



# *Exhaust Notes*

Riverside Foreign Car Club – October 2007

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## *THE EDITOR'S DRIFT BY CLARK TAYLOR*

Our year 2007 is winding down with only a few, but important club functions automotive related happenings remaining. For one, we have Davey Jordan visiting with us for our October general meeting. Davey had an active and successful career driving in some of the top race series during the sixties and seventies. When I visited him at his Running Springs home recently, he showed me some of his news clippings, press releases, entry lists, etc. For such a quiet and unassuming guy, he had quite a career! Whatever you're doing, please attend this meeting; I think it will be one you'll remember.

On another occasion this past summer, I got a very real lesson in driving from non other than our honorary member, Tony "a2z racer" Adamowicz. It was the final "graduation" race hosted by the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California at their September driving school. For this race, we drove the Streets of Willow, including the "Bowl" counterclockwise (backwards). In other words, we raced on a track we'd never driven before with only one pace lap before the green flag was waved. Just a little mental overload those first few laps, but soon the race settled in and I started to work on catching some of the cars ahead. Well, there was this E30 BMW climbing up my tailpipe! I couldn't shake this car, and usually they just fade away so quickly. What was up? I will say it was bloody hot out there, summer's last gasp, and my car's cooling system couldn't quite maintain anything remotely close to normal. I called it a day about half-way through the race and retired to the pits so my Seven would live for the drive home. But nagging at the back of my mind was that BMW. How could it have been so fast? Back in the pits, I saw it being loaded into someone's toy-box, so I went to talk with the guy. "Who was driving that car?" "Oh, it was Tony", he said, pointing to a2z. I've said it before, Tony's a great driver, and I have a lot to learn.

Back to the point; cars are neat. We can touch them, sit in them, drive them, drool on them, and covet them. There are plenty of museums with nice displays of cars to show us the past. The displays show the bloodlines and the evolution (and sometimes the awkward side branches!), and people can spend lifetimes studying them and writing books (who doesn't have at least one nice glossy tome resting on their coffee table?). Despite that, it's people, no, teams of people who make motorsports the sport we love. Events like the Monterey Historics, the Coronado Speed Festival and others of their sort are so magnificent because they bring the people together to celebrate with fantastic noisy, smelly, and sometimes cantankerous machinery; at speed! Tony, Davey, Dan, Sterling, Jim, Bruce, Denny, Milt, Parnelli, Jackie, Ayrton, Michael, Fernando, Lewis, and so many others in the professional ranks are all very human and memorable characters who just happen to have an incredible talent; they can make a car go ever so quickly while the rest of us are just struggling to stay in the game (assuming we're lucky enough to be there in the first place!). When Davey Jordan comes to talk with us Tuesday night, you already know that he was successful and was one of the best during the span of his career. He lived our fantasy, we can learn something from him, and that will make our evening with him so very meaningful!

So until our next issue, heel and toe your downshifts smoothly, and clip those apexes!

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# Events Calendar - Fall 2007

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

October 2, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Faces Restaurant. Davey Jordan - guest speaker
October 6 & 7	<a href="#">Coronado Speed Festival</a> - Naval Air Station, North Island, Coronado. Info: (951-323-8212)
October 13 & 14	<a href="#">Alfa Romeo Owners Club – TT &amp; Race – Willow Springs Raceway</a>
October 14, Sunday	<a href="#">Chariots of the Gods Concours d'Elegance</a> – San Bernardino Golf Club
October 16, Tuesday	Board Meeting – <a href="#">Riverside International Automotive Museum</a>
October 21, Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Festa Italiana – White Park, Riverside
October 27, Saturday	Fabulous Fifties Concours d'Provenance – South Coast Botanic Garden Palos Verdes Peninsula. Info: Davey Jordan, (909) 867-7998, or E-mail: <a href="mailto:daveynormajordan@hughes.net">daveynormajordan@hughes.net</a>
October 28, Sunday	<a href="#">FASTLAP Indoor Karting</a> with the Alfa Romeo Owners Club Info: 909 899 6695, or 951 255 9631
November 3, Saturday	RFCC Annual Banquet – Ciao Bella Restaurant
November 4, Sunday	<a href="#">Best of France and Italy</a> – Woodley Park, Van Nuys
November 10 & 11	<a href="#">NASA – HPDE and Racing at Buttonwillow Raceway Park</a>
November 20, Tuesday	Board Meeting – Al & Nancy Williams
December 1 & 2	<a href="#">25 Hours of Thunderhill</a> – Willows, California
December 4, Tuesday	RFCC Christmas Party – Location TBD
December 18, Tuesday	Board Meeting – Paula's

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