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Prez Sez

Hello everyone. I hope this note finds you all in good health and happy with life.

We are coming to the end of the month of March and probably the busiest month we have had in a long time. Starting with the run to Yuma. The drive there was uneventful until a few of our cars hit a chuck hole on the freeway as big as a bomb crater. Ron Boen bent his front wheel and Larry Way came out without damage. The rest of us, for some reason missed it. After we got through administration, Al's car decided not to start. With Al and Art working under the hood for a while, they decided that the distributors module went out. Not being able to get a new module for Al's distributor, Art went to his car and pulled out a new distributor from his trunk and they were able to put it in and get Al up and running. Good job you guys. That wasn't the end of Al's bad luck though. At the hotel he found out that he also took a rock in one of his head lights. Another quick fix when he got home.

Also on March 7th, The Spring Fling Sun City car show was a success with another sell out. The members I talked to that had gone to the show, said it was a good time, as always. Hopefully more of us can go next year.

March 13-14 was Good Guys at WestWorld. The club hooked up both days to park together. It was a two day show this year and the attendance was way down for GG's and with the club as well. I think the weather had a lot to do with that. It was HOT!

March 18th was a trip to Barleens Variety Spectacular Matinee Show in Apache Junction. I believe there was 27 of us in attendance. The chocolate cake was served first and then came the main meal of beef, chicken or ribs. When the music started, they played for over an hour and at intermission we had root beer floats. Doesn't get any better than that. Thanks Dawn for setting it up.

March 20th was a car show at the senior center in Scottsdale with the Southwest Street Rods. There was about 20-25 cars from both clubs. I hear that a good time was had by car owners as well as residents of the center even though the temperature was in the low 100's. Thank you to all the members that attended.

March 21st was our annual picnic at Bartlett Lake. It had been suspended in October because of rain and started an hour earlier in March because of heat. Go figure! We had 37 people show up and there was a lot of food. Mike and Susy did a wonderful job of getting all the food, organizing all the people, putting the food out on the tables and the guys that did the cooking of the hot dogs and hamburgers. A special thank you to Mike's brother and his wife for all of their help. The big down fall was, it was HOT. Almost 100* and people were leaving early. From rain to heat, what happened to the in between? Oh well, it was still a good time and a lot of laughs. Thank you to everyone that showed up.

March 28 will be a Drive-By for past OTHG member Will Myers. I hope there will be a good turn out by OTHG as well as the DipSticks. Will and Cindy were good friends and members of the Gang and because of health they had to step down to social members. Will is and will always be missed.

Well that pretty much covers the month of March. See you all on April 1st.

Prez Russ

Bartlett Lake Picnic- March 2026

We had a great time coming together to share a hot, spring morning at Bartlett Lake with fun and food!







Birthdays





Wolf Seuling
Kathee Flaherty
Russ Whitfeldt
Harriett Zeaman
Rogene Clark
Helen Gwynn

Apr 13
Apr 18
Apr 20
~~Apr 21~~
Apr 25
Apr 30

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Flyer Submitted by Ron Olmstead



At the March business meeting, Ken Schaaf introduced his guest Charley the Chair to the membership. Many of the older members were happy to see him after an absence of several years.

Ken gave the following history of Charley's association with the Over The Hill Gang.
"Dee and I joined the club in 2001. A few years after we joined, the club held a poker run at the Pavillions. Someone had left a chair behind, so a club member took it home and brought it back at the next year's poker run, hoping to find its owner, but no one claimed it.

We were getting ready to go to the Back to the 50's Car Show and decided to take the chair with us and try to find its parents. I had just restored an old Sears tent trailer and hooked it up to my '38 Chevy....and off we go! We stopped at Lake Powell for a picture of the chair and the dam....then off to Salt Lake City.

We headed east and the next picture of the chair was on top of the tent trailer in front of the Sturgis Motorcycle Shop. On to the Black Hills and took a picture of the chair with the four presidents. No parents were found there, so on to Minnesota for three days at the Back to the 50's....still no parents there.



We stopped in Wisconsin for a few days and our next stop was Sault Ste Marie Locks then Mackinac Island. Lots of photo opportunities along the way. Next, a car show at St. Ignace, MI then on to Grand Rapids to visit relatives and check out where I was born.

We left in a few days for Des Moines to attend the Good Guys Show on July 4 weekend. Great show, but still no one claimed the chair. After the show, we left for Denver to visit Brother and Sister-in-law. It was there Charley got his name....my brother-in-law said he looked like a Charley.

Charley was never reunited with his parents, so he was adopted by us and The OverThe Hill Gang was his extended family. He went to every car event with us for years. He has enjoyed a great life and is now retired and living in Sun City with us. Charley, We have had a great ride haven't we?"

Write-up for "Charley" submitted by Pat Gerber

Monthly Breakfasts.

- Saturday, **March 21**, – Roadmasters – Mike and Susy Arney – Club Picnic at Lake Bartlett, we will be eating at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in bringing fun game items with you, please do. The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments for both including napkins, plates, utensils and of course ---BUNS! Please bring a potluck type dish for sharing, according to the following last name schedule:
 - A-H – please bring a side dish,
 - I-P – please bring a desert,
 - Q-Z – please bring an appetizer.

 - Bring your own Drinks and your own Chairs.
- Saturday, **April 18**, – Roadmasters – John and Rogene Clark, TBD
- Saturday, **May 16**, – Roadmasters – Volunteers Needed, TBD
- Saturday, **June 20**, – Roadmasters – Volunteers Needed, TBD



MORE PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE

- MIXTECA Cruise-in 67th Ave & Bell Rd Glendale Saturday nights
- WESTGATE (a Nancy Perry event) Wednesday nights starting at 5 pm **STARTS SEPTEMBER 18**
- 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

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Good Thoughts and Good Vibes is for anyone in the club who want to let us know of members who might be in need of some good thoughts. Please email Margaret Maione at margaretamaione@gmail.com with your requests. Please check first with the member before requesting it to appear in the newsletter.



After Thoughts...

We are still looking for your “car” story. Please write four or five paragraphs about your car for the newsletter. (send to Margaret Maione, newsletter editor at margaretamaione@gmail.com)

If you take pictures at a club event, our Webmaster, Al Turley (agt@telus.net) would appreciate it if you would send him the pictures with info about the event so he can post them. Kindly take your photos **horizontally**, instead of vertically. Please no more than five pictures (in a group) at a time.

If you need/want club merchandise, please contact Dawn Yex (turbodemo1@att.net) for Merchandise Sales.

Don't forget to wear your name tag at meetings/putts, otherwise you may need to put a dollar in the club kitty.

The Over the Hill Gang-Phoenix has a Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month 6pm at Dave & Busters, 21001 N Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

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