



Presidents Thoughts

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The purpose of our newsletter is to provide meaningful, targeted information to our members and fellow automotive enthusiasts. More than just an update, it serves as a powerful tool to market our club, share upcoming opportunities, and highlight the many ways we contribute to the community.

A well-crafted newsletter not only informs—it builds credibility, strengthens awareness, and connects people through a shared passion for cars. It's a platform where stories, events, and achievements come together to reflect who we are and what we stand for.

With a mix of pull-quotes, engaging content, and subtle but effective messaging, our newsletter is designed to be both informative and inspiring—a positive voice for the Estrella Mountain Car Club and all who support it.

All The Best,
Bill Owen



Things To Make a Long Drive FUN

Are you looking for couple’s road trip activities to make a long drive a lot more fun? I’ve got experience and ideas! **Here are some romantic things to do on a long drive.**

But first, what does “romantic” mean to you and your significant other? Think about this a bit as you scan the list of ideas below. Some will be spot on and others totally off. Obviously, pick what works for you on your couples road trip.

Make your car romantic.

You’re going to be spending a lot of time in your car, so make it a place you WANT to be romantic in. Clean it up. Add some cozy blankets and cushions for rest stops. Maybe hide treats as well making sure the car has a nice fragrance and also sync your music playlist.

Take selfie breaks.

Something romantic to do on a long drive is to take plenty of selfies. Don’t just take the traditional smiling selfies (although these are great, too!). You’re bound to see odd, quirky things on your couples road trip. So, get out of the car and take those goofy selfies to capture the fun! A fantastic helper is a phone / camera holder that you can wrap on any random tree limb or stick on your car with magnetic feet.

Take a few dance breaks.

You have to stretch anyway, so make it a dance break for a fun and romantic thing to do on a long drive! Turn up your favorite song, roll down the windows and twirl it up! (Isn’t this pic SO fun?!)

Stop to meet the locals.

Local animals, I mean. One of the funniest moments when exploring is when we come across some cows and sheep grazing by the road. My wife makes a pretty good moo, but it was pretty hilarious when she got a moo back. And nuzzling a horse that came up to our window and chatting with the shaggy highland cows was pretty great, too.

Bring a Hamock



Plan a few picnics.

Picnics are a classically romantic thing to do on a long drive, so plan a few of them. Ideally, do a little research beforehand to find some pretty lakes and waterfalls you might want to stop at anyway. Before you leave, pack a baguette and a cooler of cheeses, meats, antipasto and olives. Then, either top up your stash along the way at local delis or pick up take-out and eat it in a pretty spot.

Remember the simple things.

Among the most romantic things to do on a long drive are the same as those things we do when first in love! Hold hands. Open the door for each other. Talk (and listen!) to each other. Bite your tongue when they do something that bugs you. Let them choose the playlist or audiobook (or, if it’s truly awful, negotiate one you’ll both like!).

Most of all remember to have fun, safe travels

The Future of Car Collecting: Where Passion Meets Investment

Car collecting has always been about more than just owning rare or beautiful automobiles. It’s about passion, history, and in many cases, a solid financial investment. But as we look ahead, what does the future of car collecting actually look like? Will it be dominated by electric classics? Will digital collectibles play a role? And how will younger generations shape the market?

Electrification & Classic Cars: A Surprising Future?

We all know that the automotive industry is moving toward electric power. Governments worldwide are pushing for reduced emissions, and major carmakers are shifting focus to EVs. But what does this mean for classic car collectors? Interestingly, the transition to electric doesn’t necessarily mean the death of classic gas-powered collectibles. In fact, it might make them even more valuable. As internal combustion engine (ICE) cars become rarer, well-maintained classic cars could see a surge in demand, with enthusiasts viewing them as irreplaceable pieces of history. At the same time, electric conversions of classic cars are gaining traction. Companies now offer EV conversion kits for vintage Mustangs, Porsches, and even Land Rovers. While purists may scoff at the idea, younger collectors may embrace the blend of nostalgia and sustainability. Imagine owning a 1965 Ford Mustang that looks original but runs on battery power—it’s the best of both worlds.

