



The Windshield View

February 2026

View from the Top

This month our collective energy has once again been focused on preparing for the upcoming Spring Fling. It's remarkable how many hours — and how many hands — it takes to bring this event to life. Every year it grows, and every year our members rise to meet the challenge. With registrations climbing and interest higher than ever, we're on track for another full and impressive lineup.

We had an excellent turnout at this month's meeting, and it was great to see so many members ready to pitch in for the show. Your willingness to help is what makes this event possible. Remember to wear **orange** on the day of the Spring Fling and be sure to **check in and out with Deborah**. She'll have your **orange wristband**, which also gets you a **free coffee** — a small perk for a big day of volunteering.

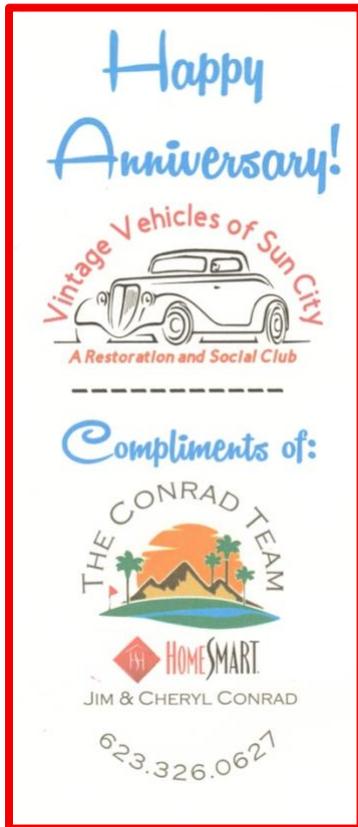
A special thank-you goes out to Alan Lund for his tireless coordination. His spreadsheets seem to multiply on their own, tracking cars, vendors, sponsors, and every moving part that keeps this machine running smoothly. And of course, hats off to Connie Sherman and Deborah Benson, who continue to shoulder the heavy lifting at the farmer's market, juggling raffle sales, membership duties, and a mountain of behind-the-scenes details. Their dedication is the backbone of this fundraiser.

Behind the scenes, Mike Fitzgerald deserves recognition for ensuring the shop was ready for the season. He had all seven of our lifts inspected and repaired before the snowbirds returned, and it shows — more often than not, every lift is in use on any given day. His work keeps the shop safe, reliable, and ready for the steady flow of projects our members bring through the doors.

Our pursuit of A/C for the shop continues. Progress remains slower than any of us would prefer, but we're still moving forward. With RCSC reviewing their own budget and revisiting historical estimates, we're hopeful that the updated study will finally bring clarity — and maybe even momentum — to the process.

As we head into the final stretch before the show, I want to thank everyone who has pitched in, offered help, or simply shown up with enthusiasm. The Spring Fling was a tremendous success last year, and that same spirit carries us confidently into March. Enjoy the month ahead and get ready for a great show.

