



# *The Windshield View*

October 2021

## Did you know?

The man who invented cruise control was blind. His name was Ralph Teetor, and he was inspired to invent cruise control by his lawyer, who was apparently a very poor driver.

## The Behind the Wheel

As many of us are returning to our winter roosts and all are looking to get into the fall/winter show and shop scene I want to say welcome back.

Connie and I were two of the cowards who fled the summer heat but are now back and getting in the swing of things. The shop is even better than I expected and very busy with projects. One of the things I love about

this club is the variety of both people and vehicular projects they have. We did have a first car show of the year at Sun Dial with about 30 club cars participating on a beautiful Sun City day.

Please note a change of date for our November general meeting at Lakeview Social Hall 1&2. It will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the week before due to a conflict with another club.

There are a few operational changes in the works for the shop which will enhance both safety and spread out the responsibilities from one or two people to at least three. One item we are considering due to the physical size of the facility is three or four monitors. Since one needs to be staffing the check-in area and can't see or be paying attention to the whole mechanical shop plus the outdoor area plus the weld shop more eyes are needed. Please be eager to take the training and volunteer your time to monitor so we can operate safely.

New shop=new rules=new training. Yes, you probably did do the safety/monitor training at the old shop and now you are not being discriminated against by having to take the training for the new shop. We are all required to go through the training and serve at least once before we are able to operate in the shop. In addition to this basic training there is also specific training for each specialty tool such as the tire changer, wheel/tire balancer, vehicle lifts, lathes, media blast cabinet, welders, etc. Tools boxes and any specialty tools which are not in the basic boxes will be checked out through the desk monitor.

Officer and Director elections for 2022 are coming up with all positions open every year. Glen Mester (217-415-9326 or [glen@mesterfamily.com](mailto:glen@mesterfamily.com)) has assembled a nominating committee to present a slate of candidates. Of particular need are Annual Show Director, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These members have indicated a need to leave the position as of the first of the year. If you are or know of someone who may be willing to step up and help the club, please ask them to contact Glen or his nominating committee.

We do have the Sun Bowl parking lot reserved for our annual "Spring Fling" sanctioned car show event on March 5, 2022. There are discussions of scaling back on parts of the event in order to make it less stressful and more fun for our members who spend so many hours making this show a success. This year we have

access to the dance floor and stage and are negotiating with DJs to provide an opportunity to “Shing-a-Ling and Boog-a-loo”! This has been a big fundraiser for us so please offer to help in any way you can.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October we held our first Potluck in the new shop. It was a rousing success with approximately 88 participants. Lots of great dishes were brought to share with the members. This was one of the first opportunities for some members and their spouses to see for themselves why our members like to spend so much time there. This will be an ongoing event the last Tuesday of each month with November being the 30<sup>th</sup>, a few days after Thanksgiving. Hope you aren’t going to be turkeyed out as a couple of us are going to be smoking turkeys for this potluck. **See Ya There!**

## WELCOME BACK!



Some of the members who attended the potluck at the new VVSC shop.

## Cheers, Tears and Pit Stops

Please keep your ears open and if you hear of one of our members suffering or celebrating some life event (e.g., operations or hospitalizations please contact one of these ladies and they will run with it!

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- Nancy Oyler, 480-558-6717, or nancynascar@outlook.com

### Cheers



We both won top 20 at Fury Motors Car Show Stillwater Mn. That is Jeff

- ✓ Clinton Pigg has improved and is home from the hospital!
- ✓ Len and Moneita Kalas are moving to Prescott November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Below is their new address if you would like to keep in touch or visit. 1030 Scott Dr. C-11 Prescott, AZ 86301

### Tears

- ✓ Bud Heinz original President of club is moving to Desert Winds at 101st & Beardsley next week.
- ✓ He is ok but failing eyesight & other issues caused him to move now.

### Pit Stops

- ✓ Troy's back is all healed up , but he is still in a lot of pain. There are additional complications and he is trying to work through it.
- ✓ Al Janicki is at home working on his balance issues and will continue treatment. He is waiting to get injections for back pain.

