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Good morning, afternoon or evening, whenever you choose to read this. Welcome to the month of March.

Locally, we have the Spring Fling Sun City. Hopefully we had a good turn out. Next weekend is the annual Midnight at the Oasis in Yuma . We have 14 cars signed up to go and also a few club friends. Looking forward to a good time and as always a few good laughs. There is also some other out of town runs that a few of our club members are attending and I hope they also have a good time.

February was a busy month with the picnic at Phill Beck's house and the great Putt put on by Chuck and Diane and the car show at the MEC school in Surprise.

The MEC show was put on by the students at the Surprise campus. We had a good turn out even though it was on the far west side. The students did a good job managing the show, making trophies and giving out awards.

The picnic at Phill Beck's house was a real success for our club. As I was leaving and saying good bye, Phill thanked us for coming and mentioned that we had more members there than his own club. I thought it was just going to be both clubs there but as it turned out he had invited neighbors and friends. I found it hard to communicate with SWSR club members because I didn't know who was who. Other than that, the food was wonderful and his yard was a great place to have a party. I really want to thank everyone from the Gang that showed up. Hopefully we can do a get together again with the SWSR in the future at a park.

The Putt, put on by Chuck and Diane at the Fast Eddie's, was a great success also. We were treated well by the staff and the owner. The owner was taking pictures and joking with everyone, and really showed that he appreciated us being there. Oh yea, the food was great as well. At the end of the meal, the owner said we all joined the clean plate club so he gave each of us a free bowl of ice cream and if that wasn't enough, he asked us to sing Happy Birthday to an 8 year old. A lot of us did and the little girl looked, either shocked or surprised. Anyway, a good time was had by all.

Well that's about all from the Prez today. See you on the 5th and have a great day.

Prez Russ

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.

For more Info about other Upcoming Events, Check out....

[Car Show, Cruise-In & Race Calendar - Roddin' & Racin' \(roddinaz.com\)](http://Car Show, Cruise-In & Race Calendar - Roddin' & Racin' (roddinaz.com))
[Cruisin' AZ \(google.com\)](http://Cruisin' AZ (google.com))

If you need more places to go and things to see:

MIXTECA Cruise-in 67th Ave & Bell Rd Glendale Saturday nights

PAVILLIONS Rock & Roll car show at McDonalds on Indian Bend and the 101. Saturday nights

WESTGATE (a Nancy Perry event) Wednesday nights starting at 5 pm **STARTS SEPTEMBER 18**

PHILS FILLING STATION Fountain Hills Sunday mornings ***STARTS UP OCTOBER 13 thru MAY***

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..

SPEEDWAY MOTORS : 1st Saturday every month (NOT JANUARY) Open House 8701 McDowell Rd Tolleson 9 am –12 noon

CHECK the RODDIN' ARIZONA free paper for a lot of great info on other shows and events

Birthdays

MARCH

Danise Cover 3/2

John Clark 3/10

Betty Bailey 3/5

Judy Nolte 3/24

Jill Atwood 3/7

Charlie Cover 3/26

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The **Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix** is a “street-rod” or “custom” based organization, limited to 1972 or older hobby cars. It’s 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 , Denny’s 2717 W Bell Rd. Phoenix Az 85054

There is no Business Meeting in the month of July.

Upcoming Events

- March 7-9, 2025 - Midnight at the Oasis – Yuma, AZ, \$40 entry (Registration is now locked)
- March 8 – Fellowship Square Retirement Community car show on Saturday, 2002 W. Sunnyside Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029, Attn: Sarah.
- March 14-16 – GoodGuys, WestWorld of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ, park together on Saturday March 15
- March 21 -Chaparral Winds Independent Living car show, 12-2pm, 16617 N. West Point Parkway, Surprise, AZ 85374
- March 23 — Arcadia 7th Annual Auto Rama Hopi Elementary School 5110 E Lafayette Blvd Phoenix 8 am—11am Details at www.ACMNA.org/events
- April 14- Celebration of Life for Gene Maione, 3:30pm at the community (Sun City Grand) at the Pavilion (near Angela's Restaurant) 19900 N. Remington Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374. RSVP to Margaret at margaretamaione@gmail.com
- May 2-4, 2025 – Route 66 Fun Run – Seligman to Kingman – Join the celebration for a nostalgic weekend – Get your hotel early, and register early – Phil and Sharon Murray, and Valerie Altgilbers are going
- May __, 2025 –Cottonwood, AZ wine tasting, maybe with friends of George Thiewes

2025 Monthly Breakfasts

- Saturday, March 22 – Roadmasters – Al and Kathleen Turley, Charley's Place, 4324 W Thunderbird Rd. Glendale, AZ 85306, More Info to follow
- Saturday, April 19 – Roadmasters – Jim and Carol Dalton, More Info to follow
- Saturday, May 17 – Roadmasters – Need Volunteers – TBD
- Saturday, June 21 – Roadmasters – Need Volunteers - TBD

So last month Sharon Murray won the 50/50 and Phil sent me this road trip story for the newsletter....Thanks Phil and Sharon

So, here is a story about a road trip, in a street rod, of course.

I wanted to do a cross-country trip with my wife, attending as many car shows as timing would allow. I don't know if you have noticed, but in order to attend the maximum number of shows, you have to criss cross the country five or six times. We were not as ambitious as that, so chose to see the ones we could reasonably map out.

Starting from Surprise, we wanted to enjoy the trip and not kill ourselves getting from one place to another, so we rolled through Arizona heading east.

Our first goal was Back to the '50's in Minneapolis. On the way we enjoyed seeing the Bailey train yard, North Platt, NB, which is on route 66. Since there are several interesting spots in Nebraska, we stopped at the Archway on Hwy 35. It is a building that spans from one side to the highway to the other. Inside is a depiction of the settlers crossing from east to west. The upper floor is old, covered wagon style, where the lower floor is the 40's and 50's. Quite a neat place to spend a couple of hours and rest your back end.

We successfully rolled into the twin cities and faced 12,000 cars to experience. Wow! What a great show, 3 days of constant variety and quality. One of the unique and best parts of Back to the 50's is no judging. Everyone enjoys each other with no competition. Of course, there are the trailer queens, but we had more fun chatting with fellow rodders who either built their rigs or improved them. We had great weather and walked our legs off. Hard to pick a favorite, just so many wonderful expressions of style and color.

After the show, we visited the Mall of America in St. Paul, a giant indoor fun zone, water park, shopping mall, restaurants, etc. The thing that caught my eye was the large roller coaster. Hard to imagine all of this under a roof.

Next, we took in the Goodguys show in Des Moines. Another decent size car event with an overhead gondola, which took you from one end of the show to the other, saving many steps. We were blessed with a flat tire in the hotel parking lot. Easy fix with a tire shop nearby. Took trophy for long distance here.

Then on to friends place in Detroit for some downtime relaxation. After catching up with a college buddy, we traveled on to Columbus for another Goodguys show. Both these events are as large as Scottsdale or bigger. Saw a nice '53 Chevy pickup that looked exactly like the one Terry Porter has here in Surprise.

Our hotrod then took us down to Tennessee to visit more friends who used to live next door. Saw the Parthenon in Memphis, looks just like the one in Greece, only not damaged by time.

Starting to get home sick, so sped through Austin, stopped a day in San Antonio for the river walk. By this time, we had enough traveling, so we headed home to Surprise.

Six thousand miles, 20 states, 31 days and when we rolled into the driveway, we were still married. And you do not believe in miracles!

Great trip, don't have the stamina to do it again.