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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

- The name October comes from the Latin word “octo,” which means “eight,” based on the early Roman calendar.
- October is the month with the most US presidents born in it.
- October is Black History Month in the US and the UK, and a time to celebrate diversity and achievements of African Americans.
- October is thought to breed natural athletes, as those born in autumn tend to be more sporty or athletic.
- The birthstones for October are opal and tourmaline, and the flower is the calendula.

October is the month of the World Series of baseball and the Oktoberfest of beer.

Diwali, also known as the festival of lights, is one of the most celebrated days in Hindu culture. Occurring in October, Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Common practices during this celebration are lighting firecrackers and eating sweets.



Chris Ames,
President

Dear ACTC Member,

Car Clubs are wonderful , they get people of all income levels and all type of cars to be preserved and used as often as possible. Some go to car shows, concours shows or community events. Everyone loves old cars, just drive around and watch all the thumbs up!!!!

For Clubs to survive many things have to happen. Have local get togethers, via breakfast, lunch or dinner were members can tell stories about their car adventures.

Some parts of the country have weather problems to deal with including us (HOT). But when it's right , off come the covers and the cars hit the streets.

A lot of Clubs have an aging problem as we do. Myself included, I love my cars but damn it sometimes it is just too much work to get going. It's easier to set back and leave them covered. We call it aging out, that's when it is nice that the younger members step up and carry the load.

Officer elections are just around the corner and this will have to happen. Jump in and help make your club great.

Michael Wood

Memories



2023 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

November 12th Sunday Meeting at
American Legion Post 107
20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix
so. of 101 frwy
Members: 8:30 am—11:30am

Details: Buffet breakfast served at 9:30 am
Cost \$15.00 per person

December Christmas Party/Dance
Date/Time: Sunday December 10th 5:00
pm—8:30 pm

Location: Embassy Suites Resort
4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway so.
Phoenix, 85032

Details: Cocktails/hors d' oeuvres/Italian
buffet dinner 5:00 pm-6:30 pm
DJ music and dancing from 6:30—8:30 pm



PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative and subject to change. Please check the calendar each month for updates.



October Birthdays

Cathy Burklund	10/3
Ken Goldstein	10/6
Bret Williams	10/6
Denis Frank	10/10
Jo Cannold	10/10
Michael Trapasso	10/11
Mary Lee Winer	10/11
Yvonne Wagner	10/15
Linda Thurston	10/18
Gerry Homewood	10/23
Gary Thompson	10/23
Doni Bodell	10/28
Sharon Ames	10/28

October Anniversaries

Kerry & Jody Pokorski	10/4
Jim & Sherrie Rodgers	10/28
Bob & Kathy Michele	10/12
Stuart & Jo Cannold	10/30

CLASSIC CLASSIFIEDS

1955 T-Bird Retro-Mod

White/tan interior (extra roomy) both tops, Loaded with options, plus trailer.
Mike Wood 602-568-8140 or
mwoodcars@yahoo.com \$82,000.00

1951 Chopped top Ford 2 door, 5.0 Mustang motor with AODE overdrive trans new ECM motor runs great, 4 wheel disc brakes, Appleton spot lights, large bubble skirts, Mustang seat, split in back 20 gal gas tank with new sender. Custom dash with Dakota gauges, electric wipers
It's in process so big savings can be had. \$29,000 Mike Wood 602-568-8140

For sale 1957 T-Bird, White, black & white interior, three tops, port hole hard top, white soft top and White tonneau cover, plus car cover.
Five new wide white wall tires, original jack. Title shows 35K full power runs and drives great. \$36,000.00
Mike 602-5658-8140

Crank up hard top lift, bolt to ceiling
\$200.00 obo
Mike 602-568-8140


MEMORIES
Seton Classic Car Show Sun City

Jim Rodgers, Don Henderson, Frank Saccente and Mike Wood attended. Show was great, weather nice and pancake breakfast was outstanding.

Plan to go next year!



