



The Windshield View

March 2025

View from the Top

This month everyone's effort has been directed to the car show tomorrow. It has taken hundreds of hours of efforts and a large team to successfully run this event. Each year it gets bigger and better. This year we have 280 pre-registered cars and will hit our max of 300. That's going to be an impressive lineup! A special shout out to Alan Lund who leads the team with his detailed excel charts that tracks progress and corrals sponsors and vendors to make this our biggest money maker of the year. Let's not forget Connie Sherman and Debrah Benson for their herculean efforts selling raffle tickets every week at the farmer's market, coordinating a million details, and serving as Treasurer and Membership Director respectively. The travel voucher proved to be a tougher sell than anyone imagined, but primary through their efforts we should breakeven.

The big question is, will Charlie Brown (Gary) finally kick the football (a coffee truck at the show) or will Lucy pull it away again at the last minute.

We continue our pursuit of A\C for the shop. We have two bids and we are trying to schedule a meeting with the Operation and Maintenance to get their support when we go before the Board. Progress is slower than expected, but RCSC budget concerns have worked on our side as they review their own budget.

Historically we have maintained our lifts. RCSC is now requiring us to submit a written work request to the club office and the club office will then fill out an internal request for maintenance. They will then arrange for the service. This I'm told so the RCSC can ensure that the contractor have the necessary insurance etc. This will inevitably lead to longer downtime on our equipment.

Again, thanks to everyone for making the Spring Fling a huge success. Enjoy the show.

Albert Stiewing,
2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings

The Club's Model T is back from Tom Wilbur's shop after body work and Paint. Boy does it look different than the day we drug it out of a neighbor's garage!





Shop Directions

[Hello to Everyone from the VVSC Shop!](#)

We have a problem with the #4 Lift in the shop. There was a problem when lowering a vehicle. We have had the lift examined and repairs are moving ahead, not as fast as we might like, but moving...

We continue to support both long term, as well as daily projects. The last couple of weeks have seen a number of our members preparing their cars for everyone to enjoy at this year's Spring Fling.

There are a couple of things in the shop that I would like to ask the membership to help us with:

#1 if you are an experienced member, please sign up as a monitor rather than using a shadow slot on the schedule. It is intended that the shadow activity in the shop to be part of the training that NEW members receive, to help them get comfortable with acting on the training and information that Dan and Jim have given them. I intend to divide the Shadow position into both floor and desk duty reinforcement. IF EXPERIENCED club members want to go through retraining, and feel that they really need to shadow again to feel comfortable again, I would not deny them.

#2 I would like to have the desk monitors enter the hours for all monitors on a shift. All members are trained in the process of doing this, and will get to do so when they are the desk monitor.

I hope that this format helps to inform everyone to information, and activities in the shop. If you have questions, and/ or feedback please let me know.

Mike Fitzgerald,
2025 VVSC Shop Director



I'm happy to announce that we have the following Sponsors plus too many vendors to list participating in our Spring Fling Car show this year.

Gold Priority Roofing

Silver The Conrad Team – Home Smart

Bronze Martin Auto Museum
Mecum Auto Auction
The Nixon Group
Brad Slick – State Farm
Western State Bank
Pete Nelson Automotive
Gateway Classic Cars
Semper Fi Heating and Cooling
National Parts Depot

Please show them they their sponsorship is appreciated and, if possible, give them a chance to earn your business.

Sincerely,

Alan Lund

1st Vice President – VVSC Car Club

Membership Director

2025 is definitely up and running. VVSC has 453 active members. If you haven't renewed your membership it's not too late. We are also excited that we have 18 new members in January and February. Don't forget to pick up your membership badge at the front desk if you are new or requested a badge. Can't wait to see what March has in store for us.

Take care!

Debbie Benson

2025 VVSC Membership Director

Events

I have three requests for carshows;

First is at,

Banner Senior Center April 25

They are looking for 15 cars.

They will provide a barbecue 10:30 -1:30.

Second is at,

Park Terrace Senior Living

2577 West Greenway Rd

They want 10+ cars

Saturday April 19th, 9-1

They are also offering lunch

Third is at,

Chaparral Winds

Surprise

March 31st

She is supposed to call back to confirm and provide more information.

Let me know if your are interested in any of these. I am not going to commit until I get enough participants. I told all of them we may not be able to help them but I would try.

Also, please remember to wear your orange shirts and name badges at the show.

Thank You

Gary Osier

2025 VVSC Events Director

970-625-2885

H2osiers@yahoo.com

Car Enthusiast or Fun Enthusiast



Flappers pictured above (L to R) Shirley Gottwald and Debbie Carlson

Vintage Vehicles of Sun City is not just about Hot Rods and Muscle Cars. We are a Restoration and Social Club. We offer a state-of-the-art restoration shop where you can work on your car, truck, motorhome, motorcycle or golf cart. The 8700 sq. ft. shop is equipped with five lifts, a sand blasting booth, industrial sewing and welding equipment and tools...oh man do we have tools. Even if you don't know a wrench from a plier but love cars and hanging out with the cool kids, Vintage Vehicles is for you. We have weekly breakfasts, cruises, a weekly bowling outing, monthly potlucks and women's luncheons.

