



The Windshield View

September 2025

View from the Top

To all our members returning from cooler climates—Welcome home! The club has missed your energy, Your stories, and your presence. As the desert sun softens and the season shifts, we're thrilled to see familiar faces rejoin the rhythm of our community.

Whether you've been away for weeks or months, you'll notice a few upgrades designed to make your experience smoother and more secure, from automated check-ins to improved access controls, we've been busy preparing for your return.

As we look ahead to next year, it's time to begin the important work of selecting our next slate of club officers and directors. We are forming a Nominating Committee and are seeking thoughtful, fair-minded members who feel deeply about the club's direction and leadership.

Serving on this committee is a meaningful way to contribute—your insights will help ensure we continue to grow with integrity, transparency, and purpose.

Let's build the future together.

Planning for our annual car show is officially underway and we're revving up for a fantastic event. One of the highlights this year is our raffle car – and we need enthusiastic volunteers to help showcase it and sell tickets in the lead-up to the big day.

Summer may have been quiet, but now's the time to shift gears. If you enjoy chatting with fellow members, love classic cars, or just want to be part of something fun and impactful we'd love your help.

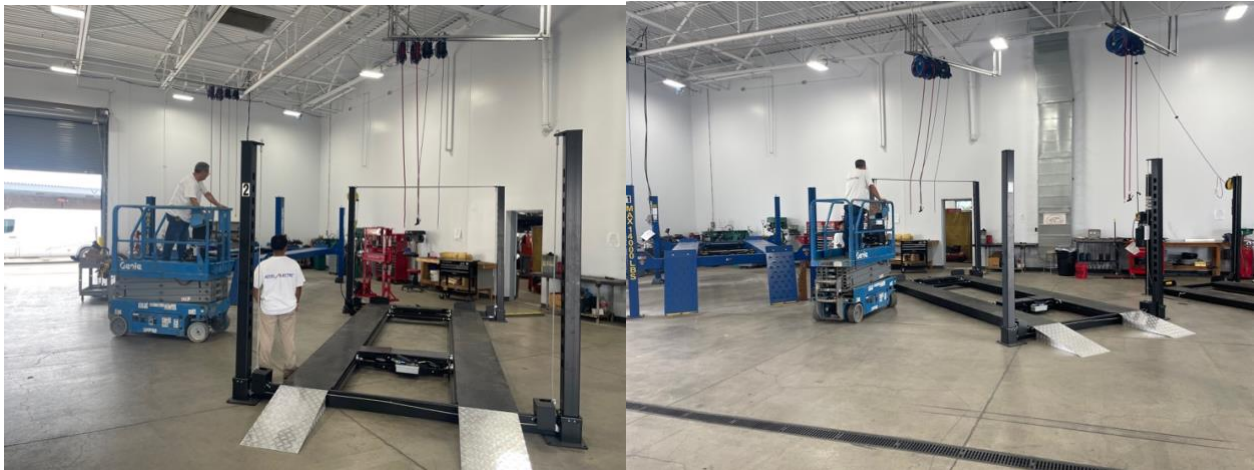
Whether you can spare a few hours or commit to a regular shift, your support makes a difference. Let's bring the energy back and make this year's show unforgettable.

The push for air conditioning in the shop continues and while progress has been slow, it's real. We are gradually gaining more support from RCSC and that momentum matters.

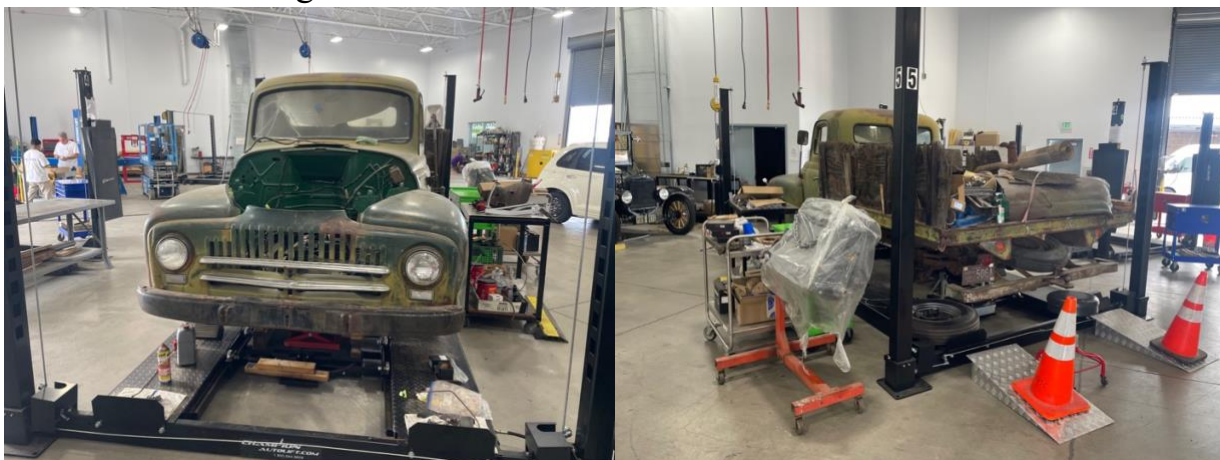
Of course, technical hurdles remain. From infrastructure limitations to system compatibility, it's not a simple fix-but we're committed to finding one. Your voices, your patience, and your persistence are helping move the needle.

