



The Windshield View

September 2026

"All the VVSC news that's fit to print"

View From the Top

As we cruise into the autumn season, I want to take a moment to thank Kevin, Dan and everyone who Monitored this summer who keeps the energy—and the engines—running strong around our shop. Whether you are actively restoring a classic or dropping in to swap stories, your passion makes Vintage Vehicles the fantastic community it is today.

Shop Updates & Milestones:

- **Lift #4 Back in Action:** The long wait is officially over! After a delay waiting on replacement parts, Lift #4 has been fully repaired and is ready for service, bringing all seven of our shop lifts back to 100%. Thank you for your patience while we worked through the delay.
- **Safety Inspection Success:** Sun City's Safety Department recently conducted an inspection of all seven lifts, our training materials, and our training records. They were particularly impressed with our systems for ensuring members are properly trained on equipment before operating it.
- **Training New Members:** A huge shout-out goes to Dan Chopp for his incredible dedication. Dan had an exceptionally busy summer training a steady stream of new members and keeping our hands-on instruction running smoothly—a big reason our safety record shines!

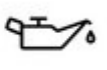
Looking Ahead & Upcoming Meetings:

- **Save the Date (October 13):** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 13th. Our 1st Events Meeting will take place at 9:00 AM in the Sonoran Room, followed immediately by our regular Board Meeting. We encourage everyone to join in and help us plan our fall schedule!
- **Book Your Lift Time:** With all seven lifts fully operational and certified safe, now is a great time to schedule shop time and tackle those ongoing fall maintenance or restoration projects.
- **Get Involved:** As our shop grows, we are always looking for experienced members to lend a hand with mentoring, shop monitoring, or event setup. Reach out if you'd like to help out! Thank you all for your continued dedication, knowledge-sharing, and passion for keeping these classic machines on the road. See you around the garage!

Albert Stiewing
President, Vintage Vehicles Club



Shop Directions



Hello to everyone from the shop.

We finally have the repairs to both the #4 and #1 lifts completed!!

The RCSC management safety group made a visit to Vintage Vehicles, and I escorted them around our facility and answered their questions. They seemed very pleased with our operations and procedures. I have supplied all the information that they have requested, and they seem to be satisfied with us.

There have recently been some positive moves from RCSC on the Air Conditioning request from VVSC for the shop, and on our request to add additional power on the block wall of the canopy area in back of the shop.

Dan Chopp and I have made some revisions to the training materials, and Dan has been kept busy training new members this summer.

There has been a steady stream of both long- and short-term projects through the shop.

The new sign in computer system continues to operate faultlessly.

We look forward to seeing all of our seasonal members back soon.

Mike Fitzgerald
Shop Director



Rules and



Regulations

All,

As you read this Connie and I have not yet left "The Last Best Place", Montana to those who are unaware. We will start our autumnal migration soon with plans to be in Sun City by October 1st. By the way we are no longer to be called Snow Birds or Winter Visitors, the preferred title is "Climate Refugees".

I want to again give a huge thank you to Dan J. for taking on this newsletter project. I have been doing this for a few years, and it is time for some new blood and perspectives to make it better and more useful to our members. I have no doubt that Dan will do a great job. Please give him your support with articles or photos during the year.

Thank you also to Troy Janicki, Glen Mester, Don Puetz and Joe Sanders for volunteering to serve as the nomination committee. During our November meeting they will present a slate of nominations for election and nominations from the floor for any position will be accepted. Please consider nomination to any of the club's elected positions (listed in the current Rules and Regulations on the website) as they are all open every year. Many of us have served in various positions for several years and would welcome a break. At the end of the November meeting the president may declare all unopposed positions elected by acclimation and direct written ballots to be generated by the committee for opposed positions for a secret ballot election to be held at the December meeting.



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If you feel that changes to our Rules and Regulations are needed, please refer to the section on changes in the current edition for the process. The gist of which is to submit the changed verbiage to the board at a regular meeting (second Tuesday of the month). It will be discussed and if it doesn't conflict with other rules the change may be presented and open for discussion or amendment at the general meeting the following week for approval or denial by the membership.



Desert Derelicts



There have been many changes to riders and vehicles this summer. A couple of us have new rides which we are looking forward to riding. Personally, we have a new (to us) 1000xp RZR and Joe Sanders has a (new to him) KRX Kawasaki. One of my first tasks will be to find a trailer for ours as the new one is too long to fit on my truck. That said, if you know of a 6.5' to 7' by 12 or so enclosed trailer for sale, please let me know.

We had some great times riding in Montana this summer with Tim and Jolene Shelton and other friends on the old 900 XP which will be staying there so we don't need to haul it back and forth.

