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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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MARCH 2 – Ladies Luncheon – J Michaels Diner 12:00

MARCH 7 – SPRING FLING CAR SHOW – 9-3

MARCH 10 – Events Meeting 10-12 Bell Lawn Bowling Room

MARCH 10 – Board Meeting 1-3 VVSC Shop

MARCH 17 – General Membership Meeting 1-3 Lakeview
Room 1 & 2

APRIL 2 - Car Show/Pot Luck 10-4 Mountain View

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

Letter from the President

Welcome to all new members, there are 23 of you since January 1, 2020!

Your participation is what drives our club to the successes we have seen as well as those we will continue to see in the years to come

I want to thank all who have registered and volunteered to help with our Fourth Annual Spring Fling Car Show. As I am sure you are aware, this is our one major fundraiser of the year and your participation is crucial. Particularly since our "54 Ford truck will not be ready for prime time and ticket sales until after this show. We all enjoy the shop and the benefits of membership so please ask how you can help make this a successful show.

We are fortunate that RCSC is planning to build us a shop on the Grand Ave property near 103rd Ave. The shop should be seeing some progress in the next month or so. As you may remember I have asked VP2 Troy to continue as the club's representative while the shop is being built. Of course, the building is the most costly part of this project but it is up to us to purchase all of the equipment and tools to equip this shop, making our fundraiser even more important.

At the January board meeting it was recommended by the rest of the board that I ask Tom Wilber to serve as our Annual Car Show Director and Connie Sherman to serve as

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our Events Director. Fortunately, they were both willing and now I wish to thank them for stepping up to help the club. Please show them the support they deserve.

Please also show your support and time to our existing shop operation by volunteering to learn and participate in the monitor program. If you have questions about how you can be a part of this important program just ask Stephen Fehn our Shop Director, he will be happy to help you become involved.

Yes, it is only February but the spring exodus of snowbirds will be on us before we know it. This puts a big load on the full-time residents to keep the shop doors open during the summer months. Thanks for those brave souls who are tough enough to stay here during the hot months.

Cleanliness:

It has been brought to my attention that tools are being returned to the tool room dirty. Please clean your tools and your workspace after use. We don't have our #1 monitor Johnny to pick up after us anymore and it really doesn't take you long to wipe them down and sweep up when finished.

ARC in Sun City West has had this problem too and they instituted a \$20.00 cleaning deposit which is returned after you're done and your tools and workspace are clean. We would rather not have to do this but.....

Reminder:

The club issued name badges with the bar code and your emergency contact information are required to be worn and visible at all times in the shop even if only dropping in to visit and have a cup of coffee. If you are at the shop and forgot your badge you may put a \$1.00 donation in the pot and be issued a day use badge.

The reason for this is, in case you become unconscious due to a fall or medical emergency the monitors, after calling 911, will know who to contact on your behalf.

Our current Rules and Regulations are available on our website and at the Shop. These exist for a few valid reasons, #1 Your Safety, #2 Keep our club in good standing and in compliance with RCSC operating rules and principals and #3 Keep our club operating smoothly and financially responsible to its members.

This brings me to a couple of things I mentioned at the last general meeting:

The Club or Shop don't "**belong**" to any one of us, it belongs to all of us.
It is not "**My Club or My Shop**"!

Our written Rules and Regulations and Shop Policies and Procedures are the only valid ones we operate under. Rules or Policies are not "made to be broken" or ignored for individual circumstances. If they don't work for how we need to operate we change the rules not ignore them.

Anyone making up rules on the fly will be made to understand that if it isn't part of the club rules or shop policies, it doesn't count.

Ok, I'm putting my soapbox away now, please check the Events section of our website for fun social and informative business events.

Thank you,
Les Litzenberger

New Members

Welcome the following new members

Steven Buttitta	John Ramsey
Paul Dean	Terry Griffith
John Bushmaker	Julie Rice
Terry Caviness	Floyd Joss
Peter Ranke	Susan Ranke
Bruce Crocker	Bernie Blakley
Mary Kay Campbell	Jan Hoskins
Iris Poling	Larry Burgess
Michael Vanek	Joy Vanek
Dale Warnecke	James Friedrich
Bernard Wilkins	Donna Wilkins
Michael Tashjian	David Bermingham
Michael Castle	James Moren

Car Show February 7, 2020 - Marinette Center

There was a good turnout of cars on display and many spectators.





Beth Smith celebrated her birthday.

Participation will make our club a success. 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

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

Ladies Luncheon - Cocos Restaurant 2/3/2020

26 Ladies attended the luncheon.





ARC Car Show - February 8, 2020

Many of the VVSC members attended the ARC Car Show. VVSC was awarded a plaque for the club with the most cars attending

Goody Bags - February 20, 2020

Members got together to stuff Goody Bags. Participants are getting great things in their goody bag.



Shop Class - 2/19/2020 “Bueprinting and balancing”

Another great class. Thank you Don.

2/14/2020

Car Show Wickenburg and Lunch at Cowboy Kitchen



Our favorite jackass

Builders Corner

Steven Reinen

1940 Chevy



On February 1st I entered my 1940 Chevrolet pickup truck in the pre-1960 class at the WeMAR Salute to Veterans Car Show at the Peoria Sports Complex and won Best of Class. Then a week later I was surprised with Best GM Model at the ARC show in Sun City West.

I first laid my eyes on this truck more than ten years ago and just loved it. A friend of mine who was a small-town high school art teacher in SW Wisconsin had put it all together. A while later he put it up for sale, but I couldn't swing it and subsequently the '40 was sold to a mutual acquaintance of ours who took really good care of it.

Unfortunately, he died of a heart attack while visiting Norway late in the summer of 2018.

Lyle and his wife, Geri, had established good friendships there after having housed several foreign exchange students over the years. In fact, Lyle had promised the truck to a Norsk guy who like many Scandinavians really liked American classic cars and hot rods. I then learned in October that the Norwegian gentleman declined the opportunity to buy the truck and so I approached Geri and asked, "I am 100% Norwegian (which my ancestry is) and since I knew your husband would you sell his favorite truck (he owned many) to me for the amount he had offered to his friend in Norway?"

She responded "Yes, I will" knowing full well it would be in good hands for many years to come.

I was able to ship it to Sun City in January last year. When I started it up and backed it off the semi-trailer the noise sure got the attention of many of my neighbors.

For the motorheads who want to know the top is chopped about 3 to 4 inches. It has a modified 454 crate engine that is paired with a Chevy 400 tranny. The 3:36 ratio rear end is from a 1957 Chevy and the front end is a Mustang II. It also has 11"-disc brakes. Cosmetically, the wheat-colored tweed door panels and headliner are embossed flames.

The truck bed is made of solid oak boards separated by stainless steel strips.

Thanks Verna, for allowing me to share the story of my "baby". If you choose to exclude that part that would be perfectly ok with me.

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