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"The Prez Sez"

Larry Besore wrote a good review of our recent trip to the Good-Guys show in Pleasanton. I'll try not to repeat, just add a few items. Danise and I had a good time visiting with old Bellflower High School classmates on our way to the show and certainly got several reminders of why we bailed out of Southern California in 1974. We were late getting to a lunch with several of our friends in Bellflower because of very heavy, bumper to bumper, traffic on the 91 freeway heading west. As my old cousin from Nebraska used to say when he visited us in California, "where are all those people going"? After the reunion, we drove to Pleasanton via I-5 north. What a mess, 400 miles of solid traffic, exacerbated by trucks traveling the 55mph speed limit with

passenger cars trying to go 20mph over the 70mph speed limit. Oh, and those gas stops at poorly maintained stations charging \$4 per gallon. I believe the best definition of the situation is "a beautiful state littered with millions of people". Things got a lot better when we met up with our OTHG friends in Pleasanton. The garage tours were good this year, and the show was great. All those guys in California do make some very nice rides. The trip home was great, glad the old '40 ran OK. Always good to get home and see the dogs.

Until we eat and cruz again,

The Prez

“Pleasanton or Bust” by Larry Besore

Well we started out HOT, headed for California on a 117 degree day, and found that it sometimes gets hotter as you move west.

Larry and Brenda, Bob and Betty and George Thiewes met at the Cracker Barrel on I-10 and Litchfield road at 7AM on Sat Aug 15th. We decide not to eat as we wanted to use the hour to beat the heat. That only worked so-so.

We made good time, but still got into Indio when temps were flirting with 120, my car was showing vapor lock like symptoms and we had to stop and cool down the gas lines.

It was strange as the car was not showing hot on the temp gauge maybe a little above 200. We suspect the front mounted electric fuel pump is the culprit, need to move it back to rear of the car.

We made it into Bakersfield for our overnight and got an early start on Sunday headed for Bay area. Into California further we found a cool way across to the 101; state route 58, 70 miles of roller coaster switch backs and some interesting scenery. Then the 101.... Seems we timed our 101 travels when there was a major automotive show at Pebble Beach and multiple events in the Monterey area. Stop and go on the 101, very frustrating and I developed the vapor lock symptoms several times. We made it into Palo Alto and Betty's mom and sisters place for a wonderful rest-up and luncheon they prepared for us. Betty's family are just super great people... and we really appreciated the visit and lunch. Betty stayed to spend time with her family and the rest of us went on onto Dublin (Pleasanton) to the hotel. We met up with Charlie and Danise at the hotel, they had gone to a high school reunion on Saturday. We were all assaulted by an overpowering curry smell entering the hotel, oh no...not again! It lasted all night but was much better in the morning and the rest of the week, just a light aroma once in awhile. (or maybe we are getting used to it?)

Monday was a tour into the Sacramento area, Bob and Charlie and Danise went and I stayed to work on the gas line situation and Brenda and I did our first load of wash. They did over 250 miles on the tour and encountered some of California's finest (worst) freeways, very rough. We were to learn that was the

norm.

About 6am Monday morning there was a 4.0 earthquake in the area, then and bunch of aftershocks. Thanks for the initiation to Northern California...

Tuesday was the tour into Santa Rosa area it looked like maybe 110 cars left for the tour with us. Big Bob was in line when we got there. Bob Baileys brother - in -law Bruce joined Bob on the run. He is very knowledgeable on California flora and we got educated. (over...) Bruce was very formal on the radio (over...)

We all enjoyed spending the day with Bruce very much and he can run with us anytime. We took a Big Bob route home and went thru Sonoma and Napa area, Brenda counted winery's that we did not stop at, I'm sensing another trip to the area for wine tasting, want to go Betty?

Wednesday was the tour to East bay area and we all stayed home to do wash, and clean up the cars and just chill.

Rick and Debbie joined us Wednesday and brought their friends (Dipsticks) Roger and Jill and Eddie and Joann.

Thursday was registration, and a 90 - 100 mile poker run.

A few really neat stops on Thursday, Niles California being one of them; old school little California town/train station. Some very cool and scenic county roads also.

