



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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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 Prez Sez:

**H**ere we go again, more of the non-meeting meetings! I hope I never hear the word "Virtual" again. I hope all of you are surviving your heat wave. It's about 70 degrees as I write this. Fall is in the air up here in ND; warm days and cool nights.

I'm going to look at a 1929 Chevy truck this afternoon. Carol says if I buy it she might leave me. Man, I'm really going to miss her! Actually I'm just checking it out for a friend.

I'm almost out of projects in ND so we are getting ready to head home. There is a classic car auction on September 6th and we will leave soon after that. We will take a week or two traveling mostly to let AZ cool down.

Our daughter, Alison, and her husband, Mike, are both firefighters near Glenwood Springs, CO. They are surrounded by big fires, so please pray for them

See you all soon,

Ron

Al Turley would like us to e-mail photos of car shows or events to him so that he can post them on our OTHG-Phoenix website. Please e-mail no more than five photos at a time, and please include a description of the event. Some of you have gone to car shows in different towns/states, and for those of us who are stuck at home, we would enjoy living vicariously through you. ~ ed.

***If you need more places to go and things to see: (Please be sure to check if these are happening.)***

**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.



Meet Jill and Roger Atwood:

For those of you who know us as well as for those who don't, let us tell you a little about Jill and Roger Atwood.

In 1950, we met in the 6th grade at an elementary school in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. We began dating in 1956 right at the end of our senior year of high school.

In the fall of 1956, Jill departed for the University of Iowa and Roger attended the University of Minnesota. In 1958 Jill transferred to the University of Minnesota as well. In the middle of his senior year Roger joined the National Guard and went on active duty for 6 months. Jill graduated with a teaching degree in 1960 and Roger graduated with a business degree in 1961.

We were married on July 27, 1960, 11 days after Roger returned home from active duty. So doing the math, you know we just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. **Yes, 60 wonderful years!**

Through high school and beyond Roger loved cars and was a member of the Stokers Car Club. He had several cars including a 1953 Ford Convertible, a 1955 Ford hard top, a 1940 Ford two-door sedan and a 1951 Chevy hard top, all of which received various degrees of hot rodding and customization. He also had a black 1953 Mercury hard top which he put a Chevy engine in. In 1961 we bought our first dedicated race car, a 1939 Chevrolet two door sedan.

In 1959, Minnesota Dragways opened near Anoka, Minnesota. Roger raced his Mercury and then the '39 Chevy there and oversaw the technical inspection area, and Jill worked in the timing tower, so we were there most weekends.

After graduation Jill taught school and Roger went to work for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. In 1963, we sold the race car when Ma Bell moved us to Omaha, Nebraska, then in 1965 back to Minneapolis, then in 1972 to Basking Ridge, New Jersey where Roger worked for AT&T in New York City, and finally back to Omaha in 1976. We lived in Omaha then for 34 years. In 2003, we began to "snowbird" between Omaha and Surprise before moving permanently here in 2010.

From late-1963 to 1996, we were totally out of hot rodding and concentrated on raising 4 wonderful kids who in turn have presented us with 7 grandchildren and now, so far, one great granddaughter.

In 1995, Roger retired from the telephone company and spent the next 8 years as President of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education, an administrative position in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska.

In 1996, we decided to return to street rodding and bought, you guessed it, a 1939 Chevrolet two-door sedan which we built over the next 3 years. In 1999, it won a Pro's Pick at the NSRA Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky, one of 12, out of over 12,000 cars.

After that Jill decided she wanted her own street rod, so in 2000 we bought a fiberglass 1939 Ford Convertible and built that into a street rod. This car won a nationwide call-in vote contest conducted by ESPN 2, Street Rodder Magazine and Street Rodder Television as the "2001-2002 Street Rod of the Year." That was a fun competition.

Now you know a little more of our "rest of the story". Currently we have that '39 Ford as well as a '32 Ford Hiboy roadster and a '32 Ford two-door sedan.

Jill spends much of her time decorating gourds and other craft work *(She donated the beautiful gourd Santas to auction at our last Christmas party ~ ed.)*. Roger spends a good deal of his time working on a nonprofit foundation he began in 2008, Global Partners in Hope, which does Christian-based leadership training in China and medical missionary work in Africa.

We feel very fortunate to be a part of the Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix and greatly enjoy all of our time spent with you.

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Putts:

- October 17 breakfast: Roadmasters, Andy & Dawn Yex, at Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q, 845 N. Litchfield Rd. (near N. Reems Rd and W. Bell Rd), Goodyear, AZ 85338, at 11:00 a.m. Restaurant's phone number is 623-556-1733. (This is pending the Governor's Executive Order of limiting restaurant dining rooms to 50% of fire code capacity). Stay tuned.

### Car Shows/Events:

- August 21-23: NSRA Route 66 Street Rod Nationals, Albuquerque, NM: Cancelled and rescheduled for 8/21/2021.
- October 2-4, GoodGuys, Del Mar, CA: Debbie Aronson tentatively booked a block of rooms (\$149). Possible side trip to Cloud Museum, 1398 York Rd., Winterhaven, CA 92283, phone 928-919-5508 (10 miles north of Yuma, 180 miles east of San Diego, 1905 miles west of Phoenix, approx.). Teresa will email more information. Those who have signed up with Debbie for the rooms will have to contact the hotel directly.
- October 4-5: Just Cruisin Car Club Car Show, Winslow, AZ — CANCELLED.
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1: NSRA Western Street Rod Nationals, Bakersfield, CA.
- October 31: Vintage Wings & Wheels Car Show, Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ — STILL ON.
- November 20-22: GoodGuys WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ — AS OF NOW IS STILL ON.

### September Birthdays

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

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**.