

Traveling with the

Rim Country Classic Auto Club



Payson Arizona

RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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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



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RCCAC P.O. Box 2853
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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.



Wow, here it is already February! Winter is (hopefully) more than half over, with good weather ahead. Seems like time flies faster with every year. A few years ago (actually, more than a few), I had an epiphany. I was walking briskly out of Walmart and an elderly couple was toddling along ahead of me, slowing down my progress. It dawned on me that maybe the world isn't getting faster, but rather we are all getting slower. I now see that this is indeed the case. I've noticed that it is more difficult these days to get a group excited about travelling any significant distance to a car show, and even find that we are travelling less than we once did.

I am well pleased that our membership has grown substantially this last year. Welcome to all the new blood in the club! We have a couple of activities planned for the remainder of the cold weather that don't involve long-distance drives, as weather can be a factor this time of year. The first year we owned our Payson home, our boys were living here. That March- 2006- they got 3 feet of snow in a short-lived but intense storm. Last winter we had a near repeat of that event. Thankfully, such events are rare.

We will be distributing the charity monies at our MARCH meeting, something to look forward to. While on the topic of car shows, we still need someone to step up to be chairperson. Also, a quick reminder that annual club dues are due. We need the dues by Feb. 14th, the day of our activity at Culver's, so that Margie can finalize the club directory to get it printed in time for the March meeting. We also have our ongoing activities of Tacos and Tires TODAY, and Mike's Fish and Chips this coming Friday. Hope to see some of you at each of these events. Drive safe and have fun!

Happy Valentine's Day



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FROM THE GLOVEBOX



February Activities

at a glance

- 1- Jack in the Box Taco's & Tires 3:pm
- 5- Membership meeting 6:30
- 7- Mike's Fish and Chips 4:30pm
- 14- Club Activity at Culver's
- 14- Club Dues are Due!
- 15- Cars & Coffee 9:am"

WOW every Thursday 8:am at Bosa
MOVIE—Stay Tuned



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| 4- Judy Curtis | 19- Sue Renaud |
| 5- Judy Jones | 19- Paul Renaud |
| 10- Nancy Carey | 21- Michael Hamm |
| 12- Bernice York | 22- Bobi Beverage |
| 15- Gary York | 23- Dee Jay Wells |
| 17- Darlene Welsh | 24- Gary Allen |
| 17- Randy Nelson | 25- Jo Johnson |
| 17- Chuck Proudfoot | |

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH



America's favorites made fresh®

**Bring your Valentine out
for a ride to
Culver's for lunch
12:noon Feb. 14th
Purchase a meal
and get a**

FREE one scoop **Sundae**

Remember to wear your name tag!



Upcoming Member Sponsored Monthly Activities

If interested in hosting a monthly club activity please call
Sue Renaud.

951-318-0990
Get the month you want now!



**Dues are due by the 14th
if you are to remain in
the 2020 membership
and the directory.
Send it in right away!**

If not sure if you have renewed call
Tina Dychkowski 920-216-0830



Movie of the Month!

NOW SHOWING

"Meet Your RCCAC Friends at the Movies"

Rated PG PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED

We may not go each month, only when there is something worth seeing.
Sue Renaud, will check regularly for fun movies for the club to attend.

Stay Tuned...

Check your e-mails often so you don't miss this fun activity!

