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Hello Alumni!

Here we are at the end of February already! It has been a great year with the ability for many of us to get back together again for monthly events, enjoy social interactions among friends, visit some new venues in the area, learn some new ideas, and above all enjoy good food. We do understand that some of our members have been unable to join us due to COVID or health issues, but hope to have them back with us soon, as more normalcy returns.

Although the program year is fast drawing to a close, there are still two very exciting events on the schedule – Sheriff Mark Lamb of Pinal County speaking on March 22nd and touring the newly opened Martin Auto Museum on April 6th. You will find more details about these events on page 5.

The Club's tour of Scottsdale's Museum of the West on February 8th was very successful with many positive comments about the displays and the knowledge of the docents. Many felt the tour after the great Italian meal served at Buca di Beppo was appreciated to walk off the delicious and filling meal. Several photos from this event can be found on pages 3 and 4. Remember that you can always view a larger selection of photos from the past meetings by going to the Club's website – www.azgmalumni.com – and clicking on the "Previous Events and Photos" under the "Calendar" tab.

As we are approaching the end of this program year, your Board is already planning events for the 2022-2023 program year. There are some events that have become well accepted and get repeated; however, the Board is always looking for new options and opportunities to consider and is always open to your input for interesting speakers or tours you may have taken. Contact any Board member listed on the next page with any recommendations you might have.

Remember to sign up for the remaining March and April events, if you have not yet done so. Registration Forms are provided on pages 9 and 10. You do not want to miss them!

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the March 22nd luncheon meeting with Sheriff Lamb as our speaker.

Enjoy!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings GM Alumni,

If you are like me, you pick up the calendar one day and notice the date, and then you realize it is already March of 2022!! Where has the time gone? We just finished watching the Super Bowl, getting excited about spring training (let's hope MLB can get a contract done), and now have March Madness in our sights.

For our club, we enjoyed two events - the luncheon/guest speaker at the EVIT in Mesa in January, and the lunch and

Museum of the West tour in February. Both events were outstanding, and we averaged about 50 people at each. For those of you who participated, thank you for coming out and having some fun with your fellow club members. For those of you who couldn't make it, you have just two events left in which to participate and enjoy a day with fellow GMers. On March 22, Sherriff Lamb will be speaking to us at the beautiful Gold Canyon Resort in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains. On Wednesday, April 6, we will tour the Martin Car Museum in Glendale. There is still plenty of time to register for both events, so please send in your registrations and mark their dates on your calendars.

As the weather gets warmer, and the nation gets healthier, it's great to be part of a group such as this that enjoys a variety of activities, as well as laughs with friends and colleagues.

On behalf of the GM Alumni Board, we look forward to seeing all of you at either Gold Canyon Resort or the car museum in Glendale, or both. As a reminder, if you have suggestions for future events, please reach out to any of our board members to give us your thoughts.

Stay safe and healthy.

Pete Langenhorst

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Founder Mel Martin

140 **New Vehicles:** Our new building holds over 140 vehicles — almos double our old location!

Join us on April 6th

be one of the first groups to visit the

NEW museum facilities just opened on March 6th VOLUME 61 Page 3

FEBRAURY 8, 2022 - SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST



On February 8th, club members and guests assembled at Buca di Beppo in Scottsdale for an excellent Italian meal before walking a block to Scottsdale's Museum of the West. Docent-led groups then toured the museum, featuring a special exhibit of the Art and Techniques of Native American Photographer, Edward S. Curtis, along with viewing time for many more Western and Native American art and artifacts.

















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FEBRAURY 8, 2022 - SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST (CONT'D)























More Photos can be found at: PowerPoint Presentation (azgmalumni.com)

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REMAINING 2021 - 2022 PROGRAM EVENTS

March 22, 2022

On March 22nd, our special speaker will be Pinal County Sheriff, Mark Lamb, who will be addressing the Club on current issues being faced in his region. He addressed the Club in March of 2020 with a very positive response from all attendance. Additionally, the Gold Canyon Resort will provide a delicious meal in very comfortable and beautiful surroundings. those coming from the west valley, Arrowhead Cadillac is providing a complimentary bus from their dealership in Glendale to the Gold Canyon Resort. You will not want to miss this verv informative You presentation. are also encouraged to bring any guests who



might also find this presentation of interest. A **Registration Form** is available on **page 9**, with a required due date of **March 7**th.

