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Here's a list of your Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairpersons, if you have any questions, suggestions, comments or just want to chat, give them a call.

From the V.P. Corner

It's Good-Guy time again in Arizona!

Time sure fly's doesn't it. I start planning and worrying about the AZ Good-Guy event in March/April each year. Brenda will tell you I start the weekend the show finishes worrying about next year's event. Maybe, maybe not, I'm not saying!

Sign-ups sheets are out, PLEASE sign up and help out all you can. It would be great to get one shift from everyone each day especially on Sat and Sun, we need lots of help on those days. Friday its just gate crews (unless Good-Guys add something). Whatever you can do, it's all appreciated.

Golf Cart - I asked for another 4 place cart for the club hoping to have 2 for us to use. The major purpose is to transport people to and from duty locations, run treats, coffee and water to the crews and for me to run around where ever I'm needed or the Good-Guy staff points me. If you borrow one of the club carts make it a short trip, and get it back in service ASAP. We will not have carts available for the parking staff (most likely), but this year I'll carry a club radio as well as the GG radio so club team leads can get me when a cart is needed at a particular area (short term need). If you signed up as a team leader we'll try to get you a club or GG radio. Gate crew will probably have a GG radio assigned.

Steve and I, as Good-Guy reps have responsibility to work the Good-Guys booth, special assignments, and membership sales. I'll plan that duty so I'm still available during the heavy duty times and get my cart to someone else during my Good-Guys shift to keep it in service for the club.

Remember it's very important for us to keep in the role as Host and Hostess's - be cool, be friendly and helpful. Don't let someone's bad attitude get to you. It's not that easy sometimes, but it's something we need to remember. We have been accused in the past of having some "testy" members. (I may have been one of those members at one time or another.) Rather that's right or wrong it's the perception that we want to avoid.

And lastly; remember to respect your fellow club members - be there for your duty assignment, and on time to relieve the shift. Appreciate that everyone is there as a volunteer, to help and do the best they can.

My personal thanks to all of you for the effort and support you provide to me and for this event. We really are the premier host club; you can feel proud about that.

Thanks for all you do year after year...

"Yer gonna wanta be there"

Larry

Article from Street Rodder Magazine submitted by Steve Bryant

I read the following article in Street Rodder Magazine, found it entertaining and thought I would pass it on.

Post World War II saw the hot rod enjoy tremendous favor across this country. Come the mid-1960s, the musclecar was emerging as king, and the hot rod began falling from favor in lieu of these factory produced and warranted horsepower machines. We could purchase on Friday, cruise on Saturday, and race on Sunday.

For starters, by the end of the 1960s and into the early 1970s, we saw the advent of stricter emissions standards, safety regulations, and the beginnings of a "consciousness" toward clean air and fuel economy.

Thank goodness for American Graffiti, released in 1973, which depicted a "coming of age" for a generation in 1962. It snapped us out of our funk and got us back on track with our first true love (sorry, ladies)-the American hot rod. This movie jump started the street rod movement that is still in force today, and while Detroit did respond, it was slow to get up to speed, but today it is apparent factory musclecars are back and so is the government.

What was happening in 1975? Congress enacted the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) regulations. Since 1983, manufacturers have paid more than \$500 million in penalties for failure of their production cars and light trucks to meet CAFE standards. A number of manufacturers have elected to pay penalties rather than attempt to comply with these regulations. As of model year 2006, BMW, Daimler-Chrysler, Volkswagen, Ferrari, Porsche, and Maserati have continually failed to meet CAFE requirements. Can you even begin to imagine the uproar from groups within our political structure here in this U.S. if Detroit opted to take the same position? For the record, the Asian and domestic manufacturers have never paid a civil penalty. Frankly, the U.S. doesn't get enough credit for what it has and is doing to improve the world's environment.

CAFE was our government's way of reacting to the '73 OPEC oil embargo. Many of us watched as gasoline prices escalated, a gallon of gasoline rising from 38 cents in May 1973 to 55 cents in June 1974. (Talk about the good ol' days.) I can remember driving around to shops gathering stories and having to pay attention to what day of the week it was. Do you remember why?

License plates ending in an odd number could purchase gasoline on odd-numbered days of the month, while even-numbered plates responded to even-numbered days. The 31st of any month was open to all cars, as was February 29, but fortunately, we never got that far since the restrictions ended by 1976. (One exemption was to have your vehicle plated with commercial tags; registration was more expensive, but you could get gas on any day.)

