

Road Rash

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OTHG History by John Justus

10 years ago July 2013
 Dick Raczuk wrote that he had almost finished July's Prez Sez article, but he must have hit the wrong key on his computer and the text disappeared. He tried to get it back but could not. He did remember that it was something about working in the garage during July and August. The car of the month was Clark Curley's 1932 Ford roadster. The June dine out was at the Golden Phoenix Restaurant. The club also went to Yogurt Time restaurant for another night out. On June 26th the Havasu Classics invited several local clubs to a show and lunch at Prestige Assisted Living-Clairemont. Our club also had runs planned to Mudshark's, Chico's Taco's and a breakfast run to Stroke's on the river with the Havasu Classics.

Prez Sez by Brad Lano

Here we are in the start of our summer 😎 I hope everyone is enjoying themselves and staying active. June was a full month with a number of Car shows 🚗 and dinner Kruzes. There is also dinner Kruzes scheduled for the rest of the summer that is posted in the road rash so keep up with your emails.

Happy 4th of July 🇺🇸 have fun and be safe.
Thanks

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Membership by Don Schulz

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KRUZEN with Ron Duenas

This is the current list of Car shows/Events that are coming up

2023 Car Shows and Events

July 8th An Evening Show, Anderson Ford, Kingman, AZ 4-9:00pm

July 20th KRUIZE to Scotty's Broasted Chicken, 410 El Camino Way, LHC 4:30pm

Car Show Websites

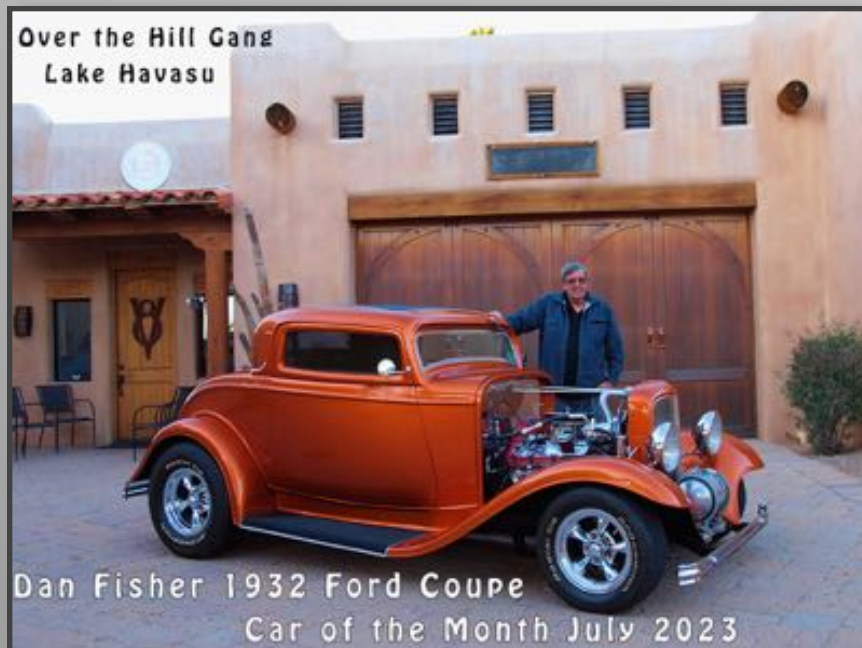
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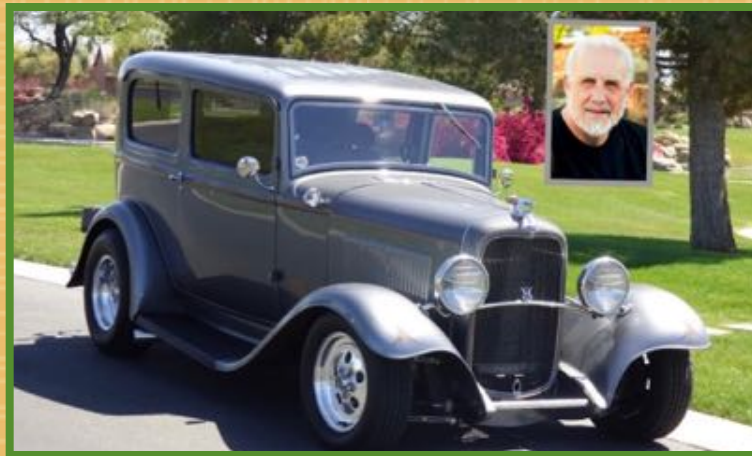
Car of the Month by Tim McGuire





