



The Windshield View

October 2025

View from the Top

Welcome back to all our snowbirds! It's a joy to see our community reawaken with familiar faces and fresh energy.

As we settle into the season, I'm reminded of how far we've come. Just over ten years ago, our club began with a handful of dedicated car enthusiasts gathered in a backyard—wishing, planning, and working together to build something lasting. Today, we're proud to be a thriving organization of over 500 members, united by shared passions and a spirit of adventure.

From car and motorcycle rides to ATV and side-by-side off-road excursions, bowling nights, and shared meals, our social calendar reflects the vibrant diversity of our interests. There's something for everyone—and always room for more.

Looking ahead to December, we're preparing for our annual elections. If you've ever considered stepping into a leadership role, now is the time. We're seeking candidates who care deeply about our club and want to help shape its future.

To learn more or express interest, please contact anyone on the nominating committee—Jim Fitzpatrick, Stacey Benson, Mike Elloitt—or reach out to me directly. We'd love to hear from you by mid-November.

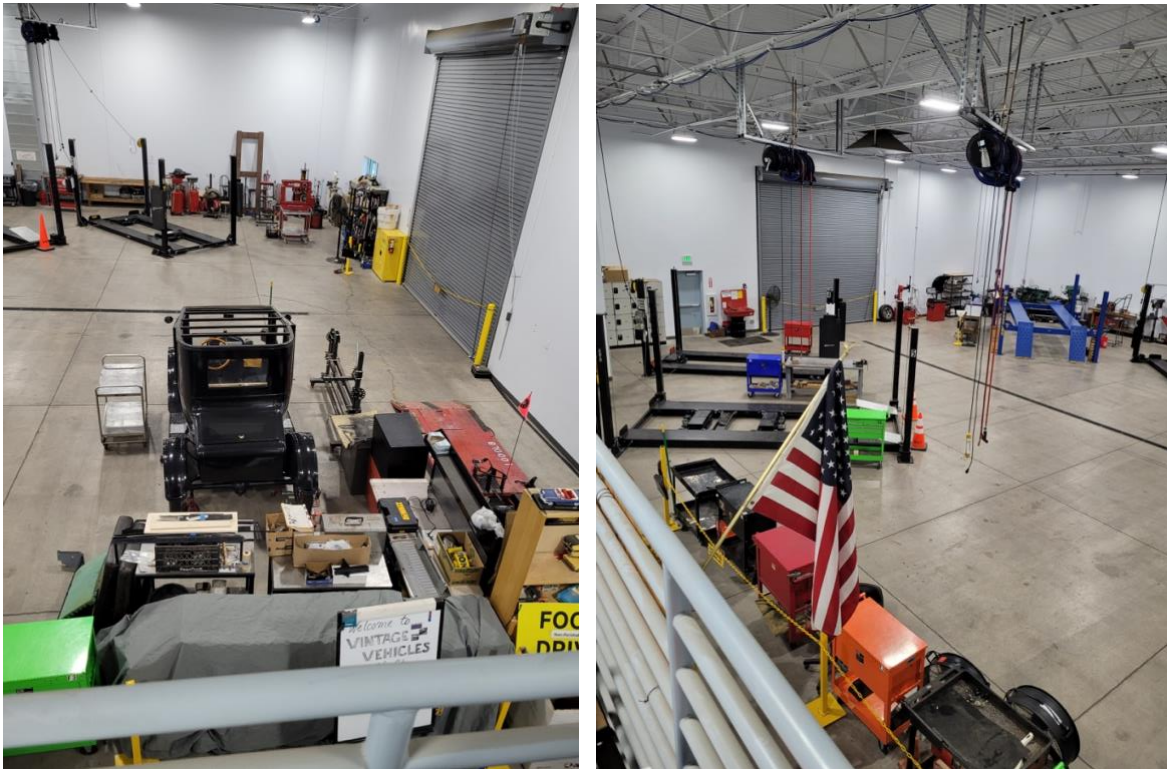
Thank you for being part of this journey. From backyard dreams to a legacy in motion, we're building something remarkable—together.

