

## **Featured Member Spotlight–Albert Stiewing**



Al was born and raised in Connecticut. He joined the Navy out of High School and was stationed in Mayport, FL (near Jacksonville) aboard an old WWII Destroyer he affectionately referred to as a “Tin Can.”

Following Al's military service he accepted a position at Gulf Oil Company. While at Gulf Oil Company, Al attended Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport Connecticut, receiving a Master's Degree in Business. Al married in 1977 and has 2 children.

Working for Gulf Oil Company, which became Chevron Oil Company in 1986, Al worked in many different jobs and capacities over the years – Clerk, Marketing, Senior Sales Analyst, Operations Supervisor, etc. Al was, at one point, part of the Worldwide Environmental Response Team. A few of the locations they traveled to included Alaska, Lake Tahoe, and Northampton England. Al was sent to London to prepare for Y2K.

Working for Gulf Oil, and then Chevron, Al worked in many locales over his working career – a few of those being New Haven, CT; Providence, RI; Troy, NY; Baltimore MD; Northern Virginia and Seattle, WA.



Al helming his boat and the crew hiking. Al is at the top.



Racing downwind in Miami. In a fleet of 100 boats Al's boat is in front.

Al became interested in sailing, primarily sailboat racing and competed in Two Man Amateur Racing in the areas in which he lived over the years with local regattas, in addition to traveling to other locales. He also raced in competitions around the country including the North American Championships and World Championships.

His sailing was mostly done in a 22' – 2-man sailboat with an open cockpit that was less than 6' long. This model was called a “Starboat” which has a reel, a huge main sail, and a small jib sail.

Over the years Al sailed Chesapeake Bay, Lake Erie, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Baltimore, Miami, the Bahamas, San Francisco Bay, and Cannes France.

In 2000 Al retired from Chevron. Al and his wife Janis moved to AZ in 2001. Janis, who was still working, accepted a position as Camp Director at Pima Medical Institute, instructing X-Ray Technicians. Janis' parents were residents of Sun City, so Al and Janis were very familiar with Sun City and moved here after Janis' retirement.

Al took up sailing remote control sailboats and once again competed sailing the crafts as a member of the “West Valley RC Mariners.”

After retirement Al purchased a Harley Davidson and toured all four corners of the United States, including traveling through nearly every state.



“Run for the Wall” They ride a tight formation. Al made 6 California to DC trips.



Al leading the Thursday ride.



During this time, Al got involved with “The Run for the Wall,” an annual motorcycle ride across the US to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., in support of all past and current Veterans. Al participated in the “Ride” in various capacities making 6 annual Runs to the Wall.

Al’s current motorcycle is a beautiful red 2015 Harley Davidson Road Glide CVO that he purchased new in 2016. Al, many times, is our Thursday Vintage Riders motorcycle ride leader. Ed Gordon appreciates having help with the rides, as he has generally been the sole leader of the Thursday rides for many years. Between the two of them, there is probably not a single route that they are not familiar with. Thank you, Al and Ed, the other riders certainly appreciate the time and effort that goes into these rides.



Al with his 2022 Rivian pick-up. He has really enjoyed owning it.

Al's current daily driver is a 2022 blue Rivian R1T fully electric pick-up that he ordered new. It is quite a machine. It can tow 11,000 lbs., go 0 – 60 in 3 seconds, has 805 hp, 900 ft. lbs. of torque, with 300 miles of range at 100 per cent charge.

Al tested its long-range capabilities this past summer as he traveled from Sun City to Connecticut. He averaged 825 miles per day in 14-16 hours. His experience charging the car was; with the high-speed charger, he could charge in 30 minutes, with the low-speed charger it could take up to 1 hour and 40 minutes. Overall, Al is very happy with his Rivian.



Al's 14" telescope with its specially constructed opening hatch at its former location in his garage.

Al likes to stay busy. Another hobby Al is passionate about is Astronomy. Al currently has a 14" fully automated telescope he has installed in Animas, New Mexico and can remotely operate from his home here in Sun City.

