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PREZ SEZ

Good morning, afternoon, evening or whenever you decide to read this. I'll try to make it short.

It's the end of another month with a lot of car shows have already happened with a lot more to come in the month of March. I know that the Gang is planning to attend shows down the road to Havasu, Yuma and Route 66, as well as local shows, Friday night Cruise-ins and Coffee and Donuts.

The Gang's February 14th Putt was a great success, put on by Don and Bonny McDonald with the help of Ron and Carol Boen with the use of their back yard. Good food, good time and great people.

March 21st will be our next Putt with Roadmasters, Mike and Susy Arney. It will be held at Lake Bartlett. I believe it is one of the clubs favorite runs and you know Mike I have to say it. "DON'T FORGET THE BUNS!"

I would like to congratulate all the members that were elected as officers and board members. I would also like to thank all outgoing board member for their time and service to the club this past year.

Some more good news. Congratulations to Larry and Diane Knutson for being voted in as our newest members. WELCOME!! In addition, I would like to welcome two new applicants, Royal and Susan Cover and Don and Ann Estill.

Now for some sad news. We have lost another active member. George Thiewes passed away in early February from Cancer. He will be missed not only by OTHG, but also by the Art world throughout the US. In addition, there will be a drive by for Wil Myers on March 28. Details coming soon.

Hope to see you all on March 4th.

Prez Russ

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FABULOUS 50'S VALENTINE PARTY



A Valentine's Day Fabulous 50's Putt was hosted by Don and Bonnie McDonald and Ron and Carol Boen on Feb 14th, at the Boen's home. There were approximately 60 people in attendance and 19 classic cars! The cars are always impressive and the outfits worn in the true 50's style were outstanding!

Jonathon of Metal/Body Classics was asked to serve as our car judge. His overall pick for attire and best car went to Mike and Susy Arney for their 1956 Ford Victoria.





Here's Mike with the trophy! That is Jonathon, the judge, in the background. The parking meter had been in Bonnie's family for a long time. Ron Boen's expertise turned it into a great trophy! Thanks Ron!

Another fun part of the day was the Hot Wheel races. Each person paid \$5.00 to enter the races. The girls really showed the fellas how to race! Val Altgilbers won 1st place and a cash prize of \$85.00. The other half of the pot will go to the club. Harriett Zeaman came in 2nd place winning a toy Coca Cola truck and trailer. Way to go ladies!



Besides all that there was a hula hoop contest won by Ruth Whitfeldt and a bubble gum blowing contest won by Debbie Thomas.

There were burgers, hot dogs, root beer floats, and chocolate sundaes. To end the day, the Hometown Hero's barbershop quartet stopped by and sang a few songs!

Thanks to ALL who helped make the day happen and ALL the attendees!

(Thanks to Bonnie McDonald for writing this article.)



Birthdays



Jane Aubert (social)
Danise Cover
Betty Bailey
John Clark
Don McDonald
Judy Nolte
Charlie Cover

Mar 1
Mar 2
Mar 6
Mar 10
Mar 10
Mar 24
Mar 26

Spencer's Good Guys



On January 26th the “new” old Good Guy shirts were delivered to Spencer’s Place Coffee shop on Waddell Rd in Surprise. The staff was so thrilled that when there was a lull in customers these two young ladies headed right in and changed into their new yellow shirts! They say they plan to tell everyone how great the “Over The Hill Gang” is and that we have the coolest truck and cars around! Karin York, Spencer’s owner, said she’d take half the shirts to the Spencer’s on Cotton Lane for staff at that location! They send a huge, “THANK YOU!”

(Thanks to Bonnie McDonald for writing this article and pictures.)

Monthly Breakfasts

- Saturday, **February 14**, – Roadmasters –Don and Bonnie McDonald & Ron and Carol Boen; 13160 W. Market Street, Surprise, AZ (Ron and Carol Boen’s) 2pm-6pm, for a Fabulous 50’s Valentine’s Day Party, Dress 50’s style and drive your club car.
- 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

Upcoming Events:

- February 26-28, - Havasu Hot Rodz Car Show, Rotary Park, 1400 Smoketree Avenue, Lake Havasu City, AZ, Presented by OTHG Lake Havasu City. \$65, \$75 after February 5, 2026; Open to all 1972 and earlier
- March 6-8, -Midnight at the Oasis, Yuma, AZ – 12 club members are going
- March 7, - Spring Fling Sun City car show (Ken Schaaf), Sun City Amphitheater, 10220 N 107th Avenue, Sun City AZ 85351, \$25.00 - \$30.00 after 2/28/26; 300 cars limit; online register-
vintagevehiclesofsuncity.com
- March 18, Wednesday, doors open at 11:00am, Barleens Variety Spectacular Matinee Show – 2275 E. Old West Highway, Apache Junction, AZ 85119, – Dawn Yex is organizing, Tickets \$52 per person.
- May 1-3, - Route 66 Fun Run, Seligman, AZ to Topock, AZ, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66
- Be sure to check out Arizona Car Culture – website



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

For more info on other events, cruises, etc...

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CRUSIN AZ <https://sites.google.com/view/cruisinaz>

RODDIN' ARIZONA <https://www.rodinaz.com/>



Good Thoughts & Good Vibes

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 at 6pm at Dave & Busters, 21001 N Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

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