



It is once again time to share a few thoughts from the Nut Behind the Wheel!

Many of us attended the Memorial January 8th for good friend/member Jerry Oyler and later that evening the club's anniversary party at Fairway Rec. Center. Four members; Yvonne Ahrens, Thom Kron, Kevin Cole and Ed Gordon were presented Board awarded Lifetime Membership service appreciation plaques. Good meals and fellowship were had by all. Thank you, Denny Lockmon and many others for your efforts to make this an evening to be remembered.

Spring Fling Car Show -Saturday March 5th

Organization and preparation for the fifth annual Spring Fling is well underway. Paul Graham and Alan Lund are leading the organization and with help from a bunch of others. We have a new major (Gold Level) show sponsor, Sanderson Ford. They are planning to bring a couple of classic cars and a few new cars to check out. Their main show room currently has no new cars but does have about a dozen very nice classic Fords or Mercuries, some original and some resto-mods. In itself that is worth a stop if you are in the area of 51st Ave and Grand. Be sure to sign up early next time a museum tour is announced, it is a must see! Other Sponsors at time of this writing include Koppy's Auto Body in Youngtown (Silver Level), they will also be bringing two classic cars, Western States Bank, Advanced Auto Parts, Jakes Auto Repair, Car Show Tool Box, Goodyear Tire Store Surprise, On the Go Transmission, all Bronze Level. There are others who have expressed interest but as yet have not

committed with \$\$. If you know of other businesses you think may benefit from the exposure the show will bring, please contact Alan or Paul for the literature to present to the business. If you are uncomfortable with contacting the business let Paul or Alan know and one of us will go meet with them.

Membership

We had a great amount of exposure and interest generated at our Open House/Soft Grand Opening. We also had great exposure at the Discover Sun City event at Sundial. Thank you to those who stepped up to help at these events. So far this year we have 30 new members which bring our total membership to 490 members. We have 385 members who are current with dues for 2022.

Covid

Covid or whatever you choose to call it has affected many of our members. Please minimize your exposure to others for a while after you are free of symptoms. No one should bash you for choosing to wear a mask, be tested or inoculated if you feel safer doing so.

Monitoring

Several members and non-members expressed displeasure because they couldn't just join and use all of the shop equipment without completing training and participating in the monitor program. Unfortunately, without monitors trained and serving, the shop will not be open for anyone. This is an insurance requirement. Please sign up for a shift or two. We are always in need of monitors, particularly in the afternoons. Please feel to provide written recommendations and solutions to any club director for better ways to have the club open, safe and fun.

Officers and Directors

Somewhat along those lines, our rules and regulations state that all board positions are open annually for election which takes place in November and December. No member may serve more than three years in office. The three-year limit is in place to ensure fresh ideas are brought to the leadership positions and guard against burnout. Many on your current

board of Officers and Directors are serving their third year in their current positions so this will be an important year for elections.

A Nominating Committee will be formalized in October with the task of filling these positions with active willing members. In the meantime, please look around your circle of friends for members to serve the club, at minimum on this committee. All of the current Officers and Directors agreed to serve initially so they may impact the direction the club has taken. Please consider doing the same even if just for one year. Who knows, you may even like it.

Fun events and other stuff are coming up so pay attention to the reminders being sent out via email or check out the bulletin boards at the shop.

Thanks, Les (aka The Nut) Litzenberger

A Tribute to Jerry Oyler

Member Number 336



(L) Jerry working on his Model A truck (R) Jerry and Nancy at the Sanderson

Ford museum.

Sadly, on November 20th, 2021 Jerry Oyler a long time member of the Vintage Vehicle Club of Sun City passed into heaven. Jerry's beaming smile and mechanical knowledge will be missed by all. Jerry had been a strong and active member for years. In addition to the VVSC Jerry and Nancy belonged to the Model A and Over the Hill Car Clubs. Jerry was also the Curator and Manager of the Adobe Mountain Train Park and Museum for over 20 years.

More than 250 people attended Jerry's beautiful celebration of life. Jerry's daughter Emilee read a wonderful poem she had written about Jerry's love for all thing trains with guidance for following the tracks to heaven.

