

EMCC E-NEWS LETTER

Welcome to the best little car club in Arizona



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Editors Thoughts

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Time to meet our new Vice President, Bob Ness

Many of you may not yet have met **Bob Ness**, who joined EMCC in late 2023. Bob and his wife, Sarah, moved to Estrella Mountain Ranch in June 2023 and quickly became active in the community, including the HOA. After taking time to settle in, Bob began attending EMCC meetings, our picnic, Cars & Coffee, as well our car show events—and is now stepping into a special leadership role.

Welcome aboard, Bob



What can we say about our new President, Paul Masa?

Plenty — and all of it outstanding...

Paul is truly a remarkable individual. His passion for cars, life, and family shines through in everything he does. He brings to EMCC not only a strong and supportive family life, but also a successful pharmaceutical background and a forward-thinking mindset that will serve our club well.

His people skills are second to none, his timing and judgment are consistently on point, and his drive to help others and see things succeed is obvious to anyone who's spent even a few minutes with him. There is no doubt he will be an exceptional leader for us moving forward.

Paul has always had a soft spot for British automobiles, and his pride and joy — as many of you already know — is his 1977 MGB Roadster. He's a regular at car shows, club cruises, and social events throughout the West Valley, and his enthusiasm for the hobby is contagious.

Welcome aboard, Paul!

The Toyota Automobile Museum in Aichi Prefecture, Japan

The Toyota Automobile Museum in Aichi Prefecture, Japan, is a must-visit destination for anyone interested in cars, design history, or Japanese culture. It not only traces the evolution of Toyota Motor Corporation, the country's leading automobile manufacturer, but also explores the global history and culture of automobiles through an impressive collection of vehicles and memorabilia.

About Toyota Motor Corporation

Toyota Motor Corporation began mass-producing cars in 1936 and has since grown into a global leader, selling over 10 million vehicles annually worldwide. Its headquarters are in Aichi Prefecture, making the museum a symbolic site in Toyota's hometown.

Overview of the Toyota Automobile Museum

Toyota Motor Corporation



- In 1937, Toyota Motor Corporation was founded by Kiichiro Toyoda



- In 1957, Toyota's first export of Japanese passenger car 'Crown' to the United States



- Currently, Toyota operates its business worldwide with 53 overseas manufacturing companies in 28 countries and regions.

The museum was established in 1989 to commemorate Toyota's 50th anniversary. It not only highlights Toyota's innovations but also presents the broader story of automobiles' worldwide development, hosting events and specialty car festivals. Its location is conveniently close to the Linimo (Linear Motor Train) and

Automobile Gallery Highlights

- Features a replica of Toyota's first passenger car, the Toyoda Model AA from 1936, showcasing its sleek, streamlined design.
- Exhibits around 140 iconic cars from different eras and continents, including drivable classics from Japan, America, and Europe, organized across 13 thematic areas.

The Toyota Automobile Museum in Aichi Prefecture, Japan

Amenities: Restaurant, Cafe, and Museum Shop

- The on-site restaurant "AVIEW" serves creative Western cuisine, including themed items like the Toyota 2000GT Hot dog.
- The "CARS & BOOKS" café offers a perfect spot to enjoy motoring art books and photo collections.

Unique souvenirs such as the Spanner Spoon (wrench-handled spoon), Toyota-themed snacks, and sweets make memorable gifts.

Visit Information

- Address: 41-100 Yokomichi, Nagakute City, Aichi Prefecture.
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from Linimo "Geidai-dori" Station.
- Hours: 9:30–17:00 (last admission 16:30).



Combining with Ghibli Park

Ghibli Park, dedicated to Studio Ghibli's beloved animations, is also located in Aichi's Expo 2005 Commemorative Park, making it highly convenient to explore both attractions in one trip.

Valued Members Attendance to Events

My goodness — what a month it's been!

From exciting events to special gatherings, November was filled with memorable moments. One highlight was joining together at Bob Barnes' home for our monthly Membership Meeting, where we had the chance to wish Bob and his wife well in a setting that truly reflected their passion and history of their passion for cars along with the club.