April 6, 2022



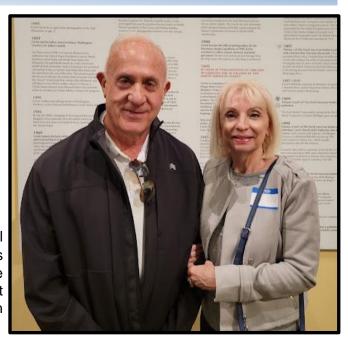
In April, the Club will be visiting newly renovated relocated *Martin Auto Museum*. Created in 2005, the museum is the brainchild of owner and founder Mel Martin. Mel saw a need to share a collection of vehicles that represent significant periods in automotive history. It is dedicated to the preservation collectible and rare automobiles for educational purposes. You will view history through the decades in this vast collection. There are a number of race cars and one-of-a-kind vehicles, including a recently donated Carroll Shelby vehicle to excite any automotive enthusiast. Lunch will be provided by Fat Freddy's Catering. Registration is required by March 29th. Registration Form can be found on **page 10**.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



A big welcome to new members, **Mal** and **Jan Culp!** Mal retired from Delphi's Packard Electric in 2007 after 38.5 years with the company. Mal and Jan live in Gilbert and were introduced to the club as guests of Don and Judith Robins at the January meeting at EVIT. Look forward to interacting with them at future meetings and making them feel at home.



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.





Have you ever received the advertisements with the scratch-off contests and just thrown them away? Well, here is a success story from the Liberty Buick ads that may make you think about it the next time......



"Kiyoshi, of Sun City West, won the Grand Prize New Buick or \$30,000 cash prize, from Liberty Buick's January 2022 direct mail contest. Kiyoshi is a very loyal Buick customer and decided to take the \$30,000 cash and invest it until his custom ordered 2022 Buick Encore GX is delivered. He was quite surprised he won. He told his salesperson, Michael Bullock, that he thought he'd never win. In fact, when he was first told he won the Grand Prize, Kiyoshi thought Michael was just pulling his leg. Some recipients of Liberty Buick's direct mail pieces feel they can never win and discard the mailer. The winning numbers for all promotional prizes are actually mailed out. This is a very happy story how one Grand Prize winner brought in their winning piece and claimed their prize!"

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AMBASSADORS' CORNER (CONT'D)











A Special Thank You to Arrowhead Cadillac for

providing bus transportation for our members and guests from the west valley to Gold Canyon Resort for our March 22nd luncheon and meeting. The next time you visit Arrowhead Cadillac, remember to thank **Robyn Schluter**, *GM Alumni Concierge* (602-402-9463) for the ongoing support they provide to our club. Those taking the bus will



be able to thank Robyn at that time ,since he will be joining us that day.



Courtesy Chevrolet since 1955, and now known as a part of the Courtesy Automotive Group (www.CourtesyAuto.com), is excited for many reasons to see this new year of 2022! We see Courtesy Chevrolet growing in the EV market and our Sales team expanding in their EV understand and training. Chevrolet's Center of Learning has made it easy to learn both the Chevrolet Bolt features and the competition's new 2022 electric vehicle features. Plus with the all NEW EV Silverado and the Ultium platform coming out, Courtesy's Sales team is excited about the next generation of vehicles.

The auto industry is truly changing every month as is Courtesy Automotive. Our growth of employees and the growth coming here to the Valley shows Phoenix is an amazing city in which to live and to work! Courtesy represents multiple OEMs now, yet we are still very rooted in GM with Chevrolet. In fact, just this last December, our leadership was honored to receive the 19th Dealer of the Year award for 2021 from Chevrolet – one of only two dealerships to receive this honor – for which the family-owned dealership is truly grateful.

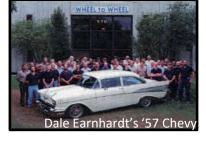
Courtesy is committed to the families here in the Valley, while Phoenix continues to grow. For example, we are positioned to grow our needed technicians through the area tech schools and the local area high school, Washington HS. As recently as just this month, two representatives attended a career fair for Washington HS to discover if there are other young, industrious workers looking to grow with the times.

If you know anyone looking to get into the car business for Sales or Service, or just needs a vehicle, please have them reach out to Courtesy Chevrolet. As a part of the Courtesy Cares Team, many of our managers can assist in the next steps. Feel free to ask for **Chris Winkler**, the GM Alumni Club Concierge. His office number is 602-344-3186. All at Courtesy will take great care to meet your requests when possible.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JON MOSS ON MARCH 8TH

Long-time Club member, Jon Moss, will again be the featured speaker on March 8th at the Adventures in Learning class at Valley Presbyterian Church. Jon will discuss his experiences building production-based concept vehicles that showcased new styling and/or new technology. He will show a video that will cover high performance vehicles, as well as production-based concept vehicles from the smallest through trucks and SUVs. Additional discussion will include the three vehicles he did with Tim Allen, Dale Earnhardt's '57 Chevy that Jon's team finished the build on, and the famous '32 Little Deuce Coupe.





Club members and guests are invited to attend this informative presentation on March 8, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Upstairs Room C204 at the Valley Presbyterian Church at 6947 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ.

To **register** for this session, go to <u>www.vpc.church/classes</u>, enter Adventures In Learning in the Class Finder, then click Enter or Return.

This session should be very interesting, especially featuring one of our Club members and providing us an opportunity to show our support for him.

