

# Cruise News



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### June, 2018

Looks like we made it through what I call our 100 day Marathon! Congrats to our Club who have been put to the test and we completed all of our tasks.

May was packed with things to do as a Club. The bag stuffing was fun and it was nice to see all of us working together for a common cause. The bag stuffing was at Debra's workplace and she was kind enough to give us a place to work and not only that but she lent us a helping hand and took care of her day job at same time.

Then it on to Tech day which proved to be another good run with the Club. Good to see all those who attended. The weather was great and so was the food. Thanks Joe!!!!!!!!!!

And the hits just kept on rolling this last month as we entered into STREAK45. It started off cloudy, drizzly and cold but the weather blessed us on Saturday to make a great show. Participants were happy and the cars were great. It was nice to see everybody working to make this STREAK another good show. I truly want to thank everybody who gave their time. It was all of you that make the show as well as the participants. As some of you know, my mother in law flew in from New Jersey for the STREAK. Those of you who was introduced to her, she wanted to tell you all she was very impressed with the show and utterly amazed that we all make this happen every year and said she would love to go again! And thank you all for making her feel welcome.

I know what we do is a great feat over the months with Del Mar and the Streak and sometimes we get short with each other but remember we are all volunteers and do the very best we can. What we use to do without blinking an eye some 5-15 years ago now takes a toll on our minds and body. We cannot do as much or even what we use to do. And I know we say it's time for the younger ones to step up but at the same time we refuse to give it up to the younger couples. Please keep that all in mind when you don't like when someone is not fast enough or is struggling with their duties. Perhaps giving them a smile and a lending hand and be positive.

I want to remind all of you that the JULY MEETING falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July therefore we will NOT have a JULY MEETING. So our next meeting after the June meeting will be in August.

God Bless and thanks for listening. Don't forget to have fun!!!!

Sincerely your President,

*Ralph Garcia*

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**O. T. H. G. MEETING**

**Minutes for May 2, 2018**

**OTHG OFFICERS**

2018

**President**

Ralph Garcia

**Vice President**

Bruce McDowell

**Secretary**

Sharolyn Kerns

**Treasurer**

Suzie Chambers

**5<sup>th</sup> Board Member**

Vince Yamasaki

**Called to order: 7:00 PM by Ralph Garcia, President**

**Adjourned: 8:00 PM**

**Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance by the members**

**Guests/Visitors:** None.

**Minutes:** The reading of last month's minutes waived, approved as is, **M/S/P.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Sue Chambers read the treasurer's report.

**M/S/P** Treasurers report approved by the members in attendance.

**New Members:** None.

**Correspondence/Car Club Council:** Nothing to report.

**Streak Report:** Debra reported that the bake sale would be Friday and Saturday. Pam Gall needs help with T-shirts. Slow drag practice will be Thursday. Live auction with professional auctioneer before grand raffle. We have 18 Grand items and 17 auction items.

**Medical Report:** Sally Bartz is in the Hospital with pneumonia. Judy Attig had a pace maker procedure. There will be a memorial May 26 for Ken Collier. Street Rods requested. Email to follow with address.

**New/Old Business:** Ralph awarded the Perpetual Trophy to John Kowalski in recognition for taking on the scheduling at Del Mar Goodguys. With a plaques John gets a \$50 visa card.

Debra presented the club with a plaque from Goodguys. She also presented to Larry Hume a plaque for keeping the work volunteers hydrated and fed at Del Mar.

Ron Attig presented the club with the club participation trophy from the Coronado show.

Everett Shackleton needs 5 – 8 cars on 6/22, 9Am – 3 PM, for the Del Mar Fair.

**Club Store:** Men and women's shirts on sale for \$5.00

**Streak 45 Chairperson**

Debra McDowell

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**Streak 45 Registration**

"OTHG Streak 45"

**Arnie & Jolee**

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# Calendar of Events 2018

## June 2018

- 9 31st Annual Fords & Friends Car Show & Picnic, Grape Day Park Escondido 9am
- 16 49th Annual Father's Day Car Show, Murrieta 4pm CA Oaks Sports Park
- 16-17 Classic Car Exhibit, Shadow Mountain Community Church 619-440-1802
- 17 Father's Day Cruise to Belmont Park Car Show, San Diego 10am
- 21-24 24th Annual Woodies on the Warf, Santa Cruz
- 23 Good Samaritan Car Show, El Cajon 8am Good Samaritan Retirement Center  
1515 Jamaica Way
- 24 3rd Annual Shelby/Ford Car Show, Escondido 10am Deer Park Winery & Car Museum