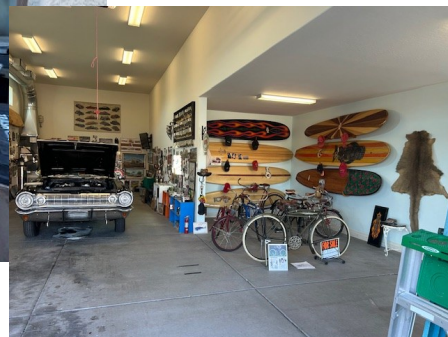
Below you'll find a collection of comments, photos, and recaps from our members' travels and activities over the last several weeks. As you look through everything, you may find yourself thinking: *If you weren't there... you missed some great times!* Let's go!

November Business meeting at Bob and Sallys

Cherished Nostalgia and Lifelong Devotion

As many of you know, Bob and his wife Sally are childhood sweethearts whose shared love of automobiles has been woven into their story for more than **60 years**. Their home, filled with treasured pieces of automotive history, reflects not only their passion but the decades of memories they've built together. One of their favorite cars — the beloved '56 Belwood Woody Wagon — has since found a new home, but the stories it created will stay with them forever.

At our recent membership meeting, we had the honor of presenting Bob and Sally with a **Lifetime Membership** to the Estrella Mountain Car Club — a small gesture compared to the enormous impact they've had on all of us.



Valued Members Attendance to Events

Big Picture / Overall Vibe

The 2025 SEMA Show took place **November 4–7** at the Las Vegas Convention Center, filling the entire indoor and outdoor campus. [SEMA+1](#)

- Over **2,000 exhibitors** participated.

The theme leaned strongly into innovation, future mobility, and global connectivity — SEMA continues to be more than just a trade show. [SEMA+2SEMA+2](#)

The 2025 SEMA Show in Vegas was a blast — a full-throttle celebration of car culture, innovation, and the future of mobility.

Whether you're into classic builds, high-performance machines, or the bleeding edge of automotive tech, there was something to see, do, or be inspired by.

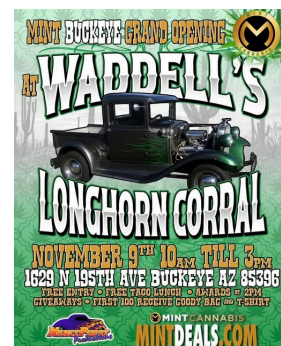
Thank You Rick for your pictures and thoughts.



2025 Waddell's Longhorn Corral – Buckeye

On **Nov 9, 2025**, Waddell's Longhorn Corral (1629 N 195th Ave, Buckeye) hosted a "grand opening"-style car gathering from **10 AM to 3 PM**. While there's no strong evidence of a formal judged car-show, the event clearly pulled in vehicle enthusiasts, local car lovers, and community members for a relaxed car meet.

The Longhorn Corral is a venue known for live music, food, and good times — so the gathering had the feel of a social car event rather than a serious competition. Special Notes: Doug Forgey's for his Model T earning a unique award at Waddell's event, as well Ron Lorenzo and his 1931 Model A won an award making him one of our outstanding Show goers this month. Great job Ron.



Valued Members Attendance Events

Car Show Barbecue for Veterans

Avondale Senior Center - 995 E Riley Dr, Avondale, AZ 85323

Thanks to all of the member's that attended this event on Wednesday! Here are a few photos of our own Veterans Johnny Perez, John McMillan, David LaValle and Steve Gonzales being recog-



La Loma Village Classic Car Showcase

We'd like to thank the members who attended this event, along with our friends at the Pebble Creek Car Club. It's always rewarding to put a smile on the faces of the residents by giving them the chance to see cars from their past.



A very special congratulations to Ron and his trusty sidekick, Choco! His beautiful Model "A" earned the "Best Classic" Car award at the La Loma Village Classic Car Showcase, and he represented Estrella Mountain Car Club with his usual class and enthusiasm.

Ron is an award-winning car enthusiast in his own right and one of EMCC's most dedicated members, participating in more than 90% of our events and always ready to lend a hand or a kind word to others. Way to go, Ron—thank you for making our club proud and for sharing your passion for classic cars with the community!



Cotton Fest is Buckeye's annual downtown street-fair and holiday market celebrating the city's rich farming heritage—especially its deep roots in cotton agriculture. Held each year in Downtown Buckeye around 6th Street Plaza and Monroe Avenue, the festival is a free, family-friendly community event marking the start of the holiday season.

