

EMCC E-NEWS LETTER

Welcome to the best little car club in Arizona



11/2025

Presidents Thoughts

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Add agencies, new start-up companies and manufacture's struggle to find the right slogan that can elevate their car business by making it memorable as well appealing to customers. A great slogan should capture the essence of your brand, be easy to remember, and create a lasting impression.

Here are a few slogan ideas that just might do the trick

Humor can make a car slogan memorable:

- * Brake for no reason, just because!
- * My car is my happy place.
- * Honk if you love foot massages!
- * Too cool for gas stations.
- * Fueled by caffeine and dreams!
- * We put the "fun" in functional.
- * Steering through life, one laugh at a time.
- * Fasten your seatbelt, it's a wild ride!
- * Don't follow me; I'm lost too!
- * Where the rubber meets the giggles!
- * Your ride shouldn't be boring!
- * I make bad driving decisions look good.
- * This car runs on good vibes only.
- * Life is too short for boring cars.
- * Built for joyrides and good times.
- * Vroom vroom, let the fun begin!
- * Licensed to thrill and spill coffee.
- * Why walk when you can roll?
- * Taking the scenic route to laughter.

Final Thoughts

Your slogan should represent what your club, organization, or business truly stands for. If quality is one of your core values, be sure your slogan reflects that commitment. Staying true to your values builds lasting trust with members, clients, employees, and customers alike.

The right slogan can make your car organization or business stand out and be remembered. With these ideas to inspire you, there's a slogan suited for every purpose. Choose the one that best expresses your brand's identity and direction.

Bill Owen



Love and a Road Runner: How One Man Finally Landed His Dream Car



When I was 15 years old, I watched the indie crime movie *Love and a .45* with my dad. A blue 1972 Plymouth Road Runner is featured prominently in the flick, and I told my dad, "That's the car I want!" Two weeks later, I found a 1973 Road Runner with a 318 V-8 and a 727 automatic in the classifieds section of the newspaper. It wasn't quite the body style I wanted, but I ended up buying the Plymouth, and it served me well through high school and up to present day. It also opened the door to a great community of people, many of whom I met as they were driving by the house and decided to stop to chat about my car.



A couple of decades later, a friend of mine mentioned he knew someone who was thinking about letting go of his 71 Plymouth which is the same body style as the '72 in *Love and a .45*. It took me a year to persuade the owner to sell his Plymouth to me. When the car was finally in my possession, it was a restoration in progress. The previous owner completed many of the hard parts, like the fresh Hemi Orange paint job and a rebuild of the 440 cubic inch V8 engine and A833 four-speed manual transmission. I took care of finishing touches like the carburetor, exhaust, fuel system, shifter linkage, and seatbelts.

How One Man Finally Landed His Dream Car



Buck's Hemi Orange Road Runner is just about the perfect spec with its 440 V-8 and A833 four-speed manual transmission. Courtesy Justin Buck

My Road Runner sees the road most weekends, and my kids enjoy participating in local shows. They love sounding the *BEEP BEEP* horn and showing off the bird decals. I'm proud to involve them in classic car culture, and I'm looking forward to teaching them how to drive my Plymouth when the time comes.



Valued Members

Dear Members,

As many of you know, it is time for me to step back and for the club to select a new President. The membership was ready to vote on a new candidate at the 2025 October Business meeting yet no one stepped up. As most of you know at this time the club is running without a President as of December 1st. I have offered to remain over the next 90 days with hope someone will volunteer. In November my term will end therefore we are looking for the right candidate to step into this important leadership role. I have offered to stand side by side with the new candidate making sure of a smooth transition.

Serving as President of the Estrella Mountain Car Club has been a privilege and honor, I know some of you may view me as someone who tends to stay busy — joining most of the activities, leading when asked, taking on extra events, and sometimes going beyond the basic duties of the role. But the heart of this position is simple: guiding our club forward, keeping us organized, and ensuring we continue to thrive as “The Best Little Car Club in Arizona.”

I want to reassure everyone that while I am stepping down as President, I am not “going away.” Rick Goble gave much personal time in educating me so that I will continue with our Newsletter; to manage communications and Facebook announcements as needed (this is not part of the President's duties), and I will be happy to volunteer on events each year while working closely with the board. Nancy and I remain very active, and though some new challenges are calling for more of my time, if I sell my pride and joy I will be replacing it — so you're still stuck with me as an active member!

