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Presidents Thoughts

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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.

Bill Owen



Here Are The 3 Oldest Rides In Brian Johnson's Car Collection

Brian Johnson, the iconic frontman of AC/DC, is not only known for his **raucous stage presence** and **powerful vocals** but also for his **deep-rooted passion for automobiles**.

His **garage** is a veritable automotive museum, filled with **some of the most coveted classic cars**. **Let's take a closer look at three of the oldest and most old-school rides in his collection.**

Brians 2, 1968 Mustangs, Both are High-Performance Pony Cars



First Up, Just like AC/DC's hit song "Thunderstruck," this GT 350 Shelby Mustang is a force to be reckoned with. Its **aggressive stance** and **roaring engine** make it a **head-turner** on the road. The Shelby Mustang offers a thrilling driving experience that's sure to get your heart racing



Check out his **1968 Ford Mustangs**, a classic American muscle car that **epitomizes the spirit of the 1960s**. This iconic vehicle, with its sleek design and powerful engine, is the perfect companion for a rock star.

Brian Johnson Highlights



Note, under the hood of his Classic Coupe lies a **390 cubic inch V8 engine**, capable of delivering **an impressive 360 horsepower**. With its **4-speed manual transmission**. .

Next up is a black 1968 Dodge Charger, a vehicle that exudes an air of **mystery and sophistication**. This classic muscle car is known for its **distinctive design**, featuring a **long hood, fastback roof, and hidden headlights**.



And under the hood? Let's say the Charger boasts a **383 cubic inch V8 engine** that delivers **plenty of power**.



A carriage of speed and grace,
where steel meets artistry,
born in the age of Bentley Boys,
to conquer road and memory.

Not just driven—experienced,
a symphony of leather and chrome,
nearly a century on,
still a rolling masterpiece of home.



Next: The 1928 Bentley Vanden Plas: A Timeless Classic

Brian Johnson Highlights



The oldest car in Brian Johnson's collection is a **1928 Bentley Vanden Plas**, a **luxurious and elegant automobile** that represents a bygone era.



This classic vehicle features a **spacious interior, plush leather seats, and a powerful 6.5-liter engine**. The Bentley Vanden Plas is a **testament to British craftsmanship and engineering excellence**.



Upcoming Events

**Free Breakfast Business Meeting Saturday,
October 11th, 2025 9:00—10:00am**



Time for you to head over to “Estrella Golf Course Grille”, to enjoy a delicious breakfast with friends on the stunning Patio! ‘Nested’ outside the Clubhouse, enjoy full on breakfast service with amazing great American comfort fixings overlooking the Fairways, Driving Range with morning vistas at the golf course.

“YES, IT IS A BREAKFAST MEETING”

EMCC BUSINESS MEETING ON OCTOBER 11TH “CONNECT, COLLABORATE, AND ENJOY A FREE BREAKFAST!” AT THE ESTRELLA GOLF COURSE !



Address: 11800 S Golf Course Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85338

When: Saturday 10/11/2025 9:00AM * RSVP by 10/30 on EMCC web site

Meeting starts promptly at 9:00

* Leader: Bill & Nancy Owen 362-254-0989 *



Estrella Mountain Car Club

**EMCC Cruise Luncheon,
Oct.. 4th 12:00—1:30pm**

**ECMM Luncheon Cruise
to “The Thumb” in
October**

*Take your show car or daily driver, your choice. We plan on taking
Interstate 10 East to 101 North, to Bell Rd .*

*Jim will lead the group. Take about an hour to arrive there, by the time we
park get seated it should be about time for lunch.....*

**“Thank you for showing your support for the best little car club in
Arizona.”**

We are happy you are joining us for our Cruise & lunch to Scottsdale!

Location: 9393 E. Bell Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

When: 10/4th at 12:00pm RSVP by 10/2 nd. on EMCC web site

Leader: Jim Leader 763-381-2203

Meeting at Safeway Parking lot, leaving at 10:00am Sharp



**Cars & Coffee
Saturday October 25, 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 couple of 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.



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

Future Events Coming up

- ◆ 11/01 British wheels on the Green @ 9875 N 85th Ave, 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 10:00—3:00
- ◆ 11/08 Club Business Meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00 to 10:00
- ◆ 11/22 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00 to 10:00
- ◆ 11/30 EMCC Holiday Party @ the Estrella Golf Course 4:00 to 8:00
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 01/10 EMCC Business meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00 to 10:00

"Hot Rods & Classic Car Social"

The Estrella Mountain Car Club and the Golf Club of Estrella will host the 3rd annual Hot Rods & Classic Car Social. Last year we had 100 cars on display. Looking forward to another great show. Feel free to come display your specialty car even if you're not in the car club. If you don't have a car, come out and enjoy the show. Food and drinks from the grill will be available along with music and a 50/50 raffle. Hope to see you all there.

Saturday 10-18-2025 / 4 - 7 p.m.

Live Music
Free Admission!

Bring Your Classic Car
Open to the public



Upcoming Car Shows & Club Involvement

The Valley as well Central Arizona has a full calendar of exciting car shows, meets, and gatherings over the next 60 to 90 days. These events offer a great chance for EMCC members to enjoy new venues, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and showcase their pride and joy. From dealer-sponsored showrooms to community-hosted festivals and organized automotive events, there's no shortage of opportunities to get out, participate, and represent our club.