Saturday at the Pavilions



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October 8, 2023 Martin Auto Museum



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Bob—Mike—Frank -
 Don—Gregg—Ken
 Tim T—Jim C—Rich—Ron
 Jim D

“THE PROUD BOYS”

That’s cause all the ladies went to the mov-
ies

ACTC

October 8, 2023 Martin Auto Museum

Vice President *Gregg Thurston* called the October meeting to order at 9:00am We all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* gave an update on Ken Falkenberry and the passing of Sam Ciammitti. Please send cards to Pat. We sang happy birthday to all of the T-Birders who have birthdays in July, August, Sept since there is no meeting .

Ways and Means: No Report

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: *Chuck Thompson* was not present.

CTCI: No Report.

Activities: Beeline Cruise in, Thanksgiving Day Parade, Dr George in Palm Springs in February. Oro Valley in February. Run to the

Sun in Havasu. Bev's Tbird is being repaired.

Public Relations: *Don Henderson*, No Report

Newsletter Editor: *Mike Wood* said he need more filler for the Newsletter. Gave information about *Jeannie's* birthday. Did all receive the hard copy of the newsletter

Member at Large: Bob told some jokes. Nice turn-out. Next meeting Nov 12th at American Legion on Cave Creek Rd. Christmas Party – Dec 10th, Sunday. Starts at 5:00pm to 8:30pm Please come, it may be the last one. \$50 per person There was thank you for all Bob and Kathy has done for the club.

Membership: *Judy Thompson*, not present.

Historian: *Duane Foster*, no report.

Ex-Officio: Danny asked everyone to participate.

Webmaster: No Report

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: No new business.

Split the pot: \$71 –

Motion to adjourned by Bob Michele and seconded by Tom Wagner.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Wagner

Premium price provokers

Submitted by Don Rebtoy from OLD CARS Magazine 2/1/23
Photos and story by John Gunnell

While doing some collector-vehicle pricing research based on actual prices, we noticed several descriptive words or phrase that seller (often collector-car dealers or brokers) use to provoke successful sales and higher process. Soome of these descriptions are worthy of discussion, because various people interpret them in different ways.

“LOW MILES” We repeatedly came across instances where prices for a certain year, make and model of car with a low odometer reading were up to double the price of identical car with higher mileage. The cosmetic condition of the cars was virtually identical, and even the description of the mechanical condition was the same. In some cases, the low mileage and higher-mileage were even the same colors and had the same drivetrain, the same options and the same interior package.

We understand that low miles may mean bragging rights at a club meeting or car show, but truth is that a car can be a lemon when it’s brand new. We once picked up a new company car—a 1969 Mercury Montego six-cylinder sedan at a dealership in Brooklyn and drove it home to Staten Island. When we shut it off, ut wouldn’t refire. The starter had already gone bad. (To make matters worse, the Ford service techs were on strike.)

Three years later, the company upgraded to two-door cars and allowed us to add extras if we paid half the price of the options. (I suppose well-optioned cars had a better resale value three years later.) We ordered a gold Pontiac Lemans two door hardtop with a V-8 and a white vinyl top. Again, we drove it about ten miles from the dealership to our home. We shut it off and tried to start it to no avail. The starter was good; the engine was just “new and tight” the dealer said. We drove the car for two years and it was always hard to start.

Storing a vehicle for many years may keep the odometer low, but it can cause gaskets and seals to dry out and require replacement. Meanwhile, a higher-mileage car that is regularly used has proven its reliability. As mechanical objects, both will eventually require maintenance and repairs, but how far ahead will you be with the lower-mileage example over the higher-mileage counterpart? Only time will tell.

Some restorers reset the odometer when restoring a car, then they advertise it’s a low-mileage car. It’s true that the rebuilt or new engine might have only a few miles of use, but the rest of the car, even it nicely restored, is no longer a low-mileage specimen. It might look new, but all of its metal components, from the sheet metal to the engine block, still have more miles of stress from additional road use.

In other cases, claims of low-mileage readings are based on what a previous owner told the current owner. However, years ago, odometers only had six figures (seven with the digit for the fractional miles), and many cars were well maintained that they looked good, even when the 1000,000-mile mark was passed and the odometer went back to 000001. The present owner may truly believe that the car has low-mileage when it’s actually on its way to 2000,000 miles.