Albert Stiewing,
2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings



Electricians working to connect one of our two new medium lifts.



Lorann Suddarth's long time family International Harvester flatbed. While it may have a long way to go, you should have seen it when she drug it in.



Jack Kaminski wrenching on the ol' Rustang!



Glenn Gormley's "latest" Orphan Corvair project.

Shop Directions

Hello everyone, as we are slowly moving towards fall, I wanted to let you all know what is happening at the shop.

The 2 new lifts are in the shop, and we finally have all the axle jacks, and components that were purchased. The lifts are operational, and the RCSC has come to the shop, and evaluated the electrical system for problems. They have agreed to make the necessary changes (and hopefully the requests for power on the rear shop canopy wall).

We are still trying to get A/C in the shop. So far, RCSC (Mr. Wiprud) has not honored our request to talk to our contractors. These companies have already put effort into preparing a quotation. Mr. Wiprud was directed by interim general manager Mike Dirmyer to get quotations for the job. So far all we have heard is more excuses about why there is no progress in achieving this goal.

The new Square point of sale system is in place and is scheduled to go live the middle of September. More on this from the president, but we will be bringing groups through, and familiarizing people with the operation of the system.

There are lists of the current inventory posted on the door to the display cabinets for the shirts, hats, and other items. There are also posted lists on the top of the tubs under the stairs. These will help you locate the item you are looking for. We would ask that you modify the quantity as you remove an item from the location. The inventory is live in the square, but this keeps information current and saves time hunting in the wrong location.

The VVSC shop has been given a set of toolboxes by Chuck Phillips, and we will fill these out for use in the open bay in the weld shop.

Dennis David donated a toolbox with a lot of both general, as well as specialty motorcycle tools, for use in the motorcycle area.

Richard Poche bequeathed all his mechanical tools to the club when he passed away. This is allowing us to add additional toolboxes, so all the lifts will have boxes, and we are working to prepare another set for use out in the canopy area behind the shop.

Mike Fitzgerald,
2025 VVSC Shop Director

Notes from your Treasurer

The club needs a member or a committee of members to
“take on the raffle items and table” for this year’s car show.
Acquiring items, signs, selling tickets, etc.

My duties will be of a Treasurers nature only.

Thanks,

Connie Sherman

2025 VVSC Treasurer

Membership

Hope everyone had a great summer.

Even though it was very hot again this summer we had 16 new members join our club. This is fabulous! We have a total of 528 active members now.

We will be starting the membership renewal process in October. You can renew in October, November or December and it will count towards 2026 dues. All new members joining in October, November or December will also be paid up through 2026. A new application must be completed in full by everyone. You cannot write SAME on any of the lines. Too many issues last year. You can do this online or at the shop.

Keep an eye out for emails about upcoming events and club meetings. Can't wait for car show season.

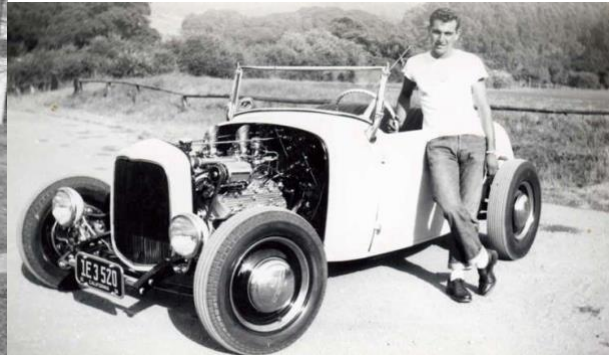
Please welcome the following new members who joined this summer.

Jeff Carlson, Gary Franklin, Michael Godinez, Bob Nelissen, Sara Nelissen, James Zuiderhoek, Robert Peloquin, Fred Greenwald, Craig Thornberg, Patrick Doherty, Patricia Doherty, Duffin Carter, Greg Opperman.

