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\$40 million car country club development expects to open in February



Luxury cars with Apex Motor Club branding. Provided by Apex Motor Club

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Construction has started in Pinal County on a \$40 million project being billed as the Valley's first "motorsports country club."

Crews broke ground in October on the first phase of the Apex Motor Club near Highway 347 and State Route 238 in Maricopa. The project will include 2.27-mile race track, which is expected to be finished in February.

The rest of the project, which will include another 2.15-mile track, numerous garage condominiums for car storage, a clubhouse and a multi-purpose building, will be finished during the next three years.

[The development sits on 280 acres south of Phoenix](#) the Apex group bought from El Dorado Holdings, one of Arizona's top real estate owners.

Apex Motor Club is owned by Private Motorsports Group, a Scottsdale-based company run by car enthusiast and entrepreneur [Jason Plotke](#). RJT Cos. is working on the project as the general contractor.



Private Motorsports Group and city of Maricopa officials at an Apex Motor Club groundbreaking event in Maricopa. Provided by Apex Motor Club

The project has high-profile backers, including Indy Car Driver and NBC Sports commentator [Paul Tracy](#), two-time Indy 500 Winner [Arie Luyendyk Sr.](#) and [Craig Jackson](#), CEO of the Barrett-Jackson Collector [Car Auction](#).

“The Valley is a mecca for car enthusiasts, and Apex Motor Club is an incredible opportunity for not only myself, as an avid car collector to take my cars out on the track, but for anyone passionate about cars to do so as well,” Jackson said in a statement. “It will be an amazing, safe location to gather with enthusiasts.”

Memberships to the Apex club are on sale with prices ranging from \$30,000 to \$75,000.

“Apex is a first-of-its-kind automobile country club for the greater Phoenix area, and to bring it here to Maricopa where hall of famers, car collectors and car enthusiasts can drive their prized possessions around a first-class facility,” Maricopa Mayor [Christian Price](#) said in a statement. “It is a huge win for not only the city of Maricopa but also for Arizona and the entire Southwest region.”

Price and the Maricopa City Council have [supported the project since](#) it was announced in 2016. The council and the Maricopa Planning and Zoning Commission both approved the project unanimously.

Not everyone in the city is happy about it. A lawsuit filed against Maricopa by resident Bonita Burks regarding the project's zoning [is waiting for petition for review](#) from the Arizona Supreme Court. Both the city and Private Motorsports Group have asked the court not to hear the case.

Multiple lawsuits have been filed by Maricopa residents regarding the project's zoning process and because they fear it will bring unwanted noise and traffic to the community.

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