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President's Message and Comments

The Prez Sez

The price of conforming

I like the route less traveled, the unusual cars, the less conforming, the weird and unique!

Guess you all knew that after the Mopars and Studebakers I have gone through. We spent many happy years with a 39 Chevy coupe, a little while with a very comfortable 48 Plymouth. But tired of the fat fendered comfort, I had to have a "Hot-Rod"! I guess because I didn't have a Hi-boy as a kid so I needed one at age 60. The term Hot-Rod just brings to my mind a picture of a chopped Hi-boy Coupe or Roadster with huge tires. When we found such a car the fact that it was an early Mopar pretty much clinched it for me. Man was that a fun car, I mean really, a super fun car! The license plate decision was easy for this one "C R GRINS" Well it turned out that it wasn't very road worthy when we got it, and several costly repairs and revisions were required to make it so. The car may even have been jinxed; it had some real strange things happen to it, freak situations. Still it was sure a fun ride! Loved driving the car, loved how people enjoyed looking at it. Don't know that I ever had such a hi-\$ maintenance car before, maybe my old Corvette. I had a ton in that 33 Coupe.

Well the longer, and more frequent the trips got, the less my old butt enjoyed them. Un- packing the trunk at every

gas stop to get to the gas filler was not part of the fun. Still... that all went away soon after each stop, on revived hips, the grins came back and life was good. Hoo-Hah...Don't need no stinking fenders!

Brenda and I sure established a lot of memories in the car, driving in the clouds and mega-rain at Julian, the run through Mecca California " what canyon walls?" , the trip to Silver City New Mexico, "Houston...we have a problem!" Brenda called over the club radio, as the axle shaft went and the car nearly flipped over...response back was "who is this?".... Lots of runs up the hill to Payson, Prescott and Globe (grill munch #1). Doing the poker run in Yuma when we couldn't see the street signs out the little windshield, yep! What a great fun car. If finances allowed I would never have let it go, it's the perfect fun ride for the putts and local runs. But...can only have one, so it was time to move on to a more main stream ride, (I did look for a Mopar) something with fenders. Normal sized seat, normal sized windshield, trunk space for stuff, and even a back seat, and.....well you know something more comfortable (read as - conforming) than a chopped top, Mopar, hi-boy with a Halibrand rear end, 250 louvers, and huge rear tires and a mail slot windshield! I think I've gone full circle! (Again)

**I can say; been there-dun that!,
been there dun that!**

January Birthdays

Nick Bacon	1/1
Vivian Otis	1/3
Bob Bailey	1/14
Ken Du Bois	1/18
Shirley Savi	1/19
Joanne Harrelson	1/26

January Anniversaries

Pete & Mary Golightly	1/4
Walter & Patricia Hann	1/19

Please let me know if I have missed your birthday or anniversary. I'll add it next year.

RWCA Toyz for Totz - *article by Nick Bacon*

Those that attended last year's event can remember cold, rainy, miserable weather. There were maybe 50 cars that braved the elements. This year the weather was perfect for a car show and the participants enjoyed a spectacular event. There had to be 400 to 500 cars that surrounded the Wickenburg Civic Center. I doubt they expected such a large turnout because parking spaces were at a premium. One gentleman offered me \$100.00 for mine; well maybe it was \$20.00. Actually no one offered me anything but you get the idea. They had to park some of the cars out in the dirt, ick.

Our president was parked outside the entrance to the show, along with about another hundred cars or so. Larry said we had 17 cars from the club at the event. He also said next year we would be at the entrance to the event about 9:00 AM so we could all park together. It seems our designated parking spaces were gobbled up by non club members due to a mix-up, or misunderstanding between parking attendants. Those participants included Vicki Barr's solo in Jeff's car, Fred K., Clark/Corky, Rich/Robin, Bill/Sharon, Fred/Sue, Fred/Martha, making it a 100% turnout from the Fred's, Larry Vail with Dave Pierce riding shotgun, Walter Hann, Bradley H., Steve/Cindy, Jerry/Carol, Big Bob, Larry/Brenda, and me and Della. Della is a relative visiting from Indiana and this was her first car show. At 80 years young she said it won't be her last. She's got the bug. Deb was on family

business in Tucson. Phil and Gwen were there in the grocery getter and of course Ken/Dee and Ben/Josie in RWCA colors. Thanks for the great turnout.

This year's event was a huge success. Door prizes were given away all day. The basket auction raised a ton of money. They sold every ticket printed for the 1959 Chevy giveaway. By the way, I believe a man named Gonzales from Scottsdale won it. I don't think it was the famous baseball player though. I heard they ran out of hot dogs and brats. Pop corn was being sold by the tons. Drinks were ice cold and very reasonable priced.

