



The Windshield View

January 2021
Newsletter

Verna Simmons has decided that she can no longer do the newsletter so we are looking for a volunteer who is interested in taking it over. We have a basic layout which can be edited in MS Word or if you have a favorite software, such as Publisher, you may use that. If you have questions and/or are interested please call me 509-430-1625.

So maybe if somebody more computer capable does this we wouldn't have all of this wasted space.



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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.

Cruise-In at Peoria and 107th – The corner of 107th and Peoria. (Across from Fairway. Every Friday at 4:00 pm.

2021

February 11th —Thursday - 11:00 AM

Dwarf Car Museum Tour

52954 W Halfmoon Road, Maricopa, AZ

Leave the VVSC Shop at 9:30 – maps/directions will be available

February 12 – Friday – 5:30 Movie night at Menke Funeral Home

103rd and Coggins (SW Corner) building on back of the lot

“American Graffiti” - seating for 20 – RSVP to reserve a spot - \$2.00 donation

February 14, 2021 - Sunday – 4:30 PM

Valentine's Day Early Dinner

The Horny Toad Restaurant in Cave Creek, 6738 E. Cave Creek Road

Leave the VVSC Shop parking lot at 3:30 pm - route maps will be available

February 22nd – Saturday

Tour of Penske Racing Museum

7125 E. Chauncey Lane, Phoenix

Leave the VVSC parking lot at 10 AM

February 26th – Friday – 5:30 Movie night at Menke Funeral Home

103rd and Coggins (SW Corner) building on back of the lot

seating for 20 – RSVP to reserve a spot - \$2.00 donation

Movie title announcement pending

March 6th - Saturday - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Trilogy Roadrunners Annual Car Show

27980 N Trilogy Blvd., Peoria

Online registration starts Jan. 1 at www.trilogyroadrunners.com

March 14th, 2021 - Sunday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

VVSC Car cruise in and display

Cross Church in Surprise

17475 W. Bell Road, Surprise (near the 303)

\$10.00 donation and BRING CANNED FOOD for the Church's Food Bank

Food Vendors on site

Note: Cars need to be in place by 8:30 am

April 10th – Saturday 11:00 am

Sanderson Ford Museum Tour

6400 N. 51st Ave., Glendale, AZ

Leave the VVSC parking lot area at 10:30 am.

Lunch at “Kiss the Cook” nearby (4915 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale)

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

From the Nut Behind the Wheel!

Greetings again, I hope this finds you all well and steering clear of COVID. There is always a lot going on with your Vintage Vehicles Club.

As of the 30th of January, we have over 196 members who have paid their 2021 dues, Thank you!

By now you have probably received a letter from the board and me offering an opportunity to be a club Benefactor. By the way, in case you didn't understand, "Lifetime Membership" which is part of becoming a Benefactor means, *no more annual dues!* I am happy to report that within a couple of days we have already had a good number of people step up to the plate and submit their checks. [REDACTED] Wow, we sure have some generous people in our club. *Thank you for your support!*

VP Ed Gordon, VP Troy Janicki and Don Puetz and I were able to meet with RCSC officials and the construction manager with the contractor building our new shop facility. Timing was perfect as the electrical contractor was busy hanging outlet boxes and we were able to have a few added to the plan as well as setting the height up at 48" rather than 24" as specified. We also were successful in adding some power and so we could put at least one of our four post lifts in the weld shop. If you have travelled through the Grand Center lot to check out the progress you have probably



noticed that the doors are kind of short. Not to worry they will be 16' square soon. All involved felt that the meeting was a great success and we were invited back in a couple of weeks to see how things are progressing. Troy has since had another meeting onsite with the Contractor and Architect and there are other



good things coming from that meeting.

Please keep checking the events page for the most current information on upcoming opportunities to enjoy our hobby. The first Friday movie night was a success with 16 people enjoying Ford vs Ferrari. Next will be American Graffiti. Next month we have a couple of nights reserved and one of the shows will likely be Gone in 60 Seconds.

There are also more "Vehicle Related" museum tours coming up.

Some members are coordinating with Cross Church in Surprise which wishes to host a car show. Accounting for social spacing their parking lot can accommodate about 100 cars. This event is scheduled for Sunday, March 14 from 9:00am to

1:00pm. We should be in and parked by 8:30am. Sign up at the shop or contact Alan Lund 248-496-9844 or alund@corebms.com.

