



The Windshield View

January 2025

A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Outgoing Officers

As I step into the role of President of the Vintage Vehicle Club, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our outgoing officers for their dedication and service.

President Troy Janicki has led our club with passion and commitment for the past three years. His leadership has been instrumental in guiding us through numerous successful events and initiatives.

Second Vice President Ed Gordon has been a steadfast supporter, always ready to lend a helping hand and ensure the smooth running of our club activities.

Treasurer Roxie Whitney, with over five years of impeccable service, has diligently managed our finances, ensuring that we can continue to enjoy our shared passion without a hitch.

A special thank you to **Susan Mitchell** for stepping up mid-year to fill the role of Recording Secretary. Her willingness to take on the challenge and her efficient record-keeping have been invaluable.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to **Shop Director Thom Kron**, who has devoted more than three years to overseeing the daily operations of our shop. His dedication has ensured that our facilities remain in top shape for all our members to enjoy.

I am genuinely surprised at how much work is required by the officers and directors to keep this club running smoothly. The next two months will be the busiest time for the club with our annual car show on March 1st, our anniversary party on January 29th, and all our other social activities in full swing. Please note that sign-up for the anniversary party is available in the shop.

An **army of volunteers** is needed for the Spring Fling. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help to make it a success. Sign-up is available in the shop. We especially need help with setup and tear down, but there are plenty of other jobs from registration to driving golf carts.

Your hard work and commitment have made a lasting impact on our club, and we are truly grateful for your contributions.

Here's to a future filled with more exciting adventures and camaraderie. Thank you once again for your outstanding service.

Sincerely,

Al Stiewing, 2025 VVSC President

Happy New Year to everyone!

I just wanted to send out good wishes to all, and share a few thoughts from the VVSC Shop. The shop team is looking forward to a very good year in '25. We are still challenged by computer gremlins, but hope to get past that hurdle soon.

The VVSC Shop management team is going to be missing Glen Gormley for what we hope is a quick and smooth recovery from hip surgery in early January.

Work continues to make the upholstery shop functional soon. The material to complete the weather shield are ordered, and should be picked up this month (I hope). The ceiling lighting has been re-ordered, and we should see it in January also. Mike Elliot has been a huge support for this project. The physical layout of the equipment is also in progress. I will order the materials to close in and weatherproof the front doors this month.

We will be having the lifts in the shop inspected. At this time they are all usable, though the axle lift on one of them is out of action.

Overall the shop and the equipment are in good shape.

Thank you to Thom Kron for all his efforts to get it set up, and kept up for everyone. Thom will work with Joe Sanders to take care of the toolroom for us.

Kevin Cole is willing to continue his management efforts in the shop.

I also must mention, and say "Thank You " to Dan and Jim, our monitor training crew!

As always, it is the participation of our members, as monitors, that allow all of us to use and enjoy the shop. I look forward to getting to work with, and enjoy the company of all of you.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald,

2025 VVSC Shop Director

All,

Lets acknowledge the wonderful job Bob and Kathleen DuChene have done on the club Newsletter for the past few years. It is much better than it has been in our past. Bob and Kathleen have decided to leave the position and yours truly, Les Litzenberger, foolishly agreed to take over the reins. I only hope I don't run it off the rails.

That said, the newsletter can only be as entertaining and valuable as the information and news provided. I want to make this a sharing opportunity so please consider submitting an article occasionally or if you arent comfortable with your writing skills at least let me know what you would like to know more about.

The December Ladies Luncheon, was at Tivoli Gardens. Such a great time was had that nobody remembered to take photos for the Newsletter. :0)

The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, January 6th, Noon at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse
9748 W Northern Ave. Peoria 85345

Please RSVP to Susan Mitchell @ mitchellsm1@yahoo.com

Have fun but not so much you don't have pics to share.

**“Retreads Rod Run” to Wickenburg for the annual
Toys for Tots Car Show - December 8th**



Claudia Baxley, Carol and Lloyd Reiman, Kathleen and Bob DuChene, Denise and Mike Fitzgerald, Dan Chop, Connie Sherman, Kelly Miller, Jane and Doug Swartz, Les Litz, Al Baxley. Ralph Hunger and Pat Miller not in the shot.

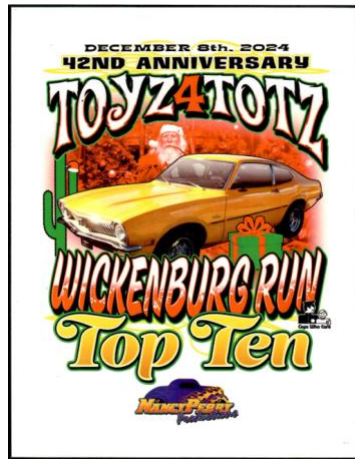


VVSC rigs on display



Red White and Blue Corvettes owned by Ralph Hunger, Doug Swartz and Dan Chopp.