The club pick for an award was a 1931 Chevy 2 door sedan. It was painted a very dark purple, almost black, and had a very tasteful mural on the back panel. It was done as a resto rod and the body was laser straight. The owner was very proud as he built it himself.

None of the OTHG club cars were picked for an award this year. There were a lot of beautiful cars to choose from. I'm glad I didn't have to pick one.

All in all, the day was great. How can you top good food, good friends, great looking hot rods, interesting conversations, and all for a fabulous cause, the kids? The event truly brought out the best in everyone. A great big thank you goes out to the RWCA for another super event. **YA SHOULDA BEEN THERE and IF IT CAN'T GET THERE ON IT'S OWN, LEAVE IT HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Open letter to OTHG-Phoenix members and prospective members

As we discussed at the December business meeting, there are some issues we need to deal with so we can do a better job of leveling out our sponsored event work loads.

Before we attack those issues, we thought maybe it would be helpful to, “set the stage” so to speak, and make sure everyone is aware of the expectations and requirements.

There are different club activities during the year. We have our regular club putts, car shows, and the three Phoenix chapter officially sponsored activities, Christmas party, Good-Guys, and our poker run. The Christmas party is optional as are the regular club putt and car show events. The club does expect participation in the other two sponsored events.

Those being; the Good-Guys show, and the Poker Run. Accepting membership in the Phoenix chapter is also accepting responsibility to participate in those activities.

(Life being what it is we know things happen which require us to change plans and break commitments like those mentioned below. Happens to all of us. We can work around those things if we know about it, and adjust accordingly. If it happens just let someone know.)

Participation during the Good-Guys show means performing some of the required work assignments the Good-Guys allocate to the Hosting club. (Best effort is expected here) Some people can work multiple shifts daily others a single shift daily, less than that perhaps for a few members. What we need in a perfect scenario would be a shift from everyone each day of the show. (More if you're comfortable doing so voluntarily.) The expectation is; that everyone will attend, and do what they can, so we cover all the requested assignments fairly among the team (your fellow club members). There may be things that we need help with before the show that you can assist with, if your time is allocated on the show weekend to family matters.

Point is; everyone needs to participate in some manner, and each member needs to assume the responsibility to get involved.

We receive a free event shirt, and entry from the Good-Guys for each person working the show, and \$750 (currently) for the club.

We actually had no idea the first year we were going to be paid anything, that's not at all why we got involved. The \$750 is not a profit; we use that to fund the Saturday afternoon buffet so we have some nice social time during the show as well.

The poker run is another event where we have work assignments; working a card stop, parking lot duty, prizes, MC duties, auction booth, developing the route, preparing the route sheets, registration...etc! Each member is expected to participate in one of those duties, and to also provide a donated giveaway item which we raffle to the participants. Voluntary prize baskets are also built and donated by members for the Chinese raffle. Unlike the Good-Guys show this is a for profit show. The proceeds are divided between our benefit choices, and our club treasury. The club uses its share to finance the years activities and our “free to members” Christmas party.

These events and the associated duties and donations, are “Expectations of membership”. There is also a requirement of membership to attend a minimum of 4 business meetings yearly. We hope these things were made clear to you when you accepted membership. If not, we hope they are agreeable to you now that we have presented them.

If these expectations create any issue with you; you disagree with them, or you find you cannot comply at least in the spirit of “best effort”, or you don't wish to comply. Then you will want to talk with an officer about dropping membership. That's not meant to be threatening, just to be fair with everyone, especially those who have accepted and honored the expectations.

Thank You

Officers and Board of Directors, Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix.

Poker Run Prizes

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PRIZES before the event. It creates confusion when we get 50% of our giveaways the morning of the run. It's just impossible to have any organization when that happens. We miss getting some of the donations listed and the vendors don't get thank you letters. So start your shopping now, we need at least one quality item donated from each member. The item should be something you would enjoy winning, it doesn't have to be automotive related.

Cruising Locations in Town

Fridays

35th Ave. & Northern - Northwest corner.
North of the 101 on east side of 59th Ave. Checker Auto Parts - 6 pm till 9 pm
Warner and Lindsey Road - Northeast corner - 6 pm to 10 pm - open to all
16130 N. Arrowhead Fountain Ctr Dr. in Peoria Arrowhead Harley-Davidson - - 6 pm till ??????

Saturdays

Safeway Parking Lot - 40th Street & Chandler Blvd. sponsored by Rodders For Christ.
Rock n Roll McDonalds at the Pavillions - Pima and Indian Bend 4 pm to 10 pm.
83rd Avenue & Union Hills, Safeway Parking Lot
Power & U.S. 60

The club is still looking for members to sign up to put on a Garage Tour or Breakfast or Lunch run, please let a board member know if you would like to volunteer. The ones we've had in the past have been a lot of fun.

