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Hello Alumni!

What a finish for the 2021 – 2022 Program Year! A great attendance at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort for the presentation by Sheriff Mark Lamb of Pinal County on March 22nd and a wonderful tour of the newly opened Martin Auto Museum on April 6th. The Martin Auto Museum surprised all in attendance with the broad variety of vehicles available (150+ available on the floor and more in storage) and the accessibility to sit inside, open the hoods, and completely check out the vehicles. Many pictures from each of these events can be found on pages 3 through 7, with even more provided on the Club Website at [Previous Events & Photos - GM Alumni Club of Arizona \(azgmalumni.com\)](http://www.azgmalumni.com). If you are having difficulty navigating the Club's website for these pictures or the Club's previous newsletters, go to page 11 for a brief tutorial that should help you. There are pictures available for all previous events since October 2016 and newsletters back to January 2013.

The Alumni Board is currently working on the event finalists for the upcoming 2022 – 2023 Program Year. At its recent April Board Meeting, the first three programs were finalized to cover November, December, and January. These events promise the beginning of another exciting year. Details of these plans can be found on page 8. Details for the final three months of the Program Year are still under negotiations and will be finalized soon. As they become finalized, the specifics will be communicated on the Club website – www.azgmalumni.com – and through future newsletters.

Did you realize that our Club is approaching its 50th Anniversary in 2024? The Club started in 1974 with its first president being Frederick Limbach. Since then, the Club has thrived with many exciting events and numerous diverse and interesting members over the years. That begs the question of how well do we really know our members and Loyal Dealers? To that end, you will find an interesting quiz about our members and Loyal Dealers in this newsletter and those going forward. Check out the first quiz on page 10 and test your knowledge.

Enjoy these articles and the Ambassadors' Corner (page 9) as you read on.

Looking forward to our next newsletter update later this summer and seeing everyone again in the fall. Stay safe!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings GM Alumni,

May is right around the corner, and that means two things: 1) we completed our 2021-2022 season of GM Alumni events, and 2) some alumni are getting ready to head back to locations elsewhere in this beautiful U.S.A.

I can't say enough about how great this year was completing all of our get-togethers. We kicked off the year with a GM Alumni luncheon at Sands Chevrolet in Surprise and ended with a wonderful tour/luncheon at the Martin Car Museum in Glendale. What a fantastic collection of cars! It was great to see so many of you participate in our monthly events. Thank you for coming out to be with your GM compatriots and sharing in the excitement each event offered. This was our first complete season back following the COVID shutdown. We had great attendance, and fun was shared by all.

The GM Alumni Board met recently to continue planning next year's agenda. We look forward to kicking off the season with a dealer luncheon in November at one of our newest loyal dealers. Several other exciting events are planned for next year and will be communicated via the newsletters in the upcoming months. Stay tuned...

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 season and a new set of officers to take over the board leadership next January, we are in-need of a few club members to offer their time to become part of the board. This board is a top-notch group of people, and several members have held various positions for many years. We are looking for a new group of members to participate. Board membership does not require a lot of time (about three meetings from October to April), but it does require energy and fresh ideas for planning exciting events for our organization. Please consider volunteering your time and talents. Let me know if you have an interest in helping.

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful six months of enjoying various activities in the great state of Arizona. For those of you leaving the state, travel safely and enjoy your summer location. For those of you toughing out the summer in Arizona, stay cool!

Stay healthy and see you in the fall.

Pete Langenhorst

2021 - 2022 President

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Hello
Summer

MARCH 22, 2022 -- GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT WITH SHERIFF LAMB

On March 22nd, Club members and guests met at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort and Spa for a delicious Italian buffet, followed by a very interesting presentation by Sheriff Mark Lamb of Pinal County. Sheriff Lamb related his officers' experiences with the immigration issues along the southern border – illegal drug smuggling, human trafficking, illegal entries, property destruction, and unfortunate deaths in the desert. He is a strong proponent of border security and very concerned about the significant increase of deadly fentanyl coming into this country. He has been sharing his experiences and concerns throughout the United States.



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MARCH 22, 2022 -- GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT WITH SHERIFF LAMB (CONT'D)



Thanks to **Arrowhead Cadillac** for providing bus transportation from the west valley to Gold Canyon.



More Photos can be found at: [PowerPoint Presentation \(azgmalumni.com\)](http://PowerPoint Presentation (azgmalumni.com))

APRIL 6, 2022 -- MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM TOUR



On April 6th, Club members and guests were treated to an enlightening experience, as they toured the 150+ vehicles of all types in the new spacious venue Mel Martin has put together. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of collectible and rare automobiles from various decades for educational purposes, where visitors can experience sitting in them and opening the hoods. A number of race cars and one-of-a-kind vehicles, including a recently donated Carroll Shelby vehicle, will excite any automotive enthusiast.



