

DESERT ROCKET REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF ARIZONA

AN OFFICIAL CHAPTER OF THE OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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'The OLZZ' – A 1949 OLDS '98' SEDAN by Bruce Krusell

I purchased the car in May of 1989 from Kenny Klugson, who had moved to Arizona from New Mexico with his family. He wasn't able to find a good paying job, so he decided to sell one of his 'toys'. I soon found it in the Auto Trader.

It was a good looking car and drove well, stock body except for the shaved door handles and hood ornament. He had updated the drive train with a 455 Olds and a Turbo 400, mated to a Mopar 8-3/4" rear. The purchase was made, and I took her to her new home. I changed the wheels and lowered her all around with heavier cut coils. Now that the stance was good, I entered a few shows around Arizona (World of Wheels, Watson Lake, etc.).

I wanted to make a few changes to the body, being a custom car guy at heart. I was told of a bodyman in Sedona that built customs, so arrangements were made and I delivered the car to him. He frenched the headlights first. I liked his work, so I had 1954 Mercury taillights frenched in the rear fenders as well. Only the bottom half was used, as the whole Mercury taillight was too large! These lights were used because they fit the form of the fender perfectly.

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President's Message

The holiday's are just around the corner. One way to help get you in the spirit is to attend the club's Holiday Party that is taking place on December 13th at the Rustler's Rooste at the Pointe at South Mountain. The meal actually costs about \$43 dollars per person, but you *only* have to pay \$15 per person. The club is picking up the difference. Look for the registration form in this newsletter.

It's time to renew your membership dues. They are due no later than December 31st. Why don't you go ahead and send them in now before you forget? *Please, please* renew your dues before the end of the year. It will make life easier for the membership director *and* me. He does taxes and will be very busy starting in January. Remember, all the board positions are manned (and womanned) by volunteers and we have to squeeze in time to perform our duties in between our jobs and home lives. The renewal form is in this newsletter for your convenience.

The Cruise & Eat is taking place on November 15th. We will be driving to Florence to eat lunch. On the way down we will be stopping at the Casa Grande Ruins. Please let me know right away if you plan on going with us. The restaurant needs to know how many to expect for lunch. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Jim Schultz will be showing us how to do a tune-up on November 22nd at 1:00 p.m. This is also meeting day. The meeting will take place as usual at 4:00 p.m. at Sweet Tomatoes. The tune-up will be taking place at our Scottsdale home since Jim lives in Chino Valley. Let Jim know if your car needs a tune-up, and maybe he can use your car as the example. Beverages will be served.

Like usual there are lots of things happening in our club. Please read your newsletter thoroughly so you don't miss out on any fun.

Keep those rockets lit!

Gloria

P.S. Send in your 2004 dues and your holiday party reservations now! I *promise* you will have a good time!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Information to be considered for submittal in to the newsletter needs to be received by the 5th of the month. Please send your information as an email or attach it to your email in word document form. If you have problems or questions please ask any board member and they will happily assist you. If you do not have access to a computer and have a story or information to share please contact Gloria and she will type it for you (she has fast fingers). Email all information to carcouple@cox.net.

On the morning of Saturday, October 4th, seven cars met at I-10 and Elliott Rd. for the drive to Tucson. We had a pleasant, uneventful drive and arrived at Emich Olds at 9:45. Upon arrival, we found that 3 other Phoenix club members had driven down ahead of the caravan. After we picked up our registrations and goody bags, we proceeded to look over the cars in the lot, meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, and find a seat in the shade near the showroom. It was a warm 90-degree day, bright and sunny. Hot dogs were served at 11:00 AM, and many of these along with lots of cold drinks were consumed. As usual, there were many door prizes given away.

This year's event T-shirt is an especially colorful one, well received by the participants. Club members Jim Schultz and Bruce Krusell's cars were featured on the shirt. Tucson is a fun show in that we see Olds owners we don't see any other time of the year, and their cars. Joe, Kenneth, and Mark Mullins of Tucson met and had long Olds discussions with Milton of Tucson, a fellow subscriber to the Olds Digest on the Internet. They had corresponded for a couple years, but had never met. Gloria was seen in the showroom, drooling over the Aurora powered Shelby.

After the show, most of the Phoenix group and a couple Tucson participants drove to Jeff and Denise Levine's home where a delicious spread awaited them. We had burgers, salads, fresh fruit, and great desserts. This is always a fun part of the Tucson show trip. We talked up our February show with the Tucson group, and we think we will have better participation from the Southern Arizona contingent next spring. They are also looking forward to the spring picnic at Picacho Peak Park.

