



# *The Windshield View*

*May 2025*

## **View from the Top**

Dear Members,

As we conclude our last general membership meeting of the season, many of our cherished snowbirds begin their journeys to cooler climates, escaping the Arizona summer heat. While you enjoy your time away, those of us remaining here will dedicate ourselves to ensuring the continued growth and improvement of our club.

This summer, we have ambitious plans to make meaningful enhancements. By the time you return next winter, our team of hardy souls will have been hard at work adding two new lifts, constructing a new office, installing a modern financial system, and—at long last—introducing air conditioning!

We are excited for all that's ahead, and I look forward to welcoming you back to a club that's even better than before. Your unwavering support and camaraderie inspire us to keep striving for excellence.

Wishing you safe travels and a wonderful summer,

Warm regards,

*Albert Stiewing,*  
2025 VVSC President

## **Shop Directions**

Hello to everyone.

The shop has been sporadically busy, with heavy usage one day and quiet the next day.

We have also had a problem with getting enough monitors signed up to keep the shop open.

What has been happening recently is that for some reason people are reluctant to sign up ahead of time. So then there are several very generous people that step up at the shop to monitor at the beginning of the shift.

Unfortunately the members look at SignUpGenius and do not see monitors signed up, and think the shop is closed.

Please sign up in advance of a shift so members can see that we have coverage.  
**BUT DON'T HESITATE TO SIGN UP.**

A little reminder about the procedure for monitor credit hours. We would like the desk monitor to be the person responsible for entering the hours for all the monitors on a shift. The floor monitors should verify that theirs hours are entered with the desk monitor.

I would ask all members that may be missing some articles of clothing to check the donut zone, and the hanger rack by the orange vests. There are some things that have been there for years, that won't be there anymore soon.

We are still working to complete the quotation for air conditioning in the shop.

The club is getting quotes for 2 new lifts for the shop. These will be more robust lifts, that will be placed in the main shop, with one moved into the weld shop, and the one from the weld shop moved outside under the canopy.

I wish all our seasonal members, safe travels and a great summer! We look forward to seeing you again this fall.

*Mike Fitzgerald,*  
2025 VVSC Shop Director

A big **Thank You** to those 61 members who attended the last General VVSC meeting of the spring. This group enabled us to approve some expenditures during the summer months. Post meeting Ice Cream sandwiches helped prove the adage; if you feed them they will come. See y'all in October!!



## Membership

### **Welcome New VVSC Members**

Stephen Gaulin, Bill Bobo

The current active paid membership is 494 with 10 new members since our March meeting.

Take care!

*Debbie Benson*

2025 VVSC Membership Director



## Events



The last cruise in show of the spring season was at Marinette Center at 99<sup>th</sup> and Union Hills. Thanks for your participation in all of our events this year.



Since the supercharger alone on Doc's Mustang is only slightly larger than the whole engine in Dave's C2v it should be a pretty easy guess which one makes 500HP. Notice that the cooling fan on the Citroen is electric rather than belt driven. I'm told that the engine has power to either drive the fan or the car and Dave chose the mobility option.



**The next Ladies Luncheon will be Noon Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at State 48 Brewery.**

Their address is 13823 W Bell Road, Surprise , AZ 85374. Please RSVP to [mitchellsm1@yahoo.com](mailto:mitchellsm1@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend. Thanks Susan Mitchell

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

Thanks,  
*Susan Mitchell*



## **VVSC Vintage Riders**

### Second Annual Snowbird Flyaway

Four hardy Vintage Vehicle Motorcycle riders, Bob DuChene, John Fillinger, Ganen LaJoie, and Al Stiewing embarked on a four-day three night motorcycle ride embracing the Harley Davidson mantra “It’s the ride not the destination” the hardy souls set on a 1400 mile tour of 4 National Parks, a National Monument, a National Recreation area and a Navajo monument.

