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Jim Dalton writes Ramblings and the History of a Novice Car Guy

Our leader has asked for the members to assist him in filling the front page of the news letter with tall tales, wild experiences, crazy things we did when we were younger, and other embarrassing details of our past.

Having never been a car guy, with the exception of my first car, a 49 Ford club coupe totally stock and with a mere 90,000 miles on the odometer. Well when you are in High School this "car thing" is a big deal as all you members know....both male and female...just ask my wife...yes we started dating in High School.

Going on dates is important so you really, really need a car. One exception for me was borrowing of the family sedan for a grand ride to the Prom. My dad had a giant boat of a 1957 Plymouth 4 door sedan that his brother made him a good deal on. Besides being 20 feet or so long, it was also a beautiful coral with a white accent stripe between the flowing chrome side moldings that terminated in giant dorsal fins. Another amazing thing for the time was the push button shifter....just like a mini key board with those famous letters PRNDL. Parked in the lot with all the "car guys" cool hot rods, the low riders 50 chevys, and the other borrowed parents' cars the Plymouth was quite a stand out if I say so myself. It defiantly would have won the "fin class" if there was some sort of judging going on that night. Needless to say we did not see any trophies presented although I heard later that

there were some given for various teenage activities that will remain secret for the present time. Oh, I forgot all of you were there at one time or another..so you may have been the ones in the back seat of that hot rod....yes pun intended. As you possibly know Carol and I enjoyed two proms together in high school and then went to separate collages. She to UCLA and I to ASU. The 49 ford transformed into a 62 VW bug and off to Tempe I went. Only to make the drive to UCLA and back to Tempe on at least a monthly basis.

So fast forward several years, Carol graduates from UCLA and for some crazy reason we decide it would be a good idea to get married. I am still at at ASU trying to pass some really stupid classes like calculus, structures, and some others having to do with punch cards and a computer bigger than the Architecture Building. I found out the hard way you were supposed to buy new punch cards and write the proper code on them....what ever that was....not use the free ones out of the recycling barrel. Needless to say, beer was a much better purchase than those stupid cards so I was a for-runner for recycling. Having been thrown out of that class I somehow managed to finally get formally relieved the need to know computers.

Life is good, Carol is teaching, I am spending all day in my classes and getting very close to graduation

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when out of the blue President Johnson wanted me to join his team.

Well, our timing or something in the water contributed to Carol being pregnant which allowed for me to be differed and finish up my degree. We are still driving our respective 62 and 65 VW bugs.

Carol one evening mentioned to me that she was feeling "ODD". Well she swore that these pains were not the same as the doctor said they would be so....I started to time them.....and guess what we got in the newer bug and were hauling ass to the hospital....no not in Tempe but in Phoenix with my beautiful bride saying she "isn't in labor".....prior to take off, I fill the VW with blankets and sheets just in case..... Lucklly we arrive with a few minutes spare.....needless to say I only got in 5 or 6 paces when the doc reappeared with the news I was the father of a healthy boy!

So we take our son home and become parents. Another son arrives and it is now time we invest in a larger car....a beautiful new 65 chevy van. The van will last through both kids driving it to high school. Years pass and Carol gets her sporty 325 BMW to drive to school and I continue driving SUV's.

I open my own firm, buy and remodel a office building, work on projects across the nation and ultimately get asked to be a "consultant" for a large consulting group out of Australia. I am still in my giant Armada. One thing leads to another and suddenly I am being asked by my new firm to get on airplanes bound for

Dubai and Abu Dhabi.....and get work for them....I do and all is well! I buy a Z06.....and have this auto-revelation that cars can be something besides go to work objects. We join a corvette club and meet Charlie.....yes the Prez. We enjoy the vettes but he also has this garage with some old Fords in it.....I call it quits with that "working thing" in 08.

I get this urge to build a car.....so I do some research and collect the parts and pieces of the 34. I start the process.....buying stuff, compressor, paint gun, tools, grinders, vices, jack stands, and other stuff. I do a lot of reading, of "how to" articles. Trial and error are the best teachers around. They are ever-present and never go away. A couple of years elapse and suddenly I turn a key and the car starts.....it drives.....it stops.....it blinks.....it honks.....WOW I am HOOKED!

And now as I write this, the 34 is on the block to make room in the garage for the 49 Ford. The 38 will be the daily driver. I can't let all this equipment I bought go to waste so I had better build another car. I am anxious to get the 49 ford to reappear in the garage and get us back to our lost youth again.

As of this morning, getting back to finishing this letter, I have a 50 coupe on the way!! A black completely stock, all original, beauty with only 54,000 miles and looks like new....hopefully with untouched-up photos.

With that I close with the profound motto "till we eat again"

"A little something for everyone"

PHILS FILLING STATION, every Sunday starting October 2016 through May of 2017, 12pm to 3pm, Lots of fun, great cars and good friends. (only exception is if the holiday falls on a Sunday.)

Most of the shows listed on the next page 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.

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.