## Events

### *Ongoing VVSC Events:*

Sundays	Cruise In	99 <sup>th</sup> and Thunderbird	10 am - 1 pm
Tuesdays	Breakfast	Mercer's Restaurant	7 am
Wednesdays	Cruise In	McDonalds 99 <sup>th</sup> & Bell	4 pm
Thursdays	Breakfast	George's- Thunderbird	7 am
Friday	Cruise In	108 <sup>th</sup> & Grand	4:30 pm

### *Planned VVSC Events:*

Tuesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck	VVSC Shop	5 - 8 pm
Monday, Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies Lunch	Shanghai Grill in Peoria	Noon
Saturday, Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Car Show	99 <sup>th</sup> & Bell	9 am - noon
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Lakeview</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Saturday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Car Show	99 <sup>th</sup> & Bell	2 pm to 5 pm
Friday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Car Show	99 <sup>th</sup> and Bell	2 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL PARTY	Fairway Center	6PM - 8 PM
Mid January (tbd)	Grand Opening	VVSC shop	Stay tuned
Friday, February 4	Car Show Marinette	99 <sup>th</sup> and Union Hills	2 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show	Sun Bowl	9 am to ?
Sunday, March 20 (tbc)	Car Show/Cruise In	17475 W Bell Road, Surprise	9 am to 1 pm

### *Area Car Shows:*

Saturday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	ARC Car Show	Beardsley Rec Center (SCW)	11am - 3pm
Saturday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ventana Lakes Show	109 <sup>th</sup> & Beardsley, (SCW)	10am - 2 pm
<i>*Call Tracy Tauscher 623-566-6001 Events@vitoa.org</i>			
Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fire it UP Car Show	16101N. 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., Peoria	9 am - 1 pm <u><i>Register</i></u>
<i>*www.pffc.org/fireitupregistration</i>			
Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Toys 4 Tots Car Show	3020 W Wickenburg Way, Wickenburg	9 am - 1:30 pm
Saturday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	VFW Post Car Show	10651 W Olive Ave., Peoria	10 am to 1 pm,
<i>*Entry Fee Registration form: arizonacarshows.com</i>			
Saturday, February 12	ARC Large Car Show	19803 R H Johnson Blvd., Sun City West	TBA
<i>*Entry Fee and early morning start</i>			



**Photos from Fathers Day Cruise (June 22)**



Frank Pozdolski



Gary Senter



David Cochran



Stacey and Deb Benson



Denny Lockman



Don & Yvonne Ahren



Gary Osier



Glen Mester

## Featured Wheels

### Franco's Pandemic Project



Every one of us has an obsession with some vehicle or vehicles. That's who we are. But what do we do when a worldwide pandemic hits? What happens to our pursuit of the dream vehicle? Do we hit pause? If you ask Franco Candelise that question his answer would be no way. Go big or go small. So Franco went small... He built a 1/3 scale lookalike of a Mini Moke from scratch. He built a what??? Well before getting into details of the build, perhaps we should have a British car history lesson.

The Mini Moke (shown below) is a small, front-wheel-drive utility and recreational convertible, manufactured and marketed originally by British Motor Corporation (BMC), and subsequently marketed under the Austin, Morris and Leyland brands. Mini Moke is British slang for mule. This vehicle was originally marketed as a military vehicle starting in 1964 but was ultimately produced as a civilian vehicle in various countries up until 1993. The chassis less design was super simple incorporating two pontoon-like hollow body panels with solid beams connected to the floor. Only three body parts were curved so it was easy to make new body components without sophisticated machinery. The Mini Moke used small engines ranging in size from 750cc to 1275cc and manual 4 speed transmissions. Now back to the build.



At the start of the pandemic Franco was in between projects and getting bored. He had restored and sold several mini mokes in the past so he thought why not build a scaled down lookalike from scratch. Over the course of the pandemic he made or acquired parts that he combined into his mini mini moke creation. He fabricated all the body panels, the frame, steering components, wheel hubs, brake components and many other parts. During the project Franco discovered he hates Bondo work (don't we all) so his friend Lenny stepped in and did a fabulous job on that part. **THANKS LENNY!!!** Franco mounted a Harbor Freight engine to the frame and connected it to a live axle from a mobility scooter with a chain and centrifugal clutch set up. While Franco's mini mini moke does not have a speedometer he estimates it has a top speed of about 45 MPH.

