

"Welcome to the best little car club in Arizona"

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"President Thoughts"

"TEAM SUCCESS is the achievement of shared goals through effective collaboration, where a diverse group leverages collective strengths to produce results greater than the sum of individual efforts. It goes beyond hitting targets, encompassing a positive, engaged team culture, high psychological safety, and continuous adaptability."

I think this definition precisely describes our CRUIZ'N TO THE HILLS CAR SHOW.

From the planning stage to the execution on show day, all the moving parts meshed like a finally tuned high performance engine. It was difficult to start, which sometimes happens, rough idling through some rough roads, but when the pedal was to the metal, we screamed down the road!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the project. You deserve a pat on the back for your hard work, sacrifice and support of the show.

We were attended by 136 cars, numerous spectators, excellent food vendors, and sponsors. We sold many shirts, attracted new members, and collected a sizable 50/50 drawing. I believe everyone had an outstanding time, and some fun as a side effect. The weather gods were with us, and the music was grand. We will be presenting a check to the High School for \$2000 very shortly which can make a monumental difference in a student's life.

Everyone has a different definition of SUCCESS, but I can see the success in the Members Of Estrella Mountain Car Club!

"The Harder the Course, the more rewarding the Triumph"

Paul Masla

Why We Love the Oldest Cars

– By Peyton Davis



Did you know the Brass Era (1905-1914) gets its name from the gleaming brass horns, lights, radiators, and fittings that adorned these early machines? The Ford Model T, Aaron notes, is the poster child of the era, but this golden age of innovation was just one chapter in a much larger story.

Before Brass came the Veteran Era (1886-1904), when the very first automobiles were painstakingly hand-built. These cars were simple and could be temperamental, but they were undeniably pioneering. I've had the privilege of driving a 1903 Knox in the legendary [London to Brighton Veteran Car Run](#)—the world's oldest motoring event, whose entrants must have been made before 1905. The Knox features a steering tiller instead of a wheel and a front-mounted crank starter, which, as the original instructions warn, could easily "break an arm or injure oneself in other ways." Imagine having to crank-start your modern SUV.

Following the Brass Era, the Vintage Era (1915-1929) ushered in mass production, making cars more affordable and practical. Electric starters, improved brakes, and enclosed bodies [became the norm](#), setting the stage for the automotive boom to come.

Of course, the story doesn't end there. Automotive historians love to debate the boundaries of each era: Prewar (1930-1945), Postwar/Classic (1946-1959), Muscle (1964-1973), and even the so-called [Malaise Era](#) (1973-1979). These periods often overlap, sparking endless discussion among enthusiasts. But those earliest cars—the Veterans and Brass beauties—have captured my heart in recent years.

Yes, these cars can be finicky. They're slow and unreliable by today's standards, but there's a thrill in the uncertainty. As David Kibbey, a 19-year-old concours organizer and former youth judge for Hagerty events, puts it: "Part of the appeal with cars of that era is you don't really know if you're going to make it to where you're going. It's also cool to put yourself in the position of somebody in 1903, 1904, or 1905 who's trying out this new vehicle for the first time. I equate it to what we saw 10 years ago when Tesla was first coming on the scene, and you had people who dove in headfirst."

David's right—there's a sense of awe when you're behind the wheel of a machine that has survived more than a century. When I drive the Knox or my '28 Bentley, I'm reminded of two famous photos of New York's Fifth Avenue: one teeming with horse-drawn carriages and a single car, the next packed with cars and just one horse. The speed of that transformation is staggering.

And then there's the sheer delight these cars inspire. Take one out in public and watch as people—young and old—point, smile, and ask questions. Kids are especially enchanted. Doug Tomb, president of the [Horseless Carriage Club of America](#) (HCCA), says that when they bring early cars to schools, the children are amazed: "They're astonished to see what kind of looks like a car but with no electric lights or windows, and a dashboard that is made out of an actual board."

Perhaps best of all, as Aaron notes, is the community that surrounds these early cars. Though it's a small slice of the collector world, it's a passionate and welcoming one. The HCCA boasts 3000 members dedicated to "preserving, restoring, and enjoying early automobiles." In a world where real connection can feel rare, that kind of camaraderie is something special.

Until next time, keep on driving.

Attendance to April / May Events and a Special Note

Every once in a while, someone comes into a club and quietly becomes part of its foundation. Joe Burick was one of those people.

For many of us, Joe was there through years of cruises, car shows, breakfasts, laughter, and friendships that grew far beyond our shared passion for automobiles. His smile, conversations, and genuine spirit helped create the welcoming atmosphere that makes the Estrella Mountain Car Club so special today.

As we say goodbye to our friend, we are reminded that the true value of this club has never been just the cars – it has always been the people beside us on the journey.

Joe's memory will continue to ride with us down every road ahead.

Estrella Mountain Car Club's
Cruiz'n to the Hills
 CAR SHOW WINNERS!



Best In Show
Robert Gomez
 1958 Ford Fairlane Retractable



People's Choice
Luis Flores
 1990 Chevy Corvette ZR-1



GoodGuys Rodder's Rep Award
Dean Vogelpohl
 1962 Chevrolet Nova

Thank You for Making it a Great Show!

Estrella Mountain Car Club's
Cruiz'n to the Hills
 CAR SHOW WINNERS!



