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Upcoming Events

Breakfast – Tuesdays 7:00 am - Mercers 9720 W. Peoria.

Breakfast – Thursdays 7:00 am – George's Lakeview Restaurant

Cruise-In at McDonalds – On Bell near 99th Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm. McDonalds has requested that we not show up before 4:00 pm.

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FEBRUARY 3 – Ladies Luncheon – Cocos 9801 Bell Road – Noon

FEBRUARY 7 – Car Show – Marinette Center 10 – 2

FEBRUARY 11 – Events Meeting 10-12 Lakeview Room 2

FEBRUARY 11 – Board Meeting 1-3 VVSC Shop

FEBRUARY 18 – General Membership Meeting 1-3 Lakeview Room 1 & 2

FEBRUARY 22 – Ball Game – 1:00 pm Peoria Sports Complex

MARCH 7 Car Show – Spring Fling 9-3
Sun Bowl Amphitheatre

Please check the web page events entries for the most up to date and accurate information!

Letter from the President

To all you Vintage Folks out there,

This being my first attempt at newsletter greeting, we'll see how it goes. There are a few acknowledgements which should be made starting with a couple of awards which we were able to give at the Anniversary Dinner on the 11th.

We managed to surprise Troy Janicki with a plaque of appreciation for his efforts the last three years as President of our Club. Despite some serious health issues he has led us through some amazing times, including the startup of our current shop facility including all of our signup/records software and being the face of the club while dealing with RCSC during the design phase of our new shop. There are some copies of the latest design for you to see at the shop. As I will be out of town for much of the summer and he has a relationship established, I have asked Troy to continue in his role interfacing with the RCSC management regarding this project. If you have computer form or operation difficulties, Troy remains your go to guy. Asking me for help along this line is just setting yourself up for disappointment.

Charter member Alan Baxley, who signed me up at the 2015 Discover Sun City event, was granted a Lifetime Membership Award for countless hours volunteering on the club's behalf in its formative years. Al is a pretty unassuming guy who was blown

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away by this award. This is our third Lifetime Membership Award with previous recipients being Bud Heintz and Jon Braemer.

We can't thank Denny Lockmon enough for his efforts in arranging the Anniversary dinner. The food was great and his friends "The Calhouns" were getting peoples feet (and other parts) moving as usual (btw, we have asked them to return next year). Denny would really appreciate someone being willing to take the lead on this for next year. Thanks to Denny's efforts it is a fairly cut and dried process but he'd love to step back a bit. Please consider this opportunity to help your club.

I would like to welcome two board members who have changed positions and two new; Troy Janicki to VP2, Glen Mester to Procedures Director, Stephen Fehn to Shop and Facilities Director and Lynn Cummings to Recording Secretary. Thank you for your willingness to serve and help the club. That said we do have two positions which are currently open, Annual Car Show Director and Events Director. Please be willing to fill one of these positions as we currently have people doing double duty for these important roles.

Welcome new members, I seem to remember somewhere around 60 new members since last fall putting us in the 400 plus range. Which reminds me, if you haven't paid your dues since October 1st they are due by Jan 31. There are renewal forms at the shop or you may also renew online. Failure to remain current will result in loss of facilities access.

Thanks to Glen Mester and the other board members for their input on our revised Rules and Regulations. Thanks to the membership for your support with these changes. This is our first revision since Troy and I drafted the second set in early 2017. You should find the current set on our website along with a copy available at the shop.

A big thanks to our monitors, without whom we couldn't operate our shop. There has been some discussion of having some limited evening and Saturday sessions due to the fact that many of our members are still full-time employees. This would give them an opportunity to utilize the shop and become more active in the club. We have scheduled a couple of Saturday monthly car shows this fall to try to accommodate these members. The board welcomes your input on these potential changes.

Our February Cruise in Car show is scheduled for Friday the 7th 10:00am to 2:00pm at Marinette Rec Center 99th and Union Hills. Hope to see you there.

Our Fourth Annual Spring Fling Car Show will be Saturday March 7th at the Sun Bowl. If you haven't already signed up you may do so online through our website or via the forms at the shop. Take a couple of extra forms so when you see a rig on the road that should be there you can leave a flyer. Much work has been done to date on this important event but more help, particularly on the day of the show, is still needed.

This last Sunday, 23 of our members and three guests drove to Falcon Field in Mesa for a guided tour of the Commemorative Air Force Museum followed by a great interactive dinner at Steak and Stone Steakhouse. This was enjoyed by all and highly recommended to others. Thanks, Connie Sherman, for arranging this trip.

Thank you all for your past and future support. You are what makes this club great!



Alan Baxley, one of the founding members, was presented with a Lifetime membership.



Troy was presented a plaque of appreciation of his Contribution to the Club.

