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Comments or just want to chat,
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President's Message and Comments

Welcome to our time of year. Events here in the desert are at a frantic pace to get the shows in and the fund raisers raising before the heat sets in and all of our attentions are concentrated on going up north or up east or anywhere up there and out of the heat. The rest of the country is waking from their winter slumber and taking the covers off the hot rods to just get ready for a warm, dry day so they can show off the ironware that has been in mothballs for the past six or seven months.

I still have faint, fairly dimming memories of snow falling. I remember big silver dollar sized flakes floating from the heavens and coating the countryside in that fluffy white blanket. I moved to the desert 30 years ago to get out of that sloppy gray slush, yet it seems that the brain synapses are still regaling me with feelings of rapidly melting snowball particles slowly sliding down my shoulder blades and freezing the bejeezies out of my spine and soaking my underclothes with icy wet water. I recall my fingers actually burning like fire from freezing snow as I foolishly continued the snowball fight even though my hands were red and raw from the continuous assault of the frosty slushy snow as it dripped down my forearms and mercilessly brought my skin closer to the dangerous temperature that would allow frostbite to set in. My mind is so completely crystal clear on these feelings that I can't hardly believe that three decades plus have passed since I was in any sort of blizzard and I have rigorously avoided traveling anywhere that would cause me to even look at snow covered peaks in the distance. Snow covered peaks, silver dollar sized flakes, fluffy white blanket, oh wait, that was at my house 6 weeks ago.

It is the time of year to figure where you are headed this summer. Most people I have talked to have at least one long trip planned. It might seem a little dumb to get excited now about a trip in August, but if you want a hotel in the same zip code as the show, now is the time to speak up.

If you haven't been on one of these trips, you are missing out on an incredible experience. Our club meetings are nice and the greetings are pleasant, but it is another completely different level of communication to head off across country in 60 or 70 year old cars with like minded friends. You remove yourself from nearly everything you identify yourself with and just commune with fellow travelers. Every gas stop, every restaurant stop, every motel stop finds you being hot rodding ambassadors. I get a chance to say hello to members at the club functions, but it is after one of these trips that I actually identify with them. Some people are very standoffish at first, not knowing what to expect, but once they find out we are all a little insane, then the fun can begin. I know my own personality is such that I start out real slow, building up a little charge and then just fizzle out all together.

The majority of the people that live in this wonderful country will never even get the chance to ride in a street rod, much less own one and the idea of driving it on a hundred mile trip, or a thousand mile trip, or a six thousand mile trip is incomprehensible. There you are, buying gas in Podunk, Middle America talking to the locals that normally wouldn't say anything to the tourists who travel through other than to point out the restrooms. When a half dozen or so street rods show up, The smiles get huge and they just can't wait to ask you all about where you are headed and what kind, year, type of car is that and you going where? You just answer the questions and show off the car, smiling, with the knowledge that this trip is barely one quarter through.

I'm not saying you must travel in multiple time zones to have fun, but why even own one of these cars without sharing your joy with the rest of the world? You gotta drive em.

May Birthdays



Brad Boland	5/2
Herb Kitchener	5/8
Fred Kunze	5/8
Clark Sypherd	5/22
Donna Bailey-Wilkins	5/22
Fred Elston	5/27
Ann Stubert	5/28
Paul Nolte	5/29
Bill Wilkins	5/30

May Anniversaries



Terry & Barb Scott	5/2
Paul & Judy Nolte	5/7
Larry & Shirley Savi	5/8
Dave & Shirley Pierce	5/16
Steve & Cindy Bryant	5/18
Larry & Brenda Besore	5/24
Tom & Peggy Noble	5/29
Mike & Patty Manley	5/30

Think you have a interesting idea for a one day putt, bring it up at the next meeting.

Carol Du Bois is collecting pull tabs from cans. They are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring your tabs to the OTHG meetings and continue helping this great cause.

Ten Commandments For The Car Collector

May: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.

