



# *The Windshield View*

*February 2022*

Did you know?  
Airbags deploy at  
4,500 miles per  
hour and activate  
within forty  
milliseconds of  
any hard collision

## The Behind the Wheel

It has been a sad couple of months, during which we have lost at least four members. Warren Clucker, who was one of those instrumental in the formation of this club passed away. Jerry Oyler, Jere Martynotte and most recently, Chuck Louthan also passed. Times such as these remind us of the fragility of life and the need to enjoy what time we have left to the fullest.

A great time was had by about 30 of us at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. If you are even remotely interested in historical aircraft or WW2 history this is a fascinating place. The museum docents are full of great stories and you can even enter their operational B-17 Bomber. While we were there they fired up and flew their A-6 Navy trainer and their C-47 cargo plane. The tour was followed by a delicious meal at Steak and Stone restaurant a couple of miles away. This is where they serve you a raw steak on a 500-degree piece of basalt rock and give cooking directions so you can cook it yourself right at your seat. Even Don Ahrens had a great time cooking and his usual specialty is ice cream from DQ.

Our once again annual (after Covid) Spring Fling Car Show is coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at The Sun Bowl Amphitheater. All hands are needed for this event. If you have not been involved in the planning and promotion, we will definitely need your help on show day. Besides registering to attend, help is needed early for parking entrants, sponsors and vendors plus at end of show for cleanup and closeout. Help is also needed in the coffee stand, T-shirt, and Raffle or 50/50 ticket sales.

We have some great opportunities for cruise-ins to local assisted living facilities. At least a couple of these include lunch and I know how well most of us like free food so sign up at the shop so you won't be left holding the proverbial lunch-less bag.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Lifestream Senior Living Community (lunch)

March 20<sup>th</sup> Cross Church Car Show Help needed for parking and operations

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Robeson Senior Living Car Show and BBQ this is a shared event with the CARS and ARC clubs. There will be food and judging for prizes.

April 5<sup>th</sup> The New Martin Museum cruise-in and tour

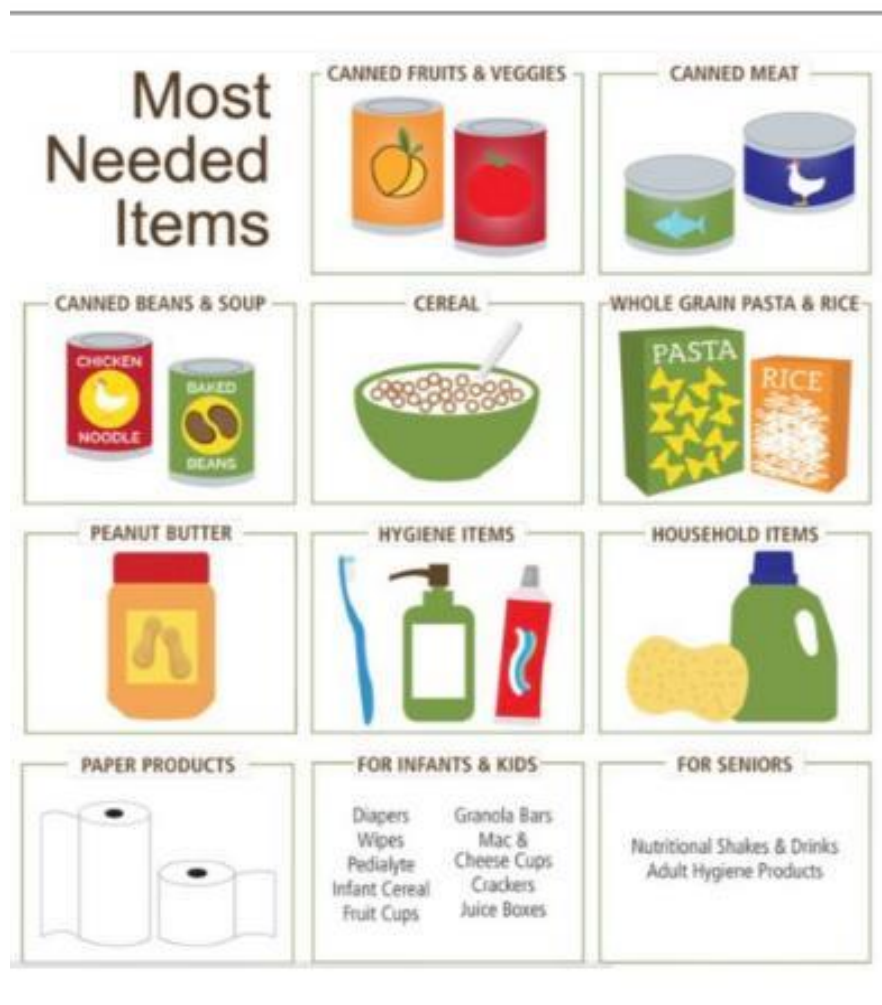
April 8<sup>th</sup> Our annual Cruise-in, Goofy Golf Tourney and Winter's End Potluck at Mountainview Recreation Center