Albert Stiewing,
2026 VVSC President

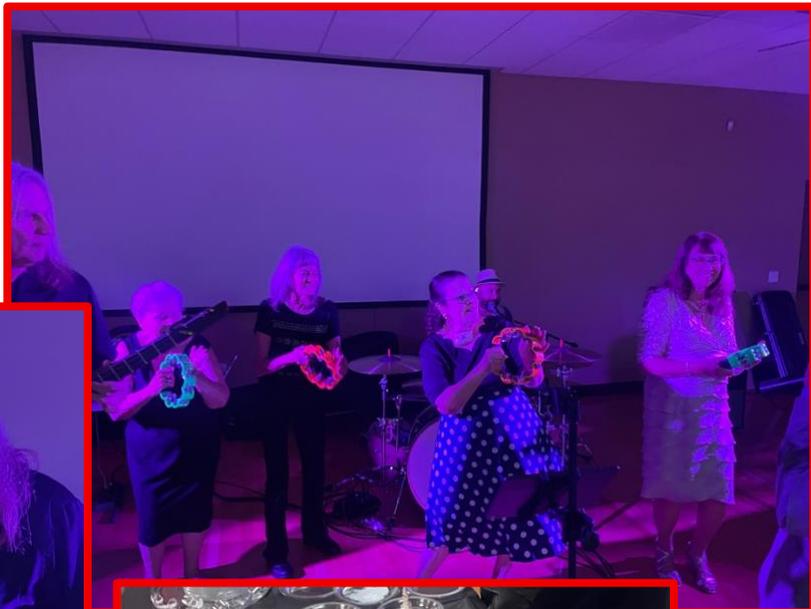


VVSC's 11th Anniversary Dinner Party

was held January 29th, at the Fairway Rec Center. The local band “Danger Hill” did an excellent job of getting folks off their duffs and letting their boogie shoes move. Sharko’s Catering did a great job with the dinner. I think everyone had plenty to eat and it was very tasty!

Dinner was served by Sharko Catering and was the best we’ve had in a few years.

Thanks to Denise F., Dorothy G., Holly K., Pat M., and Judith R. for all their efforts in making it a memorable event. Thanks also to Jim and Cheryl Conrad for the Sparkling Cider.







Congratulations to Stacy Benson and his very cool '37 Chevrolet Tudor sedan. They won an award at the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days car show. Stacy has only had this car for forty years.



Ain't She Sweet?



Shop Happenings



Thank You to all who helped clean and set-up for the open house on Friday the 20th. There was a lot of interest, 21 Mustang tickets sold and a few new members signed up.

Shop Directions

Hello to everyone from the VVSC Shop!

The shop has been busy with both short- and long-term projects. Duane Paskoff's Avanti went out for a road test on Feb 19th!

We are using the open house on Feb 20th at the Grand Center as a good excuse to do some deep cleaning both inside and outside at the shop.

The Sign-up Genius system has been modified so the shadow portion of the monitor training will be scheduled by the trainers.

We have eliminated the requirement for the floor monitors to inventory all toolboxes first thing in the morning. Since all toolboxes are inventoried at the completion of the job, or end of day, the morning check is not necessary.

I just ask that the monitors continue to be accurate as they check the tools in.

We are working to improve access to the air system to make it easier to pump out the drain tanks from the shop.

Work is continuing on the upholstery room (admittedly slowly), so look for advancement there over the next week or so...

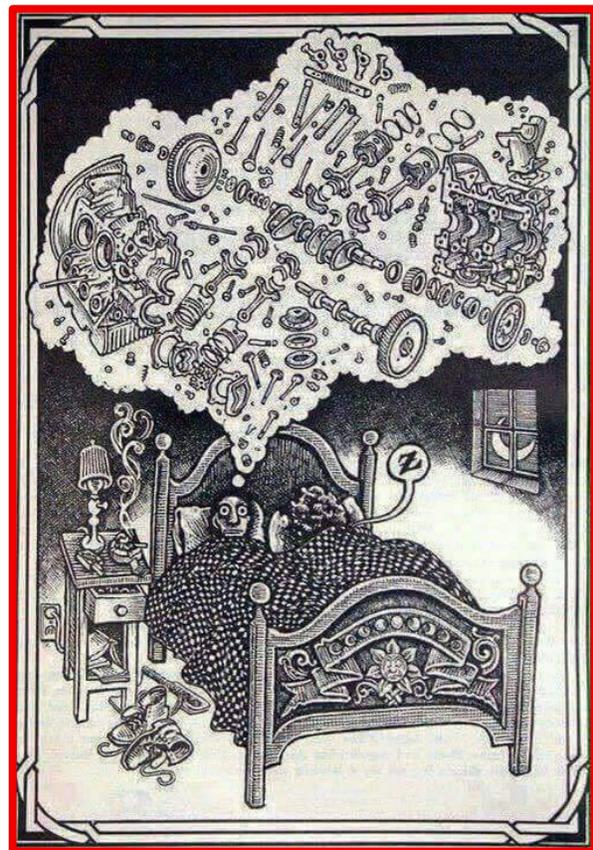
We have had a lot of new visitors to the shop, many of them join immediately!

A huge "THANK YOU" to our monitors for keeping the shop open for our members to use, and to the training group for their efforts to keep up with the flow of new members.

Mike and the shop crew...

