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Happy New Year!

Winter in Arizona is the prime time to enjoy our old cars for some of us. Those of us in the high country are more likely found behind a snow shovel than the wheels of our AMCs, but it's a good time to get caught up on all those little things we save for the winter months.

I'll remind everyone to join the AMCRC if they aren't already members, and to renew if they are. It's a great way to connect to other fans of AMCs.

<http://amcrc.com/join/renew.htm>

I would also encourage people to come out for the Cactus Classic Show, March 22-23, in Phoenix. It's hosted by our AMO friends, the Cactus Cruisers, and is always a great time. There are usually several vendors there to help finish up a project. If you don't have a car ready, please come on down to meet the group. The show is open to all AMC products.

<http://cactuscruisers.org/Shows--and--Events.php>

*Happy Rambling, Suzanne*

<http://grandcanyonamc.weebly.com/>



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# Web Pages for the Masses

Designing a website for your car - by Suzanne Edmonds

When we started on our first restoration project, we had no idea what we were doing. Between my husband and I we had some skills. I am an artist and he is an electrical engineer. We had both worked on cars before. That was the sum total of our automovite restoration resume. Something I did quite a bit of in those early, innocent days, was search the internet for information on restoring cars, and, more specifically, Ramblers.

There wasn't much out there.

I was grateful for the handful of sites I did find, and for the on line forums which were so helpful. One thing I decided to do was put up a webpage of our project's progress. First of all, it gave me one place to send people who wanted to see how we were doing. It also would, I hoped, helped others down the road with their projects. Since then, I've been asked how I set up my car's website, and decided a short bit here in the newsletter might be useful.

I knew more about car restoration than I did website design when I started. I did a bit more searching and discovered several "free" website providers. After looking at these, I decided to try Weebly, and found it was very straight forward. It was, indeed, Web Design for Dummies...or dummy -with me in the starring role.

Weebly provides two free websites for every e-mail address. Each free website will have Weebly in the url, such as <http://www1965Rambler.weebly.com>. One can also upgrade to a Pro account which offers more features for a small cost, or use Weebly to register a non-Weebly domain. For my purposes, free worked well. The sites are easy to set up, and they are truly drag and drop. Photos are easy to add, and can be set up as slide shows or photo albums. There are many pre-designed themes from which to choose, and someone with real computer skills can make their own web design. I was not with real computer skills and selected one of their existing designs. There is a very helpful video on the home site, which explains the process.

Just like working on an old car, I found building a website was fun. I've put pictures of the restoration and of trips and shows we've attended. I have links to clubs and other web pages, too. During the restoration, it kept my enthusiasm going through those setbacks that we all have during a project.

Does your car need a website? That's a personal choice. As with all things internet, I recommend care in the personal information one places "out there". I'm happy to have my website available to encourage others who might be struggling with their own restoration. It also helps give our AMCs a public face.

There are other free website sites, but as Weebly's been the one I've used, I am providing a link here in case anyone is inspired to try their hand at designing their own website.

Weebly - Website Design Made Easy <http://www.weebly.com/>



# CACTUS CLASSIC XII

Cactus Cruisers AMC of Phoenix, AZ  
March 22<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013



Cactus Cruisers AMC presents their Twelfth annual Cactus Classic AMC Car Show.

### Friday 3/22/13 : 2 pm to 4:30 pm Garage Tour

Meet at the AMC Hobby Shop of Dan Curtis, 10728 N. 96<sup>th</sup>. Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Travel to Kirk Fletcher's home garage, 12115 N. 73<sup>rd</sup>. Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Afterwards we will caravan over to Chilly Bombers Bar & Grill in Glendale.

### Friday 3/22/13 : 5 pm to 8 pm Cruise Night at Chilly Bombers

After the Garage tour we will caravan over to the local Friday Night Cruise at Chilly Bombers Bar & Grill, 4917 W. Bell Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308, 602-298-0843, [www.chillybombersnightclub.com](http://www.chillybombersnightclub.com)

### Saturday 3/23/13 : 8 am to 3 pm Cactus Classic XII AMC Car Show

Car Show will be at the North Hills Church of God parking lot, 15025 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85023. South of Greenway & East of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Registration Starts at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. Trophies will be presented at 2 pm. This show is open to all AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson & Jeep vehicles of all years including Metropolitan's & Nash-Healey's. There will also be two classes for Mopars Unlimited club members.

### Saturday 3/23/13 : 4 pm to 9 pm Cruise Night at Matta's

Mesa Riverview Cruise Night hosted by Matta's where we will have a section reserved for our AMC's. The location is at 1501 N. Dobson, Mesa, AZ 85201, Loop 202 and Dobson Rd. Southeast corner.

### Sunday 3/24/13 : 8 am to 10 am Breakfast at Denny's

We will gather for a no-host Breakfast at the Denny's closest to the Peoria Sports Complex before everyone heads home. Denny's, 8131 W. Bell Rd., Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-486-8505. The baseball game starts at 1:05 pm.

### Host Hotel : Drury Inn & Suites Happy Valley

Drury Inn & Suites Happy Valley, 2335 W. Pinnacle peak Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85027, 1-623-879-8800, Fax 1-888-221-6260, <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2157428>, Group rate of \$119 per night, we have a block of 10 rooms until the cut-off date; February 18<sup>th</sup>. Cactus League pre-season Baseball will be in full swing so don't delay if you want the best rates.

For additional information contact

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# GRAND CANYON AMCRC CHAPTER

## *Membership Application*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Make/Model/Color/Engine/Trans/Nickname of Car(s) Owned

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Are you a member of AMCRC? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If yes, AMCRC member # \_\_\_\_\_)

If not, please consider joining at: <http://amcrc.com/join/join.htm>

Currently, there are no dues. This may change as the club develops.

Send completed forms to:

Dave Evangelisti, Membership Chairman

2344 S Revere St,

Mesa, , AZ 85210-6863

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