See ya at the shop or on the trail.

Les Litz Policy and Procedures



Upcoming Events



September Events:

Saturday September 26th @ 8:30am:

**** Veteran Drive By ****

Byron Rush, a veteran of the Marine Corps has been stricken with Parkinson's, and is understandably depressed. His color guard amigo's are organizing a drive by to show him love and support. (He has served as one of the color guards at our car shows over the past ten years.)

Meet at 8:30am at St. Raphael Church in Glendale and then drive on over to Byron's on Acoma Dr. The church is located at 55th Ave & Acoma Dr. on the SW corner This is open to all! Please participate if you can.

Tuesday September 29th:

Pot Luck Dinner from 5pm to 8pm at Sundial Rec Center in the East Hall. Time for friends, fellowship and FOOD! Open to all members and your guests. Bring a dish or dessert to share! PLEASE ARRIVE BY 4:30pm to set up, dinner will be served at 5pm. After dinner stick around for cards or games. (Bring cards or games that you want to play!)



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October Events:

Friday October 9th:

Our season of events will kick off with a cruise in at the Sun Dial Rec. Center from 10am until 12pm. Get the cars out and dust them off and come join us for the first cruise.

Tuesday October 13th:

Our Events / Board meetings will be held at the Sonoran Room directly across the parking lot from the VVSC shop. The events portion of the meeting will begin at 9am followed by the board meeting, all members are welcome. If you would like to be a part of the 2027 Spring Fling car show, please consider coming to the meetings, we need all the help we can get to make the show a success.

Saturday October 17th:

Cruise to Gateway Classic Cars, a sponsor of the VVSC Spring Fling car show! We will meet at the shop or join us on location at 9451 N. 79th Ave. Suite 100 in Peoria. Meet at shop 9:30am, head out at 9:45 and arrive by 10:00. (See additional information in this newsletter – next page!)

Tuesday October 20th:

General Membership meeting, ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! This is your chance to share input regarding the club, meet new members, stay informed of news and events, and show your support for the club and 50/50 will be held. Members Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at Lakeview Rec. Center, upstairs in social hall 1 & 2 from 1pm until 3pm. Please bring your club ID Badge to scan in.

Saturday October 24th:

Alzheimer's Walk at Hacienda Del-Rey – they have invited our club to participate in the event with a cruise-in from 10am until 1pm. They are located at 12917 W. Las Cruces Dr. in Litchfield Park. This is a Halloween themed event. A pizza lunch will be served. You can find more information about their facility on their web site located at <https://haciendadelreyaz.com>

Tuesday October 27th:

Pot Luck Dinner from 5pm to 8pm at Sundial Rec Center in the East Hall. Time for friends, fellowship and FOOD! Open to all members and your guests. Bring a dish or dessert to share! PLEASE ARRIVE BY 4:30pm to set up, dinner will be served at 5pm. After dinner stick around for cards or games. (Bring cards or games that you want to play!)

Friday October 30th:

TRUNK OR TREAT! At the Sun Bowl Parking Lot with the Sun City RV Club. This is a cruise in from 4pm until 6pm. (Please arrive by 3:30pm to set up.) Decorate your classic car with a spooky Halloween theme and have some goodies to share. Bring a chair and some shade and enjoy the October chill. Space is limited to 25 cars, please RSVP to Joe Warfel by email at warfel.joseph@yahoo.com

Current events are also posted to the TVs in the shop – be sure to check them out when you stop by.

Joe Warfel
Events Director



Gateway Classic Cars of Scottsdale opened in September 2017 in the Phoenix area before relocating to Peoria, Arizona, in 2025. Located in one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States and known as part of the beautiful "Valley of the Sun," the area offers a year-round car season and an ideal environment for preserving vintage automobiles. The large and growing inventory includes many desirable Southwest cars that have not been exposed to road salt, harsh winters, and inclement weather like vehicles in many other parts of the United States. As you walk around the showroom, you can explore an impressive variety of vehicles, from a classic T-Bucket to current Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge, and many more iconic makes and models.

The showroom comes alive on the last Saturday of every month from 9 AM to 12 PM for Caffeine and Chrome, our version of Cars and Coffee at 9451 N 79TH Ave Suite 100 Peoria, Arizona 85345. The community fills the parking lot with their own classic cars, creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere for enthusiasts, families and anyone who appreciates the beauty of the automobile.

Come experience the classics, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy everything Gateway Classic Cars of Scottsdale has to offer!

Gateway Classic Cars is "Where Dreams are Driven!"
Don't forget to ask about our "0" Consignment Special.





