



# *The Windshield View*

*January 2023*

## **Letter from the President**

Happy New Year to all,

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for a new year. We have a lot of new things happening with the club, as well as, many ongoing projects so to speak. I hope to continue moving the club forward in all our aspirations. I wish to have an open dialogue with all members and hope to be able to respond more effectively than I have in the past. The club, as a whole and individually, has had its trials and tribulations. We have been through many ups and downs, and I am humbled to watch as we grow each year, into what I consider a second family. I am proud to be your President for 2023 and look forward to serving you in the future.

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Troy Janicki

## Featured Member Stories – Lee & Toni Brooks



Lee and Toni Brooks have lived in Sun City for more than 12 years, and have been Members of the VVSC since its beginning. Lee is Member #14.

Lee and Toni own a beautiful 1940 Ford 2-door Sedan Standard, with a Ford 302, 300 HP engine, AT, AC, and Disc Brakes.

Lee and Toni grew up in Burbank, CA. Lee had many experiences growing up. While working for Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Lee delivered complimentary cases of Coca-Cola to the homes of movie stars, such as John Wayne, Lucille Ball, and to the pool parties at Johnny Weissmuller's home.

After living in Washington state where Lee owned a trucking company and Toni was a hairdresser, they built a home on 20 acres in Chiloquin, OR.

Chiloquin, OR is home to "Train Mountain Railroad" – TMR ([www.trainmountain.org](http://www.trainmountain.org)) the world's largest miniature railroad (Guinness Book of World Records). TMR is situated on 2600 acres with 36 miles of 7.5" Gauge Track. The trains are large enough to ride on throughout the miles of track. In addition to the miniature railroad, there is a museum with railroad history and 60 full-size rolling stock cars, in the collection, on display.

Lee and Toni's home and property were fortunate to be one of a special few that were on the grounds of the railroad. They had 2000 feet of their own track, and could access the club tracks from their siding. Lee and Toni owned many engines and cars that Lee had hand built from scratch to operate on the railroad. They were members of the club which numbered 400-500. Members from around the world would bring their cars and engines to operate on the club's tracks. Lee and Toni sold their Oregon home a few years ago, but they retain some of their train cars.



## **Welcome VVSC New Members who joined in the last few months...**

Gary & Ellen Williams	Mary Crocker	Gary Smerdon
Denise Fitzgerald	John Todd	Thomas Belanger
Kevin Larkins	Penny Kovac	Todd Ferrell
T.C. & Balinda McNett	Robert Rose	Bill Lemkuil
Alan Aubuchon	Dorothy Gray	Albert Stiewing
Larry DeLong	Brent Sorensen	Christopher Kinsman
Rosalind Diane LeMaire	Dave Best	Richard & Ellen Stein
Kenny & Judy Graham	Anne Bovo	Dale Charles Jr.
Nimot Fitzpatrick	Paul Pappenfuss	Mona Loniewski
David Hammarsten	Stan Wicks	Ralph "Butch" Lord
Dale Davis	Anthony Wilson	Abe Masquelier
Jerry Reinhart	John Jones	Michael Cameron
Bruce Getman	Rita Riley	Wendy Geiwitz
Darlene Skehill	Richard Carlson	Nadine Wells
Charles K. Willsey	Thaddeus Kohut	Rick Steiner
Cheryl Everard		

## **VVSC Proudly Presents**



## **Sun Bowl Amphitheater**

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**9 am till 1 pm**

**Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles**

**Free Admission to the Public**

**Register Now!!**

**[www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com](http://www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com)**

Mark your calendars, and sign-up ASAP, because this will be an event that you will not want to miss!! Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there!



## Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch Tour

A fun time was had by all at the Alpaca Ranch on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>!!



## **VVSC 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Lights Run**

Many cars participated in Annual Christmas Lights Run on Saturday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We all met at Bellevue Heights Church parking lot. Some decorated their cars with lights, and afterwards we all met back at Nancy Oyler's home for hot chocolate and snacks. Thank you, Nancy, for hosting such a fun gathering!



## **Future Events:**

### **January 2023**

#### **January Ladies Lunch**

When: **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Monday, 12:00 pm

Where: The Links Neighborhood Grill

18823 N. Country Club Pkwy, Peoria, AZ 85382-8539

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

#### **Bell Rec Center Cruise In**

When: **January 6<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Where: Bell Rec Center SW Parking Lot – Please bring canned food for the Valley View Community Food Bank.

#### **Friday First Aid Training**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>** – 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

#### **Annual Banquet**

When: **January 7<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 5:30 pm

Where: Fairway Rec Center

BYOB, Buffet Style

#### **Event & Car Show Planning Meeting**

When: **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Where: Grand Center, Sonoran Room

#### **Board Meeting**

When: **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Where: Grand Center, Sonoran Room



**Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch, LLC - Tour**

When: **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday – Leave VVSC Shop at 2:00 pm

Where: 19007 W. Roadrunner Rd., Wittmann, AZ 85361

**Celebration of Life for Ron Spindle**

When: **January 17<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Where: Lakeview Rec Center Rooms 1 & 2, Potluck – please bring a dish to share.

**Gal's Car Care Class – Conducted by Don Puetz**

When: **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The ladies have been asking for this; focusing on general automotive knowledge/maintenance.

**C.A.R.S. New Year - Classic Car Cruise Nights**

When: **January 20<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, 3pm – 6pm

Where: Greenway Terrace Center – 15400 N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City (99<sup>th</sup> and Greenway) Sponsored by THE NIXON GROUP – Realtors

**General Membership Meeting**

When: **January 24<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Where: **The VVSC Shop – Grand Center** (Note change in date and location.)

