



# The Windshield View

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Did You Know? The first headlight was introduced in 1915 by the Guide Lamp Company. However, light activation at this point still required the driver or passenger to hop out and flip the lights by hand. Cadillac bested the growing technology by launching the first interior-mount control system, which allowed drivers to activate external lights from the inside.

Gary Bellmare will be the proud new owner so we will still be seeing it while he makes improvements.

## The Behind the Wheel

Congratulations all on a good Spring Fling Show on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We had fewer car registrations but a good time was had by Details to follow.

have a buyer for the project truck, Whoopee! I will not even attempt to name those who had a hand in making this rig ready but you know who you are and the owes you a debt of gratitude. Thank you your service. Relatively new club member,

We received the donation of a 1924 Model T Doctor's Coupe without strings attached. The car is in pieces but quite complete and even includes some oak for the interior pieces and the patterns to make those pieces. This should be a fun project and may become the club's mascot car, kind of like ARC's '03 Curved Dash Oldsmobile. If we have a lot of trouble finishing it, we can always sell it as is where.

Cross Church Car Show was also a success although a smaller success than 2020. A nice variety of cars attended with the same silver and blue '56 Nomad being honored as last year. Thank you to those involved volunteering to Keep 'er Movin.

Since April 29<sup>th</sup> is our last general meeting for the summer, I am requesting that the Membership approve a motion to waive the general membership approval of purchases over \$1,500 and allow the equipment committee to purchase equipment exceeding that amount if approved by a board motion. These purchases would be made by recommendation of the equipment committee with an online board vote for approval so the checkbook isn't just being opened for whatever is desired. The shop management team currently has a wish list but that is not saying that we have an immediate need or will purchase all or any of these items.

## The Behind the Wheel (Cont'd)

Last spring, we did the same with a maximum spend down to a \$15,000 reserve. We spent less than \$20,000 getting the shop in service. The take away message here is we need at least 41 members to attend the meeting in order to have a quorum and validate the vote.

We will be making a proposal to RCSC for a few things to be added to their 2023 budget including HVAC for the shops, an extension of the mezzanine area for an upholstery shop, a more effective and complete cover for the big shop compressor. We would also like to have some better monitor station cabinets made which will match the other cabinets in the “Donut Zone”. We will also be considering a heavier duty lift which will be large enough and strong enough to lift a one-ton truck with dual rear wheels. The HVAC and mezzanine size was in the original requests when RCSC solicited input for the new shop but neither made it through to the bid specs.

Thank you to all who have been participating in the monitor program. We have many new faces in the club and it is great to see you all, even if I don't remember your names. Because of the above we have gone from having trouble filling particularly afternoon slots to being able to be open the majority of the time.

Besides the 26<sup>th</sup> (a date change) general meeting, there are events coming which could benefit from your attendance.

April 4<sup>th</sup> (Noon to 2pm)

Ladies Luncheon at Tivoli gardens.

April 5<sup>th</sup> (Depart 12:30PM from shop)

Martin Museum - Thunderbird and 43rd Ave.

April 8<sup>th</sup> (9:00am to 1:00pm)

Mountainview cruise-in/potluck. VVSC providing chicken BYO side dishes. Also be ready for the annual Goofy-Golf tournament.

April 12<sup>th</sup> (10:00am)

Spring Fling post show review in Sonoran Room.

April 12<sup>th</sup> (1:00pm)

VVSC board meeting in the Sonoran Room at Grand Center. All are welcome.

April 15<sup>th</sup> (9:00am to Noon)

Car show at Bell Center.

April 26<sup>th</sup> (1:00 pm)

General Meeting at Lakeview

April 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm

Shop potluck.

