

### **December 2017 Newsletter**





# Welcome to your December 2017 VVSC Newsletter

Hi Vintage Vehicle Enthusiasts,

All the staff here at the VVSC newsletter wish members the happiest and warmest holiday cheer.

Special mention is mandatory for the Ladies of the VVSC for possessing good sense, evidenced by having their Ladies Luncheon at BJ's Brewhouse. Check it out on the events page.



#### In this issue also check out coverage of:

**The Bell Recreation center car show**. Hal and Cindy' Harsh's 1938 Chevrolet Master Deluxe that is featured on our cover this month was there.

Roll on Roll off- European delivery part II: Ocean Voyage

Finally, a very unhappy reporter was sent to cover the **Phoenix Car Show** on Thanksgiving morning, but still managed to find a few bright spots there. (one being the free tickets in Motor Trend magazine)

As usual, I am looking for a few good articles on your car or any other topic you feel may interest our members.

Submit materials to: locascio2000@hotmail.com



Check out the URL below sent to me by **Les Litzenberger** (he sounds familiar). I loved the article on the state of the art in development of carbon fiber connecting rods. I also hope (hint, hint,) Santa puts a Proform wireless vehicle weighing system under my tree. (not the Paloverde please) Secret Santa note: it is only \$800. (please include a 2 poster lift and raised garage roof).



#### **Website Reconstruction Notice**

Ron Whitney and Troy Janicki appreciate your patience during the website recreation resulting in limited access to most website features. You can still access "home" and the "events page" but file size limitation problems are making progress slow.









## **Bell Center Show November 7th 2017**

Great show, nice weather, and a fine turnout of vintage and soon to be vintage vehicles. To the left is the cool host of the much loved Buick aluminum 215 C.I. V8. It lived on many years licensed by GM in Triumph TR8s and Land Rovers to name a few.





1948 Chevrolet Resto-Mod Hot Rod Owned by Ron and Roxie Whitney. This is a recent addition to the Whitney garage.



1952 Studebaker Commander
"Starliner" Hardtop Coupe. Owned by
Frank and Elizabeth van Doorn, it was
delivered for \$2,488,00 in 1952, the year
of Studebaker's 100th anniversary.
It has it's original 232 c.i. V8. Very sweet.



Great interior and a trunk capacity Uncle Tony would approve of.













## **Coming events**

**Breakfast at Bobbie's -** This is the ongoing breakfast get together that is scheduled for 7 am Thursdays. (note change from 8am to 7am)

Bobbie's Café is located at 15472 North 99th Ave.

**Cruise-in at McDonalds -** This event is every Wednesday at 5pm . MacDonald's requests that we don't show up too early, certainly not before 4 PM.

McDonalds is located on the NW corner of 99th Ave and Bell

#### **Ladies Luncheon**

Monday, Dec. 11th at NOON

B J's Brewhouse 9748 W Northern Ave. Peoria AZ 85345 Phone 623-772-6470

We'll be ordering from the menu Room for 15 warm and lively ladies RSVP to be included.

**Connie Sherman 509-546-7141** 



(The men are very jealous!)

**December 12th - Events committee meeting at the Bell Center Multi-**purpose room 10 am until noon

**December 19th - General membership meeting at the Lakeview Recreation center. 1pm until 3 pm** 

January 5th - Car show at the Bell Center SE corner Friday 2 pm to 5 pm

**January 20th -** Annual Anniversary Party – The party will be held at the Lakeview Social Hall 1, Saturday 6 pm to 9 pm. More info coming soon.

**January 23rd**— Membership meeting at Lakeview Social Hall 1 & 2 Tuesday 1 pm. (note this is a change from the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month.)

February 5th - Car Show At the Marinette Center parking lot Monday 10

Please check the web page events entries for the most up to date and accurate information!



### **European Delivery Part II: The Ro Ro**

After the last bite of Schnitzel is processed, and the car is left at the shippers, the delivery process begins. The car was next trucked to the port of Emden Germany where it awaited the sea-born leg of the delivery system. The Audi left port on September 25th on the mighty Ro Ro vessel "Canopus Leader". It left in the evening during high tide to avoid being bogged down in the mud due to the load of the 4 - 10,000 cars these ships can carry. I couldn't get any specific load info on this ship so I will use another one in my description of "Roll on, Roll off" vessels. This ship, is the largest of it's kind. The "Tonsberg" as an example of the transport used in this part of the delivery process. The voyage as visualized below, is described on the next page,

The Audi departed Emden, passed through the Panama Canal, and sailed on to San Diego.





