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The Prez Sez:

Here we are again! Time had seemed to stand still for a bit and now it's moving faster than I can ever remember. May was filled with more car events than we have seen in a long time. Art and I attended a small local show held in an old Kmart parking lot to pay tribute to a dear friend, Bert, who lost his battle with cancer. Car people are the greatest; we are always quick on the road and quick to show and speak of the love we have for each other and the cars we have all chosen to build/drive. Bert would have been so happy with the number of folks that showed up to pay tribute to him. His wife and son were amazed and grateful! I am grateful and amazed at the heart and soul the car community has in Arizona and proud to be a small part of it. RIP, Bert...

The May breakfast putt to JIMBO'S was fantastic. Thank you, Ron and Carol Boen, for arranging this one. The service and food were great. I did a lot of fluttering and someone stole my bacon once my plate arrived, so I'm looking for the thief. Just kidding...it was Art. It was nice to move around the area talking with all that attended, I think we had 42/44 peeps there. It was a good time for sure and a lot of you drove your cars, which was GREAT! We also had our first meeting back at the old stomping grounds, Red Devil, which was really nice. We have come full circle, I think, and hopefully we will continue this trend. We had 40ish, don't quote me on the numbers, it looked like that to me. **The food was good but we made a waiter quit, so if you didn't get your bill, maybe you can take care of that this time...(he took off with the tickets)!** It will get smoother with time, and Darrell, the manager, was very nice and so appreciative!

The heat is on, so we might have to wait for the next outing, but trust me, there will be one. Keep Cruizen...

Debbie

Last night after the club meeting, we were looking for a way to get water in Ron O's radiator. It ran hot coming to the meeting. seems he didn't know if it even had water in it. *He hasn't had the car long.* The Red Devil manager emptied the tip bucket and filled it with water. Ron wasn't sure how much it would take... *he hasn't had the car long.* It didn't take that much but we all felt better that it was full now. Ron wasn't sure how hot it would get on the way back home. *He hasn't had the car long.* We thanked everyone and members headed home. Ron and I said good bye. Before I pulled out, I looked over and Ron hadn't started the car yet. I asked what was wrong, "can't get key in the ignition switch, not sure if it went in teeth up or teeth down." ... All together now, *he hasn't had the car long!* When we did get the key in, it wouldn't start, didn't even click or turn over, not sure what was wrong. *He hasn't had the car long.* We fussed with it a bit, then decided to just call AAA and figure it out tomorrow. It was a busy night for tow trucks, I guess; they told us an hour wait. An hour later Ron checked in, now it was 2-1/2 hours. We called another tow company; they said 4 hours. Dejected, we sat in my car and I told Ron it didn't make any sense. No click, nothing! It was like the ignition switch wasn't wired in. Ron sat straight up in the seat! "Oh," he said, we need to go try it again. Now we had been sitting for over 2 hours by this time. We went to the car, Ron fiddled around, and bang! The car started right up. "What the &\$@!/? happened," I asked. His reply... "I forgot to turn off the kill switch." You know...wait for it ... "*I haven't had the car long!*"

You shoulda been there!

Larry B.

REMINDER: There will be **NO** business meeting in July!

A man is known by the company he keeps (or the CAR he drives).

St. Patrick's Day 1959, at a dance, I met a good-looking lady who was driving a '59 Ford retractable (love at first sight). My '49 Chevy with its Olds V-8 was soon replaced by a '58 Pontiac convertible tri-power and into the Air Force I went. January 1960 I was sent to Iceland for one year. Letters back and forth with Kathy started a long-distance relationship. To shorten the distance, I invited Kathy to join me in Germany while on leave. She accepted and we all met at the air base in Germany (Kathy; me; Steph, Kathy's sister; and Martha, Steph's friend). I proposed, Kathy accepted, and we went to a diamond factory. Kathy picked out a diamond ring; I gave the man all my money which had been saved to buy a new VW Beetle.

Meanwhile, Castro was bringing missiles into Cuba. The plan was to separate from the military in January, get married in February, and...and President Kennedy sent me a personal letter extending my service agreement, also changing my status from Reserve to Regular Air Force.

