



The Windshield View

February 2025

I am pleased to see members approaching me looking to help. The success of the club relies on new members presenting fresh ideas and assuming the important roles in the club. We are approaching 600 members and the long-term success of the club needs the efforts of more than the 60 to 80 members who show up to the monthly meetings.

The shop is a busy place this time of the year with the snow birds in their nests. It is also the time of year when members are doing repairs on the cars using the club's equipment. While all members are initially trained on the safe operation of our equipment all risk is not eliminated as infrequent use and complacency can lead to unsafe use. We now have Shop Foreman on every shift. If in doubt ask for help. If you see something that appears unsafe say something.

Preparations for the Spring Fling in high gear. Alan Lund is once again doing an outstanding job with entries ahead of last year. We are expecting 300 cars at the show this year and Stacey Benson will likely be turning away day of the show entries. If you do not want to be on the outside looking in get your entry in now. Forms are available on the front desk. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Sign up at the front desk. This is the money maker for the club

We are continuing our pursuit of Air Conditioning for the shop. Air conditioning was on our original plans and scrapped for a swamp cooler. We applied again and the RCSC wants to replace our swamp cooler with a new swamp cooler this year. The RSCS apparently does not understand that 84 degrees and 64% humidity is not a good environment for doing physical labor. We are acquiring quotes on our own to present to the RCSC in hopes we can change their minds.

We are in the process of expanding our use of the Zettle credit card system to include all financial transactions.

The paint booth's conversion to a sewing room is progressing thanks to Mike Elliot and his team. The next step is to get more power to the outside canopy for welders.

Sincerely,

Al Stiewing,

2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings

Hello from the VVSC shop. We have been busy in the mornings, and a bit quieter in the afternoons. We still struggle to have enough monitors to keep the shop open in the afternoons.

The work on the upholstery shop continues. The wood panels to fill 6 of the openings in the front doors are cut and will need to be painted to seal them before final installation. The acrylic panels for light have been cut and will be installed this month also. The sealer for the bottom of the walls has been ordered and will be put to use this month (I hope).

We have had an increase in interest by several people who want to use the shop for some long-term projects that will start at the end of January, and early February. We will still have room for all our more routine work.

Dan and Jim have been very busy training a lot of new members! We look forward to enjoying their company at the shop and other club activities.

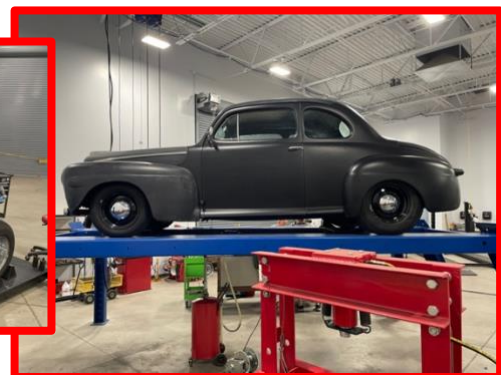
The smaller front door to our building at the Grand Center has not been working correctly. If the front doors are not on to automatically admit you, try your token on the sensor by the large doors.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald,

2025 VVSC Shop Director

John Stoner working on his 1949 Matchless Clubman 350cc British motorcycle.



Alan Lund

I am the 1st Vice President of Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Car Club and would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the Club!

I have been an active member since 2016 in several VVSC areas through the years. I have been the Membership Director and coordinated our annual Spring Fling car show over the past two years

The duties of the 1st Vice President are:

Report Directly to the Club President.

To preside at all Club Meetings and functions in the absence of the President.

To act on behalf of the President, if the President is not able to perform those duties.

Attend Board and General Membership meetings to report and represent the interests of Club members.

Act as Club Liaison to the Club Directors as assigned, The Sheriff's Posse, and other organizations as needed.

The Vice President shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President.

We have an extensive network of members involved in making our club run smoothly and thank you for your involvement.

Let us know what areas you would like to participate with.