## July 2018

- 2 IB Car Show, Imperial Beach, 4pm
- 4 Wheels of Freedom Car Show, Rancho Bernardo 9am Info 858-354-9258
- 14 3rd Annual Kearny High School Alumni Association Car Show 9am
- 21 20th Annual All American Car Show, Cardiff 8am Mira Costa College
- 22 Summer Fling Thing Car Show 9am Town Center Community Park East Santee  
550 Park Center Drive 760-440-0896
- 28 13th Annual Thanksgiving in July Car Show Oceanside Elks Lodge #1561  
444 Country Club Lane Oceanside 8am

## August 2018

- 5 Vista Rod Run 2018 Vista 9am Historic Downtown Main St. 1-760-414-9391
- 10-12 29th Annual Fun Run. Big Bear Lake
- 11 National City Heritage Day Car Show 1-760-440-9896
- 18 Hot August Nites Car Show Fremont CA 9am 1-510-552-6034
- 24-26 32nd West Coast Nationals Pleasanton, Alameda County Fairgrounds  
Info 925-838-9876 C & T's to 72
- 24-26 Big 3 Parts Exchange San Diego
- 25 Christian Rod's & Customs 19th Annual Classic Car Show Spring Valley 9am  
Faith Chapel

## September 2018

- 3 The Last Ray Taylors San Diego Auto Swap, Qualcomm Stadium Labor Day
- 8 Ramona Rod Round Up 7am Calvary Chapel 114 4th St. #D 1-760-787-9432
- 15 2nd Annual Mira Mesa Classic Car Show, San Diego, 10am Mira Mesa High
- 15 Old School Car Show, Valley Center 10am Harrah's Resort 760-749-4207
- 22 Cruisin' for a Cure 2018 OC Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa, CA 6am
- 22 39th Annual Wavecrest Woodie Meet at Moonlight Beach, Encinitas 8am
- 22 2nd Annual Car Show on the Circle, El Cajon 9am First Presbyterian Church

## October

- 6 Autofest 2018 Imperial Beach 9am 760-440-0896
- 12-13 6th Annual Murrieta Rod Run in Murrieta www.MurrietaRodRun.com
- 14 10th Annual Best Damn Car Show in Town at Pal Joeys in San Diego 8am
- 17 41st Annual RUN To The SUN, Lake Havasu City, AZ 1972 & Older C&T's
- 21 Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow SD 8am North Seaport Village

## November

- 2-3 Laughlin River Lodge presents 2nd Annual Classic Car Show
- 3-4 Air Show - Car Show - Concert "SBD Fest"
- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Ends - FALL BACK

## December 2018

- 9 32nd Annual Street Masters Christmas Cruise for the Kids 8am  
Torrey Pines High School, 3710 Del Mar Heights Rd. San Diego

## Cruise Nights

**1st Saturday 11:00-2:00pm**  
**Poway Cruisers Cruise Nite**  
In & Out Burger, Poway  
12890 Gregg Ct.  
(Kohl's Parking Lot)

**2nd Saturday 4pm**  
The Classic Malt Shop  
3625 Midway Dr., San Diego

**Every Saturday**  
**7:30-9:30am**  
"Clunkers & Dunkers"  
Bonita Donuts, 4414 Bonita Rd  
(Von's parking lot)

**Every Saturday 9am**  
San Diego Cars & Coffee  
8820 Kenamar Dr.  
Automotive Service Coffee Shop  
Off Miramar Rd. & Carol Rd.

**LAST SATURDAY 9am**  
**SANTEE Drive in,**  
Classics, Rods & Customs  
Enter Sellers Gate

**Every Sunday 7:00am**  
Rods'n Donuts Social  
New York Bakery (Closed)  
Denny's in Rancho SD  
2642 Jamacha Rd.

**2nd Sunday 8am**  
Cars & Coffee on the Mesa  
JBA Auto Center  
5675 Kearney Villa, SD

**Every Wednesday 5pm**  
Cajon Classic Cruise

**2nd & 4th Wednesday 8am**  
Good 'Ole Boys Breakfast  
Open to all Clubs or No Club

**Guys Only**  
Meeting at Bonny's Cafe  
596 Broadway, El Cajon

**4th Wednesday 5pm**  
Hamburger Factory, Poway

**Every Thursday 4pm**  
Happy Days Car Gathering  
Carl's Jr 2935 Jamacha Rd  
Rancho San Diego

**Every Thursday 6pm**  
Ramona Amer Graffiti Cruise

**Every Friday 5pm**  
Cruisin Grand, Escondido



## June 2018 Anniversaries

Bob Fischer	44 yrs
Ed Sawyer	28 yrs
Debra McDowell	23 yrs
Paul Stewart	20 yrs
Carl Game	11 yrs
Pat Farris	9 yrs
Mike Glick	8 yrs
Dennis & Glenda Griggs	7 yrs
Russell & Helen Smith	7 yrs
George & Helen Griffin	1 yr

### **OTHG**

***Club Store Clearance Sale  
Selected Items Only  
Huge Discounts***

### **More Beautiful thank you cards from the families using Final Honor**

Cannot tell you how special this was for us. Even though there was only 3 of us at this service he was just as important as those who had 100. Thank you James & Barbara Johnson They enclosed a \$40.00 donation to Final Honor

To whom it may concern, Thank you so much with the service you render to my son. All the staff in Miramar and the U.S. Air Force Military. I thank them all. Love Mrs. M.P. Kocher She enclosed a \$100.00 donation to Final Honor.

