

# Headliner

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## WELCOME 2015

### Message from your President

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and pray that each of you had a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to serving all of you this coming year. Likewise, I look forward to working with our Governing Board to continue making our Cars Club of Sun Cities (Club) a well-respected Club and at the same time a fun Club. In order for this to happen, I will continue to seek input and help from all of you. I will endeavor to keep you informed about various happenings in the Club and to set forth some of the problems that, as I see it, we are facing.

We have over 70 Couples and over 25 Single members in our Club. When I consider each Single/Couple and that each Single/Couple would own at least one Show Car, I come up with at least 95 Show Cars in our Club. Ninety-five (95) is a very conservative number, since I know that many of our members have more than one car. Even with 95 Show Cars, we seem to have had difficulties, in the past, in getting enough Show Cars to fill our contractual quotes. Keep in mind; we make a Contract with a Business/Client to provide an agreed upon, predetermined number of cars at a cost of \$10.00/car to the Business/Client. We further agree to show the cars for a predefined period of time on an established date. If we fail to follow through with the terms of the Contract, we effectively have broken the Contract and the reasons for breaking the Contract must be addressed. This not only creates problems between our Club and the Business/Client, it also makes our Club seem untrustworthy.

All Car Shows are noted in the monthly News Letter, along with who to call in order to Sign-Up for an upcoming show. Once you have registered for a Car Show, please make a personal reminder so that you don't inadvertently forget to show up at the scheduled Car Show. I know that I have to make a personal reminder for myself, otherwise, I can be guilty of forgetting meeting, etc. If you are having problems getting signed up for a Car Show, please let me know about it and I will attempt to help correct the problem. We, the Governing Board, are looking at ways to permit Members to show their Cars as alternates and get credit for showing their cars) to meet the required number of Car Shows for the year Currently 2). When showing as an Alternate, you would not get a Token. Again, we are trying to overcome any hang-ups in our system.

In order to try to keep this letter reasonably short, I will close with the following comments. I know that all of us are busy and, most likely, involved in many other clubs/activities. All clubs/activities normally require some degree of time commitment. Our Club is no different than other clubs/activities. I joined our Club to aid a friend, meet new people, see and enjoy older cars, and hopefully help the Club. In view of the above, I am asking each of you this very important question --- Why Did You Join This Club?

I would be interested in hearing your reasons. Please send your responses to me at the following e-mail address: [rvtravelerb@netscape.net](mailto:rvtravelerb@netscape.net)

Again, I look forward to a great, fun year serving you as your Club President.

J. W. Burrows --- Cell 309-453-3906 Home 623-815-8337

## Editor's Note:

Another year is about to start. New Year's resolutions are going to be made and most of them broken. But that's OK. Life goes on and we survive somehow. One resolution I hope you all make is to become more involved in the **C.A.R.S. Club**. It's a good time to resolve to get those *Classics, Antiques, Repros and Sentimental* vehicles uncovered shined up and on the road to take part in the car shows, dinners, and other events your fellow club members have been working so hard on to make this club one of the best in the West valley. As you know the C.A.R.S. Club of Sun Cities voted to make a change in the qualification of vehicles allowed to join the club. Now model year vehicles dating from 1980 and earlier are welcome to join. If you know of anyone who has a vehicle that will now qualify for membership under the new bylaws invite them to a board meeting.

## TOP FIVE ODDEST CLASSIC CAR FEATURES

By: Matt Lewis Anyone who has purchased a car has likely been overwhelmed by the list of features on the window sticker. Over the years, there have been some pretty imaginative features offered right from the dealership. Here are five of the more unique examples.

**Lightning Rods Shifter – [1984 Oldsmobile Hurst](#):** The perfect option for any automotive enthusiast who just can't get enough levers, the Lightning Rods shifter walks a very strange line between a typical automatic and a full ratchet shifter. As goofy as it may look, Lightning Rods have no problem putting the power to the ground.

**Swivel Seats – [1975 Chevrolet Laguna S3](#):** It's a wonder that more cars weren't offered with swiveling seats, seeing as those troublesome stationary seats are always such a bother to get in and out of. While the swivel seat was designed for easy egress, an added benefit is that your vinyl won't wear out nearly as quickly.



**Highway Hi-Fi record player – [1957 Chrysler 300](#):** The Highway Hi-Fi did its best to combat the needle scratching your precious 45s. Not only is there a generous amount of suspension built into the record player, the pressure placed on the needle was known to prematurely wear records out.