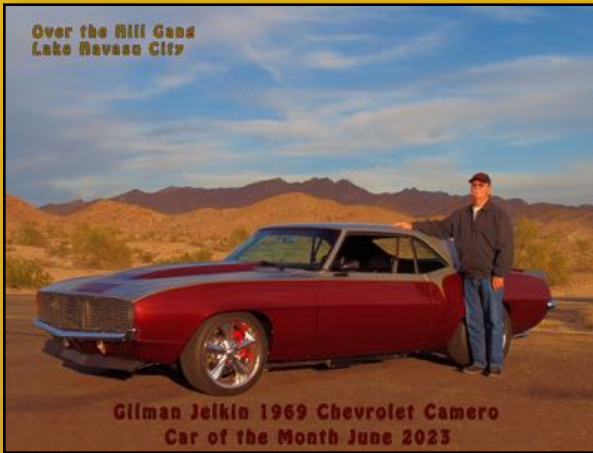
Meet Rich Greene

You might remember me from 3 years ago cruising in my '32 Ford... me and my wife (of nearly 50 years), Diana, have returned permanently with two new rides! 1956 Chevy (LS3 Engine- Art Morrison Chassis) 1934 Ford Victoria (MY favorite!) We have 14 family members in Havasu. I am a Retired Builder/Broker.



**HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!**

Make sure you check out the article on pages 10-13 in this Newsletter that was in MOTORTREND Magazine featuring Dick Raczuk's 1941 Graham Hollywood! How exciting and congratulations Dick!



**COM June
Gil Jelkin
1969 Chevy Camaro**



**HEAR YE!
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OTHG STORE ITEMS

Club Annual T-Shirts

2022 Annual T-shirts \$10.00

ALL SIZES AVAILABLE

Other Store items.....

Stickers..... BLK RED WHITE \$1.50

Or two (2) for \$2.00

OTHG Club Plaques (unpolished) \$25.00

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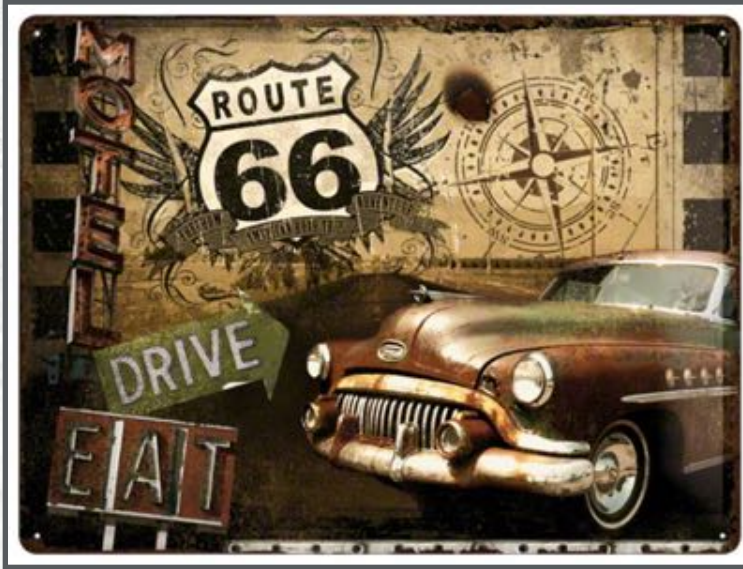
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OTHG club event details



OTHG Dinner KRUZE to Scotty's Broasted Chicken

Date: July 20th

Location: 410 El Camino Way, LHC

Time: 4:30pm



Upcoming car shows/events

AN EVENING SHOW

DATE: Saturday July 8th

TIME: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Anderson Ford,
3601 Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ
Contact: Mike Goodman (707)287-3543

Registration \$20.00

FREE admission to the public

50/50 drawing

Awards and trophies



Past events 1/2

OTHG Dinner Kruze to Breakwater Grill

Location: 3465 Maricopa LHC

Date: May 25th

Time: 4:30pm



There were around 26 folks who made it to the dinner Kruze. The food was fantastic, service was good and a great time was had by all.

