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EASTBOUND TO LOUISVILLE, KY—  
NSRA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show:

With excitement and anticipation, on Monday, 7/29/19, the Covers, Noltes, Ways, and Baileys left at 6 a.m. from the Covers' house to head to Payson, then on to Holbrook for the first leg of our journey. Route 40 took us to our first night's stop in Tucumcari, NM, about 580 miles. As expected, an 8-hour trip took 10 with the necessary frequent stops along the way. We arrived there without problems.

The next morning, got up at 6 a.m., breakfast, and on the road again, going through the Texas Panhandle, and into Oklahoma City where I had fallen behind and missed the turnoff for Tulsa, so had to weave around to get back on track while the others waited for us...thank goodness for our radios! Along the way, the Ways caught a 50-pound plastic bag that wrapped around the steering box which made it hard to steer. We were finally on the Will Rogers Turnpike where everyone was travelling at 80 MPH...even semi-trucks! We were 10 miles from Joplin, MO when we suddenly had to pull over. Thank goodness for our radios again because we were able to alert everyone who also pulled over. Larry, the diagnostician, saw that the right front wheel was smoking! It turns out that the wheel bearing gave out, and our two mechanics, Charlie and Paul, tried to fix it until it was decided that it was NOT possible to fix there, plus the conditions were too dangerous. Where we pulled over gave us about a 12-inch margin from the edge of the turnpike roadway on the left side and a steep drop-off on the right, plus cars and semis were blowing past us at extreme speed! We decided to call AAA at that point, which I did; Larry had his NSRA Fellow Pages, which very luckily had someone listed in Joplin, MO,

Stedman Blanchard! We gave him a call and he told us to have AAA tow us to his house where he had a shop! (Our guardian angels were hard at work!) About two hours later, we were in Joplin at the destination. I'm sure they weren't expecting eight people to drop in on them, but both Sted and Jill were so kind and hospitable. Jill invited us into their home, gave us water, and we used the bathrooms! It turned out that Sted had the correct bearing that we needed and it would have been a quick fix if the bearing hadn't welded itself to the spindle and wouldn't come apart in spite of everything Charlie and Paul tried. Finally, chiseling at it for a long while got the job done, the bearing was replaced, and we were good to go. In the meantime, Jill entertained the girls inside. (Per Betty): They had a charming, cozy home full of collectables. We ended up ordering pizza because we didn't realize how late it was and wondered why we were hungry! We had been there from 7 to 11 p.m.!! We ended up staying in Joplin that night instead of driving to Springfield, which was the original plan. This experience was the ultimate testament to great friends and the kindness of strangers!

The next morning, 7/31, we were up at 6 a.m. for the last leg to Louisville. We stopped several times along the way to check the bearing, taking its temperature to make sure it wasn't heating up. We got to Louisville about 5 p.m. as we lost another hour, and making several stops along the way. We checked into the Marriott Springhill Suites, where they happened to be having a bourbon tasting in the lobby, so Betty decided, "when in Kentucky..." and she "deserved" those 2 ounces! We checked into our beautiful rooms, had our complementary water and cookies, and then walked 4 blocks downtown for dinner.

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Thursday, 8/1, was the day of registration where we stood in line for 45 minutes to register, then to the fairgrounds for the show. It took an hour to get to the fairgrounds in spite of it being close by, then another half an hour or so looking for a spot to park which we finally did on the grass in the back. There were a lot of cars and it was only Thursday! Everyone went inside the big air-conditioned building to look around and I went to look for a new spindle. There were many companies represented there and I ended up getting some parts at Gear Heads where they had some parts but no bearings. I went to Napa where they didn't have the bearing there but they had a parts truck running to their warehouse the whole weekend, and I was able to get what I wanted within an hour or so. MHRA had a set-up where they supplied all of the necessary equipment to work on our cars and they would help but we had to do our own work, so, I had to ask my friends to help again which they said they would, and I was grateful for that! I registered to have a spot for the next day. While I was shopping for parts, Betty rented a scooter for me for the rest of the day, and I had fun zooming around and enjoying the displays. Unfortunately, all of the scooters were booked through Saturday, so couldn't reserve one for the next day. It was a huge building and lots to see.

