Vintage Vehicles of Sun City

General Membership Meeting

October 21, 2025 – Lakeview Center Meeting Rooms

Board Members in attendance: Al Stiewing, Ed Gordon, Ganen LaJoie, Connie Sherman, Deborah Benson, Gary Osier, Jim Fitzpatrick

Al Stiewing called the meeting to order at 13:20 with a quorum being made (61 in attendance).

A special thanks to the Conrad's for bringing pizza for everyone.

Connie Sherman and Herb Carson were recognized for their service to the club with Lifetime Membership status.

Jim Fitzpatrick motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Gary Oiser 2nd the motion. Motion passes 61-0-0.

Al Stiewing reports for Alan Lund (absent) for 1st Vice President:

- As of the last board meeting (Oct. 14th), we have 2 gold sponsors at $2,500 each, 1 silver sponsor at $1,500, and 7 bronze sponsors at $500 each for the '26 Spring Fling Car Show.
- Alan has emailed vendors from the past years shows (44 vendors).
- Free spaces will be provided for the Sun City Posse, the Color Guard, and any veterans association (limited to 2). The radio station will be provided with a free spot as well.
- Connie Sherman has all the marketing materials for the '26 Spring Fling and they will be available at the shop.
- We have a space at the Good Guy's Car Show, November 21st, 22nd and 23rd, for raffle ticket sales for the 2000 Mustang. We need volunteers to help to man the booth. We have 4 passes for each day of the show.
- The car show will be advertised on the cover of December's Roddin 'N' Racing magazine. We'll have a quarter-page ad in the January and February editions.
- T-shirt design is finalized; we're still getting quotes for printing.
- The DJ and the Porta-potty companies have been contracted with. They're the same as last year.

Ed Gordon (2nd Vice President) reports:

- We're sourcing parts to complete installing the jacks for the two new lifts (The new ones are air instead of hydraulic).
- Welding class starts on Monday.
- We now have a valve and valve seat grinder. Don will have a class on how to use it.
- Don's classes will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 1:00. The valve grinder will be November 19th at 1:00.

Connie Sherman (Treasurer) reports:

- End of August balance for checking was $13,610.83. End of September checking balance was $12,623.08.
- We have a money market account totaling $11,531.13
- We have two CD's for $19,148.98
- Funds total $35,685.34
- She's emailed a "budget assumptions" to the board for future purchases. Please contact a board member or someone in shop supervision with ideas for future purchases. This will go into the budget, for approval by the membership, at the December meeting.

Deborah Benson (Membership Director) reports:

- We have 524 active members as of today.
- 61 members were present.
- Please contact her if there's a problem with your badge or anything else involving your membership. Her contact information is on the website.

Mike Fitzgerald (Shop Director) is not present. Al Stiewing reports; all lifts are now properly wired.

Steve Collins (RCSC Board / COC) states he will not be seeking reelection to the board. There is a policy change involving clubs' funds. Unused funds will stay allocated to that club, in lieu of being returned to the general fund. Meaning the $200K allocation for air conditioning will remain earmarked for the club. We still need to obtain electrical estimate and plans to proceed with getting the air conditioning for the shop.

Kevin Cole (Shop Forman) stated that he's moved the fabric and sewing equipment to outside the break room, where the Model T was. The motorcycle lift is being moved to where the sewing area was. The motorcycle lift area will have 3 feet of space around it, as well as having a dedicated work bench and toolbox. John Stoner donated a motorcycle rotisserie and will be kept in this area. The next shop project will be completed by converting the paint booth into the sewing shop. We need volunteers for this project including adding air conditioning to the building.

Gary Oiser (Events Director) reports:

- Thanks to Gary Smeardon and Jim Fitzpatrick for signing up for the 10/22 Ridges of Peoria car show, on 91st Ave. from 9:30 to 11.
- Sterling Grove car show is on 11/8 from 2 to 5, in Surprise. More information is posted on the board at the shop.
- Serria Winds car show is on 11/22, in Peoria on 88th Ave. They're asking for a minimum of 20 cars and so far, we have 1 person signed up.
- We had an offer to have a show at the Cosmic Connection, across the street from Mercers on Peoria Ave. He turned down the offer as we don't do business promotions.
- He's setting up a show in Peoria, in April, for the Police Department

Roxie Whitney reports we have approximately $4,000 in ticket sales thus far. We'll need to sell another $16,000 to meet our budget projections. We have 4 months remaining and hopefully we will sell a lot at the Good Guys Show. She has tickets available for anyone who wants some. We've been telling people; they make good stocking stuffers. They're $20 for 1, 6 for $100.

Yvonne Ahrens stated that Bill Senter's ceremony will be held Monday the 27th at 10:00, at Lakeview United Methodist (10298 W. Thunderbird). Bill was a founding member of the club and was instrumental in opening our first shop. The family is requesting as many show cars as possible. There will be a designated parking area for the club.

Ganen LaJoie (Secretary) reports:

- Any questions or suggestions regarding the minutes, feel free to ask.
- Thursday motorcycle rides are starting up again. The long rides are approximately 6 to 7 hours (200 to 250 miles) and leave at 9:00. There is a group that take shorter rides that leave at 10:00.

Al Stiewing (President) reports:

- The new Square P.O.S. system is in the club and operating. You will no longer need to use the bag system to process sales and membership renewals.
- He's testing a new check in system that will include "checking out", per RCSC requirements. The new system will eliminate the need to turn off the computer at the end of the day or start it at the beginning of the day. It will be automatically changed to the next day around 2am.

3 new members introduced themselves to the club.

Carol Reiman reminds us of the "Retreads" group is doing a cruise to the Hall of Flame Fire Museum on Wednesday November 19th, leaving the shop at 10:00. The museum is on the far side of Phoenix. Plan on an hour to hour and a half to go through the museum, we'll go to lunch before heading back.

Connie Sherman would like to set up a cruise to tour Luke AFB. She's hoping one of our veterans will be able to set something up.

Jim Fitzpatrick (Procedures Director) reports:

- It's time for filling available board positions. If you know of anyone who might be interested, contact an existing board member.

Tom Wilbur wants to remind our members that our events are available on our website under the Events tab to stay up to date.

Mikeal Whitney wins the 50/50.

Troy Janicki is asking for help to tear down tables and chairs for the Lakeview United Methodist Church Rummage Sale around 2:00 this Saturday and Sunday. He will be posting something on the website.

Jim Fitzpatrick motioned to adjourn the meeting Les Litzenberger 2nd the motion. Motion passed 61-0-0.

Submitted by G. LaJoie.