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The Prez Sez

It's best not to say that one is going to do something for sure because we never know what is going to happen next month or even tomorrow.

Jan and I had planned to go on the Goodguys cruise from Pomona, CA to Loveland, CO leaving June 4th and then after go on to visit her youngest son in Montrose, CO. We were going to meet up with cruisers in Prescott their first stop. Jan had made all the motel reservations and paid our entry fee. We were all set to go.

Talk about getting set back on my haunches, I was. I went in to my urologist knowing I had a problem and that surgery was inevitable. It was scheduled for May 23rd. This was nothing new for me because I have been fighting bladder cancer since 2003. This time, however, it was a tumor on my kidney. I figured that I would be recuperated in plenty of time to go to Colorado. After all, I had snapped back after all my other surgeries. I never anticipated there could be a problem.

The weekend before, we went up to Flagstaff to help celebrate Donna Wilkens' 60th birthday. There were twenty OTHG members who went. Most of us left after having breakfast at Rock Springs. We had a great time. She and Barney have a fabulous home for entertaining. I had been telling everyone of the fun trip Jan and I were planning. Some of the OTHG stayed overnight and came home Sunday morning.

But, here's where we found out that nothing is a sure thing. We arrived at St. Joseph's Hospital on time only to find out they did not have a bed for me. The clerk directed us to the waiting room where we sat for an hour. Finally, they called us in and things went quite quickly. Quickly,

until we got up to Lithotripsy, the department where my surgery was to be done. It was crowded with gurneys. One man even had to wait out in the hall as all the cubbies were full. Dr. Kletscher appeared asking me if I was ready to go. Was I ready to go?!!!!

Then came the vacation changer. Dr. Kletscher explained that while trying to get out the tumor, the ureter started swelling and then he had to stop the procedure and put in a stint. He got only half the tumor and I would have to have a follow-up surgery which has been scheduled for June 8th. Now I recover pretty quickly but even with all my enthusiasm about going, I knew Jan had better start cancelling motel reservations. We have done a few things that have been fun. We went to a small car show at the First Southern Baptist Church. It was their first one. It was used as a fund raiser for Joni and Friends, an organization for people with disabilities. This was put on by

college-age kids who were very gung ho. It's a good thing we took the Suburban because Jan made out like a bandit winning three raffle prizes and two of the items she bid on in a silent auction. Saturday night we had dinner with some of OTHG at the Five and Diner across from the Pavilions. As I write this, I am looking forward to going to something that I have always wanted to but always had other things get in the way. In the morning, I leave with three other friends for CA for the Antique Drags. My friend, Troy Jonas, is taking his four-banger to race. It should be a good time. Next Friday, although eventful, will not be as much fun.

June 2012

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July 2012

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Coming Events

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| OTHG Business Meeting | Wed. June 6 | Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. |
| Christian Care Manor IV | June 13 | Fellowship Square-Mesa 6945 E. Main 480-654-1800 |
| Classic Cruisers Car Show & Swap | June 15-16 | Prescott, AZ-Gary (928) 632-7355 |
| OTHG Board Meeting | Tues. June 19 | Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus |
| OTHG Business Meeting | Wed. July 4 | CANCELLED no meeting |
| OTHG Board Meeting | Tues. July 17 | Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus |
| Sweet Wheels 13th Annual Car Show | July 28 | Snowflake, AZ Ernie (928) 243-1761 |
| Run To Copper Country | August 18 | Silver City, NM Doug (575) 388-3468 |
| Flagstaff Route 66 Days | September 7-9 | Flagstaff, AZ-John (928) 451-1204 |
| 18th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Show | Oct. 5-6 | Winslow, AZ-Jay - (928) 587-6878 |
| Run to the Sun | Oct. 17-21 | Lake Havasu-John (928) 855-0933 |
| Goodguys Hotrod Show | November 16-18 | Westworld |

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

WAHOO, ROAD TRIP (by VP Larry Besore)

First long run for the new ride up the 87 to Payson. Brenda and I joined in the Friday morning work traffic out to Fountain Hills and the Starbuck meet spot.

We were the third to arrive, Jerry and Carol and Cousin Nick were there waiting. We all waited, and waited but nobody else showed up. (Ron and Jan had called before hand and let us know they couldn't make it after all.)

So the 3 of us left Starbucks at 9am and make the run into Payson.

Nice easy run, the 30 did well even with the injured shock. New ones didn't make it in time for the run. Probably be on the porch when we get home. (They were)

I ran 3rd in line and let the two bigger cars snag the bugs, worked good as I only had 3 or 4 hits. We stopped at the casino for Brunch, and a few minutes of slot machine action.

I did good! This could be my weekend.

Then we went into the show area to get our registration, we met Paul and Judy, Ken and Dee there. They came up on Thursday. We hung out there for awhile then hit a few Main street antique stores. We all like the senior center thrift store, shoes for a few bucks, sport coats for \$3 and lots of stuff everywhere.

Brenda and I went back to the Casino to claim our room, and break the bank (Theirs not ours.was the plan)

Went to bed ahead of the game for a change, but their bank was safe.

Saturday we met everyone about 8AM for the show; there were not any spots together so we just stuck the cars where there was an opening spot. Turnout was all they could handle, advertised at 250 and they had all of that for sure. The cars are spread out all around the little lake at the park, nice setting. The spread around the lake made for a lot of walking to complete the ballots, but we saw every car that way. Really had a quality turnout, very nice rides everywhere. Nick said his brother, Cousin Don was fishing at the lake, guess he does that

every day, what a life. Someone reported he had 15 on the stringer. We went over there but guess he was gone I couldn't find him. (course he's so skinny I could have missed him)

All in All it's a very nice show, nice area lots of shade. They had about 20 nice raffle baskets, a diamond ring and other great things. I don't think anyone from our group scored a prize. During the day Charlie and Danise, Bob and Patti showed up, Bob and Betty had to stay home with a sick Sparky. Ran into Jerry and Joann Erwin with the new 39 Cabriolet, Steve and Connie were there traveling with the Scottsdale chapter, and Art and Mary Bans stopped by for a few.

Saw a lot of old friends at the show and it was really a nice (a little long) day at the park.

We had dinner at Chili's and then split up for our respective hotels-cabins.

Brenda woke up with a migraine so Jerry and carol met me for breakfast and we headed down the hill after we ate. Brenda tried to relax as I threw the 30 down the hill for home.

I thought as soon as we left the Casino area that the road seemed a lot rougher than it did on the way up. It got even rougher and then things started vibrating, I pulled over suspecting a tire had gone down. Found 4 loose lugs on the driver side rear wheel. When I say loose I mean a mile or so from being gone. Got everything tighten up and made it back with no more issue.

At first I thought I had maybe messed up with the torque wrench. But when I got home every lug on the other 3 tires were torqued as they should be. Hard to believe I only messed up on that wheel. I am now wondering if someone tried to steal the wheels in the casino lot and found they couldn't get them off with a lug wrench. It takes a thin wall socket. Oh well, putting locks on today and re-torque everything,

Ya shoulda been there!!!

I'm just saying