

Rim Country Classic Auto Club

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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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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.



April has been a strange month. So far as I know, no one in the county, much less the club, is dying, and that's good. I've only seen a few of you and spoken to a few more in the last month. I keep busy working on my project cars and Margie's honey-do list, but I truly miss the interaction with all of you, and that surprises me a bit, because as Margie would tell you, I'm not really a social animal. The few of us that went to the salvage yard in Casa Grande had a great time, and I don't think we ever felt threatened by the trip. It really is okay to just go for a drive once in a while. When I was a kid, we did that for pleasure almost every Sunday afternoon. We certainly can't complain that gas prices are too high. We had no membership meeting in April, but we want to try something different for May- a fun little cruise followed by a socially-distanced mini-meeting out at Fowler Place, where we have room to spread out and breath fresh air. I will fully understand if that feels too risky to some of you, but I would hate to think that we will not meet as a group until "herd immunity" is announced, if that EVER really occurs (could well be a year+). We had a properly distanced meeting to start the ball rolling on our car show with the items that don't require complete commitment at this point, and we'll play a wait-and-see approach to our finalization of plans. Meanwhile, DO have some fun, be safe, and please keep in touch!



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17 Weird and Wonderful Car Facts You Need to know In Your Life! See page #3



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FROM THE GLOVEBOX



May Activities

at a glance

2- Jack in the Box Taco's & Tires 3:pm

Drive through in your classic car for 2 free taco's and soda.

Parking lot gathering for eating.

6- Keep Your Distance Cruise

4:30pm meeting at Green Valley Park

See Ad to the right.

6- Membership meeting 6:30

at the Fowler's home, backyard.

Do you have something fun you would like to plan for June?

Contact **Sue Renaud 951-318-0990**



2- Peggy Felten

18- Jerry Bosque

6- Steve Chlupsa

23- Linda Muhr

8- Phil Cook

27- Mike White

13- Jaci Nichols

28- MJ Hall

14- Kate Smith

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE CRUISE



WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH

Going to try something fun and different this month!

Join us at the north east parking lot at Green Valley Park with your vintage ride at 4:30pm. Then enjoy a cruise around the town.

John Cailey will provide a map of the route.

After the cruise returning to the park we encourage each participant to go to your favorite fast food drive thru or curb side pick up and get your dinner.

We want to help support our local food services.

After you pick up your meal, head out to the Fowler's backyard to eat your dinner (6' apart).

At 6:30 we will have the May membership meeting.

Masks are welcome if that makes you feel more comfortable around others.

Dessert will be provided!



Fowler's Address
469 Round Valley Rd.
Off Gibson Ranch Road.
Which is 2 miles south on HWY 87 past the Casino.

In tribute to everyone's favorite form of transportation, here are 17 weird and wonderful car facts you (probably) don't know about.

1. The world's first speeding ticket was issued in 1902

How fast was the offending motorist travelling? A scandalous 45mph.



2. 1 in 4 cars on the UK's road were made in China

Which is a lot, given that there are around 35 million cars in the UK.

3. A modern Formula 1 car can drive upside down in a tunnel at 120mph

F1 cars produce around 3.5G while cornering, meaning they've enough aerodynamic downforce to drive upside down in a tunnel.

4. 60 million cars are produced every year

That's 165,000 a day, 6,875 an hour and 115 a minute — crazy right?

5. 1 billion cars are currently in use around the world

Compared to the world's population, that's around one car for every seven people on Earth. Amazing.

6. The average British driver will spend around 99 days of their life stuck in traffic

Sorry to be depressing, but it's true. Our advice is to try not to think about it.

7. It would take less than a month to get to the moon by car (sorry -not true— I did the math— 238,900 mi = 166 days @24/7 SF)

8. The average car contains over 30,000 unique parts

When you think about it, it's a miracle they don't break down more often.

9. 75% of all cars produced by Rolls Royce are still on the road

It seems Rolls Royce owners really love their cars.



10. Volkswagen owns twelve well-known car brands from 7 European countries

Including Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, Seat, Skoda, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche,

Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN.

11. The first ever car accident occurred in 1891

This prompted the introduction of better safety equipment for drivers.

