

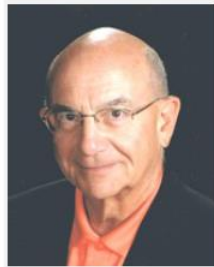


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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

The 2018 Calendar Year has started with two outstanding presentations on current topics of interest – the ***U.S. Border Patrol*** in January and the ***McDowell Sonoran Conservancy*** in February. Both were very informative and very well received by all those members in attendance.

We are not resting on our laurels here, since we are again privileged to have GM Public Policy from Washington, in conjunction with GM Retiree Communications from Detroit, coming to Arizona on **March 7th** for a further update on the ***autonomous vehicle topic*** and how GM is responding and addressing this issue. These are all hot topics that we are privileged to learn more about in real time. Hopefully, everyone is already registered for this March Meeting being provided by GM and held at the EVIT in Mesa. If for some reason you have been missed, let me know, and we will help get you registered. On March 14th a bus load of members and guests will be heading to Kartchner Caverns and Trail Dust Town for an exceptional cavern tour, an interesting tour of the Museum of the Horse Soldier, an excellent western dinner, and a great social time throughout.

Speaking of a great social time, don't forget to register for our last meeting on **April 3rd** before taking the summer off. It is planned to be the social event of the year – an ***Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party!*** This event is planning to provide even greater enjoyment than everyone had last year when they attended the closing Picnic-In-The-Park last April. You will find more information on page 3 of this newsletter.

For the golfers in the group, remember to register yourself, your two-some, or your four-some for the **Annual Golf Outing** being held at PebbleCreek on **April 5th**. More information can be found on page 4.

To aid in your planning for next year, your Board has established a preliminary meeting and event schedule for the 2018 – 2019 Program Year. You'll find this information on page 5 of the newsletter.

We hope you will all be able to join us in closing out this program year with a bang, and look forward to joining in the exciting events planned to begin in the fall.

Enjoy!

Alan Steffe

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- President's Message
- Remaining 2018 Events
- GM Public Policy Returning
- Preliminary 2018-2019 Program Calendar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, the GM Alumni Club of AZ will learn first-hand from GM executives about the status of GM's autonomous vehicles. The March 7th luncheon presentation at the EVIT Culinary Arts in Mesa is hosted by GM Public Policy, and assisted by GM Retiree Communications. Your advance reservation is required and seating is limited.

We provided the email address of every GM Alumni Club of AZ member to GM Retiree Communications. You should have received your invitation via email by now and have hopefully registered as well.. For those members without email, a letter was sent via postal mail from our Secretary/Treasurer, Alan Steffe, to each with an offer to assist them with on-line registration. This offer is open to any Club member who needs assistance. Alan can be reached at 480.563.1369. I strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. GM also sent invitations to other retirees living in the Greater Phoenix area, our loyal dealers, and leadership from the GM IT Innovation Center in Chandler.

You've probably heard that Mary Barra slated 2,500 vehicles for the 2019 production build without a steering wheel or pedals. What a bold move! I'm looking forward to learning more on March 7th. Our presenter, Hal Lennox, GM's Western Region lobbyist, is responsible for influencing decisions made by government officials, regulatory agencies, and advocacy groups. Mr. Lennox's insight goes beyond anything we've read to-date. Making the presentation more relevant, will be the questions from the floor, given the collective brain power and experience of our Club.

Did you know that the computerized "brain" of the autonomous vehicle makes 10 decisions every single second? And the autonomous vehicle makes those decisions based on a 360° view of the vehicle's surroundings. True, there can be large trucks or other items obstructing the view. But with 10 decisions being made every second, the autonomous "brain" continuously records information to formulate decision making far beyond the human brain.

So why us? How does the GM Alumni Club of AZ rate high enough to receive a visit from GM Public Policy and GM Retiree Communications two years in a row? It's safe to say there are many excellent GM retiree Clubs across the USA. We would expect nothing less given the wealth of experience and skills gained by all while at GM. Many clubs have newsletters, a website, and worthwhile gatherings. But what sets us apart is the initiative our members take to actively support the growth and success of GM. The executive presentations we receive each year are due in large part through the relationship we maintain with our loyal dealers. We are the recipients of a first-class luncheon in an expensive venue. And recently announced is the new GM Alumni Concierge program. A suggestion made by one of our loyal dealers, providing our members with instant recognition and red-carpet treatment at their dealership. And most recently, a connection made with the GM IT Innovation Center in Chandler. More to come as this new relationship unfolds, including the possibility of a Club meeting and facility tour later in 2019 or 2020.