Albert Stiewing,
2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings

The Sew Shop has been moved from the front corner near the front door to outside the Donut Zone in preparation to move it to the former paint booth under the back canopy. There is also a plan to consolidate and organize the fabric. I'm pretty sure Kevin would welcome some help with this project

All the lifts now have proper power, and the two newest lifts will soon have plumbed air for the bridge jacks much like the big blue truck lift.



Shop Directions

Hello to everyone! We are enjoying the influx of our returning friends to VVSC!

Things may look a little different around the shop, with more lifts (the one out under the canopy is also fully functional). When using this lift **WATCH OUT ABOVE!!!** It is possible to raise a vehicle into the roof!!

The motorcycle lift has been moved, and the press has been re-installed in that area. There is a dedicated tool set for this area, and additional specialty motorcycle tools have been donated, thank you Dennis David and Jon Stoner.

The Model T restoration team are back on the job with daily progress.

The upholstery area is slowly migrating out to the permanent location in what was to have been a paint booth. That was not going to happen for many reasons, so this allows a clean, dedicated area for that purpose. We currently have the upholstery materials in four different locations; it will be nice to gather and organize it. For anyone interested in learning more about doing upholstery work please talk to Bob Cummings or Ron Atkinson.

Dan and his team have been working on "Re-Fresher" training courses for our members. These are brief courses (as opposed to initial training) to bring our experienced members up to speed with what is the current process or procedure. The new Square Point of Sale equipment is a little different than the old system of Zettle and the different pouches. This system is more like the systems used in businesses for transactions.

There are more incremental changes coming to try to allow for better usage of the work areas. More toolboxes located for easier access while working in certain areas etc...

Ed Gordon is back and has a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for welding classes.

We are also happy to let everyone know that Don Puetz is back home again.

ALSO, the idea of getting A\C on the shop is not dead yet. We continue to try to work with the RCSC to achieve the goal. There is a new general manager, who hopefully does not hate us (yet)!

Mike Fitzgerald,
2025 VVSC Shop Director

Notes \$\$ from your Treasurer

It is 2026 budget season so if you feel strongly about some piece of equipment or tool which you believe will be beneficial to the club, put your thoughts in writing and provide it to the director in charge of that area or the President Al Stiewing. Include at minimum, a cost estimate and justification.

As a reminder, the monthly financial reports are available on our website www.vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com under the Members Only tab. Also, in this section you will find General Meeting Minutes, our Organization chart, contact information for our Officers and Directors, Current Rules and Regulations, Membership Roster, and The Monitor Sign-up link.

My duties at the 2026 Spring Fling Car Show will be of a Treasurer's nature only.

Thanks,

Connie Sherman

2025 VVSC Treasurer

Spring Fling Annual Car Show



We currently have two Gold sponsors, one Silver sponsor and seven Bronze sponsors

The club needs a member or a committee of members to;

“Take on organization of the raffle items and table” for this year's car show.

Acquiring items, signs, selling tickets, etc.

Our fundraiser raffle car is going to be at the Goodguy's show in Scottsdale this November 21, 22, and 23. Sign up sheet is available at the shop. This includes entry passes for the day/s you chose. Sunday is filled, need help on Friday and Saturday.



~ Raffle ~

**2000 Ford Mustang GT
Convertible
or \$10,000 in Cash**

Ticket Price: 1/\$20 6/\$100

**Drawing will be held Saturday,
March 7, 2026 at the
9th Annual Spring Fling Car Show
~ Sun Bowl Amphitheater ~**

Tickets available online or at VVSC
10411 W Grand Ave, Sun City, AZ

➤ Online at: carshowtoolbox.com/raffle

Winner need not be present to win. Notification via information provided on ticket entry form. All proceeds go to the benefit of Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Car Club.



In lieu of helping with sales of the raffle tickets which will be our main Fundraiser for the year, follow the above code, see the website or buy one at the shop!

These would make excellent Christmas stocking stuffers, much better odds than a lottery ticket.

Since we didn't hear anybody else offering to do so, Les Litzenberger foolishly (apparently, he didn't have anything else to do, not) decided to design the trophies for the 2026 show. The plan is to provide something unique which will be printed after the show close and sent to the award winners sort of like this.

If you would be willing to help with the awards portion of the show, please contact Les @509-430-1625



Membership

Hello Members,

Please welcome the following new members who joined this month

New members, Greg Barrett, Michael Baker, Anthony Malecek, Barbara Malecek, Dan Drennen, David Huff, Michael Davidson, Linda Nix, Kim Janecky, Michael Mardell.