Thanks to you all, we have had pretty good monitor turnout and shop activity with 918 shop check-ins for January. The monitors have been very busy with tours of new residents and other interested parties.

65 of us got our spud on at the Shop Potluck on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Baked potatoes were prepared by Connie Sherman and Mary Ann Bergeron and no one was allowed to leave without being badgered into taking a few of the leftovers. Some great toppings were shared along with wonderful salads and desserts. Speaking of food the Food Bank needs your donated items. Please see below for suggestions and drop off locations.

Les (aka The Nut behind the wheel)

**Food Bank Items Needed:** Please consider donating items to the Food Bank at 107th and Peoria Ave. We will have food boxes at both upcoming car shows and in the shop on Potluck nights - last Tuesday of each month.



*A VVSC Tribute to Charles David (Chuck) Louthan<sup>1</sup>*  
*November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1944 --February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022*



“Chuck was born on November 17th, 1944 in Mattoon, Illinois. He graduated from Neoga High School in 1962, then earned his associates degree and graduated from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, as a dental technician. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Chuck owned his own Dental Laboratory for almost 50 years, building his business from the very bottom, up. He met Patricia White in 1985 and they married in 1987.



*Chuck's extended family in front of his prized 1951 Chevy Hot Rod*

Chuck had a passion for cars. From new "vets" to the antique models, he loved them all. He belonged to the Vintage Times Street Rod Club in Springfield, Illinois and The Vintage Vehicles of Sun City, Arizona. He also enjoyed RZR riding in the deserts of Arizona with friends. In addition to car clubs, Chuck was also a member of the Sangamo Surf Club and the National Street Rod Association where he completed safety inspections.”

Around the VVSC shop Chuck was known for his positive attitude and willingness to help anyone on any project. He was always willing to share his vast automotive knowledge. He will be missed by everyone in the club. Chuck's family and club friends gathered in the VVSC shop to celebrate Chuck's life on February 14<sup>th</sup>.



*An “aerial” view of folks gathered to pay tribute to Chuck*

*Chuck's RZR*

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpts were taken from obituary with permission from the family.

# Featured Wheels

## 1968 Impala Super Sport Custom Coupe

by Jim Wersching

My wife Judy and I have owned a home in Sun City for 12 years now and have been VVSC members from the beginning. We have been the typical “snow birds” (Or we prefer “Sun Birds”) for the past 8 years and have our permanent home in the rust belt of Bartlett, Illinois. We typically drive to beautiful Sun City in October, fly home for the holidays and then drive back to Bartlett in May. We consider ourselves very lucky and love every minute.

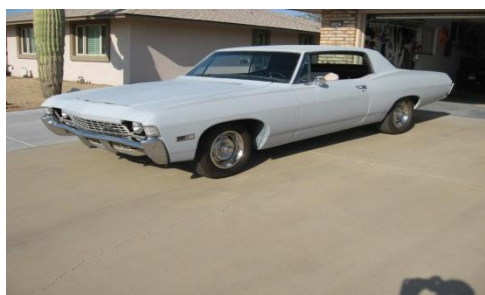
I have an obsession/addiction for GM muscle cars that I love to restore or “restify”! I’ve been “Restifying” cars for over 30 years as a hobby. My projects of choice are GM 60's and early 70's cars. I like to take a diamond in the rough car and make it a nice driver/cruiser. Sometimes the rougher the better!





