000 dams, bridges and levees throughout the U.S. It was during the building of the Grand Coulee Dam in 1928 that Kaiser started a health plan for his employees. He would expand it to all of his wartime plants, and after World War II, open it to the public.

In July 1945, Kaiser signed a deal with Graham Paige Motors Corp. to manufacture a new light-weight, low-price car on the West Coast. The car would be known as the "Kaiser" and have many unique features.

Kaiser-Frazer Corp.'s first car was launched for the 1947 model year. Known as the Kaiser Special, it was a four-door sedan with a six-cylinder engine. Kaiser-Frazer came out with a small car, the Henry J. It was a four-cylinder, and boasted 30 to 35 miles per gallon. The Henry J sold well the first year, but its success tapered off. The company's most creative cars were the Kaiser Traveler, which had a hatchback and a backseat that folded forward, and a sports car, the Darrin.

The official explanation on the Kaiser Traveler goes like this: One day in July 1948, Kaiser-Frazer general manager Edgar F. Kaiser, ensconced in Willow Run, Michigan, receives a call from his father, Henry, the chairman of the board, in Oakland, California. "Come on out. I've got an idea," says Henry. The idea is the 1949 Kaiser Traveler, which looks like a sedan but has a folding rear seat and a gaping double hatch in the back that swallows everything from a coffin to a pup tent.

Edgar and his vice president for engineering, Dean Hammond, fly immediately to Oakland, where Henry announces that he and his wife are fed up with the station wagon at their retreat on Lake Tahoe. It rattles. It squeaks. It's a brute to drive. The wood body needs regular maintenance by a carpenter. The rear seat has to be unbolted and wrestled out to make any kind of cargo room.

"We can improve on this," Henry declares, marching them to a garage packed with products of his postwar wonder company, the leading independent and -- though a long way behind the "Big Three" -- the fourth-largest car producer.

Drawing lines in the dust on the nearest Kaiser, Henry illustrates his idea: a utility vehicle in the shape of a conventional sedan. "Why not cut a door in the rear and divide it halfway down the trunklid," he asks. "Then hinge it here and here, find some way of folding down the rear seat, invent a license plate mount that can flip up or down under the lower lid. . . ." **The result is the Traveler and its deluxe cousin, the Vagabond.**

From 1947 to 1955 Kaiser would build Kaiser Specials, Kaiser Manhattans, Kaiser Deluxes, and Kaiser Carolinas,

with 1947-48 being the company's best years. This was an era when almost all cars sold in the U.S. were from American manufacturers. Toyota and Datsun wouldn't begin competing in the U.S. market until 1958. Kaiser grabbed more than 5 percent of the market before slowing down. The company bought the Willys jeep company, and in 1955, transitioned from passenger cars to jeeps and commercial vehicles.

It probably wouldn't bother Kaiser that most of us don't remember his cars. He was proud of all of his accomplishments, but said, "After I am gone, people may forget the dams and ships, but they will never forget the medical care that eases their pain and suffering."



Joseph W. Frazer, right, and Edgar F. Kaiser, Henry's eldest son and, in 1946 (when the photo was taken), General Manager of Kaiser-Frazer. (K-F photo courtesy Randy Knox)



### Real Cargo Capacity!

The ingenious way the rear seat folds down makes a long, clear, wood-ribbed floor with the spare wheel in a tuck-away well under it. The rear deck is double-hinged so it opens up and down, clear from floor to roofline. It provides carrying space for anything from a minnow net to a moose . . . is the perfect equipment carrier for least owners.