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

January Birthday cheers go out to the following VVSC members: Carol McDade, John Laurin, Judy Wershing, & Deb Kron.
Troy Janicki is a Grandpa. His daughter Ashley gave birth to a baby girl on Saturday January 22, 2022! Welcome to the world Malia! Congratulations Troy!

Tim & Jo Shelton first grandaughter was born in Montana on December 16th, 2021. Congratulations!

Tears

Warren Clucker one of our original board members (member #5) passed away recently.

Pit Stops

It is virus season and it seems we have some members who have a bug. We are all wishing them a speedy recovery.

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Billington Marcia William **Bishop Benton** Burns Raymond & Charlene Cebulski Rick Chase Joseph Comito Drake Marisa Duncan Kraig Elliott Loyd David **Elmquist** Theresa **Escott** Tom Hall Ron Jonasson Royce Jones John & Lynn Kopatz Colin Kortie Michael Lindberg Susan Marzec Susan Miller Roger Jr. Prior Dennis & Janelle Stone Dan Sullivan Kenneth Swift Gregory & Patti Wann Dave Warner Watson Joe Randy Zens

If you run into any of these new members please give them a warm greeting.

Events

VVSC Recurring Events:

Sundays 99th and Thunderbird Cruise In 10

am to 1 pm

Tuesdays Mercer's Restaurant Breakfast

7 am

Wednesdays Arbys 99th & Bell Cruise In 4 pm

Thursdays George's- Thunderbird Breakfast 7 am Fridays 108th& Grand Cruise In 4:30

pm

VVSC Special Events:

Tuesday Feb. 4 Events meeting 10

am

Friday, Feb. 4 Car Show Marinette Center 2 to 5

pm

Monday, Feb. 7 Ladies Lunch Sicilian Butcher

12 am

Tuesday, Feb. 8 Board Meeting Sonora Room

1 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 9 Air Force Museum Tour Falcon field 1 pm
Tuesday February 15 Membership meeting Lakeview Hall

1&2 1 pm

Wednesday, February 16 Training A. Torches & H. Press Shop

1pm - 3pm

Sunday Feb. 22 Air Show Buckeye Airport 9 am

to 4 pm*

Tuesday, February 22 Shop Potluck Shop

5 pm

Tuesday, March 1 Spring Fling Meeting Sonoran room

10 am

Saturday, March 5th Spring Fling Car Show Sun Bowl 9am to

1pm

Sunday, March 20 (???) Car Show & Cruise In Cross Church

9am to?

Area Car Shows:

Saturday, February 12 ARC Large Car Show Early morning start Sun City West

*entrance fees are required.

Check the VVSC website for the latest details

Annual Party - 2022

Special thanks go out to Denny Lockman and many others for arranging a great annual party which was held on January 8th at the Fairway recreation center. The room was filled almost to capacity with club members and their significant others.







Lifetime memberships were awarded to Ed Gordon, Yvonne Ahrens, Kevin Cole and Thom Kron for their outstanding service to the club.

Shop Talk

Thom Kron, shop foreman, mans the front desk. Thom has indicated that we need members to sign up to be monitors, particularly in the afternoon. Otherwise, there will be days when the shop cannot open due to lack of monitors. The sign in system is being modified so that shop privileges will only be extended to members who have monitored within the last 30 days. Upon sign in the member will be able to see how many more days of privilege, if any, are left until they are required to monitor.





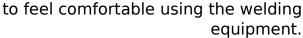
modifications are required.

Gary Osier is making good progress on rebuilding his
Mercury flathead and

is adding air conditioning to the car so some "slight"



Ed Gordon is conducting classes in welding. The sign-up sheet is in the shop. It is an excellent class and covers a lot of what you need to know





Joe Sanders is installing some new springs and shocks on his 1978 Chevy C-10 pick-up truck. While on camera he is smiling

behind the scenes he is experiencing the same pain associated with any restoration project.

This is some serious undercarriage work by Russ Kincaid. John Kaminski is helping out on the project.

