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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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APRIL 6 – Ladies Luncheon – Cancelled

APRIL 2 – Car Show/Pot Luck Canceled

APRIL 14 – Events Meeting 10-12 Bell Lawn Bowling Room

APRIL 14 – Board Meeting 1-3 Lakeview 1 & 2

APRIL 21– General Membership Meeting 1-3 Lakeview
Room 1 & 2

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

Letter from the President

I am so happy and relieved that we were able to have the West Valley's best car show. Located elsewhere in this version are the stats from the show but by my estimation there had to be at least a thousand visitors and spectators not counting the attendees and our club members who worked their collective butts off to ensure a good time was had by all. The feedback forms I saw were overall very positive. Tom Wilber has those and is assessing them for any good ideas for Spring Fling 2021.

With the RCSC closures our shop is also closed, as they stated "until further notice", but likely through April. I assume you are as bored as the rest of us and many of you are probably as bored as Connie and I are with this interruption to our active lives. Yes, this stinks but it is giving your board some opportunity to assess some things which need addressed. With that in mind we have, unfortunately only a few days before our forced recess, installed a Recommendations box located on the pegboard near the monitor desk. Forms are in the file bin next to it and I will ask Troy and or Ron to place this form on the webpage. This was something Stephen and I had planned to announce at the General meeting last week. Most of these types of things are called suggestion

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boxes but we are looking for recommendations of how to improve things you might see as problems. Please feel free to bring up any issue as long as you also provide a recommended fix for it. We truly hope to see this get used. Of course, you are free at any time to make recommendations to any of your board members for fixes to observed issues.

As I write this on March 24, here are 234 Corona Virus cases in AZ with the lion's share, logically in Maricopa County at 139 and two deaths statewide. This is fairly low in comparison to WA, CA, NY etc. but it will likely get considerably worse before it improves. Relatively low numbers don't give us the freedom to resume our normal activities. Quite the contrary, due diligence is required to keep the spread to a minimum. Interestingly the highest numbers are among the 18-40-year old's but our age range isn't far behind and the chance of survival is considerably lower for us than the younger group.

Enough with the not so good news. It's almost summer and many of us will, as state closures allow, be heading back to the cooler northern climates. I would like to wish you all safe travels and a healthy and fun summer.

If you do Facebook please locate and like our FB page where we may share photos of your car show involvement during the summer months. It is a fun way to stay connected with our VVSC family.

Happy Summer! Les

Pro Smart Realty Car Show 2/29/2020



Don Ahrens won Best Ride Pre 1930

Bell Fun Fair 2/29/2020

Members participated in the Bell Fun Fair.



Everyone have a safe and fun summer. *Submit newsletter articles and pictures to: vernaaz@gmail.com.* The next newsletter will be in September.

Favorite Recipes

Thank you Lynn Cummings for your Sausage and Potato Bake recipe.

SAUSAGE AND POTATO BAKE

2 pkg. Swift Premium Brown 'N Serve sausages (patties or links) (or any breakfast meat you would like to use. Sometimes I use several meats for a meat-lover version. Or substitute 2 cups ham for sausage.

3 1/2 c. frozen potatoes O'Brien (or 1-1 lb.14 oz. Seasoned Simply Potatoes)

1 1/2 c. (6 oz.) shredded cheese

1 1/2 c. milk

6 large eggs, beaten

1 tsp. dry mustard (I also like to add Southwest seasonings)

1/4 tsp. salt

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Cut sausage into slices (patties into quarters). Stir together all ingredients in large bowl. Pour mixture into baking dish.

Bake 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

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

Ladies Luncheon - 3/2/2020

25 Ladies attended the luncheon at J. Michaels Diner. Everyone had a good meal and a good time.

Spring Fling Car Show - 3/7/2020

There were 317 cars at the car show. Great turnout. The goody bags were stuffed with great door prizes. Raffle prizes included an air compressor, large tool box, beautiful handmade jewelry by Maryann Bergeron and a beautiful quilt made by Beth Smith. Wood Art by Roxie Whitney, Refurbished wagons by Bob Faron.



.The Top Ten Trophys were presented.





Don Ahrens made a container that held 9,533 pennies for the penny guess. Carol McDade's guess of 9,300 was the winner.



Registration



Drawing for raffle prizes







Members are working on the 2021 Car Raffle.... A 1954 Ford Truck. Drawing to take place at the March 2021 Spring Fling Car Show.

Builders Corner

Karen Pigg

1957 TBird



I told Clinton I wanted a '57 T-bird, so he bought me a match car size car. I told him it had to be bigger so he bought me the next size up. I told bigger, so he bought one about a foot long. That's when I told him I had to be able to sit in the next one he bought.

We heard his cousin, Glenn, was going to sell the T-bird he had. He and I happened to have jury duty at the same time, so I was talking with him and told him I was his favorite cousin and he could sell me the T-bird. He agreed and we bought in 1987. While starting to restore the car found out it had been through a small fire. The person Glenn bought the car from was in the Navy and he had to go to sea. While he was gone his girlfriend found a new boyfriend and when the old boyfriend came back there was some trouble. The new boyfriend torched the cover that was on the car. There wasn't a lot of damage. The wiring was melted.

When Clint started working on the car he had to have a lot of things de-chromed. (I think the guy owned a chrome shop. ha,ha) A friend who restores T-birds for a living helped work on the bird. They took it down to the frame and did a frame off restoration.

We sent off for the original invoice. Boy was I happy when it said the color was starmist blue. Baby blue is one of my favorite colors. I wasn't sure about the black top, but after putting it on I liked it. Found out it was built in October of 1956. Also found out it had been sent to NJ export and shipped to Belgium. It had a metric speedometer in it at the time. We had to send to Sweden to get a metric speedometer to fit in the car.

Now it is fun to hear children tell their parents look how fast this one goes. When it reads 100 you are going around 65. The speedometer goes to 240.

We have had lots of fun in the car, have gone on a lot of outings and shows over the years. One of the first shows was a regional show in Irvine, California. We won a silver metal at that show. The last show we attended was the Sweetheart Show & Shine on February 16, 2020. They gave out top 10 awards, and we received one. The show was a Youngtown Community Fund. We have lots of fun driving the T-Bird around town to go for ice-cream or to meeting

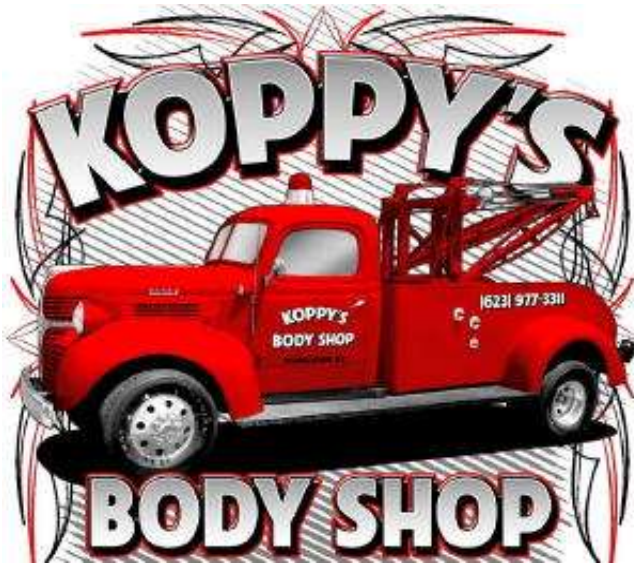
Karen won a Top 10 Award at the Sweetheart Show & Shine in Youngtown on 2/16/2020.



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