The celebration brings together a festive mix of holiday-market shopping, live entertainment, food trucks, kids' activities, a community tree-lighting, and photos with Santa. Organized by the City of Buckeye and local partners, Cotton Fest has become a signature seasonal event each November/December in the heart of the downtown district.

Cotton Fest Car Show

Car show? Absolutely—and what a show it is!

On November 30th, Buckeye saw an incredible turnout of collectible and specialty vehicles as car enthusiasts came together for a beautiful, sun-filled holiday weekend. The Cotton Fest Car Show has become one of the favorite features of the event, offering fun and excitement for participants and spectators alike.

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Valued Members Attendance Events

Judging Categories

Participants and visitors can enjoy viewing a wide range of vehicles and joining in on public judging for several standout categories:

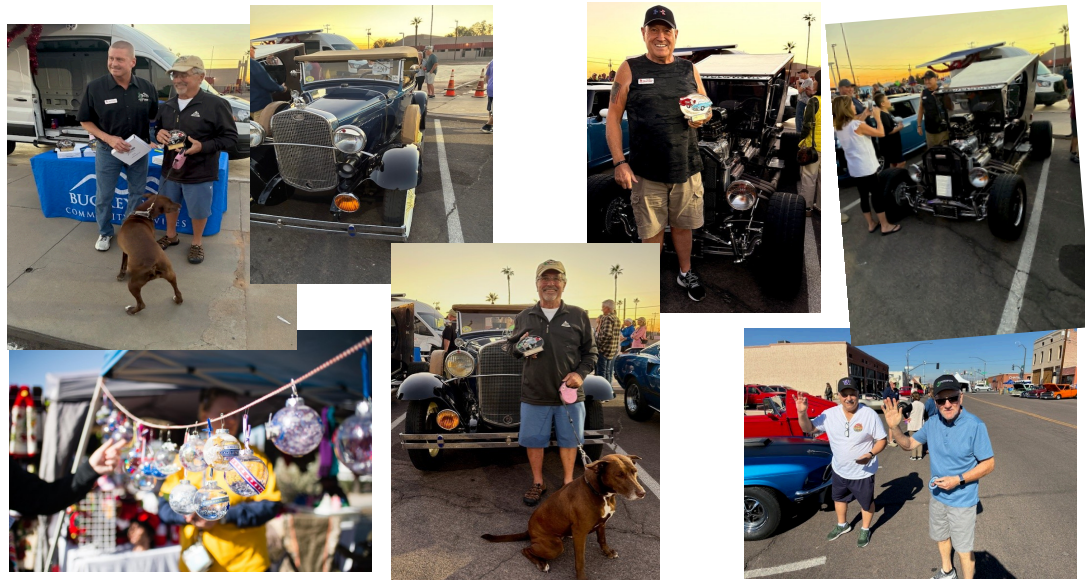
- Best of Show
- Best Paint
- Best Classic
- Most Unique
- Best Engine

Club Recognition & Participation

Our EMCC members made an outstanding showing at this year's event. Out of **135 cars entered**, **five awards** were presented—and **two of those were won by our members!**

Congratulations to **Ron** and **Doug** for their big wins, representing both the club and themselves with excellence.

City Management personally expressed their appreciation for our participation, noting that we are welcome in Buckeye anytime. A job well done by everyone involved.



Cars & Coffee

Estrella Mountain Car Club (EMCC) hosts its Cars & Coffee on the fourth Saturday of each month, giving members and guests a chance to reconnect, share build tips, talk maintenance, compare notes on upcoming events, and enjoy some good old-fashioned conversation among car-loving guys and gals. This past weekend was no different—thank you to all our members and friends who came out and made the morning such a success. It is hard to schedule attendance during the Holidays yet many of you make this ever so popular event each and every month.... For that we thank you !





EMCC Toys for Tots Campaign 2025

The Estrella Mountain Car Club (EMCC) is proud to once again partner with the **U.S. Marine Corps** in support of their annual **Toys for Tots** campaign — a cherished holiday tradition that helps bring smiles and joy to children and families in need throughout our community.

We invite all members, friends, and supporters to take part in this year's toy drive as we help make the season brighter for those less fortunate.

