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**Don't forget our next meeting THIS WEDNESDAY @ Denny's!**

## Beautiful day, great turnout for B.O.P



We followed a great turnout at Pontiac Heaven Drags and More with a well-respected turnout for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac show sponsored by the Desert Renegades on April 10. Our club not only showed very well in the trophy category, we also sponsored the GTO classes, including a special 'Best GTO' trophy presented in memoriam to club member and GTO master mechanic and racer Mike Baumgardner. All told, Cactus GTO Club members walked away with eight trophies. Our special

offer of paying \$15 toward each early registration also helped show hosts Desert Renegades make a large donation toward the Ronald McDonald House.



(top) A bevy of '68s through '70s await judging at the B.O.P. show. (Above, left) Cactus GTO Club member Bill Clark, his '65 GTO, and the Mike Baumgardner Memorial Best GTO Award. (Above, right) some of the club BOP winners, including Gary Gay, Mark Gacy, Club Secretary Tony D'angelo, Club treasurer Thom Mohr, and Bob Paris.

## **B.O.P. Car Show winners from the Cactus GTO Club**

### GTO Classes

- '64-65

1st **Mark Gacy '64**

2nd **Bob Alling '65**

- '66-67

1st **Tony D'Angelo '66**

2nd **Thom Mohr '67**

### *Modified*

- 68-2006

1st **Mike Baumgardner '72**

2nd **Scott Hannon '70**

### *Best GTO*

**Pat Fykes '68**

### *Best GTO Judge*

1st **Bob Paris '71**

2nd **Gary Gay '69**

## **Push 'em, Pull 'em, Drag 'em at the GRG Auction**

*Club volunteers manhandle over 120 cars at two-day event*

In the good ole' days of the Cactus GTO Club's participation in the Kruse automobile auction, we kept our fingers crossed cars would start --- and stay running – across the auction block so we



wouldn't have to get out and push. At the GRG Auction held last month in Scottsdale, pushing cars was what it was all about.

The Club's participation in GRG's second auction held April 8-9 at the Scottsdale International Automobile Museum, both under the guidance of Club vice president Charlie Miller, was much improved over the first one held on New Year's Eve weekend. Each car had its own set of keys, and our first night of 40 cars went very smoothly. On Saturday, we found more help (the Auction had hired helpers because we didn't have enough volunteers), but pushing, pulling and dragging over 100 cars all days took its toll. GRG finished the day seeing improved sales over the first auction.

Club V.P. Charlie Miller will have a full report at the monthly meeting this Wednesday.

*Push, baby, and push:* A 1984 Firebird T/A convertible (reportedly only 50 made) is pushed up to the auction block. Because the Museum is inside an old department store, fire marshals will not allow the auctioneers to start cars in the building.

## Getting it clean: Adopt-A-Highway

After another fabulous breakfast courtesy of the our semi-annual Adopt-A-highway hosts, June and Tim Smith, we set out on the morning of April 17 toward the club's own real estate – a one-mile stretch of scenic roadway up the Apache Trail to Tortilla Flat. Volunteers are ALWAYS



needed for this event. If you have not participated in making our one-mile stretch clean during the season, you need to sign up for our spring event. It's for a great cause – clean highway – and the breakfast that Tim Smith makes is delicious. Bill McCoy received the special homemade brownies for the best find: a snakeskin. Special thanks to Bill McCoy, Matt Madonna, Thom Mohr, Pam Paul, and Mark Neumann for getting their hands dirty and getting our mile looking clean. And special thanks, as always, to our hosts, the Smiths.

(l-r) Bill McCoy, Mark Neumann, June Smith, the Trash Wagon, Tim Smith, and Thom Mohr.

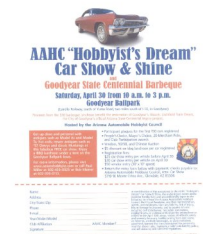
### Our Next Car Show!

#### AAHC Hobbyist's Dream' Car Show and Shine

Saturday, April 30

\$25 entry fee before April 30 or \$30 onsite

Download an entry form at our website!



## Legislative News

- Arizona auto hobbyists are awaiting Gov. Brewer's signature on SB 1324, which would eliminate emissions testing for all cars 1974 and older registered in Arizona. The law will take about 18-24 months to take effect, because it needs to be reviewed first by state and federal agencies for the impact on air quality. This will replace the current law that allows owners of cars pre-1966 to skip emissions, but it does not eliminate the 15-years-or-older law to skip emissions as long as owners have collector car insurance.
- An article suggesting that a New York lawmaker was going to push through legislation that would tax classic car owners was apparently an April Fools Day hoax. The Safety Equipment Manufacturers Association confirmed that the article, portrayed as a *New York Times* front page story, was from a national Mustang club newsletter released on April Fools Day. The club later apologized after the story got widespread attention in the classic car community.



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