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questions, suggestions,
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give them a call.*

From the V.P. Corner

To go where none have gone before...

As I announced at the May business meeting;

The Crusin Cousins (a supplemental volunteer group within OTHG-Phoenix) are out there for you, seeking fun and Good Times for all to enjoy. Our quest; "To sample entertainment venues across the country which our chapter can advantage for enjoyment and enrichment" Why? Who the h___ knows! Just because we care I guess. It's an arduous task, but one we never-the-less have taken upon our backs to accomplish for all of you. I know, I know...and I thank you for your praise!

Our quest recently took us to the far reaches of the state, and beyond! Laughlin Nevada! Wahoo....lots of Neon, lots of hot rods, and lots of asphalt and significant day time temperatures! We braved all of that and more in your best interest. Eight Laughlin casinos participated in a "Weekend of Wheels". There were show and shines planned at each of the eight casinos, vendors and swap meets, slow drags, burnout contests (very loud, stinky and great entertainment...but stoopid!), cruising, all sorts of other foolishness, and did I mention Casino's...Oh yeah... gambling, merriment,

partaking and imbibing... all that stuff abounded! Lots of greasy food concessions. We learned that Jenny Craig is banned from Laughlin, so we enjoyed the week-ends culinary opportunity!

Since my 48 is in the "lets change something and spend a bunch of money shop" I was fortunate enough to test drive a car from my cousin's stable. I chose the 36 orange on white Ford sedan, since I knew it as a "reacher", and a consistent trophy winner. Besides, my cousin was taking the other car... the 37 drop-top. My brother's cousin in the fendered and flamed 33 coupe completed our investigative group. My brother being otherwise disposed was unable to participate in this fun seeking experiment, much to his chagrin! (That means he couldn't go and was PO'd)

And a good time was had by all... Have to rate the show as "high potential", but low on the fun scale this time. Since it's the first year we all felt it would grow into a great event. Never-the-less a very fun weekend! I really enjoyed driving the 36 Sedan-fun car!

A full report with embarrassing/demeaning tidbits will be provided by the Cruisin Cousins Roving Reporter in this newsletter. Revealing photos soon on the Web Site.

1st Annual Weekend of Wheels *by Nick Bacon*

The cruising cousins have done it again. We debarked on a first time car show just to see if it had potential for an upcoming event our club would enjoy. Larry wanted to go, but his car is in the shop, so I talked him into driving our 36 Humpback because it really needed some road time. It hadn't been drivin in awhile. Brenda had to work Friday morning, May 9th, so it was an afternoon start for us. Not having to get up at four in the morning is a blessing ya know. Larry and Brenda came to our house and we loaded up the cars and were off. We met Jeff and Vicki at the station on Grand and R.H. Johnson. The cruise was on.

For the first several miles Larry was getting used to the 36. He would come on the radio and ask where the AC was and how to turn it on. Then it was how do ya turn the radio on? One time he asked where the brakes were because the 36 doesn't have power brakes. As a matter of fact, it doesn't have very good stopping power at all. I told him you had to leave the driver's door partly open so you could get a foot out quickly to drag on the street if ya needed to stop in a hurry. That made his day.

The cruise through Wickenburg and on to Wikiup was uneventful. We stopped in Wikiup to relieve our busting bladders. Did ya know Wikiup means home in Indian? From Wikiup to Kingman was a challenge to say the least. It seemed like every driver on the road was in a hurry to die. They were crowding us off the road, passing on double yellow lines, and generally just asking for an accident. We were doing at least five miles over the speed limit so it wasn't because we were slow.

I took the lead away from Jeff as we were coming into Kingman. He said he gets confused at where to turn to go to Laughlin. Boy that was a mistake. In Kingman, a lady in front of me hit a box end wrench with her left rear tire and guess where that wrench ended up? Yepper, right on the freshly painted nose of our 37. It knocked paint off two grill pieces and dented one pretty bad. Then it decided to take a big chip out of the left front fender. After it hit the fender, it was air born and it thought it was coming through the windshield, but no such luck. It struck the driver's door at the top and headed for the rear fender just putting a small chip in it. I did not get angry though. NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Going down the long hill after Golden Valley, a pick up was following a van real close. We were in the right hand lane minding our own business. The closer the truck got to the van, the slower the van would go. When the truck finally passed the van, the guy in the van flipped off the guy in the truck. The guy in the truck quickly pulled to the right shoulder of the road and stopped but the van driver kept going. The driver in the truck must have wanted to discuss the situation with the guy in the van, but the van driver must not have felt like talking. Morale of the story: IF YA CAN'T WHIP EM, DON'T FLIP EM.

We finally arrived at our destination. We unloaded the cars and parked them in the viewing lot. We got our rooms and things were going well for a change. The guys went out to clean up the cars which took a while as there were a lot of bugs that won't be spreading their genes onto the next generation. The guys then took showers, cleaned up a bit and it was time for our evening meal. Jeff paid for the buffet for everyone. We didn't tell him we could have eaten free on our card until after we sat down to eat. Guess who bought breakfast the next morning.