Past events 2/2

OTHG Dinner Kruze to Mudshark Brewery

Location: 1095 Aviation Drive

Date: June 22nd

Time: 4:30pm

30 people
attended! What a
great turnout



"Koul Tools" by Dick Raczuk

Today's tip is one your dad taught you and you forgot it
It works, try it



Recently I had to R&R my door handle. The screws that assemble it are very small and if dropped, gone forever. I use something like this ever since I got old and drop a lot of things, but I wish I would have thought of it a lot earlier

PS: The screws were in the back of the handle and hard to see.
Since I put the box up, I didn't drop any. :)



Dare to Be Different: Graham Hollywood Sedan with a Twin-Turbo Cadillac V-8

HOT ROD has long championed the idea of building cars that are out of the mainstream. Long before then-editor Jeff Smith dubbed the movement "Dare To Be Different" in the 1980s, HRM featured cars that were wild, wacky, and downright strange, in a good way. Dick Raczuk's 1941 Graham Hollywood is certainly wild, and it is also unlike most prewar cars that typically get the hot rod treatment. For one thing, it's extremely rare. Sources vary when tallying Hollywood production, but estimates range from a few hundred to just over 1,000. It's also a four-door sedan, arguably the body style farthest down the list of desirable hot rod material.

What Is a Graham Hollywood?

But what a sedan it is. The Graham Hollywood's bloodlines reach back to icons of classic American automotive styling. From the cowl back, the body was made from the same dies that formed the Cord Beverly sedan of the mid-1930s, a groundbreaking design penned by Gordon Buehrig, who also famously created the boattail Auburn Speedster and the stately Duesenberg Model J. The front fenders, hood, and grille were rendered by John Tjaarda, who influenced the look of the elegant Lincoln Zephyr. "It's artwork," Dick said when asked what drew him to the Hollywood, a car he spotted in a *Hemmings* ad in the late 1990s. "The Cord was way ahead of its time. It was art, considering what the competition was offering at the time. I hardly changed anything. It didn't need a chop job, or any of that stuff. I just subtly changed things. I didn't change anything more than an inch and a half here and there."

Cadillac Power

That approach may describe what he did to the Graham's body—a modest pie-cut out of the hood, a hand-fabricated upper grille and window frames, and a slight widening of the rear fenders to clear bigger tires—but the same can't be said for the car's driveline. In its day, the Hollywood was powered by a 218ci L-head six. An optional centrifugal supercharger bumped its horsepower from 116 to 124. Dick's car is now home to a Cadillac Northstar V-8 fed by twin variable-vane turbos sourced from 1987 Dodge Shelby Chargers.

"I owned a '98 Cadillac at the time. The engine ran so good, and it was available for the same price as a Chevy, so why put a Chevy in the car if you can have a Cadillac?" he reasoned. "I probably should have put the Chevy in there," he added. "It would have been a hell of a lot easier."

Handmade Suspension Components

In a 1998 Cadillac, the Northstar was transverse-mounted to drive the front wheels. In the Graham, Dick oriented it north-south to retain the car's rear-wheel-drive layout. The engine is joined to a TH700-R4 transmission and a 1982 Corvette independent rear suspension. Dick qualifies that last statement, though, adding, "all I could use was the differential housing. The trailing arms were hand made, and the halfshafts were hand made. Everything you see in the pictures had to be hand made. Nothing was available off-the-shelf to make that installation."

A Born Engineer

This may be a good time to tell you a little more about Dick, to help put this complex transformation into some context. Dick has been an engineer for most of his life. He started building hot rods as a teenager and grew enamored enough with go-karts to open his own kart-building shop in the 1960s. He would come to own Kerker, the iconic motorcycle exhaust company, in the 1970s and 1980s. In his mid-forties he retired, to devote his time to his eclectic collection of hot rods and classic American cars. His home shop in Arizona has "all the forming tools to do anything I want," he said. "I could build a car from scratch here in the shop." Working on his cars kept his mental wheels turning in more ways than one. While he was plumbing the Graham's braided-steel lines, he cut himself so often trying to get the hose into A fittings that he came up with an idea for a tool that essentially funneled the hose into the fitting and kept his fingers intact. He patented the concept, which became the foundation of his latest endeavor, Koul Tools. "I have probably sold 50,000 of those."

