



# CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

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## The Prez Sez:

**T**his past year has been one for the record books. Many have commented at how quickly my year as President has gone and yes, it was very fast. It's been a lot of fun and at times rewarding. It's been quite an eye-opening experience to say the least. While I don't have any regrets I will be SITTING on my hands from now on, at all meetings. I am looking forward to handing the Cow Bell to the next President and whatever I can do to help, I will. Some may have thought of my countdown as "I can't wait to get it over with." I considered it as my goal, my finish line, and the point at which I hand the Bell over to new leadership and a different prospective for the club. I am looking forward to going back and sitting where you all are!!!

While the Club is in a transition period in my opinion, we still managed to meet on a regular basis at our regular meeting spot. Thank you, Red Devil for welcoming us back and doing everything you possibly could to make our time there a good experience! Thank you to the members who came to meetings and participated in club events and helped plan some of them.

We had our breakfast putts mostly as scheduled, one being a biscuits and gravy cook-off at our home, various other restaurants were visited by our group, and the Boens hosted a wonderful brunch at their home. Thank you to all who took the time to set up a putt; it's appreciated by all. We managed to plan a really great Day at the Lake, with a spectacular BBQ and Pot Luck food that was second to none. The amount of people that volunteered to help was fantastic, it was a group effort. Charlie and Danise C. were gracious enough to take pictures of attending club members and their Club cars to send to Al Turley, our Webmaster Extraordinaire, so he could update the members on the website. We had Gary A. playing his harmonica for everyone to enjoy. It was something to witness, all these different people coming together talking, laugh-

ing and genuinely enjoying each other. That's the spirit of this Club I had not seen in a while. It was heartwarming to say the least. The club was also invited to a very different kind of outing!! Paul and Judy Nolte invited everyone to their beautiful home for a pizza party and dance lesson, instructor being our very own, Betty Bailey. Paul had ordered enough pizza ahead of time (which would have fed an army), their treat! This was in anticipation of the Christmas party. A group of us wanted to do a line dance together. If you attended you know how much fun this was. These are the times you remember, the ones where our club members go out of their way to welcome everyone into their lives outside of the standard club setting. This builds camaraderie, a very important part of a group or club such as ours! BTW: We all worked hard to get that dance right, and the way we looked on the dance floor that night should be no reflection on the teacher. Thank you to the Nolties and Betty B.

Then came the Christmas Party, a bit different from the parties of the past, we were raising money for a charity, Hospice of the Valley. This is something I had never witnessed in our years with the Club, charity on the Club level. A lot of people worked hard to make it happen and we raised over \$2000 that was donated in the names of the beautiful members we have lost this past year and in recent years. It made my heart feel good as I'm sure it did many of you. Let's build on that and keep charitable events on the calendar every year from here on out. Two years back we started working with Vintage Parts of AZ, Brian and the guys, collecting toys for Children's Rehabilitation Services Clinic. If this doesn't make you proud, nothing will. WE DID GREAT! What a HUGE pile of beautiful toys we amassed! It's a really good thing and I'm so very proud of the generosity of our members! All this great work is never the work of just one, it's all of us!! Thank you for the support I received throughout the year, I appreciate you all more than words can express.

**The Prez Sez...continued:**

And lest we forget why we really belong to this Club...The car shows and driving events were back in pretty full force after a year of nothing. GoodGuys was open for business and we had pretty good attendance for the two Scottsdale shows and quite a few of us made the trek to Del Mar. Thank you Debbie and Rick, for organizing us for the GoodGuys show there. It's always a lot of fun and this year was pretty darn good. The local shows came back and many of you attended those, just happy to be out with fellow car guys! All in all, it's been a good year for car events.

