

DESERT ROCKET REPORT

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Jerry's Car

by Neal Dederich

Shortly after moving to Arizona in 1979 I met my good friend, Bob. We worked for the same company. As time went by we became partners working together every day for 7 or 8 years. We found we had a lot in common. We were both farm boys from the mid-west and both liked old cars.

Bob and I began restoring old cars; mostly convertibles and most of them were Cutlasses. After a half dozen restorations together our work experience took different paths. Bob went to a different company, while I worked in Las Vegas for 2 years.

Several years later, Bob called me and asked if I would be interested in a trip to the east valley to look at a Cutlass convertible for sale. His oldest daughter was attending NAU and he thought this car might be cool for her to drive.

Now, Bob and I had taken on some pretty tough projects (most were towed home), but this car was pretty sad. Chopped up interior and a million dents, so we walked away.

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President's Message

At this month's meeting we will be voting in the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona's 2004 board. Now is the time of the year that most candidates running for any given office would make fancy speeches to try to help themselves get elected. Of course in most elections around the country there is usually more than one person's name on the ballot for each position, which is not the case here. So let's pretend for a minute that I have some competition and I really want to make sure that I win the election. Below is a speech that I would give:

First let me say how happy I am to be here tonight. Thank you for coming. As you know I want to be your next President. I've done a good job for you in the past, but that is nothing compared to what I am going to do for you in my 4th year in office. I am going to buy each and every one of you a BRAND NEW 2005 OLDSMOBILE. Yes, you heard me right, I promise if Oldsmobile builds it I will buy it. Now just in case that wasn't enough to get me re-elected, let me tell you what else I am going to do for you. I promise that there will be a chicken in every pot! Our economic status will soar! And I promise that chicken will be cooked in a kosher kitchen! I *will* eat pretzels without choking. I promise to never say *stratergy*, but will work on a *strategy* to keep our club growing. I promise you that I will make your club the biggest and best local chapter in the history of Oldsmobile clubs. But, I will need your help to do that. So, my fellow Oldsmobilians: ask not what your club can do for you -- ask what you can do for your club. The only thing we have to fear is non-participation itself. So remember to vote and vote often.

Of course since this is all make believe, the above speech is just a bunch of bunk. So don't be surprised if I don't keep my campaign promises. After all I'm just a politician that would say anything to help get herself re-elected.

Keep those rockets lit!

Gloria

P.S. Send in your 2004 dues and your holiday party reservations now! I *promise* you will have a good time!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Information to be considered for submittal in to the newsletter needs to be received by the 5th of the month. Please send your information as an email or attach it to your email in word document form. If you have problems or questions please ask any board member and they will happily assist you. If you do not have access to a computer and have a story or information to share please contact Gloria and she will type it for you (she has fast fingers). Email all information to carcouple@cox.net.

SUNNY DAY IN SWEDEN

by Peter Fahlcrantz

We bought our 1966 Olds 98 convertible a year ago here in Sweden, but the car had just been imported from Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We found some papers, notes and receipts in the glove compartment with name and address of the last owner in Arizona.

We finally wrote and sent a letter to the previous owner and asked about the story behind our 98. Unfortunately the man was no longer alive, but his widow kindly replied, telling us a little about the car. They used to call it *Harriet*, and she was painted white while they had her. Now it's yellow and we call her *Sunny*.

All too soon it will be time to put her in the garage for the winter. Maybe we can still drive a couple of weeks more, but it's getting colder soon.



If interested in corresponding, Mr. Fahlcrantz can be contacted at peter@bkmreklam.com

Rocket Greetings from Sunny....

JERRY'S CAR

by Neal Dederich

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Fast-forward about 3 years. It's meeting night at the pavilions. A handsome couple came cursing in with a bright red 1968 Cutlass convertible. They parked over on the north side. I went over, looked at the car and was very impressed by the body and paintwork. The car still needed top and interior. This couple joined our club and as time went by finished their car.

Fast-forward a year and half. This same gentleman and I were sitting around talking cars at the Watson Lake Car Show. He was telling me how he happened to get his car. Suddenly I began to recognize the story. The east valley location, divorce-forced sale, the garage full of junk, and how the brother screwed up the car. I don't know what all Jerry and Rita Gwizdalski went through to bring this car back, but I have a pretty good idea.

I think we can all be glad that they did, because every time they bring it out, we all get to enjoy it.