From the Editor



For those of you who may not know me – My name is Dan Jacobson and I've been a resident of Sun City for just over two years now. I retired from working at UPS for over 33 years in 2023. My wife Holly and I had lived in the Chicago area for far too long and decided it was time to get out of the cold and snow and into the heat! We've been enjoying our retired life here in the Valley of the Sun. It's so much nicer to have 300+ days of sunshine a year versus the 90 (if you are lucky) in Illinois.

A big reason why we picked Sun City was the number of recreational activities available – we especially love going to the pool in the summer time – and still find it a little strange that you can get out of the pool on a 100+ day and still feel chilly. (It's a dry heat!!!)

Another big reason for the move to Sun City was the Vintage Vehicles Club. My parents were snowbirds here for about 10 years and while visiting them I had the opportunity to tour the club. To say the least – I was blown away – I had never seen a car club that had the equipment resources we have. Once I moved here and joined the club I was even more impressed – because those resources include all the great people in the club and their encyclopedic knowledge of automobiles.

When I first joined the club I wasn't sure how I could contribute with so many automotive experts in the club that knew much more about cars than I did. As I started monitoring I quickly found that the club was in need of some technical assistance, which is where I am an expert. Our president was having a daily struggle getting the check in/check out system to function. I took it upon myself to develop a new system in an effort to make the job of Desk Monitor easier – and give our president some relief from his daily battles with Excel and AI. The result is our new check in system – which behind the scenes is also membership administration and shop training administration – hopefully making the duties of our Membership Director and Shop Director a little easier as well.

So how did I end up with this job? Well... I was asked what else I thought I could help out with! Since I've got some experience putting together electronic publications, I thought this would be another good fit for my skills. I encourage everyone in the club to look for ways to help out – not necessarily with your wrenching skills – but in any other way you can provide value to the club with your skills and knowledge.

With all that being said – if you have stories or pictures that you'd like to contribute to the newsletter, please send them my way: danj6886@yahoo.com

Dan Jacobson
Newsletter Editor



Seen in the Shop

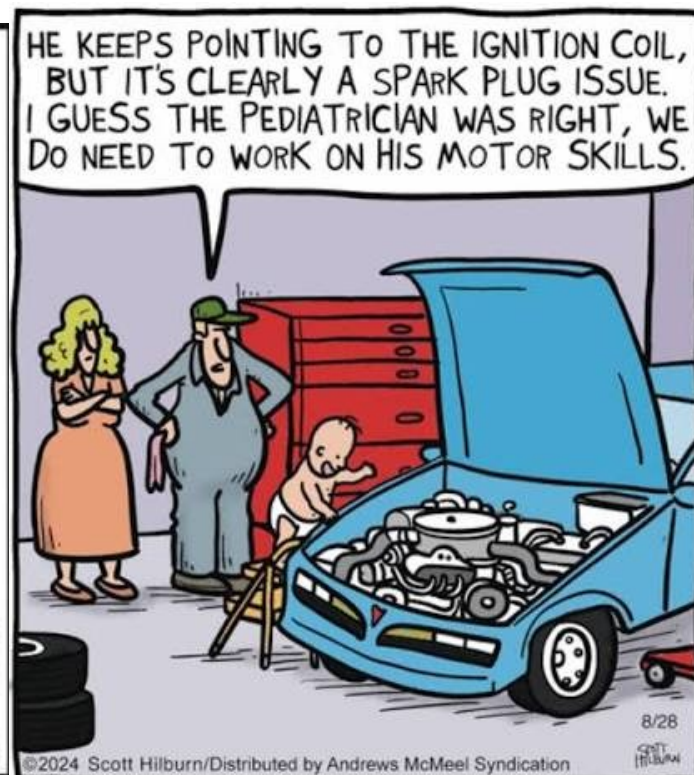




The Funny Pages



New theft deterrent system spotted in the Safeway parking lot.



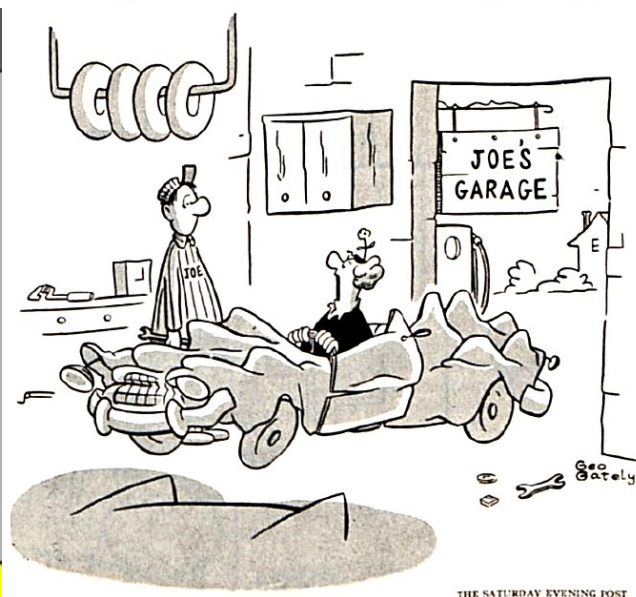
"I thought you were finished!"



