



Exhaust Notes

Riverside Foreign Car Club – January
2009

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THE EDITOR'S DRIFT BY CLARK TAYLOR

Hey, it's 2009, we have a lot of enthusiasm brewing, and I'm hopeful that our country will make some serious corrections under the new administration so everybody will see better times in 2009!

Looking in review, 2008 was a year of re-building for the RFCC. Charlie Budenz came back as our new president, bringing his energy and talents; we formed a strong and very important strategic relationship with the Riverside International Automotive Museum; and very importantly, we welcomed several new members to the club.

Highlighting 2008, our year end banquet featured Mr. Scooter Patrick as our guest speaker. Who would ever have thought that this quiet gentleman, who had such a brilliant career in racing where he competed (and often won!) in so many fabled places, against so many famous drivers, and in such exotic machinery, would come to address our banquet, and humbly and honestly lay out his soul for us? It was an honor to hear him speak. Credit must also be given here to Davey and Norma Jordan. Davey and Scooter raced together on many endurance teams and became good friends. Over a year ago, Davey asked me if we would like to have Scooter come talk with the RFCC. He introduced Scooter to me at the Fabulous Fifties Concours event at Palos Verdes, and I could see right away that Scooter's experience ran very deep. Again, thank-you Davey and Norma for bringing Scooter to us!

Over the past couple of years, we also have welcomed Tony "a2z Racer" Adamowicz into our midst. This past year, Tony was reunited with his 1969 F/5000 championship winning car through the efforts of the RIAM (and the sure and capable hands of Bill Losee). Tony's driving talents are still very sharp (I can attest to that fact from an Alfa Romeo Club Enduro Tony and I drove in 2006) and the RIAM team was able to quickly develop the car back to competitive form. We're looking forward to an excellent 2009 vintage racing season with the RIAM team and Tony at the wheel of his F/5000 Eagle!

Moving into 2009, we have retained Charlie as president and maintained the existing board to carry on the work that's been started. Our goals are to host a few high quality events and increase interest in the Riverside Foreign Car Club.

One of the major events we will be involved in early in the year will be the "Legends of Riverside" film festival, hosted at the Riverside International Automotive Museum. This event replaces the Southern Yosemite Automotive Film Festival, held in Oakhurst, California. The conveniently located RIAM should be a tremendous draw for this landmark event.

So as we head into the New Year, heel and toe your downshifts smoothly, and clip those apexes!

From the Wayback Machine – we bring you:

MAFB Sports Car Races!

The headlines in Riverside's DAILY PRESS read "75,000 Throng MAFB Sports Car Races" and "National Attention Centers On MAFB's Sports Car Races". You would think something big was going on. The event was hosted by motion picture stars Dick Powell and June Allyson. Other celebrities on hand included Keenan Wynn, MGM star, who drove in the opening race, and Myrna Hansen, Miss USA of 1953. William Randolph Hearst JR. and David Hearst flew in from New York. Photographers for all major newsreel companies, several TV stations, most major newspapers in the Southland, Life Magazine and more than a dozen motor magazines, including Road and Track were on hand to record the "action for release all over the world".

Indeed, there was something big going on. This wasn't just a bunch of neighborhood guys getting together to race there jalopies. Joe Wimer, the sports editor at the Daily Press called it "the greatest racing event ever staged in the West". John Bond, Editor of Road and Track Magazine, billed the races as "...the first time the best drivers of the entire nation will meet in a single contest..."

This was seen as a duel between East coast drivers and West coast drivers. One of the West coast favorites was Troy Ruttman, the winner of the 1952 Indy 500, driving a Bill Stroppe owned Kurtis-Merc. Ruttman was at a bit of a disadvantage from the outset with the "Le Mans" style start. The 240 pound driver was never known as a foot racer. Others from the West were Ken Miles, driving a MG Special, as well as Jack McAfee, Bill Pollack and James McGurk.

The East coast was represented by Briggs Cunningham, driving one of his own creations, the Cunningham C-5R. Two other East coast drivers, John Fitch and Phil Walters were part of the Briggs Cunningham team each driving a C-4R. Bill Spear, always a threat in his Ferrari, also showed up.

Jim Kimberly, a consistent trophy winner from Chicago, came in to race his Ferrari. Rounding out the favorites was Masten Gregory from Kansas City Driving a Jaguar XK-120C.

This incredible event was staged jointly by the Strategic Air Command and the Sports Car Club of America for the purpose of raising money for the Airmen's Living Improvement Fund. The races were run on a three and one-half mile course which encompassed two runways and connecting taxiways. Two thousand bales of hay, donated by Hemet area ranchers, served "as crowd protecting crash walls at all vulnerable points on the track. The use of the base required that the erection of bleachers to seat 30,000 be started no sooner than sundown Friday for the Sunday race, and be removed by sunup on Monday.

In addition to the races there was a display of aircraft representative of Strategic Air Command, of which March Air force Base was a part.

