

Power From The Past

Summer 2024 Newsletter EDGTA Branch 240
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2024 Event Calendar

ITALICS= may need approval , **BOLD** = tentative dates
Times subject to change

January

8 Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
19-20 Wellton 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

February

5 Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
10 **AEDGE&TA show in Glendale, Az.**
10 Cruise BBQ & Car Show in Oro Valley, Az. (Display) 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
24 Culver's on East Broadway (Broadway & Prudence) in Tucson, Az.

March

1-3 Club Social at Drew Harrison's Farm
16 **Marana Founder's Day, Marana, Az. (Parade & Display)**

April

1 Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
6 Chevy Showdown at Desert Diamond Casino in Sahuarita 9 AM - 3 PM
20 **Rodders at PCC DT Campus, Tucson, Az. (Display) . 9 AM - 2:30 PM**

May

4 Members Annual Meeting El Camino Baptist Church 11:00AM
11 Tractor Ride
25 Dairy Tour

June

3 Monthly Meeting

July

1 Monthly Meeting
4 **4th of July Parade in Benson, Az. (Parade)**
20 Pioneer Days in St. David, Az. (Parade and display.)

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August

- 3 *Prickly Pear Jamboree* in Vail, Az. (Display)
- 5 Monthly meeting

September

- 2 Monthly Meeting
- 13-15 *Santa Cruz County Fair* in Sonoita, Az. (Display and Ice Cream making)

October

- 7 Monthly meeting
- 12 Marana Fall Festival
- 18-20 **Helldorado Days** in Tombstone, Az. (Parade and Display)

November

- 2-3 Empire Ranch Cowboy Days
- 4 Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
- ? *Memorial Engine Show*

December

- 7 Christmas Dinner/ Meeting
- 7 Benson Christmas Parade
- 14? Huachuca City Christmas Parade



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BIRTHDAYS	ANIVERSARIES
July	
Teri Bessler Charlie Bub Jami Davenport Julia Davis Jim Fieber Allen Goodman Jim White	
August	
Pam Bennett Mike Bessler Thelma Christie Steve Christie Jeannie Clegg Susan Culp Zane Parker	Sonny and Gail Clark Jr. John and Joyce Levensgood Jim and Jane Levensgood
September	
Jerry Alexander Bob Brobeck Madalyn Day Deanna Kastens Leroy Welch	Mark and Joyce Bott Allen and Donna Goodman
October	
Lance Amatulli Frank Bessler John Davenport Donna Goodman	John and Jamie Davenport Gregory and Mary Sue Skaggs

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We have more returning members to welcome! Rex and Sandra Patten, David and Joannie Upham, and Travis Bott.

And congratulations to members Lance Amatulli and Jo Stupy on their recent marriage!

Also, we send out our condolences to the family of Dean Suhr who passed away June 24th. He was a longtime member and known as a gifted engine restorer as well as making and maintaining organs and pianos.

Make plans now to participate in these upcoming events...

Happy 4th of July! Can't beat tractors in parades or BBQ on the 4th in Benson, BBQ afterwards at Bucky and Tara Stevens place. Who's bringing pie?

July 20th Pioneer Days parade and display in St. David and we usually have a long line of young ones wanting to make ropes.

Aug. 3 Vail, AZ Prickly Pear Jamboree. Additional information to follow.

September 13-15 Santa Cruz County Fair, always a great event with 4H animal judging and auction. We will be looking for volunteers to make ice cream and ropes.

October 12 Marana Festival with a parade and display

October 18-20 Tombstone Helldorado Days with a display and parade Sunday morning. The club will be sharing a pot-luck with Lance and Jo serving up hamburgers and hot dogs.

What's been going on...

Members tried their luck on April 6 at the Desert Diamond Casino in the annual Chevy Showdown with some choosing to spend the nights camping under the stars. Participating members; Len Becwar and Jane Bright, Mark Bott, Lyle and Cheri Rasmussen, Greg Skaggs, Darrell and Pat Dwyer, John, Joyce and Jim

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Levengood, Jerry Alexander, Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, Zane Parker, Barry Kanner, and Charlie Bub.

Joe Mooney, Len Becwar and Jane Bright, Jim Blair, Charlie Bub, and Rose Tidwell.



Rodders 2024

On April 20th, there were lots of classic cars to see at the annual Rodders event held at Pima Community College. There was a group of members that enjoyed a tour of the college's automotive technology center leaving Charlie wanting to sign-up for their transmission course. Participating members; Greg Skaggs, John, Joyce and Jim Levengood, Pat and Darrell Dwyer, Julia Davis, Mel and Ruth Perkins, Seth Hoyte, Lyle Rasmussen, Al Matson, Mark Bott, Sonny Clark, Zane Parker, Bucky and Tara Stevens,

Also in April was the Pima County Fair with members Lyle Rasmussen and Ray Fisher displaying engines at our old stomping grounds along with many other exhibits.