**Rim Blow Steering Wheel – [1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429](#):** In a time before road rage, Ford, AMC, Chrysler, and GM all thought it would be much better to get rid of the pesky horn button and just have drivers squeeze the wheel. One major defect of the Rim Blow was shrinkage... which caused the horn to sound all the time.

**"His and Hers" Shifter (Hurst Dual/Gate) – [1969 Oldsmobile Hurst 442](#):** One of the more sexist options to be offered on a car (to date), the Hurst Dual/Gate shifter was branded as the "His and Hers" shifter. The theory here was women wouldn't want to be bothered by changing gears while driving. This option allowed the driver to kick the stick over and access all three gears "manually."

# Jay Leno Gives Wounded Veteran a 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat

By: Stephen Edelstein

Most people show their support for veterans with thank yous, patriotic bumper sticker, and small charity donations. But Jay Leno isn't most people. The former talk-show host and all around car fanatic recently took a wounded veteran for a ride in a **2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat**, then tossed him the keys.

Leno wanted to do something that would bring a little fun into a veteran's life as part of *The Today Show's* ongoing Shine A Light series. So he gave Corporal Ethan Leberge a ride in the Hellcat - then gave him the car. Leberge was injured in a suicide-bomber attack in Afghanistan that also killed two soldiers. He sustained shrapnel wounds to his left leg and arm, and suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Leno said that when he meets soldiers he finds that they're often "worlds apart", but he and Leberge quickly bonded over their mutual love of cars, and Leberge jumped at the chance to take a ride in the Hellcat. Leno has found plenty of *nice things to say about the Hellcat* in the past, and Leberge was - not surprisingly - impressed by the 707 horsepower muscle car as well.

"I wouldn't mind having one of these," he said, after which Leno handed him the keys.

"America loves you," Leno said, "Thanks you buddy. Have lots of fun. Don't get any tickets." Leberge said he couldn't promise that, and who could blame him?



## **THIS COULD HAPPEN IN ARIZONA**

### **California Bill to Create "Road Usage fee" Pilot Program Signed into Law**

Courtesy SEMA Action Network (SAN)

*Legislation (S.B. 1077)* to establish an advisory committee to study a road usage fee was signed into law by California Governor Jerry Brown. Under the new law, the group will propose the tax as an alternative to the gas tax and make recommendations on the design of a pilot program.

According to supporters, a road usage fee will distribute the gas tax burden across all vehicles regardless of fuel source and minimize the impact of the current regressive gas tax structure. According to opponents, the law will penalize national efforts to create a more fuel efficient vehicle fleet by taxing drivers based on vehicle mileage. As gas tax revenues decrease due to hybrid and electric vehicle ownership, states are looking for new sources of funding for pet projects.

#### **Note from Headliner Editor:**

*Your Federal Government is currently exploring a similar plan which is said to impose a \$0.15 per mile driven tax on all vehicles nationwide.*

### **Did You Know Dept.....**

Starting in 2018, all new vehicles are required to have a backup camera so drivers can see in the blind spot behind them. So no more children needlessly may suffer or die. This will also help those of us who have a difficult time turning our neck around to look out the back window of our cars.

### **White Remains Most Popular Color For New Cars in 2014**

By: Viknesh Vijayenthiran

It appears new car shoppers aren't very original when it comes to picking colors. According to *vehicle paint giant PPG Industries*, white was the most popular color for new cars for the fourth straight year.

## ACTIVITIES

**LADIES LUNCHEON - Monday January 19, 2015 11:30 A.M. at The Big Buddha,** 16572 W. Greenway Rd., Suite 115, Surprise, AZ 85388. Phone# 623-266-3328. Seating will be at the Enclosed Patio. RSVP TO: Janice Marineau - Phone # 623-875-2001 so she can give a head count to the restaurant two (2) days before.

## CAR SHOWS

**Signup: Connie & Herb Carson: 623-337-4515 or [hhccc-1@juno.com](mailto:hhccc-1@juno.com)**

**[Jan & Dean's Plus Sun Health Car Show](#) - Friday, January 30, 2015 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the La Ronde Center—14675 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ  
50 cars, Paid: Yes. There will be "Tube Steaks & Drinks" (soft that is). You must register with Herb & Connie Carson @ 623-337-4515. Yes folks, we need 50 cars, so get off that couch, out of that recliner & on your "Elderly Feet" - Shine & Show'em. Make this our big one!!!!**

**[7th Annual C.A.R.S. Club Valentine's Party / Show](#) - Saturday, February 14, 2015 - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.. Church of the Palms, Southeast corner of Boswell and 103rd Ave. Food will be provided by the church and the cost to guests will be \$7.00 each. To register call Herb Carson at 623-337-4515 - [hhccc-1@juno.com](mailto:hhccc-1@juno.com) or Burch Pickett at 623-556-4488 - [riverlv@cox.net](mailto:riverlv@cox.net).**

## Cruise Nights

**Sam's Club, 16573 W. Bell Rd, Surprise - (Bell Rd. just East of 303) Friday evenings 5:30 P.M.**

**NAME BADGE NOTICE:** - The Board encourages club members to wear their name badges to all meetings, car shows and events.

