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The Prez Sez:

WOW! Where the heck did this day, month and YEAR go?? Seems like I was just sitting down to write last month's message, and here we are again. The last part of the 2021 year has flown by!! We had the Club picnic, which we all know was great! Then we moved to Thanksgiving; Art and I were lucky to draw the bye this year, our beautiful daughter hosted the family and it was GREAT! Then we moved right on to the Club Christmas party, and Art and I had a wonderful time. It was so nice seeing all the people dressed in their Sunday best or themed outfits. We had '20s '30s '40s '50s, and a couple of hippies from the '60s/'70s, I think that were absolutely the best!!!! A lot of dancing took place, the food was good and the Band played really great music. We focused on a bit of fund raising this year and I am so proud of the money we raised for our chosen charity, Hospice of The Valley. I believe it was just over \$2000. There are so many people in this club with big hearts!!!! Ron Boen handmade a BEAUTIFUL GUITAR and gave it to the club for auction! \$400 just from that alone and that was not the Boens' only contribution, we really appreciate them!! The baskets were all bid on and Thanks to Carol B. for being the auctioneer; she did a phenomenal job! The Party planning was a GROUP effort and could never have happened without a lot of help. Thank you, Carol and Jim Dalton. Jim took the pictures of everyone in attendance, not a small job!!! Dawn Yex, Carol Boen and I shopped till we dropped for

the baskets, not a bad job to have :) Many members donated baskets to be used and we had a basket building and wreath making party that ended up being a lot of work but fun because we knew we were doing it for the right reason! We also did the toy drive in conjunction with Brian and the guys from Vintage Parts, formally So-Cal. We had A LOT of toys for them to deliver. Several members met at Vintage Parts to drop off the toys. Brian was speechless when he saw all the toys we had. I'm not sure we will ever know how truly important this is and what it means to the kids that experience a little bit of joy from one of the toys we deliver, but it makes your heart feel good knowing it is so very appreciated! I'm happy we have adopted this as a yearly event! You should all be PROUD of the part you play in that joy!! Thank you for your generosity!!!

I would be remiss if I didn't bring up the big event.....The election of new Officers and Board members. Voting will take place at the February meeting. PLEASE consider throwing your name into the ring; you won't regret it.

See you soon and Drive your Car.....slowly if it's raining.

Happy New Year!!!!

Debbie

Russell & Ruth Whitfeldt write:

We met 60 years ago when we both attended the same Junior High School in Tacoma, Washington. We were friends and even walked down the aisle together when we graduated from Lincoln High School in a class of 600. After graduation, our lives took different routes. Russ joined the Navy, married, and after discharge, served 5 years as an apprentice to become a journeyman plumber. At the same time, Ruth got her associates degree from a Junior College then transferred to the University of Washington to major in education to become a physical education teacher. Once I saw the word kinesiology, I quickly changed my mind! (What in the heck is kinesiology? I didn't know and I wasn't willing to find out!) I had always dreamed of becoming a "Stewardess" so after Fall Quarter of my Junior year of college, I decided to apply to fulfill that dream and applied to become a "Stewardess." Yup, that's what I hired on as in 1968. (Once the antidiscrimination laws took affect and men were allowed to apply for the "Stewardess" position, the name was changed to the generic moniker, Flight Attendant.) I was based in Chicago because I wanted to live somewhere different. What was I thinking? I 'died' from the heat in the Summer and froze my little 'ass' off in the winter. After 1-1/2 years of 'torture', I transferred back to Seattle where I married and had 2 children. Unbeknownst to me, Russell was also in the Chicago area at about the same time, at Great Lakes Naval training center at 'A' school to become a boiler-man. We never knew that until much later.

Our lives were intertwined over the years as both Russ and I were on our high school reunion committee meetings. That put us together at least every 5th year. By this time, Russ was remarried and had a child while I was flying international routes to cities in Europe, Asia and Australia. Russ worked for the City of Tacoma in Washington State, in the Waste Water Treatment Center. We both were in the process of divorce when I went to a girls' Class of '66 luncheon. (We called them our double wine parties. Wine and Whine.) Well...I had a little too much wine and I whined about my failed marriage. Russ ran into one of our friends and she told him that I was divorcing. He phoned me and the rest is history...

