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HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION

Share your best summer vacation pictures with the Club. Submit them to rsteffe1@comcast.net by October 15th or via US Mail by October 1st. See page 2.

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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

With August quickly slipping away, it is time to begin looking forward to the coming of fall – football, cooler weather, and of course, the beginning of another exciting Program Year for the GM Alumni Club of Arizona!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer, possibly an interesting trip or relaxing vacation, and is now looking forward to the quickly approaching Club meetings.

A few changes have taken place over the summer related to the meetings originally announced last spring. Several speakers have committed to share timely information about issues affecting Arizona – the proposed Mexico border wall, water issues impacting the state, and immigration issues impacting Pinal County. You will find these updates on pages 4 and 5.

At this time there are still seven (7) openings for the special overnight Field-to-Feast Tour planned in February 2020; however, the final number participating must be finalized by September 15, 2019. If you are interested in participating in this unique experience, note the details presented on page 3 and complete the advance registration form found on the Club's website.

The new Program Year will start with a **free** Dealer-Sponsored luncheon at Palmbrook Country Club on November 5, 2019, sponsored by Liberty Buick & Liberty GMC. The speaker will be Dennis Wagner, investigative reporter from the Arizona Republic, on the hot topic of the proposed wall along the US – Mexico border. More information concerning this and the following meetings can be found on page 4 and following.

The Club's website, www.azgmalumni.com, has been updated with all the program changes and final meeting dates for the year. Check it frequently to get the latest information on upcoming activities and meetings, meeting registration forms, and pictures from past meetings and events.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November.
Enjoy!

Alan Steffe

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What did you do on your summer vacation? Maybe you had to answer this question as a writing assignment while in elementary school. I know I did. Unfortunately, I didn't really realize just how special those experiences were at the time. Now I do.

Regardless of how you spent your summer, there's always something to share. It's a frequent topic of discussion when we reconvene in November at a Club meeting. Why? Because there's always something to learn about a place, an activity, and how it was planned. We are a Club of very interesting people. We're interested to know how others with discriminating attitudes spend their time. In fact, the quality of mine and Al's travel plans have kicked up several notches after conversations with many of you.



Roxanne enjoying golf with her son Bill, and grandson, Ian.

Let's enjoy photos of members' vacations from 2019, or even 2018 to kick-off our November 5th Club Meeting at Palmbrook Country Club. You can submit 1-3 photos and a few comments to me via email, or via U.S. mail by October 1. This meeting is FREE and sponsored by Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC. Liberty consistently puts together a first-class meal!

I will compile photos and comments into a slide show for our enjoyment while we socialize. No worries about getting your photos back if you send them to me via U.S. mail, I will return your photo(s) to you at the Club's November meeting, or via mail if you're unable to attend. I recommend you register soon.

Have you checked out photos from past Club events on our website? The collection goes back to October 2016. All you need to do is click on a previous event ad and scroll through the variety of pages. Consistently, you'll see lots of smiles, solid evidence that we enjoy each other's company and have a great time. <https://www.azgmalumni.com/previous-events--photos.html>.

We'll continue to collect photos at upcoming Club events with the help of our very talented Club photographers, Karen Schlaw and Paul LeSage.

How far in advance do you commit to attend Club events? The 2019-2020 calendar of Club events is outstanding. Al and I put the dates on our calendar as soon as they're announced so we're set to attend. Otherwise, time flies by and we've missed out on another great opportunity to be with so many fine people. This year, we continue to get around the valley, learn about "breaking" news topics from insiders on the front lines, and enjoy luncheons that are carefully planned for our enjoyment.



Al touring the Gettysburg, PA battlefield on horseback.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONT'D

I hope you'll plan ahead to attend several meetings. It's all about growing friendships, while enjoying the amazing state of Arizona, with people who share so many common elements of our past.

Hope to see you soon,

Roxanne Steffe

2019 president

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FEBRUARY 18-19, 2020, SPECIAL EVENT – YUMA OVERNIGHT**University of AZ Agricultural Center**

There are still seven (7) available openings for the Special Overnight trip to Yuma on February 18 & 19, 2020, to participate in the vegetable procurement during the Field-to-Feast tour and learning experience. There will also be tours of the Yuma Territorial Prison and Martha's Date Garden. Participants will caravan to Yuma and stay at the Best Western Yuma Mall Hotel & Suites, where a block of rooms are being held until October 1, 2019.

This Field-to-Feast Farm tour takes place on the University of Arizona's Agricultural Center, and is a "high demand" venue and sells out annually. So do not miss your opportunity be a part of this experience.

Should you be interested in still participating in this event, trip details and a Registration Form can be found at:

https://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/202002_revised_advanced_event_registration_form_-_yuma_overnight.pdf. Any questions may be directed to Jon Moss at 586-484-3731.

All registrations must be submitted by September 15, 2019.

Tour Martha's Date Garden**Tour Yuma Territorial Prison**

2019 – 2020 PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR

Over the summer, your Board of Directors has been finalizing the programs for the 2019 – 2020 Program Year. A few changes had to be made from the preliminary program shared last spring. Below you will find the final plans for the year. Some individual details are still being finalized, but we can assure you an outstanding lineup of speakers and activities. Save the dates as noted below, and plan to enjoy another great year of activities and socialization with fellow Club members. Check the Club website – www.azgmalumni.com – frequently as new information will be posted there as it becomes available.