Important Dates:

- **Toy Collection :** Members will display their cars on **Saturday, December 6th from 11am-1PM @ Star Pointe covered parking lot** as local residents drop off their toy donations.
- **Toy Drop-Off:** Following the monthly membership meeting **Saturday, December 13th**, members will gather at the usual **Safeway parking lot spot at 10:30AM** to depart for the Marine facility in Litchfield Park.

In previous years, we've had 15–20 EMCC members participate in the drop-off, and we hope for another great turnout this year! We'd also love to capture a few photos of our club and Marine team together after unloading the toys.

Your generosity and support truly make a difference. Together, we can help the Marines deliver holiday magic to local children and families.

Thank you in advance for being part of EMCC's **Toys for Tots 2025** campaign and helping us keep the spirit of giving alive!

Kerry Mooris

Toy's For Tots Link— <https://estrellamountaincarclub.com/toys-for-tots>

Future Events Coming up

- ◆ 12/06 Toy's for Tots Drive @ Estrella Ranch Club House 11:00 to 1:00
- ◆ 12/13 Toy's for Tots Delivery to Marine Station @ Star Point Covered Parking lot 10:30
- ◆ 12/13 EMCC Business meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00am to 10:00am NOTE: Right after meeting head over to Star Point for final collection of Toys as well ready to deliver items to the Marine Station. Lead by Kerry Mooris
- ◆ 12/27 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00 to 10:00
- ◆ 1/10 EMCC Business meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00 to 10:00
- ◆ January to be announced by Douglas & Pam
- ◆ 1/24 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00am to 10:00am

New / Re Joinng Member's

Clay and Cindy Hoesman

Big Welcome Back to the Estrella Mountain Car Club!

We're excited to have you rejoin our automotive family and bring your enthusiasm—and your beautiful 1995 Corvette—back into the mix. Around here, it's all about friendship, fun, and the shared love of cars, from early morning Cars & Coffee conversations to cruising together at shows and events across Arizona. We can't wait to see that '95 Vette out at our gatherings and to make more great memories together on the road.

December Member's Birthdays



The following members and significant others are celebrating birthdays this month.

Members Names

John Lepore 12/6

Mary Cusick 12/14

Charlie Novotny 12/16

Jim Leader 12/17

Louise Masla 12/20

David Ross 12/21

Jacqueline Sanderson 12/21

Pamela Lombardo 12/24

Bob Ness 12/25

Rose Migliaccio 12/29

Ken Mason 12/30

The provided information is sourced from the club's roster. Kindly inform us of any errors or omissions so that we can rectify them promptly.

Birthdays are special because they celebrate a person's existence, mark personal milestones, and bring people together to acknowledge growth, love, and belonging. While celebrations can feel private, the tradition itself is often a communal act that affirms the individual's value among family and friends. Nearly every culture in the world marks birthdays, but the customs and meanings vary greatly—from birthday bumps in India to ear-pulling in Spain and Mexico's piñata celebrations—showing that honoring the passage of time is a global, not just American, tradition.

Why Birthdays Feel Special

- ◆ Birthdays are seen as a recognition of someone's journey, achievements, and uniqueness.
- ◆ They allow individuals to feel appreciated, loved, and validated by their community.
- ◆ Celebrating helps break the monotony of routine life, boosts emotional well-being, and fosters joyful memories.

Photos from 2025



*** DUES ARE DUE ***

EMCC, like all nonprofit organizations, reviews and updates its membership dues each year. This year is no different—it's time for our annual dues to be submitted. We ask you head over to the Web Site and up date your registration when possible.

This is a friendly reminder to ensure your membership remains active so you can continue to participate in all club activities and support of our important mission moving into the **2026 year**. <https://square.link/u/C1IkNA04>

About Your EMCC Newsletter

Our newsletter is created for you and by you — it's our way of keeping every member connected, informed, and involved in what's happening at Estrella Mountain Car Club. Inside, you'll find updates on upcoming events, club activities, stories from fellow members, and helpful automotive insights to keep our passion alive.

We also want this to be a two-way street. If you have news, stories, photos, or anything else you'd like to share, we'd love to feature it. This is your platform to connect, inspire, and celebrate our shared love of cars and community.

Together, we can make the newsletter a true reflection of the fun, friendships, and horsepower that fuel EMCC.

Appreciate your participation ,

Bill Owen Editor

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