

Traveling with the

Rim Country Classic Auto Club

Payson Arizona

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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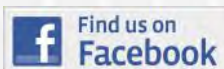
THE RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- ◆ 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 on the 260 in Payson



RIM COUNTRY CLASSIC AUTO CLUB

RCCAC P.O. Box 2853
Payson, AZ 85547

Meeting Minutes can be reviewed on the clubs website:

rimcountryclassicautoclub.com

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



BEHIND THE WHEEL

PRESIDENT Paul Renaud

Well, summer is over and fall is here!

We have had a lot of good fun with some of our fantastic activities this year. I want to thank the Bennett's for using their place for our fall BBQ in September. More activities are planned for these next 3 months, so keep an eye out for the quickies you see in your email.

Saturday, September 17th Tires and Tacos we had a good turnout I think because of the great weather we had. Let's keep showing our cars when we can at these

events to let Payson know our club is alive and well.

The Beeline Cruise In is coming up fast and worker bees are always needed. Check with committee heads to see if you can help.

Nominations are now being accepted for the new administration officers. You should have gotten a form in your email with the list of vacant positions such as President, Vice President, and so on. Look in the club directory for people you think would fit that position. Voting will be done at the November membership meeting. You do need to be present to cast your ballot.

There are 81 shopping days till Xmas so you better get busy!

Enjoy the Fall and Christmas season!

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Monthly Activities

at a glance

- First Wednesday- Membership meeting 6:30 pm Tiny's Restaurant
- First Friday- Mike's Fish & Chips 4:30pm
- Every Monday thru Saturday Men at Bosa 7:00AM
- Every Thursday morning WOW (Women On Wheels) Bosa 8:am
- Every Thursday afternoon at 3:pm Meet & Greet at Green Valley Park.
Bring your chair and come to the south side of the lake parking lot.
- Every Friday morning Men in Pine- Early bird Café 6:30am
- 3rd Saturday Tires & Tacos at Jack in the Box 3 to 5pm

FROM THE GLOVEBOX



Upcoming Activities

October



25th Ffinche's Restaurant overlooking Roosevelt Lake.

Meeting at the Saw Mill Theater parking lot at 10:15 departing at 10:30. We need to be at the restaurant by 11:30

Hosted by Sue and Paul Renaud

November

Streetside Classics in Mesa



with a Pizza Lunch provided.

Watch your e-mail for date and details.

Hosted by John Cailey & John Zillisch



Veterans Day Friday the 11th

Sam Schwalm is heading this event again this year and is in need of help.

Members willing to help transport a

Vet to lunch at the casino in your classic car.

Program at the High School at 9:30am taking Vets after.

Give Sam a call if willing to drive and or help be a greeter at the High School theater building before program.

Sam Schwalm 602-448-5891

December



Club's Annual Christmas Party
This is a Luncheon at the Payson Golf Course.
Wednesday December 7th
bring a gift to exchange.

Limited to the first 64 members

This is an RSVP event!

Text Mary at 630-878-4104

No meeting this month!

Annual Christmas Lights Tour

Saturday December 17th

Meeting at the parking lot by Auto Zone 6:00pm. We will be touring the Christmas lights in the Payson area.

Hosted by Steve & Margie Fowler

A map will be provided. Please let the Fowlers know if you are going so they know how many maps to print.

928-970-2096 text is OK

After the tour, we are going to the Cailey Home (1101 S. Milk Ranch Pt) for hot drinks, please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats to share.

It's that time again! 2023 is almost here.

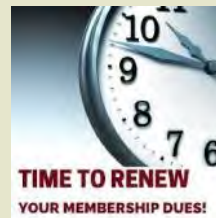
Renewal registration form on clubs web site

Dues are due by February 14th (Valentines Day!) 2023

Send in to the clubs PO box

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OR: hand it in to the club Treasurer at either the January or February Meeting.



12 ways to get your car ready for winter and save money

Spending some time preparing your cars for winter not only your classic car but your everyday driver, can help prevent a breakdown or accident, but it can also save you money on repair costs and gas. If you don't know how to get your car ready for plummeting temperatures and icy roads, follow this checklist of 12 quick and easy fall and winter car maintenance tips. Some things you can do yourself, while others require a mechanic. All will save you money down the road.



1. Get a tune-up.

If you're due for a tune-up, schedule it for the fall. Cold winter weather magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance and rough idling. Check your owner's manual for the tune-up schedule and follow it.

2. Change the fluids.

Six fluids should be changed before the chilly winter temperatures come. These include brake system fluid, coolant, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, washer fluid, and suspension differential fluid. Sediment and other impurities can find their way into brake fluid, so a routine change is a smart idea. Some manufacturers don't suggest a transmission fluid change until the car has logged 100,000 miles. But ask your mechanic if a change might be a good idea considering the age and wear of your car. Use cold weather washer fluid in the winter and keep the reservoir full. Keep a bottle in the trunk; it will come in handy when grimy snow or road salt smears your windshield. As a general rule of thumb, this should be done every two years, advises the nonprofit [Car Care Council](#).



3. Change your oil and oil filters.

Okay, we know oil is another fluid, but it deserves its own category. Regular oil changes prevent overheating and buildup of grime. Changing the oil also helps with fuel efficiency and reduces the possibility of engine failure. It's especially important to plan for a pre-winter oil change because oil gets thick and lazy in winter temperatures. Consider changing to "winter weight" oil if you live in a cold climate. Want to keep your oil warm in wintry climates? Consider purchasing an [electric blanket for your car's oil system](#).

