

CRUISE NEWS MONTHLY ISSUE

April 2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What makes a great Club? The members do! Since I have become your President, I have never seen a Club come together as much as I have within the last few months. Most of you have stepped up to the plate and assisted the Club in same way, shape or form. And this is when we all need each other the most! It is what you do for the Club that amazes me. Those of you that have stepped up financially for the Club, I salute you! Do you have to have a lot of money to help the Club? Of course not! Those of you that have assisted in other ways, you are just as valuable. I fully understand that not everybody has a great pension or stocks but you can help in other ways. So to all that has assisted in any way, you ARE THE CLUB!! Thank You!!

Midnight at the Oasis in Yuma is and has always been a great show and another great year has passed. Most of us caravanned to Yuma (14 cars) on Friday while others assisted in organizing the reserved parking. Without them, we could not be parking together as a Club. Thanks for all your help. The weather was good Friday and Saturday but Sunday it rained like there was no tomorrow. I had a great time though. I won an award, almost got into a bitchin fight and enjoyed our friends at the pool. You ladies are out of control! The ride home was probably the most challenging. Phil, just to let you know I had heat and my defrosters worked on the way home so that I could drive my 32 Coupe in the snow, sleet and rain through the mountains.

The Club Putt to La Posta Casino on March 28th was the most cars I have ever seen attend. We had 27 cars and over 50 members! We met at Steele Canyon HS and drove approximately 50 miles throughout the mountains on route 94 to La Posta Casino. Again, another beautiful day. Of course, someone had to stop and well you know. All I can say is Mother Nature was calling and you know who you are. We rolled into the casino which nobody knew was there and we literally took over the restaurant! I believe Delores Jeffers won some big bucks and never spent any of her own money. She was out of control too. Everybody in the Club won a small prize and some won big.

Bob Harrington's Tech Day attracted over a dozen Club members at his home where he detailed the pros and cons of the TH700R4 transmission. It was very interesting to see ALL of the parts lying on the table. It sure intimidated us (me included). After the presentation, I figured it was best to leave any automatic transmissions to the professionals such as Bob. I want to thank Bob Harrington for giving up his time for us.

Well Del Mar Nationals is here and as we speak, I am staying in my motorhome in Del Mar. We have filled over 105 volunteer positions for Del Mar Nationals with 88 gang members. A tremendous chore that only our Club could fulfill.

It is my deepest regrets and sympathy to advise each of you that Eddie Fitzgibbons has passed away. His funeral is Monday April 12 at 10am at the El Cajon Mortuary, 644 Mollison in El Cajon then to the Singing Hills Cemetery right after that. A celebration of life will also be held at Sonrise Church on Magnolia in Santee on April 17.

Ralph

OTHG Club Meets at 7pm
First Wednesday of each month
Bingo Hall
1385 North Johnson, El Cajon
Visitors and potential club
members welcome

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Club Anniversaries

April 2010

Jerry & Francie Ringland, 19 years

Bob Yates, 14 years

Paul Montoya, 13 years



Jerry & Francie's
1940 Pontiac Coupe

Ladies.....The Streak needs your help again with gift baskets for the general raffle. Your baskets have become the "gotten win one" for the women buying raffle tickets.

You can bring them to the next meeting, 05/05/2010, or bring it to the Streak, or call me and I will pick it up from you. Thanking you in advance for all your support and hard work. – Sharolyn Kerns

Life Member Bylaw Change 3.1.5

Present

3.1.4. Life Member. Is an honor bestowed on an Active Member who has been active in the club for 25 years or longer. Must be approved by majority vote of the Active membership present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting, does not pay dues, and has the voting rights of an active member. An Active Member will receive special recognition upon being designated a Life Member. (Revised 10-7-09)

Proposed Changes.

3.1.5 Life Member Is an honor bestowed upon a Member who has been in the Club for 25 consecutive or nonconsecutive years that has been determined to be eligible by the Secretary. When an active member meets the criteria, the Secretary shall immediately confirm his/her findings to the President. The active member will receive special designation upon being designated a Life Member at the next Club meeting. The Life Member shall be awarded a bar at no cost to the member and will be titled "(year of recognition) Life Member". This does not require a vote of the membership and becomes immediate the criteria is met and confirmed.

O. T. H. G. MEETING
Minutes for March 3, 2010
Called to order: 7:00 PM by Ralph Garcia, President
Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Guests/Visitors: Bill and Kathy Sanders came in from Oklahoma for the Big 3 and some OTHG San Diego vacation with friends.

