



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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Questions, suggestions,  
Comments or just want to chat,  
Give them a call.

## President's Message and Comments

June was a great month. It is the kind of month I think I might have hallucinated. I have these wonderful experiences imprinted on the back of my eyeballs in full technicolor 3D Vistavision that mere mortals are not supposed to be allowed access to. All of the visions running around in my brain are, so far, corroborated by folks who were with me though.

I hesitate to tell other people about what can happen in a thirty day period that can be the touchstone for life defining moments. I will, however, be measuring future events by these all too quick glimpses into the splendor that constitutes our being. Several things happened that were not necessarily earth shattering, but they are going to stick with me for a long, long time. They were such a tiny bright flash of radiance that when they happened, it instantly made my brain catalogue where I am standing, who are the people around me, and finding myself totally at ease with the cosmos and my place in the universe.

These are the moments that could never be forced, but we seem to go our entire lives waiting for the clarity offered in a sparkle of a microsecond that makes us certain all is well in the garden. This is the reason for looking forward to new places and events without really knowing what you are hoping to have happen, but waiting just the same for "it" to happen. The fact that even though we have been to the greatest amusement park ever, we are ready for the next one also.

I don't know why a couple of car trips in June, in the middle of the stinking desert, should have me waxing nostalgic about life changing moments, but it worked. First, there was a trip to Show Low for their car show. Very beautiful trip, just the right amount of driving and a refreshing chance to escape a little of the desert heat. The show was well attended, with very nice people and cars and some won awards. Pretty normal stuff.

But now the good parts, everyone jumped in for a group photo, FROM THE AIR!, first we had a simple circle that seemed too easy, so that became a star for a short time, but we did not have the geometric staying power to hold that for long, so that quickly became an ersatz daisy since this was to be viewed from the air after all. So, there we were all lying down in a circle on our backs trying to look daisy-like when the word came they haven't even gone to the plane yet. Any first year marching band member would have laughed until they pee'ed. We finished off as a sunflower a half hour later and if you squint and take off your glasses and get sweat in your eye, it looks just like a sunflower from the air. Then Conrad did a close-up and another close-up and even another close up and it looked more like the OTHG massacre. I'm sure the locals are still trying to figure us out.

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## July Birthdays



Art Bans	7/2
Vicky Barr	7/5
Earl Bumpass	7/7
Brenda Besore	7/17
Nancy Wilkins	7/25
Robin Christenson	7/27
Patricia Hann	7/28
Rich Christenson	7/31

## July Anniversaries



Rich & Robin Christenson	7/3
Bob & Betty Bailey	7/10
Ken & Carol DuBois	7/25
Fred & Sue Elston	7/27

Think you have an 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

July: Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when indeed thou art going out to look at another streetrod!

### FOR SALE

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

1948 Ford 2 dr sedan, chopped, complete solid body, no rust through holes, no engine or tranny \$2400.00

1937 Ford New Griffen polished radiator \$675.00  
Don Rebtoy (623) 935-1010

### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. It has been a difficult time for us during the last six weeks. We lost a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-law, and Aunt. Thanks to all of you that sent cards and attended her memorial service. She always enjoyed going to the cars shows and being around the club members. We are all going to miss her, but she will remain in our hearts forever.

The Bacon and Besore Families

### Reminder

If you want something put in the newsletter, it **MUST** be to us no later than the **25th** of each month, **NO EXCEPTIONS !** You can email it or call us.

Thank you

### Show Low Shines . . . . . by Dee Giuntoli

On Friday morning, June 9, we met up with some of the gang at the Shell station and headed for Show Low about 7:30 a.m. Of course, first stop was supposed to be at the casino for breakfast. We had to stop at Sunflower as the "rat rod" was spitting up all over the windshield and Paul couldn't see. So we all took a break while he cleaned the windshield and exchanged a small can, for a beer bottle they found on the roadside, to use for the overflow. He wired it into position and when the radiator cooled off, he added water and we continued on to the casino to eat. After a gas stop in Payson, it was on to Show Low.