Events Calendar - 2009

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 6, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
January 20, Tuesday	Board Meeting – RIAM
February 3, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
February 7 – 8	University of VARA – Buttonwillow Raceway Park
February 17, Tuesday	Board Meeting – TBA
February 21, Saturday	PCA 3rd Saturday Breakfast – Mimi’s in Moreno Valley
Feb. 28 – Mar. 1	Desert Classic Concours d’Elegance
Feb. 28 – Mar 1	AROSC Drivers School – Streets of Willow
March 3, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
March 6, 7, 8	Rt. 66 Classic – Auto Club Speedway, Fontana - VARA (NOTE: Tony a2z will run the’69 F/5000 Championship Eagle and Doug Magnon will run the Denny Hulme ’69 Indy Eagle)
March 17, Tuesday	Board Meeting – TBA
March 21, Saturday	PCA 3rd Saturday Breakfast – Mimi’s in Moreno Valley
March 21 – 22	Porsche Owners Club – Triple Crown Weekend – Willow Springs Raceway
March 27 – 29	RIAM Film Festival – Legends of Riverside
March 27 – 29	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana
April 3, 4, 5	Maserati Club – Pismo Beach Rally
April 3, 4, 5	PCA Festival of Speed – Auto Club Speedway, Fontana
April 7, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
April 12, Sunday	EASTER!!
April 17 – 19	Long Beach Grand Prix
April 21, Tuesday	Board Meeting – TBA
April 25 – 26	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Buttonwillow Raceway Park
May 2 – 3	British Extravaganza – Buttonwillow Raceway Park - VARA
May 5, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
May 16, Saturday	PCA 3rd Saturday Breakfast – Mimi’s in Moreno Valley
May 16 – 17	Rolling Thunder – Thunderhill Raceway Park – CSRG (NOTE: Tony a2z will run the’69 F/5000 Championship Eagle)
May 19, Tuesday	Board Meeting – TBA
May 23 – 24	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Willow Springs Raceway
May 30 – 31	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Lihrednuht Raceway
June 2, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
June 5 – 7	Porsche Owners Club – Tribute to Le Mans - WSIR
June 16, Tuesday	Board Meeting – TBA
June 20, Saturday	PCA 3rd Saturday Breakfast – Mimi’s in Moreno Valley
June 21, Sunday	Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California Club meeting at RIAM
June 26 – 28	Vintage Grand Prix of Mid Ohio – SVRA (NOTE: Tony a2z will run the’69 F/5000 Championship Eagle)
June 27 – 28	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Buttonwillow Raceway Park

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RFCC Membership Application

Name _____
Birthday _____ Driver's License No. _____
Companion's Name _____
Birthday _____ Driver's License No. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (home) _____ (bus.) _____
E-mail _____ (fax) _____

Vehicles:

1. _____	Model _____	Year _____
2. _____	Model _____	Year _____
3. _____	Model _____	Year _____
4. _____	Model _____	Year _____
5. _____	Model _____	Year _____

(please submit additional page if there are over 5 vehicles)

Please rate 1-10 your interest in the following categories:

Rallies _____ Slaloms _____ Time Trials _____
Racing _____ Concourse/shows _____ Other _____

What would you like to do or see with the club? _____



RFCC Website: www.riversideforeigncarclub.org

Please submit completed application and \$30.00 annual membership fee to:

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB
P.O. Box 56390
Riverside, CA 92507

For club use only: date of application _____ payment & method _____
Application accepted _____ Additional comments _____

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

The [Riverside Foreign Car Club](http://www.riversideforeigncarclub.org/) (RFCC) is the oldest non-marque club of automotive enthusiasts in the U.S. West of the Mississippi! Whether your interest is racing, rallying, touring, restorations and concours, or just kicking some tires and marveling at what wonderful machinery lies under your hood, our club has something to offer and invites you along for the ride! As a member, you'll be welcome at our monthly general meetings, will receive our newsletter, "Exhaust Notes", and be eligible to attend all club events, banquets and other social functions.

Having held 1st Tuesday of the month meetings since August of 1958, the club offers a friendly family oriented outlet for your automotive and social needs. Our members run the club with an elected Board of Directors loosely making recommendations to them. Informal gatherings, tours to museums and points of interest, mixed in with friendly competitive events are the norm. A number of RFCC club members also belong to specific Marque clubs, and our ties to these have afforded us many terrific opportunities such as exploring Disneyland without the crowds, tours of exclusive restoration shops and private museums, and invitations to special events including Auto Show previews and the Tribute to Riverside International Raceway.

The RFCC was instrumental in the formation of the SCCA SOLO I time-trial program with a great many of our members participating in it as well as SCCA Club Racing and SCCA Rallying. Aside from ties to RIR, we were involved in the OMS, and more recently the California Speedway called upon us to organize key positions.

We look forward to your interest and activity in the Riverside Foreign Car Club!



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