Digital Collectibles & the Rise of Virtual Car Collecting

Believe it or not, the future of car collecting might extend beyond the physical world. With the rise of blockchain technology and digital ownership, “virtual car collecting” could become a thing. We’re already seeing this in the gaming world, where players buy, sell, and trade digital cars in games like Gran Turismo and Forza Horizon. As the metaverse and NFTs (non-fungible tokens) evolve, collectors might start investing in digital versions of rare automobiles, with unique serial numbers and ownership records on the blockchain. Does this mean we’ll stop collecting real cars? Absolutely not. But it does suggest that future collectors might have garages both in the real world and in the digital space.



Younger Collectors: Shifting Trends & Preferences

For years, car collecting was seen as a hobby for older generations—people who grew up idolizing classic muscle cars, European exotics, or vintage roadsters. But younger collectors are coming in strong, and they have slightly different tastes. Rather than 1950s Cadillacs and '60s Ferraris, Millennials and Gen Z collectors are gravitating toward cars from their childhood—the '80s, '90s, and early 2000s models. Think JDM (Japanese Domestic Market) legends like the Nissan Skyline, Toyota Supra, and Mazda RX-7. Even early supercars from the 2000s, like the Ferrari Enzo or Porsche Carrera GT, are becoming hot commodities. This generational shift will continue shaping the market, with nostalgia playing a key role in what becomes valuable in the future.

Final Thoughts: A Thriving Hobby With New Twists

Car collecting isn't going anywhere. If anything, it's evolving in exciting ways. Whether it's through the rising value of gasoline classics, the embrace of EV technology, the birth of digital collectibles, or the influence of younger enthusiasts, the future looks bright.

So whether you're eyeing a '70s muscle car, a '90s JDM icon, or even a digital Ferrari, the road ahead is full of possibilities. Buckle up—it's going to be a thrilling ride!

Make it a great ride,
WM Owen



Upcoming Events

Monthly Business Meeting
Saturday, August 9th,
2025 9:00—10:00am



Held at Golf Club of Estrella, 11800 S Golf Club Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85338

The Bella Luna Luncheon,
Wednesday August 13th,
12:00—1:30pm

Luncheon Cruise..
August 13, 2025
At...



Bring your main squeeze to enjoy awesome
Italian Steaks, Chops, Pasta and Salads
with outstanding Friends..



WHEN: WEDNESDAY 8/13/2025 ~ RSVP BY 8/11 ON EMCC WEB SITE

MEETING AT SAFEWAY PARKING LOT, LEAVING AT 11:30AM

14175 W. Indian School Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85395
Contact Doug & Pam Bryson at 971-533-5158





**Cars & Coffee
Saturday August 23,
8:00—10:00am**



Held in the Safeway parking lot, 9890 Estrella Pkwy, Goodyear, AZ 85338

Member's Birthdays



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

Karin Carlson - 8/10

Howard Carlson - 8/19

Jennifer Mayer - 8/20

Doug Forgey - 8/5

Colleen Quinn - 8/18

Terry Vrabec - 8/10

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.

Highlights from Last Month's Events

Our **EMCC July luncheon** at **High Tide Seafood Bar & Grill** was a terrific success! With **20 members in attendance**, the afternoon was filled with great food, laughter, and camaraderie.

The restaurant provided us with a private room and a dedicated team of attendants who took exceptional care of us throughout the event. It was a comfortable, welcoming setting—perfect for relaxing and enjoying good company.

A big **thank you to Doug and Pam Bryson** for selecting such a fantastic venue. Your thoughtful planning gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together and share another memorable EMCC experience.

We're already looking forward to next month's gathering—hope to see you there!



Cars and Coffee July Recap

Cars & Coffee was once again a thrill to attend this July! The weather cooperated beautifully—especially for an Arizona summer—and we had **18 cars** roll in for a great morning of connection and conversation.

If you missed it, you missed some fantastic car talk and the chance to catch up with fellow enthusiasts about what everyone's working on (and how they're surviving the 100+ degree heat!). From restorations to road trips, the stories shared were as impressive as the rides on display.

Thanks to everyone who came out—we'll see you at the next one!



Valued Members

Our newsletter is produced for you. It is a communication method for our members to use and share information about current club activities with members, and perspectives in mind. Your newsletter contains updates, new stories, helpful content, or anything to keep you interested in Estrella Mountain Car Club. We look forward to hearing from you with related items of interest that you would like to share with others.

Appreciate your participation ,
Bill Owen

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