The weather in Show Low was **great**. Not too hot, just enough breeze to really make us feel good that we were there and not in the Valley. After a lunch at the Mexican restaurant, we checked into our accommodations, then we met in the park and were escorted to the "burger burn" at Cellular One's parking lot. HMMMMM, good burgers. Then off to the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce for some ice cream to top off the day. It started to get a little chilly and some of us put our jackets on. Then it was time to "roll up the streets" and say good-night.

Ken and I were staying with a couple of friends from Valley Bank; that I used to work with, and no matter what time we arrived home, they were waiting for us and we would sit around the table chatting about old times.

Saturday morning, the Show Low club had saved the front row for us as we were looking at 22 possible cars from OTHG-Phx. We ended up with 18 cars and two couples who were "car-less." It was a fantastic day for a show "n" shine and we all sat around visiting, looking at cars, some were dancing to the music...or rather Betty Bailey was dancing and I'm not sure what kind of dance Jim Councilman was doing. We enjoyed the craft booths and food booths and watching the Rat Rod get pinstripping on it. It was a great show with about 185 vehicles.

Well long about 11am, Conrad is going up in an airplane to take pictures for the Chamber of Commerce and they have one seat left on the plane. Carol Elliott, after thinking all night about it, said she'd go. She took some dramamine and was on her way to the airport with Conrad. The plane was supposed to fly over the show about 11:25 or so and the time kept getting changed later and later. Finally, I said let's make a big circle (of course we all had on our yellows) and put our hands straight out to the front of us and just slightly towards our neighbor and it would look a little like a star. Well we all got in the middle of the grass area and our "choreographer," Betty started arranging us in an actually star formation and then Big Bob was telling us to all lay down and started placing us, while Larry Besore was telling us put all the dark colored items (shoes, purses, hats) in the middle and lay flat on our bellies so we'd look like a sun flower, and I bet we were out there 45 minutes trying to figure out what anybody was doing and then Judy Nolte called Carol and they were just about to board the plane. "Hurry up, lay down on your faces," so we were all laying there and someone yells out, "SMILE" and of course everyone started laughing cause we were face down, and in a little while Ken Schaaf yelled "tighten up!" Well you can imagine all the fun and laughter we continued to have and what were the show spectators doing? Watching us just having fun! "De plane, Boss, de plane!" Yup, here comes the plane and there we all were, in our yellows, flat on our bellies! As Larry always says, "Ya should've been there!" I don't know any group that has more fun then we do!

That evening, most of our group headed for the Monroe's residence for some super brats (cooked by Chef Ken Schaaf) and other foods prepared by Madam Michelle. What a lot of food, and of course the "servers" were excellent at their duties. Later we sang Happy Birthday to Michelle as it was her . . . .th birthday. She and Chef Ken had gotten a new BBQ grill for her birthday! The evening gave everyone a chance to unwind and relax and enjoy the beautiful home and "resort like grounds" of Michelle and Conrad.

Sunday morning, we all headed back to the park and got ready for the Poker Run which was spear-headed by Conrad. Great drive through the city and outskirts. Again, absolutely beautiful weather. At high noon, the awards were given out and delivered by our own Art Bans (with a little monkey business along the way). Our winners included Nancy Morgan, Paul Nolte, Linda Barnes, Paul Nolte, Art Bans. Yah, you got that right, Paul and his Rat Rod got two awards. So now it's time to hit the road again. Noltes, Elliotts and Ken and Dee said our good-byes and headed down the road but wait, it's also time to eat again, and there's the Red Onion in Heber. Good lunch! (burp!) On down the road and we stop to gas up in Payson, then we stop along the mountain road, (gotta check the Rat Rod), then on to Fountain Hills and home. But wait, again, we pull over at Fountain Hills Blvd. because the "two trophy winner" Rat Rod is now spitting up all over Judy's side of the windshield. So Judy wipes down the windshield, and we stand there talking and a pickup pulls up and guess who? John Fransway comes out with a big smile and we tell him we're okay, so on he goes.

