



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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## The Prez Sez:



**oliday Greetings to all!** By now the last of the turkey leftovers should have been eaten or made into soup. I hope your calorie count is back to normal and you can start making room for Christmas dinner.

We had our first face-to-face meeting last month and it was very well attended. Larry and Teresa Way lined up Cactus Park for us to meet at, and it worked out great. Our December meeting will be held at the Red Devil at 3004 E. Bell Rd. in their back parking lot. Be sure to bring chairs, and if you plan to eat you can order take-out from their menu. You may want to call ahead to order. Here is their number: 602-493-0211. Let's try for a big turnout!

Our toy drive ends this coming week so **bring your toys to the meeting** or contact Ron Boen or Carol Dalton to drop them off. Thanks to all who have already brought toys. Several of you have bought multiple toys and this is so appreciated. The children receiving these gifts are the poorest of the poor so everything you can do goes to a great cause.

GoodGuys was well attended and this year's event featured the Dipsticks as GoodGuys' featured club. They had about 35 cars show up. Several members of the Dipsticks are also OTHG members so congrats to the Dipsticks for a job well done.

Keep attending the shows. We are lucky to have a few to go to and the sponsors work hard to keep them going. See you all at the **December 2 meeting**. ~ Ron

### Meet James Flagg:

My club car is a 1931 Dodge 3-window coupe. It is all Chrysler. It has a late-model 5.7 Hemi engine with a 545 RFE transmission and a Chrysler 8-3/4 rear end. It was built from a rusty hulk over a period of 15 years.

My fiancée's name is Geraldine. She is a watercolor artist and a retired Paradise Valley school teacher. She has never been a car enthusiast, but does her best to support me. I do the same for her by going to many art shows, etc. I'll never be an artist and she will never be a Hot Rodder, but it keeps us doing activities together.

I had my first two hot rods when I was 15, but didn't have a driver's license until I was almost 18. I have had one ever since and I am 80 now.

I started out in Buffalo, New York and moved to Detroit when I was 20. I lived there through the muscle car era from 1960 to 1972 when every dealership in town had superstock race cars. From 1972 to 1987 I went motocross racing with my kids, but when that was over, I was back into hot rods within a week. I built and raced a Nostalgia Superstock Dodge from 1992 until 2002 and won two championships in 1998 and 2001. I had always wanted a street rod, so I started building one in 2005 and finally I am able to drive it in 2020. I joined this club to meet people with like interests and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Now that I have my car running, I plan to attend many more events when the pandemic is over.

### Congratulations to Rick and Debbie Aronson!

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Southwest Nationals was here in Scottsdale over the Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> weekend, which was only the 3<sup>rd</sup> event for GoodGuys this year. The windshield cards went up to Entry #2382, but it sure wasn't packed on Saturday. The visitors, vendors and Swap Meet were there too, but very LOW in attendance.

The weather was perfect, and we had a very good time seeing others rodders out for the weekend. The attendance was way down on Sunday, but we spent the day there for our "One Fine Deuce" award.

Until the next cruise,

Rick and Debbie



John Logsdon reports: I attended the GoodGuys event on both Friday and Saturday. The attendance was down noticeably due to Covid prevention rules. A GoodGuys rep said there was a plan to limit to 2000 cars. It appeared the people who did attend were all having a great time. Everyone I saw was wearing a mask. There was a lot of pent-up enthusiasm from those who had been unable to participate in any shows for some time. It was nice to meet a lot of old car/street rod friends, both OTHG members and others. The swap meet seemed to be well stocked with vendors and lots of interested shoppers and buyers. My estimate was that there were somewhere about two-thirds the number of cars one would normally see at this show, but lots of quality cars on display. A lot of fresh builds were presented for the first time. All in all, it was an enjoyable time and a successful event for GoodGuys.

Per Larry Besore: I wasn't sure what to expect considering all the new precautions and rules. However, the show was pretty nice. I actually thought the limitations made for a more relaxed show. You could see more, and with reduced spectators it was much easier to walk around and not get trampled.

It started for me on Thursday morning. I picked up my registration which again was not crowded. Mouse (Ron O.) and I met up with my brother to early shop the swap meet. We found we were a little early so we sat in the shade while the swap vendors arrived and unloaded.

We were soon joined by Larry Way and Tom and Jerry Eckholdt. Soon we had enough vendors for a good pre-run. Friday was real kicked back, the car volume was light and so were spectators. Swap meet was active and I found a few treasures I didn't need.

Saturday was busier with all the special area parking going on. The featured club our friends "The Dipsticks," had a great turnout and were all looking good.

Sunday was again light and kicked back with busy award corral parking.

## Upcoming Events

**December 7:** Deadline for getting our donated toys to SoCal. If you haven't brought your toys to the Daltons or Thomases for the East side, and the Boens for the West side, you may bring them to the December meeting. They would like the toys at SoCal by December 7. We are dedicating this toy donation in memory of Linda Barnes and Jan Olmstead.

**December 12:** Car Light Parade, 7-8 p.m., for Project Access Family Resource Center, Saratoga Ridge; 1450 E. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85022. Phase 1 & 2 through the apartment complex.

**December 19:** Larry Besore's son, Ron, heads up a group of Great Dane owners called "The Dane Army." They are planning a cruise to several senior care centers on **Saturday, December 19th**. Ron asked Larry to help out with about 6 cars (or more).

The drill will be to just slowly cruise around the care center buildings 3-4 times. Ron and The Great Dane Army will have the Danes hanging out the windows, probably with hats on. You may hang out of the windows of your street rod if you want.

We will not be doing any parking nor mingling.

The West side senior care center location is at 54th and Thunderbird on **Saturday**, Dec 19, around 10 a.m. Details to follow.

East side is a Mesa location, which hasn't been locked down yet, on **Saturday**, Dec 19.

Let **Larry B.** know if you can go at [lbessore1@gmail.com](mailto:lbessore1@gmail.com).

**TBD:** Winter/Holiday Party at American Legion in Scottsdale will be delayed until Spring/March per the motion at last month's meeting, to be held at American Legion Post 44, 7145 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, 85251.

### Birthdays

Jerry Elliott	12/7
Larry Besore	12/8
Susy Arney	12/22
Carol Boen	12/25

Please let me know if I have missed your birthday and it will be included next time.

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

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

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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**. (These locations are "on-hold" due to the Pandemic.)