Kinda Patriotic huh?



**Two members were honored with Top Ten awards.
Byron Gardner and his 1955 Buick Special**



Les Litzenberger and his 1957 Chevrolet BelAir



The next **Retreads Rod or Not Run**

will depart the VVSC Shop @ 10:00am on January 15th to the Martin Auto Museum.

Whether you have been to this before or not it is absolutely worth your time. This is a private collection and shows Mr. Martin's varied automotive interests. There is something here for everyone. See details later in this Newsletter.

VVSC Vintage and Short Riders These Motorcycling friends leave every Thursday from the Shop around 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning for various destinations around the Valley with occasional rides to Prescott and further. If you have a ride in mind, bring it and that may become the destination that week.

VVSC Desert Riders If you are into off-roading and have an ATV, Side by Side or Motorcycle please contact Les Litzenberger 509-430-1625. He has the text list which is how we organize rides. We have been off the trail for a few weeks with the holidays but hope to get back to it in January.



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The December VVSC Car Show and food drive at Sun Bowl was a great success.

Thanks to the generosity of club members and the public lots of food was donated, enough that wouldn't fit in Connie's SUV so it got loaded in my Pickup and donated to Valley View Food Bank on Monday.

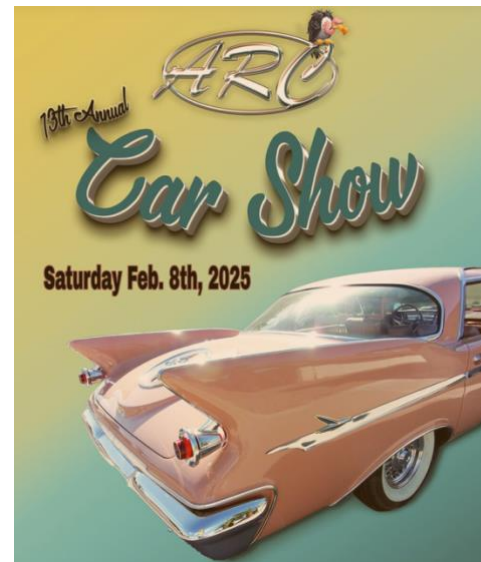


Volunteer opportunities abound!



Four weeks prior to our show check out the show at Sun City West Auto Restoration Club. <https://arcofscw.com>

They always have a good turnout at our Spring Fling show and we often have enough club members there to win the highest club turnout award.





Vintage Vehicles of Sun City

10th Annual Anniversary Party

Theme “Let the Adventure Begin”

Wednesday January 29, 2025

Fairway Recreation Center

Cost is \$30 per person

Starts at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00

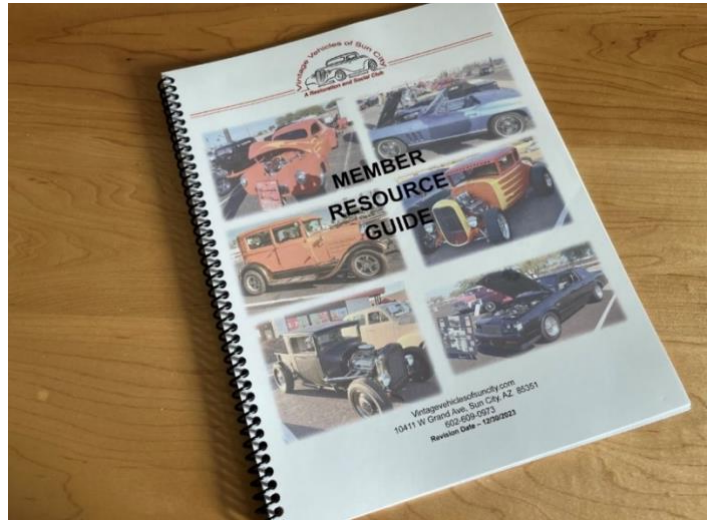
Music by Arizona’s Party Band – “Danger Hill” (formerly Faded Jeans)

Buffet style dinner with several delicious entrees followed by coffee and cake.

Tickets are available at the shop

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

SUN CITY RETREADS

LET'S BURN THAT OLD GAS!!



“The Retreads”

Rod or Not Run to The Martin Auto Museum

Next Run: Date: Wednesday January 15, 2025

Destination: Martin Automobile Museum. You do not have to have a Hot Rod to go on the run, if you do it would be nice...BUT, we will enjoy the run together no matter what kind of car you bring!



Time: Leave at 10:00am

We plan on leaving from the parking lot at the shop.

Details: The Martin Auto Museum showcases Mr Mel Martin's varied collection of cars which is extensive enough for any fan of the automobile.

We have options for lunch in the neighborhood First Watch, Daddy-O's Grill, Angies Lobster and Prime Grill and for the not so choosy McDonalds. I ate at Daddy-O's last time I visited the museum and it was very good.

Please sign up at the shop.

