



NUTS & BOLTS

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WORDS FROM THE PREZ

As your new President I would like to tell you a little about myself. I started pumping gas in upper New York State (Massena) in 1955, at the age of 12 and I worked in gas stations all through high school. In 1964, I joined the Air Force and got stationed at McCord AFB in Tacoma WA. While there I worked in service stations when I wasn't on duty. After leaving the Air Force in 1968, I went to work at a Richfield service station in Olympia, WA, and in 1969, bought it. We opened a second station in 1973, and in 1976, we built a automotive repair center with a retail parts store next door to it. In 1983, I got a dealers license and opened a used car lot. In 1986, we sold the repair shop and parts house. In the fall of 1986, I went into teaching at a New Skill Center where kids spend half a day learning a skill then they went back to their home high school for English, Math, Science and History. My job was to teach auto mechanics and auto body in an all hands on environment. I retired from teaching in June of 2014 at the age of 71. My hobbies revolve around cars but I also play golf. I love working on cars, building hot rods, buying and selling cars and teaching people how to fix their cars. We have a shop I share with one of our sons in Olympia to work on our projects. Our oldest grand daughter, who is 9, has a 1968 Mustang she is working on now. Her first car was a 1966 Mustang which she got when she was 6. She also has her own work stall with a 10x10 door, a work bench at her height and her own tool box and the use of all

the other tools in the shop. I met my wife while I was in the service and we got married in 1967. She was from Lincoln, Nebraska. We have two boys and two granddaughters. We try to spend six months down here and six months in Olympia, WA. During the 60 years that I have worked on cars at all levels, both professional and personal, I have loved it all and wouldn't change a thing. I like playing golf but I'd rather put an engine in a car if I had to choose.

Tom LaVack

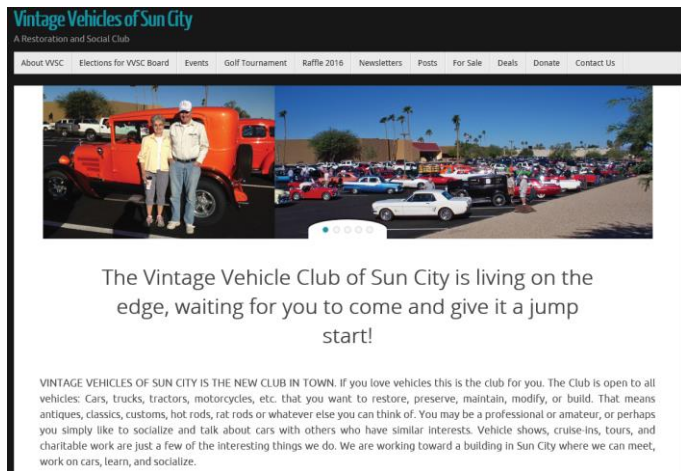
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 9, 2016 - Cruise-In at Sundial Recreation Center
10:00am – 2:00pm
- January 9, 2016 - Holiday Party at Fairway Rec. Center
6:30pm – 9:30pm
- January 16, 2016 - VVSC General Meeting at Lakeview
Social Hall #2 @ 1 pm
- February 6, 2016 - Cruise-In at Sun Bowl
- March 2016 - Cruise-In at Sun Bowl
- April 9, 2016 - Golf Tournament at the South Course

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VERBAGE FROM THE VP



The club website is now up and running at <http://vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com/>. The website consists of:

- 1) Home page with photos from car shows,
- 2) Events page with a listing of upcoming and recent past events
- 3) Golf tournament page with all the details
- 4) Raffle 2016 page with photos of the raffle car and when and where to get tickets
- 5) Newsletter page with copies of all the past newsletters
- 6) Post page for club members to ask questions and receive answers
- 7) For Sale page that allows members to post wanted or for sale items
- 8) Deals page where members can post offers from various sellers
- 9) Donate page for making donations for the new club shop

In later issues I will describe in more detail how each page works.

Please report any improvements or comments on the website to VV@suncity@outlook.com

John Lassell – Vice President

EVENTS BULLETIN

If you plan to display your vehicle at the cruise-in on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Sundial Rec. Center (10:00 am-2:00 pm), please enter at the NE driveway on 103rd. Those that want to park together should arrive at the same time as cars will be parked in the order that they arrive.

J&J Hot Dog Co. will be on hand and raffle tickets will be available for the Mercedes. This will be a special Ford Day Event as all Fords will be featured. Please feel free to invite your neighbors, too.

MEMBER AT LARGE

Hi Fellow Car Enthusiasts!

Just a update on how things are going on our 1977 Mercedes Raffle. 2000 tickets have been printed up and about 700 have been distributed among the membership. As of December 8th, we have sold almost 200 tickets taking in approximately \$2,000.00.

We are 10% of our goal in the first month! Things are looking really good. The question is “HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS YET??” If the answer is “Yes”, I have more tickets available at the Thursday Morning Breakfasts and General Meetings, or give me a call at 530-308-8135 and I will see to it that you get more tickets.