Well you know the guys, very impatient to get going again. Paul says should I check the radiator? No, better wait. So we wait another 2 minutes and then he takes a towel and puts it over the radiator cap and loosens it to see if the pressure was down. Yeah, you guessed it! It SPIT ALL OVER THE RAT ROD. Windshield, roof (that's a roof?) through the roof all over the seats and you name it, it SPIT EVERYWHERE! What were we all doing then? Standing there laughing, of course. So poor Judy starts wiping everything off, now inside and outside. We need water for the radiator, so Ken and Jerry take the containers and head back to the station in Fountain Hills for water. Meanwhile, along comes Jim and Karen Councilmen and his rig. No, no, we're okay. (ha, ha) So they leave. A short while later, Ken and Jerry return with the much needed water, we dump it in the radiator and head for home. Ken and I noticed the "cover" on the breather cap was rather dirty due to the unfortunate "spitting" throughout this trip and so a company called "Trophy Cars International" sent 4 breather covers to the Nolte's. Now wasn't that sweet?!

(Upon doing the laundry, seems as though Ken had 4 socks with holes in them, so we packaged them up and sent them to Paul.) My friends, you missed a great time and show and entertainment. But you can always do it again next year!

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That evening Conrad and Michelle had a party at their beautiful digs with some great food and drink that had everybody giggling and embibing. All of this was super spectacular and more fun than I have any right to participate in, but the best part was that while people were singing, telling jokes, and just having an all-around enjoyable visit with the folks, that in those few quieter moments when we were just grinning and watching the general goings on, that I overheard two or three people say quietly to no one in particular "this is a great bunch of people in this club".

When I mentioned that Street Rodder magazine was doing a hot rod tour to the L.A. Roadster show I didn't know how to express how very interesting a tour like this has the ability to be. Sometimes these trips suck and sometimes they are just exhausting (pun intended). For those of you that missed out on this trip I want to offer a few words about how this trip turned out, "NYAAH, NYAAH, NYAAAAAH, NYAAAH, you blew it, man". Let this be a lesson that it is hard to read a list of tour stops and get a real feel for what they truly will be like. Mere words on paper can't convey how cool it is to stroll into a shop or store and be instantly "one of the family". I am still recalling bits of the trip where I left out a whole shop. I saw things that they wouldn't let us take pictures of because some magazine or show has the rights to first introduction of this project. Everywhere we went we were welcomed with open arms, fed well, and treated like hot rod royalty. The show cars, project cars, drag cars, Bonneville cars, and idea mockup cars were all on display for us like we were writing the magazine.

The people we met will be a fond memory also. I shook hands with legends. I caught up with people I have met from all over my travels to different shows across the country. I drove my '40 Pontiac with the pretty green wheels on Irwindale Raceway. I watched stock cars race so close I could feel the wind as they passed from our catered dinner in the owners booth. I had a tour of the basement of the Petersen Museum by the director of the joint! Free parking nearly everywhere just because your driving a hot rod. I got into the Roadster show for free with specialty parking. I rebuilt a Corvette on the track at Irwindale. I drove the wrong way through the Los Angeles Farmer's Market. This was one of the better hot rod tours I have had the priviledge to join in on.

There were a whole bunch of us that went on the trip to L.A. I'm not much for naming names, but just look around the room and see who is smiling. I have always believed the trip is more important than the destination. If you never paid attention to anything I have ever said, then listen to this "you gotta drive em".

### Besore's view from Bacons frying pan!

Show Low was nice, a great drive and a really good site for the event. The show was very well organized. Weather was low 80's during the day with a good breeze, we got real sun burnt but didn't know it! The 37 ran well after a bad start on Thursday. I was going to swap the lowering blocks, and found that the ones in there were off-set pin configuration to center the axel in the wheel well. I didn't have anything that I could replace them with, so I put it back together and went up for gas. I couldn't keep the car on the road it was pulling to the left VERY bad. Couldn't figure what I had done. Jacked it up to look, and laying under it looking towards the front I see the driver side "strut" from the frame to the lower A arm has broken away from the frame. It tore a huge hunk of the bottom frame box with it.

I white knuckled it up to **Greenway Automotive** and they re-enforced the area and re welded the strut mount into the frame. The problem must have happened just as I got home from Payson last run, and maybe as I jacked up the rear it finally broke all the way off. Better in the driveway than in the mountains!

Brenda and I have first class accommodations at Steve and Terri's estate, complete with a covered parking spot, and Border Collie security patrol. We felt special and pampered!