Take care!

Debbie Benson

2025 VVSC Membership Director



Events

October 10, 2025 from 10:00am to Noon; Car Show at Sundial Rec Center
November 7, 2025 from 10:00am to Noon; Car Show at Bell Center SE Corner
December 5, 2025 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm; Car Show/Food drive at Sun Bowl
January 2, 2026 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm; Car Show at Bell Center SE Corner
January 29, 2026 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm; VVSC Anniversary Party at Fairway Center
February 7, 2026 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm; Car Show at Grand Center North Parking Lot
March 7, 2026 All day; VVSC Spring Fling Car Show at Sun Bowl Parking Lot
April 3, 2026 from 10:00am to 4:00pm: Annual Potluck and last Car Show of the year!

Sterling Grove Music in the Park & Car Show

Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 2pm – 5pm

Sterling Grove Event Lawn
11530 N Greenwich Blvd
Surprise, AZ

Marble Heart Band will be our headliner for the event – they are a top country cover band here in Phoenix. We will also have some inflatables for the kids and food trucks and a bar.

Participants from your group will get to listen to the music, enjoy 1 free meal per entry and be entered into the competition to win an award. We can either do a People's Choice award or a Best in Show or whatever you would recommend. We can either do a cash award or a certificate to the restaurant at the Club.

Please let me know if you think your group would be interested in coming out this year. We would like to get at least 20-25 cars for the car show.

Let Gary Osier know by 5:00, Oct 15 if you are interested.
970-948-2885
h2osiers@yahoo.com

Ridges at Peoria

18170 North 91st Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382

October 22, 2025

9:30 to 11:00

We can provide Coffee & Bagels for sure and will be discussing if more once we get closer.

Let Gary Osier know by 5:00 Oct 6 if you are interested.

970-948-2885 h2osiers@yahoo.com

Hacienda Del Rey

12917 Las Cruces Dr, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

10:00-1:00 Oct. 4

10 cars

They will feed us.

Let Gary Osier know by 5:00 Sept. 19 if you are interested.

970-948-2885 h2osiers@yahoo.com

Sierra Winds

17300 N. 88th Ave.

Peoria, AZ 85382

Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 11am-3pm

Need 30-40 cars. Minimum of 20

They will feed us

Let Gary Osier know by 5:00 Nov. 11 if you are interested.

970-948-2885 h2osiers@yahoo.com

Ongoing

Starting in October, there are a few changes to meeting locations and times as follows:

General meeting is now moved to the third Tuesday 1:00-3:00 social halls 1&2 Lakeview.

Potlucks starting in October will be at the East Hall of the Sundial. In November it will be at the auditorium at Mountain View, and then back to the east hall at Sundial. Next year all potlucks will be at Sundial except November which will be at MV.

Thank You

Gary Osier

2025 VVSC Events Director 970-625-2885

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The Last Ladies Luncheon



The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, October 6th, Noon at: Mimi's on Bell Road

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.

The following is a special article by Al Stiewing regarding a ride with Ganen LaJoie

Riding High: Three Days Through the San Juans

A Journey of Scenery, Adventure, and Motorcycle Mishaps

By Vintage

Some rides are about the destination. This one was about everything in between.

Ganon and I recently set out on a three-day motorcycle adventure that took us from the desert floor of Sun City, Arizona to the alpine majesty of Colorado's San Juan Mountains. Over 1,500 miles later, we returned with sore backs, full hearts, and more stories than sleep.

Day 1: Climbing into Colorado

We kicked off with a long haul to Ridgway, Colorado, climbing twice to over 10,000 feet—including a pass near the Telluride ski resort. The air thinned, the views expanded, and the road reminded us why we ride. But after a full day in the saddle, Ridgway's motel didn't quite deliver. So we pressed on to Montrose, where a newer hotel offered a slightly lower price and a "free" breakfast that felt like a small win.

Day 2: Closed Roads and Canyon Rewards

Bright and early, we returned to Ridgway, aiming for the Million Dollar Highway via Ouray—only to be stopped cold by a road closure from 8AM to 1PM. With five hours to spare, we reversed our loop and headed back to Montrose, detouring into Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. The steep black walls, the Gunnison River, and the Painted Wall cliff were stunning—but the real thrill was the twisty route in.

From there, we followed US 50 along the Gunnison River and Blue Mesa Reservoir to CO 149, climbing toward Lake City for a well-earned lunch. It was scenic, winding, and peaceful—until South Fork, where my Harley threw up a temperature warning, followed by a check engine light. A quick call to the dealer suggested a radiator cap, fan, or pump issue. Fortunately, Harley's engines are air-cooled, with only the heads liquid-cooled to meet EPA standards, so we pressed on.