THE 'OLZZ' – A 1949 OLDSMOBILE 98

by Bruce Krusell

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I asked him to do more changes. Every time I called he wanted more money, but almost nothing was being done. Enough of that!! I hauled her back to Phoenix, after she spent one year in Sedona.

Wanting to get that work done still, I went to another body man, Fred Brightman, at Majic Metal Body Shop. The car was delivered to him, and the work began again. He narrowed the rear bumper 3" and welded it to the body. He then fabricated a nice new home for the rear license plate. I designed new rear wheel openings, and Fred made it happen. Next, a 1951 Chevy front bumper (purchased at a Glendale Community College swap meet) was welded to the front end. I started getting low on car funds at this time, so after 3 months with Fred, I brought her home again.

Somehow, I came up with enough dollars to consider a top chop (I've wanted a chopped custom since I bought my first 'little pages' magazine back in 1958). Jim Gephart was mentioned to do the chop, since it's one of his specialties. We decided to chop it 3" in front and 5" in the rear to give it nice proportions and a killer profile. I decided the hood should have a 2-1/2" pie cut and round the rear corners. While he was at it, he might a well cut in a couple sneaky scoops in it while we're slicing and dicing!! Next, a new grille opening was formed and welded up to make a home for the re-pop 'glass 1954 Pontiac grill bar. It had to be pie cut to fit the contours of the front end.

Out back, the trunk lid had to be sectioned to flow with the radical top chop. At the same time a third brake light was sunk into the lid. After walking around the car a million times, I asked Jim to 'fab' some ground effects, or sometimes called side skirts. Then I needed a nice little flair at the trailing edge of the rear wheel opening. A rear pan with louvers was made to fit from the bottom of the rear bumper to the rear wheels. This could have been skipped, as you can't see it without crawling under the car!! Scoops were cut into the leading edge of the rear fenders, and another pair in the front fenders just back from the wheels. Those rear fenders are 6' long and were welded solidly to the car.

Inside, Jim completely smoothed the dash, hiding gauges behind a disappearing door. A console was fabricated with an A/C vent and a storage compartment. The console has the interior lights concealed behind louvers. Other swap meeting items are the 1988 Buick wheel and Honda bucket seats, for which we had to drop the floor to get them the right height.

Sitting so long had varnished the engine into a non-rotating mode. So, it was rebuilt, balanced, blueprinted with a mild cam and ported heads. While the engine was out, about 60 holes were filled in the firewall. With the engine back in place, panels were made to cover the uglies between it and the fenders. After seven loooooong years with Jim, it was time to move on. Ken Wyman rewired the whole car, and lowered the rear about 3 more inches. I made the templates for the side glass and had them made and installed. Wayne at Bell Glass cut the windshield and installed it in a couple days (wish everyone worked that fast!!!).

Then, it was off to Greg's Custom Auto Shop for it's new summer home. After two months of sanding and prep, Greg sprayed her with Cadillac Red Pearl and Honda Gold flames. The smoothed-out tribal flames were designed after much observation, and just plain old looking closely at other flame jobs.

Chuck Booth gets the OLZZ next for an interior. He hand built the rear seat and arm rest, covering everything in gray tweed, including the trunk. Next was a new set of Billet Specialties wheels. A Kenwood stereo was installed overhead, with bass speakers in the trunk and four tweeters and mid-range under the dash.

She was finally finished in February of 2002, and it was time to hit some shows. April found me at the Goodguys Del Mar show. The rest of that year I made several shows around Arizona, ending up with about 11 awards! I never dreamed the car would do so well on the show circuit, even though I was very pleased with the finished product. I know a lot of projects never make it to completion, I'm so glad mine was able to!!

TRAIN RIDE TRIP REPORT

byGloriaVarley

How many people get to see 2 bald eagles in one day? Those who went on the overnight trip to Cottonwood did. The only word I can think of to describe it is awesome. An eagle soared by us as if on cue after we stepped out on to the open-air car. Another eagle perched himself by a river for us to gawk at as we rode by. Simply amazing. We were so fortunate to be able to see these magnificent creatures.

Twenty-seven club members went on the train ride that day. The train took us through some amazing country. It was breathtaking and very relaxing. We were served eggs, ham, muffins, fruit and mimosas. The narrator on the overhead speaker was very informative. What a beautiful day it was for a train ride. We got back to the depot at 1:00 p.m. Some people headed off to Sedona and others for parts unknown. No shopping for me, it was nap time! We had met the group that morning for the caravan up to Cottonwood at 5:30 a.m. so you can imagine what time I had to wake up! I didn't know people could actually function at such an early hour.