Jerry introduced his daughter and husband, Sharon & Ron Lipscomb. Sharon was instrumental in getting the club insured for half the price.

Charger Steve had no new news the El Cajon Cruise night except that the start date had been delayed. He will be back with more information as soon as he has some. Charger Steve encouraged OTHG to come out to Pal Joeys car show this month as it is for a good cause.

Ed Zimmerly is sponsoring a lecture by Dyno Don. He will be discussing all the pending legislation that impacts our car hobby. It will be \$5.00 a person on 4-17-10 at 9:00AM, McAlister Institute.

Minutes: The reading of last months minutes waived, approved as is, M/S/P.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jerry Ringland read the treasurer's report.

New Members: None

Correspondence/Car Club Council: Joe Pifer announced some of the coming car events and as usual the flyer table was full. Mark your calendar on 5/16 for Carl Atkinson's Cruise #8 to the Petersen Auto Museum. It has been 7 years since Carl last did this and it is a must go event. Charter member, Craig Lake, would like to see OTHG come out to Lemon Grove's car show and Kiwanis breakfast, May 1.

Streak Report: Next meeting will be March 11. Camping is closed. Currently Streak has 290 registrations. \$1,000.00 donation came in from Linda Scarbrough's employer New Car Dealers Assoc.

Medical Report: Eddie Fitzgibbons is still very ill. He is on the top 10 liver replacement list. Eddie is at UCSD, room 733E in ICU. Jackie needed some help getting their place set up for his arrival home. The Hume's, Chamber's and Allen's went out there Sunday, 2/28 and got it done.

Old Business: We had 18 members sign up to be in the NSRA fellow pages.

Corporation update: Steve filed our 2007 tax return, we owe \$1,000.00. The state made a deal that we file our FTB 3500, Exemption Application, once approved we would then file our state tax returns. State exemption was filed Monday 2/01. The attorney is currently working on our Federal Exemption. If our exemptions are approved and retro we may not owe any taxes. Cost of accountant and attorney fees still not known.

Del Mar show: Camping is \$28.00 a night, we have 17 members signed up. Martin Hibsich is again sponsoring the Poker Run. If you wish to park inside please talk to Richard Torres. A special gate pass has been made for those working and the campers. Enter by the Solana Gate. The gate guards have also been given the names of all who will have passes. The hospitality lunch for all the OTHG clubs and special invites to Goodguys staff has been a tradition but with the club's financial situation Ralph asked the members if they wanted to expend the funds. Joe and Paula Pifer stood up and said they would sponsor and pay for the lunch. They will also be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary that same weekend. A huge Thank You AND "HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY."

New Business: None

Club Store: Larry has 100 Large and XLarge Streak 36 T shirts for only \$5.00 each.

Ed Sawyer is taking pre-paid orders for the stainless coffee cups, \$5 each and license plates, \$6 each. Be sure to see him if you want to order.

Club Putt/Tech Night: Club Putt Sunday, 3/28, cruise Hwy 94 to the La Posta Casino for lunch and some fun. Club Tech day Saturday, 4/03, 2:00 at Bob Harrington's house. Learn the ins and outs of you 700R4 transmissions.

Runs/Reviews: Bob & Sue Chambers took their "NO CHERY" to the Casa De Oro Library fund raiser. Didn't catch where Ed Witek went but he got to drive!!!!

Midnight at the Oasis is this weekend, Ron and Gale Mick have the parking all set up.

Cars & Parts: Were announced.

Raffle: Raffle girl, Suzanne Stephens raised \$240.00. Fred Loegel won \$120.00 in this month's 50/50. The other half was given to the McAllister Institute for the use of their hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharolyn Kerns, Secretary