We'd love for EMCC members attending these shows to help us keep our community informed. Share the details—dates, times, locations, and a few highlights of the day. Photos are especially welcome, and if there are awards presented, please let us know who brought home the honors within our EMCC family. Your contributions not only recognize individual achievements but also highlight the strong presence our club has in the Arizona car scene.

We understand life moves fast and it's easy to enjoy an event without thinking to jot down notes—but even a few lines about what you saw, who you met, and what you drove makes a difference. If you see something, or better yet, *win something*, say something! With your reports, we can keep the excitement rolling and feature your experiences in our monthly newsletter for all to enjoy.

Let's continue to support one another, celebrate our members' successes, and spread the word about the many ways EMCC is growing and thriving across Central Arizona.

Potential Events coming up over the next 60 to 90 days:

Date / Timeframe	Event Name	Location / Notes	Why It's Worth Considering / Club Role
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Sept 26–28, 2025	41st Annual Run to the Pines Car Show	Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ (White Mountains)	A large, well-established show focusing on pre-1973 vehicles. Great opportunity for members with classic cars or for showing support. runtothepinescarshow.com
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Oct, 1st, 2025	Hot Rod and Customs Car Show at West Gate	over the nest 5 weeks, each Weds is a show and shine starting a 5:00pm	
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Oct 4, 2025	Cave Creek Car Show & Cruise	Cave Creek, AZ	A full day cruise-in + show format — good for club drive outs and cross-club participation. Roddin' Arizona Newspaper+1
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Oct 11, 2025	Italian American Club Car Show / S.A.L. 9th Annual Classic Car & Bike Show	Phoenix / Chandler areas	Two “specialty” shows in metro area — good for drawing in diverse audiences. Google Sites
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Every Saturday / RecurringCars & Coffee events Metro Phoenix & surrounding areas Examples: Anthem Cars & Coffee, Adam's Polishes Cars & Coffee, Luxe Cars & Coffee. [Arizona Cars and Coffee+2](#)[Arizona Car Culture+2](#)

Sept / Oct 2025 (Recurring Cruises & Meetups) Main Street Cruise, Perkins, Pharoahs Cruise-In, Hot Rod Nights, East Valley Cruisers, etc. Lake Havasu City, Bullhead City, Surprise, Mesa, etc. These weekly or monthly cruises are excellent for club visibility and informal meetups. [Arizona Car Culture](#).



Highlights from Last Month's Events



Our **EMCC September luncheon** at Bobba's 33 was a success! With **14 members in attendance**, the event was a great American dining experience filled with laughter, and camaraderie.

The restaurant provided us with great accommodations dedicated waitress just for us, taking exceptional care throughout the event. It was a comfortable, welcoming setting—perfect for relaxing and enjoying good company.

Thank you to Doug and Pam Bryson for selecting the venue. Your thoughtful planning gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together and share another memorable EMCC experience.

We're already looking forward to January 2026 gathering at yet another supervise location—hope to see you there!



Cars & Coffee – September Recap

Cars & Coffee was once again a thrill to attend at the end of September! The Arizona weather was surprisingly cooperative, giving us a perfect morning for conversation and beautiful rides.

Our members had a strong roll-in, which made for plenty of connection and car talk. A few ongoing projects even showed up—proof that our efforts to market to more and more hobbyists around the Valley are paying off.

If you missed it, you missed out on fantastic discussions about restorations, road trips, and even who's buying or selling. Speaking of selling, **Bob Barnes is clearing out his garage**. He's got memorabilia, motorcycles, cars, posters, and artwork all looking for new homes. Be sure to reach out and let him know if you'd like to stop by.

Thanks again to everyone who came out. We'll see you at the next Cars & Coffee on the **fourth Saturday of October**—don't miss it!

EFHS Home Coming EVENT



Dear EMCC Members,

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Estrella Mountain Car Club has always stood for more than just a passion for cars. We are a group of individuals who understand the responsibility we carry—not only to preserve the love of the automobile hobby—but also to give back to our community in meaningful ways.

Over the years, we have shown what dedicated car enthusiasts can accomplish: supporting Toys for Tots, driving in countless parades, hosting free shows and auto displays for the public, and providing funds to Estrella Foothills High School. Each effort reflects our belief that civic organizations like ours are vital in shaping and inspiring the next generation.

This month, we have been asked to provide convertibles for the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 20, 2025. While it may seem like a simple request, it is far more significant. To these young adults, Homecoming represents more than just a school tradition—it is a celebration of pride, spirit, and belonging. At its core, Homecoming means returning home, whether after a long journey or simply back to a place that feels like family. By participating, we show them that their community stands with them, cheering them on, and that organizations like ours are here to guide, support, and lead by example.

We are growing in the right direction as a club—our presence, our efforts, and our unity are being recognized more than ever before. None of this would be possible without your dedication, your generosity, and your willingness to give your time, your energy, and your cars to make a difference.

On behalf of EMCC, thank you for all that you do. Together, we are proving that a car club is not just about the machines we love, but about the people we inspire, the communities we strengthen, and the pride we bring to Goodyear and beyond.

Sincere Appreciation,

Current & Past EMCC Board Members

Member’s Birthdays



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

Names of Members

- Crystal Economou Oct.
- Patty Elder 10/4
- Diane Morres 10/6
- Diana Perze 10/7
- Carol Vigneron 10/13
- Nancy Owen 10/13
- Kevin Welch 10/14
- Robert Means 10/23

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.

Valued Members

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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