Mike Fitzgerald,

2026 VVSC Shop Director



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I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone working together to make the upcoming Spring Fling a success. I am confident this will be our best show yet!

Additionally, if anyone is having issues receiving the club's emails, please contact me at ganen3430@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Ganen La Joie

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Procedures and Policies

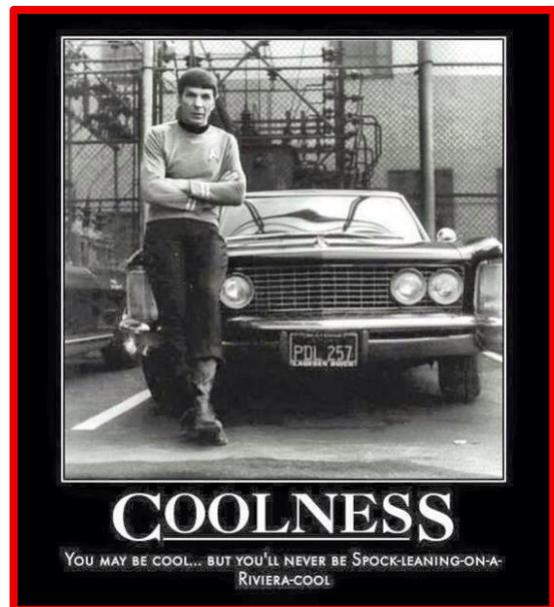
I am responsible for establishment of a nominations committee. I would prefer that this committee be established sooner rather than later so recruitment efforts may begin earlier than the last couple of months before elections. If you are willing to serve on the nominations committee, please contact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

Remember, in the past no one serving on the nominations committee has been nominated for a board position. ***Hint Hint!***

Thank You

Les Lützenberger

2026 VVSC Procedures Director



\$\$ Notes from your Treasurer

Our banking partner is Western States Bank on Bell behind McDonalds, and they offer \$100 donation to the club through a program called “Refer a Friend” and one of our members recently opened an account which yielded a donation to VVSC.

If you are considering a different/better banking experience, this may well be the place.

Thanks,
Connie Sherman
2026 VVSC Treasurer

Spring Fling Annual Car Show



Last events meeting prior to the 2026 Spring Fling



~ 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

Last month we had our anniversary dinner at the Fairway Recreation Center, the event was a great success thanks to Denise Fitzgerald, Pat Miller, Holly Kutner, Dorothy Gray and Judith Ruch. The event was attended by over 100 of our members, and the theme “The Rat Pack” made it fun. The band was great and so was the dinner. A shout out to all that helped make this dinner a smash! Connie Sherman and Herb Carson were honored with Board awarded permanent memberships. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

February was very busy with events, we had about 40 cars attend the Car Show at Paradise RV Resort on the 5th where they had live music and a cookout style lunch, also we were able to bring the raffle car and sold \$820.00 in tickets, thanks to Alan Lund and everyone that showed up and made this event a success.

On the 7th we had our show at the Grand Center, we had about 80 cars and filled the lot. I have been putting out the word on our shows at the Rec Centers, and we had a few visitors from other local clubs join us.

The Sun City West Car Show was on Valentines Day Feb 14th, and we had a caravan of about 28 cars meet at the Safeway on Bell, Richard Holcomb did a great job of leading us

over to the event and made sure we were all together upon arrival, we were able to all park together and a good time was had by all.

On Valentine's Eve. We had a request for a few cars to be on hand for the Temple Beth Shalom where their members gathered for a dinner and dance celebrating "Music Through the Ages" I (Joe Warfel) Anne Bovo, and Dan and Holly Jacobson provided cars for folks to check out as they entered the event.

As you can imagine, the Events Planning Committee has been busy getting ready for our Spring Fling event next month March 7th at the Sun Bowl, there are many talented and dedicated club members that give a great deal of time and effort into making our show one of the best car shows in the west valley. Under the direction of Alan Lund, we have people assigned to take charge of specific elements of the show from food vendors to parking, clothing sales, 50/50 and prize raffles, donut sales, advertising, the list is too much to name everything, but to recognize the efforts of the many people that will be giving, the club will be giving back in the form of a free pass to the 2027 anniversary dinner, subject to conditions, and a great big THANK YOU to all!!

