

Traveling with the

# Rim Country Classic Auto Club



Payson Arizona

RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020



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!

**NO Meeting This Month!**



RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB

**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.



I recently read something on Facebook that said it well, so I'll paraphrase it.

"What a year this month has been". The world is sure a much different place than it was last month when I was writing my prez message. I hope that each of you is doing well and that you are taking care of yourselves. All is well here at the Fowler residence. Margie and I are finally over our "winter crud" that made us scary to others. We have plenty of projects around the house and in the shop to keep us occupied and enough of the necessities to take care of our needs. I hope the same is true for each of you.

As a club, we have pulled in our horns and are limiting our contact with the outside world. The one activity on the horizon is a trip to Casa Grande to a vintage salvage yard that has many acres of old cars and parts. By avoiding crowds as we travel, I think this can still be a fun and very safe adventure. If the prospect makes you uneasy, by all means do what you need to do. More info on this on page #2.

As to future membership meetings and activities, we will take a wait and see attitude as the situation unfolds. Eventually, this will pass and we will hopefully be able to return to some sense of normalcy. Meanwhile, remember that no one has yet caught this by just going for a drive, so make a point of still enjoying your old cars in some fashion. Hope to see you on the road at some point, and give me a call and talk cars if you just need a friendly voice.



## 2020 RCCAC Pit Crew

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What Country is like one BIG car show?



See page #4



# FROM THE GLOVEBOX



## April Activities at a glance

Because of the Pandemic We have all been asked to limit contact with others.

- 1- **NO** Membership meeting this month– Stay healthy!
- 3 & 4- No dine-ins this month
- 7—Monthly activity see AD

### Upcoming Member Sponsored Monthly Activities

If interested in hosting an activity please give Sue Renaud a call.

**951-318-0990**



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| 01– Dottie Gossard | 18– Lori Brewster |
| 03– John Davis     | 19– Chris Corpe   |
| 06– Betty Kellogg  | 20– Tom Smith     |
| 07– Mary Cailey    | 21– Dave Brewster |
| 07– Ellen Olsen    | 22– Tim Deegan    |
| 14– Pete Hold      | 23– Deb Schwalm   |
| 17– Patty Tozi     |                   |

## ACTIVITY THIS MONTH

**Tuesday April 7th**

Traveling to Casa Grande to see Desert Valley Auto Yard. **With planned pit stops.**

Lots of interesting autos from the past to see and possibly pick over to replace parts missing from our old rides.

**\$2.00 each to enter.**

Bring a sack lunch we have picked out a nearby park to have lunch and visit from at least 3'-6' from each other.

Wear closed toe shoes!

**NO RSVP Required!**

Meeting at Casino at 8:45AM

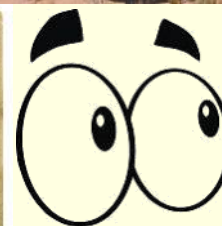
Leaving at 9:00

*Classic car optional to drive.*



### DESERT VALLEY AUTO PARTS CASA GRANDE

900 W. Cottonwood Ln  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222  
P.O. Box 11914  
Casa Grande, AZ 85230



**Looking Ahead-Possible**

May Activity:

Lunch at Finch's Waterfront Kitchen and Bar Roosevelt, AZ  
Overlooking Roosevelt Lake  
**More info in the May newsletter.**



### Additions to the Club Directory



Print this page, cut and paste it in your

2020 directory.



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**For Upcoming Car Shows & Events In AZ visit web sites below:**  
[www.cruisearizona.com](http://www.cruisearizona.com)  
[www.cruisinarizona.com](http://www.cruisinarizona.com) carshows.html





# Easter Word Search

Find all these Easter words in the grid - they run in straight lines, in any direction. The leftover letters spell out an Australian Easter-time event.



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| ASCENSION      | HIDE           |
| BAKING         | HOLIDAY        |
| BASKET         | HOLY WEEK      |
| CHICKS         | HOT CROSS BUNS |
| CHOCOLATES     | HYMNS          |
| CHURCH BELLS   | JESUS          |
| COOKING        | LAMB           |
| DAFFODILS      | LILY           |
| DISHES         | PALM LEAVES    |
| EASTER BILBY   | RABBIT         |
| EASTER MASS    | REBIRTH        |
| EGG DYE        | ROAST          |
| EGG HUNT       | SPRING         |
| GIVES          | VIGIL          |
| GOOD FRIDAY    |                |
| GREETING CARDS |                |

What is this event?