When done, I drive it for awhile to enjoy it and then sell it to someone who will appreciate and take care of it. That being said, I found a nice rough 1968 Impala in Avondale that I thought would be a great project. It was a Super Sport Custom Coupe 2 door hardtop, original 327 engine with 400 transmission. I bought it in February 2018. It needed bodywork, paint, interior, floor pan, tires & wheels, a lot of trim pieces and glass, and minor mechanical work. But being from Arizona, it had very little rust – only a small spot in the rear quarters.

I started the work and got it running great and then did the brakes and the mechanical work required. I then started on the body work by welded patches in the rear quarters and replacing the passenger side front floor pan. By the time we left for Illinois in May, it was all in primer.



Today, the car runs and looks great and I love driving it. I do have it for sale now but not really trying too hard to get rid of it. I love this club and really enjoy helping others out and learning new things. It is the greatest! Keep up the good work VVSC!



# Welcome New Members in February

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Gaylon		Alfrey
Gary		Bellmare
Dennis		Bridges
Lee	& Particia	Clark
Dave		Daggett
Steve		Delaplane
Judith		Duvanel
John		Fillinger
Michael		Hooker
Roger		Knoll
Atley		Lovelace
Terrance	& Karen	Morrissey
Mike		Pounds
Larry		Raburn
Jim		Reiber
William		Repensek
Richard		Scott
Richard		Sprague
Paul		Thompson
Warren		Willet

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

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# Vintage Vehicles of Sun City



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Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, Sun Bowl Amphitheatre  
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.

# **A Car that will Live in Infamy** <sup>2</sup>

Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely. At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that. One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. And run properly it did

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan became the President's Limo in December 1941. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.

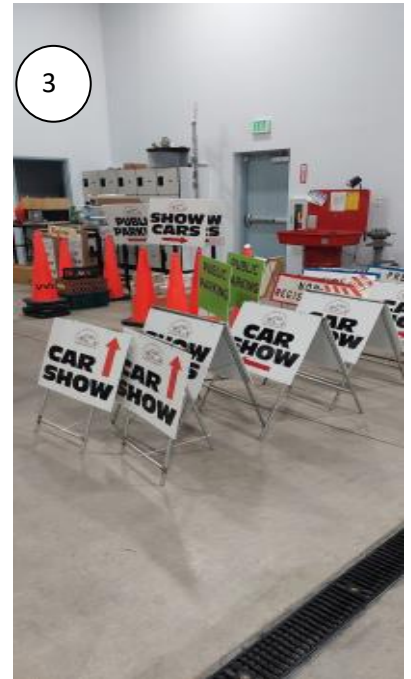


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<sup>2</sup> Thanks to Member Dennis Arend for sending in this fascinating piece of Automotive Trivia.



## Shop Talk



1. Carol McDade won a Corvette in the ARC show raffle
2. Don Puetz held a class on the Acetylene torch and hydraulic press
3. Car show signage is completed (Thanks to all, particularly Connie)
4. 65 people enjoyed the potluck on Tuesday 2/22/22

## Recipes

### Raspberry Cream Pie<sup>3</sup> *Submitted by Joe Warfel*

**Cook Time:** 15 min **Serves:** 12 servings

#### **Ingredients**

25 chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreos, plus chocolate sandwich cookie crumbs, for serving

4 **tablespoons** butter, *melted*

1 generous cup raspberries, plus more for serving

3 **tablespoons** sugar

Two 6-ounce containers raspberry yogurt

One 3.4-ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix

1 **cup** heavy cream

Whipped cream, for serving

#### **Preparation Steps**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

2. To make the crust, crush the cookies in a food processor (or smash in a zip-top bag with a rolling pin). Stir in the melted butter until combined. Pour into a regular pie pan and press the crumbs all over the pan and up the sides. Bake just long enough for it to set, 3 to 4 minutes. Let cool completely.

3. Put the raspberries on a plate or in an empty pan. Smash them with a fork, then sprinkle on the sugar. Stir together and allow to sit for 15 minutes.