FOR SALE

1941 Packard 110 Special – Pretty much complete \$1000.00. Contact Cliff Bailey (928) 245-8501

1939 Ford Standard 2 door sedan, restored from frame up to original excellent condition, runs like new, black with wide white walls. \$ 18,700 OBO
 Call Romeo Home (623) 536-5522
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At night when the lights go out in the 18 guest rooms at the Ronald McDonald House, not everyone is able to sleep. Moms and dads are often kept awak by worries about their child's health and the financial responsibilities associated with a serious illness. When a family is faced with a serious illness of one of their children, their lives change. When they have to come to a strange city for their child's treatment, it usually means they leave their family support system behind, are forced to take leave of absence from jobs, and are faced with the reality of long days and nights by their child's bedside. The financial obligations could be frightening. It is for these families that Ronald McDonald House exists. They opened their doors in 1981 and since their beginning, one thing remains the same; they are standing with open arms, offering families of seriously ill children comfort and shelter.

Last year, families laid their heads on their pillows 13,326 times. In addition to lodging, the Ronald McDonald House offers a place where families can relax, cook, do laundry, check e-mail and perhaps most importantly, receive emotional support from other families facing similar situations. Here they find cheery rooms, well-stocked kitchens, a laundry room, play rooms, gardens, and a team of understanding staff and volunteers.

On behalf of all the children and their families, they thank you for helping continue to make Ronald McDonald House a "home away from home. " They do appreciate every tab you collect so let's show them what the OTHG is really about and flood them with pull tabs.

Copper Country Cruise 2006

Saturday, April 8, 2006 will be a day to remember for many OTHG club members. It was the day we had the most cars ever show up for a show. A whooping 25 hot rods participated in the Copper Country Cruise in Globe this year. The weather was beautiful, the food was great, the people were friendly, and the cause was one of our favorites, the Globe/Miami Habitat for Humanity.

For the early bird volunteer gang members that arrived Friday, the trip was very pleasant. Jim bought our lunches and then it was off to stuff goodie bags and sort t-shirts. From there we checked into the motel. We are looking at a change here because the last couple of years the host motel has given a few gang members a bad time and this year was no exception.

Friday evening the fire department held a BBQ at the Southwest Gas building. It consisted of free hamburgers, potato chips, all the condiments, and drinks. Those pre registered were invited to partake of the goodies. From there it was a police escorted cruise around the corner to the Sonic Drive Inn for a free ice cream sundae. Again this year we packed the place with cars. This year the Sonic picked one of the cars that was there for their choice as the hottest hot rod. After several votes, Fred Kunze got the nod. Congrats to Fred. From the Sonic it was off to a good night's sleep in preparation for an early and busy Saturday morning.

Saturday morning came early. We were at the show area around 6:30 and setting up tables, chairs, and some were at the church helping with the free breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and sausage. By 7:15 or so we were ready for the crowds. All in all, I heard 112 cars registered for the show. I guess when you combine outstanding weather, good food, and a fabulous cause, people are driven to participate. Ron the DJ spun the oldies all day. Greenway Auto gave us t-shirts to give away as door prizes during the day. Our own Ron James was there pumping out the pop corn like crazy. Paul and Judy were selling event t-shirts and Carol Du Bois and others were making sure that registration went smoothly.

The awards ceremony started around 2:00 PM. Larry and Brenda's 37 Chevy got an award for best flames presented by the fire department and Ken and Carol Du Bois won one for the Builder's Choice. The ceremony went quickly as they were donating house number 6 that afternoon and wanted all the cars to be a part of the dedication, and especially those of the OTHG since the house was dubbed the Over The Hill Gang House.

A police escort paraded us to the dedication. After several pictures were taken of the gang members by the house the dedication ceremony began. At one point, the wife and mother of five whom the house was given to, read a poem she had written for the occasion. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The OTHG members were praised for all their support over the years and were given hat pins. Carol Du Bois presented the family with a welcome sign to hang on their door. Cookies and drinks were available. It was a great experience to see the joy it brought to this family. YA SHOULDA BEEN THERE!!!!!!!!!!

