



Did you know?

The name of the VW Beetle that was originally sold in the US was "The Victory Wagon".

## The Behind the Wheel

First off, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to those who have been consistently participating in the shop monitor program. Without volunteers to monitor your shop won't be open. These winter months are a great time for you to get some projects going at your shop, but for that to happen your club needs YOU to sign up for some monitor shifts. There have been days where the shop is closed due to lack of volunteer monitors so you may not be able to work on your project. At our December 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting, it was decided to require each of us to volunteer for one shift a month in order to qualify to use the shop to work on or help with projects in the shop. This is similar to other clubs requiring monitors for safety reasons. You can also fill this requirement by signing up as a shadow monitor (with someone else who can answer most questions).

Thanks to our volunteer monitors the shop use for November was 895-member sign ins. Wow that is way more than anyone ever expected. According to VVSC lore, when the originators of the club first started the process to form a club, RCSC said you'll never get 25 people interested. Here we sit with 443 members for 2021. Well done, people! Let's keep it going.

Work is underway on our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Car Show scheduled for Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Sun Dial Sun Bowl. Much help will be needed to pull this off in the manner you will be proud of. Please contact Paul Graham (530-306-6920) or Alan Lund (248-496-9844) to offer your assistance. The registration forms for the show are available either on the website or at the shop.

It is time for me to provide the sermon on the amount. Your dues (\$25 individual) are due.

RCSC will be having a "soft" grand opening for the Grand Recreation Center from 9am to 12am on January 14, 2022. Ed Gordon is planning the displays of a variety of vehicles.

Since last spring we have enjoyed a relationship with the great people at Sol Flower Dispensary and Café holding Sunday car shows in their parking lot. Sol Flower has contributed more than \$800 in equipment to your shop. They have CBD and THC products plus a wonderful little café serving amazing sandwiches and coffee drinks. We are no longer meeting there on Sundays but please enjoy the products and food they offer.

The club also has members who arrange ATV/UTV and motorcycle rides; membership in the VVSC is not required. The ATV/UTV riders ride on Monday mornings and the motorcycle “gang” ride on Thursday mornings. If you have a UTV or ATV and want to ride with us give me a call at 509-430-1625 and I will get you on the text message list for the next ride. If you have a street legal motorbike either talk with Ed Gordon or show up at the shop Thursday morning by 9:00 am. Neither group discriminates based on what brand you ride; even Hondas that run on diesel are allowed.

Thank you to Rich and Jan Mock for leading us on the Christmas lights cruise followed by sweets, ugly sweaters and fellowship at the shop.

Speaking of the shop our monthly potlucks get together has been very popular. The next one will be *“Taco Tuesday”* on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December at 5:00 pm at the shop. Please bring taco stuff or other Mexican style dishes to share with the others. Desserts are always appreciated. We will also invite new members into the fabricating shop to meet with the club officers. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions about your shop.

Regarding general meetings, our next one will be 1:00pm Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at Lakeview Social Halls 1&2. This will be a somewhat abbreviated meeting as one of our long-time members Herb Carson, is having a birthday party starting at 1:30 at Marinette center.

Wherever you are at this time of year, I hope you are able to enjoy the season with some family members.

Thanks from the “Nut Behind the Wheel”!!

Les Litzenberger  
509-430-1625

## 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! Yvonne Ahrens, 217-899-7842, or y.ahrens@gmail.com ; Marilyn Miller, 509-279-4952, or bob-marilyn@q.com or Nancy Oyler, 480-558-6717, or nancynascar@outlook.com

### Cheers

Birthday cheers go out to the following VVSC members:

December: Nancy Oyler, Herb Carson, Len Kalas, Gwen Casura and Holly Kutner

### Tears

**There will be a Celebration of Life for Jerry Oyler on Saturday, January 8, 2022 starting at 11:00 AM at the Lakeview United Methodist Church on the corner of Thunderbird and 103 Ave. Nancy has requested that everyone drive their vintage vehicles to the church.**

### Pit Stops

Continued thoughts & prayers go out to Verna Simmons as she goes thru treatment  
Troy Janicki is awaiting an MRI proceeding additional back surgery hopefully by end of year

Al Janicki continues doing strength therapy. His balance issues are improving.