After two really trying years the Officers and Board members have decided, as I call it, to go Old School, follow the rules that are laid out by the founding club and let them guide how the club moves forward. By doing this you take away the chance of a misunderstanding or bad feelings due to someone trying to push their own personal agenda. This club is only as strong as its Members in total. We are a club of 50 plus 1's for the most part, but when we start acting as 1 of 50 we will always run into trouble. We always need to put the good of the Club before our own personal wants. This Club Charter has been around for 25 years this year. We should be TIGHT and have each others' backs instead of aiming for the nearest target. Kindness and thoughtfulness goes a long way towards UNITY. Division is never a good road to drive down when others are following. We have so many really good people in the club and I would hate to lose any of you! Let's think before we speak with a harsh tongue, or make that snide comment behind someone's back. We are all in this together as ONE CLUB!

**WE ARE OVER THE HILL GANG-PHOENIX!!** Thank you all again for a year to remember.

President Debbie Thomas 2021

**BE SURE TO ATTEND IN PERSON SO THAT YOU CAN VOTE DURING THIS ELECTION!!****The Baileys' HERstory:**

As the outgoing newsletter editor, I thought I'd do our 3 to 4 paragraphs mostly to fill space but also to set an example. LOL. This is written from my experience mostly since we did a writeup many years ago about Bob's cars and his racing during his younger years. Bob and I have been interested in cars separately and together, for many years, but this is mostly my story.

I grew up in Palo Alto, CA where University Avenue was like "draggin' Main." Stanford Theater was the place to be, even to watch movies, but mostly to watch cool guys and cars drive by. This was perhaps 9<sup>th</sup> grade when none of my friends drove yet. Imagine "American Graffiti." It was a real THING back then. The guys and their cool cars would drive up and down University Avenue, stop, and my girlfriends and I may have gotten into a car or two, and driven up the street and back to where we began...and repeat. There were no weirdos, at least not that we met...plus there were many of us doing the same thing, same guys, same cars. Those were just more innocent times, at least for my friends and I. The guys just wanted to be seen and admired. I later dated a cool guy with a cool '55 Studebaker that he built, and I've appreciated cool cars since.

Bob and I have been married for 45 years and have a 53-year-old son. We moved to AZ in 2001 from CA when Bob decided to retire, and after a year of living here I decided to get a job, which I did at Mayo Clinic as a medical transcriptionist, and just retired in 2018. We joined OTHG-Phoenix in 2004 after hanging out and playing with the Gang, waiting to get a "legal" vehicle to join the Club, which finally happened with a beautiful yellow, '56 F-100. After selling that, we bought Larry & Brenda Besore's '48 Plymouth Coupe, sold it, built a red '32 Vicky with Paul N., had a '69 El Camino, sold those, had the '57 Chevy pickup, sold it, and still have our '40 Ford Coupe which is refusing to be sold right now, and a '41 Ford pickup is being built. We've gained great friends and enjoyed the camaraderie. We've taken many long trips over the years with the Club, many times to Del Mar and Pleasanton, as well as Louisville, and sometimes Bob took a "buddy" because I couldn't get time off from work. It's been a fun ride, no matter what, and we hope to be able and capable of traveling for a bit longer.

***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.

**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](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

- February 12: ARC Annual Car Show and Swap Meet, 19803 N. R H Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ
- March 5: Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Spring Fling, Sun City, AZ
- March 18-20: GoodGuys Spring Nationals, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ
- April 1-3: Del Mar GoodGuys

### Putts:

- Saturday, February 19: Roadmasters—Bob & Betty Bailey. Breakfast place TBD. Afterwards tour The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting, 6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ, at 10 a.m. Admission \$13 adults 62+.
- Saturday, March 5: Roadmasters—Larry & Teresa Way. (Date moved due to GoodGuys and Vintage Parts AZ events) Kiss the Cook, Glendale. More info to follow.
- Saturday, April 16: Roadmasters—need volunteers.
- Saturday, May 21: Roadmasters—need volunteers.
- Saturday, June 25: Roadmasters—need volunteers.

### Birthdays

Steve Besore	2/1
Tom Harris	2/4
Barb Scott	2/7
Tom Flaherty	2/8
Page Barnes	2/10
Dee Giuntoli	2/10
Diane LaVetter	2/12
Ron Olmstead	2/19
Terri Besore	2/21

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**.

**There is no Business Meeting in the month of July.**