A shop clean-up took place on the 20th, thanks to everyone who helped with this, it was followed by an open house at the Grand Center. Visitors were given a tour of our nice clean shop and talked about the club by members that were on hand, Thanks to Kevin Cole for getting this group together, and thanks to the members who helped.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday March 14th 9:00am till 1:00pm Ventana Lakes Car Show 20015 N 108th Ave. Peoria Az. Free Registration, call 623-566-6001

Wednesday, March 25th 11.00am till 1:00pm at Montecito Senior Living Herb Carson's place. We're inviting car enthusiasts to display their vehicles and help make this a fun and memorable day for our community. We'll have live music and a cookout, so it should be a great afternoon of cars, food, and fun. I know Herb would absolutely love it, and it would mean a lot to have familiar faces join us. 17271 N 87th Ave Peoria Az.

April 3, 2026 from 10:00am to 4:00pm: Annual Potluck and last Car Show of the year!

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

Robert Zammit, James Zeeb, Terry Berg, Chloe Berg, Roger Matheson, Daniel McMullin, Trina McMullin, Dave Wetherilt, Kathie Reisdorph, Melinda Kelly, Denise Danielson, Mark Danielson.

The shop is going strong with 420 paid members already for 2026. We have added 19 new members in the last month, Fantastic! Please make them feel welcome. March 1st we will be submitting our current roster to RCSC for their verification process. If you haven't yet paid for 2026 you can pay either through the website or at the shop. I hope everyone is doing well and if you need help paying online please call me and I will walk you through the process. If you have any questions or need help as above, 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 February Ladies Luncheon was at Cucina Tagliani.



For March 2nd I have made arrangements for us to do lunch at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse. Their address is 9748 W Northern Ave. Peoria AZ 85345.

Happy birthday to Charlene Cebulski 3-5, Jan Mock 3-10, Lynn Cummings 3-31, Patti Bothmann 3-17, Patti Wilber 3-17, and Ramona Helms 3-18.

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

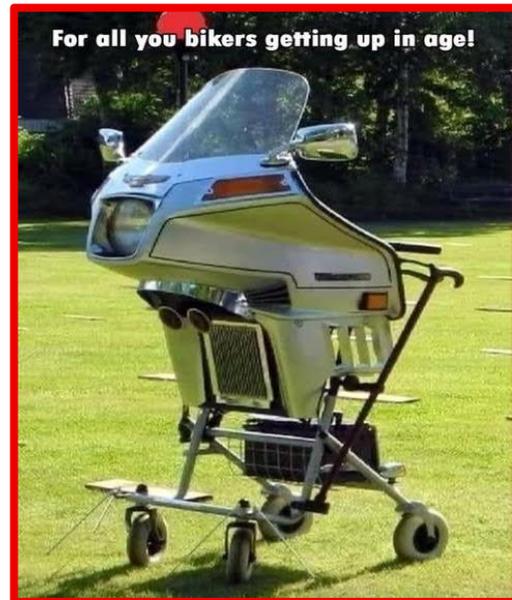
Remember to RSVP; Susan @ mitchellsm1@yahoo.com or 303-406-3079.

Thanks,
Susan Mitchell

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.