After nap time, we went to Murphy's Grill where we had a wonderful dinner. Following dinner, Patty & Robben gave out the awards for the trivia contest and poker run that we played on the trip up. Robben had lots of other prizes that he raffled off too. Everyone won something. After dinner we took over the parking lot at the Pines motel and played *Scream & Holler* for hours. Dice & quarters were everywhere. Laughter was breaking out all over the place. I think I can safely say that all that played had a great time. The Pines motel owners brought us out a radio. We listened to the music of the 70's & 80's. I was in hog heaven. People started heading for their rooms around 10:00. A few others stayed behind to get to know each other better. I finally headed off to bed around 11:30 p.m. Of course now I couldn't sleep! The next morning we met for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The food was very good. After breakfast some folks headed for home while the rest of us toured the countryside.

If you have never been to Jerome you need to go. What a fascinating little town that is. We took the back roads out of Jerome and made our way to Wickenburg for lunch. We chatted back and forth over our walkie-talkies. After lunch the remaining group headed for home. This was such a great trip that I am really looking forward to the next overnight trip we are doing in April. A big thanks to Patty, Rita, and the Mueller's for making this a great trip!

Sometimes I ponder the reasoning for our obsession and love for Oldsmobiles. For those who are not car enthusiasts, or heaven forbid, carry this flame of passion for another manufacturer, it may be hard to understand this characteristic fully.

While working on my 1950 88 Sedan earlier this year, I needed to remove the trunk lettering to clean and polish them. If you're not familiar with a 1950, the entire word O-L-D-S-M-O-B-I-L-E is spelled out with separate emblem letters. It wasn't until I got to the letter 'I' that it hit me. I looked down at the letter 'I', gleaming in my palm from sunlight striking it directly.

I. Just one letter. What a concept! That solitary letter invoked much thought. I came to realize that my interest and love for Oldsmobiles was as individual as these Oldsmobiles were. Through the Olds Club, the Oldsmobile Digest and various other internet lists I have met and made friends with numerous people who share the similar thread that ties us all together. Even with our common interest, each of us still retains that individualism that makes us unique.

However we began our journey with Oldsmobile differs from person to person. Maybe it was a ride in your grandfather's Oldsmobile, perhaps that first eye-sucking, seat planting rocket ride in a 4-4-2, or staring down the nostrils of a 1969 Hurst/Olds' hood scoop.

For me, it was a friend's father's 1966 4-4-2. He was the original owner, and still owns it today. It was sitting in his garage, non-running. That bronze 400 engine seemed to scream for revving as it peered out of the dust-covered engine bay. The stick from its 3-speed sprouted out of the floorboard, into its blue-skinned interior like a frozen bolt of lightning. What a cool car. What potential! I was given stacks of old magazines; Popular Hot Rodding, Hot Rod and Car Life. I learned all about Oldsmobile that I could. Then one day I noticed a gold engine in the corner of that garage.

He said it was a 330 out of a 66 Cutlass, and I could buy it. I remember being so excited! I bought the engine and took it home and began to disassemble it. The education of tearing down an engine and rebuilding it was incredible. By the time I had finished, I felt I could see the genius in that Oldsmobile engine. Shortly thereafter, I helped some friends rebuild a 351 Ford Cobrajet and a 350 Chevy engine, which was eye opening to me.

After seeing what passed as engineering from other automakers, I realized I was hooked on Oldsmobiles. I love Oldsmobiles for their engineering, and because they were different. The parking lot at my high school was filled with Camaros, Mustangs, Trans Ams and the like. There were very few, if any, Oldsmobiles. And yet, every Oldsmobile I had was faster, more luxurious, and handled better than anything my contemporaries drove. I converted two of them at least to Oldsmobile ownership.

But now my view is changing. No longer can I sit on the sidelines and be a cheerleader for Oldsmobile. The team is being dismantled, the stadiums are being used for other purposes. All that remains are the fans who will be forced to eventually change brand loyalty, us, and a historically significant line-up of all-star players. No longer can we simply cheer, we must uphold our historical responsibility to preserve this individuality and legacy for future generations.

Alone, we cannot save Oldsmobile. Together, we can prevail, educate and preserve. So get the word out, attend our club meetings and events, and get involved!

'I am the I in Oldsmobile'. Maybe if GM had run an advertising campaign stating how Oldsmobile fits your individualism, rather than removing the Oldsmobile name plate from all early Auroras, they might still be here today.

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2003

The next meeting of the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona will be held on Saturday November 22nd at 4:00 p.m. The meeting place is the Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant located in the Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, Loop 101 and Indian Bend Rd in Scottsdale. In conjunction with our meeting, there is a car show at the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's. We have a row normally reserved in the McDonald's parking lot exclusively for our club members, but please see the Wild Mustangs news concerning our reserved row. This is great time to have a meal, look at cars, and talk about cars. Come out and join the fun!