GM ALUMNI CLUB OF AZ LOYAL DEALER CONCIERGES

As you contemplate the purchase of a new GM vehicle, remember that the Loyal Dealers who support our Club have assigned a special concierge available to you at their dealership to support you for all your vehicle needs. Below is a listing of the concierge to contact at each of our Loyal Dealers. **Save this page for your reference!**





Robyn Schluter 602-402-9463 rschluter@vtaig.com



7780 S Autoplex Loop, Tempe



New concierge to be identified, since concierge **Ken Bowers** retired on February 25, 2022







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Meeting Registration Form Gold Canyon Golf Resort & Spa Guest Speaker – Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County Tuesday, March 22, 2022



Mark Lamb will be returning as our speaker after the great reception he had at our March, 2020 meeting. He was elected as the 24th Sheriff of Pinal County on January 1st, 2017, and oversees a county the size of Connecticut, while managing 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 is determined to protect the rights and freedoms of the people whom he serves. Come join us for a very enlightening and informative presentation.

Note: A bus will be available to those from the western communities with a pick-up location at Arrowhead Cadillac. Bus is first-come, first-served. Register early to secure your seat on the bus. Timing details will be provided to those signing up for the bus as we get closer to the event date.

Directions:

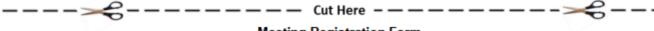
The Gold Canyon Golf Resort & Spa is located at 6100 S Kings Ranch Rd, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118. Take US-60 E/Superstition Fwy east to Gold Canyon. Turn left onto S Kings Ranch Road and continue for approximately 1 mile. Proceed past the main resort entrance on the left to the parking area just off the road on the left. The pavilion is located adjacent to this parking area.

Time: 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Check-In & Cash Bar 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Welcome & Lunch Buffet 12:45 PM – 1:00 PM Brief Business Meeting 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Sheriff Lamb Presentation

Menu:

The Little Bella Italiano Buffet, including Classic Caesar Salad, Chicken Picatta with Lemon-Caper Sauce, Penne Pasta with Fresh Tomato Basil Cream Sauce, Steamed Vegetables, Warm Garlic Toast, Cheesecake, Fruit Bowl, Iced Tea and Coffee

Cost: \$30.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$35.00 Per Guest



Meeting Registration Form
Gold Canyon Golf Resort & Spa
Guest Speaker – Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Please return this portion of the form with your payment to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona

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

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 7, 2022

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

The following will be attending the Gold Canyon Golf Resort & Spa Meeting:

Member_ Spouse/Signal	Member	Cost \$30.00 – Amt Included \$		
	Spouse/Significant Other	Cost \$30.00 – Amt Included \$		
NOTE:	Guest	Cost \$35.00 – Amt Included \$		
~	Guest	Cost \$35.00 – Amt Included \$		
Nun	nber who will be riding the <mark>bus</mark> from the western pick-up_	Total Amount Included \$		
If special dietary needs, please enter number of each required: Gluten Free Sugar Free Vegan				
Any questions can be directed to Jon Moss (586-484-3731).				

Note: Keep up to date by checking the Club Website frequently at www.azgmalumni.com.

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

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Meeting Registration Form Martin Auto Museum Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Come enjoy a guided tour of the newly opened and expanded Martin Auto Museum at 4320 W. Thunderbird in Glendale. Here you can view automotive history through the decades in this vast collection of some 140 unique vehicles. There are a number of race cars and one-of-a-kind vehicles to excite any automotive, art, or history enthusiast. The private collection of mechanic and auto-shop owner Mel Martin, this car museum offers dozens of lovingly maintained classics from more than 100 years of automotive history. See historical examples as varied as an 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen to a 1965 Shelby AC Cobra. Guided tours will be provided in the morning, with self-guided floor touring available in the afternoon after a catered lunch provided by Fat Freddy's Catering.

Directions:

The Martin Auto Museum is located at 4320 W. Thunderbird in Glendale (the northwest corner of W. Thunderbird and 43rd Avenue [west of I17]). If coming from the north or south, take the Thunderbird exit and head west. The Museum will be on the north side of Thunderbird just past 43rd Avenue.

<u>Time:</u> 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Check-In

10:30 AM - 11:30 PM Guided Tours

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Lunch 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM Meeting

1:45 PM – Additional Self-Guided Personal Touring & Free Play in the Game Room

<u>Menu:</u> Lunch will be catered by Fat Freddy's Catering with 1/3 pound All Beef Burgers, Cowboy Beans, Mixed Greens Salad, Cookies & Brownies, Ice Tea & Lemonade.

Cost: \$30.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$35.00 Per Guest



Meeting Registration Form Martin Auto Museum Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Please return this portion of the form with your payment to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona

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

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 29, 2022

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

The following will be attending the Martin Auto Museum Tour and Meeting:

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

If special dietary needs, please enter number of each required: Gluten Free____ Sugar Free____ Vegan____

Any questions can be directed to Jim Hall (810-869-8944)

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