

2004 Events

January 2004

The January 2004 meeting was held at McCormick Ranch with a good turnout. Newly elected officers were installed with President Gary Fredricks taking the helm. Paul Fein, First VP, Tom Houser, 2nd VP, Frank Birtciel, 3rd VP, Terry Tassin, Secretary, and Bill Johnson, Treasurer. The legislative drive this year is Survivor Benefit Plan improvement to do away with the Social Security Offset. The Spring Golf Tournament is tentatively set for May 8, at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

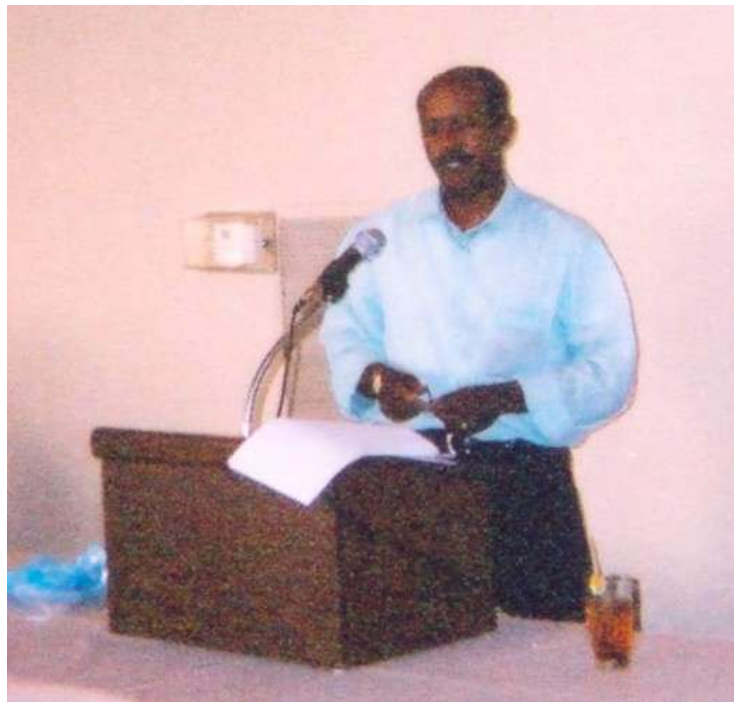
February 2004

The February meeting was held at the Sunshine Hotel & Suites on the 19th. The turnout was lighter than usual, but the speaker, Major Douglas Patt USA Ret., was a good one with a very informative talk on his experiences on "Gulf War to Afghanistan". Chuck Schluter has set up a visit to Barry Briskman's collection of "Nice" automobiles on Saturday May 15, prior to the luncheon at McCormick Ranch. Dan Conway is pushing the drive for support of the passage of Survivor Benefit Plan improvements.



March 2004

The March 20, 2004 Luncheon was held at McCormick Ranch with an excellent turn out of 56 persons. Moe A. Yacut, Community Relations Manager, from Phoenix sky Harbor was the guest speaker who brought us up to date on happenings at the airport and what may happen in the future in the way of new gates and terminals. The MOAA Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for May 1, 2004 so dust off your clubs (if they haven't been used lately) and join the fun. Tee off will start at 0830 so arrive early at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. The mail drive for improvement in the Survivors Benefit Plan is on with MOAA National heading the drive. Dependency and Indemity Compensation (DIC) information through the sentinel and Officers of this Chapter has resulted in at least one widow regaining her benefits. The April meet will be held on the 15th and IRS will be looking for you if you don't get your return in!



March was also time for "Storming the Hill" again. The big push is correction of the Survivors Benefit Plan which has been under fire for some time and much foot dragging by the Congress is apparent. Chuck Schluter and Dan Conway met with Senators McCain and Kyle along with Representatives Kolbe, Hayworth, and Grisalva to do some arm twisting and it appears that some improvement may take place. MOAA is optimistic but the big problem is the phase-in time period.



April 2004

The April 15, 2004 Dinner Meeting was held in the Sunshine Hotel and Resort with 33 in attendance. The guest speaker was Matt Burdick from the Community Relations Office of the Arizona Department of Transportation. He gave a very interesting talk on progress and plans for the Phoenix Area Freeway System and light rail needs as the population is likely to double by the year 2020. He also noted that the use of rubberized asphalt has been very successful in the reduction of noise on the freeways as well as a benefit in improving the water runoff on the roadways and is taking care of the old tire problem as they are the source of the rubber used in the asphalt mix.



