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CRUZIN NEWS-N-VIEWS

PREZ SEZ:

Hi everyone

Wishing you the best Fall ever. We will miss one more meeting, but I wanted to share some thoughts about the club.

The board will bring an item to you for a vote this month that brings some alternative ideas to me. The proposal is to raise the annual dues to \$75 per couple per year.

So here are some of my somewhat different considerations;

First, I have spent some time studying our cash flow and expenses. As you have learned, the end of the year party has exceeded any normal income we receive.

That resulted in us having to charge for the party. We can't sustain those costs without charging the members again in 2023.

Second, the by laws say our club's mission is to promote the hobby of "Street Rodding". Since we don't have a great place for our cars at night at the party, we have a nice gathering with no rod connection. Not to mention, the many hours of time contributed by a bunch of people. The committee is doing a great job, by the way.

Third, I propose we eliminate the costly party and substitute a picnic in the Spring, similar to Bartlett lake. This would give us a low cost street rod event and not have the high cost of the party.

Fourth, I know this is just one person's opinion and I will go along with the majority decision, either way, but I would much rather keep the dues at \$50 and operate within a reasonable budget.

Ok, so some will say, what about the charity auction? Back to the by laws. There is no mention of OTHG having a charity function. We have done the toy drive several years, with no cost to the club and great participation.

So, I propose for 2023, no end of the year party, another picnic style event in the spring, and stick with the toy drive as our only charity function, keeping the dues at \$50.

Lower cost, more car stuff and lots of good fellowship.

Thanks for listening,

Phil

Just a reminder to everyone

Carol DuBois still collects soda, beer, or any kind of can tabs for charity.

Please bring them to a meeting or putt and we will make sure she gets them.

Thanks in advance

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.

Birthdays

October

Carol Aden 10/28

Please let me know if I have missed your birthday and I will include it next month.

If you are interested in buying or selling an item, let me know & I will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

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Thank you Val Altgilbers for providing me cool story about the very 1st Ford Mustang sold in the US. A 1964 Mustang bought in Chicago



**Birth of
THE MUSTANG**

Gail Wise, 80, a former schoolteacher, on a car story like no other

On April 15, 1964, I went with my parents to Johnson Ford, a car dealership on Cicero Avenue in Chicago, to buy a new car. I was 22 years old and had just graduated from Chicago Teachers College. I'd gotten a job in the suburbs, but I still lived at home, so I needed a car to get there.

"I want a convertible," I told the salesman. "Come in the back room with me," he said. "I have something special to show you."

We went into the back room, and there was this car, under a tarp. He pulled off the cover, revealing this marvelous skylight blue automobile. It looked sporty and small, and it had bucket seats. I loved it right away. The salesman explained that he wasn't supposed to show anyone this car, that it was going to debut two days later. But he let me buy it. It was a convertible and had all the bells and whistles, and I paid \$3,447.50. My parents loaned me the money. Many years would pass—decades, in fact—before I would learn that I was the first person in the U.S. ever to buy a Ford Mustang. That day, when I drove out of the dealership, people were waving and asking me to slow down so they could see the car. Even police officers. The day after that, when I drove to my job, the seventh- and eighth-grade boys

gathered around the car. They were so excited! I felt like a movie star. I wrote a letter to my boyfriend, Tom, now my husband of 56 years, about the car. He was in the Navy, out at sea, and when he wrote back to me, he told me he had never heard of a Ford Mustang.

On April 17, two days after I'd bought my car, Ford Motor Company debuted the Mustang at the New York World's Fair, in a ceremony with Lee Iacocca, who became known as the Father of the Mustang. Suddenly there were Mustangs everywhere. The car became so popular that Ford could not make them fast enough.

My husband and I drove that car for 15 years. Then one day he came home from work and said, "There's something wrong with the car." He put it in the garage and said he would fix it "next week." That "next week" turned into 27 years. Tom saw a guy online claiming to be the first Mustang owner. He said he had bought his Mustang on April 14, 1964, in Canada. But I had bought mine on April 15, and I had all the paperwork. Eventually, Ford verified that my Mustang was the first one sold in the U.S.

Tom and I still drive our Mustang. The purchase in 1964 was just a chance encounter that has turned into a wonderful adventure. It feels like I won the lottery.

• Upcoming Events

- Saturday, November 5, Club Picnic at Bartlet Lake – 10 am -We will meet to drive together at the Culvers parking lot on Cave Creek Road and Rose Garden Lane at 8:50am Be sure to bring your National Parks Pass, if you have one, or you can get a Tonto National Forest day use pass, which are available at Tonto National Forest offices and retail vendors across the valley (please call retailers for availability – see email sent 9-21-22) for a cost of \$8.00 (approx.)
- Saturday, January 21, 2023 – Roadmasters – **Need Volunteers** - TBD
- Saturday, February 18 Roadmasters – Al & Kathleen Turley – **place & time - TBD**
- Saturday, March 4, 2023 – Roadmasters – John Logsdon – – **place & time – TBD** (date moved due to GoodGuys and Vintage Parts 2nd Saturday)
- October 7-8 – Beeline Cruise-In Car Show, Payson, AZ
- **October 8 – Funeral Service – Dee Giuntoli – Ken Schaaf asked us to drive our hot rods, Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, 4800 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Light refreshments afterwards. Graveside Service will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, 2033 N. 48th Street, Phoenix 85008 at 1:00 pm.**
- October 29 – Vintage Wings & Wheels Car Show, Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ – 9am-2pm \$55 entry
- November 5 – Horses & Horsepower, Scottsdale, AZ
- November 11 – Veterans Day, Anthem Veterans Memorial, 41703 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy, Anthem, AZ 85086, at **exactly 11:11 am**. The memorial is dedicated to those who serve and to honor veterans.
- November 12 – Kearny, AZ - Free Fall Festival Car Show
- November 18-20 – GoodGuys, WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ – maybe drive in & park together on Saturday, Nov. 19
- May 5-7, 2023 – Route 66 Fun Run – Seligman to Kingman – Join the celebration for a nostalgic weekend – Get your hotel early, and register early
- May 13-14, 2023 - OTHGSD Streak 50, Campland on the Bay, Mission Bay, San Diego, CA. (2023 will be their 50th year!) It is Mother's Day weekend, might be a blast to go as a group. A good hotel is Catamaran Hotel. Larry Besore has a block of hotel rooms, See the email Teresa sent out on Sept. 3 for all the details.

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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**.