Coming Events

O.T.H.G. Business Meeting

Old Fiddlers Car Show
 37th Annual Phoenix Car Quest World of Wheels
 Barrett Jackson Car Auction

O.T.H.G. Board Meeting

ASRA Casa Grande Picnic

O.T.H.G. Business Meeting

6th Annual Benefit Classic Car & Truck Show
 RWCA Appreciation Run

O.T.H.G. Board Meeting

All Oldsmobile Car Show
 Midnight at the Oasis
 Town of Marana Founders Day Show Car Event
 OTHG Annual Poker Run
 Copper Country Cruise-Habitat for Humanity
 Tucson Street Rod Assoc. 32nd Rodders Days
 Mountain Top Street Rodders Rod & Custom Show Low Days
 15th Annual Roddin' on the River

Wed. Jan. 4

Jan. 7
 Jan 13-15
 Jan 14-22

Tues. Jan. 17

Jan. 29

Wed. Feb. 1

Feb. 11
 Feb. 19

Tues. Feb. 21

Feb. 25
 March 3-5

March 18

March 26

April 7-8

May 4-7

May 13

June 9-11

Sept. 21-24

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. 7:00 PM

Pinal County Fair, Casa Grande
 Phoenix Civic Plaza
 Westworld, Scottsdale

Tutto Bene 13901 N. 73 Street

Casa Grande

Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. 7:00 PM

Apache Junction High School
 South Mountain

Tutto Bene 13901 N. 73 Street

McDonalds, Scottsdale Pavillions
 Yuma, AZ

Marana, AZ

Scottsdale Pavillions

Globe, Arizona

Tucson, AZ

Prescott Mile High Middle School

Show Low, AZ

Riverside Resort & Casino

*An excellent source for upcoming show information and printable information sheets, maps & registration forms is:
www.cruisinarizona.com or www.desertcruisers.com or www.lonewolfcruisers.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 OTHG Business Meeting	5	6	7 Old Fiddlers Car Show
8	9	10	11	12	13 World of Wheels	14 Barrett Jackson Car Auction
15 World of Wheels	16	17 OTHG Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
-----Barrett Jackson Car Auction-----						
22 Barrett Jackson Car Auction	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 ASRA Casa Grande Picnic	30	31				

February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OTHG Business Meeting	2		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Benefit Classic Car & Truck Show
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 RWCA Appreciation Run	20	21 OTHG Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 All Oldsmobile Car Show
26	27	28				

Business Meeting - December 7, 2005

Pres. Larry Besore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests introduced were the Loves, the Youngers, and Charlie Jetton.

The November board meeting was basically about the Poker Run and Goodguys.

Dave Pierce reported on the 2006 Poker Run. He thanked Paul and Judy Nolte for getting the flyers and for ordering the show shirts. We will pay for them by the end of 2005 to help deplete our funds. They will be for sale in January. Larry Vail has a route planned. Dave is trying to get in touch with Chico from McDonald's to talk to him about having our flyers at the Sat. night Pavilions. Things are getting done!

Cindy Bryant talked reported on the Christmas party December 17th. She passed "Santa's Secret Stash" around for one last opportunity to put in extra change. We have 21 baskets for the Chinese Auction. Talk and cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00.

The ASRA Casa Grande picnic in January 29th. We have the plates, silverware and condiments. Sue Elston has a lot of plates left over from another OTHG function. Meet at McDonald's at I-10 and Elliott at 9:00 a.m.

There were 19 cars at the Toyz for Totz show. RWCA tried to save spots, but they had cars coming in and needed to put them somewhere. Havasu had 6 cars come down.

Standing Rules #13 & #14 were voted on and approved.

Nominations are in January and elections are in February.

The Goodguys show was discussed with many ideas and suggestions brought up.

Upcoming events (Quartzite, Yuma, Globe, and Tucson) were talked about.

DuBoises have an extra room and entry for Yuma.

Chuck Turnquist won the 50/50 and he put half of his winnings in the Santa's Secret Stash can. Thanks Chuck!!

Carol Du Bois and group made over \$900.00 at the Goodguys show.

RWCA's appreciation put is Feb. 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix is a club made up of owners and operators of Pre 1949 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 Coco's Restaurant located at 4541 East Cactus Rd. at 7:00 PM. There is also a Board Meeting held at Tutto Bene located at 13901 N. 73 Street on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Car Plates - \$25.00 * Window Stickers - \$5.00

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