



CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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The VP Sez

Mini Bike Racers (?)

OK... so Ron Olmstead, knowing what a sucker I am for anything on 2 wheels, invited me to a Mini-Bike round up. It all has to start somewhere, and the Mini-bike deal started that way for me.

There were a lot of people and a lot of Mini-bikes at the round-up. It was pretty easy for me to find one I wanted that was for sale. After I got it home and checked it out, it was time for a trial run. I needed to know if this was going to be fast enough to give Ron a race.

It isn't, (in current configuration) but it's fast enough to create war wounds. The bike has rearward mounted pegs, not something I'm used to. When you put your foot down the peg eats your ankle. I now have scabs and band-aids on both ankles.

Lesson #1; step behind the pegs.

During the test run at full throttle it only took about 3 house lengths to develop a scary wobble, it didn't go away after 5 house lengths. Time to re-engineer. Found it to just be a bad rear tire. Got the tire changed out and back on the street. Full throttle; 3 houses, 5 houses, 6 houses, no wobble...but !! The chain came off the rear sprocket; I forgot to step behind the pegs suffering yet another war wound. The neighbors enjoyed the spectacular skid as the rear wheel locked up with a chain jam. Applied another band-aid to my

ankle.

Lesson # 2; no matter what, step behind the pegs!

Later that week, Ron and I went down to a parts supply and got a new chain. I spent a few hours getting the right tension adjustment. I moved the rear wheel back as far as I could to reduce the wobble possibilities. (Hoping for some high speed) I was then ready for another test run.

After several tests and several chain derails, I finally got it right.

Full throttle, with no wobble, no derail, but I noticed a little misfire near top end. I went back to do some adjustments, zipped up the drive way, not enough brake to stop so I put my feet down to help! (DUH, pass the band-aids)

Lesson #3; always wear boots when riding a mini-bike because you may be too thick headed (old) to learn from lessons #1 and #2....

All in all mini-bikes are great fun, and I am now ready to go for more power and maybe build a mini-bike (with pegs mounted in the normal position), with enough HP to give Ron some competition.

After all what could possibly go wrong with old guys on over powered Mini-bikes??

Stay tuned, I'm sure there will some worth while events forthcoming.

Larry

FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tubac Car Show	2
3	4	5	6 <i>OTHG Business Meeting</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>OTHG Board Meeting</i>	20	21	22	23 Chandler Classic Car Show <hr/> Le Bellezze d' Italia
24	25	26	27	28		

MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Yuma Car Show	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Yuma Car Show			<i>OTHG Business Meeting</i>		Goodguys Show	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Goodguys Show						Thunder in the Desert
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mini Drags		<i>OTHG Board Meeting</i>				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Coming Events

Tubac Car Show	February 1-2	Tubac Arizona
OTHG Business Meeting	Wed. February 6	Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
OTHG Board Meeting	Tues. February 19	Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus
OTHG Putt to Phil's Filling Station	February 10	Phil's Filling Station-Fountain Hills
Chandler Classic Car Show	February 23	Downtown Chandler
Le Bellezze d' Italia	February 23	American/Italian Club
Yuma Car Show	March 1-3	Yuma, AZ
OTHG Business Meeting	Wed. March 6	Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
Goodguys Show	March 8-10	Westworld
Thunder in the Desert	March 16	Tom Jones Ford-Scotty (602) 980-1158
Mini Drags	March 17	Speedworld
OTHG Board Meeting	Tues. March 19	Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus
OTHG Scottsdale Spring Picnic	March 30	Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek-Steve (480) 214-3511
1943 Party	April 6	Nolte's house
Arizona Opry	April 20	Arizona Opry 2275 Old West Hwy, Apache Junction
Beeline Cruise Inn	April 26-27	Green Valley Park, Payson, AZ Ken (928) 970-1700
Rodders Days	May 4-6	Casino Del Sol & Resort, Tucson

For Sale

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comes with converter
\$300.00
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1940 Ford Deluxe 2 Door Sedan Project
Independent front - 350 motor
400 Trans - Corvette Rear
90% of all parts
\$8,000
Call Paul Nolte (480) 734-4354

February Birthdays

Steve Besore	2/1
Bradley Harrelson	2/2
Don Williams	2/2
Barb Scott	2/7
Page Barnes	2/10
Dee Giuntoli	2/10
Diane LaVetter	2/12

Jim Johnson	2/19
Ron Olmstead	2/19
Terri Besore	2/21
Jim Stubert	2/23
Larry Bohnen	2/25
Jim Councilman	2/25
Carol Elliott	2/28

February Anniversaries

Dave & Mary Bertram	2/2
Jim & Jackie Councilman	2/9

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

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