The Brownlow Miller family would like to thank you for honoring our father with your horse drawn carriage. It meant a lot to us to have you at our service. Thank you, Sincerely "The Miller Family" They enclosed a \$100.00 donation for Final Honor

Dear Over the Hill Gang, Our family is grateful beyond words for the beautiful horse drawn carriage my father Jesse Clark to his final resting place. We thank you for your generous contribution that made this service possible for so many. With gratitude "The Clark Family" They enclosed a \$200.00 donation to Final Honor

Thank you so much for giving us and my Dad the honor of having the funeral carriage carry him to the service. The carriage was beautiful and a special touch in the service. My Dad was in the Army and served in Vietnam. He loved life, family, God and his country. All who knew him loved him. It is hard to let him go but I know I will see him again. Thank you again for making his service so special! Diane Arbuthnot Castro for Frank Wayne Arbuthnot

Over the Hill Gang, San Diego, Thank you so much for the horse and carriage for our parents last "trip" together. It added a formal elegance that enhanced our short but profound service. The challenge coin will be added to our memorial along with the flag. Thank you again. Sincerely, Donna Kowalski & Catherine Prario

Saying thank you doesn't say enough for all you do. Myself and my family are more than grateful, the memorial was more than I could imagine. All those who helped blessed me and my Sons get through our loss. You deserve many blessings for what you do for our veterans. Love and Lord bless, Vera Porter

Over the Hill Gang, Words cannot truly express our deepest appreciation for your kind thoughtfulness in having the horse drawn carriage in attendance at our brother, David Kelly's memorial service on Monday, April 2. We were impressed and pleased as it eased his passing with not only us but to everyone in attendance. A great service and honor and thank you so very much. "The Kelly family, friends"

## *View from the LAKE (Craig Lake)*

Nobody was involved in the formation of Over the Hill Gang more than I was involved with the beginning.

Over The Hill Gang took street rodding and the Street Rod National by the perfect storm and to this day ideas have changed, rules have changed but the Spirit lives.

The entire idea promulgated with occurrences at the Parker River Run 1973. Tom Sturkel, owner of Tom's Top Shop on Baseline in San Bernardino and Craig Lake became friends at the River Run. Craig was interested in having his 1933 Ford Flatbed upholstered and Tom invited him to follow him to his shop and pick out the material. He would order in the material and Craig would return for the install.

After business was finished, Tom and Craig bench raced the past weekend run at the River.

1. All events were setup to be between clubs.
2. Tom had been a member of a Riverside club and was sick of the rules and politics.
3. Craig expressed he had the same feelings.
4. Biggest rubs:
  - a. Voting in a member,
  - b. Voting in car,
  - c. Still like the boy's tree house; no girls allowed. Not allowed at meetings and member received a fine if a girl wore your club colors. Let's form a club, Tom declared, "we will have only one rule, No Rules".

The birth of street rods had emerged. The National Street Rod Association was gaining traction and influenced a different breed of car enthusiasm. The Street Rodder. "Street is Neat" was the motto. Many guys were tired of tailoring to car shows and tired of cars needing to be so flashy - Fun with Cars, Street is Neat exploded. We will join the NSRA as a club.

Ok, we need a name, Tom's wife Jeanie suggested many hot rod related names. However, this club was not going to be a traditional club. Tom stood up, proclaimed, "We are not a club, we will be a 'GANG'". Craig blurted, "are you crazy, hot rodding has a bad reputation, we can't call ourselves a gang.

Yes we can and he pointed to a picture on a calendar on the wall beside his desk.

There was a picture of a group of fellows on the left walking up a hill. The picture also depicted a valley on the right side of the picture. The valley is peppered with old iron with cars looking as though they were there for decades. The caption, (ready for this), The Real Over The Hill Gang. Tom shouted and pointed, we will be OVER THE HILL GANG. Craig agreed, "love it". Different name, different idea and different everything:

Club jacket, different; whatever you want,  
Club plaque, different, whatever you want,  
Club attendance, different, come if ya want,  
Club dues, nope,  
Club voting in member, nope  
Club restrict wives/girlfriends, nope.