When we say Astronomy, Al specifically is involved in “Spectroscopy,” which is the study of the absorption and emission of light and other radiation by matter. It involves the splitting of light (or more precisely electromagnetic radiation) into its constituent wavelengths (a spectrum), which is done much the same way as a prism splits light into a rainbow of colors. Al logs his results, which he sends to a database in France, which is used by Scientists worldwide, studying various stars in the universe.

After participating in the operation of the Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Shop as a monitor, Al has offered to train to take over the position of President for Troy Janicki when he is ready. Troy has generously served as President for several terms as well as holding other Board positions over the years and has said he appreciates Al stepping up to the Presidents position. Al said he is happy to give back to the organization.



## What You Need to Know

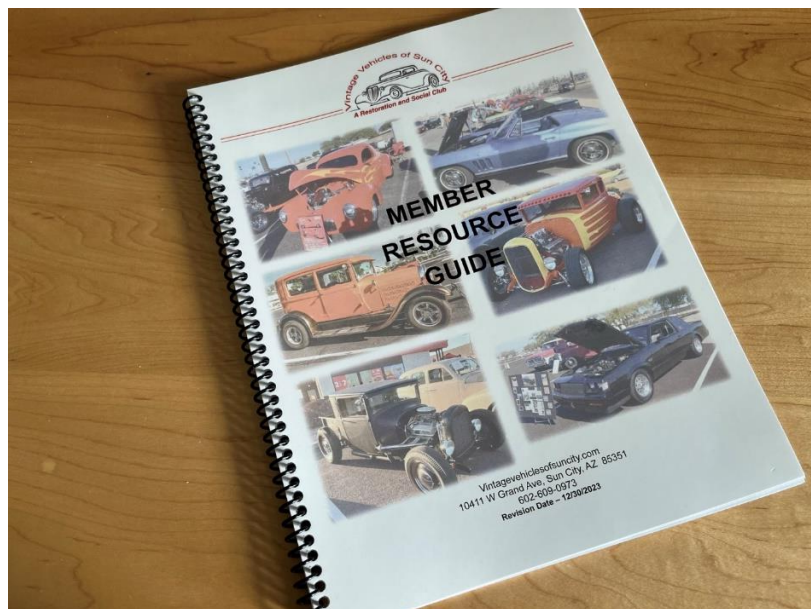
**Attention Welders:** There will be a charge in the shop for welding starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Gordon.

**Car Show Workers:** When working at the Car Shows (Spring Fling), please wear your **orange shirts** and VVSC nametag.

**Ongoing Food Drive** – please bring non-perishables to the Shop, Car Shows, Potlucks, Meetings.

**2024 Board Members** – see the Org Chart at the end of this Newsletter for a list of names, some positions have changed.

**More on the website or in the shop about What You Need to Know**



## MEMBER RESOURCE GUIDE

A new information manual has been created and is in the process of being refined as a reference primarily for new members, as well as, existing members. Since the club is growing quickly, we are looking for a comprehensive way to reach and involve all our members in the many activities that the club has to offer. If you would like to be involved in some way, contact Bob DuChene, Debbie Benson, or Alan Lund.

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# SPRING FLING CAR SHOW



SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 | 9AM TO 2PM  
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## **Happy Birthday Model T**

Debbie Carlson and Shirley Gottwald, in full Flapper regalia, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Glenn Gormley's 1924 Ford Model T 3 Door Touring Car. Last week Vintage Vehicles of Sun City threw a birthday bash for this perfectly restored American Legacy Vehicle. Mr. Gormley purchased this gem from his dear friend, Alan Isham, who painstakingly restored this beauty to its original grandeur. The club featured the car at its recent Open House and Car show at the Grand Recreation Center. Visitors and members were treated to a Model T decorated cake that was almost as tasty as the car itself. Happy Birthday Model T... you changed the world.