Calendar of Events & Cruises

April 2010

- 07 **OTHG Business Meeting, 7 pm**
McAlister Institute, 1385 North Johnson, El Cajon
- 09-11 **10th Annual Del Mar Nationals, Del Mar Fairgrounds.**
Pre '73 Info: www.good-guys.com or (925) 838-9876
- 15 **LAST STREAK 37 Committee Meeting,**
before the big show! Meet us at Campland at 5:30 if you need to speak with Campland Staff as they are first on the Agenda.
- 17 **Jamul's Hot Roddin' Chili Cook-Off & Car Show,**
10am to 3pm, "On the Green at Simpson's Nursery".
Presented by Jamul Kiwanis. Info: 619/993-9904
- 17 **OverDrive Hot Rod News Lecture Series, 9am,**
McAllister Institute, Johnson Ave, EC, Info: 619/987-5385
- 18 **Motor Cars on Main Street 2010, Coronado, 8am – 3pm**
Limited to 400 for Pre '73, Isabella & Orange Ave
www.CoronadoMainStreet.com
- 18 **25th Annual True Line Customer Appreciation Show,**
6am 210-A West Bradley Ave, El Cajon, 619/258-1800
- 23-25 **Western Street Rod Nationals, Bakersfield, Kern County**
Fairground Info: 574/875-4032 www.nusra-usa.com
- 25 **Pomona Swap Meet, www.pomonaswapmeet.com**
- 25 **Heartbeat Happening XII, 9am-3pm, Bates Nut Farm**
15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center

May 2010

- 01 **Bulldog Car Show, 9am, Ramona High School, 1401**
Hanson Ln. Info: Lori 760/445-0735
- 01 **Streak 37 Bag Stuffing @ Ed & Jan Sawyer, 11am**
- 05 **OTHG Business Meeting, 7 pm**
- 07-09 **Streak 37, Campland by the Bay**
- 15 **Menifee Motor Madness, 9am-3pm, Mt. San Jacinto**
College, Menifee Campus, 28237 La Piedra Road
Limited to 300, Pre '75, Pancake Breakfast 7am-10am.
Info: Chuck 951/302-5281, or Cal 951/805-5914
- 16 **Carl's Cruise #8 to Petersen Auto Meseum in LA 6:30am**
Info: 619/593-1514 or email bobbie.atkinson@cox.net
- 22 **MNCC Run to the Hills #8, Pine Valley on Hwy 80, 9am-3pm**
Info: www.mondaynitecarclub.net or 619/440-6168
- 23 **Fundraiser for NTC, Liberty Station, 2640 Decatur, SD**
9am-2pm, Open to all Info: (619) 562-2732
- 30 **Hooters 'n Hot Rods, 9am-2pm, Hooters of**
Oceanside, 3186 Vista Way, Oceanside.
Limited to 60 vehicles only. Info: 619/562-2732

June 2010

- 02 **OTHG Business Meeting, 7 pm**
- 05 **Greatest Show on Turf – Balboa Park**
- 05 **Deuce Day at the Nut House, Bates Nut Farm, 9am**
Info: 760/294-0188 www.goodoleboyssandiego.com

Every Friday, 5-8 pm

Classics Malt Shop
3615 Midway Drive, SD

Every Saturday, 8 am

Bonita Donuts
4414 Bonita Road in Bonita

1st Saturday, 9 am

Home Town Buffet
Host: King Pins Car Club
Main Street in El Cajon

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays
5 pm @ Fred's Burgers
Back to Alpine!

2nd Saturday, 3-6 pm

Siggy's Car Show
26820 Jefferson, Murrieta

2nd Saturday, 8 am (Winter)
Koffee Kruise & Swap Meet
7927 Mission Gorge Rd

1st Sunday, Noon – 4 pm

Dalton's Roadhouse
775 Center Drive, San Marcos

2nd Sunday, 1 – 4 pm

Money Pit Drive-Thru
1360 E. Mission, San Marcos

3rd Sunday, 7am-10am

Breakfast at Balboa
AutoMuseum

3rd Sunday, 11am-3pm

Cruisin' Coco's,
Rancho Bernardo
16759 Bernardo Center Drive

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10AM

Good 'Ole Boys Breakfast
Denny's in Rancho San Diego



LA POSTA CLUB PUTT – March 28th



Is that Bob Harrington at the Winner's Circle??

Sug and Rama Visit OTHG

On March 11th Sug and Rama Brennan (OTHG original lifetime members) arrived in San Diego via a four day train ride, no hot rod this time of year. Although they missed the club meeting, they were able to attend a Streak meeting and see lots of club members. They also attended several runs including the Malt Shop, Fred's in Alpine and a Friday night at Fuddruckers as well as several other events. Our weather was absolutely perfect and a real break for them from the cold winter weather of Illinois. Seemed like a very short two weeks while they were here. We look forward to them attending the Streak next year.

■ Esther Allen



This is a picture of Sofie Roberts-- the little 6 year old girl I have been working with collecting shoes for Soles for Souls for Haiti.