Sincerely,

Alan Lund

1st Vice President – VVSC Car Club

Membership Director

Hi. I am Debbie Benson

I am responsible for entering into the computer all the information you put on your membership application. I also make your badge. Your badge will be kept at the front desk until you pick it up.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at (720) 338-5407. Have a great day!

Thank you,

Debbie Benson

2025 VVSC Membership Director

Club Treasurer

As Club Treasurer, per RCSC BP-12 and our Club Rules and Regulations, I am responsible to account for all monies which the club acquires or spends. There are a few changes at the shop for purchases. Partly to make the shop monitor's jobs easier but also ensure the club is in compliance with the above Policies and Rules. At least while in the learning part of this position I will be making twice a week trips to the shop to gather money, receipts and make re-imbursements for purchases which can't be made with a club debit card.

We keep a limited amount of money in the cash drawer so, please do not expect that they will be able to break \$100 or \$50 bills.

Thank You,

Connie Sherman

2025 VVSC Club Treasurer

The January Ladies Luncheon, was at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse.



**The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, February 3rd, Noon at
“Valle Luna”**

Their address is 3336 West Bell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85053.
Please RSVP if you plan to attend. (mitchellsm1@yahoo.com)

Happy Birthday to Ann Bovo, Beth Smith, Debbie Untermaehrer, Karen Morrissey and Lynda Womack.

What's your New Years resolution? Mine is to dance more. I have joined Dance for Fitness, and I am really enjoying it. Try it if you have a chance!

Thanks,

Susan Mitchell

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.

Bartlet Lake Ride



Mike Elliott, Anne Bovo and Ed Gordon

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.

From the January 6th ride from Bumblebee up Turkey Creek to Cleator Bar and “Yacht” Club.



The **January VVSC Car Show** at Bell Center on Jan 3rd was well attended with wonderful shorts and t-shirt weather and a good number of new rigs. Also membership/Raffle tickets and Anniversary dinner tickets were available





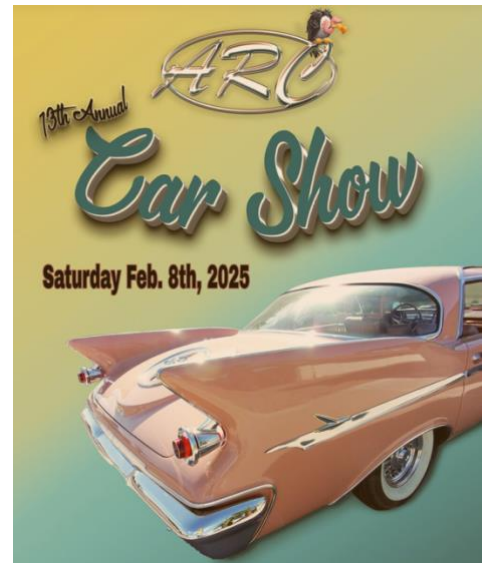
Volunteer opportunities abound!



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.



Tenth Anniversary Dinner

This annual get together was held at Fairway Center and we had over 120 members in attendance. Great fellowship, dinner and dancing to “Danger Hill” formerly “Faded Jeans”



Jim Moren and Tom Wilbur were honored by your Board for their dedication and time involved restoring the club’s 1924 Model T.

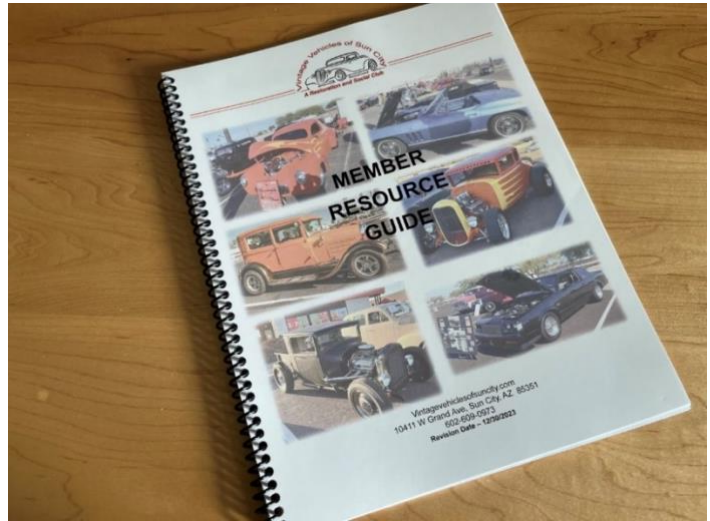
Past President Troy Janicki introduced New President Al Stiewing.