Wolf Creek Pass rewarded our perseverance with sweeping views, though traffic and construction between Pagosa Springs and Durango tested our patience. In Durango, we picked up US 550 for the legendary Durango–Silverton–Ouray run and finally got our Million Dollar Highway fix.

Day 3: The Long Way Home

Our return mirrored the outbound route—through Ridgway, Telluride, and Cortez—until the Indian decided to take a break, delaying us for a few hours. It was a fitting end to a trip where no day ended before midnight and no plan survived contact with the road.

Final Thoughts

Over three days, we climbed mountain passes, dodged closures, diagnosed engine quirks, and soaked in some of the most breathtaking scenery the Southwest has to offer. It wasn't perfect—but it was unforgettable.

If you're planning a ride through the San Juans, pack for altitude, expect the unexpected, and bring a friend who knows how to laugh when the check engine light comes on.

VVSC Desert Derelicts

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

Connie, Tim and Jolene Shelton, and I spent a lot of great times and many miles off roading in Montana during June.



After driving through the mile long Wickes tunnel.



Some "tolerable" scenery.



Comet mine and ghost town.



On the way to former Fire lookout on Jack Mtn.



Boot Lake near Dillon, MT.

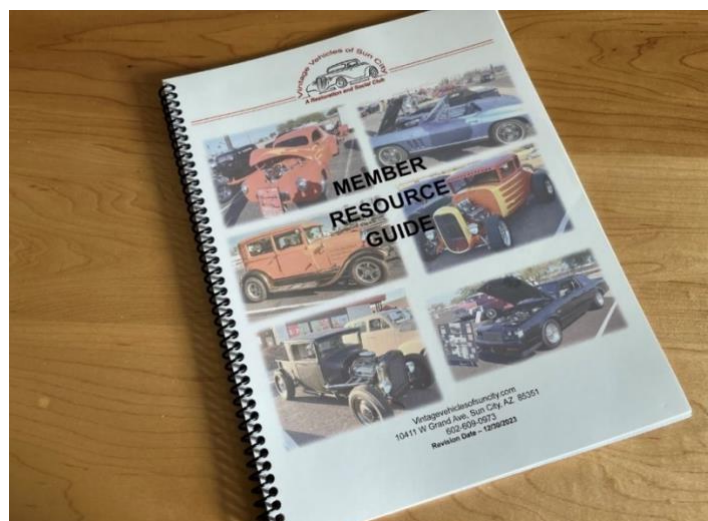


More "OK" scenery

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





COOLNESS

YOU MAY BE COOL... BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE SPOCK-LEANING-ON-A-
RIVIERA-COOL

Sun City Retreads
Let's burn that old gas!!



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

Look for these social opportunities starting in November.

NON-Board positions: Open Now!

Annual Car show Supervisor

This Position is open –

Alan Lund has been filling this position until someone steps up to assume the position. *Please consider giving him a break!*

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.

Publicity Supervisor

Jesse has his hands full with his condo association and needs to free up some time, so please step up to help.

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

This newsletter can only be as valuable and entertaining as the information and news provided. I want to make this a sharing opportunity so please consider submitting an article or photos or jokes so they can be included in a future edition.

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

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

Board Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month

When: October 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!

General Membership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month

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

Where: Lakeview Rec Center, Social Halls 1 and 2, unless otherwise stated.

Once a year we are bumped to another location for a golf group luncheon/meet.

Potluck and Social

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

Where: Sundial East Hall –or someplace else, at the whim of RCSC due to other clubs requesting space before us.... November will be at Mountain View 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 2026** – All Membership dues are required by January 31st, 2026; 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.



Ed Gordon's Buddy's Gorgeous '34 All Ford Tudor

“You Know You Want It” department,



1957 Chevrolet BelAir

Ok so you probably know the car, 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 or Wickenburg. It has placed well at SC West and Wickenburg shows.



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 and I have a stack of receipts from the build which will be part of the deal (no I have not added them up). \$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. I want something I fit in better and will be comfortable driving anywhere so may be interested in a trade for all or part of the value. Les 509-430-1625



VINTAGE VEHICLES OF SUN CITY PRESENTS

9TH ANNUAL

Spring Fling

car show



SATURDAY
MARCH 7, 2026
9 am to 2 pm
Sun Bowl Amphitheatre • Sun City, AZ
Awards • Music • Food Vendors

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