Photo and Article Courtesy Jesse Allen Falls, Publicity Director, VVSC



Connie Sherman and Denise Fitzgerald serving cake and punch at the 100-year Birthday party for the VVSC 1924 Model T. Grand Recreation Center Sat Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> VVSC Car Show and Cruise-In.





Stacy Benson, Kevin Cole, Ed Gordon, Debbie Benson, and Anne Bovo at the VVSC Monthly Car Show and Cruise-In Sat. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Grand Recreation Center. Photos Courtesy of Connie Sherman.







Grand Center Car Show and Cruise-In Feb 3.







## **Sun City West Annual Car Show**

The weather for The ARC of SCW annual Car Show Sat Feb10 started out rainy, but turned out to be a pretty nice day. The VVSC won three trophies, Les Litzenberger's '57 Chev, Al Baccaro's '80 Corvette, and a Club Participation award. Photo courtesy of Les Litzenberger.





### **Monthly Car Fun Run organizers**

#### **The Monthly Group is called “The Retreads”**

Denise Fitzgerald, Beth Miller, Richard Holcomb, Lloyd and Carol Reimann, and Mike Fitzgerald gathered before the first run to The Road House in Cave Creek on Valentines Day. Richard came up with the idea for a Monthly Car Run and Mike and Denise, and Lloyd and Carol will be the hosts for the future Car Runs.

**Next Run:**      Date: Wednesday March 20  
                     Destination: The Dwarf Car Museum, Maricopa (75 miles)  
                     and lunch (location to be determined)  
                     Time: Meet at 8:00 am, Leave at 8:30 am.  
                     Details: Check at the Shop or contact one of the Hosts.





Drivers Meeting before leaving on the first run. There were over 50 signed up.



Covered Patios at the Road House. Photo Courtesy of Ed Gordon.





Membership meeting February 20



The Vintage Riders at the Roosevelt Lake Dam Thurs. Feb 22



**February Ladies Lunch  
Babbo Italian Eatery 16433 West Bell Rd Surprise**



Photo Courtesy of Susan Mitchell

## What's Going on at the Shop

All the lifts except number 3 are currently back in service.  
Consequently, the shop has been very busy.



Tom Welle in the clean room working on the 302 that is going in his 1963 Ford Falcon. Tom is converting it to Fuel Injection.



Les Litzenberger detailing his 1957 Chevy before the Sun City West Car Show.



Matthew Staske putting in a new fuel tank in his newly acquired 1965 Corvair Corsa. Matt has another '65 Corsa at Home!





Joe Sanders' pick-up is back from the paint shop, looking good!



Glenn Gormley's Nova is just about ready to go out for paint.



Membership director Anne Bovo and Asst. Membership Director Debbie Benson in their new office located by the Upholstery Shop.





**February 21st, 1-3pm – Hydraulic Press, Tire Mounting and Balancing Machine Class** – Conducted by Don Puetz, Technical Supervisor. There were 18 members taking the class. Thanks, Don!

## **Shop Training**

### **Don Puetz, Technical Supervisor - Training Series**

Training (on different subjects) takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1-3 pm. Classes have concluded for this season.

## **Welding Classes**

Wednesdays 9 – 11:30

2 Students per class

Welding Instructor – Ed Gordon

See Fee Schedule for Welding Supplies

Sign-Up at the Shop

## **Upholstery Sewing Area**

**Upholstery Sewing Class** – We now have two instructors generously volunteering to conduct training classes - Bob Cummings, and Ron Atkinson! Thank you, gentlemen!

- Classes Wednesday and Monday – 9:30 am to 12 Noon
- Two consecutive classes are required to pass
- Sign up at the Shop
- Students must be current on Monitor Status to attend

Bob Cummings and Ron Atkinson are the volunteers that are providing the training for Upholstery Sewing at the shop. Bob has a unique background as he worked with interiors and upholstery in automobile manufacturing. Ron always had an interest to do his own vehicle upholstery so consequently he has been taking upholstery classes at the local community college.