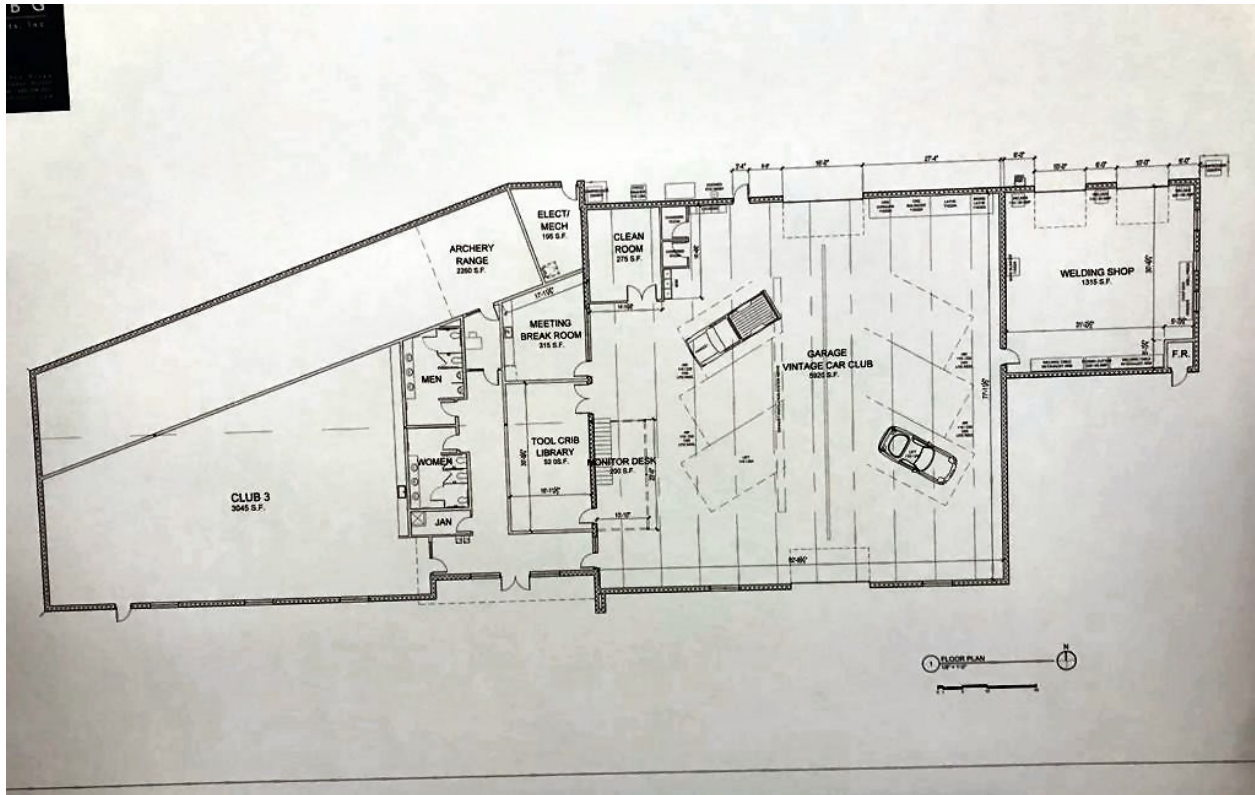
As we speak Franco is restoring an old Harley Davidson three wheel golf cart adding a trailer hitch and trailer to tow the mini mini moke with.





## Shop Talk

The new shop is open for business! Thanks to everyone who made the move possible.



The architects drawing shows the five main indoor areas including The Tool Crib, Meeting room, Clean room, Welding shop with one lift, Main floor garage with three lifts. The new shop has several improved capabilities including a large media blast booth, new air compressor unit with drops at all work stations, a three axis milling machine, a room dedicated to engine rebuilding and upholstery equipment. In addition, there are several covered outdoor bays available for projects. It is absolutely amazing and I highly recommend stopping by for a tour.