April 30<sup>th</sup> (9:00am to 1:00 pm)

YMCA Car Show and youth event  
Judging and awards, \$10.00 entry. 2919 Litchfield Road, Goodyear AZ

May 2 - (Noon)

Ladies Luncheon

Best Regards,

Les Litz (aka Nut Behind the Wheel)





**Featured wheels**



1957 Chevy

Les Litzenberger



A funny thing happened on the way home... That is how so many tales of this type start and so it was with Les's 57 Chevy. He never really had to have this particular car but it was for sale in his neighbor's yard in the Pasco Washington area. So every day he would drive by the Chevy and think that would be a cool car but already had too many projects. One day in 2011 at a car show Connie asked the neighbor/owner who was showing another hot rod if he still had the car. Why yes he still had it and it was still for sale. So Les and a buddy put it up on a lift to have a look. And what would an old car be if it didn't have a touch of rust to give it the "proper patina". But it also had a running 283 and a four speed that operated just fine. After the appropriate amount of haggling a deal was had and the car, as shown below followed Les home (and left a trail of oil just in case he had to retrace his route).



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For the next 3 to 4 years Les tinkered around the edges of the car and drove it around Washington State. Then in 2014 Les and Connie moved to Sun City and parked the Chevy in a friend's (Dave Ruble) barn. At the time he asked Dave (a car builder with many projects in the works) if he could recommend someone to take the car to the next level. Dave was a bit

offended Les didn't ask him to do it although Les finally realized his mistake and asked Dave to take on the project.



In February of 2015 Dave and Les started the heavy lifting with the thought that it may need a little "scuffing and painting". Certainly a few gaskets or bushings here and there "might" also be required. And so the story began looking like this:



As we all know what starts out as a small project can sometimes expand to a larger one. As they dug deeper into the car they discovered fiberglass where metal once was including in some structural areas. Fiberglass motor mounts? Why not!

So they decided to go deep and put the car up on a rotisserie as shown below



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It was then they discovered a few missing pieces which, luckily could be ordered. And what could not be ordered could be fabricated. Les also discovered that Coil springs improperly removed can pack quite a wallop. Fortunately, he did not need to order any new “body parts” for his arm.



Over the course of 10 months Les, Connie, Dave and his family, including grandson Calvin,



restored the body and chassis and installed a Fresh 5.3L Chevrolet LC9 E-Rod Crate engine with 4L60E transmission. The engine proved to be too big for the engine bay so the bay was “enlarged” (Cut, weld, grind, repeat) to provide enough space. Les also decided to replace the rear bumper with one from a Nomad so the license plate is mounted on the bumper itself.

Originally, Les was thinking about a two tone cream color for paint but then saw a 1965 Impala in a blue color called Iridium. The color is used on the Nissan Infinity and became his color of choice. Dave did the spraying, one of only four cars he has done. The matching interior was done by Brad Tobler of Sun City Upholstery. As anyone who has seen the 57 Chevy knows the

