

THE CLUB REPORTER

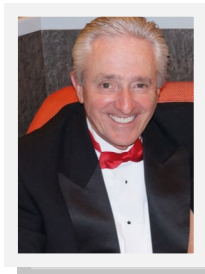
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EDITOR'S WELCOME

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Man, can you believe it is November already? I can remember writing the September eNewsletter like it was yesterday and I still wish I was at the Picnic. I have got to give those who attended credit..."You Are Picnic People" for sure. What a good time. Who would have "thunk"? Picnic? Rain? What rain?

Well, it happened again. I am going to have to delay the inclusion of the "Members And Their Pets" Competition for another two weeks. The file is just too large with all of the business items that take priority. However, the December eNewsletter will be published in two weeks and will only feature 2 items..."Members And Their Pets" Competition and a Member feature on Tim Schlax, Ph.d. I apologize, but business is business and the items in this edition are extremely important.

Therefore, in this edition of The Club Reporter, we are going to lay out the details on our April 6, 2016 Verde Canyon Rail Road trip, extend an invitation to attend a December AWIM Activity and introduce you to some new Club policies and procedures as they relate to the payment of annual Club dues and securing name tags. Also, beginning January 1, 2016, there will be a new Club mailing address. So, let's get started.

Jim Harshman, Editor, The Club Reporter

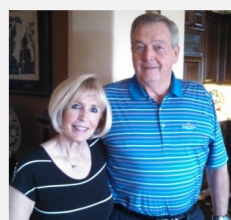
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dec 9 Arizona Opry—Christmas Program
- Club Dues Due Jan 1
- Verde Canyon RR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Congratulations are in order to the ladies of the 2015/2016 Club Calendar Work Group for a very successful "first ever" Club "Picnic In The Park" which was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at *Beardsley Park, Sun City West Recreation Center*. 70 Club Members and their guests showed up to partake of some of the best Kansas City Style Dillon's BBQ and they weren't

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

disappointed. Sun City West's own band DRYHEAT provided the entertainment and were outstanding. Now, did the weather co-operate? No, but it did just long enough to get everyone through dessert. Barbara and I were still in Michigan, but we heard everyone really enjoyed themselves. I guess the free wine and beer had a little to do with it, but seems like everyone I talked to came wanting to have a good time. We had several prospective new GM members who attended and have joined the Club and are now on our eNewsletter email list. Guests are always welcome and we encourage you to continue to invite them when you can.

In addition, I would like to direct your attention to the April 6, 2016 "Special Event" listing located in the Fall and Winter Schedule 2015/2016 shown below. Club Members have overwhelmingly voiced their approval for the Verde Canyon Rail Road trip. Therefore, I have included a "Special Event" Acknowledgement Form for advance sign-ups. We will be providing you with additional information in our November Meeting at Pebble Creek. We need to have a good idea of how many members and guests will be participating well in advance of the event in order to reserve space at the venue selected. As always, we solicit any suggestions you may have as it relates to unique venues and special events.

IMPORTANT!!!! Included in this newsletter, you will find *two separate* "Meeting Acknowledgement Forms". *One* is for the Wednesday, December 9, 2015 Arizona Opry Christmas Program. This acknowledgement was due November 6th, but if you now have decided to attend this event, we will do everything possible to secure seats for you, but we cannot guarantee seats are still available. Please call Jim Irwin and let him know your acknowledgement is coming.

The *second form* is for the Wednesday, April 6, 2016 Verde Canyon Rail Road "Special Event" Advanced Registration Form, which gives the Club advanced notice of your intent to attend this one day event. Complete details concerning each event are listed on their respective form.

In closing, I would like to remind you that 2016 Annual Club Membership Dues are due January 1, 2016. The Board has now approved the new 2016 Membership Application & Renewal Forms which appear later in this newsletter. In addition, the 2016 Name Badge Order Form and process is also attached for your use. Please be advised that effective January 1, 2016 the Club address will change. Each acknowledgement document will clearly state where it should be sent during this transition period. The new address will be GM Retirees Club of AZ, P.O. Box 7414, Goodyear, AZ 85338.