Engine rebuilds abound



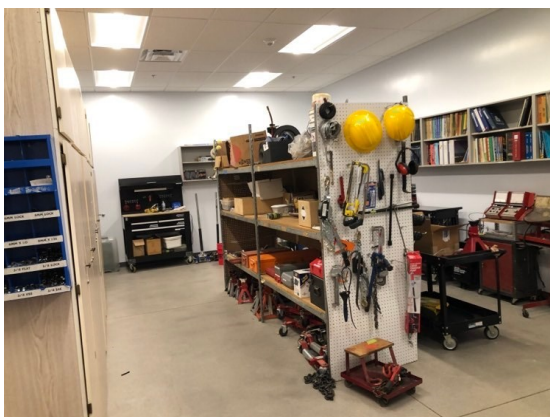
The monitor station being monitored



A view from the balcony



The new fabrication shop



The new tool crib



Members and friends “discuss” the ride destination

## Trivial Pursuit

(A column dedicated to those who love trivia and cars. Answers will be posted in the shop)

1. In which country are the most Rolls Royce products manufactured?
  - a. Bulgaria
  - b. United Kingdom
  - c. USA
  - d. China
2. Which Ford car model sold more than one million units in 1965 setting a record?
  - a. Pinto
  - b. Mustang
  - c. Thunderbird
  - d. Vega
3. Who designed the Volkswagen Beetle?
  - a. Ferdinand Porsche
  - b. Adolf Hitler
  - c. Sigmund Freud
  - d. John Lennon
4. 19. What is the name of the 1984 Pontiac Trans Am, which co-stars with David Hasselhoff in *Knight Rider*?
  - a. Lit
  - b. Sit
  - c. Kitt
  - d. Bit
5. The first automobile race in the US had a top speed of:
  - a. 36 mph
  - b. 22 mph
  - c. 10 mph
  - d. 15 mph

## Recipes

lessen special: Ingredients appetite, phone, transportation and credit card. Instructions: Dial restaurant number and provide name and arrival time. Use transportation to travel to restaurant. Use appetite to decide on menu selection and portions. Finish by swiping valid credit card. Use transportation to return to your clean kitchen. (No clean up required) This recipe may take many attempts to perfect so be patient with yourself! (BTW – eating out in Luxembourg is called lessen)

### You've got to be joking<sup>1</sup>

(Dedicated to some of our favorite car jokes and corny ones as well)

1. While driving to work, robbers jumped into my car and stole everything. They were pirates of the car I be in.
2. Why did Elon Musk go broke? Because his car insurance rates were astronomical!
3. My wife came home yesterday and said, "Honey, the car won't start, but I know what the problem is." I asked her what it was and she told me it had water in the carburettor. I thought for a moment, then said, "You know I don't mean this badly, but you're not mechanically inclined. You don't know the carburettor from the radiator." "No, there's definitely water in the carburettor," she insisted. "Ok, honey, that's fine, I'll just go take a look. Where is it?" "In the lake."
4. Finding a woman sobbing because she had locked her keys in the car, a passing soldier from Boston assures her that he can help. She watches amazed as he takes off his trousers, rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door. Magically it opens. "That's so clever!" the woman exclaims. "How did you do that?" "Easy," replied the soldier, "These are my khakis."
5. A man is washing his car with his son...after a while the boy says to his Father Dad, why can't we just use a sponge?
6. Two police officers crash their car into a tree. After a moment of silence, one of them says: Wow, that's got to be the fastest we've ever gotten to an accident site.
7. I saved a bunch of money on my car insurance by switching to ... reverse and leaving the scene
8. A senior citizen called her husband during his drive home. "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 90, Please be careful!" Herman said, "It's not just one car. There's hundreds of them!"

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<sup>1</sup> Have a special joke you want to share – Send it to [Jfast24895@aol.com](mailto:Jfast24895@aol.com)

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