**For Upcoming Car Shows & Events In AZ
visit web sites below:**

www.cruisearizona.com

www.cruisinarizona.com carshows.html

Valentine Quiz

- 1) When is Valentine's Day celebrated?
 - March, 14th
 - February, 14th
 - February, 24th
- 2) What do we celebrate on Valentine's Day?
 - Thanksgiving
 - love
 - Valentine's birthday
- 3) Valentine's Day is named after a...
 - soldier
 - saint
 - emperor
- 4) What do lovers send each other on this day?
 - books
 - food
 - cards
- 5) What is the colour of love?
 - red
 - pink
 - white
- 6) What flowers are usually sent or given on Valentine's?
 - tulips
 - orchids
 - roses
- 7) What shape is a symbol of Valentine's Day?
 - square
 - heart
 - spiral
- 8) What does the word "sweetheart" mean?
 - heart made of sweets
 - heart-shaped candy
 - lover
- 9) What do red roses mean in the language of love?
 - love
 - friendship
 - life
- 10) What other gifts are common on Valentine's Day?
 - birthday cakes
 - chocolate and sweets
 - beer and whiskey
- 11) Who was the Roman God of Love?
 - Cupid
 - Hercules
 - Venus
- 12) In the Greek mythology, the God of Love was...
 - Pluto
 - Eros
 - Zeus
- 13) What does Cupid shoot at people?
 - missiles
 - arrows
 - flowers
- 14) What part of the body does he aim?
 - hand
 - heart
 - head
- 15) What happens when people are hit by Cupid?
 - they faint
 - they fall in love
 - they fall
- 16) Who is the most famous couple from Shakespeare's plays?
 - Cupid and Psyche
 - Brad and Angelina
 - Romeo and Juliet
- 17) Where did they live?
 - Verona
 - Venice
 - Rome
- 18) Who was the world's most famous lover in the history?
 - Giacomo Casanova
 - Napoleon
 - Michael Jackson
- 19) Which city is known also as "the city of love"?
 - Rome
 - Paris
 - New York
- 20) What animal do you have to kiss to transform it into a prince?
 - a horse
 - a frog
 - a parrot
- 21) Would you do it?
 - yes
 - no
 - maybe ☺

Those **SWEETHEARTS** who call Margie Fowler 928-478-6676

with all the correct answers will receive a prize at the February activity at Culvers.

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Answer: A. Planted in 1938, the Studebaker sign in Bendix Woods was once recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's largest living advertisement. In its prime, it contained 8,000 red and white pine trees. After 75 years with no maintenance, it has thinned out to just 2,000 but is still visible from the air.



Back in 1926, the Studebaker Corporation built what it claimed to be the first closed testing facility for an American car company. The automobile manufacturer, founded in 1852, spent more than one million dollars on the test facility, which included a three-mile circuit with a variety of special test sections including hill climbs, skid pads, snaking curves, and bumpy roads.

Naturally, if you're going to spend a million dollars on a test circuit, you might as well invest a little more on a giant living sign made out of pine trees that's only visible from the air, so that's what Studebaker did. In 1938, the company, with the help of the Civilian Conservation Corp, planted 8,259 six-inch seedlings in an area extending about 2,000 feet. Together, these seedlings spelled out the word STUDEBAKER in letters more than 250 feet tall.

Initially, the letters were nicely ordered, well defined and maybe even a little skinny. They were easy to read from the air, which is exactly what Studebaker intended. The sign was a salute to the growing aviation industry and a handy publicity stunt that could be seen by overflying aircraft passengers.

Over the years, of course, the pine trees grew and so did the letters. Studebaker, on the other hand, started to wither away. After years of financial problems, the company closed its last remaining production facility in 1966. Studebaker sold the land on which the trees stood to the Bendix Corporation, which donated some of the property for the creation of a county park (hence its current name: Bendix Woods County Park). Parts of the testing grounds were later purchased by Bosch and Navistar.

Despite the demise of its namesake company, the Studebaker sign remained. In 1985, it was included in the National Register of Historic Places. Two years later, it first appeared in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's "largest living advertisement sign" (a record that no longer seems to exist).

By the start of the new century, the Studebaker sign was looking a little shabby. Invasive plants and storm damage, most notably an ice storm in December 2004, had caused significant wear and tear to the trees. Fortunately, a series of grants were soon awarded for the restoration of the Studebaker sign. Between 2012 and 2015, volunteers helped remove dead and diseased trees and planted 2,000 pine saplings in their place.

All this has ensured that the Studebaker sign will keep standing-and growing-for the foreseeable future, for all to witness and admire. Well, at least on Google Earth or from the window of an airplane.