Dan Conway presented Terry Tassin with certificates (shown right above) from MOAA National for First Runner Up-Printed Newsletter Category II (200-499 members) for the Arizona Chapter The Sentinel.

The second certificate (shown right) was for the Winner-Electronic Newsletter Category II (200-499 members) Arizona Chapter The Sentinel.



May 2004

May 2004 was a busy month starting on the first of the month with the [Annual Spring Golf Tournament](#). Beautiful day with 19 participating and the "Mulligan Money" added \$225.00 to the Scholarship Fund. Roy Anderson won the new winner trophy and Ron Green retained the "Hat". All joined at the nineteenth hole for food and refreshments while the checkers checked scores and did the computing by computer. More technology in everything we do.

Chuck Schluter arranged a visit to the home of Barry Briskman the morning of May 15, 2004. Barry graciously opened his garage containing numerous rare vintage and classy classic automobiles of his collection and others under restoration. Only a few will be shown here. One is a rare Lagonda that has some unusual attractions. The engine picture shows the dual ignition system. What appears to be a spare tire is not a spare tire. It contains a set of tools, and a hydraulic jack system whereby one can select any or all of the wheels that need to be jacked up for changing or maintenance. Another rare auto is the 4 seater MG that is restored perfectly. The Woody Station Wagon is another beauty that turns heads up and down the street. How about the Packard Coupe with the steps up to the rumble seat. That's class. If you missed this trip just prior to the luncheon, you should not have.



Lagonda



Burgundy Caddy



This rare Lagonda has a dual ignition system



Frank and Velma and Barry's Packard



Rumble seat



Woody Station Wagon

The May 15, 2004 Luncheon followed the Classic Cars visit and the program consisted of the Scholarship Awards for 2004.

Scholarship Chairman Art Parker and President Gary Fredricks made the presentations.

A \$1,000.00 scholarship were awarded to each of the following JROTC students: Joshua J. Freitas of Cactus AFJROTC, Jonathan Gilman of Deer Valley AFROTC, Marina L. Hernandez of Central AJROTC, Timothy W. Mass of Thunderbird NJROTC, Sharon Preiss of Carl Hayden AJROTC.

Congratulations and best wishes to them all.



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Art Parker, Chairman for JROTC Scholarship Awards



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June 2004

Summer is upon us. Our June 17, 2004 meeting is the last before the summer break. It was held at the Sunshine Hotel with the guest speaker being Patricia Crenshaw.

Her topic was "The Art of Healthy Living."



September 2004

Summer is over and the Fall schedule of events are underway. The September, 2004 meeting of MOAA was held at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Our guest speaker was Captain Tom Mont ret. who kept the audience laughing as he told story after story.

October 2004

The October 2004 meeting was held at The Sunshine Hotel with a departure from our general meetings.

The theme was Oktoberfest with entertainment by the "Arizona Button Accordion Band" plus Bass Guitar and Drummer led by Bill Regina.

Many of our members put on their dancing shoes and all had a good time.



November 2004

The Arizona Chapter MOAA held it's Annual Business Meeting November 20, 2004 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The election of officers confirmed the slate with the election of Dan Conway as President, Terry Tassin as 1st Vice President, Bernard Katz as 2nd Vice President, Terry Tassin as Secretary, Bill Johnson as Treasurer. Chuck Schluter, Jim Seidel, Chet Baumer, Ron Drew, and Jo Ann Thompson as Directors.



Dan Conway, Chapter President for 2005

Meritorious Service Awards were presented to the following for jobs well done in 2004: Art Parker, Gary Fredericks, Dan Conway, Terry Tassin, Dick Horn, Dolly Blecick, Tom Houser (not shown), Jim Seidel, and Frank Birtciel.



December 2004

Pictured right are Frances Tassin, Raymond Deane, Vaunda and Harry Feranga, and Jim and Toni Seidl.



Pictured below are Carol and Bill Adams, Jo Ann Thompson, Nancy Mendez, couple on the right are not identified, Chet and Betty Baumer with their back to the camera.



Clare and Mike Gannon, next couple unidentified, Aino Baudu, and Velma and Frank Birtciel with back to the camera.