I hope you are planning to be a part of our impressive assembly on March 7th. Our Club is regarded as one of the most progressive in the nation. With your help, we will maintain our position at the top and continue receiving updates on this lifestyle changing, hands-free, transportation.

Call me anytime,

Dennis Powers

2018 Club President
480.883.6994

MARCH 7, 2018 - PUBLIC POLICY MEETING

GM RETIREE LUNCHEON
GENERAL MOTORS

Featuring
Hal Lenox, Regional Director
State Government Relations – Western Region
Topic: GM Public Policy Update and Autonomous Vehicle Briefing

When:
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
11:30 Reception
12:30 Lunch
Attire: Business Casual

Where:
East Valley Institute of Technology --Culinary Arts Building
1601 West Main Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

Hopefully, everyone has by now received their invitation to this special event, submitted their registration, and received their registration confirmation. Our Club is privileged to have the Corporation provide this special presentation for our Club and other GM retirees in the area. This event is free.

If you are having trouble registering or lost your invitation, please contact Alan Steffe at 480-563-1369 right away. The final count for luncheons will be turned in on March 1st.

We are expecting an outstanding attendance for this informative update on one of the hottest automotive topics today. Many

have said that autonomous vehicles could be as disruptive to the automotive industry as the automobile was to the horse and buggy industry!

REMAINING 2017-2018 MEETING UPDATES

Everyone who enjoyed participating in last year's picnic should look forward to another fun-filled social event – an **Urban Cowboy Square Dance party** – held at Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City on **April 3rd** to cap off a successful 2017 – 2018 Program Year. Come in your fanciest western duds and be prepared for fun! We assume no one has been square dancing since the 8th grade, so our well respected caller, Dick Callahan, will lead us through the basics. Dick is used to people of all skill levels and those who don't move as quickly as they used to. There is a lot of room for singles, partners, and even observers (we'll need a cheering section!). Guests are also welcome to join in the fun.

Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
April 3, 2018

Western Dinner with all the Fixings
Cash Bar & One Complimentary Drink
Prizes for All!
No Dance Experience Necessary

Wear Your Western Finery!

Party Starts at 11:00 am
Cost: \$30.00 per member
\$35.00 per Guest
Registrations due by
March 27, 2018

Everyone is welcome – Couples, Singles, & Guests. Fun for all!

A meal of oven roasted chicken and bar-b-q ribs with all the fixin's and a complimentary drink will precede the square dancing. A cash bar will be available to help get everyone through the afternoon. All participants will also take home a gift with which to remember this year-ending fun event. Get your Registration Form in now to join in the fun! A registration form is available on page 6.

REMAINING 2017-2018 MEETING UPDATES - CONTINUED

Golf Team Scramble
 April 5, 2018
 PebbleCreek
 Eagle's Nest Golf Club
 8:00 am Start
 With Luncheon & Awards to follow

Goodyear, AZ

Ladies - Red Tees
 Men - Blue Tees

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

- LONGEST DRIVE
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- LONGEST PUTT

2018 Event chair: Ken Wechselberger, 2013 Club President

The Club's **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on **Thursday, April 5, 2018** at the Eagle's Nest Golf Club at PebbleCreek in Goodyear. Since Registrations are due by March 23rd, get your registration in now while you are thinking of it! You can sign up as a single or double, and you will be placed into a foursome, or if you have a foursome, sign up the entire foursome now. A scramble format allows players of all skill levels to readily join in the fun. A luncheon and awards will follow the round.

You won't want to miss the camaraderie, competition, and many stories that will be told about this fun event. The Golf Registration Form with more information can be found on page 7 and on the Club's Website.

WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THE 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR?

Your Club Board of Directors are currently involved in planning another exciting year for the Club, with interesting topics and special social opportunities. This is the current information available to give you an opportunity to save some dates, while other dates and information are still being firmed up as noted below.