At the first car show, over \$800 in tickets were sold. Great job!



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Recently, some repairs were necessary on the old Mercedes. It developed a water leak. Thanks to the help from Tom LaVack and Gary Davis, a new lower radiator hose was installed along with a water pump and an electric window control switch...it's great to have good help in the car club. The job was completed for about \$150.00 in parts and saved the "Club" a lot of money if it would have been taken to a shop. I can only imagine what the Mercedes Dealer would have charged. YEAH Tom & Gary!!!!

Carol McDade offered to drive the car to the Bell Rec. Center on her daily excursions, parking it in front of the pool & exercise area with a sign on the car "Raffle Tickets for Sale" and has been doing very well selling tickets. YEAH Carol!!

Keep in mind that this car belongs to the VVSC Membership and any help or ideas you might have for selling more tickets, please let us know. The drawing will be on April 19th at our regular meeting, so we still have time to get out there and sell, sell, sell!

Gary Davis

MEMBER AT LARGE

Hello VVSC members. My name is Walter Ready and I am your new Member at Large, board member. I was at most of the club start up meetings last year and I could tell this was going to turn into a Great Club! This club has been coming together in the last few months in a way that has surprised a lot of people. Personally, I want to do anything I can for the common good, and to promote our old vehicle interest. In addition, we are now able to receive donations, so please feel free to contact me if you feel you have something to give. I look forward to enjoying my old car friends in the club and meeting new ones!

Thank You,

Walter Ready ([623-698-3001](tel:623-698-3001)).

Notable Quote: "Aerodynamics are for people who can't build engines" – Enzo Ferrari

VVSC BOARD ELECTIONS RESULTS



During the VVSC general meeting on December 15th, several new board officers were elected. Your new board members for 2016 are as follows:

President: Tom LaVack – 360-628-2444
Vice Pres: John Lassell – 503-522-0029
Vice Pres: Bill Senter – 715-210-4479
Treasurer: Warren Clucker – 623-977- 2128
1st Secretary: Les Litzenberger – 509-430-1625
Members at Large:
Walter B Ready – 623-698-3001
Gary Davis – 530-308-8135
Past President: Jon Braemer – 928-600-9739

Please note that an additional Vice President has been added to the 2016 board. This new position allows for better distribution of responsibilities among the board members. It was also decided by membership vote, that the additional position of 2nd secretary would be added to the board to further ease each VVSC officer's load. As of this date, the position of 2nd secretary remains unfilled and is available to any member who would like to become involved in the management of our club.

Next time you see a VVSC board member, please take the time to convey your appreciation and gratitude for the responsibilities they accept on behalf of Vintage Vehicles of Sun City.

Scott Donkers – Newsletter Editor

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THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

My goal for leading the club in the coming year will be to form committees to work towards getting a shop built that we can work out of and will be an asset to Sun City now and in the future. There is no one committee more important than another because all are needed to make the club function. We need the events committee to show we are doing things that are fun and enriching. We need a fund raising committee to obtain funds to build a shop. We need a building committee to make sure we end up with a building that is functional. We need a promotional committee to get the word out to let the community know what we are trying to do and get them involved. Once this is done the real work will start because we will have to have a committee to run the day to day operation of the shop and that will take man power. To volunteer, you can contact any board member or go to the web site and tell us you want to help then someone will get in touch with you.

Tom LaVack



DECEMBER CRUISE-IN & CAR SHOW

To those of you who attended the December Cruise-in and Car Show at the Marinette Rec. Center, congratulations, you were the beneficiary of a beautiful, cloudless Sun City day and a terrific display of automobiles, courtesy of several Vintage Vehicles of Sun City, members. If you were unable to attend this featured event, please enjoy the following photos, shot by your club photographer, Ed Gordon...





Sun City West – Auto Restoration Club, invites all members from VVSC to help them celebrate the Grand Opening of their new facility on January 27th.

The Open House begins at 2pm and the dedication of the building will start at 3pm. A “Sock Hop” follows. SCW-ARC has asked that we bring our “Rides” and also wants us to know that many of their members will be sporting “Duck Tails” and “Poodle skirts”.

Guest speakers include:

Wade Kawasaki - President and CEO of Coker Tire
David Madeira - President and CEO of America’s Car Museum
Lyn St. James - Indy Car Racer
Wayne Carini - Chasing Classic Cars TV Celebrity.



Herb Clark
President/Founder
ARC of SCW



Don’t forget to meet the gang every Thursday morning at George’s Café for breakfast. During the winter, it is not uncommon to see 30-35 people enjoying their breakfast with other members of the Vintage Vehicles of Sun City.

VVSC hats and shirts with our club logo are available for purchase. Look for them at the next club event.

If you have something - auto related - to sell, send a photo and short description to vvsuncity@gmail.com and we’ll add it to the next newsletter.



As the New Year emerges with hopes anew, here is to wishing you and your families a wonderful year ahead. Happy New Year!

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