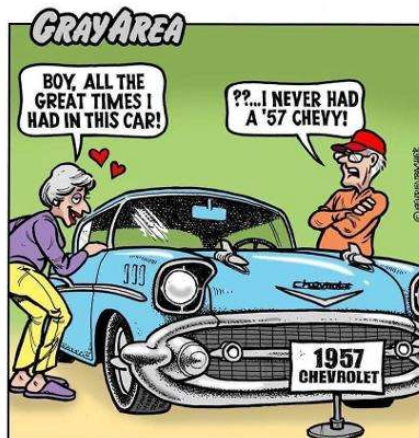


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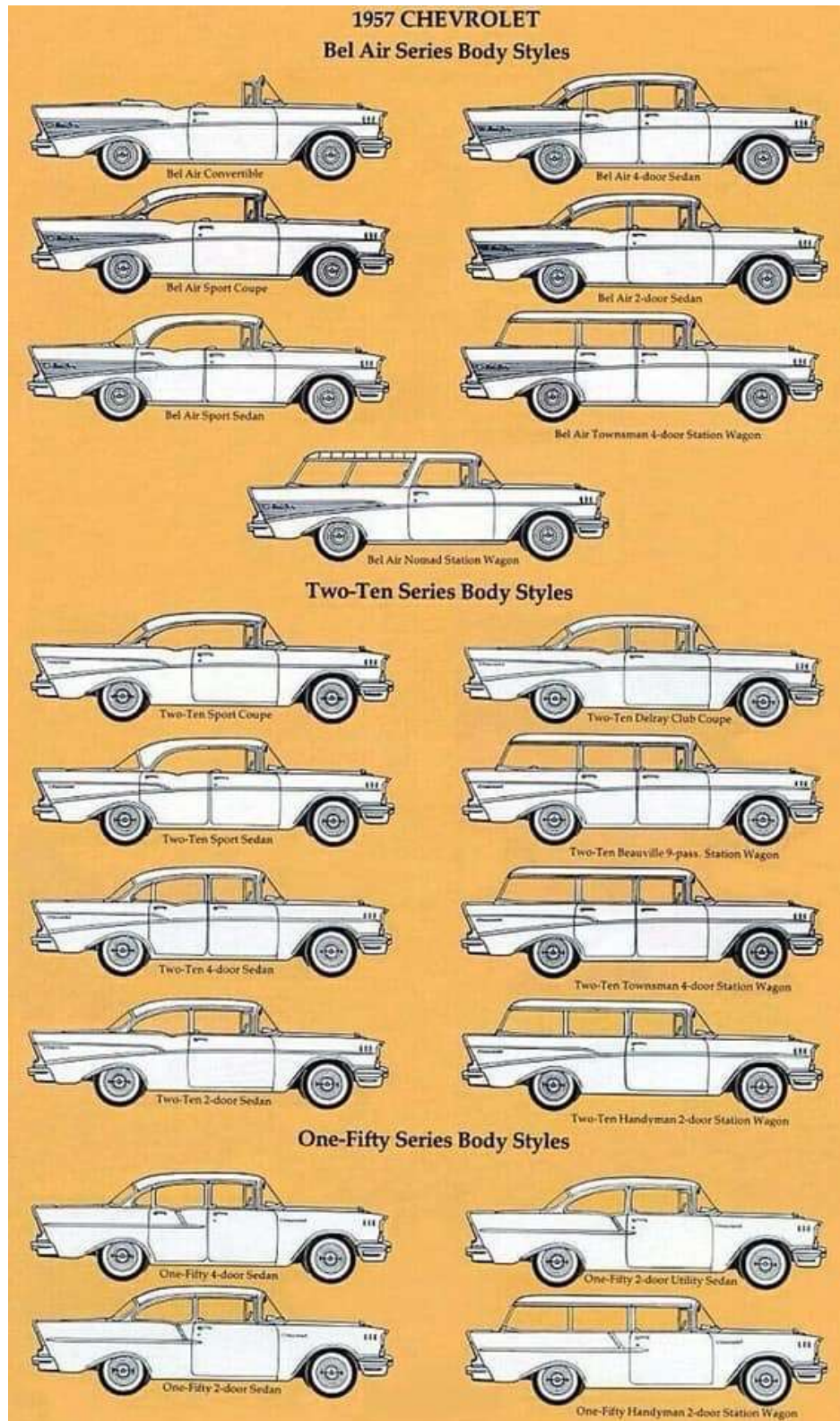


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finished product looks great and Les and Connie only show the car in and around Sun City. Check it out!



Les graciously provided an image of all the different body styles the 1957 Bel Air came in.





**Welcome New Members in March**

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

**Fifth Annual Spring Fling Car Show**

Thanks to the help of many under the leadership of Paul Gordan VVSC held another blockbuster car show. There were over 230 entries in the show and more than 60 volunteers made it come off without a (noticeable) hitch. By the authors estimate there were between 1,000 and 2,000 spectators during the four hour show. Please enjoy this pictorial tribute to the volunteers and the cars that made the show great!