The other picture is only half of the total shoes all of OTHG Members donated and we thank you very much. Sofie had a great time and learned a wonderful experience in coordinating a project and obtaining the help of others to help her fulfill her quest. I have a hand written thank you and will bring it to the next OTHG meeting.

Sofie and I would like to THANK everyone for their donation of shoes, we know they will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks - Sofie and Linda Scarbrough

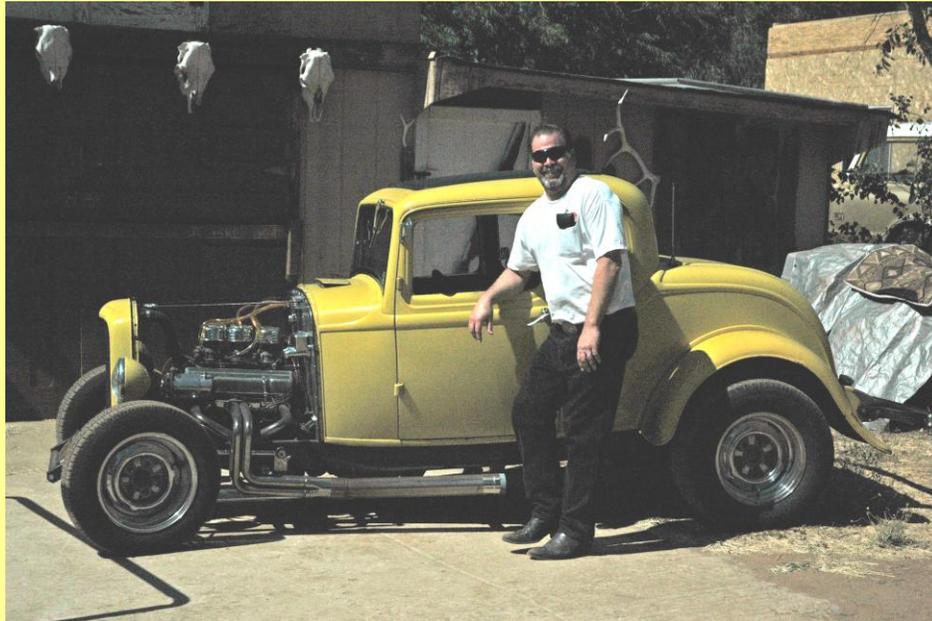
HH80 Highlights for 2010

Coming up on May 1st, we have our first "Historic" run on Highway 80. Unlike our "fun run" passport event in October, this will be a guided tour, with local author Chris Wray, and HH80 historian Steve Varner enlightening us on the historical significance of various locations along the East County section of the road. This ought to be fun and informative for us nostalgia buffs. This event is limited, so sign up now: 619.445.0180.

The 5th Annual "Passport Thru Time" event will be a little different and even improved this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, and will start at the San Diego Railway Museum in Campo. Yes, we know that is actually located on Highway 94, but that's okay. You see at several times during the early part of the 20th century, U.S. 80 and the future State Route 94 shared the same path! Besides, there are a number of interesting spots along that road that we can explore.

EDDIE FITZGIBBONS

4/7/1952 – 3/26/2010



We called him “Kid”, “Junior”, “Youngster”, “Son”, “Fitz” and other names, but mostly just Eddie. When we formed the Over the Hill Gang in the summer of 1973 Ed had just turned 21 years old and most of us were in our mid to late twenties or older. That made him the “baby” of the crowd and we never let him forget it. Then, as now, everyone in the club was fair game for harassment, and we older guys (if 24 can be considered old) picked on Ed about his youthful appearance in an attempt to get a rise out of him. It was usually a waste of time. Ed was a big guy who possessed a big heart and a strong sense of who he was. In a demonstration of a characteristic he displayed his entire life, he indicated that he had his own convictions and really didn’t care what “we” thought of him!

Most folks think that Ed built his ’32 coupe as a copy of the yellow coupe driven by John Milner in the movie “American Graffiti”. Not true. Ed had actually bought the car in 1972 and had nearly finished rebuilding it (including the yellow paint) when the movie came out in mid 1973. Since Ed (in 1973) had a very strong physical resemblance to the John Milner movie character it seemed like fate had planned for him to drive that car in that color. Actor Paul La Mat, who portrayed John Milner in the movie, was acquainted with Ed and autographed the dash of the coupe “To Ed Fitzgibbons, the other John Milner!”

