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PREZ SEZ

Hello Gang:

Here we are once again coming into Summer and the unbearable heat. I hope you will be getting away for a while. Ruth and I will be going up North for about a month to visit our two boys, going to the Good Guys at Puyallup and visiting with Al and Kathleen in Canada.

May was a good month for driving our cars. Eight club cars started out on the Route 66 Fun Run and only 6 finished. The good news is the two that broke down are now up and running. There was also a few club cars that went up to Prescott for the Hot Rod A Rama Southwest. Sorry, I don't have the exact count. The May Putt, hosted by Ron and Carol Boen, was held at Anita's Cocina in Wickenburg. There wasn't a large turn out, but we had good food, conversation and a few laughs to throw in. After lunch a few went to the old theater to see the movie, The Devil Wears Prada 2.

The month of June looks like there will be a few runs to get out of town. Ruth and I are having our Putt at "The Place" restaurant on June 13th. For you that are staying in town, hope you can make the Putt.

With all of this said, I'm sure I have forgot something. If I have, I'm sorry, if I haven't good on me. 😊

Prez Russ

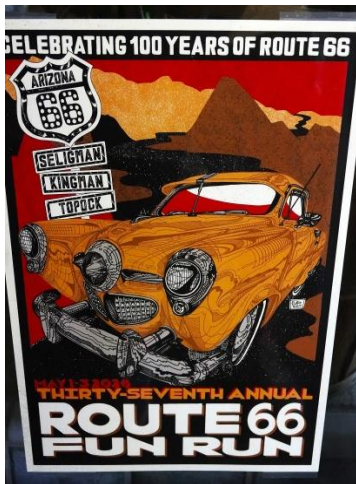
Lunch & Movie Putt May 16th

The putt at Anita's in Wickenburg plus seeing the movie, "The Devil Wears Prada 2" was a great way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon. Thank you, Ron & Carol Boen for planning this putt.



Route 66 Fun Run & 100th Anniversary - Seligman & Kingman, AZ May 1-3, 2026

OTHG was well represented at the Route 66 100th Anniversary Fun Run. We started out with more cars than we ended up with (sorry, Ken and Don) but we had a great time looking at all the cars, people, memorabilia and laughing together.





Birthdays



Walter Haan	June 2
Art Thomas	June 7
Mike Arney	June 10
Margaret Maione (social)	June 24
Jim Dalton	June 28
Gary Aden	June 30

Upcoming Events:

May 14-16 – Hot Rod a Rama Southwest, Prescott, AZ. Pre-1965 traditional hot rods and customs car show at Prescott’s legendary “Whiskey Row” - Larry Way, Larry Besore, Paul Nolte, and Charlie Cover are all going.

May 16 – Saturday - Coyote Cruisers is hosting a "Cruisin Under the Stars at Victory Lane Sports Park (22603 N 43rd Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85310), from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. A portion of the entry and raffle proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish Arizona.

June 13-14- Watson Lake Sway/Car Show, Watson Lake Park, Highway 89 & Willow Lake Rd, Prescott, AZ, 8a-2p, \$7 per person (includes both days admission); Swap meet spaces are 20' x 20'. Pre-registration for spaces is open from April 1 – June 5, 2026, with remaining spaces sold on a first-come, first-served basis on Friday, June 12th

November 6 – SEMA Fest – Las Vegas, \$110—\$140 (While the primary SEMA Show (Nov 3–6) is a trade-only event for automotive industry professionals, Friday, November 6, offers specific **public access**)

No JULY General Business Meeting!

Monthly Breakfasts

- Saturday, **May 16**, – Roadmasters Ron and Carol Boen, TBD, More info to follow
- Saturday, **June 13**, – Roadmasters – Russ and Ruth Whitfeldt at 9:00am at The Place, 5171 W. Bell Road, Glendale, AZ 85308, More info to follow

👁️👁️ WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARAGE?? 👁️👁️

Susy and I (Mike Arney) have invested in a new (to us) club vehicle. It is a 1964 GMC C10 Step Side pickup.

The truck was modified from stock in 2018 and painted as shown in April of 2025 with pin stripes.

It has been fitted with a 2025 (approx.) 4.8 liter V8 and a 4L60e 4 speed transmission.

Also added are Vintage air/heat, Retro Sound stereo with 4 speakers, new bench seat, Dakota Digital gauges, wheels and tires, front disc brakes, exhaust system, LED tail lights, cruise control, windshield, Boyd underbed, fuel tank and tilt steering column. After bringing it home I added seat belts and a bed tonto cover.

We recently took it on the Route 66 Fun Run where we found it to be a comfortable ride even with Susy, myself and Margaret Maione in the cab. And yes, the 56' Crown Victoria is getting a bit of a face lift and then will be put up for sale.



Write up & pictures thanks to Mike Arney



Members Stories and Bios

From Ernie Mccarthy....

Like all of us I have always been around cars. I grew up on a farm in Kansas and became responsible for tuning all our vehicles—Chevy 6 cylinders. My first car was a 50 Chevy. Then I restored and fixed up a 37 Ford Pickup to drive to college. It had the old cable brakes ---made you a very alert driver.

After college, my work took my wife and family throughout the Midwest. Between moving and family I did not have time or money for hot rods. Then in 1984, I purchased the black 1933 Ford coupe I still drive today. It has a 350/350. When I bought the car I thought it might need a paint job but the old lacquer paint still shines today!!!

Over the next years I have owned a 69 Corvette, two 1969 big block Chevelles and in 1994, I purchased a 1971 Chevelle convertible that was all original.

My wife was my partner and encouraged me with my cars. She did the interior in my 33. Unfortunately, I lost her to cancer in 2003. I met Shirley, my partner, at the Wings car show. We enjoy going to all the club activities in the 33.

I plan to continue to be an active member in the club by attending meetings and events. What makes this sport fun is the people you meet and the things you do together.

From Gary Aden....

The Aden hot rod is a work in progress. This is a follow-up to my previous reports from other 50/50s. Since then I have changed or modified the following.

1. The truck originally had a 750CFM Edelbrock 4 barrel carburetor. I didn't know much about the fuel requirements of a stock Chevy '283 so after running it for a while I exchanged the 750 for a 550. Surprisingly, the mileage did not improve. I spoke to an Edelbrock rep and he showed me a way to convert the 550 to a 650. He said that on the 550, all the jets were working but on a 650, only two would work until you stomped on it. I made the change and it proved to be a good one.
2. Another change was a further attempt to improve my range. The truck had a 3-speed automatic and, on my frequent trips between San Diego and Surprise, the truck was never comfortable running at 70 mph without searching for a better gear. I decided to give it more options with an R200R2 –automatic overdrive. This made some improvements but the truck still likes to hunt. It has a 292 rear-end and Troy Wait from Hot Rod Alley suggested a 350. We made the change and the truck is now running 1900 rpms at 70 mph.
3. The third change involved disc brakes. I had Monte Carlo discs on it and had to pump the brakes to get a comfortable stop. While attending a Good Guys in Del Mar, CA I won Wilwood Brakes for the front-end. After receiving the brakes and a kit for the rear, Troy installed brakes and a double power booster. Now I barely have to touch the pedal to stop.
4. When I built the truck I did not consider the need for power steering because of the low weight of 3000 pounds. Plus, I didn't want to mess around with the mechanical things needed to install it. Lo and behold, they have developed electronic power steering and I have opted to install it. Now I am the master of the parking lot.
5. These changes along with the independent front suspension and the A/C make my '29 a good driver with 62,000 miles to show for it. Bring on the 50/50



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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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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