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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

I hope everyone is having a good summer wherever you may be – staying at home, spending time with family, traveling within the state, traveling the USA, or traveling overseas. I am sure that whatever has occurred this summer, we will all have stories to share with fellow Club members as we look forward to getting back together soon for our 2022 – 2023 Program Year.

The Board has finalized plans for the November, December, and January events, with events for the remainder of the year still being finalized. You will find information regarding the upcoming events on page 3. Now is the time to place these dates on your calendar, giving you something to look forward to in the near future. These events will kick off another entertaining and interesting year for our Club's members and guests. As more information and details are finalized for upcoming events, they can always be found on the Club's website at www.azgmalumni.com.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Ready to start the 2022 - 2023 Program Year
- * Another great year planned for the 2022 - 2023 Program Year
- * Ambassadors' Corner Provides Loyal Dealer Information Updates
- * Check Out the Membership and Loyal Dealer Quiz

As we look forward to kicking off the new program year in November with a Dealer-Sponsored Luncheon at our newest Loyal Dealer – Henry Brown Buick GMC in Gilbert, let us remember how our Loyal Dealers are always available to serve the needs of our Club members. In response, let us continue to support these dealers whether it be for vehicle purchases or service. Save the November 8th date and be there to learn more about the Henry Brown dealership and show a large Club support for them. See [pages 2 and 3 of the April 2021 newsletter](#) for more information regarding the Henry Brown dealership. Information from other Loyal Dealers can be found in The Ambassadors' Corner found on pages 4 and 5.

Remember the Membership and Loyal Dealer Quiz that appeared in the last newsletter? How do you think you did in answering the questions? You can find the answers to that quiz on page 6. Since there are many other interesting things we can learn about our Loyal Dealers and Club Members, you will find another interesting quiz on Page 7, which will have answers provided in the next newsletter.

As we approach the start of a new program year, it is time to again renew your membership for this coming year with a due date of November 1, with a renewal form found on Page 8.

Looking forward to our next newsletter update in October and seeing everyone again at the November Luncheon Meeting.

Stay safe!

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings GM Alumni,

Summer is in full swing and I trust all of you are enjoying this time to catch up with family and friends. This year my wife, Beth, and I decided to be out of AZ more than in, visiting states such as MT, WY, ID, OR, MI, and GA. We still have NC and FL to go! Whether it's travel, nightly cocktail hours with friends, or golfing on new or familiar courses, make it your best and most enjoyable time!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter in April, your board is preparing for the 2022-2023 season, and a new set of officers will take over the board leadership in January. As a reminder, we are in need of a few club members to offer their time to become part of the board. We are hoping for a new group of members to participate. Board membership provides opportunities for greater camaraderie and satisfaction in getting to know the Club members better and seeing everyone enjoy the monthly meetings and events. It does not require an abundance of time (we average four meetings per year), but it does require energy and fresh ideas for planning and implementing exciting events for our organization. We look forward to hearing from you.

We opened last year's fall schedule of events with a dealership luncheon. We are planning the same type of event this year at the Henry Brown Buick GMC dealership in Gilbert in November. This is followed by our annual lunch and Christmas performance at the Arizona Broadway Theater in December, and "speaker series" lunch at the EVIT in January. Already a great line up of events to kick off the 2022-2023 GM Alumni season! We can't wait.

With schools starting soon and football season just around the corner, fall will be here before we know it, and in Arizona, fall is a wonderful time of the year!

On behalf of the entire board, stay healthy and active, and see you in a few months.

Pete Langenhorst

2021 - 2022 President

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2022 – 2023 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS

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. Everyone is encouraged to put these dates on their calendars and look forward to the start of another exciting Club year starting on November 8, 2022.

November 8, 2022



The Club begins the 2022 – 2023 Program Year on **November 8, 2022** 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, **Michael Gordon, Buick & GMC Zone Sales Manager** 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 8, 2022



The Club will return to the **Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria** on **December 8, 2022** to enjoy the special Christmas performance of the musical **"A Christmas Carol"** along with a delicious meal.

