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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.

The VP Sez

OK... so Ron Olmstead, knowing what a sucker I am for anything on 2 wheels, invited me to a Mini-Bike round up. It all has to start somewhere, and the Mini-bike deal started that way for me.

There were a lot of people and a lot of Mini-bikes at the round-up. It was pretty easy for me to find one I wanted that was for sale. After I got it home and checked it out, it was time for a trial run. I needed to know if this was going to be fast enough to give Ron a race.

It isn't, (in current configuration) but it's fast enough to create war wounds. The bike has rearward mounted pegs, not something I'm used to. When you put your foot down the peg eats your ankle. I now have scabs and band-aids on both ankles.

Lesson #1; step behind the pegs.

During the test run at full throttle it only took about 3 house lengths to develop a scary wobble, it didn't go away after 5 house lengths. Time to re-engineer. Found it to just be a bad rear tire. Got the tire changed out and back on the street. Full throttle; 3 houses, 5 houses, 6 houses, no wobble...but !! The chain came off the rear sprocket; I forgot to step behind the pegs suffering yet another war wound. The neighbors enjoyed the spectacular skid as the rear wheel locked up with a chain jam. Applied another band-aid to my

Mini Bike Racers (?)

ankle.

Lesson # 2; no matter what, step behind the pegs!

Later that week, Ron and I went down to a parts supply and got a new chain. I spent a few hours getting the right tension adjustment. I moved the rear wheel back as far as I could to reduce the wobble possibilities. (Hoping for some high speed) I was then ready for another test run.

After several tests and several chain derails, I finally got it right. Full throttle, with no wobble, no derail, but I noticed a little misfire near top end. I went back to do some adjustments, zipped up the drive way, not enough brake to stop so I put my feet down to help! (DUH, pass the band-aids)

Lesson #3; always wear boots when riding a mini-bike because you may be too thick headed (old) to learn from lessons #1 and #2....

All in all mini-bikes are great fun, and I am now ready to go for more power and maybe build a mini-bike (with pegs mounted in the normal position), with enough HP to give Ron some competition.

After all what could possibly go wrong with old guys on over powered Mini-bikes??

Stay tuned, I'm sure there will some worth while events forthcoming.

Larry

Prez Sez we were "On the Road Again"

On the road again, the life I love is making mileage with my friends. I can't wait to get on the road again. The fun is in the run. And, this we did when ten of us, the Baileys, Covers, Noltes, Elliotts and Olmsteads, went to the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, CA. We met for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel at I-10 and Litchfield Rd. at 8:30 a.m. It was a great place to meet. A lot of temptations for the gals as we waited to be seated.

This trip was a leisurely one. After a hearty breakfast, we started down the road, radios on so we could keep in touch as we needed for gas, potty stops and food. We had lunch at the Sizzler in Indio then headed to the hotel where everyone but Jan and I had their reservations. We had planned to stay in San Dimas as we usually do but it is more fun to be at the same place. So, we followed the rest of the group to Kellogg-West at Cal Poly in Pomona. What a neat place. It is run by the students training for different hotel positions. Although they said there was no room at the inn, I learned from a movie, the name of which I can't remember, that hotels always kept empty rooms for emergencies. It was urgent, in my point of view, that Jan and I stay with the rest of the group. I got nowhere with the first clerk, a new trainee, but he said the other clerk had more experience than he had and maybe he could help me. After searching, he came up with a room for us. Not in the same building but that was no problem. We could

but that was no problem. We could all meet for a full breakfast they supplied before we started our day. Friday was rainy but that didn't stop us from having a good time. We started at the Early Ford Store of San Dimas. The guys were overwhelmed with all they had. This store always costs me. I found a steering wheel for the '61 Ford Ranch Wagon I am building. The gals headed across the street to the antique shops. This kept us all busy until lunchtime. We broke bread at Roady's, then the gals took us to see a mouse for 'Mouse.' Unfortunately, the owner did not want to sell it. We noticed he also had it chained down.

After giving ourselves sustenance and rest, we headed for the NHRA Museum at the Fairplex. The guys enjoyed discussing each hotrod. I'm sure it was more interesting to us than to the gals but they were patient with us. We then headed to more antique stores in Pomona. Jan felt the ones in San Dimas were much better.