THE DEMISE OF THE BURMA SHAVE SIGNS

by Karl Sup

All too many years ago my dad, mom, sister and I (and sometimes grandma) made an annual trek to Camp Arcadia in Northern Michigan from Chicago. I don't know how my parents did it with two children and no video games, TV, VCR and DVD player to entertain us, crammed into a Plymouth Fury III station wagon for eight horrendous hours. My father was usually set on making this trip as quickly as possible so there was generally no stopping except for gas. If you didn't have to use the bathroom at those times, you were out of luck. We all learned not to complain about having to go to the bathroom but rather to inquire about the status of the gas tank. My parents were firm, that there would be no stopping except for the needs of the car. This of course wasn't the case if my sister and I got into a tussle in the back seat.

One of the highlights of our trip was to be the first one to spot a Burma Shave series of signs. This product, a popular shaving cream, had a very unique way of advertising. Rather than billboard advertising, this company chose to use small signs, evenly spaced along the highway for about a mile. One line of a verse was printed neatly in white on each red sign, although every series of signs was completed with BURMA SHAVE. In 1963, the Burma-Shave company changed hands and the new corporate marketing department felt that television advertisements would be more effective than simple road signs. By this time in the late 1960's, some of these signs were incomplete, rusting or overgrown.

So to bring back a little of this nostalgia, a Burma Shave jingle will appear in each monthly Desert Rocket Report to refresh (or introduce) your memory to some of these pearls of wisdom which appeared along country roadsides of the United States. Look for the sign sequences throughout this newsletter, just as you would find them along the road. It's too bad we cannot bring back some of that simplicity today instead of the obnoxious, flashy billboards we now see!

WHAT DOES THE OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA DO FOR ME?

By Gloria Varley

Let me count the ways. If you have ever asked yourself what does the Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) do for me, and why do I need to be a member of the OCA, please read on. Information that you receive in your Journey With Olds (JWO) is reason enough, but if that still isn't good enough for you let me elaborate more. You can advertise for parts, literature or cars wanted or for sale for free in JWO, and find that part or car you've been looking for. The OCA provides technical advisors for every year of Oldsmobile that you can contact and get the answers to your technical questions about your car for free. These gentlemen are a wealth of information. The OCA has a National Meet each and every year where not only can you have your car judged to find out what is correct and what is not, but you can meet and network with other Oldsmobile lovers. Also at the National Meet there is a huge Oldsmobile only swap meet where you can buy or sell new or used parts and literature. The OCA provides liability insurance for official chapter car shows. Also, just for being a member of OCA, you can get a free photo ad on fossilcars.com. Please visit oldsclub.org for more information.

Now that Oldsmobile is closing up shop it is more important than ever that we are members of the OCA. They are the glue that will hold us together to keep our chapters from disbanding. Together we drive, divided we park, so please keep your OCA dues current.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER REPORT

By Gloria Varley

Approximately 25 people gathered for an evening of fun on Saturday, September 20th. We started the evening at the Varley's home where we ate salads and appetizers. We moved on to the Podhradsky's home and grazed on lasagna and garlic bread. Even though we could barely move after eating so much, we forged on to the Mandrick's for dessert. Many eyeballs popped out of socket when they saw the extremely large spread of desserts. Chocoholics were in heaven. We gorged ourselves on chocolate bundt cake, New York cheesecake, strawberries, apple pie, chocolate chip cookies, banana nut bread, chocolate chip bread, chocolate mousse cake, etc. While at the Mandrick's, in between bites, we played some games. Believe it or not, all the directions were accurate and no one got lost. An incredible feat in itself. Joe Varley and Lynnette Ullmann tied for 1st place for the "blind feel" game. Chris Schopen won the clothespin drop in the bottle game. Donna Podhradsky won the Diamondbacks baseball tickets. It was a great evening. A special thanks to all the host homes. Here is a sampling of a few things that were overheard that evening:

"I have never seen so many desserts in one place at one time. Well, unless you count the time I broke in to the bakery..."

"Did you see the way Chris dropped it in there? Man, her husband is one lucky guy".

"I won this nice tool box. I wonder if it will hold my special tools"?

"Gawd, I'm so stuffed. Stick a fork in me and serve me at Thanksgiving"!

"I always knew he was good with his hands".

NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003

The next meeting of the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona will be held on Saturday October 25th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting place is the Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant located in the Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, Loop 101 and Indian Bend Rd in Scottsdale. In conjunction with our meeting, there is a car show at the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's. We have a row reserved in the McDonald's parking lot exclusively for our club members. This is great time to have a meal, look at cars, and talk about cars. Come out and join the fun!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS FOR 2004

Our annual elections will take place at our next meeting on October 25th. Below is a list of members and the positions they are running for. Once again the competition is tough. Please come out and vote. You may need to break a tie.