Membership renewals are going strong. Please remember that everyone needs to fill out a new membership form.

Lifetime members do not need to complete a form unless they have a change to the required information.

There were too many changes which were not provided to me which caused much more work to correct. Just think, you only need to fill one form (**legibly**) but I need to update 500 members in the records. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Name Badges/Membership Forms

- ☐ If your emergency contact or phone number has changed, please 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.

Take care!

Debbie Benson

2025 VVSC Membership Director

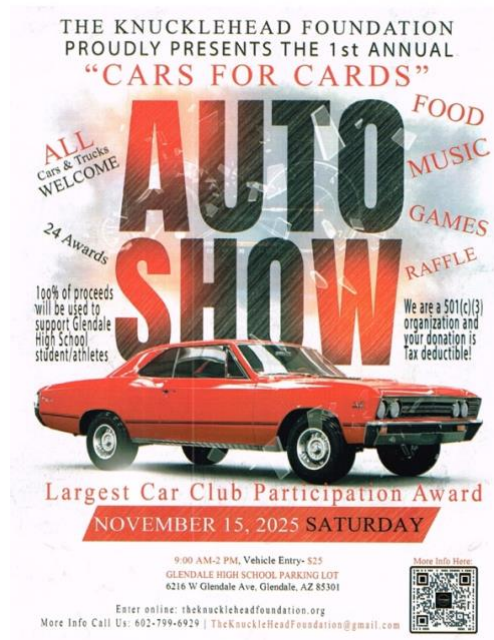


Events

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!

Glendale HS November 15th, 2025



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 the third Tuesday 1:00-3:00 social halls 1&2 Lakeview.

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October 2025

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

H2osiers@yahoo.com



The November Ladies Luncheon was at MiMi's on Bell. Sorry no Pics.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, November 3rd, Noon at: Valle Luna, see your email for an address or contact Susan @ mitchellsm1@yahoo.com or 303-406-3079.

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. **No pics or story from the last rides? Well don't blame the editor, He wasn't there.**

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.

Tim and I went on a loop ride with the Phoenix ATV UTV Club through part of the Vulture Peak area, through Wickenburg, then out to Jackass Flats North of Morristown and return to the staging area. We thought we'd seen most of this area but got to see a few routes we hadn't ridden. Good day with "mostly" good people.