I think it was the full moon or something because it was Friday night that everything went crazy. We had decided to eat at the Red Robin in San Dimas. I was leading when we came upon the freeway exit we were supposed to take, it was closed due to an accident. I went one way and the others went another. Jan and I wandered around until we checked with a local policeman to confirm we were headed in the right direction. Carol called Jan's cell phone wondering where we were. They were sitting at the Red Robin waiting to be seated.

They were seated and ordered their drinks. Their waitress dropped the whole tray of them. It wasn't too long before we had a water spill at our table. I guess the gal behind us didn't want to be left out because she spilled her drink.

We saved enough room to go to the Yogurt Station for dessert. This is a must when Jan and I stay in San Dimas. We enjoyed our dessert and were ready to head back to the hotel. It was misty and the windows on the suburban were fogged up. Not realizing that a car was behind me, I backed up further than I should have. Bob was trying to warn me but I couldn't see him. A crunch let me know I had gone too far. Of course, trying to find the insurance info, I realized I had it on my desk at home. The young lady was very nice. It hardly made a mark on her new car while it broke the taillight and ruined the bumper on the suburban.

Saturday we headed for the Grand National Roadster show. The show was well attended. Again, the gals went one way and the guys went another. Not news that the guys were looking at the cars and the gals shopped and visited with four of the actors from American Graffiti. They also talked to a gentleman from NSRA that told them of a cruise their association was taking the last of June. They were readily convinced this was something our club should do. More about that later.

Sunday, we were homeward bound taking our time, making regular pit stops. Each went in different directions as we hit the I-10 near Phoenix.

What a fun trip we had.

The February meeting will be the last opportunity to order the fifteen year club anniversary shirt. There are several styles to choose from, or pick several styles. There is a ladies version as well. If you cannot make the meeting next Wednesday, you can send me the attached order form in the mail. Please print the order form and fill it out if you are coming to the meeting. I am placing the order on Thursday the 7th.

Thanks Dave Bennett

FEBRUARY 2013

						
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Coming Events

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OTHG Business Meeting	Wed. February 6	Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
OTHG Board Meeting	Tues. February 19	Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus
OTHG Putt to Phil's Filling Station	February 10	Phil's Filling Station-Fountain Hills
Chandler Classic Car Show	February 23	Downtown Chandler
Le Bellezze d' Italia	February 23	American/Italian Club
Yuma Car Show	March 1-3	Yuma, AZ
OTHG Business Meeting	Wed. March 6	Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd.
Goodguys Show	March 8-10	Westworld
Thunder in the Desert	March 16	Tom Jones Ford-Scotty (602) 980-1158
Mini Drags	March 17	Speedworld
OTHG Board Meeting	Tues. March 19	Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus
OTHG Scottsdale Spring Picnic	March 30	Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek-Steve (480) 214-3511
1943 Party	April 6	Nolte's house
Arizona Opry	April 20	Arizona Opry 2275 Old West Hwy, Apache Junction
Beeline Cruise Inn	April 26-27	Green Valley Park, Payson, AZ Ken (928) 970-1700
Rodders Days	May 4-6	Casino Del Sol & Resort, Tucson
Le Bellezze d' Italia Yuma Car Show OTHG Business Meeting Goodguys Show Thunder in the Desert Mini Drags OTHG Board Meeting OTHG Scottsdale Spring Picnic 1943 Party Arizona Opry Beeline Cruise Inn	February 23 March 1-3 Wed. March 6 March 8-10 March 16 March 17 Tues. March 19 March 30 April 6 April 20 April 26-27	American/Italian Club Yuma, AZ Coco's 4514 E. Cactus Rd. Westworld Tom Jones Ford-Scotty (602) 980-1158 Speedworld Manuels-Cave Creek North of Cactus Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek-Steve (480) 214-3511 Nolte's house Arizona Opry 2275 Old West Hwy, Apache Junction Green Valley Park, Payson, AZ Ken (928) 970-1700

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Independent front - 350 motor

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February Birthdays

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February Anniversaries

Dave & Mary Bertram 2/2
Jim & Jackie Councilman 2/9

Please e-mail me if I don't have your birthday or anniversary or if I have it incorrect.

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