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Presidents Thoughts

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I think the greatest measure of a man is the love of your family, the love of your country, the love of God and the friendship of good people. With that being said, I joined our car club a few years back with the goal of making some new friends and sharing some time with people who love being around cars. Well little did I know I have made more than 100 friends, who I love sharing time with, and also being elected to be your leader. A sincere thank you for that, and I would like to tell you that I will work to the best of my ability to make you proud. The next year is stacking up to be very exciting, and I would love it if we can get great participation from all of you in our events.

I want to thank you all again for the leadership role, and also for your friendship!

I want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a Very Healthy New Year.

“HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD” ANNE FRANK”

Wishing you all the best in 2026 !

Paul



Wood-Wheel Automobile Reignites joy of Driving in 1930

1930 Studebaker Commander 8 Victoria Engine

250.2cid L-head straight-eight, 80 hp

Transmission

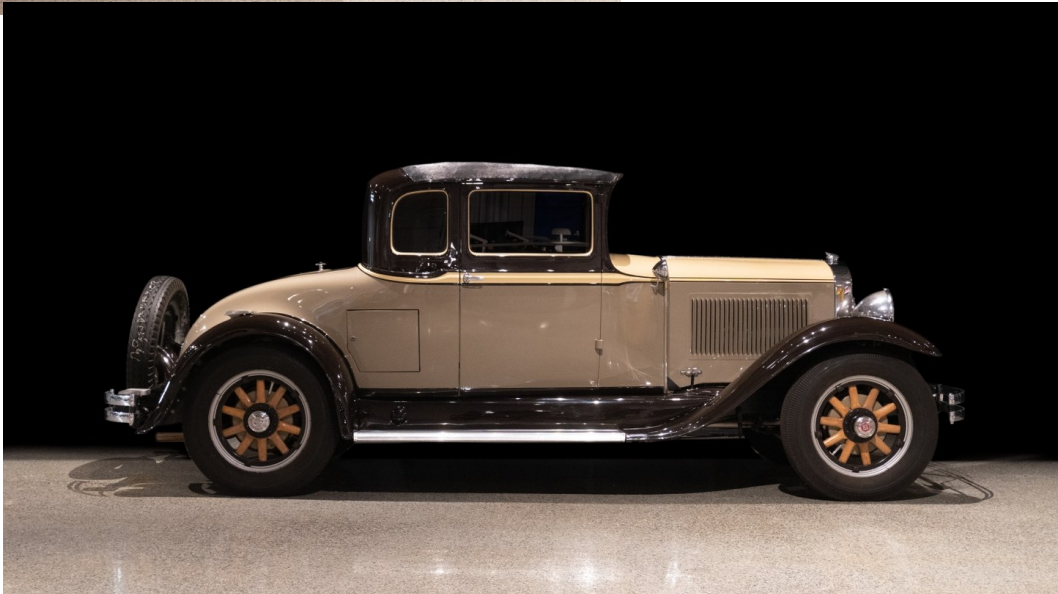
3-speed manual



Joys of Driving a 1930 Studebaker

Modestly priced and often overlooked, Studebaker offered a very solid machine that was well-designed and built to very high standards.

All Studebaker models were powered by straight-six engines for years, although they varied in size and output, with 40bhp, 50bhp, and 60bhp versions offered. The debut of the eight-cylinder President in 1928 meant that the venerable automaker finally had an engine suitable for its top-of-the-line model. That first straight-eight was big, displacing 337 and producing 109bhp. For 1929, eight-cylinder-power found its way into the more modest Commander series FD. While not as big as the eight from the lofty President line, it was still a silky-smooth power unit for little more than the price of the six. Depending on which of the 12 models was selected, it was priced as low as \$1,495. Except for a discrete “8” badge on the headlight tie-bar, the Commander 8 was identical to the six. The L-head eight was mated to a three-speed manual transmission and brakes were cable-actuated drums at all four corners. Solid axles were used at the front and rear of a double-drop frame. The word “solid” really did apply to the sturdy Studebaker, which was befitting a company that began building covered wagons. There were few changes for the 1930 model year, although two body styles were dropped and several model names were changed. This Commander 8 features the Victoria body, and originally sold for \$1,515.



Valued Members Attendance to December Events



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The Estrella Mountain Car Club once again proved that our club is about far more than cars. Our **2025 Toys for Tots Campaign**, in proud partnership with the **U.S. Marine Corps**, was an overwhelming success—and a powerful reminder of what can happen when generosity, organization, and community spirit come together.

With **20+active EMCC members** participating, toys were collected and personally delivered to our local Marine Station, ensuring they will bring joy and smiles to children and families in need throughout our community. The gratitude and excitement we witnessed during the delivery made it clear: every donated toy truly mattered.

This year’s campaign was the result of careful planning and strong participation. On **Saturday, December 6th**, members proudly displayed their cars at the **Star Pointe covered parking lot**, welcoming local residents as they dropped off toy donations. The following week, after our **December 13th membership meeting**, members gathered at the Safeway parking lot and caravanned together to the Marine facility in **Litchfield Park** to complete the delivery—an EMCC tradition that grows more meaningful each year.