Fri-Sat-Sun was show time; we were joined by members Mike and Jean up from Monterrey and Dan and Sharon who flew up for Sharon's B-day celebration. We also saw Greg Selvedge, and Jim Carr during the tour week and during the show. Parking was a cake walk thanks to the host club P-Town Push Rods, who allowed us to park with them.

The Alameda fairgrounds is a great place for a car show, very nice facility. Easy to see why the show is so popular. Tons of vendors, lots of spectators and around 3400 cars.

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“Pleasanton or Bust” continued

Bob Bailey showed us where the Jockey Club restaurant was and we had a great breakfast there on Friday.

Saturday we just enjoyed the show and did a lot of shopping, like I really needed new T-shirts. After dinner Saturday night we said our goodbyes to Rick and Debbie, Roger and Jill, Eddie and Joann who headed home Sunday.

We left the show early on Sunday to pack and get ready for the run home.

Mike and Jean headed back to their Monterey retreat Monday morning for another week or two chilling.

Monday early; we were on the road headed for Yosemite park, via Oakdale and another great Bob Bailey breakfast stop. Into Yosemite and we were WOWED...

Unbelievable granite structures very fun and enjoyable scenic drive thru the park. Very neat afternoon at Yosemite...Then...

The run down 395 to Barstow. Not sure what the actual mileage was but it seemed twice that. Fun at first skirting Death Valley and a few quaint little towns thrown in along the way. Then just hot boring desert. We were lucky in the fact that it was a low traffic day, but 18 wheelers were out in force.

for the final run home Tuesday morning. Wahoo... cloud cover, we caught a great day for the run home mid-hi 80's most of the way a few sprinkles here and there and another low traffic day. Lunch in Wickenburg this time a Danise and Charlie pick; great little sandwich shop. Home by 2PM and probably have 3-4 days of laundry to do. All the cars did well; I had some vapor lock like issues, and broke a ex- pipe hanger, Bob had a passenger window that kept falling off the riser, George and Charlie had no issues.

To travel California much you need a car with better gas mileage than I have. Gas prices were twice what they are here, and there's talk of more gas taxes being added.

The club radios worked really good this time, when they were charged.. huh George!

Lots of fires in California and we frequently saw and smelt the smoke, it's very dry and brown over there.

All during the trip we were telling Brenda about the arrow that appears in the FEDEX logo on the trucks. It took all week but on the way home somewhere.. Brenda sat up in her seat and loudly announced "I see it"... mission accomplished!

Ya shoulda been there !

Overnight at Barstow Hampton Inn, and up early

September Birthdays

Becky Hampton	9/14
Ann Bennett	9/15
Sue Elston	9/26
Rose Svancara	9/26
Larry Way	9/27
Ken Schaaf	9/29

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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.