Elected Positions

President **Gloria Varley**

Vice President **Laura Sup**

Secretary **Joe Varley**

Treasurer **Rita Gwizdalski**

Chapter Representative **Jim Schultz**

Volunteer Positions

Membership Director **Scott Podhradsky**

Newsletter Editor **Karl Sup**

Social Director **Patty Sarraillon**

WE ARE NOW INCORPORATED

In the interest of protecting our club members we have spent some of our money to become incorporated. It took a few months and cost the club \$240.00. We have also purchased car club liability insurance to further protect ourselves. The insurance cost \$227.00 for one year of coverage. We are now in the process of becoming a non-profit organization. This is very time consuming process and may be somewhat costly, but it will have benefits. A big thanks to Scott Podhradsky for handling all the incorporation & non-profit paperwork. We need more members like Scott who are willing to give up their time to benefit all of us.

CRUISE ON CENTRAL

Cruise Central Avenue between McDowell and Camelback on Saturday, October 11th starting around 4:00 PM and continuing to approximately 9:30 PM. As far as we know there is no one to contact for more information, this is strictly a word of mouth thing. There is usually a disc-jockey at Park Central Mall. We have heard from people who have attended this event in the past that the parking lot at Park Central Mall fills up early, by 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Cars also park up and down Central Avenue wherever they can. This event takes place twice a year on the second Saturday in April and October. Disclaimer: This information is not deemed reliable and at all helpful. Use precaution (and protection in some cases) when reading anything in this newsletter! :-)

HOLIDAY PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 13th

This year's party will be a GREAT ONE. We will be having a "Country Christmas/Hanukkah" at The Rustler's Rooste at The Point at South Mountain. There will be a live country western band, dancing, dance instruction, line dancing, door prizes, lots of good food, and even Santa Claus will be making an appearance. You don't want to be a party pooper and miss out on all the food & fun so check your calendars and reserve the 13th for the Oldsmobile Club party. Send your reservations in now. See the flyer in this newsletter

OCA COMPLIANCE

Once a year we have to send the Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) a list of our members and their OCA numbers. We are an official chapter and as such our members are required to be OCA members. Please check to see if your OCA membership is current. If your membership is current you should be receiving the monthly magazine Journey with Olds (JWO). On your JWO label you will see your expiration date. We will be sending our OCA compliance letter in soon and I may be emailing or calling some of you to ask for your OCA number. If we are not compliant our charter will be suspended and we will not be able to receive event insurance nor advertise our annual car show in JWO. OCA compliance is very important to the future of our club.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Here is a link to the Arizona Hobbyist Council's web page. They have information on pending legislation that will affect us all: <http://azautohobby.org/>

WILD MUSTANGS & MEETING NOTICE

On Saturday, November 22nd, at the Pavilions, the Mustang Club is sponsoring a Mustang Car Show and food drive. They are asking that all people in attendance bring cans of food or a frozen turkey. Any and all donations will be appreciated. The food is given to the Food Bank to help feed the hungry during the holidays. The 22nd is the same day our meeting takes place. We will still have our meeting as usual at 4:00 p.m at Sweet Tomatoes, however we will not have our reserved row. The Mustang Club will be using the last 4 rows, which includes the row we usually park in. The Mustang Club and McDonald's both asked our club if it was alright for them to use our row, and we said of course they can. It is for a good cause. You can still bring your car out on the 22nd and you will be able to park in any of the other rows that are available. Several of the members are going to try to come down early to save parking spaces. Each car parked in a space can save another car space for a friend. The car spaces can be saved until 4:00 p.m. If you are able to come down to the pavilions early that day to help save spaces, it would be greatly appreciated. The space saving volunteers should plan on being at the pavilions no later than 3:00 p.m., preferably earlier. We will try to save spaces in rows 3 & 4 (counting from McDonalds).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

You will notice that there is a membership renewal form in this newsletter for 2004. We are asking all members to please renew their membership before the end of the year. The earlier the better. Our Membership Director does taxes, so as you can imagine he is very busy starting in January. Please help him out by renewing your dues early. Scott & I both will really appreciate it. Your renewal form & dues are due by December 31st.

ARIZONA CHAPTER MENTIONED IN JOURNEY WITH OLDS

OCA President Pat Yancey published a story about *your* club in the October edition of Journey With Olds, the Oldsmobile Club of America's monthly newsletter on page 9. Take a read on the article and feel some pride in your club!

NEW CLUB MERCHANDISE?

We are considering ordering more club merchandise, and would like to know if you have any interest in any clothing or accessory items. Of course what we order depends on the amount of interest we have, and the quantities we have to order to make it economically feasible. Please send Gloria Varley an email or give her a call and let her know if there is any merchandise you would like to see the club sell.

