



ARIZONA AVANTI NEWSLETTER

Arizona Avanti Owners Association

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Message from the President

Dale Sexton

What a great turn out for the March Madness meeting at South Mountain Park with the SDC and ASC folks. Thanks to all the Avanti members who were able to attend. It was a beautiful day so many visitors were out to see all the Avantis and Studebakers on display. A great time was had by all. Eleven of our members brought their Avantis to this event plus there was one red Avanti that we were unable to establish who the owner was.

Ray Wheeler, who is home recuperating from his knee surgery, sent his best wishes for the 12th anniversary of the Arizona Avanti Owners Association. Our appreciation goes out to Ray, who founded this organization back in 2001.

Eric Olson has suggested a caravan for our members who are planning to drive their Avantis to the Colorado meet. Because we have members in the Tucson area and the Phoenix area who have indicated their desire to attend this meet, it was suggested that there be a common meeting place to finish the caravan to Colorado Springs. A place north of Albuquerque might be okay as that would be a decent one day's drive from both Arizona locations. For anyone interested in joining a caravan contact Eric so plans can be completed.

Bill and Mary Cervini have decided to place their Avanti in the San Diego Automotive Museum at Balboa Park in San Diego. It was a difficult decision to determine the future for their beloved Avanti. The March meeting was a farewell to Avanti 5010 which will be on display after June 1, 2013. In sharing this occasion with us, Bill and Mary sponsored a tasty carrot cake for all the AAOA, SDC, and ASC folks attending the March meeting. Bill received a model Avanti in the proper color combination of his Avanti and a poster that highlighted Avanti 5010.

Congratulations to Denny for his addition to the AOA board of directors. He will be a welcomed addition.

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Meeting Minutes

By Bob Green

Arizona Avanti Owners Association meet held Saturday, March 30, 2013
in conjunction with SDC and ASC at South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona.

Members present were:

Dale and Norma Sexton, Don and Bonnie McGraw, John and Marisa Drake, Al and Anna Riedel, Larry and Judi Drake, Bob and Deb Green, Bill and Mary Cervini, Chuck and Chris Collins, Mike Borens, Lennart Andersson, Dan Kuhl, Larry Vahe and Sharon, Denny Lockmon, and Eric Olson.
11 members brought their Avantis'.

Meeting began at 10:43 am.

A "re-welcome" to Larry and Judi Drake and Dan Kuhl. Dale advised of Ray Wheeler's successful knee operation at VA Hospital and says he is home recuperating.

Dale spoke about the Tubac car show where he and Eric Olson displayed their cars. They were kept busy answering questions about the cars. Great show with 500 cars participating.

Dale advised that AOAI has appointed Denny Lockmon a member of the AOAI board.

AOAI International meet will be held in July at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The host hotel is filled, but other nearby hotels has rooms available. He advised to put reservations in soon. The Avanti car judging is to be a "drive through" event. Eric Olson is working on a caravan possibly meeting in Albuquerque, NM to go north to Colorado Springs. Please let Eric know if you are interested in joining the caravan.

A proposed chapter out of Houston, Texas is finishing their presentation for approval by the AOAI board. At present, there are 14 chapters in the United States and 1 chapter in Canada. Texas would make 15 chapters in the states.

Grand Canyon SDC chapter offered to share their website with AAOA at no cost to either club.

Annual dues for AAOA are due.

Lennart Andersson gave the treasury report, total sum \$2,764.85 before dues were received at the meet.

Future meeting to be held at the Mel Martin Auto Museum in Phoenix, possibly near the end of the year.

Next year's March Madness will be hosted by the Southern Arizona SDC chapter in Tucson, Arizona.

Business meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

In addition a potluck picnic was enjoyed by all AAOA members and following that was a special presentation and cake for all SDC and ASC folks to share with Bill and Mary Cervini and their Avanti No. 5010 which they are taking to display at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.

Denny and I attended a small car show in Anthem last weekend to check out a '63 Avanti R2 with factory four speed / Hurst shifter, a nice GM grey/green exterior and a modified black interior. Serial number is 3415. Gene Hokenson at 623-551-4203 is asking \$22,500. Pictures are available, Dale 480-940-0405



March Madness 2013

Arizona Avanti's on display at
South Mountain Park



AAOA meeting prior to
pot luck picnic



Happy Anniversary
to the
Arizona Avanti Owners
Association



Bill and Mary Cervini brought a tasty carrot cake for all at the March Madness meeting



Poster of Avanti 5010 presented to Bill



Custom Avanti model with turquoise exterior and black interior, same as Avanti 5010

Bill and Mary with Avanti 5010 Arrivederci



Poster designed by Eric Olson

Photos furnished by Eric Olson & Norma Sexton