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The Prez Sez

REFLECTIONS

As I was recovering from my kidney removal, Larry Besore loaned me a year of Hot Rod magazines from 1958. It really brought back some memories as I looked through them. A lot of my favorite cars from the era were featured along with events. Drag racing was very popular and was changing fast, especially the dragsters and altered.

One of the events was the first race at the Chandler drag strip. It was called the CADS. Another event with a lot of coverage was the '58 Nationals in Oklahoma. As I read the article, I began to reflect on what had happened before and my connection to it. So---, backing up a couple of years to 1956. I was a junior at Camelback High School. With a group of other guys, we formed the "Playboys Car Club. We had some nice cars and some really good-running ones also. We would all go to the drags. Our parents came also and we would have a picnic and a day of fun.

We hung around at Carl Grimes garage at 7th St. and Turney. Carl was an innovator in drag racing and ran a Buick-powered Fiat Topolino. He became the technical adviser for our club. There was a skinny kid that hung around and he became a driver for Grimes. His name is Albert Eshenbaugh who was also a Camelback student.

The Playboys wanted to build a drag-race car. Grimes suggested a Willys Aero Sedan or a Henry J. We found a Henry J we could afford and built it as Grimes would suggest. We bought a new '57 Chevy power pack 283 c.i. We installed an Isky

experimental cam. One of the guys that hung around Grimes shop was named Pee Wee. He made a log manifold for it. People told us that 6 carbs were too much for a little Chevy but Pee Wee made one for it anyway using 6 '97s. We found a used set of Heddman headers. The Chevy was adapted to a Packard floor shift transmission and an International truck 5:13 rear end. It was a good combination. We were really competitive. The Henry J set a B gas record and that made us decide to go to California to run with the big boys. We wanted the car to look good but we were out of money. I paid \$40.00 to have it painted yellow and have it lettered. (Those were the good ole days.) We flat towed it with a '56 Chevy which belonged to Wayne Boich who was our driver. The Henry J had no lights so I put a magnetic flash light on the trunk.

Our first race was at Lions in Long Beach on Saturday night. Sunday we went to Santa Anna. It was decided that we needed to change the jets in the carbs. Unfortunately, we didn't get all of the gas wiped up and about midway down the track, it caught on fire. Wayne managed to slow it down enough to jump out. It's a wonder he didn't get hurt any worse than he did. He spent a few days in the hospital suffering from burns and road rash.

Three of us, hooked up the remains of the Henry J and headed for home. I was driving and I had an accident near Banning. The '56 Chevy rolled and the Henry J came loose and crashed down the embankment. We had to leave the cars in storage and rode the bus home. Wondering what all this has to do with the '58 Nationals?

October Birthdays

JoAnn Erwin	10/1
Larry Wibeto	10/2
Sheldon Berman	10/5
Marge Bohnen	10/23
Steve Roseman	10/28

October Anniversaries

Barney & Donna Wilkins	10/8
Dave & Ann Bennett	10/12

Please e-mail me if I don't have your birthday or anniversary

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Over the Hill Gang Club Store

Call Dave Bennett for orders of shirts and hats.

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Cruising Locations in Town

Fridays

35th Ave. & Northern - Northwest corner

*North of the 101 on east side of 59th Ave.
Checker Auto Parts - 6 pm till 9 pm*

Warner and Lindsey Road - Southeast corner - 6 pm to 10 pm - open to all

*16130 N. Arrowhead Fountain Ctr Dr. in Peoria
Arrowhead Harley-Davidson - - 6 pm till ??????*

*SE Corner 51st Ave. & Bell.
Freddy's Custard & Steakburgers
and also Chilibombers same parking lot*

91st Ave. & Northern (Behind Auto Zone)

Tropical Smoothie Cafe 5350 West Bell Road

Big Earl's - Cave Creek

Saturdays

*2nd Saturday of every month,
So-Cal Swap Meet, donuts, gathering*

*Venues Cafe - 34 Easy Street, Carefree
7:30-??? every Saturday morning*

Safeway Parking Lot - 40th Street & Chandler Blvd. sponsored by Rodders For Christ.