I want to thank the OTHG members and friends who have helped with the Globe habitat benefit show the past few years. Your help by attending or volunteering to work the show, has made a big impact on peoples lives. Those of us who attended the dedication of the latest home will probably never take our home, and life style for granted again. It was a very rewarding and emotional event that we were fortunate to share. It was probably very uncomfortable for the family to share such a personal moment with 40 strangers. I don't believe there was dry eye in the group as the mother of the 5 children who were moving into the new home read a poem she had written, very touching. They were a very gracious host/hostess and did share their private moment as they were so very appreciative of our contributions. OTHG contributions were both donations directly from the club poker run profits, and from the assistance and OTHG support at the show each year. It means a lot... and you can be proud of the part we played.

You may already be aware that a large metro area such as Phoenix/Scottsdale may accomplish 30 homes a year under the Habitat sponsorship. That's largely due to huge corporate funding. It doesn't happen that way in Jim Elgans community and his work with the Habitat group has managed 6 homes in 8 years. Everyone involved is rightfully proud of that accomplishment. Jims efforts and your assistance has been a big part of the success of the Habitat program in the Globe/Miami area. I can tell you that the OTHG-Phoenix group is well thought of and sincerely appreciated for those efforts. Our yellow shirt shine a bit brighter in that community.

Thank You
Larry (x-prez)

Cruising Locations in Town

Fridays

35th Ave. & Northern, northwest corner
 Checker Auto Parts- North of the 101 on East side of
 59th Ave.- 6PM to 9PM
 Warner & Lindsey Rd.- Northeast corner-6PM to
 10PM- open to all

Saturdays

Safeway parking lot- 40th Street & Chandler Blvd.
 sponsored by Rodders For Christ
 Rock and Roll McDonalds at the Pavillions- Pima
 and Indian Bend Rd. 4PM to 10PM.
 Safeway parking lot- 83rd. Ave. & Beardsley
 U.S. 60 and Power Rd.

Coming Events

O.T.H.G. Business Meeting

Tucson Street Rod Assoc. 32nd. Rodder's Days
 Mountain Top Street Rodders Rod and Custom
 Streak 33 Campland by the Bay

O.T.H.G. Board Meeting

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Show Low Days

O.T.H.G. Board Meeting

Flagstaff Route 66 Days
 15th Annual Roddin on the River
 Standing on the Corner
 Outsiders Fall Car Show
 8th Annual Express Run

An excellent source for upcoming show information and printable information sheets, maps and registration forms is: www.cruisinarizona.com or www.desertcruisers.com or www.lonewolfcruisers.com

May 3

May 4-7

May 13

May 12-13

May 23

June 7

June 9-11

June 20

Sept. 8-10

Sept. 21-24

Sept. 29-30

Oct. 7

Nov. 2-5

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. 7PM

Tucson, Az.

Prescott Mile High Middle School
 San Diego, Ca.

Calico Cow Central & Hatcher

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. 7PM

Show Low, Az.

Calico Cow Central & Hatcher

Flagstaff, Az.

Riverside Resort and Casino

Winslow, Az.

Sedona, Az.

Laughlin, Nv.

It's TIME. . . .

By Charley The Chair

Hi there folks! Remember me? I'm Charley The Chair and I was adopted by my dear, sweet, parents, Mommy Dee and Daddy Ken. At the last meeting someone said that one of the members had his chair taken while in Del Mar. Another **guy** spoke up and said, "Where's Charley? Give that chair to him!" **NOW HERE THIS !!!! NO ONE IS TAKING ME AWAY FROM MY ADOPTED PARENTS! I LOVE THEM AND THEY LOVE ME AND WE GO EVERYWHERE TOGETHER!!!! It's TIME . . . everyone pays attention to what's going on. WOO WOO !!**

We just got back from Globe, Arizona where a lot of your Club did the Habitat for Humanity Show with Jim Elgan. Some of you go on Friday to help Jim pack the "goody bags" and "fold the tee shirts." The gang just got going good with this chore, when one of the **guys** went walking out of Jim's garage saying, "C'mon guys, this is women's work, let's get out of here!" **It's TIME . . . you all realize that the guys in this club are needed just as much as the gals to help with these chores. Seems to me your gals just have more sense when it comes to knowing if you all work together, it gets done much quicker! And then the day of the show, Mommy Dee says it would be nice if some of the other Club members in attendance, would come and relieve the workers so they could go eat, or shop, or look at the cars too. WOO WOO !!**