**Name Badge Replacement Policy:** The first name badge for new members is "free". Replacement name badges, for any reason, can be replaced at a cost of \$5.00 per badge or \$5.00 in tokens.

**Board Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month except December**

**Meetings start at 2:00 P.M.**

Board Meetings for 2015 are as follows: January 26, 2015, February 23, 2015, March 23, 2015, April 27, 2015

**No meetings May, June or July**

August 24, 2015, September 28, 2015, October 26, 2015, November 23, 2015, December 28, 2015

Board Meeting Location is at Sunshine Service Building, 9980 Santa Fe Dr., Sun City, AZ.

(North of Grand Ave., & West of 99th Ave.)

**All Club Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings**

**SUNSHINE LADY**  
Judy Stout -- (623-566-1191)

Maryann Lemley is recovering from foot surgery

**"ALL CLUB MEMBERS"**

C.A.R.S. Club of Sun Cities is a member of the  
Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council  
Go to: [www.azautohobbyist.com](http://www.azautohobbyist.com) for more information.  
Meetings held 1st Tuesday of the month - 7:00 P.M,  
Check website for exact time and place.

## For Sale

**Original V-8 V-12 V-16 Cadillac - La Salle Shop Manual**, Copyright 1931,  
Very Good to Excellent Condition. Asking \$425.00, contact Rip Fenner at **623-933-6272**  
or **coppercricket@cox.net** for further information.

**1973 Ford Mustang Conv., P/S, P/B, AC Very Nice. Asking \$21,000.00.**  
**Contact Bruce Lewis 623-972-4893**

**Home for Sale:** 11159 W. Cinnebar Ave., Sun City. Car collector's dream in Rancho Estates! Beautifully remodeled and expanded Annapolis on nearly one acre with a 10-car garage or RV storage facility. Open floor plan. The kitchen is a showpiece with gorgeous center island, pendant lighting, cherry cabinets and granite countertops. Formal living and dining areas along with comfortable Arizona room adjacent to kitchen allows you to sit back, sip your morning coffee and take in the shaded oasis of your back yard and patio space. Perfectly shaded morning/evening patio is large enough for a get-together on a grand scale. Expansive grounds, RV garage with full bath and shop are for the car buff. RV enthusiast or just puttering around. All appliances convey along with a one-year American Home Shield home warranty. Priced to sell, must be seen before it is gone! For more information and no-obligation showing, Call Kurt Mayer 623-217-7886 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. See photos on the web site.

**Home for Sale 9914 W. Willowcreek Cir., Sun City, AZ.** This property has the potential for a detached garage (toy box). The house is a 2 br., 2 ba, 2 car garage, (expanded Yankee) separate laundry and work/store room. The land is 18,428 sq. ft. with enough room and access for a large detached garage. Great access to the detached garage from Willowcreek. I also own the property next door at 9910 Willowcreek where I built a 30X40 detached garage, which I occupy. Roger 602-684-3457

**"REGALIA FOR SALE"**

Sweatshirt.....\$18.00    Sport Shirt.....\$16.00  
Jacket.....\$40.00    Cap.....\$10.00  
Hat Pin.....\$3.00    Magnetic Sign.....\$5.00 ea.  
Sizes: Small to X-Large (Some XXL Items)  
Purchase items with Cash and / or Tokens  
Contact: Judy or George Stout at 623-566-1191

**"C.A.R.S. CLUB NEEDS MEMBERS  
CORRECT INFORMATION"**

If you have changed your address, phone number,  
email address, etc. contact:  
Burch Pickett at [riverlv@coxnet.com](mailto:riverlv@coxnet.com) or  
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## **Pay Your Dues by January 15, 2015**

***If you want to be included in the Club Roster.***

Dues for 2015 are:

Newsletter from the Website: Single - \$15.00, Couple - \$30.00

Hard copy of the Newsletter sent to your home: Single - \$35.00,  
Couple - \$50.00

Cash or Check: Make payable to **C.A.R.S. Club of Sun Cities.**

Send to Bruce Lewis, 10842 W. Wedgewood Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351

**Checkout the C.A.R.S. Club website at  
<http://www.carsofscaz.weebly.com>**

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