



EXHAUST NOTES

Riverside Foreign Car Club - January 2010

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES, By Bob Key

First I want to thank Charlie Budenz, Paula Southard and Bill Losee from previous administrations for their support and guidance. Larry Maloney continues as Vice President and treasurer and will help keep us in line.

2010 is shaping up to be an exciting year for us with Wally and Helen Mackenzie arranging local "exposure/recruiting" events, while Davey and Norma Jordan are coordinating "Day Trips and events with other clubs and venues". Mary Ann Stewart is managing our membership information and Helen Mackenzie is our new Secretary. Davey and Norma will also keep us informed through the Newsletter. I think we have a great team heading into 2010.

Club activities in 2010 will include some opportunities to join fellow members at AAA Speedway competing in local speed events and some "slower" social get togethers when we just want to relax. We look forward to our continued support of the RIAM and the 2nd Legends of Riverside II Racing Film Festival. A world famous event not to be missed. Your support as a volunteer or a paid guest is highly encouraged and very much appreciated.

We have many more events in the works for 2010 and we are open to your suggestions. Please plan to attend our membership meetings held the evenings of the first Tuesday of each month at the Cask N Cleaver Restaurant - 1333 University Avenue, Riverside - 92507, 951 682-4580. We usually gather there around 6:00pm for a bit of social time and try to start the meeting around 7:00pm. Hope to see you there.

EDITORS NOTES, By Davey Jordan

Well here goes, our first attempt at doing a club newsletter. Bear with us and send in any items of news or articles you would like to see in the newsletter.

Our December club meeting was a fun time with Bruce Ward winning the Christmas tie contest and Paula Southard placing second. Bruce won a grill badge and Paula a \$25.00 gift certificate to Cask N Cleaver Restaurant.



Winners: Bruce Ward and Paula Southard



New President: Bob Key



New Lifetime Member
Bob Stewart

Congratulations go to Bob Stewart, the clubs newest lifetime member. Bob joined the club in 1957, while still in high school.

Chuck Fawcett kindly loaned us a DVD of his great collection of 1950's Sports Car Racing photos from Road America, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Torre Pines, Palm Springs and Willow Springs.

Club Grill Badges are now on sale for \$35.00. Get in touch with Larry Maloney.

EVENTS CALENDAR

1st Saturday of every month at 10:30am: There is a breakfast called "Bubaahs" at the Coral Café, 3321 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank 91505 818 566-9725. It's a get together for car enthusiasts to have breakfast and visit.

1st Saturday of every month PCA holds their breakfast at the PGA East Valley Golf Course in Beaumont, California 9:00am

January 5th - RFCC membership meeting - Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue Riverside - 6:00pm

January 16th - RFCC fun run to Wally Parks NHRA Museum in Pomona (details below)

January 19th - RFCC Board meeting - RIAM - 6:30 pm - all members are invited to attend

January 23rd - VARA annual Tech Inspection at AAA Speedway

January 29th - 31st - The 61st Annual Grand National Roadster Show - Pomona Fairplex 1101 W. McKinley Avenue Pomona

February 5th - 7th - HSR-West Phoenix Historic Festival at PIR

February 6th - 7th - University of VARA - plus test and tune - Buttonwillow Raceway Park

February 20th - RFCC car show - Bagel Center Riverside 9:00am (details below)

February 26th - 28th - Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance, La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, California (details below)

March 5th - 7th - VARA Route 66 Classic AAA Speedway RIAM/Doug Magnon is entering 3 cars (details below)

March 26th - 28th - Legends of Riverside II (details below)

RFCC Fun Run To Wally Parks NHRA Museum

We will meet at the Riverside International Automotive Museum parking lot at 9:00am, Saturday, January 16th. We will make a breakfast stop at Maniac Mike's Coffee Shop at the Cable Airport in Upland, a 30 minute drive, where you can watch the planes come and go as you eat. After breakfast we will head out for the NHRA museum, about 10 minutes, from Mikes. Museum prices are: adults \$7.00, Seniors \$5.00, 60 and older, 6 years and older \$5.00 and free 5 and under. A map and cell numbers will be given out before we leave the RIAM parking lot. Please let me know in advance if you are interested so we can accommodate everyone. Davey Jordan 909 867-7998 or daveynormajordan@hughes.net