EXTRA! EXTRA! ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

You're probably sitting on pins and needles waiting for the results of the 2004 elections. It was neck in neck for the Presidency between Gloria Varley and the Invisible Man! However, Mrs. Varley did emerge the victor. Laura Sup barely pulled off the win against a surprise write in candidate, Homer Simpson, for Vice President. Joe Varley will be the club Secretary again. It was unanimously decided that he had the best legs for the position. In a huge upset Rita Gwizdalski took 99.9% of the votes to win the Treasurer's position. The 2004 Chapter Representative to the Pacific Southwest Zone will be held by Jim Schultz. His opponent Mr. Clean dropped out of the race at the last minute. He was quoted as saying "This race is too dirty for me. I just can't stand dirt"!

CRUISE & EAT ON NOVEMBER 15TH

Get ready for a rousing good time as we cruise down to historic Florence, Arizona to eat lunch at the Old Pueblo Restaurant. We will be stopping at the Casa Grande Ruins on the way to the restaurant. If you are planning on joining us for the drive, please let Gloria Varley know. The restaurant needs to know how many people to seat. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information and Gloria's contact info.

TECH SESSION NOVEMBER 22ND

Jim Schultz will be showing us how to do a tune-up on Saturday, November 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Jim has lots of experience as he has done hundreds of these over his lifetime. Jim grew up as a grease monkey in his father's mechanic shop. The tech session will take place at the Varley's house at 7402 E. Paradise Drive, Scottsdale. This is the same day as our monthly meeting. If your car needs a tune-up, contact Jim Schultz to make arrangements for him to use your car in the demonstration. Contact Jim Schultz for details at rocketranch@cableone.net.

HOLIDAY PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 13th

This year's party will be a GREAT ONE. We will be having a "Country Christmas/Hanukkah" at The Rustler's Rooste at The Point at South Mountain. There will be a live country western band, dancing, dance instruction, line dancing, door prizes, lots of good food, and even Santa Claus will be making an appearance.

Even though the actual cost of the party is \$43 per person, you only have to pay \$15 total for your evening of food & fun. The club will be picking up the balance. You don't want to be a party pooper and miss out on all the food & fun so check your calendars and reserve the 13th for the Oldsmobile Club party. Send your reservations in now. See the flyer in this newsletter

WILD MUSTANGS & MEETING NOTICE

On Saturday, November 22nd, at the Pavilions, the Mustang Club is sponsoring a Mustang Car Show and food drive. They are asking that all people in attendance bring cans of food or a frozen turkey. Any and all donations will be appreciated. The food is given to the Food Bank to help feed the hungry during the holidays. The 22nd is the same day our meeting takes place. We will still have our meeting as usual at 4:00 p.m at Sweet Tomatoes, however we will not have our reserved row. The Mustang Club will be using the last 4 rows, which includes the row we usually park in. The Mustang Club and McDonald's both asked our club if it was alright for them to use our row, and we said of course they can. It is for a good cause. You can still bring your car out on the 22nd and you will be able to park in any of the other rows that are available. Several of the members are going to try to come down early to save parking spaces.

Each car parked in a space can save another car space for a friend. The car spaces can be saved until 4:00 p.m. If you are able to come down to the pavilions early that day to help save spaces, it would be greatly appreciated. The space saving volunteers should plan on being at the pavilions no later than 3:00 p.m., preferably earlier. We will try to save spaces in rows 3 & 4 (counting from McDonalds).

WE ARE NOW INCORPORATED

In the interest of protecting our club members we have spent some of our money to become incorporated. It took a few months and cost the club \$240.00. We have also purchased car club liability insurance to further protect ourselves. The insurance cost \$227.00 for one year of coverage. We are now in the process of becoming a non-profit organization. This is very time consuming process and may be somewhat costly, but it will have benefits. A big thanks to Scott Podhradsky for handling all the incorporation & non-profit paperwork. We need more members like Scott who are willing to give up their time to benefit all of us.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Here is a link to the Arizona Hobbyist Council's web page. They have information on pending legislation that will affect us all: <http://azautohobby.org/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

You will notice that there is a membership renewal form in this newsletter for 2004. We are asking all members to please renew their membership before the end of the year. The earlier the better. Our Membership Director does taxes, so as you can imagine he is very busy starting in January. Please help him out by renewing your dues early. Scott & I both will really appreciate it. Your renewal form & dues are due by December 31st.

