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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.

"First Lady Writes"

You're only 75 once! But, Ron extended his birthday celebrations over a week. It all started when we had breakfast at First Watch. Some time ago, we signed up to get coupons for specials and one of those just happened to be a free breakfast on your birthday. Unfortunately, it was on the Saturday before Ron's birthday when we stopped for breakfast. The manager is a friend of ours, so Ron got to cheat a little. He started celebrating his birthday by having his free breakfast a bit ahead of time. Thanks, Elaine, for starting his birthday off with a three-cheese omelet.

Secondly, I thought it would be nice to have a surprise birthday dinner for him with family and close friends. Since he likes Anzio's spaghetti with meat sauce and they have a banquet room available, I booked the room, chose the menu and started making the guest list. Family was no problem but when it came to close friends, I really had a hard time. Should I invite high school friends, church friends, hot rod friends or just everyday friends? Gosh, this posed a problem because I had limited my guest list to 40. Actually, I started with 20, then increased it to 30....that wouldn't work. I decided my budget could be stretched to 40. So I started the process of write the name, whoops, too many, scratch the name,

feel badly that I couldn't invite all that mean so much to us. I got family, the easy part. I then considered all the boys that Ron calls his kids. There's a flock of them and so I had to draw the line somewhere. I invited those who are in Ron's will. Then there were hot rod friends. That was an impossibility. The budget couldn't stretch that far. I considered Over the Hill Gang. Too hard to make a decision there. I did ask Larry and Brenda Besore because Larry and Ron go way back to high school years. They hung out with much of the same crowd but not at the same time. Larry was hanging out while Ron was in the Army. They both love to trade cars and they've taken road trips together hoping to get just the right ride this time. Brenda and I cringe everytime we hear "road trip." Larry could help make the evening fun. He could "roast" Ron. And that he did. Ron was well-done by the time Larry got through with him. Still friends? Of course!

The next thing was to keep this as a surprise for Ron. How would I get him to Anzio's without him being suspicious? We often go there with my brother and his wife. (As an aside, my brother, Denny, and Larry went to grade school together.)

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Maybe Denny could say he was going to buy Ron dinner for his birthday. No, that wouldn't work..... couldn't feature Denny doing that. Then it hit me. My son was coming down from Colorado to attend. Todd's birthday was the 21st of February, so I could say we would be taking Todd and Mona to dinner. Good idea. Then there was the problem of getting the cake to the restaurant. I was getting it at Costco but I was the only one with a membership card; I had to pick it up myself. First plan was to take it to Chip Quinn to bring to the restaurant. Bummer, Ron was going by Chip's and he arrived just after I had called and Chip hung up the phone. The only other alternative was to run it up to my brother's house. At that time, we drafted a plan for Saturday night. I told Denny to meet us in the waiting area about six o'clock. Ron wouldn't be suspicious seeing him there. Whew, this keeping it a surprise for Ron was becoming a bit tiring.

That Saturday, we were sitting in the living room visiting with Todd and Mona. Ron had changed his clothes; something I said he had to do. Sometimes he changes his shirt, makes a quick pass in front of mirror and is ready to go. But, this time I was firm. Ron kept wanting to leave before the set time. "Maybe we should make a reservation. It's Saturday night and it will be crowded," he said. "Oh, I don't think that will be necessary. We've never made reservations before." I was trying hard to stall him. He usually is right on time, never early. Finally, we got in our cars and headed to Anzio's. When we arrived, Ron quipped, "Look at all the cars. No, we don't need reservations." Um, did I hear a bit of sarcasm? As we got to the waiting area, it was crowded. I could see the disgust on his face. I wiggled through the crowd, talked to the hostess and she started leading us to the back room. Denny appeared in the hall. "Boy, Denny must have been bad to be put in the back room," he later told me of his thoughts. But, when we entered the room, everyone started singing

happy birthday. Ron's demeanor changed completely to a look of utter surprise. I did it! I managed to pull it off. The waitress was setting up the buffet with spaghetti, salad and garlic toast that just melted in your mouth. Then came the chocolate upon chocolate yummy cake after which Larry began his 'roast'. Chip and I each had a few words to say before final hugs were given. What a night it was.

Because Ron wanted to celebrate his birthday with others, I told him we could have an open house on Sunday. He really didn't understand why I wanted it Sunday when we usually had things on Saturday. I invited some; he invited others, some got invited twice, we really had no idea of how many would be here. We decided maybe we should stay home from church to get ready for this. Even so, God sent me life savers. Peggy Stinson from the Red Devils car club and Cindy Bryant with Over the Hill Gang came early and took right over. I only made a couple jugs of tea. Guests started arriving and food was put on designated tables. It was a great time with more than 175 people and 45 plus hot rods. I had made a giant card for everyone to sign. Mike Rust led everyone as we sang happy birthday. What a fabulous time. One couldn't have asked for better weather, good food, good friends. Everyone pitched in and everything was cleaned up in no time.