Everyone's favorite curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge returns to the ABT stage! This lavish and thrilling Broadway adaptation of Charles Dickens' story breathes fantastic new life into the classic tale of Christmas tidings and heart-warming generosity. Join your fellow Club members and guests to see Tiny Tim, Jacob Marley, and Bob Cratchit as they sing Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens's beloved favorites, including *"A Jolly Good Time," "Christmas Together,"* and *"Happy Christmas."* This is a must-see production to get in the Christmas mood!

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 Arizona and 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 and guests may 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 them.

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.



2023 CADILLAC LYRIQ EV

Arrowhead Cadillac is getting ready for its first delivery of the new 2023 All-Electric Cadillac LYRIQ. Deliveries will be slow as expected. The delivery process will be done in a three tier approach highlighting the vehicle, but also insuring at-home charging will be ready. Supplies of other Cadillac models are starting to flow better, but still not enough to fill the pipeline. If you have any questions regarding new models or deliveries, feel free to contact your GM Alumni Concierge, **Robyn Schluter**.



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Hello GM alumni from Courtesy Chevrolet!

In this new era of cars being sold and serviced post pandemic, Courtesy is finding the challenge of hiring more Technicians, like you probably have heard from other dealership locations. So we invite you to let anyone you know in the business that we are hiring Technicians and in our Body Shop.

This is a very exciting time in the automotive industry. Our Chevrolet inventory does continue to slowly grow, but mostly New vehicles are being ordered and purchased in advance. We are looking forward to the many EV models coming out from Chevrolet and encourage you to see all the EV options online at [Chevrolet Electric Vehicles in Phoenix AZ | Courtesy Chevrolet EV](#) and our other [OEM relationships](#).

We have a good inventory of Used vehicles, and we are purchasing Used vehicles more often now due to past inventory challenges. So, we are always in the market to purchase your Used GM vehicle.

Courtesy's family of over 750 employees remains optimistic and, of course, would assist you in any Sales or Service needs. We have not had many GM rebates; however, we do have the GM Military and Health Care discounts, including Teachers and First Responders. Plus we have our Chevrolet Certified Service Discounts online. Courtesy remains committed to the Valley families and GM alumni seeking information and assistance. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our General Manager, Jay Schmidtke, and/or our Courtesy Cares Team, Chris Winkler or Jessica Ogunjobi at 602-279-3232 or www.CourtesyChev.com.

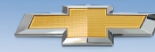
Thank you again for your years of service, and stay cool during the summer sun.

Your Courtesy Chevrolet family... **Chris Winkler, GM Alumni Concierge** at Courtesy Chevrolet / Automotive Group, 602-344-3186.



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AMBASSADORS' CORNER CONT'D



Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC continue to support the GM Alumni Club of Arizona in many ways. Here you will find their current specials for Club members and the GM Alumni Concierge to contact if you have any questions...

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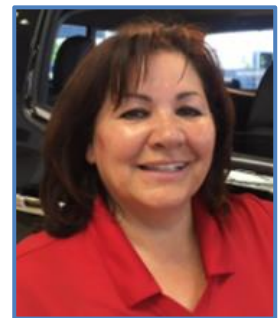
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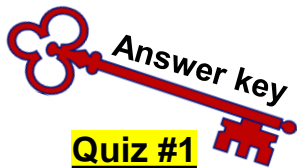


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MEMBERSHIP QUIZ #1 – HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR CLUB MEMBERS?



Here are the answers you have been waiting for from the quiz on page 10 of the last Newsletter. Check your answers; see how you scored; and learn more about our club members. *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.*