Ron Whitney is recovering from hip surgery and doing well

Richard Marone is recuperating from heart surgery

Larry Duvanel is hospitalized for heart problems

**Welcome New Members - December 2021 New Members**

Kari	Albers
Jack	DeGroot
Robert	Fishman
Delmer	Friesen
Kenneth	Griese
Michael	Harken
Johnny & Kathie	Kinsley
Richard	Krenzien
Gerald	Mellis
Eldon & Ellen	Nielsen
Steve	Phillips
Sue	Rice
Joe	Sanders
Bob	Tuttle

**Club Announcements**

Western Bank, our club bank and a sponsor for our car show will donate \$100 to our car club if members open an account or apply for a loan. Be sure to mention you are a club member.

Western Bank is located behind McDonalds at 10050 W. Bell Road.

Goodyear Tire at 11542 W Bell in Surprise is the clubs new tire sponsor.

**Events**

**VVSC Recurring Events:**

Tuesdays	Mercer’s Restaurant	Breakfast	7 am
Wednesdays	McDonalds 99 <sup>th</sup> & Bell	Cruise In	4 pm
Thursdays	George’s- Thunderbird	Breakfast	7 am
Fridays	108 <sup>th</sup> & Grand	Cruise In	4:30 pm

**VVSC Special Events:**

Tuesday, December 28	Taco Tuesday	VVSC Shop	5 pm
Friday, January 7	Car Show	Bell Center	2 to 5 pm
Saturday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Party	Fairway	6 to 8 pm
Mid-January	VVSC open house	Details forthcoming	
Friday, February 4	Car Show	Marinette Center	2 to 5 pm
Saturday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Car Show	Sun Bowl	9am to ?
Sunday, March 20 (???)	Car Show & Cruise In	Cross Church	9am to ?

**Area Car Shows:**

Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fire it UP Car Show	Peoria	9am to 1 pm
	*Register * <a href="http://www.pffc.org/fireitupregisration">www.pffc.org/fireitupregisration</a>		
Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Toys for Tots Car Show	Wickenburg	9am to 1:30pm
Saturday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	VFW Posts 6310 Car Show	Peoria	10 am to 1 pm
Saturday, February 12	ARC Large Car Show	Sun City West	Early morning start

\*Entry Fee and early morning start

**Check the VVSC website for the latest details**

## Shop Talk



What is Dave Crose up to now? Well, he recently bought a Triumph Spitfire (car not plane) that has been sitting unused for 30 years and he is meticulously rebuilding the 1600 cc 4-cylinder engine in the VVSC shop. Having worked on Triumph motorcycles I was kidding him about the Lucas electronics that seem to have three settings; Dim, Flicker and Off. Of course, Dave has already cleaned every electrical connection in order to eliminate the flicker setting. Can't wait to see the final product!

Skip Towhill installed a new transmission in his 1963 Oldsmobile Jetfire and is ready to roll. The original Jetfire was powered by a 215cid V8 fitted with a Garrett turbocharger that raised horsepower to 215 and torque to 300 pound-feet. The engine was one of the few at the time to produce one horsepower per cubic inch. The model was only produced in 1962 and 1963.



Dan Chopp has begun the process of building a custom golf cart. He is starting with a 1990 club car and replacing chassis parts.

Club members are needed to help finish the club truck which will hopefully be offered for sale at the Spring Fling Car Show. Contact Jim Moren (253,732-1475) to find out how you can help the club push this project over the finish line.



*Wind Therapy*



Bob Duchene, Miles Sidener, John Fast, Mike Elliot, Ed Gordon and Ron Atkinson at the Dwarf Car Museum

Ed Gordon led a group of motorcycle riders on a wild adventure to a place few of us had heard of: The Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa. According to the museum's website "Ernie Adams, originator of the dwarf car, has made a name for himself building Dwarf Race Cars and scaled down replicas of classic cars called Dwarf Car Cruisers." As Ernie explained it to me it all began when he saw an abandoned refrigerator sitting next to a tire swing and thought, I could make a small car out of that. And so he did. And thus began a life-long pursuit of making miniature road worthy classic cars and race cars from scratch. Ernie takes scrap sheet metal and forms it into fairly exact replicas of cars based on measurements he takes from pictures of the cars. The final products are amazing. On our adventure, Ron Atkinson asked to get into one of the cars (which he did) but we found it very entertaining watching Ron get OUT OF THE CAR... One cyclist (name withheld upon request) also ran very low on gas and discovered that a Honda can run for a distance on a mixture of diesel and gas. Long Story... The museum is well worth the visit.