- Sep 5 7th Annual Cars & Bikes on Arizona Street, Bisbee, AZ. Hosted by: City of Bisbee Merchants, Time: 8am to 2pm, Contact: Annette: (520) 432-3010 or Pete (520) 227-9458. Event Fee: Pre \$25.00/day of \$35.00. Awards, raffles, food, music. Proceeds to Benefit the Boys and Girls Club. This is a great show and would make a good club putt. If interested I can send you the registration form.
- Sep 5 Charity Car Show, Mesa Marketplace, benefits for the AZ Humane Society, Time: 10am to 2pm, Contact: 480-985-2531
- Sep 10 -13 Route 66 Reunion, Flagstaff Mall, 4650 N. Hwy 89, Contact: Gary Sprinzi 602-292-4738 or www.cruzzinmainstreetusa.com, to get all the information.
- Sep 12 SO-CAL Saturday Shoe Box Swap Meet, Contact: 602-275-7990 or www.so-cal-az.com
- Sep 24-27 24th Annual Roddin on the River: Hosted by: The River Cruizers of Bullhead City, Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV, Contact: Ellen 928-505-8457, Time starts: NOON on Thursday. This show has everything. Entry fee: \$45.00, go to www.rivercruizers.com for all the information.
- Sep 25-27 32nd Annual Run to the Pines, Pinetop, Contact: Bob 928-368-5325 or go to www.runtothepinesaz.com. Unfortunately the show is at full capacity for further registration, but if you want to get to the cooler weather for the weekend it is a good show.
- Sep 26 Blast from the Past, Hosted by Jeff & Suzie Siereveld, Western Town 13850 E. Henderson Rd, Dewey, Time: 9am to 4pm, Contact: 928-632-8881, Event Fee: Pre \$15.00/day of \$25.00. Food, drawing, raffle, free poker hand, music, No trophies or judging, just a good time so bring your favorite beverages and lawn chairs and have a great time proceeds go to the Quad Cities, “Meals on Wheels”
- Oct 2-3 Standing on the Corner in Winslow. AZ, Ken Schaff, Coordinator
- Oct 10 15th Annual Cruise on Central/Car Show, Hosted by Nancy Perry, Park Central 3110 N. Central Ave, Contact: Nancy 602-809-1766, Time: 1pm to 6pm, Event Fee: \$15.00.
- Oct 10 Buckeye Octoberfest Open Car Show, Historic Downtown Buckeye, 530 E. Monroe Ave, Contact: Dave 602-919-8195, Time: 10am to 2pm, Entry Fee: \$20.00. Trophies, drawings, food/beverage vendors, carnival, Sangria&Shopping event, Kid Zone, music, and a rock/mineral show at the Helzapoppin Arena.
- Oct 17 5th Annual Thunder in the Desert, Hosted by: Jones Ford Buckeye, 23454 W US HWY 85, Contact: Scotty 602-980-1158, Time: 6am to 3pm, Entry Fee: \$20 -\$25. Awards, food, vendors, raffles, music, Proceeds to benefit Phoenix Children’s Hospital
- Oct 17 5th Annual Tatum Ranch Golf Club Car Show, Hosted by: Hampton & Cox Productions, 29888 N. Tatum Ranch Dr, Contact: Carlyn 480-567-6699, Time: 10am to 2pm, Event Fee: Donation to the Foot Hills Food Bank. Awards, food, raffle, prizes, music, lots of family fun.
- Oct 23-25 California Hot Rod Reunion, Held at Famoso, in Bakersfield, CA
- Oct 24 CARS for Charity, Our Lady of Joy Church, 36811 N. Pima Road, Carefree, Contact: Fred 480-488-7006, Time: 9am to 2:30pm, Entry Fee: \$35.00. Trophies, raffles, drawings, food and fun for the family.

Cruisin Car Shows “A little something for everyone” continued

- Oct 24 Kool FM Car Show, held at Westgate
- Oct 25 Fall Show and Shine, Red Mountain Community Church, 6101 E. Virginia St, Mesa, Contact: Gerry 602-430-4094 Time: 4:30 to 7:30, Entry Fee: Free. Trunk and Treat for the kids, food and fun for the whole family.
- Oct 31 9th Annual Arizona Deuce Day, Sanderson Ford Starliner Diner, 5111 W. Maryland Ave, Glendale, Contact: George Walker 602-570-1932, Time: 9am to 2pm, All the usual festivities.
- Oct 31 2015 Car Show & Trunk or Treat, Hosted by: WeMar Motor Sports Group, Cabela's 9380 W. Glendale Ave, Glendale, Contact: Rachel 623-931-9294, Time: 8am to 2pm, Entry Fee: \$20 pre/\$25 day of. All cars, trucks, bikes, trailers all years are welcome. Lots of fun for the whole family.
- Oct 31 Gina's Team 3rd Annual Show, Red Mountain United Methodist Church, 2936 N. Power Rd, Mesa, Contact: Chris 480-354-1475, Time: 9am to 2pm, Entry fee: by 10/17 \$15/day of \$25. Awards, drawings, food, raffles, trunk or treat, silent auction. Proceeds go to educational programs for women's prison and juvenile facilities.

Calling All Cars to Beyond Donuts & Café, 8110 W. Union Hills Dr, Every Sunday from 6am to 10 am, Great place and good donuts. www.facebook.com/beyonddonutscafe

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, 7am to 11 am. Contact: Keli Kozup 623-980-6451.

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

Norterra Car Show, 2nd Friday of every month, The Shop at Norterra, 2460 W. Happy Valley Rd, Time: 6pm to 9pm, Shows goes through May. CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER.

Westgate Hot Rod Night, Every Wednesday 5pm to 9pm, Starts Sept 9th through Nov 18th. Free Show.

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.