



The Windshield View

January 2026

View from the Top

As we begin a new year at Vintage Vehicles of Sun City, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member who contributes to the strength and spirit of this club. Whether you volunteer at the shop, serve on a committee, help at events, or simply show up with enthusiasm and camaraderie, you are the reason this community continues to thrive.

This past year brought meaningful progress. We expanded our shop with two new lifts, modernized our financial reporting with Square, implemented a Check-In/Check-Out system to meet new RCSC requirements, and transitioned our internal records to a more capable Access database. These improvements reflect our commitment to safety, accountability, and long-term stability.

We also recognize the dedicated Board members and support leaders who completed their service, and we welcome the new team stepping forward to guide us into 2026. Their willingness to serve ensures continuity, fresh ideas, and a strong foundation for the future.

Planning is already underway for the 2026 Car Show, and your participation will once again be essential. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Donut Hole, and we encourage every member to take part. When we work together, we create events that showcase not only our vehicles, but the pride and unity of our club.

Our club continues to grow not just because of the cars, but because of the people — the volunteers who show up, the members who lend a hand, the leaders who guide us, and the friends who make every gathering feel like home.

Together, we honor our history, embrace new ideas, and build a future that reflects the best of Vintage Vehicles of Sun City. Here's to another year of progress, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments on the road and in the shop.

Albert Stiewing,
2025 VVSC President

Shop Happenings



Shop Directions

Happy New Year to all!!

We are starting the new year with some cleanup in the shop!! I want to credit Joe Sanders for working to organize and straighten up the toolroom again! He has also been working to clear the entry area to the shop. We welcome Jim Wershing back from his extended summer vacation. In addition to his monitor training duties, he is working with Joe to get the best value of our donations for the club.

Jack and Russ did an amazing job cleaning the metal rack. We appreciate donations of useful material, but VVSC is not a recycling center. Please do not bring scrap or junk parts in for us to deal with, it is nothing but a problem to us.

Don, our technical advisor, has been offering his knowledge in both classes, and on the shop floor. This is one of the huge values that is offered. The knowledge in our group is deep and wide! Our members all bring something of value to our group. The # 3 lift has been repaired and is in daily use again. The other lifts were adjusted as needed and are working well again.

We have a new toolbox (W-2) in service in the floor area of the weld shop to help members keep their work flowing without having to wait to share tools from one toolbox. The W-1 toolbox will still be utilized to supply tools for the lift or welding projects.

We will continue to balance the needs of our members for both long term and daily maintenance use. The more advance notice you can give us to schedule your work- the better we can schedule your needs through the shop. REMEMBER, anything that will take more than an 8 hour day will need a LONG TERM request sheet, to help us schedule shop time/space.

I will allow Al Stiewing, to comment on the efforts and progress of the shop computer system, BUT, it is looking great!

Mike and the shop crew...

Mike Fitzgerald,

2025 VVSC Shop Director

Procedures and Policies

Y'all may have messed up by not nominating somebody else to do this post but here we are.

We recently approved a series of changes to bring our Rules and Regulations in line with the format approved by RCSC. My theory on this is our rules and regulations are a living document. In these current R&Rs there are procedures for changing/updating them to the way we wish to conduct business. Please follow this process. Any proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the board prior to the next board meeting so these changes may be discussed for submission to the general membership at the next membership meeting.

I am responsible for establishment of an auditing committee, this year it is Denny Nichols and Pat Miller, and a nominations committee. I would prefer that this committee be established sooner rather than later so recruitment efforts may begin earlier than the last couple of months before elections. If you are willing to serve on the nominations committee, please contact me.

I am also responsible to work with the Shop Director and Safety committee in the establishment of policies and procedures in the shop. More eyes and in many cases, minds are better so if there are changes you feel need to take place, please contact me (*in writing*) of those recommended changes. All changes need to be approved by the general membership and must work with the rules template which RCSC has required us to adhere by.

Thank You

Les Lützenberger

Procedures Director

Notes \$\$ from your Treasurer

Please look at the treasurer's reports on the website or in a book at the shop for the latest financial information.

Thanks,
Connie Sherman
2025 VVSC Treasurer

Our banking partner is Western States Bank on Bell behind McDonalds.

If you are considering a different/better banking experience, this may well be the place. The club also benefits \$100 if you open a new account listing them as your referral.

Spring Fling Annual Car Show

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
www.VINTAGEVEHICLESOFSUNCITY.com





~ 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, buy a bunch by visiting the website or buy some at the shop!

Events

PARADISE RV RESORT
CLASSIC CAR SHOW

LIVE MUSIC
"BACKSTAGE CREW"

HOT DOGS
CHIPS
SODA POP
KETTLE CORN
COTTON CANDY
NACHOS

* AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

THUR FEB 5TH
10AM - 2PM
SEE YOU IN THE PARKING LOT

Let's Ride.

January 29, 2026 from 5:30pm 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!

