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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

Here we are already several weeks into another new year. 2024 is a very special year for our Club. It was 50 years ago that Frederick Limback, the Club's first president, wielded the gavel to formally call the first meeting of the General Motors Retiree Club of Arizona to order. As a result, we will celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary at our March 12th event at the Martin Auto Museum & Event Center.

Our Club had an exceptional run over its 50 years and has seen many changes. It was often recognized as one of the top Retiree/Alumni Clubs in the Corporation. It is one of a very few, if not the only one, to have achieved 50 years. During those years, much camaraderie has been developed and many good friendships formed and enhanced.

In fact, the Club continued that camaraderie with its January 10th luncheon at the EVIT Culinary Arts school, where the attendees were treated with lessons from "Teddy Roosevelt" as Joe Weigand kept the rapt attention of the attendees as he re-enacted Teddy's experiences in the first person. You will find pictures and a summary of this event on pages 5 – 7.

We have another opportunity to get together on February 15th at the Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum. Members will be treated by the Club to free docent-led tours with additional time to tour at one's leisure. More details about this event and the restaurant where we will meet for lunch will be found on page 3.

Finally, the event everyone is looking forward to will be the Club's elegant 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 12th. Details about the venue, the entertainment, and the meal have all been covered in detail in recent newsletters. Links to this information and other details about the event will be found on page 4. This event is intended to be special for all Club Members who have so positively supported the Club through the years. The registration deadline is March 1st. We look forward to seeing you there.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Further details about the Program Year and 50th Anniversary Celebration
- * Registration deadlines looming for the February and March events
- * Club Members enjoyed "Teddy Roosevelt's" presentation at EVIT
- * Look Forward to the Club's 50th Anniversary in March - its Final Event



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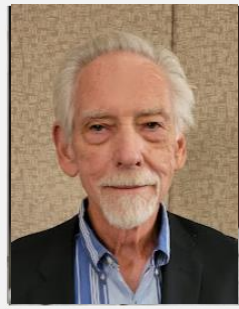
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

Our January luncheon meeting prepared and served by the students of EVIT and entertained by “Teddy Roosevelt” was an outstanding success. The students once again impressed us with delicious meals ordered by our members. Before lunch, the entertainment provided by “Teddy Roosevelt” gave an inside look into the politics and governing of the Roosevelt era. The presentation by Joe Wiegand, as “Teddy,” revealed how many of today’s National Parks came into to being during his service as President.

The Look Back into the past brought to mind the events of our Club’s last 50 years. Technology was just starting to play a role in not only classroom education but the impact on our trades and industry. The challenges led to many innovations, opportunities, and challenges. If we just go back 50 years, we are missing some of the most important happenings of our own personal pasts. High school graduation, searching for further education, college, and in many cases meeting our spouse.

If I go back to the start of my career, you have to add another 16 years. 1963 was my starting point with General Motors. My future with all its coming changes was just beginning – slide rules changing to calculators, computers giving you output that may or may not represent what you asked for. The early part of the past challenged everyone involved. Those challenges pushed us to grow and learn to meet the requirements of the last 50 years.

The start of our Club 50 years ago became a key part of the future, solutions to daily challenges, social opportunities, and friendships that continue to remain with us today. As we go forth following the Club’s final meeting in March, remember to stay in contact with fellow GM Club Members. We will the keep our GM Alumni Club website files available for the next two years. You will be able to reminisce through the filed event pictures and available newsletters.

We look forward to an outstanding 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 12th thanks to the creativity and hard work of our Board and input from other Club members. I look forward to seeing you there to join in the celebration.

Jim Hall

2023 - 2024 President
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REMAINING 2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS

With two more Club events this year, the Club will tour **Falcon Field Commemorative Airforce Museum** on **Thursday, February 14, 2024**, after lunching at **Milano's Pizzeria** located across McKellips Street from Falcon Field. Club members will meet at Milano's as the restaurant opens at 11:00 am, place their own meal order from the menu, and personally pay for it. Following the meal, the group will proceed to the Museum for a docent-led tour at 1:00 pm, with the tour being complimentary to Club members and spouses/significant others. Guests are welcome, but will incur a \$10.00 charge for the tour.

FEBRUARY 15, 2024



ALUMNI CLUB OF ARIZONA

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum



2017 N Greenfield Rd, Mesa



4545 E McKellips Rd, 103-05, Mesa

Join us for a docent-led tour of the combat aviation museum to learn how military aircraft evolved from WWI through the present. Walk through a working hangar and watch aircraft mechanics bring powerful engines to life. Climb aboard bombers and cargo planes to see and feel what they were like.