What we need now is for one of our 96 members to step forward, with the confidence that the Board and I will provide full support in helping them succeed.

Below is an overview of the responsibilities of the specific role of President. These are not meant to overwhelm, but to show how vital this leadership position is to the success of our club.

President's Duties

- * Preside over regular meetings, ensuring agendas are set and meetings run smoothly.
- * Call special meetings of the Club or Executive Committee as needed.
- * Appoint directors to positions, with Board approval, when vacancies arise.
- * Oversee and support officers and directors in carrying out their roles.
- * Propose improvements to enhance the club's operations and member experience.
- * Keep members informed of updates or changes that may affect the club.

This club thrives because of the energy, passion, and commitment of its members. Now it's your turn — we need a new leader to carry the torch, with all of us behind you offering our support.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, and I look forward to working with whoever steps up to guide us through this next exciting chapter.

With appreciation,

Bill Owen

President 2023/2025

Upcoming Events

“ATTENTION” Very Special Business Meeting Saturday, November 8th

Dear EMCC Members,

<https://estrellamountaincarclub.com/events>

Our November club meeting will be a very special one — an opportunity to gather not just for business, but to celebrate the history, passion, and friendship that define our club.

Long-time member **Bob Barnes** is in the process of downsizing and parting with much of his remarkable automobile collection, along with decades of cherished nostalgia and one-of-a-kind pieces. As many of you know, Bob and his wife **Salley** are childhood sweethearts, and their shared love of cars has been a part of their story for more than **60 years**. One of Bob's Roadsters, the very car they dated in all those years ago, still sits in his garage today — soon to be finding a new home.

To honor Bob and Sally, and to enjoy the stories behind their incredible collection, we'll be holding our **November EMCC Business Meeting at their home**, right in the heart of Bob's legendary garage. Surrounded by six decades of memories and motoring passion, it promises to be a truly memorable evening for all.

Details: Address—18145 W. Cassia Way, Goodyear, AZ Time: 9:00AM Date: 11/8/2025

We invite all members to join us for this special occasion — to celebrate friendship, history, and the shared love of classic cars that makes EMCC such a wonderful community.



11/01/25 British wheels on the Green @ 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 10:00AM—3:00PM

The Arizona MG Club is hosting the 8th annual British Wheels on the Green event at Centennial Plaza in Peoria, Arizona on November 1, 2025 (with a rain date of November 16, 2025). This family-friendly event is an all-British classic car show featuring marques like MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey, Mini, Morgan, Jaguar, Rolls-Royce, Lotus, and Jensen.

Upcoming Events

Car show barbecue Avondale Senior Center for Veterans

DATE / TIME

11/12/ 25 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

DESCRIPTION

Car Show & Barbecue at the Avondale Senior Center for Veterans

Avondale Senior Center RSVP form - <https://forms.gle/vYKA3WGd7PdKi93w7>



LOCATION

995 E Riley Dr, 995 East Riley Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323

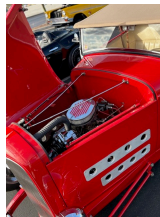


Cars & Coffee Saturday November 22, 8:00—10:00am

Automobile enthusiasts all over the country enjoy Cars & Coffee events, and Estrella Mountain Car Club is proud to host one right here in our community!

Join us in the Safeway parking lot on the **4th Saturday of every month** for a relaxed morning filled with cars, coffee, and camaraderie. Whether you're a lifelong collector, a weekend cruiser, or simply someone who appreciates beautiful automobiles, you'll feel right at home.

Our next Cars & Coffee is just a few weeks away—we'd love to see you there! Come share your passion, swap stories, and connect with others who share the same love for the open road.