In addition to providing upholstery training classes, Bob and Ron are happy to answer questions and offer advice if you are working on an upholstery project. RCSC rules do not allow VVSC shop members to take on work for compensation, however.

## **Future Events**

### ***March/April 2024***

### **Car Shows, Etc.**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Saturday, Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Spring Fling Car Show, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, Sun City Sun Bowl parking lot 9 am. – 2 pm.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Friday, Spring Potluck with Car Show and Games located at the Mountain View Rec Center Auditorium. The Car Show will be in the SE parking lot. 11 am. – 4 pm.



**April 12** – Friday, Car Show and Cruise-In at the MC Recreation Center Southwest parking lots, 10 am. – 12 pm.

**For more detailed information on Car Shows** - flyers, car show registrations, waivers, etc., check in the shop or go to the VVSC website: [www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com](http://www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com)

## **Club Meetings & Events**

### ***March***

#### **March Ladies Lunch**

When: March 4th, Monday, 12:00 pm

Where: Adams Cafe, 13200 N 113<sup>th</sup> Ave, Youngtown, AZ (Near the corner of 113<sup>th</sup> and Michigan in Youngtown.) They can take 25 individual tickets.

Please **RSVP** to Susan Mitchell, [mitchellsm1@yahoo.com](mailto:mitchellsm1@yahoo.com) to be added to the count.

#### **Events and Show Planning Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

When: March 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 10 am – 12 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

We need your help, ideas, and input for our club events! Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### **Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

When: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

#### **General Membership Meeting**

When: March 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 1-3 pm

Where: Lakeview Rec Center, Social Halls 1 and 2

**Potluck at the VVSC Shop**

When: March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5:00 pm (Last Tuesday of the month.)

Where: VVSC Grand Rec Center in the shop

***April***

**Events and Show Planning Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

When: April 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 10 am – 12 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

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Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

**General Membership Meeting**

When: April 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 1-3 pm

Where: Lakeview Rec Center, Social Halls 1 and 2

**Potluck at the VVSC Shop**

When: April 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5:00 pm (Last Tuesday of the month.)

Where: VVSC Grand Rec Center in the shop

**On Going Meetings and Events**

**Potluck and Social Night** – last Tuesday of the month, 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring a dish to share, dish utensils, and maybe a chair.

**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 Willow Creek Golf Course – snack shop. Located at 10600 W. Boswell Blvd. Any changes in time/location will be noted on website.

Arby's Cruise In – every Wednesday, 4:30 to 7:00 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!

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

## **Announcements/Reminders/Misc.**

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

Mary Ann Lemley passed away January 28, 2024.

Memorial service is scheduled for Friday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the Worship Center, Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351

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”