Hello to all members of Vintage Vehicles,

The annual Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for January 29th, 2026, at the Fairway Rec Center. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Just for fun, how many of you remember, The "RAT PACK"? That is the theme for this year's party. We have a new caterer for this year, but we have been told that last year's band can help us out with some of those tunes as well as general dance and background music.

You can stop by and pay for your dinner at the desk at the shop.

Please make sure your receipt has your name and RCSC number on it!!! The desk monitor will help you out with this.

Ticket sales end January 19th, 2026, so we can get a final count to the caterer for correct food preparation.

Sincerely,

Denise, Holly, Patricia, and Dorothy

Ongoing

Events Committee meetings are second Tuesday 9:00am in the Sonoran Room Grand Center.

Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month following the Events Committee or approximately 10:30 at the Grand Center, Sonoran Room, all are welcome.

General meetings are the third Tuesday 1:00-3:00 social halls 1&2 Lakeview Center.

All potluck dinners will be the last Tuesday of each month @5:00 pm at Sundial except November which will be at MV.

Thank You

Joe Warfel

2026 VVSC Events Director

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Membership

Hello Members,

Please welcome the following new members who joined this month

Mark Hobbs, Melanie Hobbs, John Morgan , Lori Morgan, DJ McQuaid,
Joseph Merrill, Paul German, Duncan Purvis, Alfredo Renteria, Sandy Young

Hope everyone is enjoying the new year. January has started with a bang. I am getting more membership renewals. You have until January 31st to pay your 2026 dues.

On February 1st, all members that have not paid their 2026 dues will be put in archive. \$25 for 1 member and \$35.00 for 2 members in the same household. You will have no club privileges and will not be able to work in the shop. Once you pay your dues you can be reinstated.

Don't worry snowbirds. You will be put in archives but once you pay your 2026 dues you will be reinstated too.

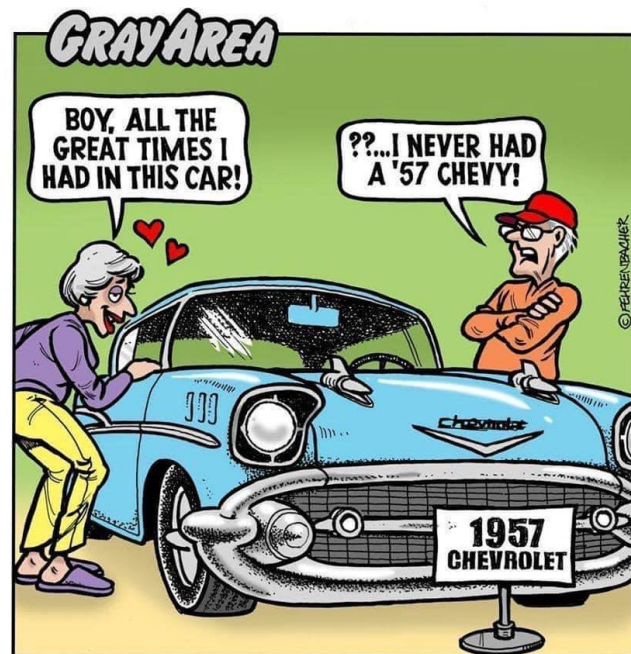
If you have any questions you can call or text me at 720-338-5407.

Have a great year!!!!

Enjoy the car show season!

Debbie Benson

2025 VVSC Membership Director



The December Ladies Luncheon was at Tivoli Gardens.



January Ladies luncheon was at Hanging Gardens Mediterranean



The February 2nd, 2026, luncheon will be at Cucina Tagliani at noon.

The address is 8349 W Bell Rd., Peoria, AZ.

Happy Birthday to;
Debbie Untermaeher 2/6, Beth Smith 2/7, Karen Morrissey 2/25,
Anne Bovo 2/26, and Lynda Womack (date unknown).

Let Susan know if you need added to the birthday list.

Remember to RSVP; Susan @ mitchellsm1@yahoo.com or 303-406-3079.

Thanks,

Susan Mitchell

FYI:

Vintage Vehicles of Sun City regularly donates to The Sun City Foundation which helps those of our residents who are financially unable to afford their RCSC dues. We are proud to be able to help our neighbors in this way.

Maricopa County Assessor Programs

Personal Property exemption for Widowed, Disabled and Disabled Veterans.

Senior Valuation Protection – “Senior Freeze”

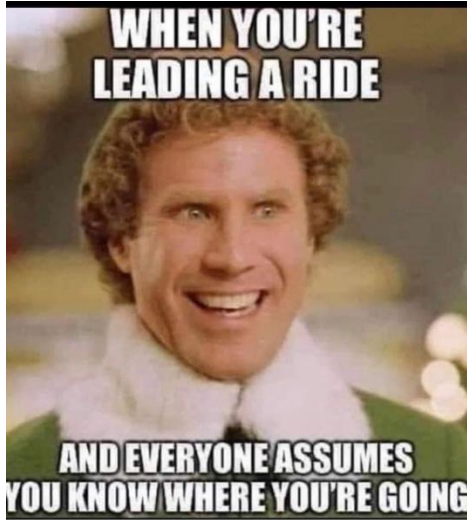
More informatin on these two options is available at Sun City CAN 623-933-7530

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 you go send me some pictures.