Barbara and I will be at Pebble Creek November 12th for sure and are looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Bob and Barbara Goebel

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE 2015/2016

Thursday

November 12, 2015

"Live Telecast
From Detroit"
GM Speaker



Meeting will be held at the *Pebble Creek Country Club*, Goodyear, AZ

The theatre (West side of N. Pebble Creek Pkwy) has been reserved for a one hour telecast from Detroit beginning at 11AM. Speaker: Margaret Brooks, Executive Director, Malibu Product and Marketing will discuss the launch of the all new 2016 Malibu.

Wednesday

December 9, 2015

"Arizona Opry
Dinner Theatre"
Christmas Special



www.azopry.com

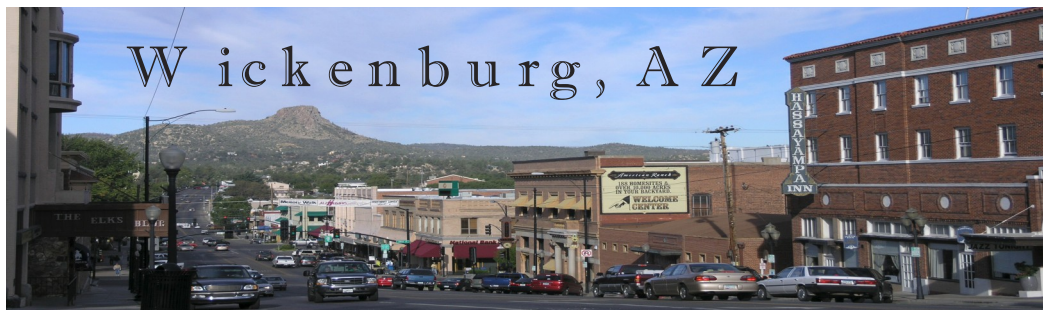
Click on performers
and read their bios.
We are talking big
time talent.

This may just be the event of the year. And to think, it has been hidden away all this time in **Apache Junction, AZ**. Dress up and come get into the Christmas spirit-hear the classics both secular and non-secular put on by the most talented musicians in the valley. Great music, great food! Hey, it is only October and this *matinee show* is already sold out.

Tuesday

January 12, 2016

"A Day in
Wickenburg, AZ"



The rich mining town of Wickenburg, AZ is a testament to the hardy resolve of the gold rush dreamers who flocked to the area in the 1800's. Our day will be packed with things to do. Final agenda items have not yet been finalized, so look for confirmed details in the Club's November Newsletter.

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE 2015-2016**Tuesday****February 9, 2016****"Sun Lakes by Coulter"
Oakwood Country Club**

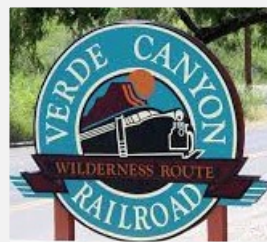
This is a Coulter Cadillac, Buick/GMC - Tempe "dealer sponsored event" which will feature Greg DePaola's famous luncheon with a beef carving station and buffet. The GM speaker will be Mark Johnson, Engineer, Operational Excellence Champion .

Tuesday**March 8, 2016****Phoenix Stadium**

We are currently in talks with the management of the Phoenix Stadium for a tour with lunch or dinner at a nearby restaurant. If you remember, the unique thing about this stadium is the grass floor which is rolled into the stadium on game day. Plus, it is the home field for the Phoenix Cardinal football team. Finalized information will be provided in the Club's January Newsletter.

MEMO**March 2016**

The 2016 March Golf Outing will be held in Scottsdale this year. Details have not been finalized as of this date, but will be provided to you as soon as they are available.

Wednesday**April 6, 2016****SPECIAL EVENT**

A One Day Club "Special Event" which begins and ends with a bus trip beginning at a stop in Sun Lakes, a stop in Sun City West and proceeding to the rail depot for lunch. Features a "Round Trip Train Ride" through the Verde Canyon from Clarksdale to Perkinville (46 miles) At 5PM the train returns to Clarkdale and the group will travel five miles to the Blazin' M Ranch for a Chuck Wagon Dinner and a Western Stage Show (Rated 5 star). The bus will arrive back into the Phoenix area around 9:30PM.

