



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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## "First Lady Writes"

A bright and sunny morning began with breakfast in the 5 & Diner at the Pavilions. OTHG always enjoys breaking bread together. Betty Bailey, who is always the life of the party, was her usual self and up to no good. She dipped her fingers in her water glass and proceeded to mess my hair (I had just gotten it cut very short) so I would be 'chic'. Later, she insisted on teaching me to hula hoop just because she found some outside the diner. That was a very sad experience. I was rescued as the putter-in-charge called a drivers' meeting. We were going to the Arizona Open Wheel Racing Museum to see some racing nostalgia.

We arrived at the Museum to find several of our club members had driven straight there. It was good to see Skip and Nina's red and white '55 Chevy on the road. It had a slight transmission leak but Skip said it was an easy fix.

We had to sign in before we entered a racing fans heaven. To me it brought back a lot of memories. My uncle, Herb Backus, owned a midget and raced both at the old Phoenix Speedway and South Mountain Speedway. He built a mean machine. He had 3 of his drivers go on to become Indy drivers. They were Bob Hornbrook, Jimmy Bryan and Bobby Ball. Jimmy was a first-place winner. Bobby was

injured and remained in a coma until his death. This broke my uncle's heart and he put racing aside. Two others who were entered into the Arizona Motorsports Hall of Fame were classmates of Ron and I at Camelback High School. Byron Boaz raced motorcycles and Albert Eschenbaugh is still seeing if he can break land-speed records.

On November 9th, John Hurley, member of the former Bethany Bible Church Car Show committee, volunteers at Glendale Care Center planning entertainment for the patients. He wanted to have a car show for them and asked our OTHG if we would be able to bring some hot rods. He prayed that at least 10 cars would show up. He had asked others as well but the faithful OTHG-Phoenix came through with exactly 10 cars. Thank you Larry Besore, Ross Davis and friend, Chuck and Diane LaVetter, Mac McMillen, Paul and Judy Nolte, Ken Schaaf, Terry Stines, Frank Svancara and Steve Wright. Ron and I were particularly grateful because one of my very good friends, Beth Chamberlain, is a resident of GCC. She has multiple sclerosis and had not been wanting to get out of bed. When I found a nurse and asked if she could get her dressed and in her wheelchair, she assured me she probably would not want to.

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## THE FIRST LADY WRITES CONTINUED

Beth heard the nurse and yelled, "I want to go to the car show." So, to the car show she did go. She is in the last stages of the disease and has had many ups and downs but hangs in there. Giving her a bit of change and special attention was appreciated. Thank you all for taking the time to do this.

Thanksgiving, a day when family and friends get together, stuff themselves with turkey and all the trimmings, watch the football games and maybe take time to reflect upon all for which we are thankful. Have you ever thought that life itself is something for which we should be thankful. Mother Teresa said it like this:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.  
 Life is beauty, admire it.  
 Life is bliss, taste it.  
 Life is a dream, realize it.  
 Life is a challenge, meet it.  
 Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.  
 Life is costly, care for it.  
 Life is wealth, keep it.  
 Life is love, enjoy it.  
 Life is mystery, know it.  
 Life is a promise, fulfill it.  
 Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
 Life is a song, sing it.  
 Life is a struggle, accept it.  
 Life is a tragedy, confront it.  
 Life is an adventure, dare it.  
 Life is luck, make it.  
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
 Life is life, fight for it.

Somewhere in her poem, Mother Teresa should have said, "Life is friendship, cherish it." I know I cherish you, my friends in OTHG.

Jan

## THE VP SAYS ABOUT GOOD-GUYS NOVEMBER 2013

One for the record books, we had maybe as many as 3500 cars depending on which number you choose to believe. I got confirmation of 3300 including swap meet cars, but have seen published numbers higher than that. Whatever... Plenty of cars, mega amounts of spectators, and very few actual problems.

If traffic coming into the grounds could be improved everything would be much easier to manage. Oh and if registration was in the entry path so we could stop them before they got into the gate traffic. The back up of traffic caused Pro-Em to open the 3rd lane of traffic into the gate which really had us jumping for awhile.

And the guest parking club was something we knew nothing about, and they were not prepared to really manage it. After telling us they were in charge, they then needed OTHG people to bail them out. Not a problem but wish we had been informed. It was a surprise to Bill Goodwill also. After a few frantic moments on both sides it got worked out.

Just something's we will work on between now and March.

THANK YOU... You guys have this stuff down, I mean you really rocked it. Traffic problems aside we did a spectacular job on the gate shifts, parking the special areas, parking the winners, and running the award lanes.

The traffic backups were NEVER something we created. On the other hand it was something we managed, and moved the cars in as fast as we could. I would challenge any other organization, Scottsdale police included to manage it better. THANK YOU

The buffet was once again a great success, I hope you all had a chance to chill out a bit at our "compound" and enjoy the buffet. Linda, Page and crew do a fantastic job creating a restful and enjoyable buffet on Sat. You all deserved it!