More information on the VVSC Facebook page, Carol Reimann will be posting updates as we get closer to the date.

LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!

Great opportunities to get involved and help your club

NON-Board positions: Open Now!

Annual Car show Supervisor

This Position is open –

Alan Lund is filling this position until someone steps up to assume the position.

Newsletter Editor

This Position is also open -

Les Litzenberger is currently working this project but will be happy to hand over the reins to someone.

**Contact Procedures Director – Jim Fitzpatrick, 623-261-8521,
fitzrade@yahoo.com TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY POSITION**

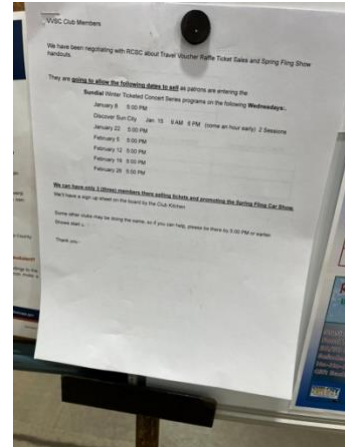
Welcome December 2024 VVSC New Members

Sorry, TBA in next newsletter

Sign up to Sell raffle tickets for the \$5000 Travel Vouchers for the SPRING FLING.

Before the Winter Ticketed Concert Series Programs, Wednesdays in January and February

Sign up sheet by the VVSC Club Kitchen



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
- Sign up in the Shop

Classes are available on selected dates through the end of the year

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.

Welding Classes

Fridays 9 – 11:30

2 Students per class

Welding Instructor – Ed Gordon

See Fee Schedule for Welding Supplies

Sign-Up at the Shop



Future Events

Car Shows, Etc.

January 3rd – Friday, 2:00 – 5:00 pm VVSC Car Show Cruise in, Bell Recreation Center, Southeast parking lot.

January 14th – Tuesday, VVSC Events Committee Meeting at 10:00am followed by VVSC Board Meeting at 1:00pm in the Sonoran Room at The Grand Recreation Center.

January 15th - The Retreads will do a run to Martin Auto Museum. Sign up at the shop. More information elsewhere in this Newsletter, and on the VVSC Facebook page.

January 21st – Tuesday, VVSC General Membership Meeting Social Halls 1 & 2 At the Lakeviw Recreation Center.

January 29th – Wednesday, 10th Anniversary Party and Dinner.

February 8th – ARC of Sun City West Car show

March 1st – SPRING FLING – 8th ANNUAL, 9 am -2 pm, Sun Bowl Amphitheatre, Sun City, AZ AWARDS, MUSIC, FOOD

For detailed information on Car Shows - flyers, car show registrations, waivers, etc., check in the shop or go to the VVSC website:

www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com

On Going Meetings and Events

January

January Ladies Luncheon

When: January 6th, Monday, 12:00 pm

Where: BJ's Restaurant ad Brewhouse, Northern Just west of Loop 101

Please RSVP to Susan Mitchell, mitchellsm1@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. They do not take reservations, so it will be important to RSVP, so we know how many will be attending.

Events and Show Planning Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month

When: January 14th, 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 – 2nd Tuesday of each month

When: January 14th, Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

General Membership Meeting

When: January 21st, Tuesday, 1-3 pm

Where: Lakeview Rec Center, Social Halls 1 and 2

Potluck and Social

When: (Last Tuesday of the month.) See you next month!

Where: VVSC Grande Recreation Center – In the shop

4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring a dish to share, dish utensils, and maybe a chair.

BOWLING! BOWLING! BOWLING!

The group meets every Sat. at 5:30-8:00. Contact Jan Mock, janrich72@gmail.com, or 716-510-4864 by 1:00 Sat to participate.

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, 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!

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

Food Drive

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

Announcements/Reminders/Misc.

Tears, Cheers and Pitstops

This section is dedicated to providing 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 ; Marilyn Miller 509-279-4952 or email bob-marilyn@q.com; Nancy Oyler [480-558-6717](tel:480-558-6717) or email nancynascar@outlook.com with information

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.
- Indicate if you have an email change on your Renewal Form.
- Ask for your new name badge at the monitor’s desk, they are in the Badge Box at the Shop for pick up. We do not mail out Badges.
- **Renewals for 2025** – If you renewed in November or December, your membership will be good through 2025. All Membership dues are required by January 31st, 2025; at which time those that have not renewed will be deleted from the Club Roster.
- Please, please, please write legibly when filling out Membership Forms. If we mis-interpret your writing, your info may not be accurate.



VVSC Officers for 2025

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Glen Gormley, Shop Foreman:	602-540-8720
Joe Sanders, Shop Foreman:	608-347-7593
Ganen LaJoie, Safety Supervisor:	317-752-1597
Dan Chopp, Monitor Super/Trainer:	216-870-4478
Jim Wersching, Monitor Trainer:	630-550-8786
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