New Members

Welcome the following new members

Sandy Hansen
James Butler
Pamela Ferron
Bob Haderlie

Robert Wiest
Maureen Butler

Kathy Haderlie

New Year's Breakfast January 1, 2020 - Cocos



Car Show January 3, 2020 - Bell Center

There were 50 cars at the first car show of the year at Bell Center.





Participation will make our club a success. The Events Director position is vacant. Also additional volunteers are needed for the Events Committee. I am looking for articles for the Newsletter about you, about your car, about events. If you could provide pictures with a short description of the event would be great. Thanks, Verna

Submit newsletter articles and pictures to: vernaaz@gmail.com

Favorite Recipes

Thank you Maryann Bergeron for your Pretzels recipe.

2 bags small pretzels

1 tsp dill weed

1 tsp garlic salt

1 package Hidden Valley Ranch (powder)

1 bottle Orville Redenbacher Popcorn Oil

Mix seasoning. Put pretzels in 2 Ziplock bags. Pour oil over top. Turn every two hours.

I will need more recipes for future newsletters. Please email to vernaaz@gmail.com

Ladies Luncheon - BJ's Restaurant 1/6/2020

27 Ladies attended the luncheon. It is always a good time.



Happy Birthday Vintage Vehicles of Sun City

5 years on 1/29/2020

Anniversary Party - 1/11/2020

127 attended the party at the Fairway Rec Center. The food was delicious and everyone had a good time enjoying the music. Thank You Denny Lockman for organizing this event.



Don Ahrens won the door prize for the evening. Ask him about it.



Shop Class - 1/22/2020 “How to Knurlize valves and grind valve seats” 17 members attended



1/26/2020 Commemorative Airforce Museum

23 members and 3 guests went to the Commemorative Airforce Museum in Mesa.





1/15/2020 Discover Sun City

There was lots of interest in our club at Discover Sun City



Builders Corner -

Ron Whitney's First Car



Ron's first car was a 1941 Cadillac Coupe. In 1953, when he turned 16 and got his driver's license, he of course needed a car. The car he found was like new. The wealthy lady who owned it had remarried a Navy officer who had just bought a new Mercury. He said since he was on the ship most of the time, they didn't need two cars and she should sell hers. So, she put on new tires, had it serviced and put an ad in the paper. 350 dollars. What a deal! Since most of his buddies were buying '41 Fords, Chevys, Mercuries, etc. it seemed a logical choice.

The car was pristine; the interior was hardly worn; the paint was like new except for a spot, on top of the fender, that had been polished so often the red primer was showing a little. In addition, because it was a war years car it had a spotlight in case of a blackout, and more importantly an extra gas tank (gas was rationed you know) that was full sized and located in the front of the trunk behind the rear seat and had a manual switch to change tanks and an electrical switch to change the fuel gauge from one tank to the other. This feature made Ron real popular with his buddies because his dad (a contractor) had a 400-gallon gas tank in the back yard. They could use one tank to cruise to Palm Springs and drive around and had the other to get home.

Ron, being a Southern California teenager, dropped the rear end 4 inches and put on a glasspack (Smithy?) muffler. As he recalls, the sombrero hubcaps on the front wheels came from the midnight auto supply.

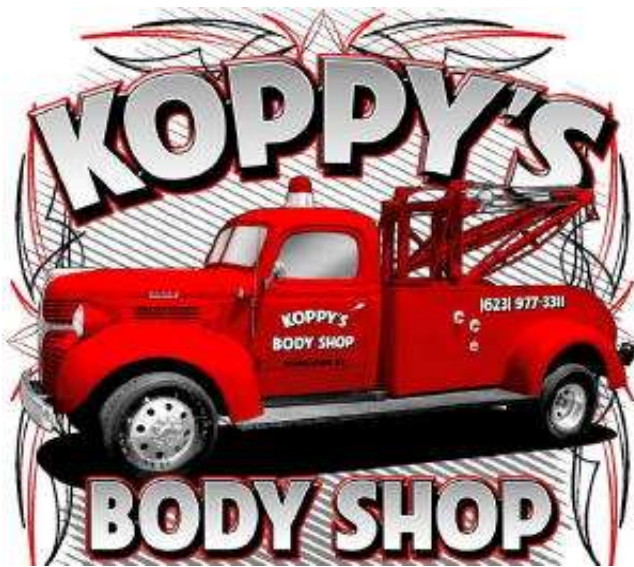
One time, while power shifting (no clutch) he broke off the high gear side of the shifting fork. With no money (\$1 an hour wages doesn't go far) he fished out the broken piece and drove with only first and second. He learned that the transmission (the same LaSalle tranny that drag racers wanted) would do 80 in second gear. Eventually he bought the part he needed and with the help of Motor's Repair Manual fixed the transmission.

Sadly, he loaned the car to his parents for a trip to Tijuana (dog races) and they were sideswiped by a Tijuana taxi. They got the car home, but it was never the same.

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