



ARIZONA AVANTI NEWSLETTER

Arizona Avanti Owners Association

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Message from the President

Dale Sexton

Hope everyone had a merry Christmas in sunny Arizona. It really hurts to hear about the frigid cold in other parts of the country.

There was a good turnout at Eva's restaurant near Casa Grande for our AAOA December meeting. It was rewarding to see Ray Wheeler and Bev Larsen there. Ray is recovering from knee surgery which is taking a little longer than expected. It was great to see so many of our members but only two drove their Avanti's. Avanti's belonging to Denny, Dale, Eric, and Lennart are in the shop getting some needed repairs.

Mike Borens put in a lot of effort conducting the questionnaire for future AAOA meeting sites. From our members input we arrived at a consensus for a 2014 agenda. If anyone has additional input, Mike would welcome your comments. It is helpful to the membership to know where AAOA plans to have meetings and what it will entail. Many of our events are conducted around the displaying of our Avanti's, but that does not have to be the case for every event. At our December meeting, we met at a convenient site between Tucson and Phoenix where everyone enjoyed a good lunch with interesting conversation and held our meeting. We all got to go home at a respectable time so we could enjoy the rest of the day.

All AAOA members received a ballot, with their latest issue of the Avanti magazine, for the AOAI dues increase. Any AAOA member who has yet to submit their vote; I would like to encourage you to do so. As with all votes on any AOAI issue, this one is important to the future of our organization. Deadline for voting is the 15th of January 2014.

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Meeting Minutes

By Norma Sexton

Arizona Avanti Owners Association meeting held Saturday, December 14, 2013
At Eva's Cafe at Casa Grande, Arizona.

Members present were:

Don and Bonnie McGraw, Mike and Violet Borens, Lennart Andersson,
Denny Lockmon, Ray Wheeler and Bev Larsen, and Dale and Norma Sexton

Meeting began at 12:35 pm.

Dale spoke about the ballot in latest Avanti Magazine for the AOAI dues increase and asked for support from the Arizona chapter. For our members who have yet to mail in their ballot please do so today and make sure your vote is counted.

Your vote really counts

2014 Avanti calendars were for sale to anyone interested. See Denny or Dale who each have a few copies left.

After taking a survey from membership Mike Borens reported the general consensus for the 2014 meetings;

January 25 ... Tubac Golf and Country Club, Tubac

March 1 ASC, SDC, AAOA joint meet at Old Tucson

June 28-July 5 ... ASC, SDC, AOAI Int'l meet at Dover, DE

October 11.... Cars in the Park Car Show, Sierra Vista,

At least two other options are being considered for additional dates.

Two of our current members no longer appear in the 2014 AOAI roster. And another member has sold his Avanti to a Colorado resident.

Treasury report: total sum \$2654.85. Lennart will also review AAOA membership list to the AOAI membership roster.

Secretary, Bob Green has resigned for this position and a new secretary is needed.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded for AAOA to donate \$100 to the Studebaker National Museum for extra table and chairs. AAOA members will hold a silent auction at the joint meet on March 1st at Old Tucson to raise money to support this cause.

Business meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Secretary Wanted

Bob Green, who has been our Secretary for some time, has resigned that position. Thus, we are in need of a person to assume those duties. Please consider this a personal request for a volunteer to fill this position. If there are any questions, please contact Dale Sexton.

2014 AAOA Events

By Mike Borens

Jan. 25th – Tubac Car Show (Mike to send out details in coming week)
Alternate Event: Martin Auto Museum w/Grand Canyon Chapter SDC;
contact Denny Lockmon for additional information.

Feb. ? – Possible Phoenix area event (to be determined)

Mar. 1 – “March Madness” All Arizona Studebaker Gathering
Old Tucson (<http://oldtucson.com/>) 210 S. Kinney Rd., Tucson
10AM -2PM; Admission: can of food for local food bank
Must have a Studebaker or Avanti Club Membership ID
AAOA will have a Silent Auction to raise funds for a donation to the
Studebaker International Museum; please bring donation items.

June 28 – July 5 – International Meet (AOAI, SDC, ASC), Dover Del.

Oct. 11 – Sierra Vista Cars in the Park (Gene Schreiner to head up event)

Nov. ? – Possible Casa Grande area event (to be determined)

Above activities were discussed and agreed upon at the AAOA lunch meeting
in Casa Grande on December 14, 2013.

AAOA Dues

Just a reminder that it is time to send your annual \$15 dues payment
to:

Lennart Andersson
P. O. Box 5398
Lake Montezuma, AZ 86342

Lunch at Eva's on Dec. 14, 2013 Casa Grande, AZ



**Don & Bonnie McGraw's
'63 Avanti**

**Mike & Violet Borens'
'80 Avanti**



**AAOA Members Enjoying
Lunch at Eva's Mexican
Restaurant**

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