Friday morning...back to the fairgrounds which took another long time to get in. First order of business was to work on the '40 with Charlie and Paul. While putting everything back together we noticed that one of the hubs was bad, so back to Gear Heads for a set of hubs, and finally everything was back together and working great! Another big thanks to Charlie and Paul!

On Saturday, we decided to take a day off from the show, except Larry who went on his own to enjoy the day but took him 1-1/2 hours to get in. The gals walked to town for antiquing/shopping/eating, while Charlie, Paul, and I went to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. It was a cool place. We learned how bats were made, what kind of wood, and that they have their own forest in Pennsylvania! Ted Williams used to go there and said it was like being in a candy store.

Sunday morning, we checked out of our hotel and went back to the show for a bit. I was able to rent a scooter that day because there weren't as many people. We stayed to see if any of us had won the giveaway cars, but no such luck, so we left to head home. Paul and Judy headed for Michigan to see some of the places on their bucket list, Ford Museum, etc. We decided to go a different route past the Corvette Museum, but didn't go in. We ran into some really heavy rain storms even though the forecast said, "no rain!" It got bad in spots, and of course it's worse when you don't have windshield wipers, so stopped to apply RainX. The '40 started heating up as we were trying to maneuver through a hail storm, so we pulled off and tried to wait out the storm and check under the hood, which took a while. The radiator had spit out all of its fluids, so we filled it up with water (Larry and I carried extra distilled water), the storm let up, and off we went again. We went through Kentucky, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, stopping in Oklahoma at Cattlemen's Restaurant for dinner and then to our hotel for the night.

Onward to Albuquerque where we spent the night before heading home. Larry's A/C decided to quit somewhere along the way, and we had to keep checking the radiator in our car, but at least the bearing problem was fixed! We got home on Wednesday, stopping at Kohl's Ranch for lunch before coming home.

The round trip was about 3400 miles, and it was mostly fun! Ya' shudda been there!

Bob B.

***If you need more places to go and things to see:***

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](http://cruisinarizona.com/carshows), [arizonacarshows.com](http://arizonacarshows.com), [nancyperryproductions.com](http://nancyperryproductions.com) and [arizonaautoscene.com](http://arizonaautoscene.com). All flyers and registration forms for each show can be found online.

## Upcoming Events

- 2019 Monthly Breakfast Putts: **We need volunteers for September, October, and November!**

- September 21-22: Top Notch Car Show, Pahrump, NV.
- October 5-6: 25th Annual Just Cruis'n Car Club Car Show, Winslow, AZ.

They have added more events to their weekend with a cash awards Poker Run, a Sock Hop and a Burn-out Contest held on east bound Route 66.

- October 12: Rim County Classic Auto Club, Payson, AZ 8am-3pm.

Friday, October 11th is the Pre-Registration, Cruise, Burger Burn at Rumsey Park, 400 N. McLane Rd., Payson, AZ from Noon to 4:30 and burger burn at 5:30.

- October 26: Vintage Aircraft & Custom Car Show, Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.
- November 15-17: GoodGuys, West World, Scottsdale, AZ.
- November 23: Phoenix Police Museum Car Show
- December 7: Christmas Party—details to be announced.
- January 24-26, 2020: GNRS, Pomona, CA.
- March 2020: GoodGuys West World, Scottsdale, AZ.
- April 3-5, 2020: GoodGuys, Del Mar, CA.

### Birthdays

Ann Bennett	9/15
Jim Flagg	9/20
Larry Way	9/21
Sandy Muyres	9/22
Sue Elston	9/26
Ken Schaaf	9/29

**New members:** Please give me your birthdays! Thanks!!

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**.