Club Monitor Program

Our shop is scheduled to be open from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday as well as 8:00am to Noon on Saturdays, and as you know, we can't operate without monitors. Recently we have been able to be open all mornings M-F, a few afternoons but very few Saturdays. Regarding Saturdays, remember though you or I aren't still gainfully employed, many of our members are and we would like to be able to offer them an opportunity to enjoy the hobby too. With that in mind we would love have the ability to operate some evening shifts for these people too. Please consider giving the club some time monitoring so we may be open for members to utilize the shop.

Because of the new shop size, monitor time will become even more important when it opens. Also because of the size, there may be a need for more than two monitors to operate safely. These issues are being considered by your board and If you have suggestions how to accomplish this please feel free to contact one of us, preferably in writing as memories aren't what they used to be.

The board is also considering annual minimums of service time to use the club facilities. Notice that I didn't say only monitoring minimums and to that end, service could mean work on club shop projects such as time spent on the club project truck, repair to or maintenance of club equipment. For example, one member recently spent parts of a few days repairing and upgrading our media blast cabinet. See Kevin for projects that the club could use your help on.

Thank You

Les Litz

The Vintage Wild Hogs and Vintage Desert Dirt Eaters have been having a great time on and off the pavement.







Welcome New Members:

Ted Johnson
Doug Porter
Rita Riley
Glen and Patsy Rainey
Rob Krawtschuk
Margaret Atterbury

Submit newsletter articles and pictures to: chiefles53@yahoo.com.

Favorite Recipes

Thank you Joe Warfel.



I will need recipes for future newsletters. Please email to chiefles53@yahoo.com

Martin Auto Museum Tour







I want to thank those that provided articles and pictures for the Newsletter – Connie Sherman, Don Ahrens, Ed Gordon, Tim Shelton. *Les Litz*

Builders Corner

Just a “Flivver” - Now in Don Ahrens possession.

Defined as an “old battered car” by many. This HCR build came from a combination of the Star of Milwaukee”, the 1908 Sears Model G” and a picture in an old Mechanics Illustrated Magazine, possibly a Jimmy Woods.

The build began 15 or 20 years ago with soap stone lines on the garage floor. The square tubing is a bit bigger with a thicker wall, GM Diesel wrist pins and CAT bolts make the king pins and bosses. Two Chicago Rawhide seals and blue silicone sealer allows a transfer case from an old lawn tractor to stand up and accept power from a thirteen horse Honda horizontal engine. The tapered end of the crankshaft was removed. Two transaxles from derelict old lawn tractors: 5 forwards + N + R which was shifted in a straight line, and 3 + R, in an “H” pattern. An intermediate “jack shaft” between the engine and transaxle made adjusting pulley sizes easier, without needing too large a pulley, in any one place. 3 speed and brakes are for go-karts by Northern. Discs



are welded to Tractor Supply sprocket hubs and calipers activated by rods with adjusting clevises on the ends.

The final drive sprockets are welded to the wheel hubs and a stub extends the transaxle shaft to proper width to match axle width. A collar with a keyway in it was cut from a tractor drive wheel and welded to a stub shaft.

Clutch action is by a belt tightener. An idler mounted on a swing arm is pulled up by a cable hooked to a handle by the left side of seat. The brakes are activated by the long handle outside of clutch handle. The steering tiller rides in "Jimmy Diesel" (71- series) blower bearings, mounted in oak blocks bored to fit. The axle nuts are cotter-keyed through holes drilled in the "Cat" bolts. A #40 drive chain is used.

After Ted's passing in July, the family contacted Don to "place" the Flivver in good hands and under his care as the new owner. A trip to Springfield IL would be



"happening" to pick up the Flivver and take possession so miles were traveled in the van in hopes of taking it apart and getting it all here easily. After discovering it would need a trailer, \$380 purchase of lumber (to build a protective box) and a trailer hitch for

the van, the journey to AZ was accomplished. Upon arrival and assessment, a pulley and "kill" switch were needed. Don was getting too old for jumping off the Flivver to raise the hood to stop the car before it ran into the garage wall. We've had the pleasure of seeing it on Halloween weekend and hope to see it in March at the Cross Church cruise in.

A shy unspoken Don Ahrens was brought out of his shell by Ted Clark the owner and builder of this Flivver. Sadly, Ted got Don started at pulling tricks on colleagues to bring him out of his shyness. Not sure it was a healthy change in Don Ahrens but we love him anyway. (Smile)

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