



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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## The Prez Sez

### REFLECTIONS

And now for the rest of the story-----As a review from last month, the '56 Chevy tow car had rolled and the Henry J, already destroyed by fire, had crashed down an embankment near Banning. We had the cars transported back to Phoenix where the Chevy got a new roof, some other body work and a little bit of custom work that made it nicer than new.

We sold the Henry J to Ramon Pettijohn (who had a carpet business in Phoenix) and Arnold Cuevas, who worked for Carl Grimes. Pettijohn ran a modified sports car that had Albert Eshenbaugh's Chevy engine in it and Eshenbaugh was the driver. They usually won everything they entered. Meanwhile, Arnold was building was building a B-gas dragster with the drive train from the Henry J. Pee Wee, whose real name was Boyd Huff, welded up the chassis for Arnold's new dragster. Who but Eshenbaugh was to become the driver.

It was time for the 1958 Nationals in Oklahoma. Grimes took the Fiat and Cuevas, Pettijohn and Eshenbaugh took the dragster. The dragster won its class and was eligible for Top Eliminator.

(The following was taken from the Rodder's Journal Scrapbook.)

“The highlight of the event was the race for Top Eliminator, which was largely dominated by Chryslers. Ted Cyr and Bill Hopper entered two Chrysler-powered dragsters with the intention of selling their unblown car. The new blown Chassis Research model got sideways and lost early in eliminations, but the “For Sale” old blue dragster ultimately took home top honors, beating Phoenix's Albert Eshenbaugh driving the Pettijohn and CuevasB-dragster in the final round.”

Albert remembers this very well. He had thought he had won but the little Chevy was passed in the end by the Chrysler. The grand prize for which they were competing was a new Chevy Pickup.

The saga of the Playboys and my involvement with them came to an end. I don't know what happened to Arnold's dragster but about 10 years ago he gave me some great pictures and memorabilia. I do know what became of Albert. If you are interested, I can tell you more about his years as a racer.

### *November Birthdays*

Lynn Leas	11/2
Bonnie Kelly	11/11
Carol Du Bois	11/27
Chuck LaVetter	11/28

### *November Anniversaries*

Tom & Jan Eckholdt	11/4
Charlie & Danise Cover	11/7
Conrad & Michelle Monroe	11/10
Bob & Patty Sarraillon	11/25

## **Ya Shoulda been there! WINSLOW**

What fun run we had last month going up to the Winslow show. It all started at the Fountain Hills Starbucks where we met up to start the cruise North to Winslow.

I didn't take notes but as best I can recall we had Ron and Jan, Jerry and Carol, Dave Bertram, Shelly Berman and Sue, Paul and Judy, Bradley and Joann, Page and Linda, and Larry and his wife (friends of Page and Lindas) they were driving the Gremlin, Page and Linda in the P-up. Dave Bennett in the Cad pulling the tear drop, and Brenda and I. We heard from the Rosemans who let us know their friends car had developed problems but they would meet us in Winslow.

Nice run up the hill to Payson and the usual great breakfast. They really do have good food and good service at the casino. This was the first outing for us with the new rear end gears and the run to Payson was proof that we could now run in OD at 60-65 cleanly. Gas mileage was much improved also. The gear change really messed up the speedometer however. At 65-70 I was showing 90 or more, but RPMs were under 2000.

The drive from Payson to Clint Wells is just great. Very nice and scenic, the weather cooled off and it sure is a beautiful drive. We stopped at Clint Wells as we always do for a potty break and a chance to stretch. Dave Bertrams Pontiac decided it didn't want to use the elect fuel pump anymore.

Dave and Jerry rerouted gas lines and using the standard pump we once again had everyone headed to Winslow.

Once at Winslow we completed the registration for the show, and then found the hotel and unpacked the cars. We met up with Conrad and Michelle at the hotel, and heard from Steve and Terri who were at the La Posada. Then we headed back to town for the poker run.

Poker run route hasn't changed in 10 years that I know of. Still we managed to get lost or at least misdirected at least once, maybe more.

After the Poker run we hit BOJO's for dinner and checked out the cars already parked along the streets.

We were up early and grabbed some breakfast and headed to park the cars.

Just crusin car club does a good job with this show and they had a nice turnout. Special deal; Rodney made some special trophies and the were ultra cool. Fashioned in true Rodney style, and something to really be appreciated by the winners. Just ask Shelly Berman who got to take home one of them.

The club tied for best represented club and also got a Rodney created trophy.

Page won an award, Shelly won 2 awards, Steve and Connie, Brenda and I scored awards, Manfred Wagner of course won several. I forget who else (sorry).

We went over to Rodney's place after the show and checked out his toys and projects, amazing.

**Ya Shoulda been there. I keep telling ya!**

# November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Follow the Raspberry	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Follow the Raspberry						Nostalgia Drags So Cal Swap Meet
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Goodguys Hotrod Show	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Goodguys Hotrod Show						Phoenix Swap Meet
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Phoenix Swap Meet						

## FOLLOW THE RASPBERRY FOR 3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS!

It was a beautiful morning when we left McDonald's on Elliott/I-10; had 12 cars and 13 couples. (one car had 2 couples) "Follow the Raspberry." Well Raspberry hit a 'hard hat' that rolled off a small trailer ahead of us, went right under the car and out the side. A short time later, Besore's thought LaVetter's van was smoking...pull over, check. Van was okay, but Larry's car was leaking oil, so Larry and Brenda turned around to switch cars at home. They would catch up to us after Kartchner (as they had seen it a short time back). The Covers "radio-ed" since they had already been to Kartchner, they were heading over to Sahuarita and meet us in Bisbee.