Tonsberg specs: Weight: 76,000 tons, Length: 869 feet, Car capacity: 10,000, Cruising speed: 16 knots

The Tonsberg is made by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. It has 9 cargo decks, the top three being height adjustable, and the total area equals the size of 11 football fields. It can take 2 days to load using up to 100 driving specialists (Stevedores). Besides cars it can load yachts, farm equipment, cranes (in pieces) helicopters, military vehicles, train cars, and Locomotives. The Stevedores who load the cars, cannot wear jewelry or any other clothing that may damage them. No wasted space here as cars are loaded inches from each other. The end of a line car is the only one accessible to enter. Each car is tied down in four locations. If one gets loose during shipment, it can damage many others. One can only imagine a loose locomotive punching a hole in the hull during a storm. Cars are parked on the top 3 adjustable levels, heavy equipment below. These ships have many leveling countermeasures such as computer controlled ballast tanks to even loads in rough seas. After loading, a top off of fuel costing \$800,000 may be required before heading off to the next port. During the voyage, constant tiedown safety checks are carried out as well as stowaway checks. As many as 13 stowaways have been found aboard at one time. IED's are a possibility as well. The Tonsberg is continuously sailing from port to port, docking for only 1 or 2 days to unload and re-load. The crew typically work 10 days on and 10 days off. To keep them busy on the voyage, they run fire drills, cargo security checks, and stow-away searches and eat very well. To escape danger, life boat has a 90 foot free fall into the drink and accommodates the full crew.



The voyage to San Diego took 24 days. The Canopus Leader left the port of Emden Germany on September 25th and docked in San Diego on the 19th of November. The Audi would have been driven down the ramp shown below, and parked with it's brethren on the dock. It will go through Customs. Then it will be parked until it is loaded on a car carrier and delivered to the Audi dealership in Peoria for it's dealer prep. As of this writing I have no idea where the car is since the ship docked.





The passenger, our Grand Touring car replacement

#### **Audi A5 Sportback Specs**

Quatro 4WD Hatchback

Turbo 2 liter 4 cylinder

Trans: 7 sp. dual clutch

HP: 252, Torque: 273

Zero to 60: 5.3 seconds

Standing 1/4 mile: 14 sec.

Top speed: 130 (tire limited)

Mileage city/highway: 24/34

#### Links I used to research this feature below:

Car carrier - vehicle vessel part I

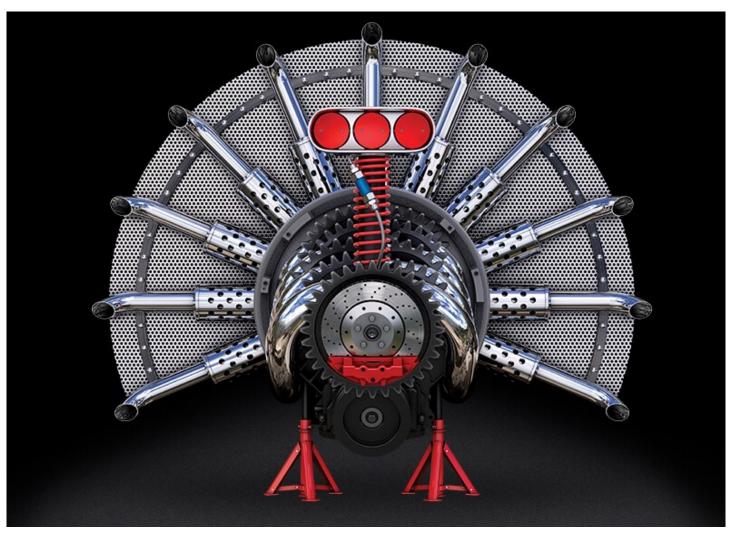
Ro Ro vessel loading cars in South Korea

**Inside the Ro Ro ship Faust documentary** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXOKYospJ2A

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0H8TgWX-IY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2iM276v6ws



## I went to the 2017 Motor Trend Phoenix Car Show and all I got out of it was this Game of Thrones Turkey!

Two years ago I swore I wouldn't go to the Phoenix car show ever again but I got sucked into it by the free Thanksgiving day tickets inserted into my Motor Trend Magazine. Only one new car was at all interesting, the 2018 Acura NSX below right. A non-production Jeep was cool but not much else!









There was a
Low Rider
display and
there were some
cars from Hot
Rod Magazine.
Otherwise the
show was a
complete waste
of my time. Total
elapsed time of
my visit was one
hour, 5 minutes.
Never again!





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## **Funny pages**