Keep this article because it will continue for several months

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Just a few years ago, we sold a well maintained 1980s Chevrolet with 159,00 miles. It had been so well cared for that the unscrupulous flipper who bought it from us advertised it for sale as a 59,000 mile car. Years ago, buyers and sellers did not have to report mileage on title documents, either.

Then, there's the fact that it was once easier to roll back a mechanical odometer. Some unscrupulous used-car dealers actually considered this job part of prepping a car for sale! Even if a dishonest seller wasn't mechanically inclined and didn't have a mechanic to help him, he could raise the car on jacks and run it in reverse to take a few miles off the total reading. This took a long time, but gas was cheap and it worked.

Even going back to the 90s, digital odometers can sometimes be very easily swapped, and occasionally sellers will install lower-mileage odometers from wrecked vehicles. A Car-fax Report or other reputable documentation of mileage is important when purchasing any car new enough to have a third-party record of mileage.

When inspecting a car to purchase, check the condition of the rubber pads on the pedals for wear. If a car is advertised as having 10,000 original miles and the pads look like heels on your work boots, ask for proof of the odometer reading. And, in all cases, ask seller how he or she knows what the true mileage is. If a seller doesn't have solid documentation of a car's mileage, proceed with caution. The final decision to buy a car is up to you, but you sure don't want to pay extra for a tall tale.

!In the same family for 30 years!

This is another selling point that you hear a lot. If you think about it, the chain of ownership can be important, or it can be meaningless. The car might have been owned by Cousin Courtney, who was a Pontiac Service Craftsman Award-winning factory dealership mechanic for 50 years, or it might have been owned by Uncle Freddie, who lived on Elm Street and did scary things on Halloween.

The car may have been carefully stored in the family barn for half a century, or it may have sat outside a Uncle Otto's salvage yard for decades (nobody in the clan remembers how many). This isn't to say that a known chain of ownership isn't nice to know, but as the buyer, you should ask for specifics about where the car was kept, what condition it was stored under and how long it was regularly used or not used.

!Only driven on weekends!

Last year, we bought a 1920s car and the story was that the original owner was a farmer who only drove the car to church on Sunday, and drove an older, more primitive Model T Ford pickup all week. The story was true and the car has only 23,000 miles, but the first time we took it out, it came home on a flatbed. Fresh gas had loosened crud in the fuel tank, and the exhaust pipe was rusty from sitting and broke off. These are relatively easy fixes, but the point is that a car that's not regularly used will often need some work when you start using it again.

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!Always store indoors!

If you think of cars being stored outside for many years, you certainly don't expect that they're going to be in pristine condition. On the contrary, when you see an ad that says a collector car has always been kept indoors, you assume that the seller is tiking about a car with paint tht isn't weathered, seats that look (and smell) good, a neat and clean engine compartment, fairly nice tires and nice chrome trim.

Unfortunately, this isn't always true. Birds get in storage buildings and poop on paint. Varmints can eat up upholstery. You might find an air cleaner or exhaust pipe stuffed with acorns. If they'r been sitting for a long time on the ground, especially a concrete floor, the tire are probably flat-spotted and possibly bad. If kept in a metal building, the building may sweat when the seasons change and wreak havoc on metal components.

Indoor storage can be a good sign that a car was well cared for, but when you answer the ad, sk more questions about the type of indoor toreage nd also about how long the car has been sitting inside. You don't want to buy a car sight unseen and find out its indoor storage was poor. And you don't want to spend money traveling to see an "indoor car" tht looks as bd as an "outside car" Ask for recent, dated photographs.

!Caveat Emptor!

Most people selling cars in the old-car world ar pretty honest. Back when the owner of OLD CARS published a wide range of magazine's in various hobbies, the car publications always generate the fewest number of advertiser `complaints. The phases we're discussing here are heavily used wherever collector cars are sold and may not tell the whole story. We're not saying they're unimportant, but we are suggesting that you—as the buyer—dig a little deeper to verify these selling points and decide if they have truly helped preserve the vehicle.



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