Later that evening as Ron sat reading and re-reading his cards, he sort of welled up with tears. Thank you all for making his 75th birthday one to remember.

Oh, yes, he got his free breakfast from Denny's on his actual birthday. Unfortunately, he missed his free scoop of ice cream at 31 Flavors.

Hugs to all,
Jan

For Sale:

'31 Model A Town Car Delivery

'31 Model A Roadster

'39 Ford Deluxe Coupe

For information call Ron at 602-864-2990

For Sale:

Leland Bailey has a 2007 Jeep Wrangler X geared like a Rubicon for sale.

It is a 6 speed 98,000 miles \$12k

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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.

- Mar 7-9 GOOD GUYS, Westworld in Scottsdale, Contact Larry Besore.
- Mar 15 13th Annual Desert Prowl All Ford Car Show, Hosted by: Marti Auto Works & AZ Cougar Club, Marti Auto Works, 13238 W. Butler Dr, El Mirage, Contact: Scott (480) 612-2998, Time: 9am to 3pm, Entry Fee: Pre \$20, Day of \$25. Family Friendly Show, music, raffle prizes, kids table, t-shirts, 50/50, fun for everyone.
- Mar 15 3rd Annual Classic Car Show, Hosted by: Waddell & Reed/Ed Janulis, 16150 N. Arrowhead Fountains Center Dr, Peoria, Contact: Ed (602) 910-1254, Time: 9am to 2pm, Event Fee: Donation to Peoria Lions Club to benefit the hearing and vision screening for Arizona Residents, Music, Food, Awards and lots more.
- Mar 15 DM50 Casual Classic Car Show, Hosted by: DM 50, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Craycroft & Golf Links, Tucson, Contact: Ron (520) 971-4318, Time: 10am to 2:30pm, Event Fee: \$40, Proceeds go to the Kachina Fund supporting military families.
- Mar 22 Southwest Nostalgia Drags, Hosted by: Many sponsors, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, 20000 S. Maricopa Rd, Chandler, AZ, Contact: Mark (602) 769-0346, Time: 8am to 5pm, Entry Fee: Front Gate Fees: Racers \$30, public \$15 + \$10 car show, ET Brackets \$10. The fun of drag racing is back.
CLUB PUTT: Alan & Cheryl: Coordinators
- Mar 29 OTHG/Scottsdale Classic Car Show/Schnepf Farms, Farm Park 24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, Time: 8am to 3pm, This is a great putt for the entire club. Great event as well.
- Mar 29-30 Bringing Pomona to Arizona Swapmeet, Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, Time: 7am to 2pm rain or shine, Contact Info: todd@phoenixcarswapmeet.com (480) 288-SWAP (7927).
- Mar 30 OTHG/Marty Haggard Show, Paramount Theatre, 420 N. Florence St, Casa Grande, CLUB PUTT Coordinators: Don & Glenna
- Apr 3-5 Spring Cave Creek Classic Car Auction, Hosted by: Cave Creek Auction, Stagecoach Village, Cave Creek, Contact: John (602) 419-5797, Time: 10am to 6pm
- Apr 4-6 GOODGUYS, Del Mar
- Apr 5 Spring Splash Car Show, Hosted by: Trinity Lutheran Church, 830 E. Plaza Cir, Litchfield Park, Contact: Charlene (602) 618-9476, Time: 9am to 3pm, Entry Fee: Pre Mar 29 \$20, day of \$25.
- Apr 5-6 12 th Annual Nostalgic Show & Go, Hosted by: Steve Barcak, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, 20000 S. Maricopa Rd, Chandler, AZ, Contact info: nostaligicshowandgo.org (480) 899-7873, Time: Sat night 4:30pm to 1am, Sun 8am to 5pm, Entry Fee: Car Show \$25, Spectator \$15.

