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Presidents Thoughts

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Drawing Strength from Wisdom Within Our Car Club

As car enthusiasts, we all know that the journey of ownership comes with its fair share of twists and turns. Mechanical hiccups, financial headaches, and unexpected setbacks are part of the ride—but so are victories, friendships, and unforgettable experiences. In these moments, it's helpful to remember that we're not alone—and that inspiration can be found both in automotive history and within our own club.

Pioneers like Henry Ford, Enzo Ferrari, and Carroll Shelby faced their own obstacles, transforming setbacks into breakthroughs through perseverance and vision. Their words remind us that innovation is born from challenge, and passion fuels progress. Legendary drivers such as Ayrton Senna and Dale Earnhardt have shown us the power of focus and resilience—qualities that serve both on the track and in life.

But our greatest resource is often right here: each other. Through shared stories, advice, and encouragement, our club members create a circle of support stronger than any single spark plug or steel frame. Whether you're tackling a stubborn repair, saving up for your dream modification, or just needing a little pick-me-up, our collective wisdom and experience can help you stay motivated and on track.



So, as we drive into another month together, let's draw strength not only from the legendary figures in automotive history, but from the camaraderie and knowledge within our own group. Every challenge you face is an opportunity to grow, and every conversation might just contain the insight you need.

Here's to another month of journeys—on the road and in our club.

Bill Owen



These 5 Mid-Level Collector Cars

Shocker: Amid a cooling market, the values of several collector cars dropped in the last quarter. Many of the cars that became more affordable are established favorites in the hobby. Here are a few of the more noteworthy ones that are now a little bit cheaper.

[See the list](#)

Hagerty Highlights

What Were They Thinking? 15 Cars of Dubious Origin



[See our suggestions and share yours](#)



This Month’s Featured Selections from Hagerty:

We'd like to give a shoutout and a big thank you once again to Steve Calhoon for a great suggestion—highlighting more of the excellent articles from Hagerty.

If you're insured through Hagerty, you already know what Steve's talking about. Their newsletter's are packed with automotive stories, insights, and features that are always worth a read. From restoration tips to classic car culture, Hagerty's articles capture what we love about being enthusiasts. Here are a few that caught the editors eye...

Thanks but No Thanks



[8 DIY Projects We’d Rather Avoid](#)

Confession Time



Style Sapper



[Learn](#)

[We Can’t Stop Using These 9 Car Terms Incorrect-](#)

Upcoming Events

Monthly Business Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 13th, 2025
9:00—10:00am



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

**EMCC Luncheon,
Sept.12:00—1:30pm**

Bubba's 33

What's Up With Scratch-Made?
**REAL FOOD, REAL FRESH &
REAL GOOD**

We make everything in-house from scratch, right down to the sauces on our wings and dressings on our salads. Our pizza dough is hand-stretched, topped with fresh ingredients, and stone-baked. We go big and bold with our burgers, from our half-pound juicy Angus burgers to our double stacked signature beef and bacon grind burgers.



Location:

1460 N. Bullard Ave. Goodyear, AZ

*When: Tuesday 09/16/2024 12:00PM * RSVP by 09/14 on EMCC web site
Meeting at Safeway Parking lot, leaving at 11:15
* Leader: Douglas & Pam Bryson 971-533-5158 **



**Cars & Coffee
Saturday September 27,
8:00—10:00am**



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

Future Events Coming up

- ◆ 10/04 "Cruise to The Thumb" Scottsdale for Lunch Lead by Jim Leader Leave Safeway @ 10:00am
- ◆ 10/11 Members meeting @ Estrella Golf Course 9:00—10:00
- ◆ 10/18 Hot Rods & Classics Social @ The Estrella Golf Course 4:00— 7:00
- ◆ 10/25 Cars and Coffee @ Safeway Parking Lot 8:00—10:00
- ◆ 11/01 British wheels on the Green @ 9875 N 85th Ave, 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria, AZ 10:00—3:00
- ◆ 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



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.”

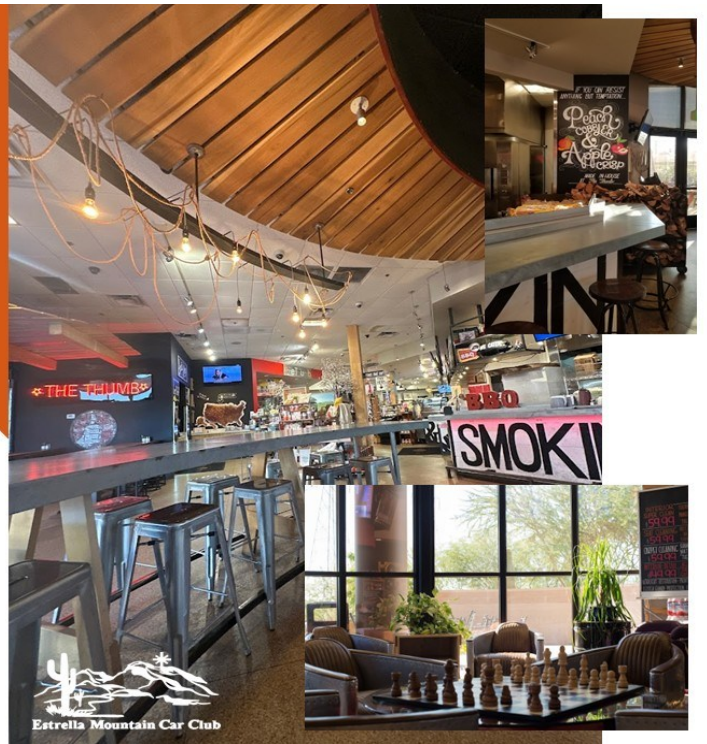
We are happy you are joining us for our Cruise & lunch to Scottsdale!

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



“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



Highlights from Last Month's Events



Our **EMCC August luncheon** at Bella Luna was a terrific success! With **18 members in attendance**, the afternoon was filled with great Italian food, 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 another great venue. Your thoughtful planning gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together and share another memorable EMCC experience.

We're already looking forward to September's gathering at "Bubba's 33"—hope to see you there!



Cars & Coffee was once again a thrill to attend this August!

The weather cooperated —especially considering our Arizona summers—and we had **18 cars** roll in for a great morning of connection and conversation. Check out the Rat Rod project that showed up because of our marketing to more and more Hobbyists;

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.

Member’s Birthdays



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

Names of Members	
John Koester	— 9/02
Jan Rachfal	— 9/04
Cindy Patterson	— 9/10
Bob Swarm	- 9/11
Jim Koialovitch	— 9/21
Dolly Ortiz	— 9/23
John DeLillo	—9/24
John Riley	—9/27
Marcia Landis	— 9/28
Randy Schultz	- 9/29

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

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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