IF YOU DISLIKE

BIG TRAFFIC FINES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

- Gloria brought the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Present were: Gloria & Joe Varley, John Schauff, Rita Gwizdalski, Donna Lack, Scott Podhradsky, Jim Schultz, and Patty Sarraillon.
- Talked about the 2004 elections. Social Director is now a board position.
- Reviewed the bylaws and made some changes. Will present the bylaws to the membership for their approval via email & snail mail.
- Karl Sup is now the newsletter editor.
- Scott sent in our OCA compliance letter. Hopefully all members are current on OCA dues.
- Our liability insurance cost \$227 for one year of coverage.
- Scott will begin working on non-profit status soon. Will cost \$500.
- We need to open a new checking account because we are incorporated. Gloria & Rita to arrange this.
- Spring picnic was discussed. Will go to Picacho Peak Park on March 13th. Gloria to make reservations.
- Not much interest in new club merchandise right now. Will wait until 2004 to purchase more.
- Cruise & eat to Florence on Nov. 15th. Will stop at the Casa Grande Ruins. Club will pay the entrance fee.
- Progressive dinner cost the club \$14.64 after all income & expenses were tallied.
- Caravan to Tucson. Meet at 7:30 at I-10 & Elliot Rd.
- Patty reviewed the Camp Verde trip plans. Bring quarters for card game. Club will pay for goody bags & snacks. Will give away t-shirts & sweatshirts as prizes for trivia & poker run.
- Gloria reviewed the club's finances. We are in great shape. Reviewed upcoming income & expenses.
- Decided to charge members \$15 for Holiday Party. Total costs are approximately \$43 per person with the club paying the difference.
- Our ad should be in the Nov. JWO for our February car show.
- Patty & Gloria will work on the design for the dash plaque. Patty will see about getting them made at the same place that made our trophies last year.
- Scott Podhradsky is donating \$400 to pay for the trophies. We will give him a business card ad for free. Stu Schindler printed our show flyers & ballots for free. We will also give him a business card ad.
- Fusick may give us \$100 again like they did last year. This should cover the costs of our dash plaques.
- Scott talked to the Ronald McDonald House about us donating money to them. He signed paperwork to do so. We are working on getting Ronald McDonald to drop by the show.
- We will sell raffle tickets for the door prizes. Everyone will get a special drawing ticket good toward the grand prizes we collect. Need to start soliciting door prizes. Everyone please help. Give all prizes you collect to the Varley's. We may also buy some prizes to raffle off too.
- Patty & Bob will place an ad in the Republic for our show approximately 2-3 weeks before.
- Joe, Jerry, Roy, and Jon Citron will split the DJ position duties.
- Reviewed general meeting agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

- Gloria opened the meeting at 4:25 p.m. after all had been thru the buffet lines. Present were Joe & Gloria Varley, Donna & Roy Lack, Neal Dederich, Reg Vallelunga, Bob & Patty Sarraillon, John Schauff, Jerry & Rita Gwizdalski, Andy Vogt, Kenneth Schopen, Stu & Charli Schindler, Jim Schultz, Karl Sup, Scott Podhradsky, and Mikel Hagenian. All members introduced themselves.
- John Schauff made a motion to dispense with reading last month's minutes. Jerry G 2nd.
- Rita gave the treasurer's report. Roy made a motion to approve, Reg 2nd.
- We are now incorporated and have liability insurance. Scott is working on non-profit status.
- We had 25 people at the progressive dinner. It was a fun evening.
- Tucson show next Saturday. We will caravan down together.
- Camp Verde Train trip on Oct. 18th. Patty reviewed the itinerary.
- November 9th is the Greenway High School Show. Make your reservations now.
- November 15th we will cruise to Florence to eat lunch. We will stop at Casa Grande ruins.
- November 22nd Jim Schultz will do a tune-up at the Varley's house at 1:00 p.m. Meeting will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the pavilions as usual. Contact Jim if your car needs a tune-up.

- November 22nd is the Mustang show. We will not have our reserved row. Please come early and try to save a space for another club member in rows 3 & 4.
- Dec. 13th is the holiday party at Rustler's Rooste. Start making your reservations in Oct.
- Feb. 28th is our annual car show. Flyers are ready. We need door prizes. We are donating \$5 of every entry fee collected to the Ronald McDonald House.
- Cruise on Central Oct. 11th.
- March 13th is the spring picnic at Picacho Peak State Park.
- 2004 elections will take place at October's meeting.
- Need articles for the newsletter as always.
- Name badge drawing was worth \$55. Alfred Keehn's name was drawn. He was not present. Drawing will grow to \$60 next month.
- 50/50-raffle winner was Bob & Patty Sarraillon. They took home \$27.50.
Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