Meet for lunch at Milanos Pizzeria across from Falcon Field for Registration after restaurant opens at 11:00 am.

11:00 am - 11:30 am - Check-in & Order Lunch
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch & Brief Announcements
 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm - Proceed to Falcon Field
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Guided Tour
 2:00 pm - Personal Touring

Museum Cost:
 Members - Free
 Guests - \$10.00
 Members & Guests pay for meal at restaurant.



Registration requested by January 15, 2024, and required by February 6, 2024.





COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE



Falcon Field preserves and showcases unique WWII warbirds, while keeping many in running order today. You will hear nostalgic, inspirational stories as the docent leads the group through the collection of artifacts and exhibits. Walk through a working hangar and watch aircraft mechanics bring powerful engines to life. Learn how aircraft evolved as a vital partner to ground and sea operations from WWI to the present.

The museum encompasses 60,000 square feet of exhibit area, and typically features 15 aircraft in the main exhibit area (representing WWI thru Vietnam eras) and six operational aircraft either outdoors or in the maintenance hangar, with the possibility of touring the inside of a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber developed in the 1930s or a C-47 military transport aircraft used during WWII.

Join the Club on **Thursday, February 15, 2024** for its luncheon meeting and tour of the Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum. **The registration form is available on page 9** or by clicking [here](#). Note that registrations are **required by February 6, 2024**.



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REMAINING 2023 – 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

The 2023 – 2024 Program Year concludes with the Club's **50th Anniversary Celebration** being held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, at the **Martin Auto Museum and Event Center**. This will also be the **last official event for the Club**, as the Board of Directors voted on December 4, 2023, to dissolve the Club after this event due to declining and aging membership. The Club will celebrate its wonderful 50 years in existence with an exceptional meal and entertainment at a beautiful venue.

MARCH 12, 2024




GM Alumni Club of Arizona
50th Anniversary Celebration

March 12, 2024
Martin Auto Museum & Event Center
4320 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ
11:00 AM – 3:30 PM





Celebration Cost:
Discounted to \$30.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other prior to December 31, 2023

\$40.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other after December 31, 2023 with all registrations having to be received by March 1, 2024



Celebration Attire
Watch for more details as they are finalized.

- Elegant Buffet
- Museum Viewing
- Socializing
- Entertainment
- Kalo Photos
- Memento



The [August 2023 Newsletter](#) presented details of the special entertainment by the band **Gold Rush** – blending of sounds from the musical worlds of rock, folk, country, bluegrass, rhythm & blues, and other influential sources. The [October 2023 Newsletter](#) presented details about the venue – the **Martin Auto Museum and Event Center** – and the elegant buffet that will be presented by the caterer – **Nibblers Catering** – an Arizona based award-winning conceptual hospitality brand that strives to deliver exquisite culinary experiences that surpass expectations.

The Board encourages all members to join in this celebration and make the final event of the Club one to remember. Having existed for 50 years is a significant accomplishment and milestone to be celebrated, with no other GM clubs known to have made this achievement. The Club will be going out on a very high note, while creating many good memories for its members.

The event is for members and spouses/significant others only (or for a family member who might be required to drive members no longer able to do so themselves). The cost for this event far exceeds the \$40.00 per person being charged, as the Club is using its funds to provide value to its members for their continued support over the years. All registration forms and checks must be received by March 1, 2024, as seating is limited. Registration Forms received after March 1st will be placed on a waiting list. A **Registration Form** can be found on **page 10** or by clicking [here](#).

JANUARY 10, 2024 – EVIT LUNCHEON WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT

On Wednesday, January 10th, the Club had a very successful and enlightening meeting at the East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts building. The EVIT students prepared and served very delicious meals following a very entertaining and enlightening presentation by *Theodore Roosevelt*. Speaker, Joe Wiegand, dressed and sounding like Teddy Roosevelt, relived Teddy's life experiences from a personal standpoint as United States Civil Service Commissioner, President of the Police Commission of New York City, Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy, Colonel of the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, Governor of New York, Vice-President and President of the United States, all of which he achieved by the age of 42. He also relived his experiences as father of six children. Everyone went home with some new learnings about Teddy Roosevelt. Enjoy the representative pictures below, with more available at [PowerPoint Presentation \(azgmalumni.com\)](https://www.azgmalumni.com).



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JANUARY 10, 2024 – EVIT LUNCHEON WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT (CONT'D)



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JANUARY 10, 2024 – EVIT LUNCHEON WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT (CONT'D)



JANUARY 10, 2023 50/50 WINNERS



Jon Moss - \$50.00



Kristi Curoe - \$27.00

AMBASSADORS' CORNER



This section – the **Ambassadors' Corner** – will regularly keep you updated on what is happening at our Loyal Dealers – awards, special activities, promotions, incentives, etc. Check out their latest news below.