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APRIL 6, 2022 -- MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM TOUR (CONT'D)



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APRIL 6, 2022 -- MARTIN AUTO MUSEUM TOUR (CONT'D)



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A TRIP TO MONUMENT VALLEY?

Monument Valley



There has been discussion recently about a possible excursion for the Club to visit the beautiful and picturesque Monument Valley in northern Arizona and Utah. After a detailed discussion of this activity, including timing, transportation, year-in-advance reservations for rooms and tours, advance payments required, and continuing cost escalations and uncertainty by the Board at its April Board Meeting, the Board has decided to drop this potential activity as a Club event.

Board Member, Jon Moss, has visited Monument Valley several times and has a significant amount of information about the park, hotels, and tours along with contacts that he would be very happy to share to assist any members who would like to undertake this adventure on their own. Jon can be reached at jmoss@cox.net or 586-484-3731.

2022 – 2023 PROGRAM YEAR EVENT PLANNING

Planning for next year's Club events is underway by your Board of Directors. At this time, events for the first three months have been finalized, while the remaining events are still in the planning stages. Once they are finalized, they will be communicated through the future newsletters and the Club's website – www.azgmalumni.com. The following events have been finalized, so you can put them on your calendars and look forward to the start of another exciting Club year starting in November 2022.

November 2022



The Club will start the 2022 – 2023 Program Year in November with a **Dealer-Sponsored Luncheon Meeting** sponsored by **Henry Brown Buick GMC**, our newest Loyal Dealer, located in the **San Tan Motorplex** in **Gilbert**. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the owners, Henry and Mimi Brown, and their staff, including our Alumni Concierge, Tom Wright. They have been in business since 1932, when Henry's grandfather opened his first dealership for Chevrolet in Mesa.

In addition to getting to know the dealership, a GM Representative, yet to be determined, will update the Club on the latest vehicle news and new vehicle programs. Plan to visit their large, spacious dealership with us in November.

December 2022



The Club will return to the **Arizona Broadway Theatre** in **Peoria** in December to enjoy a special Christmas performance along with a delicious meal. This venue has become a favorite of many Club members over the years. The specific show is yet to be announced, but it is sure to be an excellent professional production as the Club has experienced in previous years. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

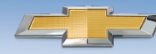
January 11, 2023



On January 11, 2023, the Club will again be privileged to hear from **Sarah Porter**, **Director of the ASU Kyle Center for Water Policy**, updating the Club on water issues as they impact the greater Phoenix area. Sarah updated the Club on water issues in January 2020, when she held the Club's rapt attention for over an hour. With all the building and expansion going on in the valley since then, her presentation should be of great significance to all in attendance and help answer many questions that members have today. The meeting will be held at the **East Valley Institute of Technology's Culinary Institute** in **Mesa**, another favorite of the Club. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. Your guests who are interested in this topic are also welcome.

The February, March, and April 2023 events are currently in the planning stages. Stay tuned for updates as they become finalized. Remember that the Board is always open to ideas our members might have regarding future meetings/events that would be of interest to our members.

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.



Alan Ray, our Alumni Concierge at Sands Chevrolet in Glendale, reports that the new car inventory situation is very challenging; however, the Corporation has advised that it should improve during the 2023 Model Year. They are now taking orders for 2023 models and offering GMS discounts on new orders of most 2023 model year vehicles. They are still not offering GMS for vehicles purchased from the lot, but hoping that will change as vehicle inventories increase.

Sands also reports that they have been awarded the bid for the Fleet Business for the State of Arizona. This means that they have the opportunity to supply Chevrolet cars, light and medium duty trucks to any government agency in the state as they determine their vehicle needs during the year. This is a great opportunity to spread the Chevrolet nameplate across a large network. Congratulations to Sands Chevrolet!



The Club's Board of Directors had the opportunity to get to know Henry and Mimi Brown at their dealership in Gilbert on April 18th as the Henry Brown Dealership hosted the Board for its April Board Meeting.

The Board was very impressed with the ease of access to their facility in this fast-growing area of the valley, their friendly staff, and their eagerness to service the customer. While there, Henry committed to host our Club for the Club's November meeting, kicking off the 2022 – 2023 Program Year. You will not want to miss the opportunity to meet the Henry Brown Staff in November and check out the new Buick and GMC vehicles.



