



The Windshield View

December 2022

The Behind the Wheel

Yippee! This is the last “Nut” article you will have to read from me. It has been a great three years serving as your president and I want to thank you for your help in keeping the club focused and moving forward. There have been a few setbacks (Covid and construction delays come to mind) but we have overcome the majority of these and now have the most current and up to date shop facility anywhere. We have had vehicles donated to us to use as we see fit. The model T is progressing and starting to once again look like a car rather than the pile of parts it was when we rescued it from a Sun City garage just up the street from my house. We also had a 1962 MG-A donated which Joe Warfel researched, took possession of, and sold as it sat for \$4,000.

Here we sit mid Holidays. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving get together with Friends and/or Family. In my humble opinion, one of the best parts of living here even as a snowbird is the extended “family” we have made through our involvement in the Vintage Vehicles of Sun City club as well as other clubs. You brave souls who hang in AZ for the summer have little more than to commiserate with one another during that time. As snowbirds, we realize how fortunate we are to be able to travel and enjoy summers in the cooler northern states where we have either traditional homes near family and friends, nomadic RV travel or new base locations for exploring our world.

Speaking of exploring, while in Montana this summer I became very interested in the “Corps of Discovery” or Lewis and Clark Expedition. The plight of the Nez Perce Indian tribe who fled their homeland in Northeastern Oregon travelling through part of the Idaho panhandle to within 40 miles of freedom in Canada, also captured my attention. I made a few analogies between their “vehicles” and our current vehicles.

The Nez Perce vehicles were their own feet, their horses and travois used to move across the land. The Lewis and Clark expedition used wind and oar power to move their boats and canoes (both vehicles) as well as horseback (vehicles) and hand built wheeled carts. The carts were mostly used to portage around impassable rapids on the rivers they explored on their way from Washington D.C. to the mouth of the Columbia River and back. One such portage was approximately 26 miles around the Great Falls of the Missouri in central MT and took a month to accomplish.

Now, this distance is easily travelled in less than a half hour. Much of their travel was on foot before they were able to trade for and acquire horses from the natives in Montana. The horses served double duty both in transportation and food when game was scarce. I have yet to be hungry enough to eat horse and I can imagine how long one would have to cook a Chevrolet to make it edible. The old Chevy jingle "Like a Rock" comes to mind and might give a hint.

Connie's and my explorative travel consisted of our BAT (big assed truck), travel trailer, and Polaris RZR UTV. Fortunately, our vehicles of choice served us well and with only minor mechanical issues, enabled us to discover new things with good friends. The same applies here in the desert southwest where we have nearly unlimited riding opportunities to explore. People often ask me about both the RZR and my '57, "what kind of miles per gallons do you get?" I prefer using SPG or Smiles Per Gallon as I believe most Hot Rodders do, so my answer is **LOTS!**

Good times and many wonderful friendships have evolved from our membership in VVSC with our common interest in the car culture. I don't know how many times I have said this but one part I appreciate most about our club is the variety and diversity in the membership and their vehicles. Diversity in our backgrounds give each of us great resources of help and advice. Some of the advice may even be beneficial but the willingness to share that advice is never held back. We currently have around 600 active members for 2022 and since our inception in early 2015 over 1030 people have been members and rarely a week goes by without the addition of a new member or two. Thank you all for your interest in a club that was told early on that we'd never get enough people interested in cars to make a go of it.

I occasionally hear a complaint about our Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) being onerous and we should change this or that rule or procedure. My suggestion to anyone who disagrees with the R&Rs is to read the last section and follow the procedure set forth to change them. On the other hand, I hear at least as consistently from members who appreciate the fact that, unlike other clubs they have become frustrated with, we have rules which are established, available to the members and enforced.

Your 2023 Board of Directors and Officers has been elected by acclamation at the November General Meeting and are as follows. President; Troy Janicki, VP1; Alan Lund, VP2; Ed Gordon, Secretary; Marilyn Miller, Treasurer; Roxie Whitney, Procedures Dir; Jim Fitzpatrick, Events Dir; Gary Osier, Public Relations Dir; Carol McDade, Membership Dir; Anne Bovo, Annual Show Dir; Paul Graham, Shop & Facilities Dir; Thom Kron, Website Monitor; Rick Miron. Please reach out to these people and offer to help.