*Paul Graham keeping tabs on the show with a Bird's Eye View*



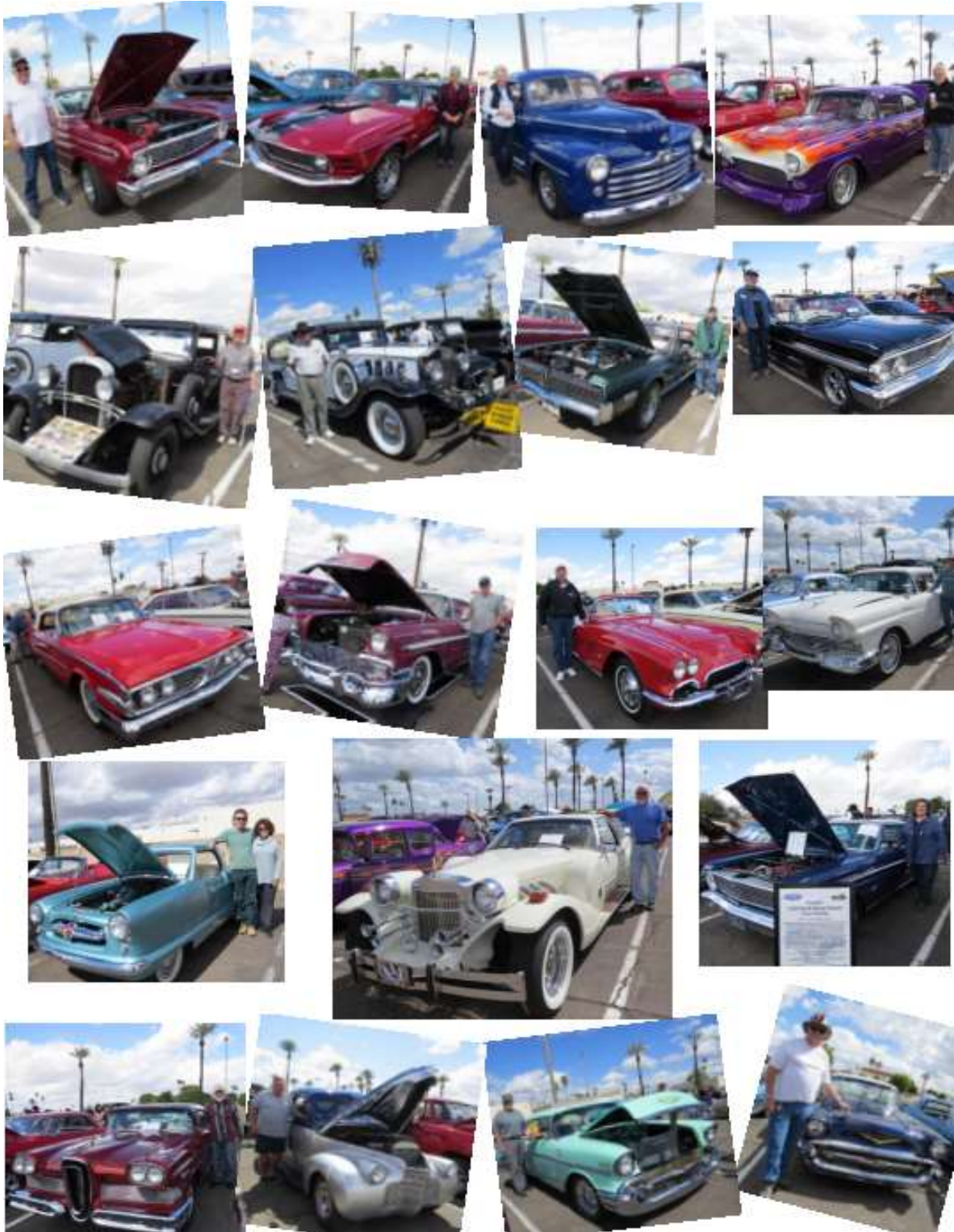


Club volunteers man the registration, raffle, t-shirts and other stations at the show.













Photos by Noreen



## Shop Talk



Jed Clampett would be proud of the shop's latest project, a 1924 Model T (and other additional parts) that was donated. A group of shop members are already brainstorming the build.



Gary Bellmare (New owner of the 54 Ford Pickup), Terry Laniewski, and Dan Chopp show off our new small tire changer that works on golf cart wheels.

< -- Benton Burus is changing his leaf springs on his 1983 JeepCJ7

Gary Osier is in the process of installing his newly rebuilt engine in the Merc.