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 Lets burn that old gas!!



“The Retreads”
“Retreads Rod (or not) Run” to Martin Auto Museum – Jan 15th



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.

Next Run:

When: Wednesday February 12, 2025
Leave at 9:15am

Where: Wickenburg's Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 N Frontier St Ste A, Wickenburg, followed by lunch at Cowboy Cookin'. This is a great museum with a lot of local history.

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 vehicle you bring!

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

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 New VVSC Members

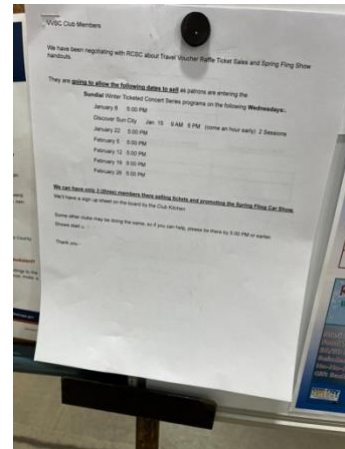
Steven and Betsy Bartusch, Marc Graham, Doug and Karen Heimbigner, Angelo Messina, Tracey White, Shawna McGatlin, Julien Selles, Daniel Pehoski, David Milton, Leonard and Moneita Kalas, Kevin and Eulavon Mallouf, Norman Zimmerman, Keith Durfield, Patricia Miller, Charles Phillips, Cindy Grace, John Paterson, Kevin Field, Charles Naig, Mike Cirino, George Moore, Michael and Connie Caskey, Howard Barney, Richard and Michele Cornwell, John Heisser, Armand Mckenna, Wendy Walker, Latricia Pelt, Howard Barney, John Robinson, Carl Craig Buckalew

This 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 are comfortable with your writing skills at least let me know what you would like to know more about.

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

Farmer's Market ticket sales Thursdays @ 9:00am At The Bell Center

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.

February 1st – Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 pm VVSC Car Show Cruise in, Grand Recreation Center, North parking lot.

February 3rd – Monday Noon Ladies luncheon at Valle Luna restaurant. at 33rd and Bell Rd. Contact Susan Mitchel for more information and to RSVP at mitchellsm1@yahoo.com

February 8th – ARC of Sun City West Car show

February 11th – 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.

February 12th - The Retreads will do a run to Wickenburg Desert Caballero Museum + Lunch. Sign up at the shop. More information elsewhere in this Newsletter, and on the VVSC Facebook page.

February 18th – Tuesday, VVSC General Membership Meeting Social Halls 1 & 2 At the Lakeview Recreation Center.

February 19th – Wednesday, Ladies Automotive Consumer Class by Don Puetz at the shop 1:00 to 3:00pm

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

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

February

February Ladies Luncheon

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

Where: BJ's Restaurant and 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: February 11th, 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: February 11th, Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

General Membership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month

When: January 18th, 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** – All Membership dues are required by January 31st, 2025; at which time those who 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.

“You Know You Want It” department,

Larry Raburn has a 1969 B/Gas Camaro with a trailer for sale. If interested call him at 907-227-4800

Doug Quelland is offering a 1949 Studebaker Commander four door with suicide rears. Big 6 and Overdrive three speed. There is a long list of features and details about this car so please feel free to contact doug for pictures and more details. 602-999-8748 or dougquelland@cox.net



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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