**Potluck at the VVSC Shop**

When: **January 31<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 5:00 pm (Last Tuesday of the month.)

Where: VVSC Grand Shop

## **February 2023**

### **Car Show/Cruise In**

When: **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Where: Grand Center, North & South Lots

### **February Ladies Lunch**

When: **February 6<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, 12:00 pm

Where: The Links Neighborhood Grill

18823 N. Country Club Pkwy, Peoria, AZ 85382-8539

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

### **ARC (Automotive Restoration Club) of Sun City West**

#### **Car Show and Swap Meet**

When: **February 11<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: RH Johnson Rec Center, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd., SCW

Visit their website for more info at [www.ARCofSCW.com](http://www.ARCofSCW.com)

### **Event & Car Show Planning Meeting**

When: **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Where: Grand Center, Sonoran Room

### **Board Meeting**

When: **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Where: Grand Center, Sonoran Room

### **General Membership Meeting**

When: **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Where: Lakeview, SH1-2

## **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 here.

Arby's Cruise In – every Wednesday, 5:00 to 9:00 pm, 99<sup>th</sup> 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

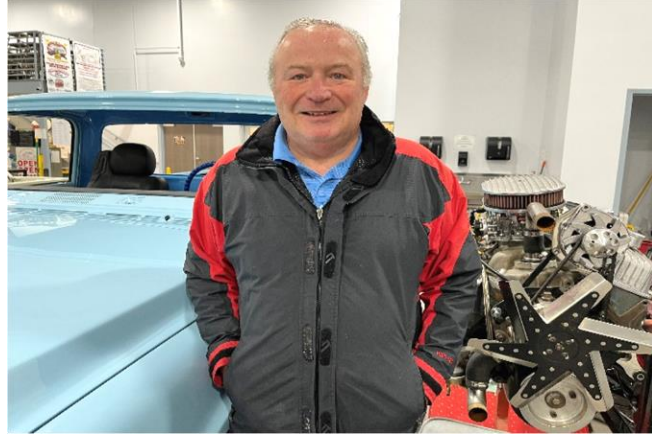
Cruise to Culver's – every Sunday at 11:30 am at Culver's Restaurant, 8330 W. Deer Valley Rd., Peoria, AZ 85382

Spring Fling Car Show 2023 Sponsors – We are still looking for Sponsors for our Spring Fling Car Show, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you know of a company that would be interested in being a Sponsor, or if you would be willing to contact potential Sponsors, contact Paul Graham, Car Show Director, at 530-306-6920, or [psgraham02@gmail.com](mailto:psgraham02@gmail.com)

**Congrats to VVSC members Steve Collins and John Fast who were elected to the RCSC Board! This will be Steve's second term.**



Steve Collins



John Fast

## **Announcements/Reminders**

### **Tears, Cheers and Pitstops**

This page is dedicated to provide information about our members that is of interest to other members. Cheers represents the good information that we need to share, such as birthdays, weddings, new grandchildren, etc. Pit Stops represents information about members having difficult times, such as illness, hospitalization, or other difficulties. Tears represents news about members and relatives who have passed away.

If you want something posted in the Newsletter or Website, please contact one of the following Club Services Committee members:

Yvonne Ahrens at 217-899-7842 or email [y.ahrens@gmail.com](mailto:y.ahrens@gmail.com) ; Marilyn Miller 509-279-4952 or email [bob-marilyn@q.com](mailto:bob-marilyn@q.com); Nancy Oyler [480-558-6717](tel:480-558-6717) or email [nancynascar@outlook.com](mailto:nancynascar@outlook.com) with information.



## **Newsletter Info**

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](mailto:duchene2@msn.com); or call/text us at 612-418-2103 Bob, 612-247-4527 Kathleen.

## **Monitor Training – “Refresh”**

If you are interested in updates to working as a Monitor, another option to Monitoring as a Shadow is to sign up for Monitoring for a “Refresh”. List “Refresh” on the Monitor Sign-up Sheet at the Shop. If you have questions, contact Dan Chopp or Jim Wersching.

## **VVSC Membership Renewal Reminder**

Car Club Memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not renewed yours, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to have all Renewals completed by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Name Badges**

- If you have a badge now that has the year punched, you will be receiving a new permanent badge when you renew.
- Lifetime Members – If your emergency contact or phone number has changed, fill out a form with the change, and we will issue a new badge.
- Indicate if you have an email change on your Renewal Form.
- Ask for your new name badge at the monitor’s desk.

## **Food Drive**

Canned food can be dropped off anytime during the year, in the Food Drive Box (near the front door) at the Shop.

## **Car Show Raffle Donations**

New or like new items (\$25 value or more) may be dropped off at the Shop. You can place on the mezzanine in Car Show Donations Tub. Fill out and attach provided Car Show Donation Form with your Name, Date, and Description of Item.

## **Bellevue Heights Church Block Party**

We had several SSSC member cars represented at the Bellevue Heights Church Block Party on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Besides a car show there were activities for guests, including; Christmas Choir Concerts, Choo Choo Train rides, a small farm animal/petting exhibit, and vendor/church foods!



One car of interest was this 1959 Austin Princess. The owner, not a Sun City resident, said the car was “made in England, only 1500 were produced, and has an aluminum body”.

## VVSC Officers (thru end of 2023)

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