VVSC Desert Derelicts



Back in the saddle again, our first ride on January 19th had eight riders in five rigs. We off-loaded our toys near Bumblebee then rode up Turkey Creek to Cleator crossing the creek 14 times. While stopping for Lunch in the shade of some big cottonwood trees and near a couple of crested saguaros. There also were a landscaping rock picking stop and a trek to an occasional (not that day) waterfall with some Petroglyphs.

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.



John, Dennis, Jeff & Gwen, Ralph & Margie and Les & Connie.



The following is contributed by Richard Marone;

No, most "Hot Rodders" are not Hoarders

There is a cultural overlap where collecting parts and cars is a common passion. The term "hot rod hoarder" is used both informally within the community and humorously to describe enthusiasts who accumulate a large number of cars and parts, often in a way that can become excessive and difficult to manage. However, this is a passion for collecting and preserving automotive history, distinct from the psychological disorder of compulsive hoarding, which involves overwhelming anxiety about parting with possessions and is a serious mental health issue.

- **"Hot rod hoarding" as a hobby:**

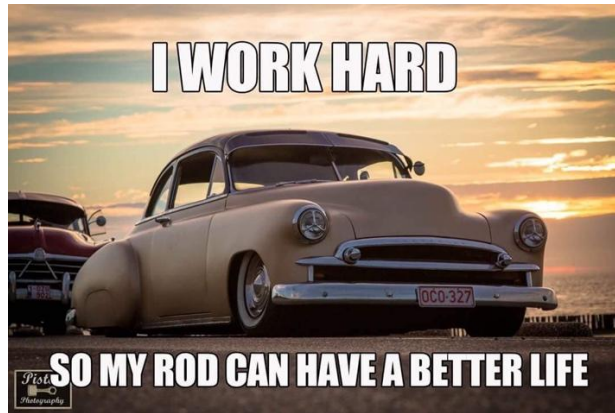
This typically involves passionate collectors who acquire a large inventory of rare or unique car parts and projects. For example, someone might buy old parts because they know they won't find them again or keep multiple project cars because they have a vision for each one.

- **Compulsive hoarding disorder:**

This is a recognized mental health condition characterized by difficulty discarding possessions, regardless of their actual value, leading to excessive accumulation and clutter that can impede the ability to use living spaces. The actions of someone with a hoarding disorder are driven by significant emotional distress, not just a love for a particular hobby.

- **The overlap:**

The line can blur between a passionate collector and someone who might be developing a hoarding disorder, especially when the collection becomes unmanageable or causes significant distress. However, the intent is different; a hot rod collector is often driven by a love for the hobby and potential future projects, while a person with compulsive hoarding is experiencing a mental health condition.



Sun City Retreads

Let's burn that old gas!!



“Retreads Rod (or not) Run”

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.

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

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.

Long time Member Clinton Pigg passed away recently and Karon wanted to thank everyone for their love and condolences.

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,

FYI;

If you didn't know about [Sunshine Service](#), check them out for durable medical device and other needs available for loan at no charge to the user. They have many items available from crutches to hospital beds and even rollaway beds for guests. Their motto is ***“We’re here to make your life easier.”***

They are located at 9980 W Santa Fe Drive, Sun City.

623-974-2561

Click on their name above to be linked to their website.

The “You Know You Want It” department,

Ralph Hunger has two 9” by 29” Bighorn Maxi OHV tires for 14” rims offered for free. 360-202-2264

Rumor has it that Jon Braemer is selling his Thunderbird.

For details contact Jon @ 623-815-0234

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

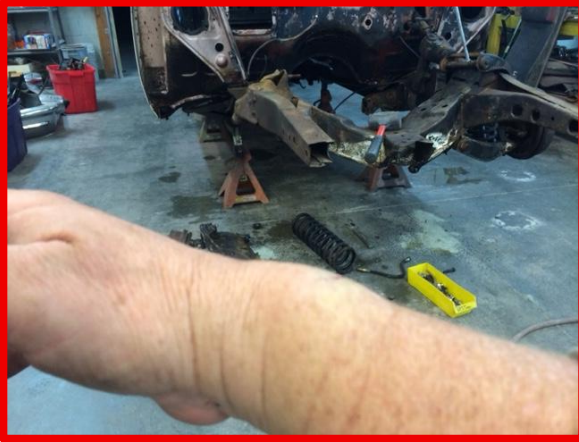


The “It sounded like a good idea at the time” department!

This new section is dedicated to Don Ahrens who learned that what goes up doesn't always come back down in the same condition it was before utilizing the jack while the truck was under the shop lift.

In Don's thinking, “If we can't laugh at the dumb stuff we do, we may never get to laugh.”





BTW, Even “pretty old” ’57 Chevy coil springs pack a pretty good whallop! Nothing broken except for my pride.

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**Membership
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**Events
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Newsletter Editor Volunteer Shop Operations Crew to Keep You Safe

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