Once a year we throw a bash at the Sun Bowl, a Spring Fling Car Show, where you can feast your eyes on over 300 beautiful vehicles. You'll find everything from Little Deuce Coupes and GTO's to new mid-engine Corvettes. There is even a car that sports removable seats and a picnic table. The air is filled with Classic Rock and enveloped in the mouth-watering smells of kettle corn and food trucks. This year's Show is Saturday, March 1st from 9am-2pm at the Sun Bowl. Come enjoy the show and see the fun you've been missing. We hope you'll join the party. Vintage Vehicles of Sun City...for the cool kids.

Vintage Vehicles of Sun City 10441 W. Grand Ave. 602-609-0973

February 8th ARC Car Show



Alan Lund with his Mach 1 and award for the best Mustang Pony Car
(if you ask real nice, alan may let you look at it)



Best Club Participation Award
Displayed at the shop

The February Ladies Luncheon, was at Valle Luna.



The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, March 3rd, Noon at Big Buddha 16572 W Greenway Rd Ste 115, Surprise, AZ 85388.

We will be sitting on their patio. I was told that a tip would already be on our bill.

Please RSVP so we know you will be attending. mitchellsm1@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday to Charlene Cebulski 3-5, Jan Mock 3-10, Patti Bothmann 3-17, Patti Wilber 3-17, and Ramona Helms 3-18.

Let me know if you would like to be added to our e-mail list!

Deb Benson shared that the Table Game Club is every Monday from 6-9. Let's join her on Monday's.

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.

VVSC Desert Derelicts

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.



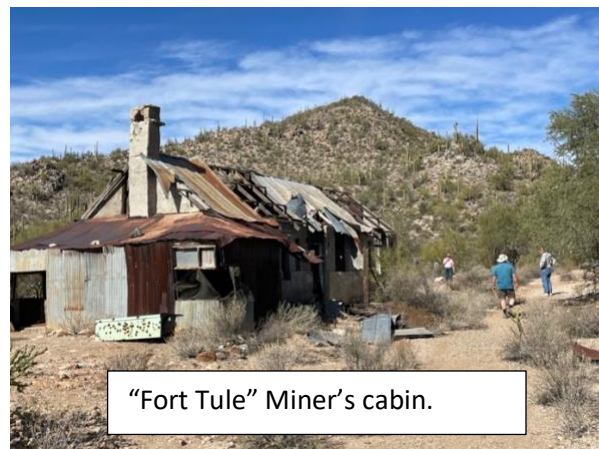
Anderson Mica Mill near
Morristown.



Water in the desert?



A couple of Desert Dwellers



"Fort Tule" Miner's cabin.



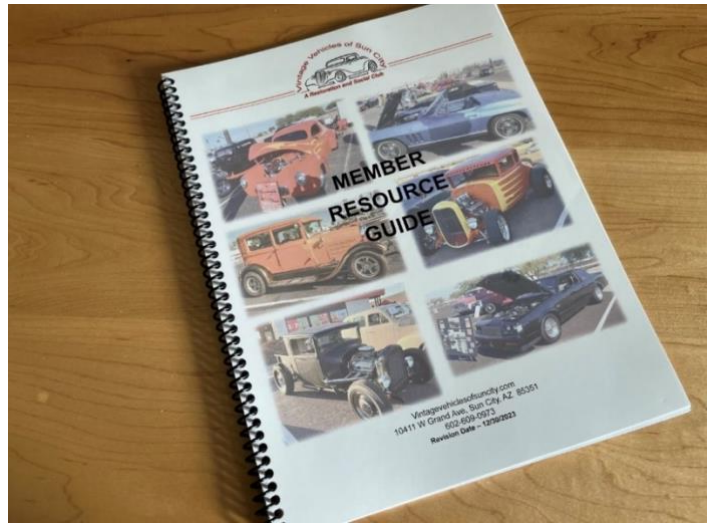
Shady lunch stop in Box Canyon of the Hassayampa and yes that is water.

Who wants to go?

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 Desert Caballeros Museum in Wickenburg with Lunch at Cowboy Kooking – February 12th.



Next Run: March 12th to an as yet undetermined location. Check at and sign up at the shop.

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!

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

Graciela Boyd, Gary “Dennis” Clayville, Don Worley, Everett Underlee, Carl Craig Buckalew, Richard Richerson, Mick C. Santa

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

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.

March 1st – 8th annual Spring Fling Car Show at The Sun Bowl

March 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.

March 12th - The Retreads will do a run to an, as yet, undetermined location. Sign up at the shop. More information at the shop, and on the VVSC Facebook page.

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

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

On Going Meetings and Events

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

When: March 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: March 11th, Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

General Membership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month

When: March 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

Ok so you probably know the car and some of you have coveted it, the reality is, yes I really like it but I don't fit in it well and am not comfortable (physically not reliability wise) driving it further than the East Valley. It has a 5.3L Chevy LS and a 4L60e transmission with power steering and AC and fewer than 2000 miles since startup. We were involved in the full frame-off restoration/modification. I bought the car in 2011, and we did the Resto/Mod build in 2015.



If interested, I will share all photos and history, as I know it, including the build process. There are more new parts than original on this car. \$65,000, and is a fair price for this car. I will be straight up honest with you regarding things it may need. Please don't embarrass either of us with a low-ball offer as the language will not be pleasant if you do. I want something I fit in better and will be comfortable driving anywhere so may be interested in a trade. Les 509-430-1625



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