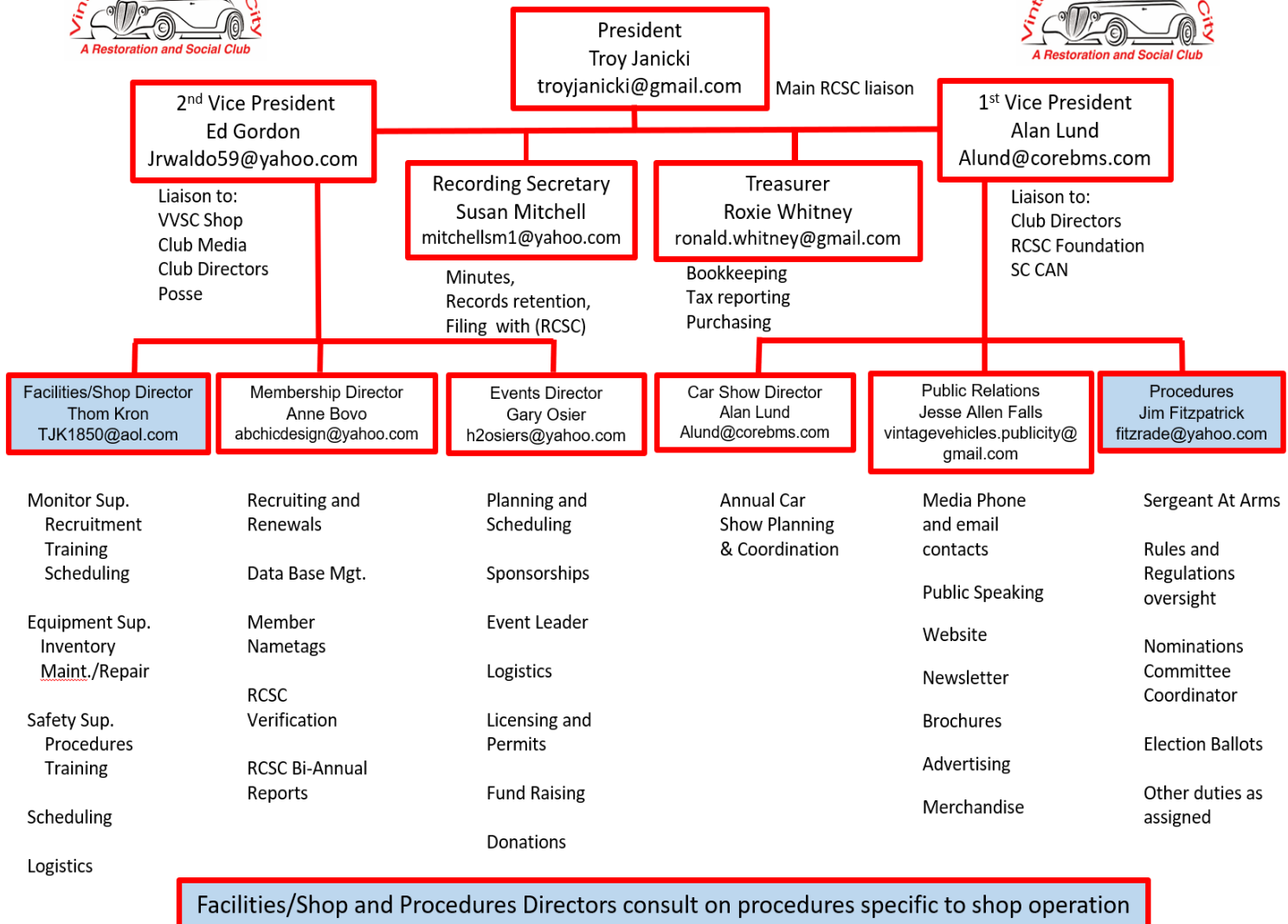
If you are interested in updates to working as a Monitor, another option to Monitoring as a Shadow is to sign up for Monitoring for a “Refresh.” List “Refresh” on the Monitor Sign-up Sheet at the Shop. If you have questions, contact Dan Chopp or Jim Wersching,

## Name Badges/Membership Forms

- If your emergency contact or phone number has changed, fill out a form with the change, and we will issue a new badge.



## 2024 Organization Chart





## Org Chart/Position Responsibilities

### VVSC Officers for 2024

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
<b>President</b>	Troy Janicki	480-277-6910	troyjanicki@gmail.com
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<b>Car Show Supervisor</b>	Alan Lund	248-496-9844	alund@corebms.com
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**Volunteer Shop Operations Crew to Keep You Safe**

**Facilities/Shop Director:**

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Len Manning, Shop Foreman:	623-341-8370
Glen Gormley, Shop Foreman:	602-540-8720
Mike Fitzgerald, Shop Foreman:	559-232-3713
Terry Loniewski, Tool Rm. Super:	219-898-4121
Ganen LaJoie, Safety Super:	317-752-1597
Dan Chopp, Monitor Super/Trainer:	216-870-4478
Jim Wersching, Monitor Trainer:	630-550-8786
Don Puetz, Technical Supervisor:	701-318-0879
Ed Gordon, Welding Instructor:	720-447-4045

**Get Involved!**  
**Participate in your Club!**  
**Meet new people!**