## March Membership Meeting

### Charity Distribution from the 2019 Car show

The recipients are: The top 14 Charities in terms of votes were: Payson Senior Center, Time Out, Inc. Katie's Closet, Payson High School Auto Tech Dept., Payson Area Food Drive, Dueker Ranch Therapy Horses, Payson Helping Payson, St. Vincent DePaul- Payson Food Bank, Humane Society of Central Arizona Payson, Pine/ Strawberry Food Bank, Pine Strawberry Senior Citizens Foundation, KPJM-LP Inc, Student Weekend Food Program, Payson Community Kids.

Congratulations!





## Cuba and the Classic Car

### Classic Cars and the Cubans That Keep Them Running

If you're a classic car buff, Cuba is just about the greatest place on the planet. It's like one big car show, where autos from the 1940s and 1950s motor along the streets and highways. There are Chevrolets, Fords, Pontiacs, Buicks, Dodges, Plymouths, and Studebakers. The cars run the gamut from mint condition to downright dilapidated. Well-preserved cars have exteriors that shine with chrome and new paint jobs, while the worse-off autos are held together with odd parts and scrap metal. American cars were imported into Cuba for about 50 years, beginning near the early 20th century. After the Cuban Revolution, the U.S. embargo was erected and Castro banned the importation of American cars and mechanical parts. That's why Cuba is the way it is today—essentially a living museum for classic cars. The old American autos are often kept running with parts and pieces that were never intended for them. It's not uncommon to find a beautiful 1950s Chevy with a Russian engine—something that would be considered sacrilege to serious car collectors. The government has allowed pre-revolutionary cars to be bought and sold freely for several decades. In the past, nicer cars were reserved for doctors, Communist officials, sports stars, and the like. However, as of 2011, Cubans have been permitted to buy and sell cars freely. This marked a major improvement in the Cuban auto market. The government, however, tightly controls the new car market and charges very high prices.



### Mechanical Wizardry

These days, there are around 60,000 classic American cars in Cuba. Experts estimate that about half of these cars hail from the 1950s, while 25 percent are from the 1940s and another 25 percent are from the 1930s. The cars are often family heirlooms, passed down from generation to generation. As you drive around Cuba, you'll see men hunched over cars, repairing engines and fixing exhaust systems. Since the country lacks replacement parts and in some cases the necessary tools for fixing the vehicles, the locals are extremely crafty and adept in their repairs. Quite simply, Cuban ingenuity has kept these old American cars on the road. Mechanics find ways to use imperfect parts and

keep the things running. In some cases, recent Russian cars that have been imported—usually Ladas and Volgas which have proven to not be reliable—are dissected for their useful parts, and hood ornaments are sometimes handmade from scrap metal. Cuban mechanics are truly the wizards and MacGyvers of the automotive world. On many older cars, the windows might not roll down and the exterior might be touched up with several layers of paint. The original engines are almost always tweaked, and many cars have Soviet engines powered by diesel. If a car is unable to be fixed, it can be broken down into component parts, which are then used to restore other classic cars.

### Riding in Classic Cars

To take a tour in a classic car, simply find the car that you like best and tell the driver how long you'd like to drive around for. Oftentimes they will recommend a route, but you're also free to direct them where you want to go. If you're in Havana, it's pleasant to drive along the oceanfront Malecón—sunset is an especially beautiful time of day to cruise this section of the city. You'll typically pay a flat hourly rate for these tours. Before you head out on your tour, hop behind the steering wheel and have someone snap a few photos of you at the helm. All of your friends at home will go crazy once they see you behind the wheel of a 1956 Chevy. Many of the taxis in Cuba are also classic cars. These vehicles tend to be in much worse condition than the cars aimed at tourists, and are often used to transport locals around town. The taxis are shared and often carry more people than the car was intended to hold. This results in increased stress on the car and causes the vehicle to require more frequent maintenance. Traveling in these taxis offers travelers another interesting look into the classic car culture in Cuba. You'll see the wear and tear that the cars have taken over the years, and observe some of the impressive ways that they are held together. If you're interested in mechanics, ask your driver to tell you about his car—chances are he'll be proud of the crafty ways that he has managed to keep his car on the road. One other good thing about taking classic car taxis: aside from bike taxis, they're the cheapest transportation option there is in Cuba.



buying Cuban classic cars. American car enthusiasts are chomping at the bit to get their hands on classic cars in Cuba. Even if the trade embargo is completely lifted, a current Cuban law bans the cars from being removed from the island. That might change someday. Regardless, according to some car professionals, serious car collectors are better off trying to find a vintage auto in the U.S., since most of the cars in Cuba have not received the best care. As we've already explained, most Cuban cars have been kept running using foreign replacement parts that can affect the functioning and value of the vehicle. If the embargo were lifted, the Cuban auto market would be flooded with replacement parts and repair manuals. This would be the most significant result that lifting the embargo could have on the car culture in Cuba. Old cars could be repaired properly and be kept on the roads for decades to come.

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