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"First Lady Writes"

It was a sunny but cool Friday morning. A great day to meet with the gang and trek up to Winslow to the Just Cruisin' Car Show. Thirty-one of the OTHG attended coming from all directions. Several of us, 19 to be exact, met at Starbucks in Fountain Hills to travel together and have breakfast at the Mazatzal Casino in Payson.

On the way to Fountain Hills, I realized that I had forgotten a leash for Tobi. Grrr! Was I ever grateful to see that Target was open. Add another leash to the stockpile.

We were all scattered among different motels in Winslow. This trip wasn't as organized as we usually are but being the troopers we are, we made it work. We had planned a burger burn in the park that evening after the poker run. Alan and Cheryl had brought their grill. A team made a list and went shopping at Safeway. They had to guess at the number who were going to eat with us. Oh, well, better more than less. And, more we had; food left over, that is.

After shopping, Alan and Cheryl set up for a picnic in the park. The weather turned from cool to down-right cold! Even the burgers felt it. It took twice as long for them to cook. The evening was turning into night and we were eating by giant flashlights. That's what the park lights resembled and put out that kind of light. But, being the troopers

we are, (I think I described us as such before), we still had fun. Then "Sweet Debbie" brought out a cake decorated with little cars to celebrate Shelly's 68th birthday. It was a sweet treat that topped off our evening.

We all had breakfast on our own but some met to cruise together to a street Just Cruisin' Car Club had blocked off for OTHG. OTHG usually supports the Winslow show in a big way and usually has a trophy to award the clubs' pick. Whoops! We dropped the ball. No one even thought about a trophy and we were a little embarrassed when the MC asked if we wanted to present our trophy now. Didn't see anyone jump to the occasion. Just prior to this happening, a representative from a small club had a trophy to award their pick and he made the comment that this was the first time anyone had done such a thing and he charged other clubs to follow suit. Obviously, he hadn't been there before. But, we blew it at the wrong time, not that there is any right time. Was it not noticed that OTHG had a club pick in prior years? Carol Elliott had made the trophy the year before. Gang let's not forget this again. We should have a few trophies on hand made by club members to award at different shows, especially Winslow because we took home so many awards. Would you believe we got a plaque for being the

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Speaking of awards, we did really well at capturing more than our share. Winners were Tom and Val Altgilbers, Page and Linda Barnes, Shelly Berman and Debbie Sweet, Dave Bertram, Steve and Terry Besore, Steve and Cindy Bryant, Jerry and Carol Elliott, Conrad and Michelle Monroe and Ron, Jan and Tobi Olmstead. Alan Mitchell took pictures of all and set them to the song, "Standin' on the Corner in Winslow, AZ." Well done, Alan!

Sunday morning we gathered in our different groups and headed for home. Bob and Betty, Jerry and Carol, Ron and I were joined by Paul and Judy for lunch at the Red Robin. Unfortunately, Paul and Judy could not go with us to Winslow because her mom was in the hospital for tests after a scary time of not feeling well. She is now resting at home and getting around with a walker. Thankfully, all the tests came back as normal. That was a relief to the Nolte's but they are still left wondering what cause the malaise. Update: low blood pressure.

Lunch at the Robin was filled with car talk on one end of the table and chit chat with laughter at the other. One would suspect the guys were at one end with the gals at the other and they would be right. What a great trip! Ya shoulda been there!

Ron took time out between events to have a hernia repaired. It was done by a great surgeon whose nurse just happens to be our own Lisa Diedrich. Ron definitely got special treatment. He is doing well, and was back to working in the shop in less than a week.

Saturday, Oct. 19th, was our combined OTHGs, Phoenix and Scottsdale, picnic held at the home of Tom and Jan Eckholdt who were so gracious to open their doors (literally) to both clubs. It was like touring a magazine-model home. Their home is beautiful. Of course, what interested the guys were Tom's garages. Yes, I said the plural word. Definitely a hot rod guys' dream. The Eckholdts know how to host a party. Turnout from our club was great. The food was good and the catfish was so tasty, not forgetting to mention the brats and hamburgers. Thank you so much, Tom and Jan!

Ron had let Terry and Carol Stines (applicants) drive our '40 Ford while he and I took our '34 PU. It was doing great, at first. Then it started to heat up. On the off ramp at Gilbert Rd., it just plain decided to go no further. Didn't it know this was not a good place to quit with all the Saturday traffic? Terry and Ron were deciding what to do, while Carol was directing traffic around us when who should appear but Chuck and Diane LaVetter in their panel truck. They pulled in front of the PU, Ron attached a tow strap and away we went to meet the others at the 'slab'. Carol and I ran to Fry's and got 4 gallons of water. We were told to get two but we decided it was better to have more than not enough. You know how women are, they rarely do what they are told. After getting a drink and having a cooling down period, the little PU started up and we made it to the picnic. We also made it home without problem but we did stop to give it a rest at about the half-way point.