Recipes

From Patsy Mester

Mandarin Almond Salad

Ingredients:

4 T. sugar

½ c. slivered almonds

½ c. vegetable oil

2T. vinegar

1T. minced fresh parsley (optional)

½ tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

2 bunches red leaf lettuce (torn)

1 (11-oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained and cut in two

1 sm. red onion, sliced

1 sm. pkg. sugar coated peanuts or ½ c. Bits 'O Brickle almond chips

Directions

In a small skillet, over low heat melt 4 tablespoons of sugar, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Just before serving, combine lettuce, oranges, onion, peanuts or brickle chips and almonds in a large salad bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Yields 8 to 12 servings. Note: I like to pour the dressing mix over the lettuce while it is still warm. It wilts the lettuce a bit.

(Editor's note - This is one of my favorite salads)



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Saturday March 5th, Sun Bowl Grounds 9am to 1pm

Gold Level Sponsors



Silver Level Sponsors



Bronze Level Sponsors

Western States Bank, Advanced Auto Parts, Jakes Auto Repair, Car Show Tool Box, Goodyear Tire Store Surprise, On the Go Transmission

Registration forms are available at the shop. Volunteers are needed to help with parking.

Special Feature Woody

Between the 1920s and 1950s the go to vehicle for utilitarian business and family use was the station wagon. Since automobiles evolved from the old horse drawn wagons, these handy vehicles began to appear with wooden bodies on an automobile frame. The earliest of these were called depot hacks - a designation that was superseded by the term station wagon owing to their common use as a transport from rail stations to the final destinations of the travelers. According to one radio DJ I listen to the name Woody was given to these cars by some California surfers. They acquired these cars from former owners who thought maintaining the wood was a pain so sold them cheap. Since they were long enough to accommodate several surf boards on the top and easy enough to keep kind of running they were ideal surfer vehicles. And you could sleep in them! As you can imagine, one of the most difficult bodies to maintain are made of wood and not many survived. What you may not have realized is how many manufacturers jumped on the "Woody Wagon". But before we turn to the wide variety of Woody's let's take a look at a REAL WOODY with roots in Sun City.

Tex Slayer from the Bell wood club built a real miniature woody made entirely of wood that won several awards. It took about five months of total labor to complete. This 1948 Ford Woody was made from curly maple with mahogany trim and canary wood which was originally yellow in color but faded over time. The detail on this model is amazing. This Woody is on display in the Bell wood shop. So turn on some Beach Boys music and enjoy a blast from the past as we explore some past Woodys.





Woodys from days past¹



¹ Thanks to Don Arend for submitting this collection of pictures from the internet.





Vintage Advertisements

Submitted by Connie Sherman

Get ready to laugh at these ads from our past.









Trivial Pursuit

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

In 1963 Chevrolet Corvette produced a car named after which aquatic				
animal?				
A - The Tiger Shark	B - The Stingray			
C - The Sea Serpent	D - The Cuttlefish			
2 In 1968, Plymouth introduced a performance vehicle known as the:				
A – Falcon	B - Road Runner			
C – Silicon	D - Dusky			
3 Which Chevrolet car was built to match the Plymouth Belvedere and the				
Ford Mustang?	-			
A - The Firebrigade	B - The Cadillac			
C - The DeVille	D - The Chevelle			
4 Shelby's early GT 350 models were often referred to as:				
A - Cougars	B - Vipers			
C – Cobras	D - Cheetahs			
5 Known as the E Type, this 1961 car was created by:				
A – Honda	B - Bentley			
C - Aston Martin	D - Jaguar			
6 First released in 1962, the Elan was produced by:				
A - Lotus Cars	B - Chevrolet			
C – Buick	D - Honda			
7 GM developed this car to compete with Ford's Lincoln Continental line:				
	lle B - 1964 Chrysler Imperial			
	D - 1967 Buick Skylark			
8 In which year did Ford begin production of its Mustang line?				
A - 1960	B - 1963			
C - 1969	D - 1964			
9 Pontiac first introduced the Firebird in:				
A - 1967	B - 1961			
C - 1968	D - 1969			
10 Introduced in 1966, the automobile industry's "safety package" included				
all of the following except:				
A - Windshield fluid	B - Seat belts			
C - Lane keeping	D - Dashboard padding			

Answers: 1. B, 2. B, 3. D, 4. C, 5. D, 6. A, 7. A, 8. D, 9. A, 10. C

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