ITINERARY FOR THE OVERNIGHT TRIP, OCTOBER 18th TO CAMP VERDE

If you are going on the overnight trip up to Camp Verde on the 18th you are in for a good time. We will board the train at 8:00 a.m. for a 4 hour train ride. While on the train we will nibble on complimentary hors d'oeuvres. We will meet for dinner at 6:15 p.m. and head off to Murphy's Grill for a buffet style dinner. The dinner costs \$15 per person all inclusive. The club will be picking up the tab for the tax & tip. After dinner we will gather poolside at the Pines Motel to play Scream & Holler by candlelight. Please bring your folding chairs and a card table if you can fit it in your trunk. Sunday morning we will meet at 9:00 a.m. to and head to Rosalie's for breakfast. You will have a choice of several different items for \$7.00, all inclusive. See below for more information.

Meeting Location: I-17 and Bell Rd. Denny's parking lot (southwest corner)

Date: **Saturday, October 18th**

Meeting Time: 5:30 AM

Board the Train: 8:00 AM

Dinner: 6:15 PM meet at the Pines Motel

After Dinner: Fun & Games at the Pines Motel

Date: **Sunday, October 19th**

Breakfast: Meet at 9:00 AM at Pines Motel and drive to restaurant

After Breakfast: Drive to Jerome. If anyone wants to stop in Jerome, they will need

to let us know so we can stop. We will then drive to Prescott via the back roads and continue to Wickenburg. We will stop in Wickenburg for lunch. After lunch we'll take the Carefree Highway to I-17. From there people can either take I-17 or 101 home. This will give us a chance to take a leisurely drive coming back to the Valley and complete the trip having enjoyed some of Arizona's beautiful countryside.

For more information contact: Patty Sarraillon 480-945-8700

SLOW DOWN

TILL YOU

Balance as of Last Report - 08/23/03		\$4177.58
Total Income		\$261.50
50/50 Raffle	\$11.50	
Merchandise	-0-	
Membership	-0-	
Progressive Dinner	\$250.00	
Total Expenses		\$791.74
Incorporation Paperwork	\$200.00	
Postage for Mailings	\$100.00	
Liability Insurance Coverage	\$227.00	
Progressive Dinner (Food)	\$227.06	
Progressive Dinner (Prizes)	\$ 37.68	
Balance in Bank as of 09/26/03		\$3647.34

THE PERSONAL COLUMN

October Birthdays

Natasha Sebolt	2 nd
Mailyn Boswell	2 nd
Carol Alfter	3 rd
Coleen Pierson	4 th
Lynette Beedle	5 th
Jeannie Wavrin	7 th
Clayton Myers	11 th
Elise Prosnier	13 th
Beryl Hagenian	15 th
Kathleen Pierson	15 th
Arthur Rohe	16 th
Laura Sup	29 th

October Anniversaries

Neal & Mary Lou Dederich	17 th
Earl & Barb Sundell	21 st
Gary & Lynn Blue	27 th



CAN READ THESE SIGNS



CLUB CALENDER OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2003

Sat 4th Emich Olds Show in Tucson
Sat 11th Cruise On Central
Sat 18th Camp Verde Train Ride
Sat 25th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

NOVEMBER 2003

Sun 9th Greenway High School Show
Sat 15th Cruise & Eat
Sat 22nd Fall Tune-up with Jim Schultz @ 1:00 p.m.
Sat 22nd Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

DECEMBER 2003

Sat 13th Annual Holiday Party @ Rustler's Rooste
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

JANUARY 2004

Sat 10th Potluck Dinner
Sat 24th Barrett Jackson Breakfast @ 8am
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting @ 4pm

FEBRUARY 2004

Sat 28th 17th Annual Olds Club of Arizona Car Show @
Scottsdale Pavilions
Sat 28th Monthly Meeting will take place during the car
show

MARCH 2004

Sat 13th Annual Spring Picnic at Picacho Peak State Park
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting at 4pm
Sun 28th Buick-Olds-Pontiac Car Show @ Scottsdale
Pavilions

AUTO EVENTS

by Jeff Buntin

OCTOBER 2003

- 11** 16th Annual "Extravaganza Car and Truck Show- Chandler, Will be held at A.J. Chandler Park from 9am-4pm limited to 150 pre '72 Chevy Cars and Trucks 480-838-4815
- 12** Car Parts Exchange and Swap Meet Glendale Community College 623-934-6092
- 15-19** 26th Annual Run to the Sun, Lake Havasu City, AZ Paula 928-855-0933
- 18** Barry Goldwater Pride Regiment 4th Annual Car Truck & Cycle Show, Phoenix 7am-2pm. Info: Rob Smith 623-780-2579 or Debra Dixon 623-780-1710
- 19** Sun Country Corvette Club – Peoria held at Lou Grubb Chevrolet 10am-3pm 623-594-0787
- 30-31** NASCAR Weekend Phoenix International Raceway (through November 2nd)
- 31** 2nd Annual What-A-Halloween Bash, What-A-Burger parking lot- Kingman, Mark 928-530-2432