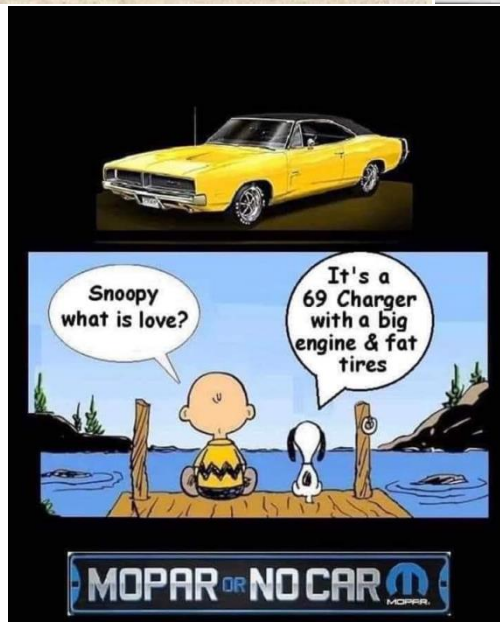
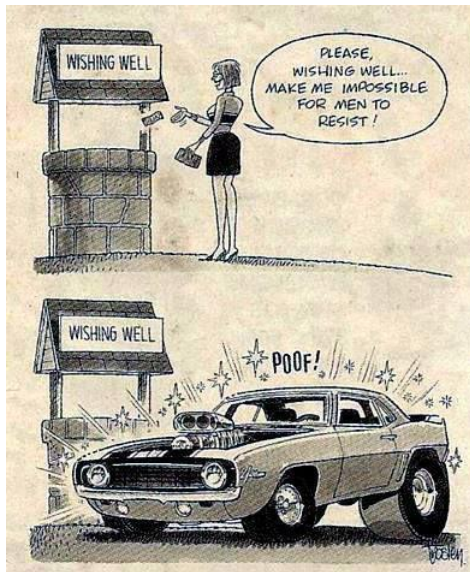
4. In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the raspberry yogurt with the instant vanilla pudding mix (just the powder itself). Beat on low until combined, about 1 minute. Pour in the heavy cream and whip on low for 30 seconds. Stop the mixer and scrape down the bowl with a rubber spatula. Turn the mixer on medium-high speed and beat until thick, about 2 minutes.

5. Turn off the mixer, then fold in the raspberries until just combined. Pour into the cooled crust and spread evenly. Freeze until very firm, about 2 hours. Cut into slices and top each slice with cookie crumbs, dollops of whipped cream and extra raspberries.

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<sup>3</sup> Recipe information from Food Network.com

# Funny Car Comics



you have to appreciate the humour ... older guys will understand





## Trivial Pursuit<sup>4</sup>

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

1. What was the original color for all Ferrari models?
  - a. Red
  - b. Racing Green
  - c. Racing Flat Silver
  - d. Italian Scarlett
2. Which iconic car manufacturer also makes airplane engines?
  - a. Ford
  - b. Rolls Royce
  - c. General Electric
  - d. General Motors
3. Who was a driver for Alpha Romeo before founding their own car manufacturing company?
  - a. Mrs. Robinson
  - b. Enzo Ferrari
  - c. Mario Andretti
  - d. John Deloreon
4. How fast must a car be going before the airbags will deploy in a crash?
  - a. 35 mph
  - b. 27.25mph
  - c. 19 mph
  - d. 50mph
5. What new production car has the fastest top speed?
  - a. Chevy C8 Corvette Z06
  - b. Bugatti Veyron,
  - c. Shelby Cobra XT1 Supercharged
  - d. Porsche 913 Sehr Schnell Ltd.
6. What did Ford Motor Company introduce as a custom audio option in 1965?
  - a. AM/FM Radio
  - b. CB radios
  - c. 8-Track Tape Players
  - d. Cassette players
7. What car named after a cartoon character is in this photo?
  - a. 1969 Chevy Caprice
  - b. 1969 Olive Oil Burner
  - c. 1969 Mercury Cyclone CJ
  - d. 1969 Plymouth Road Runner



8. Can you name the model and year of this car?
  - a. 1956 Mercury Montclair
  - b. 1956 Ford Fairlane
  - c. 1958 Packard Hawk
  - d. 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air



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<sup>4</sup> Answers: 1. a, 2 b, 3 b, 4 c, 5 b, 6 c 7. d 8. d



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