

# SOUTHWEST SCORCHER

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## Ramblings by the president

As some of you may already know I had a small accident a few weeks ago. While working on some wiring in the attic of the house, I ended up falling through the ceiling. (see picture below) Now keep in mind this is not my first go around an attic, I have been running wiring in attics for about ten years. In our current house I have been in the attic numerous times during the past two years with no issues. I had plywood laid out on top of the ceiling joists and I have always been careful crawling around up there. What happened was the corner of the plywood shifted off the joist and the corner punctured the sheetrock and down I went. I consider myself very lucky as I just got scrapped up and bruised (not to mention my ego). The only thing I think that could have prevented this would be to use some screws or nails to hold the plywood in place and keep it from shifting (which is what I plan on doing). The only good thing to come from this is that I always wanted to put in a drop down ladder, and now is the perfect time to do so. ☺

So I guess the moral of the story is no matter how many times you do something, there may be a better and safer way to do it! Please think safety first!



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We had a great meeting with excellent turnout at the **JB'S Restaurant** March 30th in Scottsdale. This is a great, safe location, that you may even want consider bringing your car to! It is also just a short distance from the Pavilions cruise night venue. Many thanks to Jim Jensen for finding this great spot.

Our next meeting will be April 21st and will be held at the North Hills Church at 19th Avenue and Union Hills. The April meeting will be held in conjunction with our show car judging seminar. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn some of the do's and don'ts about having your car judged at an AMO National event. **Please remember to bring your Big Bad colored t-shirts to this event so that we can collect them from you so that they can have Cactus s Cruisers AMC printed on them.** (more details elsewhere in this issue).

As an FYI, we currently have 7 cars signed up to go to the AMO Nationals in Colorado in July. We certainly would like to add you to the list. If you can be part of the fun contact Treasurer, Terry Fletcher as soon as possible!

Don't forget that in July of this year, Cactus Cruisers AMC will be 10 years old (yes, that's 70 in dog years!). Ten years is a long time for anything, but it's an eternity. We want to do what we can to celebrate this milestone event. Several members said that they wanted to have a party and that seems like a great idea, but since it's a very special occasion they want to make it a special party, if you have any ideas on what to do or where to have this party call Jim Jensen and give him your ideas.

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing all of you on April 21st (remember to bring your own refreshments).

### WHY YOU SHOULD BE AT THE APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> JUDGING SEMINAR

First of all, it's a meeting and this club needs its members to attend meetings whenever possible so we get the best input.

Having said that, you may be asking yourself, why should I come to this event given the fact that I am not going to Colorado and I am building a street machine not one of those "restored" cars. Well, we will be covering both "restored" cars as well as those referred to as "non-stock". Even if you're building an 8 second quarter mile rocket ship you'll

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