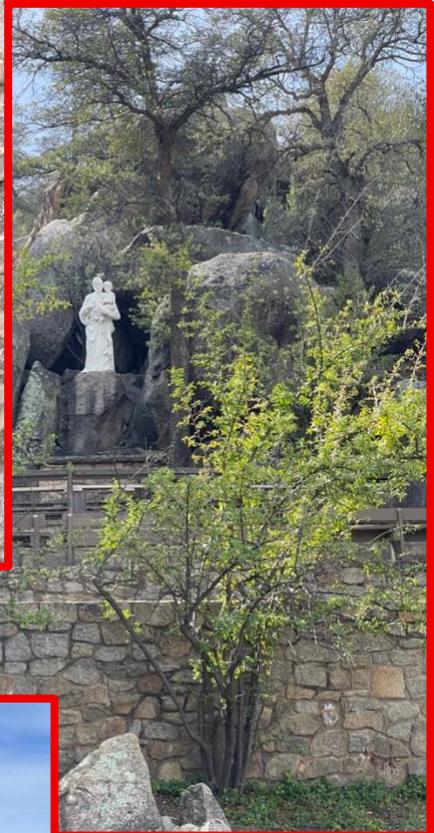
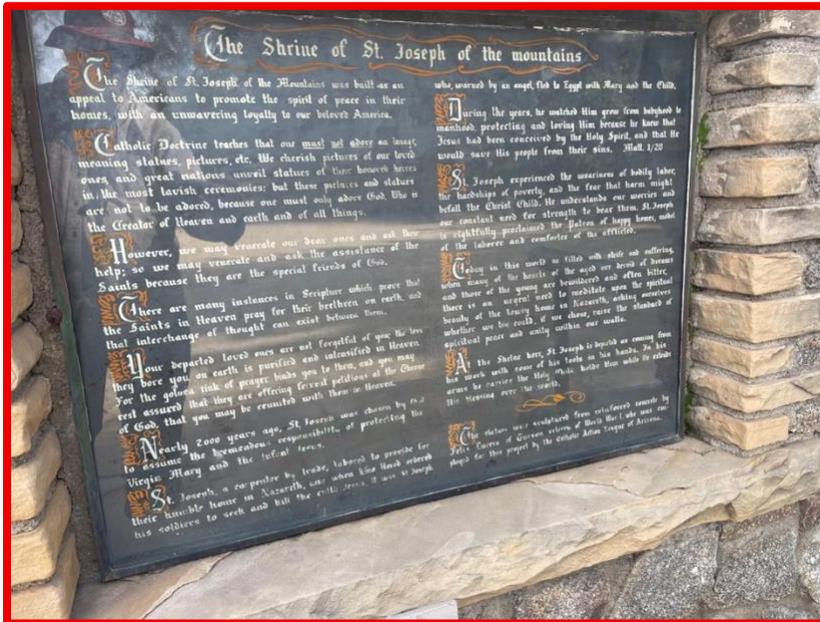


VVSC Desert Derelicts

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.



On the way to Yarnell.



A stop at the Shrine of St. Joseph of the Mountains in Yarnell.



A second stop at the Yarnell Hill Fire Memorial Park.

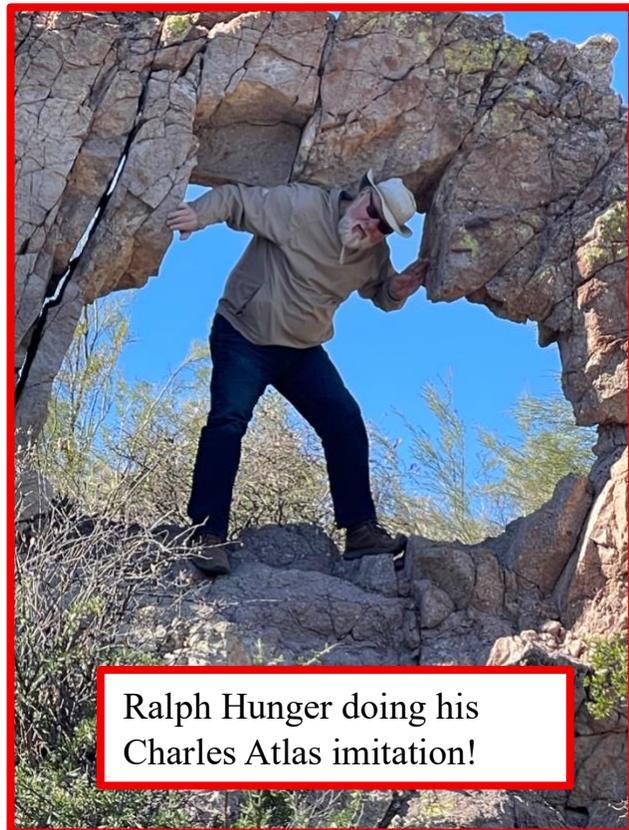




Next day was a ride in the Vulture Peak area.



February 23rd we will be riding the back way to Crown King!