NOVEMBER 2003

- 1** NASCAR Bush Series – Phoenix International Raceway
- 2** NASCAR Winston Cup Series - Phoenix International Raceway
- 8** Pep Boys Show and Tell Car Show – 35th Ave & Cactus NW corner, Registration deadline 10-20-03. Info Cindy 623-691-9724
- 8** AAHC Annual Car Show – Phoenix @ Checker Auto Parts, 59th Ave & Camelback, Begins 10am. Info: Dan Sewell 623-435-8961 or Joan Beyers 63-937-1171
- 9** Phoenix in the Fall XI – Crown Plaza Hotel I-17 & Peoria, Open to all Chrysler & AMC vehicles. 9am–3 pm Info: Ron 623-535-0524
- 14-16** Super Chevy Show – SIR Raceway in Tucson
- 15-16** Good Guys Southwest Nationals – West World in Scottsdale, AZ
- 15** Thorobred Thunder V All Chevy Car Show – Chandler. Info: Sharon 480-314-5440
- 28-30** Arizona International Auto Show – Phoenix Civic Plaza

ARIZONA CRUISE NIGHTS

Tuesday	West Phoenix	5 & Diner, 75 th Ave & Bell Road, 6pm-8pm, Bob 623-561-1971
Wednesday	Goodyear	Albertson's Parking Lot, 409 N. Litchfield Road. (Every Wednesday Night) 602-277-3821
Friday	Chino Valley Gilbert Phoenix – West Side Prescott Valley Tucson	McDonald's – 1st Friday of Month NE Corner Warner and McQueen 4-9pm West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906 Zeke's Eatin' Place - (Apr. - Sept.), 3rd Friday of month from 5-8pm - Yavapai Classic Cruisers Coaches Deli on Speedway - 7pm-?? - Info: 520-325-1212 5 & Diner - Info: 520-690-1957
Saturday	Mesa – East Side Phoenix Scottsdale	Next to Wendy's and K-Mart, Hampton near Superstition Springs Mall 59th and Bell Rd. - Northeast Corner - Former Costco parking lot - lots of space and light - Food/ Drink Vendor - Relocated from 77th Ave. and Bell Rd - Info: 623-561-1971 Hooters, 2843 W. Bell Rd. (Bell Road & 28th Ave.) - Info: 602-375-0000 Sonic Drive-In, 33rd Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., 6-9pm, Lots of parking - Info: 623-936-6587 Chubby's Diner - 7th St. and Union Hills - 5:30-9pm Park Central Mall, Between Osborn & Thomas, every Saturday Night McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)
Sunday	Payson Prescott Valley	Famous Sam's - 1-3pm, 2nd Sunday of month, discounts on food, special parking - 307J S. Beeline Hwy. - Info: Shawn or Pauline 928-468-0407 Prescott Valley Subway - Dewey Classic Cruisers - 2nd Sunday of Month - Oct. thru Apr. 12 noon - 3pm - May thru Sept. 5-8pm Amazona Club - 11am-2pm - 3rd Sunday of Month

TECHNICAL TIPS

BRAKES

Which Caliper Goes On What Side?

If you have become confused and aren't sure which disc brake caliper goes where, all you have to do is look at the brake bleeder screw. Bleeder screws almost always point up.

Easier Disc Brake Pad Installation

Before installing new pads, first push the pistons back into the caliper. A "C" clamp and a piece of wood are needed. Sandwich the wood between one of the old pad, when you tighten the clamp, it will push the piston back into the caliper.. Note after installing the new pads and the caliper back in place, pump up the brakes before leaving for the test drive. If not the first time you apply the brakes the pedal will probably go to the floor, and guess what no brakes! Remember the "C" clamp? The pads are not adjusted up the rotor.

If the Shoe Fits

The two brake shoes for a drum aren't alike. One shoe has a longer pad. The secondary shoe is the one with the longer pad. The secondary pad always goes to the rear. The primary shoe, (short) always goes to the front of the car.

Back of the Adjuster

Don't forget to back off the brake adjuster when installing new shoes. If you do not do this, you'll probably never get the brake drum back on.

Spray Brake Lines with Clear Coat

If you intend to reuse your brake lines, clean them with lacquer thinner and fine steel wool then spray a coat of clear spray paint on them to keep them looking like new.

MAINTENANCE

Need a Drop of Oil?

Need a drop of oil? One is as near as your car's dipstick.

