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The Prez Sez:

2020 is in the books and in many ways, it wasn't much fun. Unless you enjoy hibernating, the days may have gotten a little stressful. Hopefully we are seeing a little bit of light at the end of a long, long tunnel.

I'm in a reflective mood as I write this, and these last two years that you have allowed me to serve as president of the OTHG-Phoenix have indeed been an honor. I have been in many clubs and organizations and have served as president of more than a few of them, but this group is unique. The camaraderie shared by all of you is something special. Some of you have been here since the beginning of the club while others are brand new, and yet a feeling of belonging comes really quickly. Getting volunteers is easy and that is a rare exception in most groups. Club participation is a given so it's not uncommon to see a sea of yellow shirts at many Valley events (and beyond). Our membership is full and we have had a waiting list for the better part of the past year. Let's keep this enthusiasm going; it's contagious!

So, as my second term winds down, let me thank all of you for your support. I'll never forget it and will always appreciate it.

Ron

Saratoga Ridge Light Parade - December 12, 2020 — Larry & Teresa Way



- * Santa & Mrs. Claus on a horse-drawn sleigh
- * Five vendor trucks, decorated with lots of lights & tinsel
- * Four golf carts lit up with flashing lights
- * Three cool hot rods, (Flagg, Besore, Way), intermingled in the mix

We felt like we were participating in a big parade. We all lined up near the entrance, which was just off Bell Road and started winding through the complex of over 850 apartments; a hidden gem. The residents were mostly families. One of the vendor pickup trucks pulled a trailer, and their children were tossing candy to the residents' children. We cruised through in just about an hour in brisk 51-degree weather and then the complex manager rewarded us with a hot chocolate mix in a mason jar to take home.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year, with freedom to cruise, travel, and visit with friends and family!!

My name is Tom Eckholdt. I've been a member for quite a few years, and have brought a few cars to the party. Most know me for "Sherman," an original paint '35 Ford three-window coupe. I first saw the car in 1968; managed to buy it 30 years later in 1998. The car had been in the Mississippi flood of '93, but was in great shape. I put a 350 Chevy engine with a Richmond 5-speed transmission, disc brakes and A/C in it and have put about 40K miles on it. Lately it has been a '57 Nomad that I put an LS6 in and have driven it to three Tri-Five events in Bowling Green, Kentucky. As some of you know, my wonderful wife, Jan, passed away at the beginning of this terrible year. She went everywhere with me and she had many friends in the club. We lost three ladies this year.

I've been accused of having too many cars. Seems Paul and I have a penchant for acquiring them. I didn't think you could have too many, and gee, I still don't. Cars make me happy. I love to build them, drive them and associate with people of like interests. I have many other hobbies, but right now I can't think of any of them. Golf? Nope. Theatre? Ha! Tennis? C'mon, man. So, I guess that gets me back to cars. OK, maybe you can have too many. With that in mind, I've recently sold 5 of them. So now I'm down to 13 and that seems manageable. Actually, a couple more will probably go, but I have ones that will never go. I'm fond of a black '66 Nova that I drive regularly. I have three '57 two door wagons, one is almost done after six years of building. It's the red one. It has an LS7/T56, Roadster Shop chassis, headed for upholstery. The second has an LS3/4L80, Ridetech, Wilwood, etc. The third is a drag car I'm going to play with, 383/350, Currie 9", Wilwood, carbon fiber driveshaft, tubular A arms, etc. Others are a '32 delivery, '32 three-window, '37 Fiat, '59 Impala and a Corvette like Charlie's. Well, this is beginning to look like a Hot Rod Magazine interview, so I'll quit on the car thing.

I've enjoyed being in the Club. Living way over here in Gilbert, it's a mite difficult to get to all the meetings, both from a mileage/traffic standpoint to a conflict with my Bible study which is also on a Wednesday. I've honestly been conflicted with staying in the Club, but for now I just can't quite pull the trigger on quitting, but I honestly don't feel like I've been that supportive. With Jan being gone, it's even more difficult. Every time I consider it, I think of the people who enthusiastically greet me at meetings, who call and see what I'm doing or occasionally drop in. I hope this New Year brings us all back together, renews our energy, strengthens old friendships, encourages new ones and brings Peace to everyone.



If you need more places to go and things to see: (Please check before going in view of COVID restrictions.)

K-MART CRUISE NIGHT: Every Saturday night, 1445 S. Power Road, Mesa. Starting August 6th from 4-8 p.m. Hosted by Arizona Veteran Rodders.

SO-CAL SPEED SHOP: Every second Saturday, 3427 E. McDowell Road. Time: 6 a.m.

PHIL'S FILLING STATION: Every Sunday, October through May, 12-3 p.m. Lots of fun, great cars, and good friends. (The only time there is no show is if a holiday falls on a Sunday.)

SCOTTSDALE MOTORSPORTS GATHERING: First Saturday of every month, 7-10 a.m. It's free! Scottsdale 101 Shopping Center, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85054.

BREAKFAST CRUISE-IN AT DILLON'S ARROWHEAD BBQ: First Saturday of every month, 8-11 a.m. 20585 N. 59th Ave.

Many events can be found on cruisinarizona.com/carshows, arizonacarshows.com, nancyperryproductions.com and arizonaautoscene.com. All flyers and registration forms for each show can be found online.

Cruizin' with The Dane Army, Senior Care Centers, December 19 — with Larry Besore

My son, Ron, is in a group of animal lovers that have Great Danes. The group is called the Dane Army. The group does frequent community services with the dogs, and they invited OTHG-Phoenix along this time.

They had done senior center cruises in the past with great success. The plan was to do a drive-by around the center so the residents could enjoy the dogs hanging out of the car windows with the hot rods mixed in. I didn't count the dogs but I would guess between 12 and 20; hard to count when they are all in motion.

We all met up in a nearby parking lot to organize. We did a little social distancing while the dogs said hello to each other and all of us. We had 5 club hot rods and a very nice '32 roadster belonging to a friend of my son.

Club members were the Baileys, Besores, Besores, Covers, and Ways.

We started the cruise at 10 a.m. with a vehicle of dogs and a Hotrod, dogs then Hotrod, until everyone was in the parade.

It seems like the center was under lockdown due to the high COVID numbers but we had people waving out the windows and a few that were allowed outside. Five laps around the buildings and we were done. Fun times!

Ya shoulda been there!

Birthdays

Ron Boen	1/5
Val Muyres	1/6
Teresa Way	1/6
Roger Atwood	1/14
Bob Bailey	1/14
Ken DuBois	1/18
Gerry Carroll	1/21
Val Altgilbers	1/26
Andy Yex	1/30

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.

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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**.