ARIZONA CHAPTER MENTIONED IN JOURNEY WITH OLDS

OCA President Pat Yancey published a story about *your* club in the October edition of Journey With Olds, the Oldsmobile Club of America's monthly newsletter on page 9. Take a read on the article and feel some pride in your club!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Club members Kim and Keith Zoeteman are the proud parents of an 8lb 1oz little boy. Evan was born on October 15, 2003 and measures 20 1/2" long. Congratulations Kim and Keith on a job well done.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS CARD AD

Business card ad renewals are due no later than December 31st. The rates for 2004 are \$24 per year, prorated at \$2 per month. Please send your renewal checks in now. Give them to Gloria Varley in person or by mail. See the business card page for the mailing address.

ORPHAN CAR SHOW PICTURES

Even though it is called an orphan car show, all cars are welcome because it is a charity event. It benefits an orphanage here in Arizona. It was a really nice show, and Ed Richardson and John Clark had their cars there. Pictures are available here: http://public.fotki.com/scotts/annual_orphan_car_show/

LISTEN, BIRDS

THESE SIGNS COST MONEY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003

- Gloria brought the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Present were: Gloria & Joe Varley, Donna Lack, and Patty Sarraillon.
- Joe read last month's minutes. Donna motioned to approve. Patty 2nd.
- Bylaw changes approved unanimously.
- Gloria made the Picacho Peak reservations.
- Board members to make a list of their duties and email to Gloria for inclusion in the new membership packet.
- The treasurer is the club condolence person. She will send out all cards & plants.
- AAHC dues are due. Board approved to renew. Rita to give Gloria a \$40 check.
- Increased price of business card ad to \$24 per year.
- Potluck dinner @ the Mandrick's on January 10th. Will have car show meeting before dinner.
- Train ride trip was great.
- Discussed possibility of club hosting the 2007 OCA Nationals in Flagstaff. Gloria looking in to the logistics.
- Cruise & Eat November 15th. Club paying admission to ruins. Members pay for own lunch.
- Tune-up class on November 22nd by Jim Schultz.
- Gloria will order dash plaques from same place that did them last year. Only \$1 each.
- Fusick gave us \$100 for our car show.
- Ronald McDonald will not be able to attend our show.
- Donna will solicit all the businesses in the pavilions for door prizes.
- Reviewed general meeting agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003

- Gloria opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m. after all had been thru the buffet lines. Present were Joe & Gloria Varley, Donna Lack, Bob & Patty Sarraillon, Alfred Keehn & Madella Shelton, Stuart Schindler & Charli Terry, Reg Vallelunga, Neal & Mary Lou Dederich, Mikel Hagenian, Bob & Char Lefrancois, Frank & Carol Alfter, Ellen Clancey & Rick Paradee. All members introduced themselves.
- Joe read last month's minutes. Neal made a motion to approve. Reg 2nd.
- Gloria read the treasurer's report. Frank made a motion to approve, Madella 2nd.
- New newsletter is excellent. Karl is doing a great job.
- Our club was written up in October's JWO on page 9.
- There was a good turnout at the all Oldsmobile show in Tucson. We had a nice time at Jeff Levine's after the show.
- Camp Verde train ride trip was excellent. 27 members went on the train.
- November 9th is the Greenway High School Band Show. Pre-register by October 29th.
- Nov. 15th Cruise & eat in Florence. Will meet in Chandler.
- Nov. 16th the Sup's need help unloading 2 mobile minis.
- Nov. 22nd tune-up at the Varley's at 1:00 p.m. This is also meeting day. Mustang show that day. They will have our club row. Members to arrive early to save spaces in row 3 & 4.
- Dec. 13th holiday party at Rustler's Rooste. Only \$15 per person.
- Time to renew your dues. Due by December 31st.
- Jan. 10th Potluck dinner @ the Mandrick's. Club will provide the main course & dessert.
- Feb. 28th is our annual car show at McDonald's. Please solicit for door prizes.
- Spring picnic March 13th at Picacho Peak State Park.
- Possibility we may host the 2007 Nationals. Will check in to it and survey the club if it is decided it is feasible.
- Need articles for the newsletter as always.
- 2004 board position elections took place. No surprises.
- Name badge drawing was worth \$60. Don Thompson's name was drawn. He was not present. Drawing will grow to \$65 next month.
- 50/50-affle winner was Mikel Hagenian. He took home \$27.50.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

SO SIT A SPELL

Balance as of Last Report - 09/27/03		\$3647.34
Total Income		\$577.50
50/50 Raffle	\$12.50	
Merchandise	\$15.00	
Membership	-0-	
Train Ride	\$550.00	
Total Expenses		\$801.65
Ramada Deposit for Picnic	\$10.00	
Verde Valley Train Trip	\$791.65	
Balance in Bank as of 10/24/03		\$3423.19

THE PERSONAL COLUMN

November Birthdays

Rita Gwizdalski	2 nd
Karl Sup	7 th
Ken Dusseau	13 th
Ellen Clancy	20 th
Trudi Schultz	21 st
Robert Sebolt	27 th
Mikel Hagenian	28 th

November Anniversaries

Art & Marie Soucek	13 th
Harold & Kathleen Pierson	21 st
Bob & Patty Sarraillon	25 th

BUT DON'T GET FUNNY!