Soaking Up Oil Spills, Drips

Cat box filler makes a great oil soak-up material.

Make a Bulb Remover

Sometimes removing small parking light or tail light bulbs can be a real task. Here's one trick to try when you have a stubborn one to remove. Take a few inch long piece of heater hose and bevel the inside of the hose with a file or sharp knife. Poke the beveled end over the bulb, and with luck, it will grip the bulb and make the removal easier. An added advantage is if the bulb breaks, you won't get cut because you'll be grasping the hose, not the bulb.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

- **1954 2-Door Hardtop**

I have a friend who is looking for a 1954 2 door hardtop. Please call me if you know of such a vehicle for sale. Ken Boswell 480-991-8824.

FOR SALE

- **Oldsmobile Sheetmetal**

Well, looks like its time for me to clear out the basement, wife wants me to finish it off as a playroom for the kids. I have NORs Olds panels from 1951-1959 + rocker panels through 1968 that I have to sell and it all has to go. All panels are "new" and have been in a warehouse 40+ years. Email me if you want to see a complete list, I have multiples of many panels. I can also email pictures. Shipping and handling is not included in price. Joel Silverman, 612-203-2621; dualquad425@yahoo.com. Below is a partial list:

1951-53 Door Skins

1956 Rear fender panels

1958 Headlight panels

Rear fender panels \$60 each

1954-55 Rear fender panels

1957 Rear fender panels

Rocker panels \$15 each

All other panels \$50 each

- **1961 Chevy 283**

1961 Chevy 283 block with 55 power pack heads and 4-barrel intake. \$250. Call Joe @ 480-998-7949

- **1996 Chevy 350 Vortec**

1996 Chevy 350 Vortec V8 engine. It has 400 miles on it, it's complete with fuel injection, ignition, etc. Pulled from a new truck because it had a noise in the bottom end (bad rod bearing). First \$250 takes it home. Call Joe @ 480-998-7949

- **1950-51 Oldsmobile 88 Parts**

Miscellaneous trim, master cylinder, spare tire (WWW), ignition switch with key, lower seat pads, heater control valve with hardware, 4-door trunk lid, steering wheel, plus more. \$5-100. Make offer on all for a great deal. Call Karl @ 602-628-8866

- **1970-72 F85/Cutlass/442 AM Radio**

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Cruise & Eat in Florence Arizona

Saturday, November 15, 2003

You are invited to attend a fun filled day driving from Chandler to historic Florence, Arizona. We will be heading south on Hwy 87. On the way we will be stopping at the Casa Grande Ruins. The ruins are located approximately 36 miles from downtown Chandler. For over a thousand years, prehistoric farmers inhabited much of the present-day state of Arizona. When the first Europeans arrived, all that remained of this ancient culture were the ruins of villages, irrigation canals and various artifacts. Among these ruins is the Casa Grande, or "Big House," one of the largest and most mysterious prehistoric structures ever built in North America. Casa Grande Ruins is the nation's first archeological preserve.

You are invited to see the Casa Grande and to hear the story of the ancient ones the Akimel O'otham call the Hohokam, "those who are gone." The club will pay the \$3.00 admission fee. We will be eating lunch in Florence at the Old Pueblo Restaurant. They will have special parking roped off for us. They will also provide us with separate tickets. You can order off their breakfast or lunch menu. If you have walkie-talkies or CB's, be sure to bring them.

Itinerary

Meeting Time: 8:30 A.M.

Location: Bill Johnson's on Arizona Ave (Country Club) between Guadalupe & Elliot on the west side of the road. We will travel south on Hwy 87/Country Club Dr. to the ruins.

Tucson Attendees: Please meet us at the Ruins. Take 1-10 W to Hwy 387 east to the ruins.

Casa Grande Ruins: 10:00 a.m. guided tour

Florence: Lunch at 12:00 at the Old Pueblo Restaurant

After lunch those who are interested can walk or drive around Florence to see the sites. Florence is an original Arizona territorial town founded in 1866.

Please RSVP to Gloria Varley. We need to let the restaurant know how many people to expect for lunch. Carcouple@cox.net or 480-998-7949

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**Dance
Instruction**

Saturday, December 13, 2003
(RSVP by December 8th)

6:30 p.m. @ the Rustler's Rooste at the Pointe at South Mountain

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Door Prizes

In The Tented Pavillion

Great View

Dinner will be Chuck Wagon Style

Menu: Top Sirloin Steak, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs, Salad,
Western Vegetable Medley, Cowboy Beans, Ranch Rolls with Butter and Honey, Fresh
Brew or Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea. Homemade Apple Pie, Cherry Pie or Chocolate
Pecan Pie.