**Tuesday
November 5, 2019**

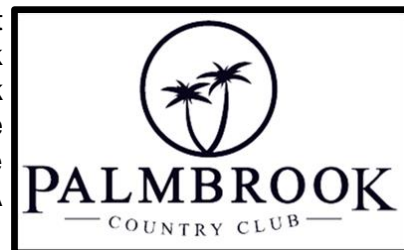
**Dealer-Sponsored
by Liberty Buick
and Liberty GMC at
Palmbrook Country
Club**

**Dennis Wagner,
Investigative
Reporter of The
Arizona Republic,
“2000-mile Journey
in the Shadow of
the Wall”**

The Club's new 2019 – 2020 Program Year will start with a **free** Dealer-Sponsored event at Palmbrook Country Club on **November 5, 2019**. **Liberty Buick** and **Liberty GMC** will be hosting this event, and the speaker will be Dennis Wagner, Investigative Reporter for The Arizona Republic and the USA Today News Network.

Dennis Wagner's topic will be **“A 2000-mile Journey in the Shadow of the Wall.”** His topic will review the Pulitzer Prize articles that appeared recently in *The Arizona Republic* and the *USA Today*, regarding the proposed wall along the US-Mexico border. With this being a timely topic of current interest, you will not want to miss this presentation.

November will be upon us very soon, so sign up now using the Registration Form on page 7, and look forward to a very informative presentation with an opportunity to get questions answered that you might have. We will be promoting this event through Facebook, and seating will be limited to 125, so sign up now to assure your attendance.



**Thursday
December 5, 2019**

**Arizona Broadway
Theatre**



Our Club's Christmas event this year will again be held at the Arizona Broadway Theatre – a five star musical theatre featuring professional Broadway productions with restaurant style dining. Plan to join us for this year's production of **Elf The Musical**.

Based on the 2003 film starring Will Ferrell, **Elf The Musical** is the hilarious tale of Buddy, who, as a baby, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. When his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find *The World's Greatest Dad* and discover his true identity. Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember *There Is a Santa Claus*. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf! A Registration Form for this event is available on page 8. Sign up early to assure your participation and enjoyment of this wonderful Christmas show.

2019 - 2020 PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

**Wednesday
January 15, 2020**

**East Valley
Institute of
Technology
Culinary Arts**

**Sarah Porter, ASU
Kyl Center on
Colorado Water
Usage Controls**

On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, the Club will meet at the East Valley Institute of Technology for lunch and another presentation on a topic of great interest to Arizona. Sarah Porter of the ASU Kyl Center for Water Policy will be sharing information on the topic of ***“Water Resiliency for the Future – Challenges Faced by Arizona and the West.”***

Sarah Porter, is the Director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy, a nonpartisan water think tank named after U.S. Senator Jon Kyl, a universally respected water expert and leader. The Kyl Center promotes research, analysis, collaboration and open dialogue to identify opportunities for consensus to ensure sound water stewardship for Arizona and the Western region. You will definitely want to hear and get your questions answered about what the future holds for water resources in Arizona.



Sarah Porter, Director
ASU Kyl Center for Water Policy

**Tuesday
February 25, 2020**

**Dealer-Sponsored
by
Courtesy Chevrolet**

GM Speaker TBD

Our Loyal Dealer, Courtesy Chevrolet, will be presenting a **free** luncheon meeting for our Club on February 25, 2020. Courtesy has been a strong supporter of our Club over the years. A General Motors speaker, yet to be determined, will be presenting information about the future products. Look forward to joining us in February for this informative meeting. Check the Club's website for more details as they become available later this year.



**Tuesday
March 10, 2020**

**Gold Canyon Golf
Resort & Spa**

**Mark Lamb, Pinal
County Sheriff,
Speaker**

The March Luncheon Meeting will be held at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort & Spa in Gold Canyon, AZ. We are privileged to have Mark Lamb, Pinal County Sheriff, as our speaker. Watch for more luncheon details later this year.



Mark Lamb was elected as the 24th Sheriff of Pinal County on January 1st, 2017. Sheriff Lamb oversees a county the size of Connecticut and manages more than 650 employees within the department.

As a constitutional conservative, Mark has strong convictions and is courageous in fighting for the citizens he serves. Mark believes strongly in our Republic and our Constitution; he is a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights and the enforcement of all of our laws, including those that pertain to fighting illegal immigration; and he is determined to protect the rights and freedoms of the people whom he serves.



2019 - 2020 PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

**Tuesday
April 7, 2020**

**Desert Botanical
Garden Lunch &
Tour**

Join us on April 7, 2020 for a self-guided tour at your own pace of the Desert Botanical Garden, when all the native plants will be in bloom. Prior to the tour, we will have a private lunch and hear from a Garden speaker in the Binns Wildflower Pavilion.