It's TIME . . . to be sure everyone knows this great Club you have is made up of "couples" mostly. It's not just a guy's club. You gals should be coming to the meetings and the outings too! Mommy Dee and Daddy Ken are usually helping and they always have a lot of fun. Get involved! That's how you get to know your members, and having fun is a plus! WOO WOO !! Right now though, Mommy Dee has to step down from a lot of things she's been doing in all the organizations she's in. She will not be doing the Chinese Auction any more for your Club so someone will have to step up and take over this "money maker!" The club has written instructions on "how to" if you want to continue with it, that is! It's TIME . . . for Mommy Dee to "Stop and Smell the Roses!" "I love you, Mommy Dee." WOO WOO !!

JUNE 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 OTHG Business Meeting	8	9 Show Low Days	10 Show Low Days
11 Show Low Days	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 OTHG Board Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 OTHG Business Meeting	4 Tucson	5 Rodder's	6 Days
7 Tucson	8	9	10	11	12 Streak 33 San Diego	13 Prescott Streak 33 San Diego
14	15	16 OTHG Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Business Meeting –April 6, 2006

- Bob Kerkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guests included Manfred and Connie Wagner, Jim and Karen Councilman, and Phil & Gwenn Younger.
- Bob announced that Mike Diehl resigned and Jim and Liz Leach were dropped due to non payment of dues. The Hamby's were due to be voted in., however, have decided they are not ready at this time. The Love's do not have a running vehicle. The Younger's were voted in as members. Romeo Fournier needs to attend 2 more meetings.
- Bob reviewed the sponsorship role and responsibility to record runs and meetings attended to meet criteria for membership.
- Everyone was thanked by Bob for the great job on the Poker Run. Dave Pierce spoke briefly to thank everyone including Chairperson's for a great job, which resulted in record sales and earnings. Also thanks were extended to Fred Sherwood for setting up the parking lot – it was perfect!
- Del Mar – there were 12 to 14 cars present. Next year we will be staying at the Leucadia Inn- a 1920's Motor Court Motel. Bob will book 20 rooms for 2007.
- Jim Elgan spoke about the upcoming 6th year car show in Glove. The house that was built is officially known as the "OTHG House" due to the past donations made by the club. Friday – meet at Gilbert & Baseline at 9:00 am. Saturday – meet at 7:00 am at the 5 & Diner at the Pavilions.
- Tucson show is May 5, 6 &7.
- LA Roadster Show – BBQ at So-Cal's as part of the cruise from Texas Tuesday night prior to the show. You can register with Vintage Air to go on the Tour.
- So-Cal invited the OTHG members to April 22nd from 8 am to 3 pm. Bob wants this published in the newsletter.
- Colorado – June 2, 3 and 4th in Loveland, CO. If we have over 10 cars, we can receive free entries and maybe some preferred parking.
- Next Saturday, April 15th is the Nostalgia Drags in Surprise. Steve Bryant brought this up and said if you want to go, meet at Cracker Barrel at 8:00 am Deer Valley & I-10.
- Christmas Party – Cindy Bryant may oversee. Needs committee member's. No baskets. Same place, December 23rd. (tentative)
- A Chairperson is needed for next years Poker Run. Anyone interested, please contact a Board member.
- Short Putts – Speak up and let's get it on the phone committee. These things can be organized pretty quickly.
- Event Chairperson – Used to be known as "Correspondent"- anyone interested?Store Person – Bob is working on this.
- Ken Dubois gave a synopsis of his knowledge of the Younger's and why he feels they would be good members. The Younger's were voted in and given their official yellow binder.
- Bob has fliers for The Streak, May 12th and 13th.
- Dave Pierce brought leftover Hot Rodder's Road Atlases , Candy and Over the Hill Gang Pencils for everyone.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The new editor of the newsletter is requesting that all articles for inclusion in the monthly newsletter be submitted by the 15th of each month. Thank you.

The Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix is a club made up of owners and operators of Pre 1949 Vehicles. It's Primary objective is to promote the sport of Street Rodding.

The Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix has a Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at Coco's Restaurant located at 4541 E. Cactus Rd. at 7:00 PM. There is also a Board Meeting held at Tutto Bene located at 13901 N. 73rd Street on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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