Don't think you can ignore oil changes if you only drive in town. Those starts and stops can be tougher on the engine than highway road trips. Also, be diligent about changing the oil filter at recommended intervals.

4. Check your brakes.

Brakes are your car's most important safety system (after you, the driver). Before ice and snow put your brakes to the test, make sure to get your brakes and brake fluid checked. Replace brake pads if necessary, so you'll be able to stop on a dime, even on slippery winter roads.

Tell your mechanic to check the emergency brake as well. Even if your brake pads are good, the cables or mechanical elements can seize or break, especially if they are unused.

5. Clean and check your car battery.

Cold weather is hard on batteries. Have the battery and charging system checked for optimum performance each fall. It's especially important because so many computerized safety systems run off battery power.

You can use a tester to determine if you have a weak battery. If you aren't comfortable doing this, go to an auto retailer like AutoZone or O'Reilly Auto Parts. They will test your battery for free.

In addition, you'll want to clean your car battery. Check for residue on the battery posts and use a wire brush to remove it. Wipe down the battery case to get rid of grease and grime.

6. Make sure your heater and defroster still work.

Winter car care shouldn't start the day temperatures plunge below freezing and you discover your heater isn't doing its job. Check the heater and defroster in the fall, before you need them, to determine if they are working properly. If they're not, get them fixed ASAP.

PAGE 4 Check the heated seats, too, if you are lucky enough to have them. If you're not, consider a 12-volt travel throw that plugs into the cigarette lighter to keep passengers toasty on cold car rides.

7. Replace windshield wiper blades.

As a general rule, wiper blades should be replaced every six months. If yours have been leaving patches on your windshield, replace them now before the cold weather stiffens the rubber even more. If you are in a climate where you use snow tires, consider using winter wiper blades, as well.

It's also a good idea to check the rubber seals around your car's doors and windows. If necessary, use a silicone treatment specially made for vehicles to reinvigorate them.



8. Test your headlights.

Shorter days in winter lead to more driving in the dark. Before Daylight Savings Time ends, check that your car's exterior and interior lights and headlights work and are properly aimed. If headlights seem to be less powerful than they used to be, clean them. Use only a special cleaner that won't scratch the finish, such as the 3M Headlight Restoration Kit.

9. Prep car tires for winter.



To prepare your car wheels for winter, plan to rotate tires in the fall, for more even wear and a more comfortable ride. Or, switch to winter tires, which offer more traction and will kick snow away from the track.

In winter, tire pressure should be checked weekly. Always check tire pressure in the driveway, since driving as little as a mile to the supermarket can affect the reading. *And don't forget to test the spare, too*, especially if you've been lucky and haven't needed it for a while.

A tire gauge might be a good stocking stuffer for Christmas this year.

10. Check the exhaust system.

Check your car for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed. A detector made for vehicles will alert you to problems. I've seen several on Amazon that clip onto the sun visor.

11. Keep your gas tank full.

When winter comes, keep the gas tank at least half full at all times to reduce the chance of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing. Plus, you never know when a sudden snow squall will stretch your commute to hours on the road. You'll be thankful not to have to worry about running out of gas as you try to get home safely.

12. Put together a winter emergency kit.

Many drivers have been surprised by a sudden storm or stranded for a few hours in a vehicle that slid off the icy roads into a secluded area. For these unexpected situations, put together an emergency kit to store in your car. You'll want to include an ice scraper and snow brush, jumper cables or a jump starter that works on a variety of devices. Other items to carry are a flashlight, flares, blanket, extra warm clothes (including gloves and hat), candles/matches, bottled water, dry food snacks and medications.

Another must have for winter driving? A fully charged cell phone. Though you can't leave it in your car, try never to leave home without one.



Car Shows Coming-up in AZ

for flyers and registration forms go to

<http://www.arizonacarshows.com/carshows.htm>

<https://sites.google.com/view/cruisinaz/car-shows>



October

- 1 Chino Valley, AZ. Chino Valley United Methodist Church Antique & Classic Car Show
- 1 Sedona, AZ. 39th Annual Sedona Car Show
- 1 Winslow, AZ. 27th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Club Car Show
- 1 Gilbert, AZ. The 3 1/2 Annual Pontiac Cruise-In
- 1 Prescott, AZ. Perfect Poise Cruise to the Pines
- 2 Prescott, AZ. 2nd Annual Jim Holleman Memorial Car Show

7-8 Payson, AZ. 2022 Beeline Cruise-In Car Show

- 8 Sierra Vista, AZ. The 34th Annual Cars In The Park
- 8 Chandler, AZ. S.A.L.S 6th Annual Classic Car & Bike Show
- 15 Bullhead City, AZ. Patriots Car & Bike Show
- 23 Scottsdale, AZ. Carlife Car Show
- 23 Phoenix, AZ. 30th Annual Orphan Car Show
- 29 Mesa, AZ. 6th Annual Vintage Wings & Wheels Car Show

November

- 5 Tucson, AZ. Cops and Rodders Car Show- register and info. at SOAZLEF.ORG
- 5 Cottonwood, AZ. Classic Cars For Kids 2022
- 12 Camp Verde, AZ. 2nd Annual Camp Verde Car Show and Swap Meet
- 12 Tucson, AZ. Cool Knights & Hot Rides IV Car Show
- 18 Scottsdale, AZ. Goodguys 25th Southwest Nationals

December

- 3 Chandler AZ. 7th Annual REV'D UP for Autism Car and Bike Show
- 3 Chandler AZ. Christmas Car Show