Recipes  
Fresh Spring Rolls



By Connie Sherman

**Ingredients**

- 2 oz. rice vermicelli
- 8 rice wrappers (8.5 inch)
- 8 large cooked shrimp, peeled, deveined and cut in half
- 1 1/3 Tablespoon chopped fresh Thai basil
- 3 Tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves
- 3 Tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 leaves lettuce, chopped
- 4 teaspoons fish sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic chili sauce
- 3 Tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped peanuts

**Directions**

Bring a medium saucepan of water to boil. Boil rice vermicelli 3 to 5 minutes, or until al dente, and drain.

Fill a large bowl with warm water. Dip one wrapper into the hot water for 1 second to soften. Lay wrapper flat. In a row across the center, place 2 shrimp halves, a handful of vermicelli, basil, mint, cilantro and lettuce, leaving about 2 inches uncovered on each side. Fold uncovered sides inward, then tightly roll the wrapper, beginning at the end with the lettuce. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

In a small bowl, mix the fish sauce, water, lime juice, garlic, sugar and chili sauce.

In another small bowl, mix the hoisin sauce and peanuts.

Serve rolled spring rolls with the fish sauce and hoisin sauce mixtures.



## If my body was a car

- this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.
- I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.

### **But that's not the worst of it!**

- My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.
- My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.
- My white walls are stained with varicose veins.
- It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed and my fuel burns inefficiently and inconsistently.

### **And the worst of it is!**

- Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

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<sup>1</sup> A special thanks to Michael Blauchart for submitting this hilarious story!



• Trivial Pursuit  
**CAR COMPANY HISTORY<sup>2</sup>**

1. Where was the original Studebaker Company headquartered?
  - a. Cleveland, Ohio
  - b. Hamilton, Ontario Canada
  - c. South Bend, Indiana
  - d. Detroit, Michigan
2. Studebaker started out as a manufacturer of:
  - a. Bakery equipment
  - b. Ferris wheels
  - c. Bicycles
  - d. Horse drawn wagons
3. Chevrolet was started in 1911 in Detroit- which two individuals were not founders?
  - a. Jimmy Duranty
  - b. Billy Durant
  - c. Louis Chevrolet
  - d. Thomas Edison
4. The oldest surviving motorized vehicle manufactured in Canada was built-in 1903. It was the first vehicle in automotive history with a tilt steering wheel. This vehicle is:
  - a. The Redpath Messenger
  - b. The Great White North Mobile
  - c. The Deer Foot Transporter
  - d. The Molson Motorcar
5. The first prototype military Jeep was designed in 18 hours by Karl Probst, a freelance auto designer. The 1,840-pound Bantam exceeded the Army's expectations during initial testing in:
  - a. December, 1932
  - b. March, 1952
  - c. September, 1940
  - d. April, 1946
6. Which car companies built the Jeeps used in WWII?
  - a. Ford and Willys
  - b. Fiat and Mercedes Benz
  - c. Landrover and Willys
  - d. Hyundai and Honda
7. Pontiac was named after:
  - a. A city in Ontario Canada
  - b. An Ottawa Indian Chief
  - c. Founder George Pontiac
  - d. Henry Ford's hated uncle
8. Which of the following was not a Dodge advertising slogan?
  - a. An American Revolution
  - b. Grab life by the horns
  - c. You Could be Dodge Material
  - d. Built Dodge Tough
9. In about 1903 the Dodge brothers accepted \$10k of stock for parts it manufactured. In today's dollars the investment returned close to \$830M. What company did they invest in?
  - a. Chrysler
  - b. Plymouth
  - c. Ford
  - d. Fiat
10. Williams C. Durant was head of what car company when he founded General Motors?
  - a. Tesla
  - b. Meacham Motors
  - c. Buick
  - d. Cleveland Motorcar Company
11. During the 1980s Zastava motors built a generic version of the 10 year old fiat 127 for sale in the U.S. at a price of \$3,990. Which of the following was the car's name?
  - a. Pogo
  - b. Nogo
  - c. Slowgo
  - d. Yougo

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<sup>2</sup> Answers: 1.c, 2 d, 3 a&d, 4.a, 5.c, 6 a,7 b, 8.d, 9. c, 10. C, 11 d

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