Check out www.verdecanyonrr.com and www.blazinm.com

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD "SPECIAL EVENT"

Well, the Club Member votes have been cast and the results were unanimous in favor of the Verde Canyon Railroad trip. In second place was Sedona and in third place was the Pima Museum trip. Therefore, the Sedona trip will be scheduled for April 2017.



A Governor's Choice as one of "America's Treasures," the Verde Canyon Railroad Wilderness Route has also been referred to as Arizona's other grand canyon. The trip is Arizona's longest running nature show where endangered and endearing wa-

terfowl and wildlife play and prey in this serene habitat. Enjoy the wilderness of the Verde Canyon from open-air viewing cars of the comfort of first class or deluxe coaches through visual artistry that makes you feel you're experiencing the canyon firsthand.

The journey features towering red rock pinnacles; the babbling, clear waters of the Verde River and an abundance of native flora and fauna. See history and geology unfold around every bend including Sinagua Indian ruins dating back to 600 B.C. Feel and hear the train as it glides through a 680-foot manmade tunnel and crosses a number of remarkable bridges and trestles.

Now, for our Electromotive Members and vintage train enthusiasts, the train is powered by two FP7 locomotives - 2 of only 12 remaining in North America. They are vintage 1953 locomotives built for the Alaskan Railroad. They have been completely restored and began operating at the Verde Canyon Railroad in 1997.

Our April 6, 2016 tour is planned during peak season and the Railroad requests that half of our total cost be paid in advance. First payment due January 15, 2016. Our final payment is due March 15, 2016, so the attached Acknowledgement Form reflects these payment due dates. Please sign up early using the enclosed form.

NEW "2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORMS"



As announced by Bob Goebel in our March 2015 newsletter, Jim Irwin has requested that he be able to retire from his Board Member duties as "Keeper of Reservations and Rosters" effective January 1, 2016. The Club will begin to transition his assignments and records over to Alan Steffe, Club Secretary/Treasurer. In order to make this a smooth transition, the follow actions have been taken:

A NEW "2016 Membership Application & Renewal Form" has been created for your use when submitting your Club 2016 Annual Dues on January 1, 2016. (Copy located in later pages of this newsletter. Forms can also be obtained from the Club website.) If your application and dues are received by January 31, 2016 your personal information will be listed on the 2016 Roster of Members which will be published in February. We encourage all to bring the renewal form and your check to the next meeting and drop it in the box at the check-in table. Mailing is an alternative.

NEW "2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORMS

- The Club will update its membership database once your 2016 Form is received.
- Effective January 1, 2016, the new Club address will be - GM Retirees Club of AZ, P.O. Box 7414, Goodyear, AZ 85338.
- The Club has created a **"2016 Name Badge Order Form"** that can be used by you for obtaining Club name badges for you, your spouse or significant other if you haven't already done so. We encourage you to wear your name badge to each of our meetings. It isn't our advanced age, really, but from month to month some of us just are not as quick as perhaps we once were at remembering names. Of course, any name badge will do, but we encourage all to wear our "official" Blue Magnetic Club Name badge. (Copy located in later pages of this newsletter that can be sent directly to supplier. Forms can also be obtained from the Club website.)
- Effective immediately, all future **"Meeting Acknowledgement Forms"** will be published two months in advance of the meeting date and arrive separately from the newsletter publications. (Forms can also be obtained from the Club website.)
- This provides three distinct advantages; **1.)** You can bring your following month's meeting acknowledgement and check to the current meeting and deposit it in the box at the check-in desk saving postage and having to run to the post office. **2.)** Provides you with extra time in case you don't receive your newsletter in time. **3.)** Gives Club Meeting Planners advanced meeting head counts for advanced venue notification.

AWIM EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



As you know, the GM Retirees Club of Arizona sponsored "A World In Motion" (**AWIM**) programs in 12 Phoenix area schools and impacted 1,857 students during the 2014/2015 school year, thanks to the support from our GM Retiree Club. Retired GM Engineers were key Site Coordinators and Volunteers in most of the schools. In addition, we are off to a good start for the 2015/2016 school year, but could use a few more volunteers in Tolleson and Surprise. Contact Hal Hubbard (Tolleson) or Tom Terry (Surprise) for more information.

