



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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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.*

As most of you already know I sold my little '38 Dodge. What a great car that Dodge was, totally reliable and comfortable...so...I had to get rid of it! (LOL.) The old Studebaker bug has been nagging at me for a long time so I finally gave in. Looked at a lot of them, looked seriously at 3 of them. First one was in Tucson; a nice '53, dark blue car with an LS. Oh Boy, great so far. However, the pictures showed me a much-neglected car with a junk yard engine swap. Moving on...

Next serious look was at a '53 in Salem Oregon, just a drop-dead killer flame job on a red car, great gray leather interior, nicely dressed up 350 V8, loved it. I contacted the GoodGuys rep in Salem and made arrangements for him to go check out the car. By chance he was also an appraiser, so I felt good about getting his opinion. He gave the car a thumbs-up mechanically; interior was also good. However, he found a lot, and I mean a lot of rust repair. He was concerned with the amount of rocker panel patching, floorboards, trunk floor, etc.! He didn't feel the work was done very well; rusted areas were not totally cut out. Additionally, the paint job had a lot of fish eyes, maybe could be buffed out maybe not. He suggested a much lower offer than the seller was asking. His suggestion was so low, I couldn't offer it, so I passed on the car.

Next on my list was a little light blue '53 in KC. I didn't pursue it at first because I was really interested in the flamed '53 from Oregon. After studying some photos closer I decided to contact seller and have some conversation. I felt good about what I

heard, the photos looked good also. I wanted to see it in person but couldn't actually arrange that, so next best thing ...my brother went to check it out. It turns out that Steve's new office is a few miles from where the car is, close to KC. Steve went to drive it, and look it over good. He gave the car a thumbs up. I made the deal and had the car delivered. We have been making a lot of improvements since then. Car is straight, paint is good with a few places that need buffed. Engine is an LT-1 converted to Carb and rear Hei dist. After a some work and new parts it rides great, better than the Dodge actually. Runs smooth, not real fast but it will do. It's running warmer then I would like so next is better elec fan and a flowkooler water pump. We already installed an aluminum cross flow radiator, two rows of 1-inch tubes. So...you know how it is; they are never really done; future plans would include some interior updating. But, for now we just want to drive it!

I had two '53s in the past but never could afford to fix them up; maybe this time. All in all I have had five Studebakers, two '53s, a '57, a '51 bullet nose and the current '53! The classic car license plate I was assigned is MS05...My Studebaker number 05.

Meant to be!

Besore out...

**Thank you to Chuck and Diane LaVetter for a fun breakfast putt to Biscuits Café in Peoria. There were 35 people in attendance. The food and service were excellent, and we all had a great time!**

## Upcoming Events

- 2019 Monthly Putts:

Saturday, August 17: Roadmasters: John & Leah Carmody, Horseshoe Café, 207 E. Wickenburg Way, Wickenburg, AZ 85390.

- August 1-4: NSRA 50<sup>th</sup> Street Rod Nationals, Louisville, KY
- August 3-4: Watson Lake Car Show, Prescott, AZ
- August 17: Run to Copper Country, Silver City, NM
- August 22-25: Route 66 NSRA, Albuquerque, NM
- September 21-22: Top Notch Car Show, Pahrump, NV
- October 5-6: 25th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Club Car Show, Winslow, AZ
- October 26: Vintage Aircraft & Custom Car Show, Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ
- November 23: Phoenix Police Museum Car Show

### Birthdays

Debbie Aronson	8/1
Terry Scott	8/12
Linda Barnes	8/29

**PLEASE...PLEASE...PLEASE!!! Attention:** New members for whom we do not have birthdays listed, would you all please send those to me ASAP so that we can acknowledge you? I would appreciate it very much!

**THANK YOU!!**

Please send to: [baileybnb@msn.com](mailto:baileybnb@msn.com).

If you are interested in buying or selling an item, I will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

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The **Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix** is a club made up of owners and operators of pre-1959 vehicles. Its 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, Phoenix, AZ, at **6:30 PM**. Board Meetings are held at Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050 (Tatum between 101 & E. Deer Valley) on the third Tuesday of each month at **6:30 PM**.