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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.

This newsletter is dedicated to Linda Barnes — rest in peace, Linda!

Tribute by Larry Besore:

Some of our newer members may not know the extent that Linda Barnes was involved in OTHG-Phoenix. I thought I would share some of it with you.

In years past Over the Hill Gang would attend the Winslow car show en masse, so much so that many people thought for a while that it was our show.

Linda would procure the entire La Posada Hotel, every single room, for the club. She would also arrange for us to have the large dance floor exclusively on Saturday night. We would have an OTHG sock hop. I and "my cousins" (real and honorary), at times provided entertainment which Linda always enjoyed no matter how bad or corny we were. In fact, Linda was the instigator in many cases. She would tell me; "come-on, the cousins need to do something at the show." After our entertainment she would arrange treats to be served by the restaurant.



In later years when we assumed the GoodGuys host club duties, Linda stepped in again. Linda established our legendary Host Club Buffet. She would stay up most of the night before getting things organized, making coffee, and packing it all into a van which she and Page rented for the show. She would then drive in on Saturday morning and direct any helpers we could get her plus her "regulars" to set up an amazing and high-class buffet. The buffet was the highlight of the weekend and enjoyed by club members, friends, OTHG chapter members from neighboring states, and any GoodGuys staff who could get loose to attend. I'll tell you that her buffet was looked forward to by many, many people. Few really knew the effort it took to pull that off, show after show.

Our Christmas parties in the past were another of Linda's contributions. She and her helpers decorated every table, including center pieces, often using Linda's own decorations from her catering company.

Linda, we will miss you!

The OTHG Board has decided that the Club shall have no in-person physical meetings until the end of this year (2020). We will have teleconference meetings.
The OTHG Board also has also decided that we shall have NO Club Breakfast Putts for August 2020 nor for September 2020. October 2020 is a maybe at this time until Governor Ducey changes the rules.

The Prez Sez:

We just got through another month of nothing! It almost seems like we are in two different worlds. Up Here in North Dakota we hear on the news that Arizona is neck deep in Covid; yet here, life is almost normal. We have less than 50 in the hospital with Covid and our death count is less than 100; yet the National news reports our state as a rising hot spot! Maybe there are two North Dakotas-the real one and the media one. Walmart requires masks as a national policy and that's the only place you see one. South Dakota is even better. It's more than a little confusing.

We have had a member or two go on inactive status due to not being able to meet our club's membership requirements. That will allow most of our applicants to become active. I personally want to thank those who made the change. It will benefit us all in the end.

Keep those cars shiny a ready to go. This too shall pass and we will all be together soon. We are heading home at the end of the month so as the song goes:
"See You In September..."

Ron

Introducing Phil & Sharon Murray:

First off, we are pleased to be considered for a club that includes wives in all their activities. So that being said, I will talk about Sharon so as not to be in the doghouse with Ron. She was married to Harold Edwards for 47 years in Susanville, CA. They were wintering in Yuma for several years. He passed away in 2010. She kept going to Yuma for the winter, too much snow in Susanville. She had been an office manager for a local utility company for many years.

I retired as a Navy Captain and worked in the wholesale petroleum business for 32 years in Oregon.

Two of my friends lived in Yuma, invited Sharon to play golf with some car guy who was coming to Midnight at the Oasis show. It all looked innocent, but I know now that Vicki had something in mind.

After a while you will see how many things come together by God's hand. Anyway, I had been married to my first wife 46 years when she passed away in 2010 of pancreatic cancer (no fun). After reviewing about 80 women on e-harmony, I gave up and kept my eye out for a mate. You probably guessed it was me (the car guy) who came to Yuma with my '39 Studebaker pickup. The day before the car show we played golf. The girls rode together and the boys in another cart. I noticed Sharon drove down the middle. Most of my drives were in the middle as well, not that far from hers. This looked like a good start to a conversation. Long story short, we met March 2, 2012 and married Oct 5, same year. Comparing notes, I came up with 42 things on a list that we either did the same or liked. Wow!

We are happy and blessed. She has one son, Danny, and two step adults, Carol and Jimmie. Unfortunately, we lost Jim a few years ago. Dan lives in Colorado working at Pikes Peak gold mine. I have 3, Jeff, Carol and Mike. Again, I lost Mike at age 36. This was one similarity we are still wrestling with. Sharon has a pretty large extended family, which I cannot keep track. We have her family reunion planned for July 18, so maybe I can take pictures and have name tags.

She has done very well becoming a car girl. We did 6100 miles cross country in the '37 two-door sedan in 2018. We both love traveling and have done a good-sized trip almost all our 8 years together. One was an ocean cruise, one was a river cruise, and several were with our family car. Sharon had a '55 Ford Thunderbird for over ten years, which, after doing considerable work, was sold last month to two boys from France. They are here on work visas and bought the Bird for their parents in France. It will be shipped soon.

We live in Grand and both play golf. Sharon is an exceptionally good quilter and loves to sew. Of course, we have a sewing room with several projects underway at all times. She also accompanies me to most car shows, especially those out of town.

So, we just keeping doing what we like and avoid what we do not like. Isn't that the definition of retirement?

Upcoming Events:

Most of us already know that many car shows and events have been cancelled or rescheduled for a later date. These are just a few:

The 33rd Annual Gunnison Car Show, scheduled for next month, is cancelled this year, due to community mandates regarding the COVID-19 situation.

The Gunnison Car Club sends their well wishes to all and will be eagerly looking forward to next summer's event! Check back in with them for updates at the beginning of 2021!

The Just Cruis'n Car Club annual car show in Winslow, AZ for 2020 scheduled for October 3-4 has been cancelled.

Please stay connected through emails sent out by Teresa Way. She will let us know of any updates.

Continue social distancing...

Stay safe...

Be kind to one another...

See you all on the other side!

Birthdays

Debbie Aronson	8/1
Terry Scott	8/12
Dawn Yex	8/23
John Logsdon	8/28
Linda Barnes	8/29
(Happy Heavenly Birthday, Linda)	

For Sale:

Frank Svancara has a new left-hand hood hinge for a 1938-1940 Ford for sale. If you are interested in purchasing it, please contact Frank at 480-585-7323 for more details.

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.

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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**.