The Funny Pages



Let's not bother it while it's eating.



THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

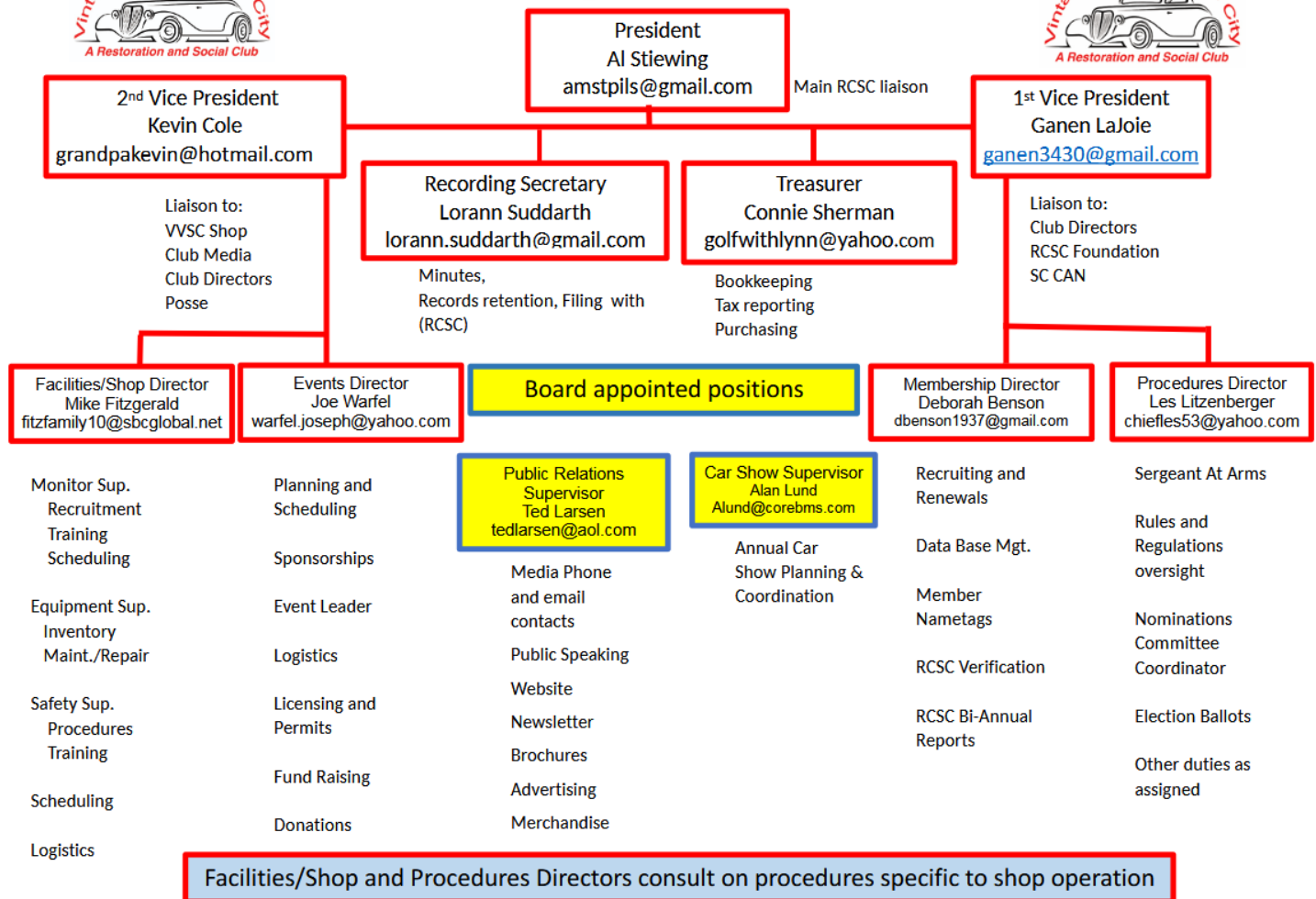
"I don't like the way it handles."



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