A big thanks to Bob and Kathleen DuChene for their stepping up to do the club newsletter. Please send them anything you feel might benefit the club.

Our anniversary banquet will be Saturday January, 7th at the Fairway Rec Center. Please make reservations at the shop or general meeting. The menu is posted at the shop.

2023 dues are coming up soon and can be accepted at any time on the website, in person at the shop, or by mail.

Annual Food Drive, please bring donations of non-perishable food items to the shop or any club event so we can take them to the Valley View Food Bank.

As always there is a great variety of projects going on at the shop and we have been consistently open so thank you for that. The entry area has received some good attention by Joe Warfel who cleaned up all of the model displays and placed the display boards on top of the display cases. Thanks Joe, it looks great!

We have a new Non-Expiring Pre-Paid Membership. Thank you, Jim and Cheryl Conrad, for your support. For those of you who may be new to the group, these are memberships which are valid as long as you qualify for membership by having a valid RCSC card. Membership is the only benefit and other participation requirements are still valid.

Thank you all for trusting me to not run this train off its rails this last few years.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see you down the road!

Les Litz

Featured Member Stories

Hi everyone!

We are Bob and Kathleen DuChene...recent volunteers and excited to be the new Newsletter Editors of your VVSC "Windshield View"! We have been VVSC Members since 2020, and have been permanent residents of Sun City since 2019...although we head to northern MN for the summer months.



Kathleen grew up in the Chicago area and Mt. Vernon, IA where her parents owned a cement and excavating business. She transferred to Minneapolis in 1982 with her job shortly after college. Bob is a lifelong MN resident, worked for many years in the grocery/supermarket business (in his parents stores and another independent grocery owner) before owning two pizza delivery stores, and a commercial specialty cleaning business.

Kathleen enjoys quilting (is a member of Quilters on Grand – soon to open quilting space next to VVSC Club), and is a member of the West Valley Genealogy Society. Bob, in addition to Car Club Activities, enjoys riding with the motorcycle group. We both recently joined the Sun City Camera Guild as well!

We have owned the 1966 Corvette since 1995. The previous owner did a complete “body off” restoration.

If there is something you would like to see in the monthly newsletter, or have a story to tell...please contact us at duchene2@msn.com; or call/text us at 612-418-2103 Bob, 612-247-4527 Kathleen.

Future Events:

December 2022

Food Drive – at all events and meetings **thru December**

At VVSC, our purpose is to impact our community members lives in a positive way. We would like to personally invite you to partner with us to collect non-perishable food items for the local Valley View Food Bank to make a positive impact in our community.

Friday First Aid Training

December 2nd – Class size is limited to 8, so registration is required. If interested, Contact Ganen LaJoie (317) 752-1597 (text or voicemail), or ganen3430@gmail.com

Sun Bowl Car Show and Food Drive

When: **December 3rd** - Saturday – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Where: Sun Bowl - Cruise in and Show.

Toyz for Totz Wickenburg Cruise – Hosted by RWCA

When: **December 4th**

Click on link for more details -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ytMhyzOFaylYvYZrlgLRvZ9jBX6Xh53/view>

December Ladies Lunch

When: **December 5th**, Monday, 12:00 pm

Where: Chef Peter's Bistro @ Westbrook

19260 N. Westbrook Pkwy, Peoria, AZ 85382

Please RSVP, so we have a head count, to Susan Mitchell,
mitchellsm1@yahoo.com

Holiday Celebration and Golf Cart Parade at Sundial

When: **December 9th**, Time TBD

Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch Tour

When: **December 10th**, Saturday, at 2:00 pm

Where: 19007 W Roadrunner Rd, Wittmann, AZ 85361

Leave VVSC parking lot at 1:30 pm as a group.

It is about a 40-minute drive between here and Wickenburg.

\$5.00 per person entry

Events and Car Show Meeting

When: **December 13th**, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Where: Sonoran Room on Grand

VVSC 6th Annual Christmas Lights Run

When: **December 17th**, Saturday, leaving at 6:00 pm

Meeting at Bellevue Heights Church – 9940 W. Hutton Dr.

Meet in Church parking lot, decorate your car if you want; everyone is invited back to Nancy Oyler's home for hot chocolate and snacks - 9735 W. Wrangler.