Some members of the OTHG took part in Arizona Deuce Day at Don Sanderson Ford. Paul and Judy Nolte had started out in their newly built Holy Roller, a 5-window coupe that Ron had started and Paul made some changes and finished.

It was to have been its maiden voyage. Unfortunately, it stopped running before it got to its destination. (When you're a hot rodder, you learn to roll with the punches which are sometimes disappointing.) This was Deuce Day's 7th year and it seems like it is getting bigger each year. Ron and I share fond memories of the first Deuce Day. It was the Deuce's 75th Anniversary and many of the guys thought they ought to celebrate in some way. Ron was talked into having it at our house. And, have it we did. We made and sent invitations to all the '32 owners we could think of. For \$20 per car, they received a tee shirt, mug and a catered BBQ dinner. My cousin, David Viliborghi, acted as DJ and kept 50s music going. We had the street in front of our house blocked off for additional parking. We had 105 '32s and served approximately 225 meals. Hard work but a fun day.

Many of the fellas thought it would be nice to have a gathering every year. We felt we didn't want to have it become a yearly endeavor for us, so George Walker in conjunction with Don Sanderson Ford continued the birthday party for the '32s. With Sanderson's 'Starliner Diner' and wonderful museum depicting the 50s, it has been a success.

We were busy in the month of October, that's for sure. But, isn't it fun when ya getta drive 'em?

Cruisin Car Shows “A little something for everyone” by Cheryl Mitchell

- Nov 8 DVC Dinner, Dance, Cruise In, Hosted by: Covenant Hot Rod Assoc., Desert Valley Church, 7575 E. Redfield Rd, Scottsdale, Contact: Don (480) 205-7925, Time: 6pm – 10pm, Entry Fee: \$10.00 per person, Not considered a car show, just a lot of fun to be had.
- Nov 9 Palmcroft Family Classic Car Show, Hosted by: Nancy Perry/Palmcroft Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave, Phoenix, Contact: Nancy (602) 843-3545, Time: 9am – 3pm, Entry Fee: \$10.00, pre-register online at palmcroft.com/cars
- Nov 9 Walkin on Main, Hosted by: City of Cottonwood, Historic Old Town Cottonwood, 827 N. Main St. Contact: Hezekiah (928) 639-3200, Time 11am – 5pm, Event Fee: Free, Featuring a juried art show, car show, wine tasting and live music. Fun time in Old Town Cottonwood.
- Nov 15 – 17 **GOODGUYS**, Scottsdale, “BE THERE OR BE SQUARE”
- Nov 21-23 Cave Creek Classic Car Auction: Stagecoach Village, Contact: Johnny B (602) 419-5797, Time: 10am – 6pm, Admission is: Free
- Nov 23 Boys in Blue, Hosted by: Mesa Police Motor Unit, Mesa Market Place, 10550 E. Baseline Rd Contact: Doug (480) 254-4023, Time: 10am – 2pm, Event Fee: \$15.00, day of show \$20.00.
- Nov 30 Toy Drive for Cardons Childrens Medical Center, Hosted By: Timeless Bombs Car Club. All Around Transmissions, 2750 E. Main Street, Mesa, Contact: Raul (480) 703-9198, Time: 12pm – 4pm, Entry Fee: Unwrapped Toy, Lot of fun things are happening, even trophies. First Show.
- Dec 1 Otra Vida Toy Drive/picnic, Hosted by: Otra Vida Car Club, Desert West Park, 67th Ave& Enchant, Phoenix, Contact: Susie (623) 570-0876, Time: 10am – 4pm, Event Fee: Unwrapped toy or donation, Santa will be there, trophies, donations are to help families in shelters
- Dec 7 OTHG Christmas Party at the Arizona American Italian Club, the address is 7509 North 12th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. This is between Glendale and Northern on 12th Street, on the east side of the road. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and then dinner is at 6:00 p.m
- Dec 7 12th Annual Surprise Party, Hosted by: Nancy Perry/City of Surprise, Surprise Recreation Campus, 15850 N. Bullard Ave, Contact: Nancy (602) 843-3545, Time: 8am – 5pm, Event Fee: 20.00, after Nov 28th: \$25.00. Lots of fun things to do and see.