Between Iceland and San Antonio, TX we wed Feb 3rd, 1962 in Lake Oswego OR. A '55 T-bird joined the family. Utilizing her master's degree, Kathy took a job with Catholic Charities in adoption in San Antonio. The Air Force retrained me from supply to missiles. Our first child, Mary Kay, was due at the same time I was to be traveling from missile school in Texas to Tucson, AZ. Kathy returned home to Lake Oswego, OR to have the baby. I reported to Tucson and bought a house for Kathy and the baby. Kathy joined the Tucson Symphony. A '58 T-bird and two more children joined the family.

After three years in a Titan II silo as a launch officer (and two more kids, boys) I separated from the Air Force and went into computer programming with General Electric, Phoenix. We acquired a VW Beetle. Then there were 24 years with Motorola.

Kathy joined the Glendale Community Orchestra, then joined the Scottsdale Symphony as principal cellist. Marrying Kathy was the best thing I've done.

The 1936 CORD WESTCHESTER is the car I drive. The OTHG-Phoenix is the company I enjoy to keep.

Bob Duyck

Incidentally...by Larry B: We've been cleaning up and downsizing to get ready for some home improvements. Amazing the junk, whoops, *treasures* we hang on to. While going through these treasures, a lot of memories came to me; take for example the little drag race trophy I came across. Interesting thing is this was Brenda's trophy. Now I know for certain Brenda never ran a drag race, so where...??? Then it came to me...Years ago, like YEARS ago...Brenda and I were at a Remember When car show. These shows always had family events to participate in...fun stuff. At this particular show they had a scale downhill 1/4-mile track set up for Hot Wheels cars. It was being run by Ken and Dee. We watched for a while, then I remembered we had a Hot Wheel in the 39's glove box. It was a Mustang convert. At that time Brenda thought she wanted a Mustang, so we had the little car just for fun. Anyway, that thing had been in the glove box for months. It was dirty, had lint in the wheels, etc.! I sprayed a rag with ArmorAll, wiped down the under carriage and wheels...key point here is *wiped down the wheels*. I didn't know that the ArmorAll would end up being a secret weapon.

Brenda got into the elimination runs, besting all comers, a little ArmorAll on the wheels between each run. She cleaned house, totally dominating all races and had her competitors (all 7-8 year-olds, by the way) in awe! That's how Brenda won her first and only drag race trophy.

If you need more places to go and things to see: (Please check before attending.)

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.

VINTAGE PARTS, ARIZONA (formerly So-Cal): 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 arizonaau-toscene.com. All flyers and registration forms for each show can be found online.

Upcoming Events

June 5– Cruisin' The Rim, Show Low, AZ

August 20 – Run to Copper Country, Silver City, NM

August 27-29 - NSRA Albuquerque, NM

October 2 - Fellowship Square Car Show (OTHG), 2002 W. Sunnyside Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85029 Ron Olmstead will have more information.

October 1-3 – Just Cruisin Car Club Car Show, Winslow, AZ

October 1-3 – GoodGuys Del Mar, CA – **rescheduled from April 9-11**

October 29-31 - NSRA Bakersfield Western Nationals, Bakersfield, CA – rescheduled from April 23-25

April 30- May 2, 2022 – Seligman to Kingman – Route 66 Fun Run – Kingman, AZ – **postponed to 2022**

FOR SALE:

1941 Ford Coupe: 350/350 chevy, 8-inch Ford rear, new 12-Volt original style gauges.

Walker radiator, with AC condenser, Mustang II front end, new tires and wheels, great black interior, some black paint, powder coated frame. **\$20,000**

1961 Ford 2-Door Ranch Wagon with Ford 351, AOD transmission, both engine and transmission well built. Yellow paint, new windshield, classic gauges, Vintage AC, re-chromed bumpers, stainless trim, polished aluminum radiator, needs a little work to finish. Polished Halibrand wheels and new tires. **\$27,500**

WANTED:

Late Model Chevy or GMC pickup.

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June and July Birthdays

John Carmody	6/2	Tom Eckholdt	7/3
Walter Hann	6/2	Brenda Besore	7/17
Art Thomas	6/7	Leah Carmody	7/18
Mike Arney	6/10	Robin Christensen	7/27
		Patricia Hann	7/28
		Sharon Murray	7/28
		Debbie Thomas	7/28
		Bob Duyck	7/29
		Rich Christensen	7/31

Asking for your 4 to 5-paragraph writeup!

Please let me know if I've missed your birthday so I can include it 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**.

There is no Business Meeting in the month of July.