There was also a three-colored flag system in some states; green meant unrationed gasoline; yellow meant restricted and rationed sales; and a red flag meant no gas was available, but the station was open. Many of our parents-and grandparents, for you young'uns-can tell us about gasoline ration coupons, and the government actually had these reprinted but never used them in 1974 and 1975. Ironically, as fuel efficiency rises on our family stocker, we are driving more, creating a whole new set of problems-less gas tax for municipalities to use for infrastructure, hence higher taxes on gasoline; it's a never-ending cycle.

So, what does all this mean? The musclecar may have pushed the hot rod to the curb by the late 1960s, and while it appears the popularity of factory muscle is on the rise today, some may think history is about to repeat itself. Possibly, but I don't think so. Hot rods are embedded in the cultural fabric, and not just ours but worldwide. The term "hot rod" is more than part of the pop culture lexicon; these two words are mainstream. Commercials to movies and radio to television ads use the hot rod to stir the soul-and rightfully so. But, keep in mind, for the time being, our hot rods do not have to answer to fuel economy standards but may in the not-so-distant future have to answer to emissions standards. It's a small price to pay to keep our hobby alive and on the road.

We should pay attention as we listen to everything going on in the world, but that doesn't mean we should automatically accept the "doom and gloom" as reported. My guess is I may be driving an electric or hydrogen-powered car in the future to make my rounds, but come the weekends, the summers, and the early Saturday morning runs, my coffee and donuts will be sitting on pleated seats with my V-8 providing my background music.

written by Brian Brennan
(Street Rodder Magazine)
September 2008

August Birthdays

Terry Scott	8/12
Manfred Wagner	8/12
Jon Aubert	8/17
Gwen Younger	8/19
Linda Barnes	8/29

We are all saddened to hear about the death of Jennie Curtis. She brought lots of enjoyment to the club, who could ever forget Winslow last year when she won the award for being a waitress.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rick during this incredibly hard time.

Rim Country Cruisers 1st Annual Car Show

Art & Mary, Page & Linda, Bob & Betty, Conrad & Michelle, Paul & Judy attended the Heber Car Show.

Steve Besore and Frank and Rose stopped by to see what was happening.

Our friends Bill & Nancy Wilkins were there with their grandkids and their daughter Jeannie. Nancy bought lots of raffle tickets, she ended up winning the 60/40 drawing and also a refrigerator.

Page and Linda won an award for best Mopar for his Plymouth coupe.

Bob & Betty's car was on the t-shirt, Conrad did a great job on designing the artwork.

Art Bans did a great job running the car show, it was very well organized.

It rained almost the whole show, so we stayed on the porches next to the building most of the time. They served a great lunch that was included with the show.

Our hemi 32 made it up and back and not even on a tow truck. It rained almost all the way home, and unfortunately we had no fenders.

Cindy Bryant reserved 40 seats at the Broadway Palm Theater to see Elvis on November 2, 2008. She reserved these from the list she had at the last meeting. If you can go and did not sign up please call let her know tonight or call her at (480) 922-1145.

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>O.T.H.G. Business Meeting</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Williams Car Show Twisters	16
17	18	19 <i>O.T.H.G. Board Meeting</i>	20	21	22 Pleasanton-Goodguys	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Coming Events

OTHG Business Meeting
Williams Car Show Twisters

OTHG Board Meeting
Pleasanton-Goodguys

OTHG Business Meeting
Flagstaff Route 66 Days

OTHG Board Meeting
Roddin on the River

Run to the Pines

Standin on the Corner

Cars in the Park

Tucson Classic Car Show

Broadway Palm Theater

Scottsdale Goodguys

OTHG Christmas Party

Wed. August 6
August 15-16

Tues. August 19
August 22-24

Wed. September 3
September 5-7

Tues. September 17
Sept. 25-28

Sept. 27-28

October 3-5

October 11

October 18

November 2

November 14-16

December 13

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
Williams, AZ 928-635-0266

Denny's, Scottsdale Rd. & Shea
Pleasanton, CA

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
Flagstaff, AZ 928-856-2816

Denny's, Scottsdale Rd. & Shea
Laughlin, NV-Tricia 928-788-3200

Pinetop, AZ

Winslow, AZ

Sierra Vista-Gary 520-803-1678

St. Gregory College Prep School 520-320-3689

Mesa, Az

Westworld

VFW-Scottsdale Road

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

We need a someone to volunteer to run the club store, please

Over the Hill Gang Club Store

Call Steve or Terri Besore for orders of shirts and hats.