Christmas Party Sunday November 30th 4:30PM —8:00PM



The Club is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Christmas party with a Dinner Buffet at the Golf Club of Estrella Player's Grill & Patio. There will be door prizes and a pay as you go bar at Happy Hour Prices.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

EMCC Holiday Party At the Estrella Mountain Golf Course

Firm head count is needed by 25th of November, See Web Site for RSVP

Sunday November 30th @ 4:30 to 8:00pm

Christmas Party RSVP form - <https://forms.gle/33ww3Nta5KPYYhFh9>



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

Toys 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 Matine Station @ Star Point Covered Parking lot 10:30
- ♦ 12/13 EMCC Business meting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00am to 10:00am NOTE: Right after meeting head over to Star Pont 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

Honorable Car Show Award Given



Honorable Car Show Award Given to Janet Fujimoto



Speaking of pristine, you can never go wrong with any of Janet Fujimoto's builds. This piece of royalty isn't just pretty to look at, it's also fun to drive with its 2JZ engine swap.

Janet Fujimoto, EMCC Member has truly raised the bar—and as she's shown, we're smack in the middle of car show season. Now it's our turn to hit the road and snag some trophies! The Valley and greater Central Arizona are buzzing with a packed lineup of car shows, meets, and gatherings over the next 4–5 months. These are prime chances to explore fresh venues, bond with fellow gear-heads, and put your ride in the spotlight. Whether it's dealer-backed showrooms or community-driven festivals, there are plenty of spots to rep our club.

We're currently overhauling the events page and streamlining how events get submitted, posted, and responded to—all aimed at skyrocketing our club's involvement in local happenings. Look for an email soon outlining these updates; please read it and chime in with your feedback or questions. Until then, check the website's events page at <https://estrellamountaincarclub.com/events> for the latest details.

Highlights from Last Month's Events



Our **EMCC October Cruise & luncheon** at The Thumb was a success! With **16 members in attendance**, the event was a great American dining experience filled with laughter, and camaraderie.

The restaurant & Facility provided us with great accommodations with manager double checking to see we were taken care of, at the event. It was a comfortable, welcoming setting—perfect for relaxing and enjoying good company.

Thank you to Jim Leader for selecting the event & venue. Your thoughtful planning gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together and share another memorable EMCC cruise & experience.

Hot Rods & Classic Car Social EVENT

The Estrella Mountain Car Club and the Golf Club of Estrella are proud to announce the **4th Annual Hot Rods & Classic Car Social** a success!