## Recipes

### Boston Cream Pie by Betty Crocker<sup>1</sup>

#### Ingredients

- A. Cream Filling ; 2 eggs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/8 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons vanilla
- B. Cake: 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour or 1 1/2 cups cake flour, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1/3 cup butter, room temperature, 3/4 cup milk, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 large egg
- C. Chocolate Icing: 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, 3 oz unsweetened baking chocolate, 3 to 4 tablespoons water, 1 cup powdered sugar, 3/4 teaspoon vanilla

#### Steps

1. Place an egg separator over a small bowl. Crack open 1 egg over the egg separator to separate the yolk from the white; then separate the other egg. (Save the whites for another recipe.) In a small bowl, place the yolks. Beat the egg yolks with a fork or wire whisk until mixed. Stir in 1 1/2 cups milk; set aside.
2. In a 2-quart saucepan, stir 1/3 cup granulated sugar, the cornstarch and 1/8 teaspoon salt until mixed. Gradually stir egg mixture into sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute; remove from heat. Stir in 2 teaspoons vanilla. Press plastic wrap on surface of filling to prevent a tough layer from forming on top. Refrigerate at least 2 hours until set but no longer than 24 hours. While filling is chilling, continue with recipe.
3. Heat the oven to 350°F. Spray just the bottom of a 9-inch round cake pan with baking spray with flour.
4. In a large bowl, beat all cake ingredients with an electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, stopping frequently to scrape batter from side and bottom of bowl with a rubber spatula.

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<sup>1</sup> From Betty Crocker website – The editor's favorite cake



Beat on high speed 3 minutes, stopping occasionally to scrape bowl. Pour batter into the pan; use a rubber spatula to scrape batter from bowl, spread batter evenly in pan and smooth top of batter.

5. Bake about 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a cooling rack 20 minutes, then remove onto cooling rack to finish cooling completely, about 1 hour.
6. In a 1-quart saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons butter and the chocolate over low heat, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, in 1-cup glass measuring cup, microwave the water uncovered on High 15 to 30 seconds or until hot. Remove chocolate mixture from heat. Stir in the powdered sugar and 3/4 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 3 tablespoons hot water. Stir in additional water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until icing is smooth and thin enough to spread.
7. To split cake horizontally in half, mark middle points around side of cake with toothpicks. Using toothpicks as a guide, cut through the cake with a long, sharp knife, using a back-and-forth motion. On a serving plate, place bottom layer with the cut side up. Spread filling over bottom layer. Top with top of cake, cut side down.
8. Spread glaze over top of cake, using a metal spatula or back of a spoon, letting some glaze drizzle down side of cake. Refrigerate uncovered until serving. Store any remaining cake covered in the refrigerator.
9. Send slice to shop for Newsletter editor to taste test. Be sure to label slice for News Letter editor only!

# Featured Wheels

## “Two Shay”



Herb Carson and Kevin Coleman in front of the “Two Shays”

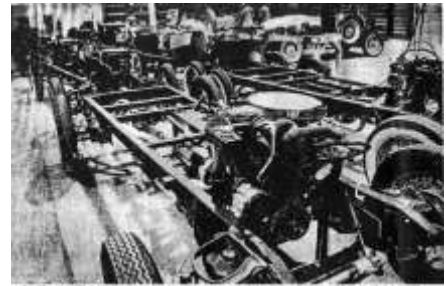
It all started when Herb Carson was on vacation in Florida in the 1980s. Being forever on the lookout for interesting vehicles, Herb noticed a bright yellow Model A on display in a local Ford dealership and stopped by. He checked out the car and a bond began to form. That bond was quickly broken when the salesman told him the price to order one was north of \$10,000 (with up to a year’s wait for delivery) so Herb returned home to Iowa without a “new old car” knowing he would find one someday.

In 2012, thirty-two years after first spotting a Shay, a Model A: 500 Super Deluxe Roadster became available and Herb bought it. The car, production number 1384, was originally sold to Culver Motors in Culver California and purchased by Vern Ederer of Gardena California on March 21, 1980. At about the same time as acquiring the Super Deluxe Herb owned a Studebaker combined with an El Camino which a neighbor had been admiring. His neighbor happened to own a Deluxe Roadster and proposed a trade for the “StudeCamino”. Herb thought the Deluxe was in better shape than his StudeCamino and took the trade in 2015.