General VVSC Club Meeting

When: **December 20th**, Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Where: Lakeview Rec Center

Don's Shop Equipment Class

When: **December 21st**, Wednesday, 1:00 pm

The class will cover the new equipment, and a review of all equipment in the shop.

Potluck at the VVSC Shop

When: **December 27th**, Tuesday, 5:00 pm

Where: VVSC Grand Shop

January 2023

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Annual Banquet

When: **January 7th**, Saturday, 5:30 pm

Where: Fairway Rec Center

BYOB, Buffet Style - \$25.00/person

Make reservations at the Club, or General Meeting (Check or cash if paying at the General Meeting, Credit Card at Shop can be accepted.)

[Anniversary Party Menu 2023](#)

On Going Meetings and Events

Potluck and Social Night – last Tuesday of the month, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring chairs, utensils, and maybe a table.

Ladies Luncheon – First Monday every month, 12:00 pm at a location TBD each month and published in the newsletter and/or website. Watch for change in dates as well.

Breakfast Social Time – every Tuesday at 7:00 am at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria Avenue. Any changes in time/location will be noted.

Arby's Cruise In – every Wednesday, 5:00 to 9:00 pm, 99th and Bell; they are happy to have us come in, one restriction – no parking/sitting in the handicapped parking spaces. Wear your badge to get a Free Treat!

Breakfast Social Time – every Thursday at 7:00 am at George's Café in Bell Recreation Center

Cruise to Culver's – every Sunday at 11:30 am at Culver's Restaurant, 8330 W. Deer Valley Rd., Peoria, AZ 85382

2023 Officers and Directors

Officers and Directors were elected by acclamation at the November 15th VVSC General Meeting. They are listed below.

Officers:

President – Troy Janicki
1st Vice President – Alan Lund
2nd Vice President – Ed Gordon
Secretary – Marilyn Miller
Treasurer – Roxie Whitney

Directors:

Public Relations – Carol McDade
Car Show – Paul Graham
Membership – Anne Bovo
Events – Gary Osier
Facilities/Shop – Tom Kron
Procedures – Jim Fitzpatrick

Continuing as Website Monitor – Rick Miron

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to be an Officer, Director, or on a committee to help. This is what makes VVSC such a great Club!

Reminder to Vote for RCSC Board Members

Election time is under way for new RCSC Board Members. We have two VVSC Members running this year – Steve Collins (running for re-election) and John Fast!

You can vote online between now and December 13th. An Absentee Ballot can be picked up at the Lakeview Corporate Offices. In person voting is on December 13th at Lakeview Corporate Offices. There are seven candidates and you can vote for three.

Church Requests 25 Vintage Vehicles for Annual Block Party

Where: Bellevue Heights Church, 9401 Hutton Dr., Sun City, 85351

When: **December 16th**, Friday, 3:00 to 8:30 pm.