CLUB CALENDER OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2003

Sun 9th Greenway High School Show
Sat 15th Cruise & Eat
Sat 22nd Fall Tune-up with Jim Schultz @ 1:00 p.m.
Sat 22nd Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

DECEMBER 2003

Sat 13th Annual Holiday Party @ Rustler's Rooste
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

JANUARY 2004

Sat 10th Potluck Dinner
Sat 24th Barrett Jackson Breakfast @ 8am
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

FEBRUARY 2004

Sat 7th 57 Heaven Tour
Sat 28th 17th Annual Olds Club of Arizona Car Show @
Scottsdale Pavilions
Sat 28th Monthly Meeting will be during the car show

MARCH 2004

Sat 13th Annual Spring Picnic at Picacho Peak State Park
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting at 4pm
Sun 28th Buick-Olds-Pontiac Car Show @ Scottsdale
Pavilions

APRIL 2004

Sat 10th Cruise On Central
Sat 17th Overnight Trip to ???
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

AUTO EVENTS

by Jeff Buntin

NOVEMBER 2003

- 8** Pep Boys Show and Tell Car Show – 35th Ave & Cactus NW corner, Registration deadline 10-20-03. Info Cindy 623-691-9724
- 8** AAHC Annual Car Show – Phoenix @ Checker Auto Parts, 59th Ave & Camelback, Begins 10am. Info: Dan Sewell 623-435-8961 or Joan Beyers 623-937-1171
- 9** Phoenix in the Fall XI – Crown Plaza Hotel I-17 & Peoria, Open to all Chrysler & AMC vehicles. 9am–3 pm Info: Ron 623-535-0524
- 14-16** Super Chevy Show – SIR Raceway in Tucson
- 15-16** Good Guys Southwest Nationals – West World in Scottsdale, AZ
- 15** Thorobred Thunder V All Chevy Car Show – Chandler. Info: Sharon 480-314-5440
- 21-23** Super Chevy Show – Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- 28-30** Arizona International Auto Show – Phoenix Civic Plaza

DECEMBER 2003

- 5** Pomona Swap Meet – Pomona Fairplex
- 6** Electric Light Parade – Payson, All Clubs Invited. Info: Judy 928-474-4189
- 6** Electric Light Parade – Phoenix, Presented by Phoenix Parks & Recreation 602-262-4627
- 7** Toyz for Totz, Cruise to Wickenburg, meet 9am at Honeywell parking lot, NE corner of Union Hills and I-17, Info: 602-943-3532
- 14** Swap Meet, Phoenix Greyhound Park – by Remember When Cruise Association

JANUARY 2004

- 2-4** World of Wheels, Phoenix Civic Plaza
- 16-19** Silver Auctions, Fort McDowell Casino
- 21-25** Barrett Jackson – Scottsdale, AZ at West World
- 22-25** RM Collector Car Auction, Phoenix 1-800-211-4371
- 23-24** Russo & Steele Auction – Scottsdale www.russoandsteele.com
- 28-2/1** Kruse Auction & Phoenix Historic Grand Prix, at Phoenix International Raceway www.kruse.com

ARIZONA CRUISE NIGHTS

Tuesday	West Phoenix	5 & Diner, 75 th Ave & Bell Road, 6pm-8pm, Bob 623-561-1971
Wednesday	Goodyear	Albertson's Parking Lot, 409 N. Litchfield Road. (Every Wednesday Night) 602-277-3821
Friday	Chino Valley Gilbert Phoenix – West Side Prescott Valley Tucson	McDonald's – 1st Friday of Month NE Corner Warner and McQueen 4-9pm West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906 Zeke's Eatin' Place - (Apr. - Sept.), 3rd Friday of month from 5-8pm - Yavapai Classic Cruisers Coaches Deli on Speedway - 7pm-?? - Info: 520-325-1212 5 & Diner - Info: 520-690-1957
Saturday	Mesa – East Side Phoenix Scottsdale	Next to Wendy's and K-Mart, Hampton near Superstition Springs Mall 59th and Bell Rd. - Northeast Corner - Former Costco parking lot - lots of space and light - Food/ Drink Vendor - Relocated from 77th Ave. and Bell Rd - Info: 623-561-1971 Hooters, 2843 W. Bell Rd. (Bell Road & 28th Ave.) - Info: 602-375-0000 Sonic Drive-In, 33rd Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., 6-9pm, Lots of parking - Info: 623-936-6587 Chubby's Diner - 7th St. and Union Hills - 5:30-9pm Park Central Mall, Between Osborn & Thomas, every Saturday Night McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)
Sunday	Payson Prescott Valley	Famous Sam's - 1-3pm, 2nd Sunday of month, discounts on food, special parking - 307J S. Beeline Hwy. - Info: Shawn or Pauline 928-468-0407 Prescott Valley Subway - Dewey Classic Cruisers - 2nd Sunday of Month - Oct. thru Apr. 12 noon - 3pm - May thru Sept. 5-8pm Amazona Club - 11am-2pm - 3rd Sunday of Month