We reached Kartchner about 10:30 a.m. and they were able to take us a half hour early for each group. FABULOUS SIGHTS! If you haven't been there, you NEED TO GO! On to Tombstone. Not much going on there; we did walk the street, AND best of all, got a single dish of ice cream...which was piled about 6" over the top of the dish. YUMMY!

Got to Bisbee about 4:15; got parked, had security overnight, probably didn't need to. Checked into the Copper Queen Hotel, was on a hill so lugging our baggage was interesting. Some ate in the hotel dining room and most of us went next door to Santiagos Mexican restaurant...on the same hill. A group of us walked the main street of Bisbee, window shopping as most stores were closed. We walked and walked and walked and...I was HAPPY to get back to the hotel. It was a nice experience at the Copper Queen, was supposed to be haunted, but didn't see or hear anything. Ken and I were on the top floor, room 404 (only had 4 floors), we could see the parking lot and our cars from one of our windows. Saw a car parked sideways in front of them...Yup, that was Barry, our security and he was there until 6:30 a.m. We had breakfast at the hotel, then Ken and I and Skip and Nina, walked over to the "mine" ride. The rest of the gang took the "trolley" ride a little later. Check out the snaps of our garb for the mine; I had my light weight yellow jacket zipped up; then we were helped into a yellow rain jacket, had a "light" pack attached to the belt of the jacket, plopped a "helmet" on our heads...there goes my hair...

We climbed aboard the narrow padded board seat, had about 5 cars hitched together and away we went into the dark mine. We each used our little hand-lantern which was slung over our shoulder (attached to the battery pack on our belt). VERY INTERESTING ride and stories. Got off the tram 3 times, one time walked up 31 steps to a large area. The guide was most interesting to listen to. On the tram, each time we would start out, he would ring a little bell, that meant HANG ON, WE'RE MOVING! It always jerked when we first started out. If you go to Bisbee, the mine and trolley rides are a MUST!

Saturday we headed to Ramsey Canyon...OH MY GOSH, beautiful trees, interesting paths to walk, saw deer, turkeys, a bullfrog in a pond, a very colorful lizard right by the building; but no birds, etc. Ken says WE HAVE TO COME BACK in the summer. But that was a nice hike. Then we head for the winery after a gas stop and food break in Sierra Vista. The winery stop was rather short, as our Canyon stop took longer than we anticipated. But those who did the "tasting" were having a wonderful time. We didn't get on the road to the Mission until 4:15 and it was about an hour drive. So we took a few pictures of the outside; there were lots of cars there as they had a 5p.m. mass in progress. Ken said we'll have to add that to our summer canyon tour. On to the Casino Del Sol for the night. Ended up with 6 cars for the night. Next day, headed for Hot Rod Heaven, and breakfast. Was very good, only saw one guy working on the cars through the 'window wall.' Another good stop if you're down that way. We headed home after breakfast and said goodbye's as Ken and I followed Frank and Rose to their new home in Fountain Hills, WOW... to kill some time before the surprise 75th birthday party for a friend in Mesa at 4 p.m. We got home about 8:30 p.m. and slowly unloaded the car and "fell into bed." WE APPRECIATED everyone's participation on our 3-day, 2-night Putt! Watch the internet for pictures, several of us have some to share.

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I'M SOOOOO EXCITED!!! WE DID IT !

We want to thank you for participating in our 'Follow The Raspberry' Putt !

We really had a good time with all of you.

Thanks again, Ken and Dee

# Coming Events

**OTHG Business Meeting**  
 Nostalgia Drags  
 So Cal Swap Meet  
 Goodguys Hotrod Show  
**OTHG Board Meeting**  
 Phoenix Swap Meet  
**OTHG Business Meeting**  
**OTHG Board Meeting**  
 OTHG Christmas Party  
 Phoenix Swap Meet  
 Tubac Car Show

**Wed. November 7**  
 November 10  
 November 10  
 November 16-18  
**Tues. November 20**  
 Nov. 24-25  
**Wed. December 5**  
**Tues. December 18**  
 December 22  
 January 5-6  
 February 1-2

**Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.**  
 Speedworld  
 So Cal  
 Westworld  
**Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus**  
 Arizona State Fair Grounds-Phoenix  
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 Italian/American Club  
 Arizona State Fair Grounds-Phoenix  
 Tubac Arizona

An excellent source for upcoming show information and printable information sheets, maps & registration forms is: [www.cruisinarizona.com](http://www.cruisinarizona.com)

**A note from JoAnn Erwin....**

Would you also let members know that our daughter is selling poinsettias for Christmas as a fund raiser for our Grandson's ice hockey team. They cost \$10.00 and she will deliver them the first week in December. They are fresh, trucked from California in one day. They can let me know by phone, 928-580-1223, or email, [jnjerwin@aol.com](mailto:jnjerwin@aol.com), before November 15th if interested in a purchase.

**Tubac Car Show 2013**

February 1st & 2nd

Barbeque on Friday night

You can get your registration on-line

Some of us are staying at the Holiday Inn Express 1-800-315-2621.

Frank & Rose have gone there before and said it was a great show.

## Over the Hill Gang Club Store

Call Dave Bennett for orders of shirts and hats.

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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 Coco's Restaurant located at 4541 East Cactus Rd. at 7:00 PM. There is also a Board Meeting held at **Manuels-Cave Creek & Cactus** on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.