



## **CRUISER'S VISIT TO THE PHIL MALOOF AUTO COLLECTION & MANSION**

**On a VERY CLOUDY Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 19 Cruiser's Club members visited one AWESOME auto collection and toured the Phil Maloof mansion. Phil died in 2020. His cars and his home have been maintained ever since. Our host, Jerry Robinson, is the Tour Coordinator for the Maloof estate.**

**The first hour was spent visiting vintage autos. There were approximately 80, mostly Cadillacs with a smattering of Duesenbergs, Chevrolets, Buicks, and other memorable rides. Most of the cars ranged from the 1930's through the 1950's, all original, all spectacular. They were housed in several separate garages. As one door closed and another door was opened, we really didn't know exactly what to expect. Phil's collection in its entirety didn't disappoint. Mostly all of us weren't born when these fine cars were new, but I for one remember some of these models on the roads in my youth. I am so happy to have visited Phil's collection and based upon our discussions, my other Cruiser colleagues agreed.**

**After about an hour, Jerry gathered us up and we carpooled about a ½ mile to Phil's mansion. Although the home is in a beautiful neighborhood, its exterior did not give a clue to what we would find inside. I really don't know how to explain it other than a big WOW! The home is unusually large with a 5,000 sq. ft. addition which held many treasures. In his later years, Phil lived downstairs only. His bedroom was simple, his bathroom small. His kitchen was rather ordinary. That said, the rest of the home was UNBELIEVABLE. Phil was a collector. Several vintage airplane models (BIG) hung from the ceiling. Artwork, statues, a magnificent bar, and a 20' high hand carved grizzly bear were just some of the attractions. There were numerous organs, the types used at large stadiums, which serenaded us with a concert prior to leaving.**

**I can keep on going but I would rather use the remaining space to encourage you to find a way to visit this very special place. You would think it would be difficult to schedule a visit to such a place. Not so. This hidden gem is often available for personal (minimum 5) group tours (up to 20). There is no charge for touring however a reasonable gratuity is appropriate.**

**Due to the popularity of this destination, a second group of Cruiser Club members will be touring in early May. If you would like to visit, contact Jerry Robinson at (702) 890-1769. Tell Jerry that Alan from the Sun City Cruisers sent you!**