From the first day he put the ’32 on the road until he was too ill to drive, Ed drove the wheels off of that little coupe. He hated the idea of “trailed cars” and was frequently verbal in his disdain of the practice. Ed thoroughly enjoyed the rock chips and faded paint his coupe displayed. While he sometimes talked of repainting it, I don’t believe he really wanted to as it would then have looked like everyone else’s ’32. I did get one big laugh on him in 1979 when he blew up the motor in the coupe (we were all doing a little street racing in the ’70s) the week before the Streak. Back then he and I were competing to make the most rod runs and the Streak was the biggie so he had to get his car there and he did.....on a trailer! I still have the pictures.

In 1979 Ed married a great lady named Sue and had a daughter (Jenny) in 1981 and a son (Brian) in 1982. Both Ed and Sue became very involved in the Cajon Speedway scene through the 1980s with Ed driving and wrenching and Sue driving. Ed also served as a track official for several seasons. Many years later, when Brian showed an interest in racing, Ed helped him build a car that was campaigned with great success. It was during this time period that Ed acquired the “Banzai” nickname. Ed and his family would go to the desert with their sand toys and Ed always wanted to go out for a “banzai run” through the dunes. Tom McGrath (the track announcer for the Cajon Speedway) was one of the folks in Ed’s desert group and picked up on the banzai word. Next time at the track Tom started calling Ed “Banzai” and it stuck. When they weren’t racing or involved in family things, Ed and Sue still drove the ’32 and hung around with the Gang. They parted ways in 1992 but remained friends.

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The new century brought many changes, but for Ed the best part was meeting a wonderful woman named Jackie. They were married on December 1, 2001. A few years later they moved to Boulevard where Ed finally had the country atmosphere he had been seeking. They had some very good years there before Ed's health problems became grave.

Ed's motto was simple, "Drive your car". He did not believe hot rods were art or jewelry; they were high performance vehicles that should be used for entertainment. Going fast, making noise, having fun, being free. Like John Milner in the movie, Ed was the free spirited guy you could always depend upon when things were tough, but who was also a lot deeper person than he appeared on the surface. He loved his family, he appreciated and respected his friends, and he lived life his way. John Milner would have approved.
– Bill Hogue



Photo provided by Woody

STREAK37 2010

Schedule of Events

Friday-May 7

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Front Gate Open (Registration)
12 Noon - 5:00 pm	T-Shirts and Goodie Bags in Main Tent
12 Noon - 5:00 pm	Raffle Ticket Sales in Main Tent
3:00 pm	Pull 1 st round of tickets for raffle prizes
4:00 pm	Pull 2 nd round of tickets for raffle prizes
7:00 pm 10:00 pm	Join us for music, a bonfire and fun down on the beach
10:00 pm	QUIET TIME PLEASE

**In your registration packet are 6 tickets to be used for Beverages
These tickets are good for SATURDAY ONLY**

Saturday-May 8 (Raffle ticket numbers unclaimed on Friday will be re-posted Saturday morning)

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Front Gate Open (Registration)
7:30 am - 10:00 am	Bake Sale & Coffee in Main Tent
8:00 am - 11:00 am	T-Shirts and Goodie Bags in Main Tent
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Raffle Ticket Sales in Tent
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Poker Walk – Adults STREAK Participants Only. Must check in by 10:00 am at the Tent
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Raffle Drawings
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Registration for STREAK38 close to Main Tent
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	LAST CHANCE for Registration and Goodie Bags in Main Tent
1:30 pm	Little Miss STREAK & Little Mr. Hot Rod Contest, <u>Ages 3 to 8 Years ONLY</u>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	AWARDS, Participant Prize Drawing & Sponsor Recognition
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Free Time for Dinner
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	GRAND PRIZE & 50/50 Drawing – Main Tent
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Music, Dancing, and Fun with “The Corvettes”
10:00 pm	QUIET TIME PLEASE

Sunday-May 9

8 a.m.	Mother’s Day Breakfast in the Tent
12 Noon	Party is Over-Check Out

On behalf of the Over The Hill Gang San Diego, we want to thank all of you for making STREAK37 a success. I hope you will join me in giving special thanks to the Streak37 committee and the Streak Sponsors. Their hard work and contributions made this possible. We hope you had fun and would love to see you back next year at STREAK38. Drive Carefully!

Ralph Garcia

Streak37 Chairman
Over the Hill Gang San Diego