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PRESIDENT'S LETTER,

Our 40th Annual Show was a success. We had a good turnout of engines and tractors. The spectators really enjoyed seeing the engines run and the tractors on the pulling sled. The silent auction of the baskets did real well. Our total income from the auction, shirts and hats, and raffle was around \$3500. This will allow us to continue donating to worthy causes during the next year. Thanks for who came to, volunteer, show your equipment, or just came to look, that's what makes the show a success. After the Christmas Parade on December 7, we don't have at this time any activities for our club until May. There will be a show in Welton January 17 & 18, 2025. There will be two shows in the Phoenix area, February and March. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Gary Covert, President

Welcome new members:

Ram Khalsa
Billy Smith
Cameron Bailey
Herb Holmes, Jr.

Dues are due for 2025

Meeting Schedule

December 4, 2024

January meeting postponed until Feb. 5th.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wellton Show
Jan. 16—17, 2025
Glendale Show,
EDGETA Club,
Feb. 15, 2025

2024

Annual Flywheelers Show Oct. 2024



Arizona Flywheeler members attending Annual Arizona Flywheelers show Oct. 2024

Show Photo's 2024



Oak Creek School Annual Fall Festival in Cornville.



Members provided hand tools from past farming activities for the children to operate and learn. Thank you to Linda and Steve Lombardo, Steve Rench, Gary Covert, Troy & Jack Castimore, Jim Kaloides, Barry A. for their help with this fun event.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

For Sale – ENGINES, and Stuff for sale ?
Contact Gary Covert 928-301

These are the donors to the Arizona Flywheelers Annual Event:

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Riverside Resort
Robbers Roost
Smelter Town Brewery
Tractor Supply Cottonwood
Verde Canyon Railroad
Wildlife World Zoo



A special thanks to Linda & Steve Lombardo and their family for their work on this annual fundraiser for the club and to all those volunteers that made this a success. **THANK YOU !**



Verde Tech High School

On Friday Nov. 15th, six Flywheeler members went to the **Verde Technical High School in Cottonwood**, and met with three teachers, Rich Dambvov, Leo Beltran and Amy Romero. This is the third year for the school started by the Cottonwood School System. The students who join this program want to have hands on training in a trade/career. This year they have 42 students and want to grow to 100. They have three programs Agriculture, Carpentry, and Digital Animation. The agriculture program includes small animals, chickens, ducks, rabbits, hamsters, turtles, lizards and fish. They raise these animals, and when mature they process them and cook them so the students can see the whole life cycle. The students participate in a farm where they provide labor with all the aspects of farming with fruit trees and other produce. For their participation, students receive the produce to sell to support their FFA (Future Farmers) club. The Carpentry program has tools, and the students have hands on training to construct various projects. The Digital Animation program was impressive and, in this day, and age it is an important career. We were impressed with the dedication of the teachers and the willingness of the students to be involved. Besides the trade/ career programs they teach all the other core subjects usually taught in high school. We all came away with the idea this would be a good program to support in the clubs giving back to the community projects.

Verde Tech High School

The extensive backgrounds of the staff that are committed to these students is something that needs to be shared with our members.

Background: Rich Dambrov currently teaches math, science, and first-year agricultural science at Verde Tech high school. His agricultural science class receives an introduction to FFA and agriculture, focusing on plants and soils. The students gain hands-on supervised agricultural experience opportunities at the Farm at Bent River putting their classroom learning into practice. Rich previously taught at a small high school in Oregon for 10 years. During this time he was instrumental in developing an agriculture science program that blended classroom learning with hands-on experience. Rich's students gained experience managing the program's commercial greenhouse, apiary, and 4-acre farm adjacent to the school, while learning to process the harvest in the school's commercial kitchen. During this time, Rich saw first-hand how experiences in agriculture can be transformative for students who otherwise do not have a connection to where their food comes from.

Leonardo Beltran has a long-standing passion for both animals and art. Although his academic background is primarily in traditional art and animation, he has developed a deep interest in animal behavior, particularly in how it relates to domestication. For the past decade, Leonardo has lived on the Big Island of Hawaii, managing a 16-acre guava orchard and embracing sustainable living practices, thriving without county water or electricity while sourcing vegetables, fruits, and meat from his homestead. He also worked at a vanilla farm in Paullio, Hawaii, where, in addition to animal care, he entertained tourists by showcasing trained animals in interactive experiences that combined education and entertainment. This unique approach not only engaged visitors but also educated them about animal care and behavior. Leonardo's journey also took him to Bangalore, India, where he founded an animation school and studio, introducing composting toilets and integrating various animals, including ornamental ponds with reptiles and tropical fish. With over two decades of combining his love for animals and teaching, Leonardo continues to share his expertise and passion at Verde Tech High School, inspiring students with his diverse experiences and distinctive educational approach.

Amy Romero has dedicated 31 years to public education, championing student agency and achievement through innovative practices like project-based learning. Her diverse career includes roles such as Native American Liaison in Camp Verde, where she worked to support cultural inclusivity and equity, and International Baccalaureate Coordinator at Mountain View Preparatory, where she fostered globally-minded learners. Amy also influenced future educators by teaching preservice teachers at Northern Arizona University for a decade, sharing her passion for transformative education.

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DATE _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE(_____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

DUES: \$25.00 FAMILY

AMOUNT PAID: _____

BADGES: \$13.00 EACH (*CLIP OR PIN*) AMOUNT PAID: _____

\$15.50 EACH (MAGNET)

AMOUNT PAID: _____

Pins & badges will be mailed to you

TOTAL PAID: _____

CASH OR CHECK # _____

NAME(S) DESIRED ON BADGE:

(1) _____

(2) _____

MONTHLY BREAKFAST / BUSINESS MEETINGS
7 AM - FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH AT THE VERDE VALLEY
FAIRGROUNDS IN COTTONWOOD

2-1-2023

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**Important
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Membership dues are payable

Membership dues are payable, **Dues are 25.00 dollars per year.**

Badges are \$13.00 or \$15.00 each, Hats are \$12.00 and Tee shirts are \$ 12.00.

Polo shirts are \$22.,& \$24 for 2xl.

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