Appetizers Will Be Served

\$15.00 Per Person – All Inclusive

Make Check Payable To: The Oldsmobile Club of Arizona

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Phone No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Email Address _____

Mail RSVP to: Gloria Varley, 7402 E. Paradise Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-5436

Friends of Greenway Band & Orchestra
Presents

**Pancake
Breakfast
\$3.00
per person**

Greenway Band & Orchestra Car Show

Sunday, November 9, 2003

Greenway High School
3930 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85053

**Open to all car models!
Limited to the 1st 75 cars registered**

Registration Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 10 Classes with Awards
Show Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Best of Show Award
Awards Presentation: 12:30 p.m. Participant's Choice Award
Information: Call Andy 623-915-8525 Days

**DASH PLAQUE & GOODIE BAG!!
DOOR PRIZES!**

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per entry
REGISTER BY: October 29, 2003

Class 100	1900-1952 All except convertibles	Class 600	1981-1999 All except convertibles
Class 200	1953-1959 All except convertibles	Class 700	All trucks
Class 300	All convertibles (except modified)	Class 800	All station wagons
Class 400	1960-1980 All full sized except convertibles	Class 900	All orig. factory performance
Class 500	1960-1980 All non-full sized except convertibles	Class 1000	All modified/custom cars incl. conv.

***A car is considered modified if it has more than 2 modifications from its original factory appearance.**

Proceeds benefit Friends of Greenway Band & Orchestra, a non-profit organization supporting the instrumental music program at Greenway High School.

Make checks payable to: Friends of Greenway Band & Orchestra

Mail To: Friends of Greenway Band & Orchestra c/o Andy Vogt, 3930 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85053

Name _____ Phone # _____

Car # 1 _____
Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Car # 2 _____
Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Greenway High School and the Friends of Greenway Band & Orchestra may not be held liable for any loss that the participant(s) may sustain or incur arising from involvement in the Greenway Band & Orchestra Car Show on November 9, 2003.

Signature _____ Date _____

All Oldsmobile Car Show

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Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004



Show Hours 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Pre-Registration deadline is Feb. 17, 2004

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per car

Pre-registration is highly recommended!

Check in: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Awards Presentation 1:30 p.m.

Trophies Awarded

1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies in each class

Best of Show

Participant's Choice

The first 100 registrants will receive a goody bag, dash plaque, and a special drawing ticket!

Lots of Classes, Trophies, & Door Prizes! 50/50 Raffle!

Pre-register to assure that you will be parked with your class! Register early to receive a dash plaque!



Immediately following the All Oldsmobile show, in the same location, is The World's Largest Weekly Classic Car Show. Hope you can stay and continue the fun! This show is free!

CLASS 100 - 1897-1948 All
CLASS 200 - 1949-1955 All
CLASS 300 - 1956-1960 All
CLASS 400 - 1961-1966 Starfire
CLASS 500 - 1961-1967 Cutlass & F85 - All
CLASS 600 - 1968-1972 Cutlass & F85 - All
CLASS 700 - 1961-1988 Full Size (88,98)
CLASS 800 - *Performance 1964-1969 - All
CLASS 900 - *Performance 1970-1972 - Closed

CLASS 1000 - *Performance 1970-1972 - Convertible
CLASS 1100 - *Performance 1973 & up
CLASS 1200 - Toronado
CLASS 1300 - Station Wagons
CLASS 1400 - All Modified**
CLASS 1500 - Under Construction/Beaters
CLASS 1600 - 1973-2004 All Other

*Performance cars are: 442, W30, W31, W32, Rallye 350, and Hurst Olds.
 **A car is considered modified if it has a non-original G.M. engine or has an increase of 50 CI (hoods do not need to be opened), any major body modification, "custom" paint, or is a "phantom" car.

Come out and enjoy a day in the sun, while supporting a very good cause, the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Questions about the show? Contact Gloria Varley @ 480-998-7949 or carcouple@cox.net or
 Jeff Buntin @ 480-491-3309 or jbuntin@sonalink.com

Complete Registration Form and mail to: **Jeff Buntin**
 1956 E. Huntington Drive
 Tempe, AZ 85282

Pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2004. Check in 9-10 a.m. the day of show.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Entry Fee _____ **\$20 per car entered**
Door prize tickets _____ **10 tickets for \$5 with pre-registration (7 for \$5 day of show)**

TOTAL _____ **Make check payable to: Oldsmobile Club of Arizona**

I, the undersigned do hereby release the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona, its officers and members, and McDonald's from any damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Membership Renewal Form

Date _____

O.C.A. # _____

Check your JWO label and make sure your OCA membership is current.

Name _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____

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Anniversary: Month _____ Day _____

Jr. Members Names/Birthdates _____

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