

Tire Tracks

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Sedona Car Club



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President's Letter

Hello Everyone. Well, the year is winding down. Our up-coming club meeting will be the penultimate (I don't get to use that word too often) meeting for the year, and we will still keep going strong for the rest of this year and on, with good meetings and events.

We had a great gathering for our annual Halloween Dinner, but with a little twist. For those of you who were not there, here's what happened. After several conversations with the Asylum Restaurant, Barbara Barrett finally had reservations made for the day before Halloween at 5:00PM (the restaurant couldn't handle a large group on Halloween night, and even for the day before wanted us in and out before their busy dinner time.) Our group arrived at the reserved time and unbelievably the Asylum had no reservation logged for us! With great consternation we left and went down the street to Grapes Restaurant where we were welcomed graciously and all had a good meal and a good time.

Thanksgiving Day will be this month. We all have much to be thankful for. We live in the amazing areas of Sedona and the rest of Verde Valley; I'm sure we all have something to eat every day; although our members are on different sides of the political spectrum, we live in a country where we can express our opinions and vote for the person we like; most of us have good health, and for those who have less than good health, we live in a country where we can get the best of medical care. Our reasons to be thankful can go on and on. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Day/Holiday.



David Lombardi
President



Some Stuff:



Avrum Cohen	11
Deborah Johnson	2
David Lombardi	24
Vince Monachi	5
Lynn Orr	12
Terri Scheinuck	5
Herbert Soltero	13

Congratulations on your Anniversary

Barry and Arlette Levitan	30
Phil and Sharrie Wadsack	3

Welcome new members

Sadly, none.



Club Calendar

Regular club meeting - November 14

**November Event - to be announced
(watch your email)**

Christmas Dinner - December 12



Meeting Refreshments

Note: Those providing refreshments will be reimbursed \$10. Ground coffee is in the kitchen.

Refreshments: Larry Currie, Greg Zucco &
Stephanie Giesbrecht
Coffee: Victoria Clark

ITEM FOUND AT THE CAR SHOW

Eddie Bauer zippered pullover.
Thanks, Sam.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AT THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED

NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 14

Guest Speaker:

Matthew McMahon
Four Peaks Wealth Management

Regional Car Events

11/11 - Walkin' on Main Car Show, Cottonwood

11/15 - Sedona Elks Cruise-In

11/17-19 - Goodguys 20th Southwest Nationals, Scottsdale

11/23-26 - Phoenix International Auto Show

(For a complete list of SCC 2016 events, visit our website at sedonacarclub.com)

A Discount

If your car is being serviced at Red Rock Precision Motors, be sure to ask for the car club 10% discount.

Another Discount

Get your precious car washed at Cleaner Quicker Car Wash and get a 10% discount for members.

Club Meetings

The General Meetings of the Sedona Car Club are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sedona Library except in June when our meeting is the Annual Picnic and in December when it is the Annual Christmas Party. We do not meet in July. Please attend and bring a car-loving friend.

Board Meetings

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Cousins' clubroom. All members are invited to attend.

Tire Tracks

Tire Tracks is published eleven times a year by the Sedona Car Club and contains information on events and activities of interest to members. It is compiled and edited by Arny Messersmith and posted on the website by Steve Blank before the monthly meeting. All submissions are due by the 1st of each month.

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Annual Christmas Dinner

Join us for an evening of dinner and fun.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Golden Goose Café
2454 W. 89A

6:00 pm Cocktails – *NO HOST BAR*

Appetizer Table

Heirloom Tomato Bruschetta
Mixed Nuts
Stuffed Mushroom Caps

7:00 pm Dinner

Choice of:

Braised Lamb Shank
Prime Rib

Orange Roughy topped with Bay Scallops in a Lemon-Butter sauce
Portobello Mushroom (stuffed with quinoa and roasted vegetables -
vegetarian option)

Entrees are accompanied by a holiday salad, bread basket,
garlic mashed potatoes, chef's vegetable de jour,
non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, and coffee.

Cost per member is \$30.00 payable to Sedona Car Club
Cost per non-member is \$40.00.

Kindly mail your check by December 6 to:
Jane Tusso, 403 Acacia Drive, Sedona, AZ 86336 or sign up at the
November 14 meeting.

Remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy which will be donated to
the Sedona Community Food Bank.

**SEATING IS LIMITED
RESERVE EARLY**

FUNNY BUT APOCRYPHAL NEWS FROM PATTY RESKI

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated . . .

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

- 1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.**
- 2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.**
- 3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.**
- 4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.**
- 5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.**
- 6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.**
- 7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.**
- 8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.**
- 9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.**
- 10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.**

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself

FROM THE FERTILE MIND OF LARRY CURRIE A MATH STORY PROBLEM FOR YOU

THE ELECTRIC CAR (Do The Math)

An interesting take on the new technology I always wondered why we never saw a cost analysis on what it actually costs to operate an electric car. Now we know why.....

At a neighborhood BBQ I was talking to a neighbor, a BC Hydro executive. I asked him how that renewable thing was doing. He laughed, then got serious. If you really intend to adopt electric vehicles, he pointed out, you had to face certain realities. For example, a home charging system for a Tesla requires 75 amp service. The average house is equipped with 100 amp service. On our small street (approximately 25 homes), the electrical infrastructure would be unable to carry more than 3 houses with a single Tesla, each. For even half the homes to have electric vehicles, the system would be wildly over-loaded.

This is the elephant in the room with electric vehicles. Our residential infrastructure cannot bear the load. So as our genius elected officials promote this nonsense, not only are we being urged to buy the damn things & replace our reliable, cheap generating systems with expensive, new windmills & solar cells, but we will also have to renovate our entire delivery system! This latter "investment" will not be revealed until we're so far down this dead-end road that it will be presented with an oops & a shrug.

If you want to argue with a green person over cars that are eco-friendly, just read the following:

Note: If you ARE a green person, read it anyway. Enlightening.

Eric test drove the Chevy Volt at the invitation of General Motors... & he writes, "For four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine." Eric calculated the car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank & the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270 miles.

It will take you 4-1/2 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph. Then add 10 hours to charge the battery & you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.

According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kwh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery. The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned so I looked up what I pay for electricity. I pay approximately (it varies with amount used & the seasons) \$116 per kwh. $16 \text{ kwh} \times \$1.16 \text{ per kwh} = \18.56 to charge the battery. $\$18.56 \text{ per charge} \div 25 \text{ miles} = \0.74 per mile to operate the Volt using the battery. Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine that gets only 32 mpg. $\$3.19 \text{ per gallon} \div 32 \text{ mpg} = \0.10 per mile .