In May we held our annual meeting and election of board members at the El Camino Baptist Church in Tucson. Those attending; Matt Stewart, Greg Skaggs, David and Joanie Upham, Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, Kevin Lange, Seth Hoyte, Mark and Joyce Bott, Darrell and Pat Dwyer, John, Jamie and Jade Davenport, Mel and Ruth Perkins, Jerry Alexander. Jim, Darlene and Dominique Blair, Lyle and Cheri Rasmussen, Julia Davis and Ames Francis, Sonnie and Gail Clark, Zane Parker, Bob Brobeck, Rex Patten, Charlie Bub, and Rose Tidwell.

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May tractor ride led by Charlie Bub through Empire Ranch with 9 tractors participating; Matt Stewart and Larry Kastens on Ford, Darrell Day on Oliver, Travis Bott on Allis Chalmers, Jim Fieber on Minneapolis-Moline, Zane Parker and Mark Bott on Farmall and Darrell Dwyer and Charlie Bub on John Deere with Jim White driving his farm truck for recovery.



Empire Ranch 2024

Joining in for lunch was Greg Skaggs, Barry Kanner, Deanna Kastens, Pat Dwyer, and Rose Tidwell. Charlie smoked sausages and Pork butt for lunch with sides shared by Rose Tidwell, Pat Dwyer, Barry Kanner and Deanna Kastens.

On June 15 with temperatures reaching 100 we set-up our display at the recently opened Tractor Supply on the east side of Tucson. Despite the weather we had a good turnout of tractors and engines (and pop-up shade.)



Tractor Supply 2024

The place was busy with the parking lot full. Participating members; Greg Skaggs, Matt Stewart, Jerry and JoBeth Hayes, Mark Jensen, Jim Fieber, Darrell and Pat Dwyer, Mark Bott, Barry Kanner, John Davenport, Seth Hoyte, Larry Kastens, Jerry Alexander, Zane Parker, Allen and Donna Goodman, Julia Davis and

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Ames Francis, Ernie Oertle, Bruce and Joyce Tingle, Charlie Bub, and Rose Tidwell.

Sorry if I missed anyone. I rely on the sign-up sheets for this information.

Thanks to all our participants and a big thank you to those that helped with set-up or stayed to help load. More and more we have Greg to thank for making these events happen.

We won't be able to have these events without the necessary safety

equipment for our displays carried in the trailer, along with the shade and the rope machine, plus, it carries our club logo, so all know who we are. If you could help share this task, even to some of the events each year would be a help. Maybe a committee of volunteers could get the job done. Let's hear from you.

And we welcome club members if you have something you want to share in the newsletter.

We recently swore in our board members for another term. Thanks to club members serving on our board:

- Greg Skaggs.....President
- Julia Davis.....Safety Chair
- Zane Parker.....Vice-President
- Lyle Rasmussen.....Engine Chair
- Jerry Hayes.....Treasurer
- Jamie Davenport.....Board member at large
- Rose Tidwell.....Secretary

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Communications from Len Becwar and Jane Bright



With the help of many club members, Len and I were finally able to fill 5 five-gallon pails of pop tabs. We delivered them to the Ronald McDonald House where they were gratefully accepted and weighed (73.2 pounds- which equates to approximately 125,925 tabs!)



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In addition to the tabs was \$23 in cash that we occasionally found in the jars

along with the tabs. So, thanks to those generous people who didn't have tabs, but still wanted to help.

We can't make it to all the PFTP activities, but those members who are there, are always happy to accept your bags of tabs and get them to us. Keep up the good work! Keep those tabs coming!

Jane Bright and Len Becwar.

The collecting of the aluminum pop tabs by the club and delivering them to the Ronald McDonald House is a tradition going back many years. This service project was started by Sue Rasmussen (Jerry and Sue Rasmussen, charter members), known to her grand children as Grama Sue. In 1998, twin girls Connie and Kristen were born to Lyle and Cheri Rasmussen. They were living in Kingman, AZ at the time and both the

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twins and mother Cheri had a hospital stay in Phoenix until they were strong enough to go home.

Lyle and family members were grateful for their stay at the Phoenix Ronald McDonald House during this time. That led Grama Sue to initiate the collecting of the pop tabs as a way to pay back for this generous benefit. Plus, it is an easy way for us to help those in our community. At one point Sue estimated that the club had helped collect and donate close to ¼ ton of pop tabs.

According to Wikipedia, as of 2019 there were 380 Ronald McDonald houses in 62 countries designed to accommodate families with underage hospitalized children. They are located not far from the hospitals they serve. In Arizona there is one in Phoenix and one in Tucson. In addition to free stays, they also provide home cooked meals. The collected pop tops help cover the costs. Pop tops or tabs from beverage containers are made from a more pure

form of aluminum than the rest of the can making them more desirable.

Today Lyle and Cherie are active members of the club living in the Tucson area. Lyle works for Caterpillar at the Tucson Proving Grounds and is currently a board member and past club President. Their twins have grown up, graduated college and are now married. They also have a son Jonathan, currently in college.

Cheers, Rose Tidwell