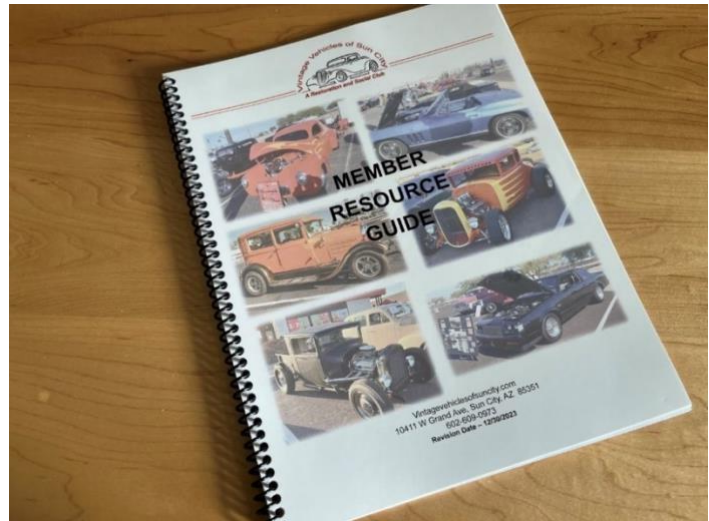


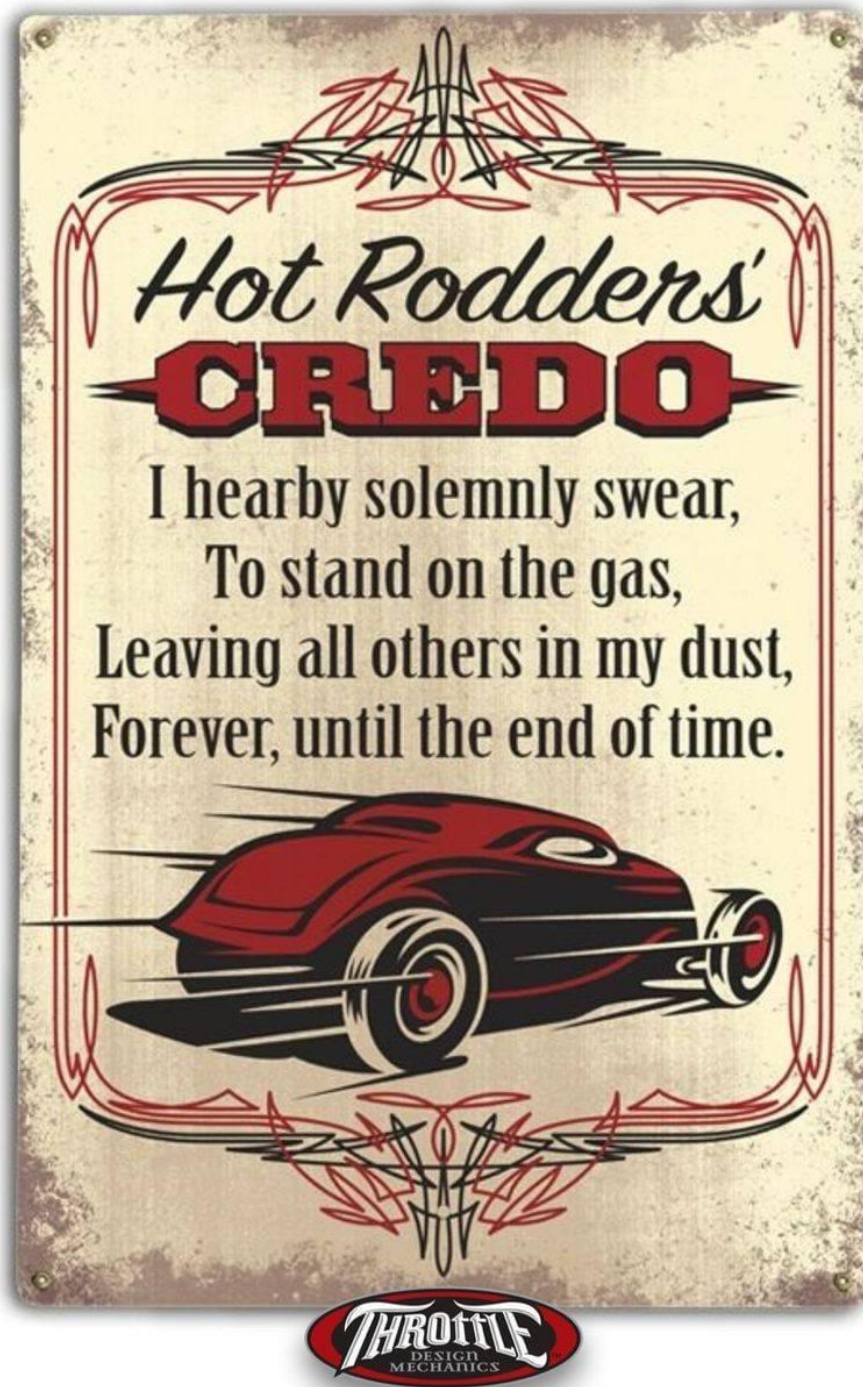
Boot Lake near Dillon MT.

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
Let's burn that old gas!!**



“Retreads Rod (or not) Run”



<https://hallofflame.org>

Wednesday November 19, 2025 to The Hall of Flame Firefighting Museum
Being a retired fire guy, I have toured this museum a number of times and
enjoyed each visit. Check out the above link, look for the sign-up at the shop or
contact Lloyd 406-208-3200 and/or Carol Reimann 406-661-6130. Yeah well
just ask for Carol.... rboysinmt@hotmail.com

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 *ecstatic* 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.

