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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.

"The First Lady Writes"

December is a busy month for most people. Rushing around putting away the Thanksgiving things and getting out the Christmas decorations as well as shopping for just the right gift for loved ones and friends. Then there are packages to wrap, cards to be sent, baking to be done; and oh, don't forget all the festivities that take place and parties to attend.

Speaking of parties, the OTHG Christmas party was really superb this year. As has been for several years, it was held at the Italian-American Club. The arrangements were made by Cindy Bryant and the decorations done by Linda Barnes with the help of Diane LaVetter. The tables were beautiful, each with a different centerpiece. Dinner was exceptionally good this year with the choice of chicken or steak as the main entree. After-dinner dessert was a treat of ice cream and choice of cupcake fashionably displayed on a 3-tiered serving tray. Were they ever vummy.

To work off some of the calories consumed, the gift exchange was done by a Mr. and Mrs. Right story, passing the gifts from left to right according to what the story says. At the end, one keeps the gift with which he ends up. There's always laughter as we find we all don't do left and right commands very well. Sometimes, someone is holding 2 gifts while another has none.

Entertainment this year starred our famous friend, Mike Combest and the Joshua Stone Band. Some danced and others enjoyed the music and comedy. Birthdays for Jan Olmstead and Larry Besore were celebrated by two different styles of Happy Birthday; Blue Grass and Polka. It really turned out to be a great evening of fun and fellowship.

With all this rush, the reason for the season is sometimes completely unrecognized. Instead of Merry Christmas, it's Happy Holidays. However, the City of Glendale had a parade where the Christ of Christmas prevailed. There were floats and marching choirs. After the parade, everyone crowded the street singing Christmas carols. Glendale has it's Festival of Lights which is a sight to be seen. A small community doing it's own thing.

Christmas Day comes and goes then it's time to get ready to welcome in the New Year. Early New Year's Eve, sounds of firecrackers could be heard. Unfortunately, we didn't stay up to meet Baby New Year. Our eyelids started drooping around 10:30. Real swingers, we are. We did go out to dinner with my brother and sister-in-law on New Year's Day. We visited our favorite Italian restaurant, Anzio's, where we met Barney and Donna Wilkins enjoying the tasty cuisine.

First Lady Writes (continued)

Ron and I failed to get to the Rock-a-Billy Drags. It was just too darn cold for us. I spent the day packing away Christmas decorations and Ron worked on the roadster he is building. Even though his roadster won't be finished to take to the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, CA, we are looking forward to going. Ron said I must sit in the car this year as I get into trouble when I check out the vendors. My extremely outrageous cookware is very nice. Carol Elliott likes hers, also.

We will have elections in February and new officers and board will take their places in March. May 2015 be another great year for OTHG. Be sure and consider taking part in putts and trips. Surprise us with an activity of your planning.

May the New Year hold many good things for you and yours.

Blessings, Jan

A Day at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park by Jan Olmstead

The weather was absolutely perfect. The turnout of OTHG members was great. Alan and and Cheryl Mitchell had their trailer with awning set up for our enjoyment. We had munchies and a buffet lunch provided by Mike and Jean Rust. Our thanks to both couples.

Even before Alan had a chance to make his first pass of the day, Camnoxious, his '39 Chevy gasser, had water leaking from the water pump. Sadly, it was not repairable. So there sat Camnoxious, being a little obnoxious and gave Alan a very short day at the races. That didn't keep him from helping others, however.

I forgot to write things down and my memory is not always the best so hope if I missed anyone all is forgiven. To the best of my recollection, we had 11 members who brought their cars to run: Alan Mitchell, George Thienes, Tom Eckholdt, Frank Svancara, Ross Davis, Page Barnes, Paul Nolte, Ron Olmstead, Bob Bailey, Charlie Cover and Larry Besore. Cheryl's daughter, Christina, acted as flag-drop girl. She looked cute in her checkered outfit and orange boots.