In case you missed it our club pick was the very straight black 38 Chevy coupe from Las Vegas. Builder owner has owned the car 38 years. He finished the car finally, after all the kids left home, and he retired from Las Vegas Fire Dept.

Get ready for March it comes up real quick....

Larry

## **Cruisin Car Shows    “A little something for everyone” by Cheryl Mitchell**

- Dec 7        12th Annual Surprise Party, Hosted by: Nancy Perry/City of Surprise, Surprise Recreation Campus, 15850 N. Bullard Ave, Contact: Nancy (602) 843-3545, Time: 8am – 5pm, Event Fee: \$20.00, after Nov 28th:\$25.00. Lots of fun things to do and see.
- Dec 7        Severed in the Southwest, Hosted by: Severed Ties/Steele Rubber Products, Castles & Coasters at Metro Center, Contact: Joe (602) 920-7642, Time: 7am – 5pm, Event Fee: \$30.00, free to spectators, Lots of fun stuff is happening.
- Dec 14       Queen Creek Kids X-mas Car show & Toy Drive, Hosted by: MSCO Queen Creek Deputies Queen Creek Market Place, Rittenhouse & Ellsworth Rds, Contact: Deputy Ivan Lopez (602) 876-5055, Time: 8am – 2pm, Entry Fee: New Unwrapped Toy for Girls and Boys
- Dec 14       Food Truck Festival & Car Show, Hosted by: Dodson High School Band, Dobson High School 1501 W. Guadalupe Rd, Mesa AZ 85202, Time: 12pm – 4pm, Entry Fee: \$5.00, Fun Stuff includes: live music, holiday boutique, activities for the kids, and more:
- Dec 14       3rd Annual Teddy Bear Run, Hosted By: La Paz Roadrunners, Old School Park in Bouse, AZ, Time: 11am to 3pm, Contact: Ron (360)621-8048 or email: crazywheels13@tds.net, Entry Fee: One Teddy Bear, Support for the La Paz County Sheriff's Office
- Dec 15       Classic Car Show, Hosted by: Sundance 1 RV Resort, 1703 N. Thornton, Casa Grande Contact: Sue (520) 876-2714, Time: 10am – 3pm, Entry Fee: Pre-Reg \$8.00, day of \$10.00 Lunch, awards and raffle, sounds like fun.

## **2014**

- Jan 11       Car & Motorcycle Show, Hosted by: Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, Home Center Factory Direct, 2300 E. Tanger Dr. Suites 128 & 130, Contact: Linda (520) 836-2125, Time: 10am to 4pm, Entry Fee: \$10.00. Lots of fun things including the Health & Garden Show
- Jan 14       Annual Cheer Car Show, Hosted by: Desert Ridge High School, 10045 E. Madero Ave, Mesa, Contact: drhscarshow@gmail.com, Time: 9am to 2pm, Entry Fee: Pre-\$20, Day of \$25, Benefit for the DRHS Jaguar Cheerleaders, Trophies, plaques and raffles.
- Jan 17-19    Mesquite Motor Mania 2014, Hosted by: Many groups, Mesquite, Nevada (80 miles north of LV), Contact: (702) 643-0000/(702) 348-5512, [www.MesquiteCarShows.com](http://www.MesquiteCarShows.com), There is so many things to list, recommend going to the website to see it all.
- Jan 16-19    Cruizin on the River, Held at: The Riverside Resort & Casino, Laughlin, NV, Contact: Ellen Bridges (928) 505-8457 or [ew@citlink.net](mailto:ew@citlink.net), This show is huge, filled with contests, raffles, auctions, poker walk, luncheons and the list goes on. Check out the Flyer on Arizona Car Shows, Proceeds go towards local charities.

## Cruisin Car Shows “A little something for everyone” by Cheryl Mitchell *continued*

- Jan 18      Cars, Kulture & Chaos, Hosted by: Many Groups, 17998 S. 186th St, Queen Creek, AZ , Time: HIGH NOON, Contact see Flyer on Arizona Car Shows: Entry Fee: \$10, This event is...just cannot describe it, need to see the flyer. There is a Tattoo Contest and many more.
  
- Jan 25      20th Annual Collector Car Show, Hosted by: Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts, Tubac Golf Resort, 1 Otero Rd, Contact: Maryann (520) 225-6630, Time: 10am to 3pm, Entry Fee: \$25.00, Trophies, plaques, plus a friday night BBQ hosted by the Resort.
  
- Jan 25      Cruisin Classic Car Show, Hosted by: Yuma Navy League, Fortuna De Oro RV Resort, 13650 N. Frontage Rd, (foothills), Contact: “DOC” (928) 304-2239, Time: 9:30am to 4pm, Entry Fee: \$10.00 (includes 1 car, 1 meal w/drink & 5 raffle tickets): Proceeds go to local college student scholarships. Trophies and much more.