It is Officer and Director nominations season. To that end, per our Rules and Regulations, your President Al Stiewing and Procedures Director Jim Fitzpatrick have established a nominating committee made up of, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mike Elliott and Stacy Benson. Many of us have been involved in one position or another since the club's inception and would love to step back. All board positions are one-year terms, so they are open to change annually. If no-one is willing to serve, the seated member may serve up to three years, but new faces and perspectives are always best. Remember, sitting on the sideline complaining about one thing or the other accomplishes nothing. Be a part of making our club the best it can be by volunteering or recruiting someone to serve in a club leadership position.

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

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

Mondays 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.

Or Friday December 5th at the Sun Bowl car show

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,

Other Stuff



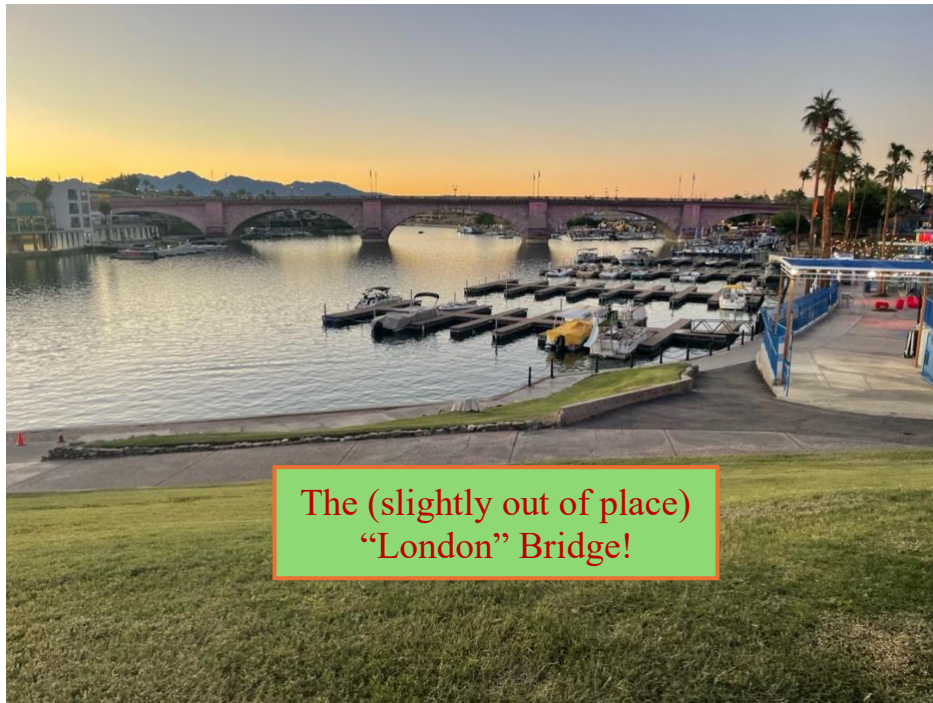
Speedway/Matco Tools show for Phoenix Children's Hospital
More from Speedway



Details, Details, Details! Everywhere you looked at this car was some over the top beautiful work. This is a Ridler Great Eight car and one of the award winners at this and I imagine every show they enter it in.

Connie and I along with VVSC members Pat and Kelly Miller attended The Lake Havasu City “Run to the Sun” show.

We thoroughly enjoyed this show and seeing a lot of great builds that we hadn’t seen before.



The (slightly out of place)
“London” Bridge!



A sweet AD Chevy with a narrowed late
model bed including correct fenders.
Tasty paint too!



Fitty Nine Impala Baby!