Come enjoy the beauty of the desert as you explore 50,000+ plant displays showcased in beautiful outdoor exhibits throughout the 55 acres under cultivation.



April (TBD), 2020

**Annual Golf
Scramble**

The popular Golf Scramble will again be held in April, 2020, with the final date and location yet to be finalized. This is always a good time for some friendly competition and stories about the shot "that almost went in," or the long put that "really did go in." When you combine the camaraderie with the beautiful Arizona sunshine and being on the golf course, it is always a good time. Plan to join in the fun next year as we continue to grow the event.



CLUB MEMBER IN THE NEWS - JON MOSS

Once again our Club is privileged to have one of its members make the news. The October 2019 edition of the Corvette Magazine contains a feature article entitled, "*First of its Name*," chronicling the development of Chevy's



first ever C5 Corvette at a time when the Corvette program itself was in jeopardy of being cancelled by the corporate executives back in 1993 because of GM hemorrhaging cash.

At that time, GM Vice-Presidents, Joe Spielman, head of the Midsize Car Division, and Jim Perkins, General Manager of Chevrolet, both avid Corvette enthusiasts, planned a clandestine effort to save the Corvette with Jon Moss, Specialty Vehicles Manager, leading the charge to secretly produce a "plain-Jane looking" C4 Corvette, but really having new, radical C5 underpinnings and dimensions with all the associated vehicle handling improvements. The article describes how this secret project under Jon Moss's direction delivered an improved, drivable demo model in only 93 days. After giving selected Strategy Board Members the opportunity to drive the demo vehicle on the bumpy streets around the GM Tech Center, the C5 Program was eventually approved on June 14, 1993 by Jack Smith and the Strategy Board.



Jon Moss & Jim Perkins

The article describes Jon Moss as "a wizard at creating killer Chevy show vehicles and pace cars." It also notes that the plot conceived by Jim Perkins and Joe Spielman and executed by Jon Moss and his team was really the savior for the Corvette.

The article has many more twists, turns, and details that you would definitely enjoy. Otherwise, strike up a conversation with Jon at one of the meetings and learn much more.



Virtual Twin of the CERV IV Produced by Moss's Group

Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
Speaker – Dennis Wagner, Investigative Reporter for *The Arizona Republic*
Topic – “A 2000-mile Journey in the Shadow of the Wall”
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Our 2019-2020 program year starts on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Our first meeting is **sponsored by** one of our loyal dealers – **Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC** –hosted at **Palmbrook Country Club**, 9350 W. Greenway Road in Sun City, AZ 85351. Our special speaker for the meeting is Dennis Wagner, Investigative Reporter for *The Arizona Republic* and USA Today News Network. New Buick and GMC vehicles will also be onsite for your review and discussion with sales personnel. This **free** event provides an excellent opportunity to start the year learning about a topic much in the news today - the proposed border wall between the US and Mexico, - more about Club events planned for the coming year, and catching-up with other members after our summer break.

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: 10:30 AM Check-In & New
 Car Review
 11:30 AM Business Meeting
 12:00 Noon Lunch
 1:00 PM Speaker, Dennis Wagner –
 Investigative Reporter



Menu:

Menu selection by Liberty is always first-class and is in process.

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Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
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Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Please **return a completed portion** of this form to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
c/o Hal Hubbard
26921 W. Wahalla Lane
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Or email a copy of the completed form to Hal Hubbard at hrrhubbard@sbcglobal.net

The following will be attending the Liberty Buick GMC Meeting at Palmbrook Country Club:

Member _____
 Spouse/Significant Other _____
 Guest _____
 Guest _____

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

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 28, 2019

Any questions can be directed to Roxanne Steffe (810-280-1339 C) or Alan Steffe (810-513-3367 C)

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.

**Event Registration Form
Arizona Broadway Theatre
"Elf The Musical"
Thursday, December 5, 2019 – Matinee**

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Directions:

The Arizona Broadway Theatre is located at 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria AZ. (623) 776-8400. Take the West 101 Loop to Bell Road and turn East. Travel on Bell Road to N. 77th Ave. and turn right (South). Take N. 77th Ave. and go across W. Paradise Lane (at the light) and the theater is ahead on the right.

Time:

11:30AM – 12:15PM	Check-In Theatre Lobby (Bar Open)
12:15AM – 1:15PM	Lunch Is Served
2:00PM	Show Time

Menu:

Several meal selections from the menu are included in the ticket price, while upgraded selections are also available for an additional cost. You can preview the menu at <https://azbroadway.org/menus/show-menu/>. Alcohol, desserts and tips are not included in the ticket price, but will be billed separately. Alternate meals, such as gluten free and vegetarian, are also available from the menu.

Cost: \$65.00 Per Member or Spouse/Sig. Other – Includes Musical Admission and a three-course meal.
\$70.00 Per Guest

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**Event Registration Form
Arizona Broadway Theatre
"Elf The Musical"
Thursday, December 5, 2019 – Matinee**

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

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

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 6, 2019

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

The following will be attending the Arizona Broadway Theatre Christmas Event:

Member _____	Cost \$65.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$65.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Total Amount Included \$ _____	

Any questions can be directed to Hal Hubbard at 623-256-8938.

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