*Every Friday & Saturday Night: Hot Rod Cruise’N, at the Mixteca Restaurant, 6731 W. Bell Road, Glendale, Hosted by: Nancy Perry Productions (602) 843-3545, Time: Starts at 5:00pm*  
*Second Friday of each month, Norterra Car Show, The Shops at Norterra, 2460 W. Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix, Starts at 6pm. Note: Cars start to line up around 2:30 in the afternoon in order to get a spot in front of the shops.*  
*Most of the shows listed have Trophy classes, plaques, goodie bags, t-shirts, food, vendors, and the list goes on.*  
*If more detailed information is needed all of these events can be found on “cruisinarizona.com/car-shows”, “arizonacarshows.com” and “www.nancyperryproductions.com” All flyer’s and registration forms for each show can be found online.*



## Why Wear Yellow?

Yellow jackets are social hunters living in colonies containing workers, queens, and males (drones). Opps, that’s the definition for Yellow Jacket Wasps, though it does sound suspiciously like a car club? There’s also Yellow Pages, Yellow Flags, Yellow Cabs and oh ya Yellowstone. I could go on but I’m really interested in the Yellow Shirts of Over The Hill Gang. The official color of the official shirt to display the official Logo of the Over The Hill Gang Car Club.

You’ve earned the privilege to be a member and with that the privilege to proudly wear your Yellow Shirt. Oh sure I hear some say “I don’t look good in Yellow or a T Shirt“, and heck Who Does? It’s not like you’re wearing it for your wedding pictures. We wear our Yellow to

show our unity, solidarity and the camaraderie of our shared interest and membership in the coolest car club ever. We’re not one of those Black, Gray or White shirt car clubs. We stand out! Like the middle light on the traffic signal, the middle of the egg, the sun in the middle of the sky, we’re important, we’re yellow.

We are.....OVER THE HILL GANG !

I can’t wait to see you all at our next club function. We’ll be easy to spot, we’ll both be wearing Yellow !

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Michael T Rust  
 Over The Hill Gang  
 PHOENIX

## MINI CARS IN MARICOPA by Dee Giuntoli

Yes, indeed, we had 22 folks in eleven 'grocery getters' brave the elements on Saturday, November 23, 2013 as we headed to the town of Maricopa, down yonder! The day started with breakfast at Wendy's on Chandler Blvd and I-10 about 8am. Left at 9am and picked up Phil & Gwen Younger up the road a piece. Other participants included Don & Glenna Williams; Frank & Rose Svancara; Dave Bennett; Conrad Monroe-Paul Nolte-Bob Bailey-Charlie Cover; Page Barnes-Steve Bryant; Barney Wilkins; Larry & Sandie Wibeto; Chuck & Diane LaVetter; and of course Ken Schaaf and Me! We had another couple drive up from Casa Grande and meet us there, Jim & Ellie Bowen, who were guests at our home over the weekend.

The bad weather held off, thank you Lord, and I think everyone had a great time browsing through the HUGE shop where Ernie Adams builds his mini cars. It's an amazing process that he goes through to downsize them. He had a small movie seating area and played the video of his creations continuously, with some of us just sitting and watching. (I didn't see any popcorn, though.) Ernie had so many

fascinating collections to look at, and some really funny "sayings" everywhere to read. You really couldn't tell how mini the vehicle was unless someone was standing next to it. Just every part was downsized to perfection! They had three huge pet "guard" cats roaming around the shop waiting for us to pet them!

They even had a cemetery out back with tombstones for past "cat" pets who had perished; some tombstones read, "Missing," which probably meant a coyote got 'em??!! There was a couple of 'pot-belly stoves' burning brightly, to help warm us up and I was wishing we had some marshmallows along. LOL !

We left Ernie's about noon and headed back into town to the Raceway Bar & Grill, who was expecting us and had several tables lined up. Good food and HUGE drinks; you didn't have to ask for a refill. Then it was time to head back and after our good-byes, the folks just headed out for home. THANKS to all of you who participated in this outing; it was fun to plan and interesting to see.

### *Good Guy assignments by Larry Besore*

For the newer members; I have had some questions about where the Good-Guy work assignments were and how to know where you're working. Here's the scoop...

- assignment areas are;
  1. gate crews, that's the gate where all the show cars enter. (Fri-Sat-Sun)
  2. Special areas parking, those will usually be located on the asphalt at the East end of the tent. (Sat)
  3. top 10 – GG picks, same approximant location as special area parking. (Sat)

- 4. Trophy Corral, normally located at East end of tent on Sunday only.
- 5. Awards Ceremony, same location as trophy Corral Sunday afternoon.

Please be a little early for your work shifts to find out any special instructions, things change from time to time.

Work assignments will be prepared and given to you in the bag with your event shirts.

If there's a problem and you cant make the assignment please let me know so replacements can be arranged.

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## OTHG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party this year is on Saturday, December 7th at the Arizona American Italian Club, the address is 7509 North 12th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. This is between Glendale and Northern on 12th Street, on the east side of the road. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and then dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Each member is to bring a gift, one for a guy and one for a gal. The price is to be no more than \$15.00.

Thanks again Cindy for organizing this party.