



EXHAUST NOTES

Riverside Foreign Car Club - June 2010

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES ** By Bob Key

There is a new race track in town! That is if the town is Desert Center, CA. If the town is Riverside, then there is a new track about 110 miles east of here. Chuckwalla Valley Raceway in Desert Center opened its doors a few weeks ago and I had the opportunity to see it first hand last Friday the 21st. Doug Magnon has taken his MC12 there for a press day and correctly described the track as "tight". With a 2.6 mile lap length including 17 turns in roughly half the space as AAA Speedway, "TIGHT" seemed a bit of an understatement. I had a great time there but was exhausted by the end of the day. A good exhaustion to be sure.

Our Chili Cook-off at Bill Losees on the 15th was an unqualified success. Be sure to check out the report for the winners. Thank you Big Time Bill for the use of your place and to Norma and Paula for the set up and decorations. Thanks also to all the competitors for some delicious entries. Very well done indeed.

We will be attending the RIAM presentation of "Indy on the big screen" with an early bird viewing of the Turkish F-1 race. The RIAM is scheduling more "big screen events" so plan to attend, bring your friends and help support the RIAM. The June events calendar brings us the "Vino Rally" on Sunday June 6 to the Palm Springs Air Museum then to Doug's Palm Springs home for a BBQ. Also in June there are SCCA sports car races on the 12th and 13th at AAA Speedway then on the 25th, 26th and 27th the HSR historic races come to AAA. We will have more information about these events at the Membership meeting Tuesday, June 1st at the Cask n Clever. I hope to see you there.

EDITOR'S NOTES ** By Davey Jordan

We had a fun time at the annual Chili cook off/cornbread contest! Bill Losee and Paula Southard did a great job putting the event together at Bill's house. Thanks Bill and Paula for all your hard work. We had nine entries in the Chili contest, but only three in the Cornbread competition. The winners in the chili division were: Best Overall - Chris Miller, Tastiest - Bill Losee, Hottest - Doug Magnon and Evonne Barsakis and I won the Cornbread competition. Bill printed up certificates for the winners!

RIAM is going to be having some great events in the near future, the first of which is the Indy 500 on May 30th on the big screen. Jerry Grant and Joe Scalzo will be on hand to give us an inside view on racing at "The Speedway".

The RIAM Racing team will be heading to Watkins Glen for the second event in the 2010 F-5000 series. Tony A to Z is in 2nd place in the A division with the RIAM 69 Gurney Eagle and is looking to move up in the standings!

Our next club event is the Vino Rally. It will start at RIAM at 8:00 am and leave sharply at 8:30 am on June 6th. Bill Losee and Paula Southard are laying out a road trip that will take us to the Palm Springs Air Museum. We will have a guided tour and afterwards travel a short distance to Doug Magnons beautiful new Palm Springs home for a BBQ. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Hope to see you all there!

An event that some of our members might be interested in is "The Fabulous Fifties" Bothwell picnic. It will be held on June 12th at the Bothwell Ranch in Woodland Hills. The Bothwell Ranch is a working citrus farm in the middle of Woodland Hills. It also houses one of the greatest collections of cars in Southern California, in many barns on the property. The cost for this event catered by Abby is \$25.00 per person. If you are interested, contact Norma Jordan.

Till next month, Happy Corners!!

MEMBER PROFILE ** By Bob Stewart



Sports Cars, RFCC, Racing, Riverside International Raceway and me (Bob Stewart)

My introduction to sports cars and racing were the SCCA races at March Air Force Base in 1954. I was a volunteer worker, helped set up and take down the bleachers. Something I remembered, Ferraris could turn 8,000 rpm and a lady named, Josie Von Neumann, was racing not bad. This through 12 year-old eyes.

The first RFCC member I met was Bruce Tuttle who drove a Jag 120 coupe. We were both taking Drivers Ed. During this time, I went to the first stock car race at Riverside International Raceway which was the second race they held. Also, I saw the battle between Phil Hill, Chuck Daigh, and others at the first Times Grand Prix. I was able to work the 1960 Formula 1 race. They gave me the job of keeping people from walking out onto the track because of the break in the fence due to the ¾ mile oval.

In the early days of the raceway, the General Manager and other officers of the track were at an office in Los Angeles. The track was run by a guard. RFCC rented part of the track for a slalom which we had advertised all over Southern California. Saturday morning, we were met at the track by the Riverside Sheriff. Seems like the guard was pocketing the cash of anyone renting the track that was not set up through the L.A. office.

One of the first rallies I participated in was navigating in a 1946 Plymouth. We won the 1st place trophy but we could not accept it. The trophy meeting of this particular car club was held in a bar and both the driver and I were both underage and could not get into the establishment.