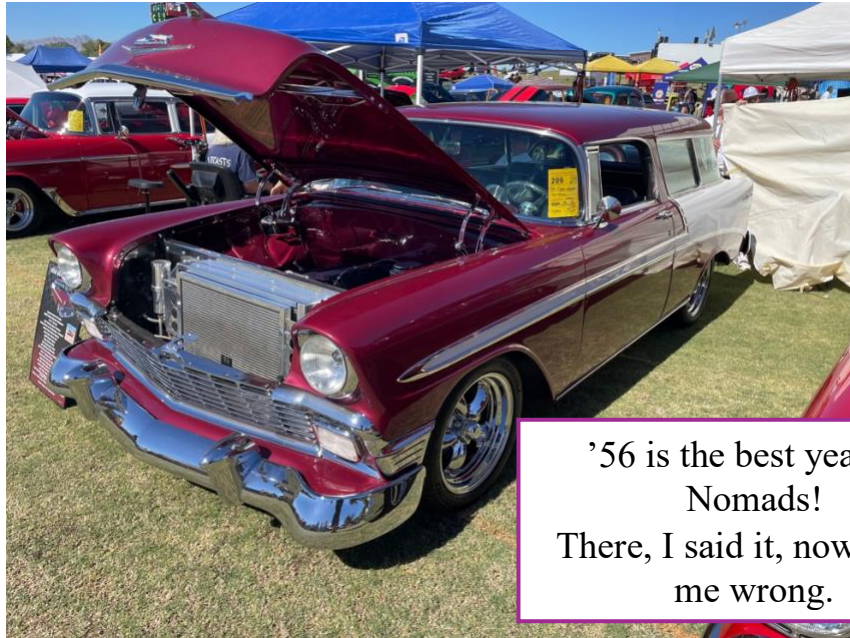


The pic on the left is a nicely detailed blown SB Chevy in a deuce, right? Nope see the below image for a surprise. What? No drivers side cylinder bank?



Those are some Hot Ghostly Licks on this Merc!





'56 is the best year for
Nomads!
There, I said it, now prove
me wrong.



Just a little woody shoebox!



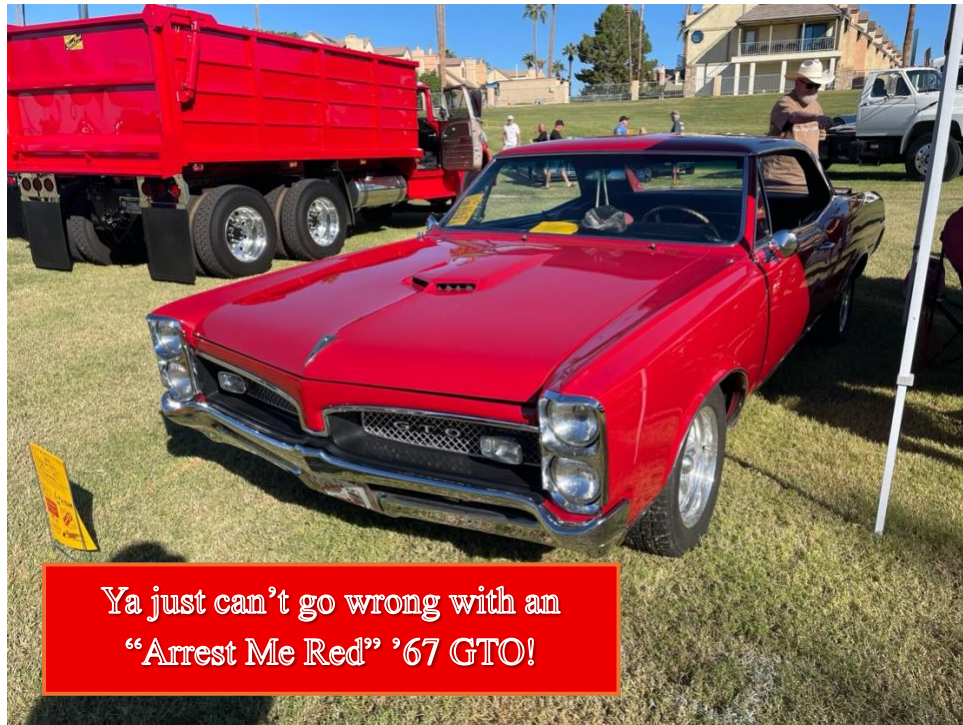
Sweet little '56



Nothin's Lackin when you're Cadillacin!!



How Many Woody Led
Sled Merc's do you see?
It's a first for me,
Gorgeous!



Ya just can't go wrong with an
"Arrest Me Red" '67 GTO!

Some pretty cool trucks were represented too!



A rare 40s or 50s era
Bull Nosed COE Pete.
BTW, not a tilt cab.



A 30s-40s era
Pirsch fire engine.



In the weeds 30s or early 40s
COE Ford

The “You Know You Want It” department,



So, since no one has offered to take the newsletter editor job from me y'all get to see this every month 'till either one of you buys it/sells it or takes over the editorship.

BTW, if you have something vehicle related you want to unload, contact me (or preferably, the new editor) to have it included. :0)

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

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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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