At show low we had 16 cars on hand, and **cousin Art** arranged special parking for us. On Saturday afternoon Conrad Monroe and Carole Elliott went up in the local news plane to photograph the event from the air. Just because we are silly people (read as; idiots) always looking for something to do, we all laid on ground in the middle of the field in the shape of a badly damaged sun flower. The spectators and other participants must have wondered what we were smoking! Conrad was able to get a good shot of it from the plane. He circled a few times as he thought we were trying to spell something at first. Yeah right! Like we would try something that difficult. It was hard enough just figuring out how to look like a sunflower! We sort a resembled a yellow bungalow after a F-16 attack!

Saturday evening we celebrated Michelle's 30th birthday at their gorgeous home. Just had a great time, got to see our club members at their best?

(Those of you who cant make these events or who choose not to attend, are sure missing the main ingredient of what this is all about!)

The poker run on Sunday took us through some real nice areas and allowed us all to scope out where we wanted our retreat home to be.

Paul and Judy, Lynda Barnes, and Nancy Morgan all got awards. The club chose a very sano 1937 "Cheby coupe" for the club pick, the owner was very pleased.

If you want to hear a good story...Ask Michelle about "the bear" story, or ask Conrad what the fastest way through a screen door is! And no, he wasn't running away from the bear, but running to it to take the picture....what else!

I think you'll find it a very funny story even if you're sober, but it's a real hoot after a few beers!

Like I always used to say "ya shoulda been there"

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> O.T.H.G. Business Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> O.T.H.G. Board Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETING PLACE/
July 5	<b>O.T.H.G. Business Meeting</b>	7:00 PM Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd
July 18	<b>O.T.H.G. Board Meeting</b>	7:00 PM Calico Cow Central & Hatcher
Sept 8-10	Flagstaff Route 66 Days	
Sept 21-24	15th Annual Roddin on the River Riverside Resort & Casino	
Sept 29-30	Standin on the Corner—Winslow, AZ	
Oct 6	Outsiders Fall Car Show—Sedona, AZ	
Nov 2-5	8th Annual Express Run—Laughlin, NV	

**Cruising Locations in Town**

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

**Saturdays**  
 Safeway parking lot- 40<sup>th</sup> 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- 83<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. & Beardsley  
 U.S. 60 and Power Rd.



## **Business Meeting –June 7, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bob Kerkel.

Guests: Manfred & Connie Wagner, Jim Councilman, Steve Wright, and Rick Kreitsberger.  
Romeo & Gail Fournel will not continue to seek membership at this time.

Carol Elliott is the new Chairperson of the phone committee. Please notify Carol of all upcoming putts, info for calling list.

Bob Bailey reported on the drag racing at Speed World. Participants were Paige, Bradley, Bob and Tom Noble. Bob would like to do this again with more member participation.

Upcoming Events – Bob discussed the upcoming weekend in Show Low. Approx 23 cars will be going. Also discussed was the LA Roadster Show and open house at So Cal. No one is interested in the NSRA show in Pueblo, CO at this time.

Bob discussed the importance of confidentiality required during and after Board meetings so that members feel comfortable in approaching the board.

Poker Run – No one has stepped up to the plate to chair next years event. It was discussed that with what we go through and what we give away, the Poker Run may no longer seem worthwhile as a Club Event. Larry Besore said we get good exposure that our club is known for this event. It was also discussed that it would be a cost savings to members not having the poker run. A vote was held and the majority voted to keep doing the Poker Run, however, we still have no Chairperson(s). No decision made.

We also discussed raising dues if we discontinued the Poker Run. No decision made.

A vote was held to require that membership dues must be in by the end of January versus the end of March. This vote passed.

Bob mentioned being approached from some people in Tucson who are interested in opening an Over the Hill Gang Club there.

Next March, a group of foreign people will be staying at a resort and are in need or transportation to the Wrigley Mansion for dinner. Bob asked if anyone was interested and no one is at this time.

Barney & Donna Wilkins offered to have a burger burn at their home in Flagstaff for Route 66 Days.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**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 Calico Cat located at Central & Hatcher on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Name Tags - \$ 5.00 \* Hats - \$ 10.00 \* T-Shirts - \$ 15.00

Car Plates - \$ 25.00 \* Window Stickers - \$ 5.00

The store is open before and after meetings and during breaks

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