This month, the **Liberty** dealerships are happy to offer special deals to the GM Alumni Club members on their newest models as shown below. The designated concierges are always available to help you with your purchase.

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Benefactor Of The West



Valley businessman Louis "Buzz" Sands IV listened to speakers during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Louis Sands IV Center at Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West on Jan. 10. Sands, joined by museum leaders and city officials in breaking ground for the center, donated \$12 million for the addition of two new galleries. For the story, turn to page 12. (David Minton/Staff Photographer)

The Club would like to acknowledge one of our long-time Loyal Dealers, **Sands Chevrolet**, whose owner, Louis "Buzz" Sands IV, recently presented a \$12 million donation to the Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West. This donation will fund a major addition to the museum, adding space for the Eddie Basha Western Art Collection, which is moving into the museum. The museum celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking on January 10th when the museum presented Buzz with a 'golden shovel' for his participation. **Thank you Buzz for your continued support to the local community!** More information can be found in the [Scottsdale Progress](#) digital newspaper.



**Meeting Registration Form
Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum Tour
Thursday, February 15, 2024**

The Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum provides the opportunity to learn how military aircraft evolved from WWI through today. Walk through a working hangar and watch aircraft mechanics bring powerful engines to life. Climb aboard bombers and cargo planes to see and feel what they were like. The exhibits reveal the hard truths and brilliant ingenuity of a generation of heroes who scrambled to defend freedom. During war, the very worst and the very best of humanity stand shoulder to shoulder. Words in a book simply can't convey this reality. Browsing through artifacts, photographs, and stories and examining airplanes rivet by rivet, you'll feel a whole new respect for the men and women behind some of the most technological advancements of their time.

Directions:

Milanos Pizzeria is located at **4545 E McKellips Rd, 103-05, Mesa** where we will meet across McKellips Road from the Museum. The Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum is located at **2017 N Greenfield Rd, Mesa**. Use these addresses as your GPS destination for the best route from your starting point and the time required to get to the Restaurant and Museum.

Time: 11:00AM -- 11:30AM Check-In at Milanos Pizzeria & Place orders for lunch selections
 11:30AM – 12:30PM Lunch & Brief Announcements
 12:30AM – 1:00PM Proceed to Falcon Field
 1:00PM – 2:00PM Guided Tour (Member cost covered by Club)
 2:00PM – Continue touring on your own (Museum closes at 4:00 pm)

Lunch: Lunch will be ordered and purchased from the menu by the individual members. The menu can be found at [Home - Food Ordering \(orderonlinemenu.com\)](http://Home - Food Ordering (orderonlinemenu.com)).

Cost: The tour is **Free** for Members/Spouses and **\$10.00** for Guests.

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Please **return this portion** of the form with payment to:

**GM Alumni Club of Arizona
c/o Hal Hubbard
26921 W. Wahalla Lane
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

**REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY JANUARY 15, 2024,
AND REQUIRED BY February 6, 2024.**

The following will be attending the Falcon Field Commemorative Air Force Museum Tour:

Member _____

Spouse/Significant Other _____

Guest _____ Cost \$10.00 – Amount Included \$ _____

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Total Amount Included \$ _____

Any questions can be directed to Ron Terry (248-904-8797).

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 Your participation allows your photo to be used as part of Club Newsletters and promotions.

**50th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form
at Martin Auto Museum & Event Center
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Join us and celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary at the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center. Enjoy...

- Elegant buffet by Nibblers Catering, featuring slow-roasted beef brisket and chicken cordon bleu entre.
- Entertainment by the Gold Rush trio
- Museum viewing
- Socializing and reminiscing with fellow Alumni
- Special memento and photos

Directions:

The Martin Auto Museum and Event Center is located at 4320 W. Thunderbird in Glendale (the northwest corner of W. Thunderbird and 43rd Avenue [west of I17]).

Time: 11:00 am – 11:30 am	Registration
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Social Hour – Visiting and Touring Museum
12:30 pm – 12:35 pm	President's Welcome and Overview
12:35 pm – 1:30 pm	Buffet Dinner Served
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Entertainment
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	President's Recognition & Closing Comments
2:10 pm – 3:30 pm	Social Hour – Visiting and Touring Museum

Menu: Buffet Dinner catered by Nibblers Catering, featuring slow-roasted Beef Brisket and Chicken Cordon Bleu entre, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cream Cheese Brownies, Ice Tea & Lemonade.

Cost: \$40.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other with all registrations having to be received by **March 1, 2024**

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(Please make checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**)

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 1, 2024

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Total Amount Included \$ _____

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