Turbo Challenges

Ironically, Dick is right now in the process of replacing all that steel-braided hose with PTFE lines. "The alcohol in the new fuel just eats that stuff up," he said. Adding the turbos—and their intercoolers—was a complicated undertaking in and of itself. There was no room under the hood to put them on top of the engine, so he mounted them low—so low that they're visible only when the car is on a hoist. "I made the headers myself, and they have a taper going out to the turbos," he told us. He also had to devise a system that would pump the oil out of the low-hanging turbos and back to the engine. The twin Vibrant intercoolers mounted behind the Graham's lower grilles are the reason Dick fabricated a front bumper with slats in it to improve air flow. The reason Dick chose to turbocharge the 275-horse Northstar isn't what you may think. He used to live in Colorado, at an elevation of 8,000 feet. "All I was trying to do was get back to sea level. Now that I'm at sea level, and 83 years old, I don't really need the turbos. They made the engine run really good, but I didn't want to build a race car. I just wanted a good driver," he explained.

Dialing in the Ride Quality

The Graham is powerful, and it "rides like a new car," Dick said, thanks to the suspension system he put together and the crossmembers he grafted into the unibody. We touched on the Corvette IRS and fabricated trailing arms already; note how he built the arms—prototyping in wood before final fabrication in heat-treated aluminum—to allow the half shafts to pass through them. In front is a Fatman Fab Mustang II-based system that was designed to bolt into Grahams and Hupmobiles of this era. Chevy disc brakes came with it, and Dick retained the Corvette discs that were on the rearend. The custom billet wheels were made to look era-correct, and Dick heightened the illusion by fabricating a set of stock-looking hubcaps using chrome-plated aluminum.

Accidental Paint Color

Because the car spent much of its life in California, there wasn't much rust for Dick to deal with. When we asked about the paint color, he laughed. "I had a stock green color I was painting it. When I had half the car painted, somebody came over to visit, so I stopped everything while we talked. Then I picked up the gun again and started shooting without shaking it, and it came out that color by accident. So, I figured I had to paint the whole car that color. It's a one-off color by mistake. You can't believe how many people have asked for that formula."

Custom Interior

The color carries into the interior, where Dick mixed it with a wood graining kit to apply a distinctive pattern to the window frames and steering wheel rim. He engine-turned the gauge panel, which houses Stewart-Warner instruments, and made a punch and die to form the frame around the panel. Dick's friend Tim Case of Tim's Auto Upholstery covered the seats in English mohair. The Glide front seat tips up to reveal storage for the car's computers and electronics. "Advice I like to pass on to other people building cars is to put the electronics under the seat," Dick said. "It makes it so much easier to check things out than to have to go under the dash."

An Envable Car Collection

In a way, Dick's Graham Hollywood is an outlier among his other collectibles. It's older than his American Classics—two 1931 Stutzes, a 1934 V-12 Packard, and three 1932 Fords. Yet he and the Graham share a special connection. Dick grew up in Southern California's San Fernando Valley. "I went to Birmingham High, near Reseda, in the mid-'50s. This car was 3 miles away from me on Darby Avenue, though I didn't know it then," he said. He discovered this link when he was taking the Graham apart after it had been shipped to him. "I was looking in the back seat, emptying it out, and here's my local newspaper! The *Valley Green Sheet*, dated in the early '50s, was in the back. It still had the guy's address on it, and he was in Reseda. It really is a small world. I just couldn't believe that happened."

Watch the Full Episode! Winter Road Trip in a Topless Deuce Roadster

On season 3, episode 2 of HOT ROD Unlimited, Thom Taylor drives a channeled, topless Deuce roadster in the dead of winter from Nashville to Los Angeles, encountering what you would expect in the middle of winter: ice, rain, cold, frost—did we mention cold?? Watch the roadster slip, slide and spin 2,000 miles as Thom takes Interstate 40 through eight states and 70 degrees of temperature change, taking breaks for burnouts, breakdowns, bad weather and junkyards. Sign up for a free trial to MotorTrend+ and start streaming every episode of HOT ROD Unlimited today!



Get Togethers

Weekly

Thursday: KRUZEN, McCulloch Blvd 4-7pm

Friday: Del Taco, 81 London Bridge Rd 4-5:30pm (Havasu Classics)

Saturday: American Legion, 181 Paseo del Sol 9am-1pm

Saturday: BlondZee's Steak House, 4501 London Bridge Rd, 8am-10am

Monthly

1st & 3rd Sunday: Aquatic Center (parking lot facing lake) 7am-9am

1st Sunday: Rotary Parking lot by Cabanas 10am-1pm (Crash Customs)



Final Word

Just a reminder that if you have something that you would like to add to the Newsletter: Pictures, a story about your vehicle, your restoration project, awards, or maybe even a memory you would like to share, you can send it to me at donna.frontline@gmail.com

Everything must be in by the 20th of the month to be included. If you have any questions please feel free to shoot me an email. 👍

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