- Feb 4 OTHG Lunch held at Bartlett Lake, Fred has the details.
- Feb 11 ARC 5th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet, Sun City West RJ Johnson Parking Lot, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd, Contact: Tom 503-887-3430, Time: 8am to 2:30pm, Entry Fee: Pre \$25/Day of \$30. Swap meet space \$25, car corral space \$25. Spaces are 10x20. Trophies, raffles, prizes, food, entertainment, vendors. Lots of fun for everyone.
- Feb 11 Jennabears Car Show & Family Day, UTI, 10695 W. Pierce St, Avondale, Contact: Chris 623-242-3461. Time: 9am to 2pm, Entry Fee: pre \$20/day of \$25. Open to all types of vehicles, lots of different things to watch and participate in. All proceeds benefit the Jennabear Foundation.
- Feb 18 Breakfast Run, Charlie has the details.
- Feb 19 The Hemi Show, Mopars Unlimited of AZ, Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave, Time: 8am to 3pm, Contact: Steve 602-482-3327, Entry Fee: \$25.00. Total MOPAR Show, lots of awards, vendors and all proceeds go to the Arizona Burn Foundation. www.moparaz.com.
- Feb 25 4th Annual Veterans Car Show. Westgate Entertainment District, 6751 N. Sunset Blvd. Time: 9am to 3pm, Contact: Nancy 602-843-3545. Entry Fee: pre Feb 1 \$20.00/\$25 day of. Music, food, vendors, awards, awards. All proceeds go to the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 432.
- Feb 25 DRHS Theatre Dept. 5th Annual Cruisin thru the Decades Car Show and Swap Meet. Desert Ridge High School, 10045 E. Madero Ave, Mesa, Contact: Karl 602-628-8866, Time: 7am to 1pm, Entry Fee: Pre Feb 22 \$20/ day of \$25. Swap Space \$15. Awards, Food, Drinks, Music and lots of fun.
- Mar 4 Chester's Classic Car Show, Melrose 7th Ave Street Fair, 4245 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix, Contact Pam: 602-471-2935. Time: 8am to 5pm, Pre \$15/day of \$20. Lots of classes, awards, food trucks, beer garden, music, kids area, Arts Market, vendors, all day fun for the entire family. Register: M7STREETFAIR.COM.
- Mar 10-12 GOOD GUYS, GOOD GUYS, GOOD GUYS
- Mar 18 Breakfast Run, Larry W has the details.
- May 12 & 13 2017 BEELINE Cruise-In Car Show. It is being held at the Mazatzal Casino. If you are interested in going I can send you the information via email. It is 5 pages of information, registration and all the exciting things that will be going on. This show would be a good club putt. My email is camestimates@aol.com if you would like the info.

Potential Shows (short and far)

Here are a couple of events that might be of interest to the club. The 2017 Tucson Dragway Reunion (where if interested we might be able to run the club cars.

The 2017 Holley Hot Rod Reunion in Bowling Green Kentucky. The Hot Rod Power Tour is going to end up there. If there is any interest, please see Alan Mitchell or Bob Bailey.

BE THERE! BE THERE! BE THERE!!! Mark your calendars!!

WHO: All drag racers, fans and gearheads – young and old

WHAT: The 2017 Tucson Dragway Reunion!

WHEN: Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th

WHERE: Again held at Tucson Dragway (formerly Southwestern Intl Raceway)

WHY: For the sheer joy of it. 2017 event GRAND MARSHALL: Steve Gibbs Gates: Fri Racers 8AM Spectators 4 PMSat 7AM all Admission: \$10 per day or \$15 for two day ticket Tech Card: \$30 per day or \$50 for two days Spectator motorhome: \$25 (plus admission) Thursday night party: 3pm start Thursday night before the Friday start of the Tucson Dragway Reunion we will have a big open house/ reunion kickoff party at the Climax/Speed Sport Race Car Shop. FOOD! CARS!! NOISE!! STEVE GIBBS!! :-) Party starts at 3pm...BBQ served at 6pm. At dusk we will have a mini cackle starting with the installation of Steve Gibbs as the Grand Marshall of the event and he shall make "first noise" by doing the kickoff of the event cackle!

When: Thursday May 4th 2017 3pm – ?



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1961 Ford 2 Door Wagon 351 w/AOD, AC, yellow, some work required, Halibrand wheels, new tires

1933 Dodge Cabriolet 315 Hemi/904 new radiator, choice of wheels, body work done, needs to be finished

1929 Ford Model A Pickup, project, some work done, most parts to complete

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| Barb Scott | 2/7 | Terri Besore | 2/21 |
| Page Barnes | 2/10 | Jim Stubert | 2/23 |
| Dee Giuntoli | 2/10 | Larry Bohnen | 2/25 |
| Diane LaVetter | 2/12 | Carol Elliott | 2/28 |
| Tony Cruze | 2/18 | | |

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The Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix is a club made up of owners and operators of Pre 1959 vehicles. It's primary objective is to promote the sport of Street Rodding.

The Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix has a Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at Red Devil Italian Restaurant at 3004 East Bell Road. at **7:00 PM**. There is also a Board Meeting held at Denny's on Mayo Blvd. & Scottsdale Road on the third Tuesday of each month at **6:30 PM**.