Ralph Hunger doing his Charles Atlas imitation!

The following is contributed by Richard Marone;

Is Lane Splitting Legal in Arizona?

Understanding traffic rules can mean the difference between a minor delay and a serious car accident. One question we hear often is **lane splitting legal in Arizona?**

It's a fair question, especially with more motorcyclists on the road and a recent change in Arizona traffic law.

In Arizona, lane splitting is **NOT** legal. While lane filtering (riding between lanes of stopped traffic) is permitted under certain conditions, splitting lanes of moving traffic is not.

Arizona Lane Filtering Laws

In 2022, legislators passed a new law in Arizona that permits motorcyclists to lane filter for the first time. Within certain parameters, two-wheeled motorcycles can now drive on the line between two lanes of same-direction traffic to pass stopped vehicles. Lane filtering must be done safely, prudently and within the confines of Arizona law.

Lane Filtering vs. Lane Splitting

Although people sometimes mix them up, lane filtering and lane splitting are not the same. Lane splitting refers to a motorcycle weaving between vehicles that are in motion. In Arizona, riding between moving lanes is not allowed. The law treats this as a dangerous maneuver that can lead to serious collisions, especially when cars unexpectedly change lanes or drivers are caught off guard.

Lane filtering, on the other hand, involves maneuvering a motorcycle between lanes of completely stopped vehicles. This is permitted only under specific conditions—the speed limit must be 45 mph or less, and the motorcycle must travel no faster than 15 mph. It's meant to help riders move safely through fully stopped traffic, especially in dense intersections.

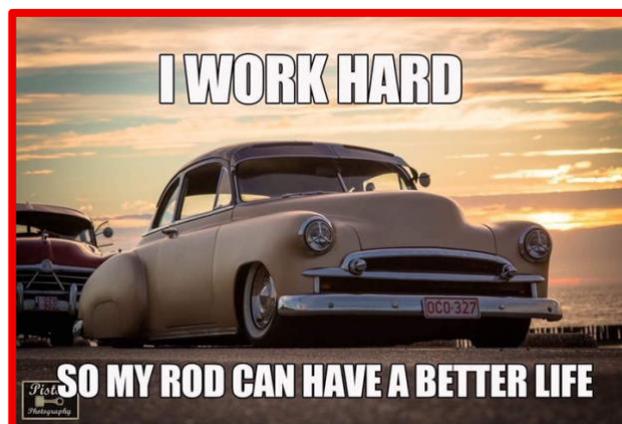
The difference isn't just about semantics—it's built into Arizona's traffic laws. One is illegal and considered high-risk; the other is legal in narrow situations designed to prevent rear-end crashes.

Is Lane Filtering Safe?

Yes, lane filtering is allowed, but only under specific conditions. Many riders ask, **Is lane splitting legal in Arizona?** And while the answer is no, understanding how lane filtering works under the law is essential. As noted by the [Arizona Legislature](#), motorcyclists are allowed to overtake and pass a vehicle stopped in the same lane and direction of travel, and may also ride between lanes of traffic — but only if it’s done safely and the rider meets specific legal conditions. These conditions include:

- The posted speed must be 45 mph or lower.
- Motorcyclists are limited to filtering at speeds no greater than 15 mph.
- The roadway must include at least two lanes moving in the same direction.
- Riders are allowed to pass only vehicles that are completely stopped in their lane.
- This movement must take place between lanes, not on the shoulder or median.

Worth noting: Just because the law allows lane filtering doesn’t mean every situation is safe. Motorcyclists still need to stay alert, anticipate sudden lane changes, and use good judgment. The goal of the law is to cut down on rear-end crashes—not to encourage risky riding.



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.

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 a Monitoring “Refresher.” List “Refresh” on the Monitor Sign-up Sheet at the Shop. If you have questions, contact Dan Chopp or Jim Wersching.



**I’ll bet you haven’t seen one of these before.
An early 50s Hudson Convertible, owned since new by the same
family.**

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 shape 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.”

***So, if you have pics or a story of a goof up you are willing to share with the group, please contact me.
509-430-1625***



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Ganen LaJoie, Safety Supervisor:	317-752-1597
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