Pete Langenhorst, Mimi & Henry Brown



The Club thanks **Arrowhead Cadillac** for providing bus transportation from the west valley to Gold Canyon for its March 22nd meeting. Robyn Schluter, the Club's concierge at Arrowhead, accompanied the group on the bus to hear the presentation of our speaker while having the opportunity to meet and exchange information with Club members. Remember to contact Robyn when you are interested in a new Cadillac. He is always available to help Club members at 602-402-9463 or rschluter@vtaig.com.

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MEMBERSHIP QUIZ -- HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR CLUB MEMBERS?

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Our Club Members and Loyal Dealers have many people with very interesting and unique life experiences. As you have come to know them at Club gatherings, you might be surprised with what you will learn. Check the list of experiences below and see how many you can connect to the correct individual on the right. Good luck!



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| _____ A bridesmaid in John & Irene Kobierowski's wedding 55 years ago | A. Michael Losh |
| _____ As a 2.5 year old child, lived six years in a WWII Nazi Labor Camp | B. Hal Hubbard |
| _____ Photo was featured on the front cover of <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine. | C. Karen Barnes |
| _____ Resides in Florida, but attends a Club meeting in AZ every year | D. Pat Stoner |
| _____ Was a stuntman and V.P. of the Universal Stuntman Association | E. Buzz Sands |
| _____ Danced at the White House as a member of the "Dancin Grannies" | F. Jim Harshman |
| _____ Retired as GM Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President | G. Jon Moss |
| _____ Father, a rancher & businessman owned the Manistee Ranch | H. John Kobierowski |

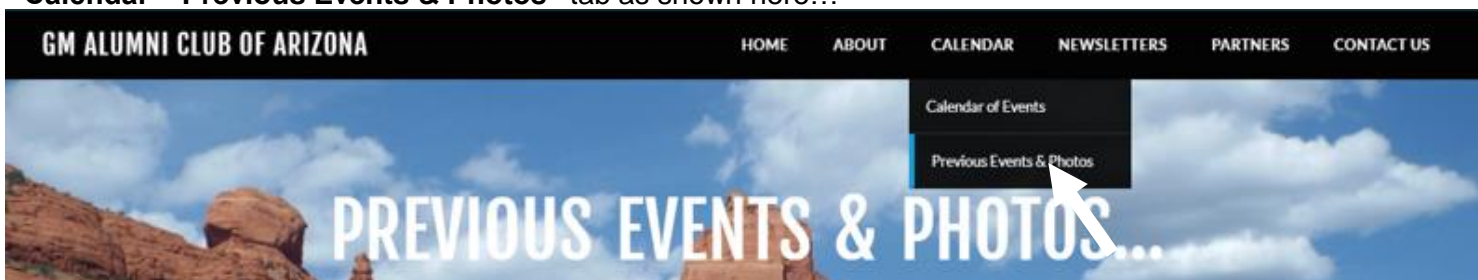
Watch for the next newsletter from the Club for the answers to this quiz and another quiz for your challenge.

Do you have something of interest that you would like to share in a future **Member Quiz**? If so, just email Roxanne Steffe at rsteffe1@comcast.net with the information that will stump our membership.

We enjoy good times with friends, new and old, as we share our individual legacy with General Motors while experiencing the rich bounty of Arizona.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE CLUB WEBSITE RECENTLY?

Are you aware that the Club's Website – www.azgmalumni.com – contains photos from all of the Club's events since October 18, 2016 – a total of 44 events over 6 years? These can easily be reviewed by clicking on the “Calendar – Previous Events & Photos” tab as shown here...



Then scrolling and clicking on any of the meeting advertisements will yield a series of photos from that particular event...

2020 - 2021 Program Year Events

Golf Team Scramble
April 14, 2021
PebbleCreek
Eagle's Nest Golf Course
3645 Clubhouse Dr, Goodyear, AZ 85395
7:30 am Registration – Tee Times starting at 8:00 am
With Luncheon & Awards to follow

**Cost: \$75.00 Members
\$80.00 Guests**

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Registrations Due by April 1, 2021

CLUB DINNER CRUISE
Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake
Wednesday, April 7, 2021

4:30 pm Check-in
5:00 pm Cruise Departs
8:00 pm Cruise Returns

**Cost: \$55.00 Member
\$75.00 Guest**
Registration Date Extended
Registrations and Final Payments Due by **March 1, 2021**

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Bus Provided from West Valley
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Pickup location and time yet to be determined

Give it a try and bring back memories.

The website also contains all Club Newsletters since January 2013 – a total of 67 newsletters. These are easily accessed under the “Newsletters” tab as shown here...



The Club Website contains much more information – general information about the Club, membership information, our future calendar of events, our partnership information with our Loyal GM Dealers in the area and much more. Take some time to check it out, and stay current with the latest information about the Club.

Check it out at www.azgmalumni.com.