

# NUTS & BOLTS

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# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to say Thank You to all the club members, both old and new that have stepped forward to help bring this club closer to reaching its goal of getting a club house and shop. Sometimes we don't think about all the BIG and little things that other people are doing to improve the newsletter, making the web site a place where we can get the word out to others about our club and what's going on. Now you can even donate money through pay pal to help build your new shop. Soon, we hope to have drawings up on the website of the lay out of the shop and the property where it sits.

I was at a party last weekend just thinking about unwinding from some of the things that went on last week with a few drinks and some good food, when someone broke out a book of raffle tickets and a sign up sheet for the golf tournament and started selling. It wasn't me, in fact the member was a lady who has never been to a monthly meeting or taken part in our weekly breakfast. She ran out of tickets and I wasn't smart enough to have brought any with me so the sales ended but the talking about the shop and what the club was trying to do went on. Sometimes you just don't know who's pushing your ideas.

Tom LaVack - President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: The Vintage Vehicles of Sun City turned one year old on January 29, 2016.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join the VVSC gang for breakfast at the Royal Café every Thursday morning at 8am. The Royal Cafe's address is: 10793 Grand Ave, Sun City

EVENT: Sun Bowl Cruise-in & Car Show

DATE & TIME: Feb. 6, 2016 / 9am - 1pm

LOCATION: Sun Bowl - 10220 N 107th Ave

Featuring GM Vehicles - Food Vendor - Invite your friends and neighbors. Please use 107th Ave entrance. ALL VEHICLE MAKES WELCOMED

EVENT: General Meeting

DATE & TIME: Feb 16, 2016 / 1pm - 3pm

LOCATION: Lakeview Rec. Center Soc Hall 2

EVENT: Fun Fair Car Show

DATE & TIME: Feb 27, 2016 / 9:00am - 3:00pm

LOCATION: Bell Rec. Center

Events planning for the remainder of this season and next are in process. If you have an idea that you'd like to share with the Events Committee, please send an email to the attention of Bill Senter at: vvsuncity@gmail.com

# MEMBER AT LARGE

# MERCEDES RAFFLE TICKETS

After the pep rally at our last meeting, ticket sales have been better--selling over 100 tickets in January. We are now up to almost 400 tickets in total sales!

The car has recently been taken to a couple of car shows around the area with moderate ticket sales. There is also an ad running in the Independent Newspaper classified section with poor results. Four telephone responses sold 2 tickets, so we probably won't continue the ad.

We are planning to take it to the Sun City Fun Fair Event on February 20th and may need help from the membership to man the table that day. More details to follow.

The Discover Sun City Event on January 20th was a great success--not only in ticket sales but many applications for membership were passed out. Thanks to all who helped out!

We have plenty of time between now and the drawing on April 19th, so get out there and SELL, SELL, SELL!!!!!

Thank you guys & gals!

Gary Davis - Member at Large

Wanted: The club needs three or four members who would like to set up a car rally! This event should be held before April 9<sup>th</sup> but not on the third Tuesday of the month. Let's see how many members and friends we can get involved. If not a rally, pick a poker run or cruise to a car show or do a cruise that ends up at a dinner place. Just go for it

QUOTE: "After the third flip, I lost control" Don Roberts after crashing in the Jade Grenade at New England Dragway in 1975.

# **BELL REC. CENTER FUN FAIR**

The upcoming Fun Fair will be held at the Bell Recreation Center on February 27, 2016, and the RCSC has invited Vintage Vehicles of Sun City club members to show their vehicles from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Our designated show area will be in the vicinity of the Lawn Bowling Building and the Metal Shop. Raffle ticket will be available and we'll be signing up new members, so bring your friends and neighbors. Club Hats and Shirts will also be on hand.

# WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website is: VintageVehiclesofSunCity.com

Ron Whitey has taken over the responsibility for the Member "Posts", "For Sale" and "Deals." Please contact Ron at 623-875-7413 for help in using these functions.



"Posts" is for members to request help or information from other members.

"For Sale" is for members to post cars or car parts for sale.

"Deals" is for members to posts discounts that are available to VVSC members.

Please contact Ron at 623-875-7413 for help in using these functions. John Lassell

# **HOLIDAY DINNER & SPECIAL TRIBUTE**

January 9, 2016, marked VVSC's first annual Holiday Dinner Party. Held at the Fairway Rec. Center, approximately 65 members attended this fun event and were dished-up a great meal with plenty of good conversation. A big "Thank You" must go to Denny Lockmon, for his work in arranging the caterer, organizing the invitations and coordinating the room reservation with the RCSC. Excellent job, Denny!!!

After dinner, Jon Braemer, our first and (only) past president, approached the podium to say a few words about the club's first year. Jon spoke briefly about the club's beginning then presented Bud Heintz with the VVSC's first ever, Life Time Membership Award for his part in the creation of our club. After accepting the award (a special badge and commemorative plaque) Bud explained that soon after moving to Sun City, he visited the RCSC Club's Office and asked for an application to join the local "car club". The RCSC representative informed Bud that there was no such club in existence and suggested he start one. Well, Bud set out to do just that. He ran an ad in the local newspaper and soon after, received a phone call from Jon Braemer. Then, as they say, the rest is history!