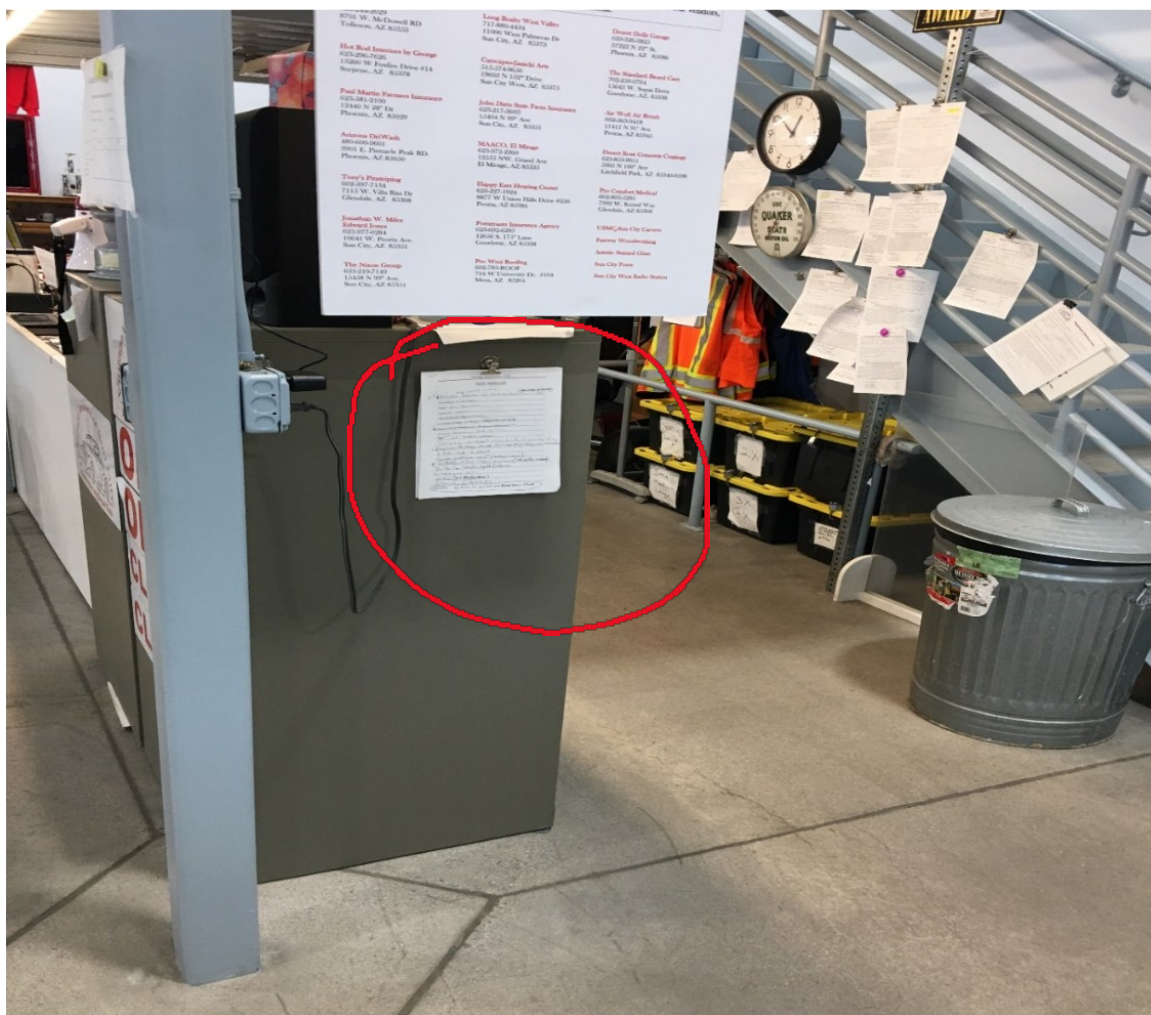
There is a sign-up sheet in the shop breakroom and/or contact Dean Drake at 623-640-7211 for more info.

Tool Wish List

At the November 15th Membership Meeting a question was asked about where we were at with our “Tool Wish List”. Specifically, Les mentioned that the “Lift” has been approved by RCSC, and is on order.

This is a “14 Ton” Lift, capable of lifting a truck with dual rear wheels.

If you want to review what is on the Tool Wish List, it is on a clip and located on the side of the filing cabinet in the shop office area. See picture below.



Custom Golf Cart Project – Progress Updates

- Sun City Golf Cars donated a 1988 golf cart – see picture below
- Has been checked for mechanical functions
- Body has been ordered from Golf Cart Body Kits, LLC– see sample picture below
- Want to complete and raffle/show off for a period of time; plan to have Winner picked at 2024 Spring Car Show
- If anyone wants to work on it – contact Dan Chopp



Custom Golf Cart Project – Cont.

34' Roadster Truck Golf Cart Body Kit



VVSC Officers (thru end of 2022)

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**DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW, IN MY
RUSTY CHEVROLET,
DOWN THE ROAD I GO, SLIDING ALL THE
WAY. I NEED NEW PISTON RINGS, I NEED
SOME NEW SNOW TIRES. MY CAR IS
HELD TOGETHER BY A PIECE OF
CHICKEN WIRE.**



**OH, RUST AND SMOKE, THE HEATER'S
BROKE, THE DOOR JUST BLEW AWAY. I
LIGHT A MATCH TO SEE THE DASH AND
THEN I START TO PRAY-AY. THE FRAME
IS BENT, THE MUFFLER WENT, THE
RADIO'S OKAY. OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO
DRIVE THIS RUSTY CHEVROLET!!**

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Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year!

Enjoy the Holidays
with your family
and friends.



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