One day in 2019 Herb had his Super Deluxe in the VVSC shop and Kevin was admiring the “kah”. Herb mentioned he had two and one was for sale. Kevin had been looking for a functional classic “kah” that he did not have to sell his left kidney to buy or spend five years scrounging for parts. He also wanted something he could spend more time driving around in than towing to the VVSC shop. As explained below the Shay reproduction was built and warranted by Ford and then customized by Shay so it was a perfect fit. A deal was done, a check was written and Kevin got the “kahkis” from Herb.

### The Shay Story<sup>2</sup>

Back in the day long after the production of the Model A had ceased, a former GM auto engineer named Harry Shay approached Ford Motor company with the idea to build a replica of the original Model A using modern Ford mechanical parts from the Pinto (and later from the Falcon). The cars would be built and displayed in Ford show rooms (and of course offered for sale) as a way to get customers into the showroom. Ford agreed to the idea and waived its patent rights so Harry could begin production. His plan was to have teams of four assemble the cars and produce 10,000 a year. Harry started taking orders in 1978. In April of 1979, Harry and his 12 employees finally found an assembly plant in Battle Creek Michigan. By that time, he had orders totaling \$20M but had only built two prototypes. And you think today’s supply chain backlog is bad. The first Shay rolled out of the factory in August 1979. In the spring of 1980 Shay finally created a production line as opposed to the team assembly concept. By March of 1980 the 1,000th roadster came off the assembly line and in June 1980 the 2,000th roadster came off the line. In September 1980, Shay raised the price to cover increased costs. While Shay had been an automotive engineer at GM and had several patents with his name on them, including the self-locking shoulder seatbelt mechanism, his foray into producing cars didn’t go well.



By May of 1982 legal and financial problems forced Shay to discontinue production, lay off its 312 workers and file for bankruptcy. The firm was bought out of bankruptcy by Camelot motors which produced the Model A and other models until 1986.

The Shay Model A appeared in the 2001 film Pearl Harbor according to the Shay Owners club website.

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<sup>2</sup> A special thanks to the Shay Owners Club of America which published the history of the Shay.



Interior of Kevin (Right) and Herb's (Left) Kevin's dash name plate reads "Get in, Sit Down, Shut Up and Hang On"

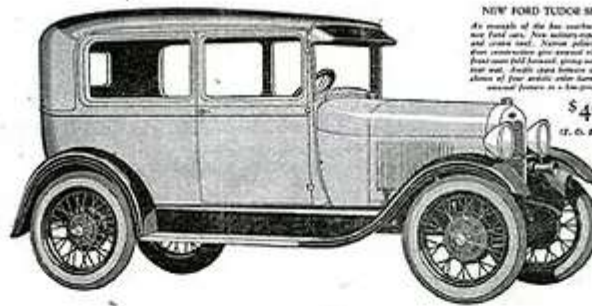


The wheels on the deluxe are painted whereas the Super Deluxe has chrome spokes



Kevin and Herb get ready to race at the December Bell Car Show





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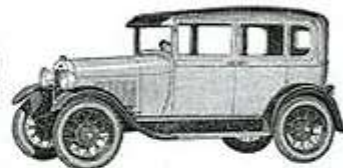
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| Searcher                        | Dashlight           |
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\$395

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**FORD MOTOR COMPANY**  
Detroit, Michigan

## Trivial Pursuit<sup>3</sup>

(A column dedicated to those who love trivia and cars. Answers below)

1. The model A was introduced by Ford in what year?
  - a. 1915
  - b. 1916
  - c. 1917
  - d. 1927
2. What car did the Model A replace?
  - a. The Mustang
  - b. The Studebaker
  - c. The Model T
  - d. The Duisenberg
3. How many colors was the Model T offered in?
  - a. Three
  - b. Four
  - c. One
  - d. Six
4. According to Ford, what was the top speed of a Model A?
  - a. 25 to 35 mph
  - b. 80 to 90 mph
  - c. 55 to 65 mph
  - d. Over 100 mph
5. Which one of the below was used as an advertising slogan to sell the Model A?
  - a. This car gets an A in every category
  - b. This is not your grandfather's Ford
  - c. Henry made Lizzie a lady
  - d. It's the only car for the "A-lister"

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<sup>3</sup> Answers 1 d; 2 c; 3 c; 4 c 5 c

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