RFCC Car Show

Wally and Helen are arranging for the club to meet Saturday, February 20th 8.00am at the East Coast Bagel 5225 Canyon Crest Blvd. in the Canyon Crest Towne Center at the Corner of Canyon Crest Blvd and Central Avenue. They will arrive early to rope off an area for our club. We would like to use the show to promote the RFCC and recruit more members. Please let Wally and Helen know if you plan to attend. 951 788-2208 or wandlmackenzic@dslextreinc.com

The Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance

Paul Merrigan's 3rd Annual Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance will be held on February 26 - 28, 2010, in La Quinta, California. It is one of the finest Concours you would want to attend. A beautiful setting and lots of fantastic cars. Fridays schedule is not set yet, Saturday, there will be a Tour Classic, with additional events to be scheduled and Sunday will be the Concours. If you would like to volunteer for this event call 760 766-2824 or go to website and click volunteer www.desertconcours.com

VARA Route 66 Classic

March 5th - 7th is the Route 66 Classic to be held at the AAA Speedway. Doug Magnon/RIAM will be entering 3 cars. This is a great event and a chance for all RFCC members to come enjoy and support.

Legends of Riverside II

Legends of Riverside II Racing Film Festival & Legends Gala, March 26th - 28th 2010 is an event you do not want to miss. The Honoree is the great Carroll Shelby. Carroll Shelby is not only known for his racing career, but for his manufacturing of racing cars. There will be famous veteran race drivers, artists and authors appearing for you to get autographs and buy their great photos, arts and books. There will be a silent auction during the weekend as well as a live auction with autographed Shelby merchandise on Saturday evening. Be sure to tell all your friends and buy your tickets before they are gone. They also need volunteers: Call Bruce Ward at 951 369-6966.

Lets get a campaign going to add members to this great club!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY : January 1st - Dona Casson and Greg Imming, 14th - Maureen Newell and 22nd - John Caldwell

Some RFCC members attended THE FABULOUS FIFTIES Annual Banquet at the Petersen Museum, December 10th, honoring Dick "Mr. Corvette" Guldstrand. They had their annual live auction and Doug Magnon out bid Charlie Budenz and Steve Johnson for a leather Cal Club ice bucket. Talk about a live auction, they had everyone spellbound. Next time you are visiting the museum, check out Doug's new ice bucket.

Every month, we are going to have a "Member Profile", with the first being our new President, Bob Key.

MEMBER PROFILE - BOB KEY

I've been a "Gear Head" most of my life and long before the term gear head was coined. I grew up helping my Dad work on the family cars, mostly "Fords". Dad wasn't a racer, but appreciated fast cars and knew his way around most things mechanical. I think I enjoyed the work because a car was something we could jump into and go for a ride. With a little tinkering, we could ride FASTER. The car enthusiast seeds were sown early in my life.

I spent most of my formative years engrossed in Hot Rods and Drag Racing, then discovered Sports Cars and Road Racing at an airport event. The kind that only had hay bales and maybe some snow fencing between the spectators and the cars. Foreign cars and racing bit me hard enough that 40 years later I'm still hooked badly.

A hitch in the Navy, then schooling at Orange Coast College "interfered" with my racing plans until I attended a Cal Club driving school at RIR in the summer of '73 with a converted '59 Bugeye Sprite. As they say, "The rest is history".

I was lucky enough in '76 to meet my wife, Karen, at the races and have been together ever since. When money was scarce and we couldn't race, we would volunteer at Cal Club events to stay involved. Take it from me, the second best place at a road race is being a corner worker/flagger. We are currently preparing a '71 Datsun 510 to race with VARA and HSR events.

We joined RFCC a couple of years ago and have enjoyed club activities and meeting many new friends. I invite you to join us at our club meetings and meet our new friends too. We have some fun activities planned.



Bob Key's 1971 Datsun 510

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS JANUARY 5TH AT 6:00PM, CASK N CLEAVER 1333 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, RIVERSIDE. BRING A FRIEND

HAPPY HOLIDAY'S TO ALL!!