Rock n Roll McDonalds at the Pavillions - Pima and Indian Bend 4 pm to 10 pm.

19th Ave. & Montebello, just south of Bethany Home Rd. Sunrise Cruisin' Every Saturday morning 6-10 a.m.

83rd Avenue & approximately 2 miles north of Union Hills Road, Safeway Parking Lot

59th Ave. & Bell-K-mart parking lot

Sundays

*Ramjets Speed Shop
13071 North Cave Creek Road - 1 pm to 4 pm*

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 18th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Show <hr/> Prescott High Country	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 25 Annual Cars in the Park <hr/> So Cal Swap Meet
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 R u n t o t h e S u n
21 Run to the Sun	22	23	24	25	26	27 AZ Deuce Day 6
28 ASRA Swap Meet	29	30	31			

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Follow the Raspberry	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Follow the Raspberry						Nostalgia Drags <hr/> So Cal Swap Meet
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Goodguys Hotrod Show	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Goodguys Hotrod Show						
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Coming Events

OTHG Business Meeting

18th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Show
 Prescott High Country
 So Cal Swap Meet
 25 Annual Cars in the Park

OTHG Board Meeting

Run to the Sun
 AZ Deuce Day 6
 ASRA Swap Meet
 Follow the Raspberry
 Nostalgia Drags
 So Cal Swap Meet
 Goodguys Hotrod Show
 OTHG Christmas Party

Wed. Oct. 3

Oct. 5-6
 Oct. 5-6
 Oct. 13
 Oct. 13

Tues. October 16

Oct. 17-21
 Oct. 27
 Oct. 28
 November 2-4
 November 10
 November 10
 November 16-18
 December 22

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.

Winslow, AZ-Jay - (928) 587-6878
 Prescott, AZ Frank - (623) 533-7839
 So Cal
 Veterans Mem. Park, Sierra Vista Gary (520) 803-1678
Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus
 Lake Havasu-John (928) 855-0933
 Sanderson Ford, Glendale-George (602) 570-1932
 E. Valley Inst of Tech. 1601 W. Main, Mesa
 Bisbee-Kartchner Caverns
 Speedworld
 So Cal
 Westworld
 Italian/American Club

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

Follow the Raspberry Putt

Hello Folks

The Kartchner Caverns tour has been paid for and we have the confirmation. We will draw for the time schedule at the McDonalds; 6 couples will go on the 11:45 a.m. tour and 5 couples will do the 12:15 p.m. tour.

You should have made your hotel reservation in Bisbee at the Copper Queen, or another hotel in Bisbee. I do have a block of rooms at the Copper Queen being held under the name of "Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix". If you have chosen another hotel in Bisbee, that's fine too. It is for the night of Friday, November 2.

If you are doing any of the events in Bisbee, you probably should have reserved that event. Ken and I are doing the "mine ride" on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. We plan to leave Bisbee around 11:00 a.m. heading for Ramsey Canyon.

After the canyon, we'll do a winery either in Sonoita or Elgin; both within a few miles of each other. Have not finalized the winery yet.

Then we'll head for the San Xavier Del Bac Mission; have to be there by 4:30 pm. as it closes at 5 pm on Saturdays.

You should have also made your reservation at the Casino Del Sol in the Tucson area for Saturday nite, November 3. Again, a block of rooms are being held under the name, Over The Hill Gang for one night, Saturday, November 3. You can dine for supper there and relax in the casino if you like. In the morning, after breakfast, we plan to go the the Hot Rod Heaven. It is a restaurant and work shop type situation. They do not take reservations, so eating at the Casino will be the better idea. After checking out HRH, you might want a dessert or coffee?? then we'll head back through Tucson and toward Florence for our return home. We'll be coming in through the East Valley, so you'll be able to "sign off" when your turn closest to home comes up.

If any of you had wanted to do one of the sightseeing places that we mentioned in our first memos (ie the movie studio or the Pima Air Museum) each of those would take you 2-3 hours probably, so we opted to eliminate them, as most folks want to get right on home on Sunday.

If you have any questions or comments at this time, send them to us. This has been quite an experience trying to line up events for this:

"Follow The Raspberry."