Russell and I married in July of 1995. We have a blended family of a son from Russ's previous marriage and a son and a daughter from my previous marriage. Between us we have 3 granddaughters, 18, 10 and 7 years old and a 4-year-old grandson. Shortly after we married, we purchased a 1972 VW Bug. Russ fixed it up and we drove it everywhere. When we first purchased our Bug, we weren't able to take it to GoodGuys in Puyallup as it was too new. We started looking for an older car and found one on the internet in Denver, or so we thought. It ended up that the son of the owner of a 1938 Chevrolet sedan was selling it for his dad who lived in Canada. We were interested in it so we drove to Carsten, Canada to look at it. We sent photos of it to my brother who built and tinkered with cars for years. He said it looked good so 2 weeks later, Russ and my brother drove to Canada with a flatbed to pick it up. They crossed the border on 9-10-2001. It was my brother's birthday and one day ahead of the terrible disaster in New York City. Thank goodness they crossed when they did. Anyway, we got it home and we have loved our beauty ever since.

Russ retired in 2009 after getting both knees replaced. I lost a bet and retired in 2012 after flying for United Airlines for 43 years, 5 months and 16 days. That's how United knows me now. Not my seniority that I was hired with but with how long I worked. So, after retirement and because Russ worked out in the weather for 30 years, he decided that a move to the desert would be 'wonderful'. We came down to Phoenix, looking at houses. We had no idea where in the world we were. We looked on the East side of Phoenix but decided that homes were older and more crowded there so we ended up building a new house in Surprise, AZ. We moved here lock, stock and barrel in October 2012.

When I was still flying, Russ accompanied me on many of the flights that I worked; free fare and free rooms so why not? He once took a Friday off and flew with me to Frankfurt, Germany. We landed, went to the hotel, showered, went across the street to the train station, traveled 2 hours to Reimstein where my brother and sister-in-law lived, went to dinner with them, took the train back to Frankfurt and to the hotel, slept, went back to the airport. I worked the flight back to San Francisco while Russ slept (!), went through customs, flew back up to Seattle, slept, and then Russ went to work Monday morning. Co-workers asked him what he did over the weekend and Russ said, "I flew to Germany for dinner!" Truth!

We've driven all over the Western US and ventured driving to Missouri through to Tennessee down to Florida to visit friends, then back through Texas to Arizona. That was a fun one-month adventure. Next time we want to fly to New England and rent a car to venture through that part of the country. We're always up for cruising so any time you want to go, let us know. We've been on 4. We love that lifestyle. We dropped everything in October when some friends asked us to go to Cabo for a week. It was 2 weeks before they were to leave...yup...off we went...love it down there. We also crewed our own rented canal boat in France in 2000. We went with some of our friends from Australia who were competing in a seniors Rugby tournament. We rented 5 boats with friends from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Poland, England and Scotland. What a party we had cruising through the canals in France. On our vessel, Russ captained and my friend and I were the 'mates' that tied up the boats when we went through the locks. It was a blast, one of my fondest memories.

Well...that about says it all. You never should have let me write this. I could go on and on as you can plainly see. Russ and I are happy that we have met each and every one of you. Thank you for letting us join Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix. Looking forward to many more 'adventures' with you!

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Putts:

- Saturday, January 15: Roadmasters—Ron & Carol Boen, at Boens' home backyard, 13160 W. Market St., Surprise, AZ 85374; time TBD.
- Saturday February 19: Roadmasters—Bob & Betty Bailey — TBD.
- Saturday, March 19: Roadmasters—Larry & Teresa Way, at Kiss the Cook, Glendale, AZ — more to follow.

Car Shows/Events for 2022:

January 13-16: Cruisin' on the River, Charity Classic Car Show, Laughlin, NV.

January 28: Grand National Roadster Show, Los Angeles, CA

March 5: Vintage Vehicles of Sun City Spring Fling, Sun City, AZ.

April 31-May 2: Seligman to Kingman — Route 66 Fun Run, Kingman, AZ

August 12-14: Big Bear Lake Car Show, Big Bear Lake, CA.

Birthdays

Ron Boen	1/5
Val Muires	1/6
Teresa Way	1/6
Roger Atwood	1/14
Bob Bailey	1/14
Ken DuBois	1/18
Gerry Carroll	1/21
Val Altgilbers	1/26
Andy Yex	1/30

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.

Member writeups, 3-4 paragraphs.

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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.