Ron Olmstead and Larry Besore brought their minibikes. Larry was disappointed when finding that his new tire had gone flat even before they had a chance to run. Scratch the mini-bikes. Then, and I'm not sure how, his tire got fixed and the race was on. Unfortunately, Larry while running out in front of Ron, blew one of his engines. His bike has two engines but couldn't make another pass with just one. Again, scratch the mini-bikes. All in a day at the races.

Some of us gals got to ride with our hubbies while they made the last pass of the day. They were Jan Olmstead, Danise Cover, Judy Nolte and Betty Bailey. It was fun to see the track from a different angle.

Even though some of the guys were disappointed, the day was great fun. A round of applause to the OTHG that came as spectator supporters. We hope to be doing this again so come on out and join us. You won't regret it.

Ridin' along, Jan

January Birthdays

Teresa Way	1/6	Val Altgilbers	1/26
Bob Bailey	1/14	Joanne Harrelson	1/26
Ed Scarla	1/17	Dave Bertram	1/28
Ken Du Bois	1/18	Mike Rust	1/30

January 2015

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Cruisin Car Shows "A little something for everyone" by Cheryl Mitchell

If you have car show information and good club putts send them to: camestimates@aol.com, they will go on the list.

- Jan 10 Gear Heads 7 Car/Truck \$ Bike Show Festival, Hosted by: Sold Out Productions, Yuma County Fairgrounds 2520 East 32nd Street, Contact: Jerry (928) 345-0982, Time: 9am to 5pm, Event Fee: Rides \$10/Spectators \$5.00. Very diverse car show, food, music, raffles, giveaways, vendors, kid zone, cackle fest, RC Cars. Lots to do for the entire family. View their website for all the information.
- Jan 10-18 Barrett Jackson, Westworld, Time: 8:00am to 8:00 pm.
- Jan 10-11 2015 Phoenix Swap Meet & Car Show, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 7am to 2pm, Swap space info: (480) 288-7927 or email: kim@phoenixswapmeet.com.
- Jan 14-18 Russo & Steele Car Auction, Car Club Appreciation Day Jan 18 starting at 9:00am. Registered Club Members receive complimentary general admission and complimentary bidder registration. E-mail was sent to everyone by Carol on Dec 30th. There is a link to click on to register.
- Jan 15-18 6th Annual Cruizin on the River Classic Car Show, Hosted by: River Cruizers, Riverside Resort & Casino, Laughlin, NV, Time: 8am to 6pm, Contact: Ellen Bridges (928) 505-8457, or go to www.river cruizers.com for all the info. Lots of cars and fun for all. **GOOD CLUB PUTT**
- Jan 17-18

 15th Annual Casa Grande Main Street Fair/Car & Bike Show, Hosted by: Historic Downtown Casa Grande, 110 W. 2nd St. Website: cgmainstreet.org for registration form. Time: 10am to 3:00pm, Event Fee: \$25 per vehicle (Saturday Only is the main event). Sunday is just a Show/Shine. Food, vendors, awards and in conjunction with the Street Fair Arts/Crafts Show.

 THIS WOULD BE A GREAT CLUB PUTT.
- Jan 23-25 Grand National Roadster Show, Pomona Fairplex,
- Jan 24-25 24th Annual Military Vehicle Show, Metro Center Mall, Time: 9am to 4pm, Contact: Alan Thurston (602) 791-5235 or Jeff Abrahamson (602) 451-2274 for more info. Event Fee: \$5.00. Kids w/Adults are free, Active Duty is Free. Military vehicles from WWI to Modern Day.
- Jan 24 Cars Kulture & Chaos 3, Hosted by: Motorhouse USA, PERA Club Tempe, 1 East Continental Drive, Contact: Patrick (602) 321-6469, Time: 12pm to 8pm, Entry Fee: \$12.00. Pre 65 American Cars, Trucks and Bikes, music, fire show, burlesque, pin stripping exhibition, food, drinks. Portion of the proceeds go to benefit Operation Wounded Warrior.
- Jan 24 AZ State Veteran's Home Show & Shine, Hosted by: SAVH Steering Committee, AZ State Veterans Home, 555 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, Contact: Duane (520) 240-6890, Time: 9am to 11am, Event Fee: None. Show for disabled vets who live at the residence. Show is limited to 36 vehicles.
- Jan 24 Cruisin Yuma, Hosted by: Navy League of US, Yuma Council, Fortuna de Oro RV Resort 13650 n. Frontage Rd, Contact: Doc (928) 304-2239, Time: 9am to 3pm, Event Fee: Pre \$25/day of \$35.00. Awards, food raffles. All proceeds go to local Veterans Charities and Kids Scholarship Funds.