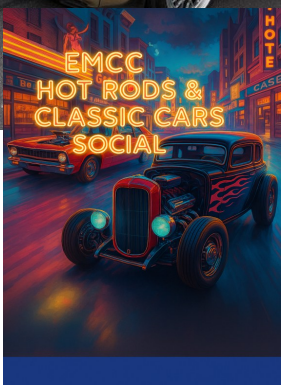
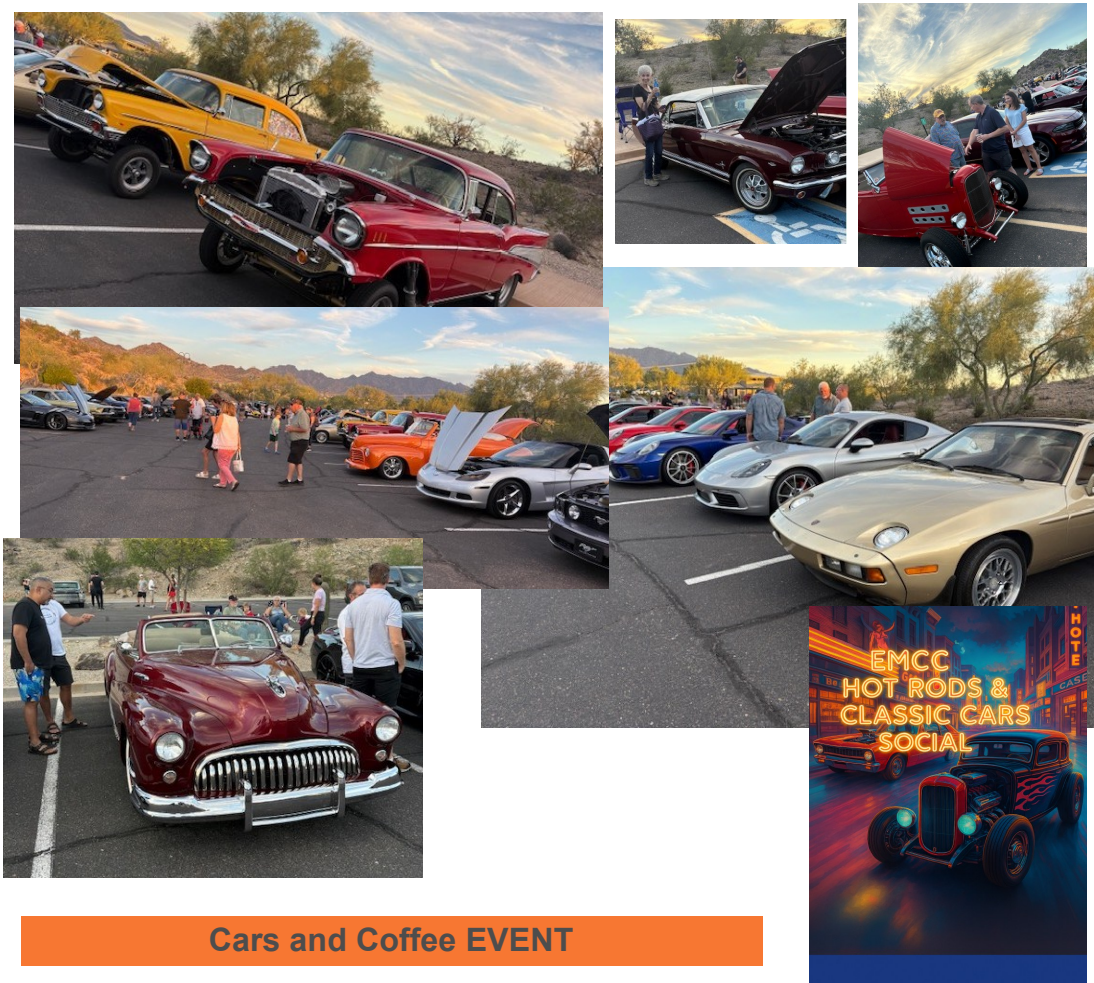
This year, we had 72 cars on display, and everyone had a terrific time enjoying great music, refreshing drinks, and delicious food from the Course Grill — all set against the stunning Estrella vistas and an unforgettable sunset.

A big thanks to Brent for once again putting together another outstanding event! We're looking forward to making this event a growing community show event better each and every year.

Feel free to come display your specialty car, even if you're not a member of the car club. If you don't have a car to show, come out and enjoy the fun!

Food and drinks from the grill were terrific, along with the **music and a 50/50 raffle**. Witch buy the way our winner was "Hermelita Young", congratulations to her...

We hope to see everyone again soon, for another great day of cars, camaraderie, and community at our next event!



Cars & Coffee was once again, a thrill to attend at the end of November!

The weather cooperated —especially considering our Arizona summers—and we had **18 Awesome Cars** roll in for a great morning of connection and conversation. Check out a few of our project that showed up, note because of marketing to more and more Hobbyists in the Valley the event becomes more and more exciting at each event.

If you missed it, you missed out on fantastic car talk and the chance to catch up with fellow enthusiasts about what projects are being working on. From restorations, road trips, as well who is selling as well looking to buy. Note —Bob Barnes is clearing out his garage, make time to head his way, his collection is for sale. From memorabilia, including Motorcycle's, cars, posters & art work. Give him a holler let him know you coming over.



The Estrella Ranch community & EMCC once again celebrated a spectacular Truck or Treat event at our Starpointe Community Center! With over 500 children participating, the night was filled with laughter, creativity, and festive spirit. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to be active, make memories, and experience the generosity that defines our community.

A special thank you goes out to the incredible volunteers and community leaders who worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. Your dedication and effort ensured a safe and joyful evening for all. Thanks also to every family and friend who joined the fun and contributed to making this event such a memorable tradition. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

BTW, make sure you are there next year as well..

Member's Birthdays



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

Names of Members

Joe Burick	11/12
Martin Landis	11/13
Patricia Gonzales	11/14
Patty Leader	11/16
Patricia Pohl	11/16
Janet Tomono	11/18
Mike Rachfal	11/20
Rob Morgan	11/21
Nacy Leicht	11/22
Peggy Noon	11/25
Larry Jones	11/28

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.

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

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