12. The largest speeding fine ever produced was €1,000,000— that is 1,066,625.00 in US dollars.

This was levelled at a man in Sweden, who was clocked doing 180mph. In Sweden, speeding fines are proportionate to the amount someone earns.

13. The world record for removing and replacing a car engine is 42 seconds

This record was set by mechanics working on a Ford Escort on 21 November, 1985.



14. The odds of dying in a car accident are around 1 in 5,000

Compare that to the odds of dying in a plane crash (1 in 11 million), and driving sounds pretty dangerous!

15. The man who invented cruise control was blind

His name was Ralph Teetor, and he was inspired to invent cruise control by his lawyer, who was apparently a very poor driver.

16. The highest total mileage clocked by a single car is 2,850,000 million miles

That's equivalent to driving around the Earth 100 times.

17. The Hennessey Venom GT is the world's fastest production car

Its top speed is 270.49mph, making it faster than the Bugatti Veyron by around 0.8 of a second.



NOW DIDN'T YOU ALL NEED TO KNOW THIS BIT OF TRIVIA?

CHECK THIS OFF YOUR BUCKET LIST OF USLESS KNOWLEDGE!



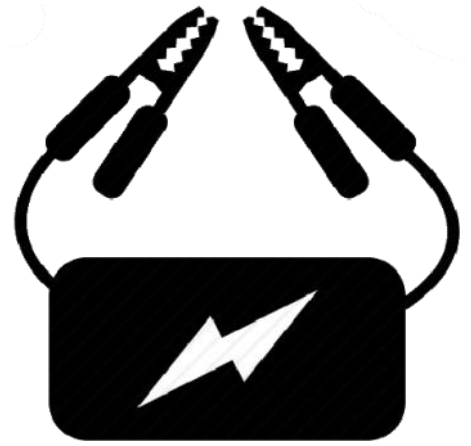
TECH TIPS

By John Cailey

To Charge or Not to Charge....



Battery chargers are probably near and dear to most of our hearts, as a lot of our cars sit idle for most of the winter months. We are all familiar with the \$15 Walmart trickle charger for keeping our car batteries up to snuff, but they really do little in regards to addressing the battery sulfation issue that we have to deal with. Enter battery Desulfator / Rejuvenator chargers.



The market for these chargers has exploded (pardon the expression) over the last few years with new technology. The objective with this new technology is to keep the battery plates from sulfate build up and to reverse batteries that have degraded from existing sulfated plates. Different companies have taken different approaches to the problem including frequency based pulses, rapid voltage fluctuation, and high frequency square wave technology (latest on the market). Yes, they really do work and can extend the life of your lead acid / AGM battery by as much as 4 years. One company that seems to be on the cutting edge is www.impactbattery.com , but as I said, the market has exploded (especially on the automotive end) and there is a lot to look at out there.

How to Hook Up a Car Battery Charger

Hooking up a car battery charger is a lot like jump-starting a car:

1. Check to make sure your battery charger is off. When in doubt, unplug it.
2. Connect the positive lead from the charger to the positive terminal on your battery.
3. Connect the negative cable on the charger to a good ground on the vehicle.
4. Set your battery charger to the appropriate voltage and amperage.
5. Turn on your charger, or plug it in if necessary, and set the timer if it is equipped with one.



Maintaining a Car Battery

Aside from making sure the battery maintains a good level of charge, primarily by not leaving the headlights on overnight, most automotive batteries require regular maintenance in the form of checking the electrolyte level and specific gravity.

The electrolyte, which is a solution of sulfuric acid and water, should always cover the lead plates in each cell, since exposing the plates to the air can cause issues over time.

If the specific gravity is low across all the cells, the battery is typically in need of a charge. If the specific gravity remains low after charging the battery, that's usually a good indicator that the battery should be replaced. If the specific gravity is only low in one cell, that indicates an internal fault, in which case charging the battery may actually be dangerous.

Although a vehicle's alternator is capable of keeping its battery charged under normal circumstances, batteries do go dead for a variety of reasons, and there also comes a time in the life of every car battery when it's just time to move on.

Stay juiced, John