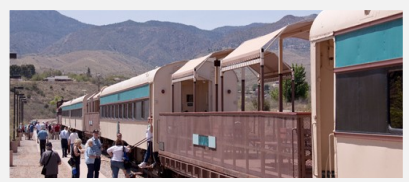
SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) now has a program like AWIM, for high school students. It's called F1 in Schools. 7 million students from 29 countries have participated in F1 in Schools programs. SAE introduced the program to schools in the US and Canada 3 years ago. It can be a life-changing experience for the students. They design a model F1 race car of the future using 3D CAD software, and race against millions of students world-wide. This school year we will have 11 F1 teams from 4 high schools from the Phoenix Area compete in the SAE sponsored AZ Regional competition which will be held at Perry High School in Gilbert. The event will take place on December 10th and 11th. The teams will be competing for the opportunity to go to Michigan next May to compete in the US/Canada Competition.

For more information about this program, go to f1inschools.sae.org or contact Don Robins at (480) 883-1707.

MS. ROSANNA G. HULL

Ms. Rosanna G. Hull, who is currently the GM Powertrain Pontiac Campus Community Outreach and Campus Team Lead, as well as the GM AWIM Leadership Team Volunteer Coordinator for all GM AWIM activities will be coming to Arizona in December to help support our AWIM and the F1 in Schools programs for the Phoenix Area. Don Robins is currently in the process of scheduling a dinner with some of the key GM Retired Engineers who are AWIM Site Coordinators. If you **are interested in attending**, please call Don Robins.



VERDE CANYON RAILROAD—REGISTRATION FORM**VERDE CANYON RAILROAD - "Special Event"**
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

A One Day Club "Special Event" which begins and ends with a bus trip beginning at a stop in Sun Lakes, a stop in Sun City West and proceeding to the rail depot for lunch. Features a "Round Trip Train Ride" through the Verde Canyon from Clarksdale to Perkinville. At 5PM the train returns to Clarkdale and the group will travel five miles to the Blazin' M Ranch for a Chuck Wagon Dinner and a Western Stage Show (Rated 5 star). The bus will arrive back into the Phoenix area around 9:30PM.

Please count on us to attend the Verde Canyon Railroad One Day Tour, Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

Member _____ Spouse _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

Seating Choice Confirmation: #First Class _____ #Coach Accommodations _____

Costs:

1st Class Accommodations = \$155.00 per person X _____ Seats = \$ _____

Coach Accommodations = \$125.00 per person X _____ Seats = \$ _____

Total Cost For Our Group = \$ _____

1/2 Payment **Due By January 1, 2016** = \$ _____

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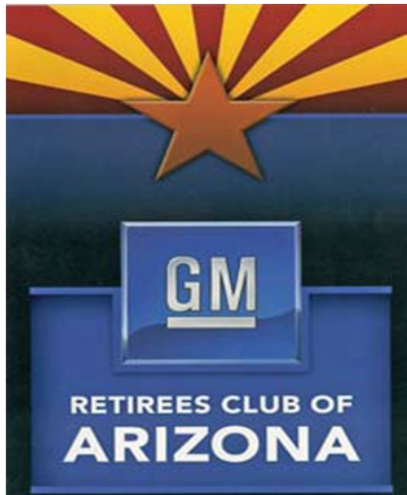
**MEMO: Please make checks payable to The GM Retirees Club of Arizona and mail to
GM Retiree Club of AZ, P. O. Box 7414, Goodyear, AZ 85338**

If you choose "First Class Seating," there are fewer seats arranged in "living room style" configurations. Servers are present to make your trip as relaxing as possible and a Champagne toast is included as well as a "cash bar". Panoramic windows make the views accessible from your padded chair or sofa.

You will be billed for the second half of your trip on **February 15, 2016**.

If at any time during this period that it is determined that someone in your party cannot attend this event, we will do everything possible to give you a refund if we are relieved of the cost by the venue.