TECHNICAL TIPS

CLEANING ENGINES BEFORE DISASSEMBLY

During the service life of an engine it naturally accumulates sludge, gum and abrasives. An efficient overhaul requires that these deposits be removed. It is difficult to thoroughly clean the interior of an engine after it is disassembled unless it is removed from the frame and put into a cleaning vat. This is expensive, time consuming and often inconvenient.

A good cleaning job can be done by using the following procedure before disassembly:

1. Drain oil out of crankcase.
2. If equipped with oil filter, remove cartridge and replace top of filter. If engine has "throw-away" type filter, install new filter. DO NOT USE OLD FILTER.
3. Replace oil pan drain plug.
4. Pour into crankcase 2 quarts SAE 20 oil and 2 quarts Casite Tune-Up.
5. Start engine and let idle, for 30 minutes at 600 to 800 RPM. Drain oil-Casite mixture and clean out oil filter. If equipped with "throw-away" filter, remove filter.
6. Proceed with normal overhaul.
7. Install new oil filter cartridge.

After the engine has been overhauled, the oil and oil filter cartridge should be changed at about 500 miles to remove any other sludge and abrasives in the engine. *Thanks to:* http://www.hastingsmfg.com/service_tips.htm

MAINTENANCE

Slip Cure

A wonderful remedy for a slipping Torx tip, Phillips tip, socket or the like is to put a bit of valve grinding compound on the tip and try again. This is a great cure for the slipping screw driver.

Cleaning Up Oil Spills on Concrete

Be quick to grab a can of carburetor cleaner and spray down the oil spill. Wipe it up with paper towels, and repeat if necessary. It will usually clean it right off.

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WANTED

- **1954 2-Door Hardtop**

I have a friend who is looking for a 1954 2 door hardtop. Please call me if you know of such a vehicle for sale.
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1961 Chevy 283 block with 55 power pack heads and 4-barrel intake. \$250. Call Joe @ 480-998-7949

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Miscellaneous trim, master cylinder, spare tire (WWW), ignition switch with key, heater control valve with hardware, 4-door trunk lid, steering wheel, plus more. \$5-100. Make offer on all for a great deal. Call Karl @ 602-628-8866

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Nice pair of fresh pulled big-valve C heads from a 442. Complete with rockers. \$200.
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Grant's Transmission, 215 W. Broadway, Phoenix, 602-276-9151 (by Joe Varley)

Tri-City Transmission, 203 N. McClintock, Tempe, 480-968-5062 (by Joe Varley)

Denny's Transmission, 3902 S Central, Phoenix, 602-268-0663 (by Ken Schopen)

Jordan Alignment & Brake Specialists, 8718 E McDowell Rd, Scottsdale, 480-945-2040 (by Don Boyd)

Verdone Auto Upholstery & Tops, 2414 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, 480-481-0840 (by Joe Varley)

Arizona Auto Air, 3130 E. Main, Mesa, 480-926-1800 (by Roy Lack)

A-Arizona Western Air, 4220 E. Paradise Lane, Phoenix, 602-867-8888 (by Don Boyd)

Superior Pump Exchange, 2341 W. Cypress, Phoenix, 602-252-7308 - water pump rebuilding (by Joe Varley)

Northside Rebuilders Supply, 1027 E. Washington, Phx, 602-252-1023 - starters, alts & generators rebuilt. (JV)

Greulich's Engine Machining, Scottsdale, 480-948-3042 (by Joe Varley)

Ketchum's Automotive, 8900 E. San Victor, Scottsdale, 480-860-8199 general auto repair (by Joe Varley)

Granite Reef Service Center, 8401 E McDowell, Scottsdale, 480-941-2474 general auto repair (by Don Boyd)

NAPA Auto Parts – quality rebuilt parts, older electrical parts, and tough to find parts (by Ken Schopen)

