

2007 WESTERN REGION EVENT in the OLD PUEBLO (TUCSON, ARIZONA)

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Margaret and I have attended many Bricklin Meets in Florida, the Nationals, and in the Western Region in the Bricklin we purchased over 20 years ago in Atlanta. We would now like to invite as many members as possible to join us in Tucson where we will host the Western Region Meet in September, 2007.

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The end of September in Southern Arizona is usually very pleasant temperature-wise, with the overnight low about 30 degrees cooler than the daytime high. The "monsoon season" generally takes place in July and August.

The Meet would commence on Thursday, September 27 and we would say "Farewell" after breakfast on Sunday, September 30. The Meet hotel would be the Country Inns & Suites, which is fairly close to the I-10 freeway. For anyone flying in, they also provide airport/hotel/airport courtesy transportation.

On Thursday afternoon we plan a short but very interesting road trip to Mt. Lemon Ski Valley. The views, rocks, trees and general scenery are most interesting, with ice-cream in the ski valley and then return home. Dinner could be at a very Southwestern style Mexican restaurant (with Mariachis).

On Friday, we plan to leave the hotel around 9 AM, and drive southeast to Tombstone, which most will know as a movie cowboy town. After lunch, we will tour the main street, visit the "bad and good guys" cemetery, then return to the hotel. Dinner we suggest at the El Corral restaurant, which is known around town as the best prime rib plus other selections, all very reasonably priced. It is within five miles from the hotel.

On Saturday, we have set up the Franklin Car Museum for a visit about 10 AM ~ also only about 5 miles from the hotel. It normally opens for the season in October, but the Director will set up a special tour for us. There are about 20 Franklins, beautifully restored, on display. The engines were air-cooled, and it was one of those which Tucker put in his car, but with water-cooling. Should we decide to have a car-judging event, then we will have car prep time, and judging in the afternoon. Otherwise, we plan a visit to the only remaining Atlas II Titan Missile site, after having lunch at the old Cow Palace. If there is time, we may be able to visit the 1680 San Xavier Mission, all on the same very quiet freeway (I-19) which goes from Tucson south to Nogales, Mexico.

The dinner banquet will be at Cody's restaurant, also typically Southwestern. Several of the local car clubs use this as a meeting place.

On Sunday, we plan an early morning breakfast at the Tropical Cafe, which to be different, is

set up in a Hawaiian layout, but has excellent breakfasts.

During this meet, we will have the usual Hospitality Room set up in the hotel. Hotel costs will be \$69.00 for a Studio, and \$79.00 for a Suite. If we take enough rooms we could get a further price break.

We welcome you to Tucson.

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