

VINTAGE VEHICLE CLUB of SUN CITY

AN AUTOMOBILE RESTORATION & SOCIAL CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

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The Prez Sez

Another really busy month for many of us. Social events have provided an opportunity for getting to know each other. Thursday morning breakfasts have brought out a great variety of Vintage Vehicles. And; if you are not aware our new club name has been decided by your vote. Our name will be Vintage Vehicles of Sun City as soon as the RCSC Board approves the change.

Bill Senter and his Events committee have put together cruises that have not only provided entertainment for our members and the community but served to grow our membership by over twenty members. That's significant! Planning for a Christmas party (it might turn out to be a party in the new year since most venues are already reserved for December) are in the works.

A 1977 Mercedes 450 SL sport roadster has been donated and plans to Raffle the vehicle to help raise funds for our club building are now in place. Gary Davis and other members have been working on the car fixing deficiencies and detailing it to have it in good condition for the raffle. His fund raising committee will be conducting this program that will need support of all members to make this program a success.

Les Litzenberger has volunteered to chair a publicity committee . If you think you can help please let Les know. This is an extremely important committee as it's critical to our being recognized by the community . This will help grow our membership which will help with our ultimate goal of having dedicated space.

Scott Donkers has put together and published the first news letter. And I guess if you are reading this its actually two editions.

Our first annual picnic is going to be April 28th at Rio Vista Community Park. You will find more information about the picnic and its location in another section of this newsletter.

Fund raising for our club facility will be getting into full swing in the fall and if you have ideas to support this effort or would be willing to serve on the committee please sign-up at the next or future meetings or contact Gary Davis. Volunteering for committees is what makes our club a success. We have already seen the results as shown above.

We will continue to have sign- up sheets at meetings and Board Members will be happy to talk to you about opportunities to help enhance our club and offerings to our members. Hope everyone has a great summer and will be looking forward to continuing more activities in the fall.

Jon Braemer - President

CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NAME	PHONE	DATE	EVENT
Jon Braemer - President	928-600-9739	April 23, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Al Baxley - Vice President	816-615-9235	April 28, 2015	Club Picnic
Warren Clucker - Treasurer	623-977-2128	April 30, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Mike Weber - Secretary	623-308-1127	May 7, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Scott Donkers – Member at Large	503-799-1381	May 14, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Gary Davis – Member at Large	530-308-8135	May 21, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Club Email Address -	vvsuncity@gmail.com	May 28, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
		June 4, 2015	Breakfast George's Café
Club Mailing Address:	Clubs Office (VVSUNCITY) 10626 W. Thunderbird Sun City, AZ 85351		

***The Vintage Vehicle Club of Sun City
is holding its first annual Picnic at the
Rio Vista Community Park
8866 W. Thunderbird Rd.
Peoria, AZ 85381
on April 28th. The \$6 charge will get
you a great lunch with soda or water.
Please bring your spouse or a friend
and your favorite Ride.***

ALERT - ALERT - ALERT - ALERT - ALERT

***Vintage Vehicle Club Picnic
4/28/15
THE NEW LOCATION!!!***

***Rio Vista Community Park
8866 W. Thunderbird Rd
Peoria, AZ 85381***



SPRING FLING PICNIC

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It has become necessary to move our Spring Fling Picnic to the new location listed below:

*Rio Vista Community Park
8866 W. Thunderbird Rd
Peoria, AZ 85381
Ramada #8
1pm - 5pm*

Feel free to bring your spouse or a guest and your favorite cruiser. A nice lunch including a soda or water will be available for \$6 each.

BYOBeer – Canned Beer is the only adult beverage allowed in this park - no glass bottles of any type are allowed!

Make your plans now to attend. It'll be a fun time with an ample amount of car talk.



THOUGHTS FROM AL

I feel like we have covered a lot of bumpy ground in a very short time. It all began when I saw the initial spark of a Club from a small ad in November 2014 that Bud Heintz put in one of the local papers. Bud asked for anyone interested in starting a Sun City Car Club to contact him. I knew this was where I wanted to go. Bud's first meeting had four attendees.

I attended the second Club meeting along with 17 other interested folks on October 22nd 2014. Thanks to Jon and a lot of other folks helping, our Club Charter was approved on January 29, 2015. We have now grown to 128 members and continue to find more new members all the time. We have elected Officers, have many working Committees, weekly scheduled Club Breakfasts, have had one Club Car Show, a Food bank Cruise in, and have a Spring Fling picnic planned. Wow !!!

We still have a lot of untapped talent that the Club could benefit from. By stepping up and joining one of our various committees you can put those talents to work. We still have a lot to do to reach our goals, but I am very pleased and excited about the Club's future !!!

I hope everyone has a great fun summer. See you in the fall. (I hope my 1955 Chevy Wagon will join me).