Cruisin Car Shows

- Apr 9 Cruise on Central, Hosted by: Nancy Perry Productions, Park Central Mall, Time: 1pm to 9pm, Entry Fee: \$10 includes an event T-shirt. Vendors, music, all sorts of fun and lots of cars.
- Apr 11-12 Chrome in the Dome: Hosted by: S.E.R.C.C., Dome in Eagar, 555 N. Butler St, Eagar, Time: 8am to 4pm, Contact: Laura (928) 333-2123, Event Fee: \$35, This is a nice indoor show, lots of vendors, prizes and awards.
- Apr 12 The Young and Old Timers Car Show: Hosted by: EV Institute of Tech/AZ Street Rod Assoc., 1601 W. Main St, Mesa, Contact: Dave or Mel (480) 345-2457, Time: 8am to 1pm, Entry Fee: \$20, to encourage and promote to younger car enthusiasts the collector car build "em" and drive "em" experience.
- Apr 13 Spring Show & Shine, Free BBQ, Hosted by: Red Mountain Community Church, 6101 E. Virginia St, Mesa, Contact: Gerry (602) 430-4094, Time: 4:30pm to 7:30pm, Entry Fee: Free, Great Family event with lots of vendors and fun things to do.
- Apr 24-25 OTHG/ Beeline Show in Payson: CLUB PUTT Coordinator: Larry Besore.
- Apr 26 29th Annual Chevy Showdown, Hosted by: Classic Chevy Club of Tucson, Home Depot Plaza, 4302 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, Contact: Roy (520) 444-3410, Time: 8am to 4pm, Entry Fee: Pre Apr 19 \$30/ day of \$35, Lots of vendors, music, raffles, awards and fun for everyone. Proceeds to benefit Tucson Community Food Bank
- Apr 26 Cruise-in for Vets, Hosted by: American Legion Post 97, Olive Mill, 25062 S. Meridian Rd, Queen Creek, Contact: Jeffrey (480) 250-4445, Time: 11am to 3pm, Entry fee: Pre \$25, day of \$30, Lots of fun and trophy classes.
- Apr 26 28th Annual Oracle Spring Run Car Show, Hosted by: Oracle Historical Society, Pinal County Courthouse Park, 1040 Justice Dr, Contact: Margaret (520) 896-9609, Time: 9am to 3pm, Entry Fee: \$20.00. Day long festival featuring craft fair, book sales, parade, flea market and so much more.

PHILS FILLING STATION, every Saturday night, 7pm to 10pm, new entertainment series, never know what is coming. Lots of fun, great cars and good friends.

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

TUCSON RODDER DAYS, May 9 – 11, information coming soon.

LA ROADSTER SHOW, June 9 – 11, information coming soon.

THUNDER OVER THE COCINO X FLY IN & CAR SHOW, Grand Canyon Valle Airport & Planes of Fame Museum, August 23, 2014, This is an excellent show, Planes and Cars. Would be a great Club Putt. Could Stay in Williams.

23rd ANNUAL NHRA CALIFORNIA HOT ROD REUNION, Bakersfield, CA Oct 17 – 19. info coming soon
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.

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.

Desert Valley Church of Scottsdale Show

After the Valentine's Day festivities on the 14th, and however you celebrated with your sweetie, 11 members of our Over The Hill Gang met up for a sweet car show on Sunday, the 15th.

This was the 4th Annual Southwest Regional Car Show put on by the Covenant Hot Rod Association of the Desert Valley Church of Scottsdale. I have attended this show last year and I thought it was a nice local show, well run, with some interesting cars.

This year there were 82 cars on the show field. There were Resto Mods, Street Rods, Rat Rods, Classics and Customs. The Minister Ralph and his helpers were very gracious and friendly. Everyone received a raffle ticket and T-Shirt. The 50 /50 paid out \$246.00. The class winners were asked to parade their car in front as they collected their award. The awards were done up on attractive wooden plaques.

Of the 11 members who attended, were Don Williams, Mike and Jean Rust, Bob and Patty Sarraillon, Darrel and Becky Hampton, Bob Bailey, Tom and Val Altgilbers, Paul and Judy Nolte, Brad Harrelson, Lon and Arlene St Dennis (new members), Page Barnes and myself, Dave Bertram.

And the winners were:

- Favorite Host Pick - Paul Nolte (32 5-Window)
- Best Interior - Bob Bailey (40 Ford)
- Best Orphan Car - Page Barnes (Studebaker Lark)
- 1st place Street Rod/Retro Rod - Dave Bertram (58 Bonneville)

Thanks to all who came out for this local show!

by Dave Bertram

Day Care Center Putt

We arrived at the Foundation For Senior Living about 11:00 a.m.on Friday, February 7th and shortly thereafter, our Hostess, Frances Valenzuela and assistants, started bringing out their clients. Some were in wheelchairs, some with walkers and a lot of them were moving on their own. They had a great time, choosing their favorite car or color of car.

I want to thank you all for participating and visiting with everyone. And Patty was pretty good pushing those wheelchairs around too! We all enjoyed drinks and pizza from our hostess, Frances.

Thanks again for your time.

Showing their great cars were: Bob and Patty Sarraillon, Darrel and Becky Hampton, Ron Olmstead, Larry Besore, Skip and Nina McFarlin, Chuck LaVetter, and myself. Also joining us with his yellow pickup was David M. Raitter, brother-in-law of Frances.

by Ken Schaaf

Over the Hill Gang Club Store

Call Dave Bennett for orders of shirts and hats.

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