



# ARIZONA AVANTI NEWSLETTER

Arizona Avanti Owners Association

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## Message from the President

*Dale Sexton*

Our annual Arizona All Studebaker Meeting was held this year in Old Tucson, on March 1<sup>st</sup>. On the day of our car show, we enjoyed our first rain in seventy days. It made traveling a little difficult, but at Old Tucson there was very little rain while we were there. We were provided a very nice shelter in one of the large barns that allowed us the opportunity to display our auction items and have our meeting.

Avanti's belonging to Dale, Eric, and Lennart are still in the shop getting some needed repairs and have been out of commission for several months. Eric's Avanti is expected to be released soon. Congratulations, Denny's Avanti has been given a clean bill of health and is resting in its garage. It will be back on the social circuit soon.

Compliments and thanks to Mike and Violet Borens for setting up the very successful silent auction that was held in Old Tucson at our March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to raise money to be donated to the Studebaker National Museum. Thanks to Mike & Violet Borens, Don McGraw, Ray Wheeler & Bev Larsen, Gene Schreiner and especially to John Drake for their splendid donations. John Drake cleaned out his Avanti memorabilia and donated all of it to be sold at the AAOA silent auction. His generous contributions made up for over half of the \$230 we collected. A check was mailed to Lennart Andersson and he has sent a check to the AOA treasurer as the Arizona's Avanti chapter's donation to SNM. Thanks to all chapter members for their participation in this worthwhile project.

If anyone on our chapter is planning to attend the Avanti International Meet in Dover, Delaware and has not made reservations at the host hotel, it is full. Please contact me for names of nearby hotels in the Dover area.

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## **Meeting Minutes**

By Norma Sexton

Arizona Avanti Owners Association

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Old Tucson, Arizona

Members present were:

Don McGraw, Mike and Violet Borens, Gene Schreiner, Dale and Norma Sexton

Meeting began at 11:12 A. M.

Dale mentioned the health issues with Judi Drake and asked the Arizona members to keep her and Larry in their thoughts and prayers.

Dale thanked the Arizona chapter for their support of the election on the AOAI dues increase. During the past three months, the international membership has actually increased from 1998 to 2008.

Complimented the Florida chapter on their successful 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and noted that it was a great example for a three day regional meet. The Florida folks would be happy to help other chapters with planning and hosting such a meet of their own.

Thanked Mike and Violet Borens, Don McGraw, Gene Schreiner, Ray Wheeler, Bev Larsen and especially John Drake for their contributions to the AAOA silent auction. We collected \$230 to be donated to Studebaker National Museum.

Spoke about the newly released AOAI hand-out to help attract new members to the international organization.

With the departure of Bob Green we are in need of a new Secretary. Please consider this position to ease the workload for others.

Mike Borens spoke about our planned trip to Sierra Vista, AZ on October 11. Pre-registration is required so we will need an accurate count before September. We encourage as many Arizona members as possible to make plans to attend this event. Lodging is available for anyone who might want to stay overnight. Gene Schreiner will host this event.

Treasury report: Bank balance of \$2969.85, with 21 paid members in good standing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A. M.

## Secretary Needed

Bob Green, who has been our Secretary for some time, has resigned that position. Our chapter needs a person to assume those duties. Please consider this as a request for a volunteer to fill this position. If there are any questions, please contact Dale Sexton.

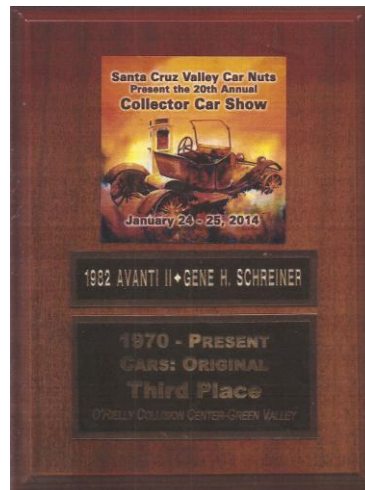
## Tubac Car Show

By Mike Borens

Three AAOA members entered their Avantis in the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts Car Show in Tubac, Arizona, which was an official Chapter event. Gene Schreiner, Don McGraw, and Mike Borens entered in three different classes. Each Avanti earned an award! Mike did have to wait a week to receive his. A few days after the show he received a call informing him there had been a miscount of ballots, and that he would be receiving an award in the mail. It arrived one week after the show. The show was held at the beautiful Tubac Golf Resort and the weather could not have been better. There were several hundred cars in the show; most of them were really nice vehicles. Gene's and Don's awards were especially impressive because they were in large classes including dozens of cars. There were a great many spectators at the show (perhaps a couple of thousand) and quite a bit of interest in the Avantis. We had the opportunity to help lots of people become more acquainted with the special attributes of an Avanti.

Gene Schreiner's award for his 1982 Avanti shown at the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts car show in Tubac, AZ on Jan. 25, 2014.

Photo supplied by Gene Schreiner



# **”JOURNEY STORIES”**

**By Gene H. Schreiner**

The traveling exhibit “Journey Stories” from the Smithsonian Museum came to Sierra Vista, Arizona on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2014 and will stay until 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014. The exhibit examines American history from the view point of mobility but is more than the history of boats, cars, wagons, trains, and planes. It is the story of the effect that transportation has on people to create a better life. On the opening day in the parking lot of Ethel Berger Center, a car from each decade from 1930’s – 2000’s was on display. My Avanti II represented the 1980’s. The journey for the Avanti goes from 1961 to 2007. I told about my journey of winning my 1982 Avanti II in Pennsylvania and bringing it to Arizona. I call my Avanti II the last of the cars with chrome bumpers. The next year the Avanti Car Company went to plastic wrap around bumpers. The public who came to view the cars had many questions about my Avanti. I hope I was able to answer all of them with graphics, text and my knowledge. I was grateful that this venue gave me an opportunity to tell the Avanti story.



**Gene Schreiner’s Gray 1982 Avanti on Display  
at the Ethel Berber Center in Sierra Vista**

## **2014 AAOA Events**

**By Mike Borens**

**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)**

## MARCH MADNESS MEET HELD AT OLD TUCSON



**AAOA March meeting held at Old Tucson**



**AAOA Silent Auction at March meet at Old Tucson**



**Gene Schreiner's gray 1982 Avanti**



**Don McGraw's white 1963 Avanti**

**Photos furnished by Norma Sexton**