Additional Award Winners

- John Burlini - 2020 Ford GT500
- Erick Coston - 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle
- Doug Forgey - 1956 Buick Hot Rod
- Janet Fujimoto - 1970 Toyota Crown
- Steve Gonzales - '32 Ford Coupe
- Cindy Kaufinan - 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air
- Marge Larivee - 2019 Ford Mustang
- Dennis Lien - 1979 Pontiac Trans AM
- Ron Lorenzo - 1931 Ford Model A
- Dan Moore - 1956 Ford F-100
- Bob Ordonez - 1966 Ford Mustang
- Kenneth Osborne - 1956 Chevy Truck
- Bob Paduano - 1955 Ford Crown Victoria
- Jim Price - 1974 AMC Javelin AMX
- Mike Rachfal - 1963 Chevy Corvette Stingray
- James Rinehart - 1967 Chevy C10
- Nate Russell - 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle
- Wes Rydell - 1940 Cadillac 72 Series
- Ralph Saunders - 1957 Chevy 210
- Don Tuttle - 1955 Chevy 210
- Ron Wachholz - 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air
- Dean Vogelpohl - 1962 Chevrolet Nova



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May Cars and Coffee

EMCC May Cars & Coffee – A Memorial Weekend Celebration of Cars and Community

The 4th Saturday of the month once again brought together the passion, friendship, and excitement that make the Estrella Mountain Car Club such a special organization. Our May Cars & Coffee event was filled with lively conversation, laughter, and admiration for the incredible vehicles proudly displayed by our members and local automotive enthusiasts.

What made this month's gathering especially meaningful was its timing during the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. With more than 30 beautiful automobiles on display, the event showcased some of the finest classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, specialty builds, and one-of-a-kind vehicles found anywhere in the Estrella Mountain community.

Members and guests spent the morning sharing stories, exchanging automotive knowledge, and appreciating the craftsmanship and dedication represented in every vehicle. From polished chrome and custom paint to roaring engines and timeless classics, the parking area became a living tribute to America's rich automotive culture.

Beyond the cars themselves, the true highlight of the morning was the camaraderie and fellowship shared among friends, neighbors, and fellow enthusiasts. Events like these remind us that EMCC is more than just a car club – it is a community brought together by friendship, passion, and a shared love for the automotive hobby.

As we reflected on Memorial Day weekend, many also took a moment to remember and honor the brave men and women who served our country and made the freedoms we enjoy today possible.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the May Cars & Coffee another outstanding success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next month for more great cars, great conversations, and great memories.

– Estrella Mountain Car Club 🚗





Future Events



EMCC
Estrella Mountain
Car Club

You're Invited

EMCC Luncheon

AT *High Tide*
KITCHEN & BAR



GOOD FOOD
GREAT COMPANY
STRONGER
COMMUNITY



Join fellow EMCC members for a delightful lunch and meaningful connections at one of Goodyear's favorite local spots!







When: Wednesday, June 17, 2026
12:00pm

At: High Tide
184 A N. Globe Dr. Ste 112
Goodyear, AZ

Leader: Doug Bryson - 971-533-5158

Meet everyone at High Tide @ 12:00PM



*See
You
There!*

Fun time getting together in June, hope you join us for a heck of a menu covering Protein as well Carbs from many cultures around the world.



Estrella Mountain Car Club

Cars & Coffee

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN CAR CLUB
Proudly Hosting • 4th Saturday of Every Month



Join us for a relaxed Arizona morning of great cars and even better company. Bring your pride and joy — or just bring your coffee and enjoy the view. All makes and models welcome.

Estrella Mountain Safeway Parking Lot
9890 S. Estrella Pkwy, Goodyear, AZ

4th Saturday of Every Month
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM



Where Estrella Enthusiasts Gather.

WVC's Hot Rod Nights at AFW
Every Friday 5-8pm (beginning 10/3/25)
16600 W. Waddell Rd. Surprise, Az
All Makes, Models, Years Welcomed



Location: American Furniture Warehouse

- 6/05 Hot Rod Nights Every Friday Night 5:00PM to 8:00pm American Furniture Warehouse 16600 W Waddell Rd.
- 6/13 Club Business meeting at the Estrella Mountain Golf Course 9:00am
- 6/17 EMCC Luncheon at "The High Tide Restaurant" 12:00pm RSVP on EMCC website for Reservations
- 6/27 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00am to 10:00am

Please Note: Event Details Maybe Listed on EMCC Web Site; <https://estrellamountaincarclub.com/event>

"Together, we don't just attend events—we shape them. Every member brings something valuable to the table, and when we share our time, ideas, and talents, the results are richer friendships, stronger events, and a club we're all proud of."

It is with hope we see you at our upcoming events!

EMCC Board of Directors



Members Names

John Decaro 6/6

Jason Kish 6/13

James McDonnell 6/14

Steve Gonzales 6/16

Ken Smith 6/17

Ken Kranz 6/18

Lisa Lodi 6/19

Melody Campbell 6/20

Brent Berrett 6/27

Duane Borski 6/28

Craig Patterson 6/30

Why Birthdays Feel Special to folks

- ◆ 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.

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.

About Your EMCC Newsletter

We want the E Newsletter 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, comradery and community.

"Whether you enjoy planning, lending a hand on event day, sharing ideas, or simply encouraging others, there's a role for everyone—big or small. Together, we can make the newsletter a true reflection of the fun, friendships, and horsepower that fuel EMCC."

Life in the Driver's Seat

Life is a ride, much like the cars we love—
sometimes smooth cruising,
sometimes stuck in the shop.

There are Sunday drives with the top down,
and backroads where the dust clings to chrome.
Each mile, each memory,
adds patina to our story.

We restore what we can,
let go of what we can't,
and polish yesterday's dents
until they shine with pride.

Engines, stall, tires wear thin,
friends trade cars,
roads change direction—
but still we keep driving.

Because this passion, this ride,
isn't just about reaching the end—
it's about enjoying the journey,
gear by gear, mile by mile.

Enjoy your June.

Bill Owen

Editor