November 6, 2018	PebbleCreek CC	Goodyear
Speaker: Admiral Clark – <i>United States' Current Challenges</i> Chair: Ken Wechselberger		
December 6, 2018	Arizona Broadway Theatre	Peoria
Dinner Show: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> Chair: Hal Hubbard		
January 16, 2019	East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts	Mesa
Speaker: Starbright Foundation – <i>Human Trafficking</i> Chair: Dennis Powers		
February 12, 2019	Arrowhead Cadillac – Dealer-Sponsored	Glendale
Speaker: GM TBD Chair: Roxanne & Alan Steffe		
March 12, 2019	Rustler's Rooste	Phoenix
Comedian: TBD Chair: Jon Moss & Mike Borugian		
April 2?, 2019	TBD	TBD
Picnic-in-the-Park Chair: TBD		
April ??, 2019	Golf Outing	TBD
Location: TBD Chair: Bob Goebel		

GET TO KNOW OUR LOYAL DEALERS – LIBERTY BUICK & LIBERTY GMC

Our Club enjoys the loyalty of seven local GM dealerships who promote the longevity of our Club through first-class dealer-sponsored luncheons and much more. We appreciate their support and want you to know more about how they are giving back to the community. Our loyal dealers are heroes in the lives of many Arizonans. As announced in last month’s newsletter, each dealership has also identified one key person on their staff for our members to contact – the GM Alumni Concierge – who will make our members’ visits the best they can be.

Today, we would like to give you some very informative information on two of these Loyal Dealerships as we highlight Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC in Peoria and their support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each October Liberty & their customers help to meet the most critical needs in Central and Northern Arizona. Funds from vehicle sales are donated to assist breast cancer research, prevention, and ultimately finding a cure. The photo on the right is just one example of Liberty’s commitment to our community. To learn more, talk with your GM Alumni Concierge at Liberty. Or check-out *About Us/Community* on their website to see more examples.

LIBERTY BUICK 8737 W. Bell Road, Peoria
LIBERTY GMC 8660 W. Bell Road, Peoria



Liberty Buick Executive Manager & Dealer Principal, Autumn Henderson (center) & Liberty Buick General Sales Manager, Justin Sgro (right) present \$16,600 donation check to Susan G. Komen representative, Robin Hansen (left). A combined donation of the Liberty GMC & Liberty Buick Dealerships.



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**Meeting Registration Form
 Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
 Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
 Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Our 2017-2018 program year concludes with a fun event at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City where we started the year in November 2017. Following a social hour and wonderful western meal of oven roasted chicken and Bar-B-Q ribs, the well-respected square dance caller throughout Maricopa County, Dick Callahan, will lead the group through the square dance basics. Everyone will be able to participate, couples and singles, whether you have danced in the past or not, or you can lead the cheering section from the side of the dance floor. Guests are also welcome. Come dressed in your Western wear finery to help set the mood for the day. It will be a fun afternoon for all to finish the year.

Directions:

From the AZ-101 Loop on the west side of Phoenix, exit onto W Bell Road continuing past the Liberty Buick dealership to N 91st Avenue. Turn left on N 91st Avenue for 1 mile to W Greenway Road and turn right. Palmbrook CC will be on the right.



Time: 11:00 AM Check-In
 11:00 AM Social Hour
 12:15 PM Lunch
 1:00 PM Square Dancing with Dick Callahan

Menu:

Salad, Oven Roasted Chicken, Bar-B-Q Ribs & More, including Coffee & Tea



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Please return a completed portion of this form to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
 P.O. Box 7414
 Goodyear, AZ 85338

The following will be attending the Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party:

Member _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Total Amount Included \$ _____	

If special dietary needs, please advise, and we will attempt to accommodate: _____

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 27, 2018

Any questions can be directed to Larry Sessoms (623-455-8616 H).

Note: Keep up-to-date by checking the Club Website frequently at www.azgmalumni.com. Check out the "Calendar Tab" for details and Registration Forms for any and all events for the year.



Special Event Golf Outing

Golf Fee of \$77.00 per Member(\$82.00 per Guest) Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, & Prizes

- ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
- ✓ 8:00 AM Start
- ✓ Step Aside Scramble Format
- ✓ All Levels with Handicaps

Please ADVISE if you are forming a foursome. Otherwise, we will attempt to form teams of equal skill based on handicaps submitted.



PebbleCreek/Eagle's Nest Golf Club 3645 W. Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395
(623) 935-6761

✓ Check-in Begins at 7:00 AM at the Check-in Table. Arrive no later than 7:30 AM ✓



Eagle's Nest Golf Club at PebbleCreek

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Memo: PebbleCreek Homeowners will pay their own golf and only pay \$30.00 toward lunch and prizes.

Please make all checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
Send checks and this completed registration form to: **Ken Wechselberger**
18002 W. Edgemont Avenue
Goodyear, AZ 85395



All checks must be received no later than March 23, 2018