PICNIC IN THE PARK—REGISTRATION FORM



GM Retirees Club of Arizona Membership Application/Renewal 2016

Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Date Retired: ____/____/____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

GM Division/Affiliate: _____

Location: _____

Length of Service: _____ Last Position Held: _____

Arizona Address: ☐ Permanent ☐ Seasonal **Alternate Address:** ☐ Permanent ☐ Seasonal

Street: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: (____) ____-____ Phone: (____) ____-____

E-mail Address: _____

Are you interested in handling Club assignments? _____ Yes _____ No

Special interests or hobbies? _____

☐ **New Member:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00

Membership sponsored or recommended by _____

(All Members are encouraged to purchase the standard Club Name Badges for themselves and their spouses. Purchase forms are available on the Club Website and at all meetings.)☐ **Returning Member:** Renewal Membership Fee is \$30.00

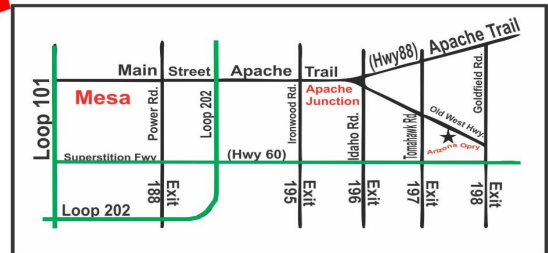
Signed: _____ Date: _____

*(Make checks payable to: GM Retirees Club of Arizona)***Drop off completed application and check at the Welcome Table at any meeting, or mail****to: GM Retirees Club of Arizona****P.O. Box 7414****Goodyear, AZ 85338***Members making payments by January 31, 2016 will be listed in the Membership Roster to be distributed in February.**Note: Above information will be used for Club purposes only and not sold.***Keep up to date at our website: www.gmretireesaz.com**

ARIZONA OPRY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Christmas

Program



Date: December 9, 2015

Location: Barleen's Arizona Opry Dinner Theatre
2275 E. Old West Hwy
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Directions: Travel East towards Apache Junction on the Superstition Freeway (Hwy 60) to the Tomahawk Road Exit (197). Go North on Tomahawk Road for one mile to Old West Hwy, turn right and proceed East for 1/2 mile. The theatre is located on South side of road at 2275 E. Old West Hwy., Apache Junction, AZ 85119 near Cortez Road. Box Office Phone (480) 982-7991.

Time: 11:15AM - 12:15AM Check In Theatre Lobby
12:30AM - 1:30PM Meal Served
1:30PM Show Time

Menu:

A double entree meal with choice of
Succulent Cooked Roast Beef and Tender
Grilled Chicken Breast on bed of rice.
Creamy Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
with Classic Pan Gravy
Vegetable Medley
Whole Wheat Rolls
Opry Chocolate Cake

A Gluten-free version is available
w/o dinner roll and with gluten-free gravy
and cookie or pudding.

Vegetarian available: Mixed bean medley
loaded baked potatoes (topped w/aged
cheddar cheese, roasted tomato, corn and
garbanzo beans, wild rice

Drinks: Water, Coffee, Tea included
Soda, beer and wine available for purchase.

Should you not receive this newsletter in time to meet this deadline and still wish to attend, you can call Jim Irwin at (586) 530-7761 and he will make arrangements for you to pay at the door.

SPECIAL FOOD REQUEST WILL BE AT CHECK-IN TABLE DAY OF EVENT

Barleen's Arizona Opry- Christmas Program "Registration Form"

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest: _____ Guest: _____

Amount Due: No. In Party ____ x \$36.00 Per person = Total Amount \$_____
(Please make checks payable to the GM Retirees Club of Arizona)

Please mail checks to: Jim Irwin 535 Topeka Dr. Wickenburg, AZ 85390

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015



GM RETIREES CLUB OF AMERICA—NAME BADGE ORDER FORM**GM Retirees Club of Arizona****Logo Name Badge Order Form****Magnet Name Tag \$8.50 Each***
tax & shipping included

First Name (Please Print Legibly)

Last Name (Please Print Legibly)

Retirement Position Within GM or Affiliate****Your address:**

**Your phone number (in the event of a
question):** _____**Check payable to: Sun City Engraving****Mail check and this order form to:**
Sun City Engraving
7030 West Willow Avenue
Peoria, AZ 85381

***Pace Maker?** While the magnet backed name tag is generally recommended, a pin name tag is available for \$7.50 and recommended for pace maker wearers.

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