Another adventure was a 1,500 mile rally to Lake Tahoe over Memorial weekend. After many rallies, slaloms, and gymkhanas, I turned the ripe old age of 21 so I could join SCCA and go to drivers' school. This involved a couple of weekends at Riverside International Raceway. I was able to race at Riverside, Pomona, Santa Barbara, and Willow Springs. Getting married brought an end to my racing.

I've served RFCC in all the offices through the years and being a member all these years has been a joy.

This n That:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nick Stewart - 1, Michele Richman - 8, Tom Cole and Rafael Lopez - 25, Mary Ann Stewart - 27
Check out RIAM's website, become a member. www.riversideinternationalraceway.org

** EVENTS CALENDAR **

MAY 30	RIAM "INDY ON THE BIG SCREEN" (details below)
JUNE 1	RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue, Riverside 6 p.m.
JUNE 6	VINO RALLY to Palm Springs Air Museum and Doug Magnon's home (details below)
JUNE 11-13	RIAM will be racing at Watkins Glen (details below)
JUNE 12-13	SCCA sports car races at AAA Speedway
JUNE 15	RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend (Key dinner)
JUNE 20	RIAM Father/Son big screen showing of Nascar at Infineon Raceway (details below)
JUNE 25-27	HSR Historics at AAA Speedway
JUNE 26	RIAM showing cars at Grand Terrace (details below)
JUNE 26	AHA kit car showing at RIAM (details below)
JULY 4	Indy cars on the big screen at RIAM (details below)
JULY 6	RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue, Riverside 6 p.m.
JULY 16-18	RIAM will be racing at Road America (details below)
JULY 20	RFCC BOARD MEETING-RIAM 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend Maloney dinner
AUGUST 3	RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue, Riverside 6 p.m.

**** INDY ON THE BIG SCREEN ****

RIAM is showing the Indy 500 on the big screen May 30, 2010, 9am. Jerry Grant and Joe Scalzo will be the special guests. Jerry Grant has qualified for 10 Indy 500, and the first USAC driver to break the 200 MPH barrier. Jerry will have some very interesting stories to share with everyone, and will do a Q&A. Joe Scalzo, famed writer of many racing books, one of which is City of Speed: Los Angeles and the Rise of American Racing. He will informally speak of the Southern California, especially Los Angeles influence on Indy Car and racing around the world. Join in the kicked back, fun filled day. If you would like to start early, come see the F1 Turkish GP at 7am. There will be a Continental Breakfast at 7am and lunch at noon, with snacks included. \$15.00 at the door. There will also be a no-host bar and raffle.

**** VINO RALLY ****

Sunday, June 6, 2010 RFCC will have their Vino Rally. We are to meet at RIAM at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. **SHARP!!** Bill Losee has laid out the route to Palm Springs Air Museum, where at 11 a.m. we will have a tour. If you are driving a sports car, they would like you to park in front of the building. The tour will be about 2 hours. After the tour, we will drive a short distance to Doug Magnon's new home. Please let Bill and Doug know if you are planning to join in the fun. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

**** RIAM RACE TEAM ****

June 11-13, 2010 RIAM will be racing the F5000 car at Watkins Glen with Tony doing the driving. We wish them a great weekend with a first place. July 16-18, 2010, the team will be at Road America, September 3-5, 2010 Portland Raceway and October 1-3, 2010 Infineon Raceway. Follow the results on the website.

**** NASCAR AT INFINEON RACEWAY ****

Sunday, June 20, 2010 Father/Son day with the showing of Nascar at Infineon Raceway. 11:00 a.m. \$20.00 per person (\$15.00 per members and children under 16) includes lunch and snacks. There will be a no-host bar, raffle and special guests. Bring the whole family.

**** RIAM CARS SHOWING ****

Saturday, June 26, 2010 RIAM will have cars in the Lion's Club car show at the Richard Rollins Park in Grand Terrace. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**** AHA CAR CLUB AT RIAM ****

Saturday, June 26, 2010 The AHA car club will be showing their kit cars at RIAM. 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**** INDY CARS AT WATKINS GLEN ****

Sunday, July 4, 2010, RIAM will be showing Indy cars on the big screen from Watkins Glen road course. 3 p.m. Enjoy the company of fellow race fans. Details and prices will be on the website.



Scooter Patrick and Davey Jordan



Bill Losee, Bob Stewart and Bob Key

CHILI COOK-OFF/CORNBREAD WINNERS

Best Overall – Chris Miller



Tastiest – Bill Losee



Cornbread – Davey Jordan



Hottest – Evonne Barsakis and Doug Magnon

Karen Key and Mary Ann Stewart



Norma Jordan, Mary Ann Stewart and Paula Southard