After dinner it was off to gamble. I don't think anyone hit anything big. Just won enough to keep playing. Well, that goes for everyone but me. I didn't hit anything so I was done early. Poor Brenda though: she was playing a dollar machine and started getting sick to her stomach. All she wanted to do is play off her credits and go to the room. She had 90 some credits left so she started playing as fast as she could. In her hast, she hit the denomination button on the machine and changed it to ten dollars a pull. She was playing two credits at a time. Now she is playing twenty dollars a pull and didn't know it. She cashed out at what she thought was forty dollars. When she got to the room she was counting her money and found the forty dollar ticket was actually a four hundred dollar ticket. She had Larry verify it and sure enough it was. Talk about luck.

Saturday morning I got up very early. I went to the cars to clean mine for the show and shine. By the time I finished mine, it was still early so I decided to do the 36. I finished the 36 and still none of my relatives were stirring, so I cleaned Jeff's. I had been sitting there admiring my work for some time when they finally came down to do their thing that was already done....

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1st Annual Weekend of Wheels *(continued)*

They had projected around 1700 cars would participate in this show. I don't think there were 500 cars counting all eight casinos that were involved in the show. Being the first annual show and it being Mother's Day weekend, and don't forget gas prices, had a lot to do with the poor turn out. Larry and Brenda, Jeff and Vic, and I jumped in the 37 and cruised to the other casinos to see what was happening. That's what most of the participants did Saturday. The Edgewater casino had one car in their show at the time we cruised by I believe he might have won best of show among several other awards for that casino. Larry's hair blew off in the middle of the street on our little cruise. I quickly turned around and stopped in the middle of the street and retrieved his hair piece. It looked like a skunk lying in the street.

The weather was warm and at times windy. Spectators by the groves were looking at the beautiful cars on display. Larry and I won fifty dollars each on the hourly drawings they had. Pictures of the event can be seen on the web page.

After dinner, we gambled again. Most of us were losing by now so Deb decided that we should pool our money and all of us play one machine together. We said why not, nothing else was working. We decided on a dollar wheel of fortune machine. We pooled twenty dollars a couple and took turns spinning the reels. We were holding our own for the most part. We would hit a cherry and scream and yell like we had hit the jackpot. We were high fiveing etc. etc. We were having a ball, when all of a sudden Jeff got to spin the wheel. We went ballistic when it landed on a thousand dollars. Can you imagine the excitement we felt? We split that up three ways and went to several more machines doing the same thing. Everyone got to pick a machine. We didn't have much luck after that until I got to pick. I picked a dollar machine that you had to play five credits on. That meant five dollars a pull. After an hour or so on this machine, we had it up to over 400 credits. By now it was nearly two in the morning and we were getting pretty tired, and a little drunk. We cashed out at three hundred dollars and every one got a hundred. I can't remember when I've had so much fun at a casino. I'm sure there were a lot of people talking about the rowdy cousins and wishing they were in our shoes.

The awards ceremony wasn't going to kick off until one that afternoon and we didn't want to stay that late to get started home. They said if we won anything they would mail the trophy to us. Fat chance of that happening except maybe for Jeff's 33. We ate breakfast and departed for home. I couldn't find my radio and I was sure it got stolen. We stopped in Golden Valley to top off our tanks and Deb found our radio in the suitcase. With that worry behind us, I led the cousins into Kingman. Just outside of Kingman, I noticed my hood was waving in the air a lot more than usual. We had to pull over and sure enough it had come unlatched. It might have been operator error also. With that minor problem solved, we hit the dust, windy trail again. The wind was blowing hard most of the way home but we made it safe and sound. I think the cruising cousins had a pretty good time. I know we created some fond memories to tell people. I'm sure they will change as time passes and it will depend on who you talk to, but this is my view and I'm sticking to it. Remember: **If it can't get there on its own, leave it home.....**

May Birthdays *(I missed last month)*

Sandy Wibeto	5/8
Donna Wilkins	5/22
Bill Clark	5/22

June Birthdays

Walter Hann	6/2
Barry McGilvra	6/6
Jack Crockett	6/8
Kip Kuiper	6/9
Michelle Monroe	6/10
Pete Golightly	6/17
Conrad Monroe	6/20

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2	3	4 <i>O.T.H.G. Business Meeting</i>	5	6	7 Show Low Days Conrad & Michelle's party after show		
8 Show Low Days	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17 <i>O.T.H.G. Board Meeting</i>	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30							

Coming Events

OTHG Business Meeting

Show Low Days
Conrad & Michelle's party

OTHG Board Meeting

OTHG Business Meeting

Rim Country Cruisers 1st Annual

OTHG Board Meeting

Williams Car Show Twisters

Pleasanton-Goodguys

Flagstaff Route 66 Days

Run to the Pines

Standin on the Corner

Tucson Classic Car Show

Scottsdale Goodguys

Wed. June 4

June 6-8

June 7

Tues. June 17

Wed. July 2

July 11-12

Tues. July 15

August 15-16

August 22-24

September 5-7

Sept. 27-28

October 3-5

October 18

November 14-16

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Show Low, Michelle 928-532-8800

Denny's, Scottsdale Rd. & Shea

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Heber-Overgaard Art Bans 928-537-0756

Denny's, Scottsdale Rd. & Shea

Williams, AZ 928-635-0266

Pleasanton, CA

Flagstaff, AZ 928-856-2816

Pinetop, AZ

Winslow, AZ

St. Gregory College Prep School 520-320-3689

Westworld

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