Those of us who have been part of this effort for many years know something special: **each year outdoes the one before it**. From the number of toys collected to the camaraderie shared along the way, EMCC continues to raise the bar. The joy on the faces of the Marines—and the pride among our members—was truly overwhelming. Special Thank You

To **every EMCC member who donated, participated, volunteered time, displayed their car, helped organize, or simply showed up to support the cause**—thank you. Your generosity, reliability, and enthusiasm are what make this club exceptional. Events like this don’t “just happen”; they succeed because of members who care deeply about giving back.

Together, we helped the Marines deliver holiday magic—and together, we kept the spirit of giving alive once again.

Well done, EMCC. You should all be proud. With a big thank to everyone.

— *Kerry Mooris*
Estrella Mountain Car Club



“Nursing Home Donations” Thank You for Bringing Joy to Those Who Needed It Most

Dear EMCC Members,

I want to personally thank each of you who contributed to our recent collection benefiting the local nursing home residents. Your generosity and thoughtfulness made a meaningful difference—one that goes far beyond the items themselves.

Because of your kindness, we were able to provide comfort and care to residents who might otherwise not have experienced much of the Christmas season. For many of these individuals, your gifts represented warmth, dignity, and the simple but powerful reminder that they are not forgotten.

Through your donations, we were able to purchase:

- 15 lap blankets
- 10 bath towels and washcloths
- 6 large bottles of shampoo
- 8 long-sleeve t-shirts

These items may seem modest at first glance, but to the residents who received them, they brought comfort, practicality, and genuine joy. For some, this may have been the only Christmas gift they received—and that makes your generosity all the more special.

What you’ve done reflects the very best of EMCC: compassion, community, and a willingness to step up for those who need it most. You should be proud of the impact you’ve made.

Once again, thank you for opening your hearts and helping us bring a little warmth and happiness to others this holiday season.

With sincere appreciation,
Paul Masla

Valued Members Christmas Party Attendance



Congratulations to All Who Attended the EMCC Christmas Party!

The EMCC once again delivered a terrific Christmas Party, and this year was truly something special. With **74 members and guests in attendance**, the evening was filled with great energy, laughter, and the kind of camaraderie that makes our club so special.

We were blessed with **perfect weather**, setting the stage for a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Everyone enjoyed a **delicious dinner paired with live music**, which added just the right festive touch and kept the mood light and cheerful throughout the night.

The **variety of door prizes** was outstanding, creating plenty of excitement and smiles—congratulations to **Jim Leader**, who took home the **50/50 win!**

A heartfelt **thank you to Paul Masla** for organizing the event and serving as a fantastic MC. Paul’s efforts and enthusiasm truly brought the evening together and made it such a success.

To all who attended—thank you for being part of a wonderful evening and for continuing to make EMCC such a great club. Events like this remind us why we enjoy coming together year after year.



Cars & Coffee December 2025

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 last Cars and Coffee Event in 2025 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 !



Future Events Coming up

- ◆ 1/10 EMCC Business meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00 to 10:00
- ◆ 1/13 Luncheon at Bella Luna @ 12:00pm
- ◆ 1/17 Wickenburg Fly-In Open Event, None Hosted Starts @ 9:00am
- ◆ 1/24 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00am to 10:00am
- ◆ 1/24 Buckeye Parade Must arrive by 8:00am
- ◆ 1/24 Bob Costello Car Show in Buckeye must be parked between 8:00and 8:45am

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

Luncheon Cruise..

January 13, 2026

At...

BELLA LUNA RISTORANTE
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1998 ITALIAN FOOD

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

WHEN: TUESDAY 1/13/2026 * RSVP BY 01/11 ON EMCC WEB SITE

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

14175 VA Indian School Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85395

Contact Doug & Pam Bryson at 971-533-5158

WICKENBURG FLY-IN & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Experience a free, family-friendly day exploring dozens of stunning aircraft, admire classic and antique cars, and meet pilots from

FREE ADMISSION



Chief Bob Costello

5th Annual Car Show

Proceeds benefit the Bob Costello Vocational Scholarship

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 up coming events!

December Member’s Birthdays



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

Members Names

- 1/03 Patti Schultz
- 1/10 Steve Shellenberger
- 1/12 Kathleen Lepore
- 1/13 Phil Smith
- 1/20 Joann Berrett
- 1/29 Rich Herron
- 1/30 Colleen Kasowski
- 1/30 Dian Kranz

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/C1kNA04>

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 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."

Thought for the New Year

So here's to the friendships that fuel every run,
To polished reflections that gleam in the sun.
May the road rise before you, the horizon stay clear,
With a bold, shining New Year!
And now 2026 calls, with rallies anew,
More chrome, more adventures, and a brighter view.
Let's roll with purpose, with pride and with grace,
Together we'll chase that next open space.

"Happy New Year EMCC"

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