



The Windshield View

April 2025

View from the Top

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this month's Spring Fling Car Show the best one yet!

The teamwork throughout the event was truly outstanding, showcasing the incredible spirit of our community. A special thanks to the coffee truck for keeping us fueled and to Gary for his invaluable contributions to the day's success.

With 300 cars pre-registered, the turnout was phenomenal. While we regret having to turn away 20 day-of-show cars, the overwhelming enthusiasm has inspired changes for next year. Based on the events committee's recommendations, next year's show will move to pre-registration only, ensuring a smoother experience for participants. Additionally, adjustments to the fencing layout will allow easier movement for golf carts and foot traffic between rows.

On another note, we are continuing our efforts to air condition the shop to improve comfort and safety for everyone. The changes to our initial proposal, which now include cooling to 72 degrees as required by county regulations, will necessitate tripling the size of the cooling units from 20 tons to 60 tons. Due to space constraints on the ground, the new units will need to be installed on the roof instead. This adjustment will also require a review and potential reinforcement of the roof structure to accommodate the additional weight and load.

While these changes will raise the cost beyond the approved amount for replacing the swamp coolers, we are encouraged by initial indications that there may be some flexibility in this matter from the RCSC.

Thank you all for making this event unforgettable and for your ongoing commitment to our community. Here's to an even bigger and better Spring Fling in the future—and to continued progress on improving our facilities!

Albert Stiewing,
2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings

Good stuff happening at VVSC Shop, Two Chevys, a Mercedes Motorhome van, a Toyota and the club's DR's Coupe Model T.



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 with all the efforts of our club members we hosted a very successful show this year. We had more sponsors and vendors than in years past. We also had more more show vehicles this year. There were fewer complaints than praise for a show well done.



Sincerely,

Alan Lund

1st Vice President – VVSC Car Club



**Priority Roofing
Spring Fling Gold Sponsor**



**The Conrad Team
Spring Fling Silver Sponsor
(and a pretty cool couple)**

The following are Bronze Sponsors



Martin Auto Museum



Mecum Auction



The Nixon Group



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Pete Nelson Automotive



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Trophy Cars











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

Please note that in April, our general meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday 22nd. 1:00-3:00 Lakeview social halls 1 & 2.

Park Terrace Senior Living

2577 West Greenway Rd

They want 10+ cars

Saturday April 19th, 9-1

They are also offering lunch

Banner Senior Center April 25

13049 N 103rd Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351

April 25 10:30 - 1:30

15 cars

Lunch provided

The Gardens At Sun City

17225 N Boswell Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85373

May 8 12-2

10-15 cars

Lunch provided

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/peopleandplaces/cool-hot-rod-1953/vi-AA1B9r1p?ocid=winp1taskbar&cvid=6c6b7bde9df44dad802fbb5a848bd10f&ei=16>



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.

Thank You

Gary Osier

2025 VVSC Events Director

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The February Ladies Luncheon, was at Big Buddah in Surprise.



The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, April 7th, Noon at:

Bubba's 33 Their address is 16100 N. Arrowhead Fountain Center Dr, Peoria, AZ 85382. Please RSVP to mitchellsm1@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. Thanks Susan Mitchell



Happy Birthday to Zelda Robinson 4-14, Carol Reimann 4-15, Carol Montalto 4-21, and Kay Nation 4-28.

Please let me know if you would like to be added to our birthday list.

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.

If there are no photos from these rides, it could be because nobody submitted images from them or I just suck at email.

Honestly, it could go either way. ;0)

VVSC Desert Derelicts

If you are into off-roading and have an ATV, Side by Side, Jeep or Motorcycle please contact Les Litzenberger 509-430-1625. He has the text list which is how we organize rides.

For the first ride of March, Ralph and Les hosted a gentleman and his granddaughter as the winners of a raffle prize at the Spring Fling Car Show.

We rode up Castle Hot Springs Road past the resort then up Castle Creek to “the doghouse”, up Walker Gulch to the corral north of “CK” rock for lunch then back to staging to load and head home. About 4 hours and give or take 50 miles.



George and Granddaughter Lilly

March 17th

We rode Jackass Flats north of Morrystown.

Anderson Mica Mill

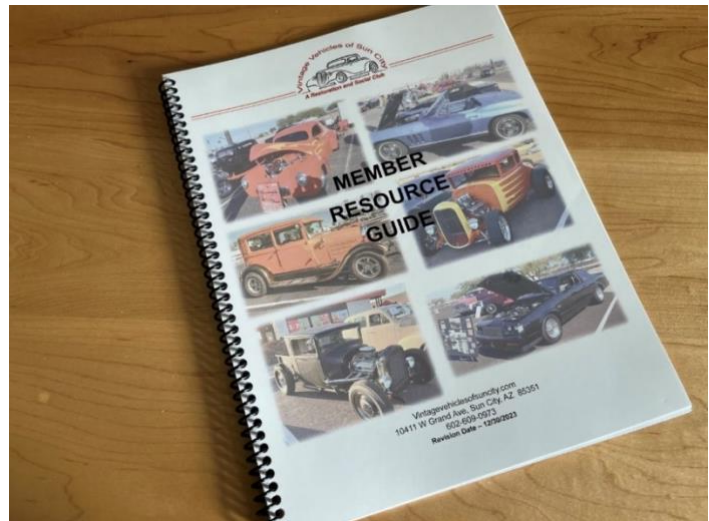




Member Resource Guide

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 Gateway Classics new
Showroom in our neighborhood – March 12th.**

Lloyd and Carol Reiman, Bob and Kathleen DuChene, Coc Pinkonsley , Don Ahrens, Winston Peterson and Les Litzenberger were the “shoppers” and we all enjoyed lunch at BJ’s brewpub on the way home





**Next run is to the Penske Racing Museum
Everyone is welcome to enjoy this!**

Please join us on a run to **Penske Racing Museum just South of the 101 on Scottsdale Rd on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.**

We plan on leaving the **Vintage Vehicles of Sun City shop at 10411 W Grand Ave. Sun City (Grand at 103rd) at 10 AM.**

The Penske Racing Museum showcases an amazing collection of cars, trophies and racing memorabilia chronicling the career of one of the most successful dynasties in all of sports. Penske Racing has over 50 years of racing experience and over 600 major race wins highlighted by 20 Indianapolis 500-mile race victories. On display in the museum are cars detailing the diversity of Penske Racing including a 1974 Penske PC1 Ford Cosworth Formula 1 car driven by Mark Donohue. Additionally, a number of Indianapolis 500-mile race winners are on display including the 1991 Penske PC21 Chevy driven by Rick Mears to his record tying 4th Indy 500 win.

Also, there is the Penske Auto Mall which showcases some very nice high-end automobiles.

We thought that if we looked around the museum for about 1 hour, then if you're interested in getting lunch before returning.

I will post the restaurant as soon as it is decided.

If you have a Hot Rod, Classic, or motorcycle that needs some exercise, GREAT! BUT, as always, a Hot Rod is never required for any of our runs.

Please sign up at the shop so we know how many to expect, we don't want to leave anyone behind.

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!

Penske Racing Museum - Everyone is welcome to enjoy this!
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

Tim Dobson, Larry Splinter, Fred and Julie Amaro, Paul Kleppe, Freddy Spargo, Bob Burger, Michael Millette.

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 aren't 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.

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– 2nd Tuesday of each month

When: April 8th, 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: April 8th, Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

General Membership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month

When: April 22nd, 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 or Sonoran room or someplace else, at the whim of RCSC due to other clubs requesting space before us....

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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