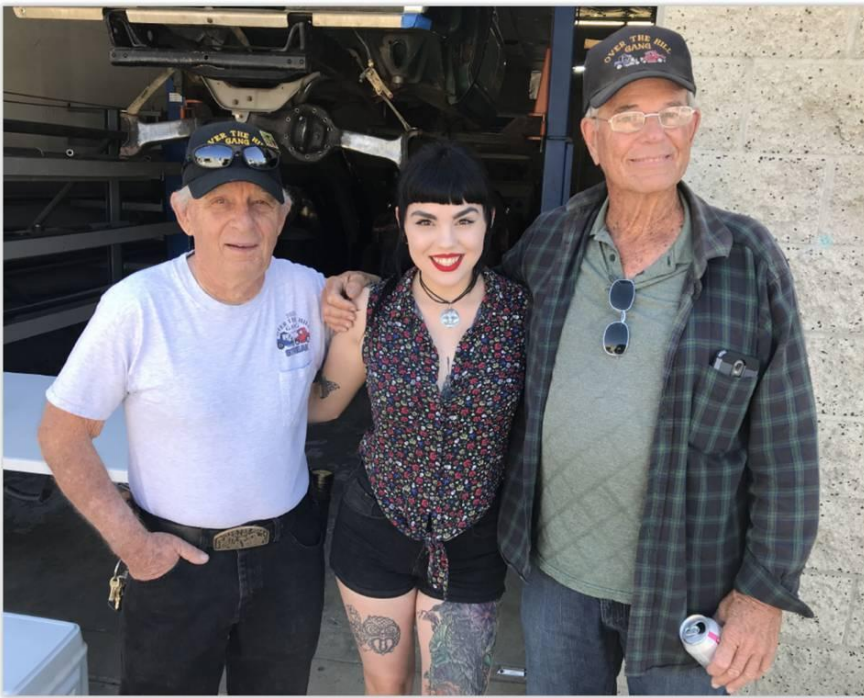
Club would loosely follow the rules of the NSRA.

Aug of 1973 Over the Hill Gang was published as a Member Club of NSRA; They agreed it will be our preference that club members be members of NSRA

Ride to San Bernardino: Craig returned to San Diego and called a few friends and informed them of the birth of a street rod club and that a meeting was scheduled at Tom's Top Shop in the near future and if interested you're invited. Between 6 to 8 persons road up together in a station wagon to the first meeting. There were also quite a group from San Bernardino and Fontana.

At that meeting the format of the "Gang" was presented and Over The Hill Gang rocked n rolled forward - took street rodding and the Street Rod National by the perfect storm and to this day, ideas have changed, rules have changed but the Spirit of what Tom and Craig set into motion (with probably way to many cans of Colorado Kool Aid) lives on today.

**Craig Lake was one of our \$1000 Sponsors this year at the STREAK!!!!!!**      **Ralph**



## Club Tech Day

The Over the Hill Gang, San Diego has been invited to attend a two shop "TECH MORNING" on May 5th. The first shop was Moonshine Metal Shaping Kustom Car Co., 1159 Pioneer Way, El Cajon. We arrived at Moonshine Metal Shaping at 9:00 am. Coffee and Donuts was provided. This shop is in one of the long industrial buildings on the East side of Pioneer Way. Direct Sheet Metal is in the same building as Moonshine Metal Shaping. Around 11am we left for our second shop tour which was at Vintage Auto Service, 10728 Kenney St. Ste B, Santee, CA. We will get a tour of Sean Ketchem's new location and discussed some of his ongoing projects. In addition to Vintage Auto Service some of the other shops in the complex volunteered to open their doors and Sean provided lunch for the club. **Drive your Hot Rod!!! Joe P**

### **1955 Chevy Truck for a Wounded Warrior**

Ed Hanson has taken on the responsibility of restoring a 1<sup>st</sup> generation 1955 Chevy Truck for Josue Barron, a Wounded Warrior Marine. (You can look him up on your computer for more details.) Josue was wounded in Afghanistan and lost both his left leg and his left eye in an IED attack. He and his wife Debbie have two young boys and another boy on the way. Josue's life time wish has been to be the proud owner of a 1955 Chevy Truck. Ed has taken on the responsibility of heading up this generous task to help achieve Josue's dream.

If you have spare time to help in any way he would appreciate it. The truck is being worked on at Steve and Debbie Spirkoff's home a.k.a. Spirit Ranch. If you can assist in handing workers tools, cleaning parts, doing wiring, assembling parts or just about anything else, it will be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who do not know Ed Hanson, he has for thirty or so years, supported not only our car club but also just about every other car club in the San Diego area. So, what do you say about helping him help a Wounded Warrior?

If you will be willing to volunteer any of your time and/or talents to this most worthy cause, please call me, George Lee at 619-390-7459 to schedule aa time.

Thank you.