Al Baxley
Vice President



MEMBERS CORNER

Sadly, we've lost a club member. Mick DeSantis of Woodburn, Or., passed away April 10th. On behalf of all members of the Vintage Vehicle Club of Sun City, we extend our sincerest condolences to Mick's family and friends.



MEMBERS CORNER

If you have an idea, suggestions, thoughts or comments that you want to share with the board of directors, please email them to: vvsuncity@gmail.com

*Want to make an announcement to the membership. Send it to the email address below and it will be added to the next newsletter.
arcosc@outlook.com*

Are you a seasonal Sun City resident who leaves that special project somewhere up north during the winter? If so, email a picture of it and your story to:

vvsuncity@gmail.com

We'll put it in a future issue of the newsletter.

Get Involved! The club needs people for its various committees. Please sign up by emailing: arcosc@outlook.com



MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT

EVENTS – WEBSITE - PUBLICITY

Another month has passed by and we're delivering our second newsletter. Perhaps one reason April went by so fast was that Bill Senter and his Events Committee organized a couple stellar events. Bill's relentless pursuit to deliver outstanding gatherings keeps me in awe. His team includes Greg Eidam, Pat Clucker and Carol McDade. This small group is very much responsible for raising nearly \$200 for the Sun City Foundation during the April 28th Car Show. And, it appeared to me that all those who entered vehicle in the show had a great time. To the team – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I am pleased to announce that Les Litzenberger has accepted the role of Publicity Committee Chairperson. Among other things, Les will be creating fliers, event notifications, media contacts and work directly with the RCSC to get club information out to the citizens of Sun City and beyond. Welcome aboard Les!

In case you haven't noticed, John Lassell, our website committee Chairperson has now loaded the most important Vintage Vehicle Club information on the RCSC Website. This information provides a great description of our club. Please take a few minutes and peruse this website.

On April 7th, approximately 40 V V S C members cruised their classic cars to the Food Bank at 106th & Peoria. Once parked, the members delivered a shopping cart full of non-perishable food items to the Food Bank. Pictured on the right, Jesse Ramirez of the Food Bank and a co-worker accept the stuffed grocery cart from V V S C member Greg Eidam. More photos in the following pages.



FOOD DRIVE & CRUISE IN

APRIL 7TH

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Set of 4 tires and 14" Spyder
Wheels off a 1969 Chevrolet
Impala.

\$600.00 or best offer

Contact: Jack McGowan

EMAIL: jmcgowan1@cox.net

PHONE: 623-262-3209



1998 Dodge Ram Truck

2 Wheel Drive - 114,000 miles

Towing Package - Bedliner

Excellent Condition - \$8000.00

Contact: Jesse Bootman

Phone: 623-512-8982



COVER CAR:

The 1955 Chevrolet

If you haven't seen or heard Carol McDade's 55 Chevy around Sun City, you're not paying enough attention. Carol says: "This '55 has been with Tom and Carol since they dated in it 47 years ago. The sound of that engine is what keeps Carol putting all the miles on it while Tom, an aircraft mechanic, does all the maintenance and makes this 327 turn heads. Second owner of the Arizona car, previously owned by Tom's roommate at Luke AFB, Tom put Dart2 heads on 25 years ago. Front brakes, Stainless steel exhaust and Traction bars for my birthday 20 years ago. My Christmas present for 2014 was new headers. The Car has lived with us in New York, Pittsburgh, Boston and Glendale and been in graduations, parades, weddings, proms and funerals." Their four children and thirteen grandchildren love this ride." See page one (the cover) of this publication for a photo of Carol's 55.

The 1955 Chevy was a giant success for General Motors. Soon after its introduction, the 55 was quickly dubbed "the hot one" with the public flocking to dealerships to get a look at the new car. Over 1.7 million 1955 Chevrolets were produced, accounting for an amazing 23% share of all cars sold in the US for that model year. Although Chevrolet was already the top-selling car for several decades prior to 1955, Chevrolet's appeal was mostly to older drivers. Once introduced, the 1955, Chevrolet had mass appeal. The '55's light weight (3,200 lbs) combined with its powerful new V8 engine and popular shoe-box body design also made it a hit in hot rodding circles and soon after, collectors. The 55 would also put Chevrolet into the motorsports arena for the first time where it would win many races.

Speaking of V8's, the '55 Chevy was the first successful Chevrolet to be offered with an optional V8 engine. A little known fact is that Chevrolet produced a V8 in 1918, for their Chevrolet Series D, which produced 55-horsepower with it's 288-cubic-inches. However, that V8 only remained in production for one year. The new 265 cu in V8 for 1955 was available in 3 different configurations. There was the 162 HP; the 180 HP known as the "Power Pack" and the 195 HP, a late release known as the "Super Power Pack" engine. It's very cool to have Carol's wonderful example of the 55 Chevy Bel Air 2 Dr Hardtop, in our club. By the way, Baxley is also the proud owner of 55 Chevy!



COVER CAR FOR JUNE

GUESS WHO?