Bud's involvement in the start-up meetings and his strong desire to form a Sun City car club was contagious. Unfortunately, Bud was unable to serve as he wanted due to the onset of several significant health issues. None-the-less, his idea found legs as a small group of people accepted the task. You see Bud's interest in cars (of which he owns three) and his desire to have a facility where enthusiasts can meet, talk about and work on their automobile projects is shared by many. In fact, Bud's original vision has become the primary objective for today's VVSC membership. A huge "Thank You" goes to Bud for initiating a terrific idea and for placing that ad.

Scott Donkers - Newsletter Editor

# **RECOGNITION GIVEN AT HOLIDAY DINNER**

During the Holiday Dinner Party, Jon Braemer, took a few minutes to acknowledge the dedication of VVSC's first board members and referred to the group as "The Founders".



Pictured left to right are: Scott Donkers, Bill Senter, Jon Braemer, Gary Davis and Al Baxley. Not pictured, but part of the first board are Warren Clucker and Mike Weber.

# **SUNDIAL CAR SHOW**

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, several VVSC members assembled in the Sundial Rec. Center's parking lot to display their cars.

Raffle Ticket for the Mercedes and club logoed hats & shirts were also sold at the event. See below for a sampling of the photos taken by Ed Gordon.



















More photos of the Sundial Car Show can be found at the VVSC club website:

Vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com

# LADIES OF VVSC

Ladies, if you are interested in joining the VVSC gals for a future luncheon, please send an email to Elaine at: edonkers@cox.net

The clubs website is up and running.

Click on <a href="http://vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com/">http://vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com/</a> or type it into your browser.

John Lassell has been working on developing the website. It is still a work in progress, but it has a lot of information that should be of interest to you. Ron Whitney is now working with John on the website, and when he learns a little more should be capable of providing the club members, you, with a lot of information. Be sure you check it out.

If you have checked it before and it looks about the same, click on refresh the page and that should bring up the new information. The Events link should give you what we know that is coming up. Also, the Newsletter page will give you links to all of the recent newsletters. Enjoy the website and get involved.

There are areas where you can comment on club activities and areas where you can post items you might want to sell or buy something that has been posted. If you post something, don't get excited if it doesn't appear immediately. Someone has to look at it and approve it before it will be posted on the website. That will keep the strange ones from posting inappropriate information.

Take a look. Feedback is welcome. We are always interested in suggestions that will improve the website.

Ron Whitney – Webmaster

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Velocity Channel's. Wayne Carini, from Chasing Classics.

The celebration also allowed attendees the opportunity to walk through the new ARC shop. ARC also provided pop corn, hot dogs, and root beer floats to all that attended. Following the dedication ceremony, a live band played for the folks who stayed for the Sock Hop. Following are a few of the photos that were taken by Ed Gordon.



Members meet up before cruising to the ceremony

# **CAR FUNNIES**

Did you hear about the guy who went into an auto parts store and said to the clerk, "Can I get a new gas cap for a Yugo?"

The clerk thought for a few seconds and said; "Okay that seems like a fair trade".

Some of the VVSC vehicles at Beardsley Park

It was a beautiful day!

# ARC OF SUN CITY WEST OPEN HOUSE

On January 27, 2016, ARC of Sun City West celebrated the completion of the first phase of their new building. Being the good neighbors that they are, ARC invited the Vintage Vehicles of Sun City club to join in on the fun, so VVSC provided 40 cars for their Car Show.

Hundreds of people attended the dedication that featured several guest speakers including the



More of the participating cars



All lined up and ready to go to the ARC ceremony

# **HOW IS YOUR ZINC LEVEL?**

We all know zinc is essential to our health, but c'mon this is a vehicle club. I guess a better question is how is your oils zinc level? And, why should you care?

About 1996 the EPA mandated the zinc should be removed from motor oils. Why? Because they require car makers to warranty catalytic converters and zinc is not good for them, but the reason for the zinc in the oil in the first place was to protect metal to metal moving parts from wearing out. From now on I will refer to zinc as ZZDP. Without going into a

lot of technical detail what we call zinc is really a combination of zinc and phosphorous. If your vehicle is older than 1989 it probably has flat tappets that rub against the cam lobes. The ZZDP creates a protective layer between the metals to prevent premature wear. One source indicates if an engine was designed before 1989 the non-roller lifters require ZDDP to avoid premature deterioration.

We have all heard of break-in oil. It is essentially high ZZDP content oil. Engine and parts manufacturers will void the warranty on camshafts if the oil sample you return with the defective part is less than 1,200 parts per million of ZZDP. Of course we do not need to run our engines on break-in oil after the break-in period.

However, we do need higher ZZDP levels than the current motor oils to protect our older cars. What to do? We have to either find oils with higher level or buy an additive. Either of these is an expensive proposition (thank you very much EPA). Racing oils and oils made for diesel engines contain higher levels. A good article on this subject can be found at:http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2012/10/18/tech-101-zinc-in-oil-and-itseffects-on-older-engines/be aware that Hemmings sell expensive motor oil for older vehicles, but check out the article. It is good information.

There are many sources for ZZDP oil additives. I use ZZDP-plus that I get from Amazon, but Eastwood and others also sell additives.

I hope this information helps you understand how to protect your engines. I think I learned this too late to protect mine.

Ron Whitney

You can now make financial contributions to the club through PayPal. Check-out our website and see how: www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com