The adventurers started with the standard twisty ride up Yarnell Hill to Prescott and Jerome before dropping into Cottonwood where Ganen joined us for lunch after a quick repair before soaring (roaring in Ganon’s case) into our new cruising grounds starting with Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, and Flagstaff ending the day in Williams.

Day two saw a long wait getting into, and a short visit to the Grand Canyon. For the end of April and most kids in school the mass of humanity was surprising, a recurring theme at all the Parks. We exited through the park’s east entrance which offered us expansive views of the desert below all the way to the Painted Desert to the east. Heading north on US 89 we switched to US 89A at Bitter Springs crossing the Colorado River at Mable Canyon and riding along the base of the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument before beginning our ascent once again exchanging desert sand for pine forest as we climbed to 8000 feet to Jacob Lake, the gateway to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, which was still closed from the winter season. Dropping down to Kanab, Utah again the landscape change from forest to open views across the lowlands to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

We ended the day backtracking to Kanab after failing to get a room at Mt Carmel Junction. Our punishment? Having to drive up and down Mt Carmel three times. Oh how we suffered. Day three was our marathon day. Zion, Bryce, and Capital Reef National Parks. Zion with its Checkerboard Mesa, the contrasting color of the rocks was stunningly beautiful in the morning light as we entered with the sun behind us. The one-mile tunnel an engineering marvel and switchbacks, both a delight and hazards, as our eyes switched back between the stunning views and the road. The big advantage of riding the bike is the ability to see the everything without the obstructed view of B pillars and roofs.

Next up was Bryce accessed off UT 12 which is a stunning gorgeous drive worth the trip by itself starting with Red Canyon and continuing to its end in Torrey. Bryce’s elevated view of the Ho Doo’s valley stretching off to the surrounding ridge line was a sharp contrast to the towering peaks and cliffs of Zion.

Capital Reef is the smallest and least spectacular. It offers sheer cliff on one side of the single drive in the park. It’s more a place to camp, hike and explore on some dirt roads. The drive from Capital Reef saw the landscape change to shades of grey with granular mounds created by erosion instead of mountains as we drove through portions of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. That all changed In Hanksville as we headed south on UT 95 and a high desert scrub landscape followed by the red walls of Glen and Grave Canyons. In the twilight, a close encounter with a deer added a little adrenaline rush to a long day.

Day four saw a fast ride in the high desert pass Monument Valley and high winds with blowing dust in Flagstaff adding a little excitement. Fortunately, the winds abated gradually as we lost elevation and we arrived home safely.



These Motorcycling friends leave every Thursday from the Shop around 9:00 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**

April 7<sup>th</sup> was north of Lake Pleasant to Ft Tule and other challenges. This is the last ride of the winter that I will plan and lead. If someone Braver (tougher) than I wants to lead a ride during the summer months then knock yourself out as we will be fleeing the heat early May and riding in MT for the summer months. If you have some images of your explorations during the summer months, please share them with us for the fall newsletter and/or share them via the group text. You know I will.



On the back way to FT Tule.



One of the locals, being judgemental from a distance. I kinda think he/she preferred we just move on.

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.

**Sun City Retreads  
Lets burn that old gas!!**



**“The Retreads”  
“Retreads Rod (or not) Run”**

See y'all in the Fall!

**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](mailto:fitzrade@yahoo.com) TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY POSITION**

*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](http://www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com)

## **On Going Meetings and Events**

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

When: April 8<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: April 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 1 – 3 pm

Where: Grand Rec Center, Sonoran Room

### **General Membership Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

When: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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, 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

**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](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



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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,**



**VVSC Officers for 2025**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
<b>President</b>	Al Stiewing	623-261-3622	amstpils@gmail.com
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<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Les Litzenberger	509-430-1625	chiefles53@yahoo.com

**Volunteer Shop Operations Crew to Keep You Safe**

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Kevin Cole, Shop Foreman:	603-443-1167
Glen Gormley, Shop Foreman:	602-540-8720
Joe Sanders, Shop Foreman:	608-347-7593
Thom Kron, Tool Room:	719-337-8241
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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