From Mar-Apr 2022 Club Reporter

Key	Member Name	Highlights & Where to look for additional information...
C.	Karen Barnes	A bridesmaid in John & Irene Kobierowski's wedding 55 years ago. Likewise, Irene was a bridesmaid in Karen's wedding about that many years ago. John and Irene are the long time friends that would, many years later, introduce Karen and Tom to the GM Alumni Club of AZ.
H.	John Kobierowski	As a 2.5 year old child, lived six years in a WWII Nazi Labor Camp. John's parents/family courageously gave refuge to a French soldier and hid him on their family farm in Poland from the approaching German Army. <i>Look for more in a future Club Reporter.</i>
G.	Jon Moss	Photo was featured on the front cover of Hot Rod magazine. Jon's illustrious career as Special Vehicle Group Manager includes many high profile moments with Dale Earnhardt, Jay Leno, Tim Allen and Greg Norman - "The Shark". For more, see the January 2013 Club Reporter, pages 7 and 8.
F.	Jim Harshman	Resides in Florida, but returns for a Club meeting in AZ every year. Jim served as Club President & The Club Reporter Editor for many years. His wife, Diane, also served as The Club Reporter Publisher. They relocated to FL in 2017. <i>For more, see the March 2017 Club Reporter.</i>
B.	Hal Hubbard	Was a stuntman and V.P. of the Universal Stuntman Association. As a side job, Hal was a "Stuntman" from 1981 - 1991 and V.P. of the Universal Stuntman Association. He and his group performed in shows and held live stunt performances. <i>For more, see the January 2013 Club Reporter, pages 4 and 5.</i>
D.	Patricia Stoner	Danced at the White House as a member of the "Dancin Grannies." Pat 's experience included First Lady Barbara Bush wrapping her arms around Pat and inviting the ladies into the White House for their own private personal tour. <i>For more, see the March 2013 Club Reporter, pages 5 and 6.</i>
A.	Michael Losh	Retired as GM Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President. For more on his distinguished career and 36 years with General Motors, see https://www.autoweek.com/news/a2127231/gm-vpcf0-michael-losh-retire/ and https://www.crainsdetroit.com/static/mostconnected/people/3363485/j-michael-losh.html
E.	Buzz Sands, Owner Sands Chevrolet	Father, a rancher & businessman owned the Manistee Ranch, Glendale, AZ Buzz's father, developed techniques for rotating cattle pastures to work within the limits of the land and much more to advance the livelihood for the Glendale Community. <i>For more on their esteemed history, Google Manistee Ranch.</i>

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.

MEMBERSHIP QUIZ #2 – HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR CLUB MEMBERS?

And now for Quiz #2 ...

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Our Club Members and Loyal Dealers have very interesting and unique life experiences. As you 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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| _____ Her father was a member of the Club before she and her husband became members. | A. Tim Schlax |
| _____ This couple met in Kindergarten. | B. Bill & Val Crump |
| _____ Received the GM President's Award from Rick Wagoner in 2018. | C. Autumn Henderson |
| _____ Earned a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). | D. Sue Smeets |
| _____ Worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. | E. Alan Steffe |
| _____ This couple has traveled to all 50 states. | F. Jim & Loraine Mottern |
| _____ Grew up working at Liberty. Now is Dealer Owner of Liberty Buick & Liberty GMC. | G. Kathy Irwin |
| _____ Webmaster of our Club's Website. | H. Ron Terry |

Watch for the next newsletter from the Club for the answers to this quiz.

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GM Alumni Club of Arizona

2022-2023 Membership Application/Renewal

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: _____ Spouse's E-mail: _____

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

Special interests or hobbies? _____

☐ **New Member:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00 *(Includes Name Badges for new members)*

☐ GM or GM Affiliate Salaried Retiree or Alumni or Surviving Spouse

☐ Associate Member sponsored by _____

(Member Name)

How did you hear about the Club? _____

☐ **Member Renewal:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00 *(Includes Name Badges for new members)*

☐ **Member Renewal:** Life member (no cost) ☐ Age 90 by 11/01/2022

☐ Pre 2011 Club President

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Make checks payable to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona)

Drop off completed application/renewal and check at the Welcome Table at any meeting, or

mail to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona

c/o Hal Hubbard

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Membership Renewals due by November 1, 2022, becoming delinquent if not paid by December 1, 2022.

Note: Above information will be used for Club purposes only and not sold. Your signature allows your picture to be used as part of Club Newsletters and promotions.

Any questions may be directed to Hal Hubbard at (623) 256-8938.

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