Home 602-978-2647

Club Golf Shirts - \$25.00 * Sweat Shirts - \$25.00

T-Shirts - \$15.00

Flamed Hats - \$15.00 * Hats - \$10.00

Car Plates - \$25.00 * Name Tags - \$7.50

Window Stickers - \$5.00

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350/350

ultra leather

Vintage heat and air

Air Ride Technology on all four corners

\$ 45,000 OBO

Nick & Deb Bacon

(623) 547-1884 or (602) 568-1766

ARE YOU MISSING 2 UMBRELLAS????

THEY WERE FOUND AT THE POKER RUN

PLEASE CALL PAUL NOLTE

(480) 951-0193

Over the Hill Gang, Phoenix Business Meeting held July 2, 2008

President Bob Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were no visitors. Sue Elston gave the Treasurer's Report. Phil Younger reserved our room for the Christmas Party.

Runs/putts were discussed. **Show Low** and the party at Monroe's was a great time. There will be fireworks at **PIR** July 3rd. Baileys, Noltes, and Barnes are going to the **Heber/Overgaard** show. A few members are going to the **Williams** show. Seven couples are going to **Pleasanton** this year and leaving on the 16th. See Dee Guintoli for information. A few members are going to the **Flagstaff Route 66** show. Also coming up are **Run to the Pines**, **Winslow**, the **Outsiders Car Club** show (same weekend as Winslow) and the **American Graffiti** show.

Larry Besore has sign-up sheets and T-shirt size sheets for the Goodguys show in November. Some of the route is set. Fesler's is on the route. They don't give out their address to everyone, so need to get that yet.

The Christmas Party is December 13th. This will be a "no-chairperson" party. Betty Bailey is taking care of the menu. Cindy Bryant reserved Tom Chesnut for the entertainment. We are not doing anything else, just a gift exchange. We are not doing table decorations, or prizes. They are doing the desserts and centerpieces.

We need a chair for the Poker Run. We need to start this soon. No takers.

It was a rumor that McDonald's was closing. 83rd is still going, too, just slow for both due to the hot weather.

Standing Rule #17 **"running, registered 1948 or older Street Rod, may be car or truck" to replace the current by-law that states "you must own a running, registered 1948 or older car or truck"** was introduced. Discussion followed. We are a "street rod club" not a "classic car club". New applications were passed out. Changes were discussed. It was noted that the sponsor MUST come to the Board meeting to present application for approval. How is "street rod" defined? The answer was "not a stock motor". Some members were questioning if the Club is now telling the members what to drive. We just want the cars in the Club to be able to "keep up" on a road trip. Many upgraded cars break down and don't make it. Does San Diego have this? Many thought so. We used their by-laws and added "running, registered..." maybe "street rod" was left off? Do we need to see "the car" before application accepted? Need to replace "make" to "make and model". A "rat rod" is not a "street rod". Yes, it is. It is not "stock". We don't want "stock cars". This is only for new applicants, not current members. The sponsor needs to clarify and understand. It was requested to add Standing Rule #17 and #5 on the application. That can be done when approved. Need to add "1948 or older street rod" to application. **Cindy Bryant made a motion to accept Standing Rule #17 and changes made to application. Jim Stubert seconded the motion. Motion approved with 4 against.** There was more discussion as to why this rule was needed. We had an applicant that had a stock car that couldn't keep up. There were calls made to him to explain that the Club wants "street rods" and cars that can make trips without problems. It was noted that it is the sponsor's job to take this seriously and make sure that the applicant has the car needed and knows the car and the person before sponsoring them to the Club. You don't need to always drive the "Club car", but need to have one. Many have multiple cars and do not always drive the "Club car", but we see it on shorter trips or at the local shows. The "Club car" must be the one driven on the applicant's required run before becoming a member.

Cindy Bryant brought up a show "All Shook Up" at the Broadway Palm Theater. The members decided they wanted to go. She will try for the Nov. 2nd show and 2nd choice would be Oct. 26th. Cindy will call them and reserve 40 spots. It is \$43.00 per person and that included the show and a dinner. We can drive the cars like we did last time. Dan Rae won the 50/50.

It was noted that Jennie and Rick are sorry that they can not be more active and be with us, but Jennie is on hospice care now. She is not in pain and has a lot of company. They both say "hello" to everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53p.m.

Minutes taken by Secretary, Carol Elliott