Cruisin Car Shows "A little something for everyone" continued

- Jan 31 6th Annual Steinegger & Eshenbaugh Car Show and Fund Raiser, Time: 10am to 3pm, behind Cholla Cabinets, 1727 W. Deer Valley Rd, Entry Fee: Donations
- Jan 31 21st Annual Collector Car Show, Hosted by: Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts, Tubac Golf Resort, 1 Otero Rd, Tubac Contact: Maryann (520) 885-6630, Time: 10am to 3pm, Event Fee: \$25. 22 classes, 3 trophies per class, raffles, food provided by the Golf Resort, lots of fun.
- Feb 7 Cactus Cobra Spirtline Car Show, Hosted by: Booster Club, Cactus High School, 6330 W. Greenway, Glendale, Contact: Elsa (602) 359-4738, Time: 10am to 3pm, Event Fee: \$25.00.
- Feb 7 Concours in the Hills, in Fountain Hills, Time: 10am to 2pm, for more info Contact: Peter Volny (480) 773-7297.
- Feb 13-15 7th Annual Lake Havasu Rockabilly Reunion, This show has more fun things happening than I can list. Go to: lakehavasurockabillyreunion.com for all of the info. Over 800 vehicles on display, 200 vendors, music, food, History Channel TV show personality Danny Koker (Counting Kars), Tattoo artists, etc.....
- Feb 14 SO-CAL Speed Shop, Coffee & Donuts from when the sun comes up till the donuts are gone. Call (602)-275-7990or go to www.so-cal-az.com.

Check out "ARIZONA AUTO SCENE" online. So many shows that I cannot list them all. If you see one that looks like a good club putt let me know. There are a lot of shows to attend through this website, will keep you busy all summer long.

New Website to check out: VEGAS-RIDES.com, provides information on Car Shows being held not just in Vegas, but many different cities. Lots of Flyers on this site.

- 5 & Diner First Friday of each Month SOCK HOP and CLASSIC CAR NIGHT. 5220 N. 16th St, Phoenix. Starts 6pm. Live Music, Dancing and lots of Fun. 50% to classic car drivers on an entrée. Info: 602-264-5220
- 5 & Diner Second Saturday of every Month SOCK HOP and CLASSIC CAR NIGHT, 9069 E. Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, Starts at 7 pm. Live Music, Dancing and lots of Fun. 50% to classic car drivers on an entrée. Info: 480-949-1957.

West Valley Cruise in Every Friday night, 303 and Bell Rd (Sams Club parking lot), Time: 5pm to ?

Big Earl's Greasy Eats Every Friday night car show, Time: 6pm to 9pm, 6135 E. Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, call: (480)-575-7889

West Side Cruisin, Every Friday Night, 35th ave and Northern, next to the Burger Palace.

First Saturday of every month, Breakfast Cruisin in Dillions Arrowhead BBQ, 20585 N. 59th Ave, 8am to 11 am. PHILS FILLING STATION, every Sunday through May of 2015, 12pm to 3pm, Lots of fun, great cars and good friends. (only exception is if the holiday falls on a Sunday.)

MIXTECA RESTAURANT, 67th and Bell Rd. Every Friday night. Contact Nancy Perry Productions (602) 843-3545 for details

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/carshows", "arizonacarshows.com", "nancyperryproductions.com" and "arizonaautoscene.com". All flyer's and registration forms for each show can be found online.