American Plating, 202 W. Gibson Ln, Phoenix, 602-253-2830, bumper rechroming (by Joe Varley)

Space Age Paint & Supply, 707 S. Country Club, Mesa, 480-835-0971, paint, supplies, vinyl dyes (by Joe Varley)

Enviro Stripping Technology, 204 W. Maricopa Frwy, Phoenix, 602-258-5583, paint removal/media stripping (JV)

Mel Nelson Radio Repair, Phoenix, 602-277-0719, 1970's and older radios only (by Joe Varley)

Mobile Audio, 3050 S. Country Club, Mesa, 480-545-5087 Howard, classic car radios (by Roy Lack)

Fix-A-Dent - Scott Flynn, 480-250-8866, mobile dent repair (by Roy Lack)

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Campus Alignment & Brake Service, 910 N Scottsdale Rd, Tempe 480-967-8390 (by Ken Schopen)

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www.kelseytire.com Reproduction tires for collector cars

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<http://oldsgmail.com> Information on Oldsmobile G-Body cars (1978-1988)

www.oldsmobility.com Information on 1967 A-Body cars

www.oldsrocket.com Information on 1964 – 1972 A Bodies

Cruise & Eat in Florence Arizona

Saturday, November 15, 2003

You are invited to attend a fun filled day driving from Chandler to historic Florence, Arizona. We will be heading south on Hwy 87. On the way we will be stopping at the Casa Grande Ruins. The ruins are located approximately 36 miles from downtown Chandler. For over a thousand years, prehistoric farmers inhabited much of the present-day state of Arizona. When the first Europeans arrived, all that remained of this ancient culture were the ruins of villages, irrigation canals and various artifacts. Among these ruins is the Casa Grande, or "Big House," one of the largest and most mysterious prehistoric structures ever built in North America. Casa Grande Ruins is the nation's first archeological preserve.

You are invited to see the Casa Grande and to hear the story of the ancient ones the Akimel O'otham call the Hohokam, "those who are gone." The club will pay the \$3.00 admission fee. We will be eating lunch in Florence at the Old Pueblo Restaurant. They will have special parking roped off for us. They will also provide us with separate tickets. You can order off their breakfast or lunch menu. If you have walkie-talkies or CB's, be sure to bring them.

Itinerary

Meeting Time: 8:30 A.M.

Location: Bill Johnson's on Arizona Ave (Country Club) between Guadalupe & Elliot on the west side of the road. We will travel south on Hwy 87/Country Club Dr. to the ruins.

Tucson Attendees: Please meet us at the Ruins. Take 1-10 W to Hwy 387 east to the ruins.

Casa Grande Ruins: 10:00 a.m. guided tour

Florence: Lunch at 12:00 at the Old Pueblo Restaurant

After lunch those who are interested can walk or drive around Florence to see the sites. Florence is an original Arizona territorial town founded in 1866.

Please RSVP to Gloria Varley. We need to let the restaurant know how many people to expect for lunch. Carcouple@cox.net or 480-998-7949

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Appetizers Will Be Served

\$15.00 Per Person – All Inclusive

Make Check Payable To: The Oldsmobile Club of Arizona

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Phone No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Email Address _____

Mail RSVP to: Gloria Varley, 7402 E. Paradise Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-5436



Membership Renewal Form

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Check your JWO label and make sure your OCA membership is current

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Check in: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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CLASS 1000 - *Performance 1970-1972 - Convertible
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CLASS 1200 - Toronado
CLASS 1300 - Station Wagons
CLASS 1400 - All Modified**
CLASS 1500 - Under Construction/Beaters
CLASS 1600 - 1973-2004 All Other

*Performance cars are: 442, W30, W31, W32, Rallye 350, and Hurst Olds.

**A car is considered modified if it has a non-original G.M. engine or has an increase of 50 CI (hoods do not need to be opened), any major body modification, "custom" paint, or is a "phantom" car.

Come out and enjoy a day in the sun, while supporting a very good cause, the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Questions about the show? Contact Gloria Varley @ 480-998-7949 or carcouple@cox.net or Jeff Buntin @ 480-491-3309 or jbuntin@sonalink.com

Complete Registration Form and mail to: **Jeff Buntin**
1956 E. Huntington Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2004. Check in 9-10 a.m. the day of show.

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Name _____

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Phone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

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Entry Fee _____ **\$20 per car entered**

Door prize tickets _____ **10 tickets for \$5 with pre-registration (7 for \$5 day of show)**

TOTAL _____ **Make check payable to: Oldsmobile Club of Arizona**

I, the undersigned do hereby release the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona, its officers and members, and McDonald's from any damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event.

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