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- Dec 7 Severed in the Southwest, Hosted by: Severed Ties/Steele Rubber Products, Castles & Coasters at Metro Center, Contact: Joe (602) 920-7642, Time: 7am – 5pm, Event Fee: \$30.00, free to spectators, Lots of fun stuff is happening.
- Dec 14 Queen Creek Kids X-mas Car show & Toy Drive, Hosted by: MSCO Queen Creek Deputies Queen Creek Market Place, Rittenhouse & Ellsworth Rds, Contact: Deputy Ivan Lopez (602) 876-5055, Time: 8am – 2pm, Entry Fee: New Unwrapped Toy for Girls and Boys
- Dec 15 Classic Car Show, Hosted by: Sundance 1 RV Resort, 1703 N. Thornton, Casa Grande Contact: Sue (520) 876-2714, Time: 10am – 3pm, Entry Fee: Pre-Reg \$8.00, day of \$10.00 Lunch, awards and raffle, sounds like fun.
- Jan 6 Rock A Bily Bash, 1/4 Mile Drag Racing Car & Bike Shop, Wild Horse Motorsport Park, 10 am to 10 pm.

Every Friday & Saturday Night: Hot Rod Cruise’N, at the Mixteca Restaurant, 6731 W. Bell Road, Glendale, Hosted by: Nancy Perry Productions (602) 843-3545, Time: Starts at 5:00pm

Second Friday of each month, Norterra Car Show, The Shops at Norterra, 2460 W. Happy Valley Rd, Phoenix, Starts at 6pm. Note: Cars start to line up around 2:30 in the afternoon in order to get a spot in front of the shops.

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/car-shows”, “arizonacarshows.com” and “www.nancyperryproductions.com” All flyer’s and registration forms for each show can be found online.

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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.

OTHG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party this year is on Saturday, December 7th at the Arizona American Italian Club, the address is 7509 North 12th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. This is between Glendale and Northern on 12th Street, on the east side of the road. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and then dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Each member is to bring a gift, one for a guy and one for a gal. The price is to be no more than \$15.00.

Thanks again Cindy for organizing this party.



2013 Fall Get-together at the Eckholdt's Mansion

By Charley The Chair

Hi, everyone! I'm baaaccckkk, at least for this outing. Mommy Dee and Daddy Ken decided to take me with them and boy, I'm so glad they did! It was Saturday, October 19th, an outing for the Phoenix and Scottsdale Chapters of Over The Hill Gang. What a great turnout they had, with 55 streetrods! (I know, 'cause Mommy Dee and Sandie counted them all!) WOW! Jan and Tom Eckholdt are what you call the "Perfect Host & Hostess." A bunch of us met at the 'slab' and left at 12:30 p.m. with Daddy Ken in the lead. When we got to the Eckholdt's Mansion, they had tents and tables set up for all the food, and for folks to sit at and eat, and the fellows manning the grills, fixed burgers, brats and catfish to perfection.

Everyone else brought something to share, like appetizers, salads, main course dishes, desserts...oh my gosh, desserts to die for...so much food. Mommy Dee made her cheesy potatoes and there wasn't a 'lick' left. (Oh yah, Mommy Dee did lick off the spoon.) Jan and Tom furnished all the drinks and meats and catfish. I know Mommy Dee just loves the catfish. (don't tell anyone, but she had 3 pieces.) Everyone was stuffed, I'm pretty sure! Chairs and people were everywhere...following the shade. I got to sit on the patio amongst all

the nice folks and listen to their chatter and excitement of seeing each other again. And some sat in my lap. Such nice folks!

Jan took a lot of folks on a tour of their mansion, up the carpeted winding staircase, with humongous chandelier, to the "attic," or so one of their relatives calls it, when he comes to town and gets to sleep upstairs. WOW! Some attic! The view from up there, so neat; the huge patio off the back with chaise lounge chairs; and then you could sneak down the outside winding staircase to ground zero again. Also inside they have the cutest little diner with two pinball machines, booths, bar, WOW! The island kitchen, to die for! What a great place! And "Fonzie" was the perfect "Host" dog. Just peacefully walking amongst everyone, stopping for a "pat" now and then.

Of course, most of the guys were pretty much interested in all the garages and cars and cars and cars Tom has. What a great place to build cars. Long about 5:00 p.m. most folks had left and so we said our good-byes too! I'll probably see you all at Goodguys in a couple of weeks. So stay well, and come and say "Hi" and sit and chat a spell!



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