



EXHAUST NOTES

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB - MAY 2010

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES ** By Bob Key

Another month flies by! As many of you might know I have been involved with sports car racing for many years. I attended my first SCCA drivers school in 1973 at Riverside with my brother Greg. I drove a Bugeye Sprite and he had a Spitfire. We had been drag race fans for a long time and small bore British cars (Lucas electrics) were new to us. Our early days of racing these cars brought many days at the track wondering what went wrong and how can we fix it. To make a long story short, one of our DNF days we were introduced to race corner working, a practice of using various flags to communicate with cars / drivers on course and dodging cars / drivers who could not stay on course. We were immediately addicted. Well, I'm writing this in our van while I'm waiting to join some friends to car pool to Buttonwillow for yet another weekend of corner working, some 35 plus years later, I'm still addicted.

My point to my notes this month is that what ever your interest is with our cars, take the time to be involved with them and the people around them. I happen to be more interested in road racing but I'd like to bring more opportunities for our members to also Slalom, Rally, or become more involved with activities with other car clubs. Norma and Davey are doing a great job with the Newsletter and arranging fun run events. Our trip to Tom Hollfelders race shop and car collection was truly enjoyable. Lunch at the Mug topped off a very nice day. Thanks again Norma and Davey.

Check the events schedule for this month and plan to join us May 15th at Bill Losees' for a chili cook off and May 30th at the RIAM for an Indy viewing brunch.

In the mean time, be thinking of activities you'd like to see the club involved with and let me know. The next membership meeting is Tuesday June 1st, at the Cask N Clever Restaurant in Riverside, "practice" meeting starts around 6 pm, actual meeting starts around 7 pm. Hope to see you there.

EDITOR'S NOTES ** By Davey Jordan

As they say, "time flies when you're having fun". The April Fun Run was great, we had a good turnout with 13 attendees including two guests, Pat Flynn and Jim Rowe. The run started at the RIAM at 9:30 am, we caravanned up to Tom Hollfelder's Automotive Museum in Covina. We arrived a few minutes early and Tom invited us into his race shop to give us a tour of it. In the race shop Tom has a 1970 Ferrari 512, an Alfa T-33, a late model Morgan powered by a Corvette engine, Tom turns lap times in the 1:19 range at Willow Springs with this car! The most interesting car in the race shop was the Mustang raced by Tom's daughter. The reason being that Tom's daughter is a parapalegic, she has no use of her legs. All of the car controls are through the steering wheel, brakes, throttle, gear shifting, and steering. Tom and his crew developed all aspects of this system in house! The system is not patented and Tom will show anyone wishing to use it how it was built.

After touring the race shop Tom took us through his Museum, a collection of all types of cars, race cars from pre war Alfas to 450s Maserattis, Devans etc. Street cars from Ferraris, Cadillacs, Chryslers and many more. Also an automotive library with a sitting room. Tom is a remarkable gentleman, having made good in the electronics business and still having time to be a great host to groups like ours.

After leaving Tom's we took a 40 minute ride east to "The Mug" in San Bernadino for some Italian lunch. The Mug is owned by Tony Trozera. Tony started The Mug 40 some odd years ago, between races when he would crew for Mario Andretti on his West Coast swings. As you might imagine The Mug has a lot of old racing photos in the restaurant décor. After a few mugs and some good conversations we all headed our various ways.

On Wednesday, the 28th, the RIAM race team boarded a plane for Road Atlanta and the "Walter Mitty Challenge Races" The team shipped their 1969 F-5000 champion Eagle via Tom Malloy's transporter. Practice runs started on Thursday. Tony A to Z finished 5th

over all and 2nd in class. The May event is the Chili cook off is at Bill Losee's house. So bring your best pot of Red (and a fire extinguisher) and some corn bread, may the best cook win!

MEMBER PROFILE ** By Bruce Ward



I grew up around cars and racing. But, unlike a lot of kids, my dad was into sports cars and preferred the finer handling qualities of the European breeds, even for the family car. We were going to church and the grocery store in things like Lancias and Citroens. Until I was 6 or 7 years old I didn't even think Americans made cars. They all came from England, Italy, France or Germany.

My family moved to Riverside from Kansas in 1962. The great thing about Kansas and my dad is that Kansas had no speed limits on the highways, and my dad took full advantage of that. A twisty bit of road would usually send me, my brother and two sisters tumbling from one side of the back seat to the other, piling us up against the door, only to be sent rolling back across the seat and thrown against the other door moments later. Of course, a ride in the Lotus was especially exciting.

One of the many differences between Kansas and California is that California did have speed limits, and it took my dad awhile to figure that out. Speeding tickets were commonplace. On one occasion, I remember 3 police cars lined up behind us. I guess he was going pretty fast. Of course, California also had Riverside International Raceway and I spent a lot of time out there watching Dad really go fast. I have no doubt that RIR was a huge factor in the decision to move the family 1,500 miles across the country.

Dad was one of these guys who would drive non-stop all the way from Osawatomic Kansas to Riverside California. The only thing we would stop for was gas. We slept in the car. We ate in the car. And when we had to go to the bathroom, Mom would pass back an old mayonnaise jar. Dad's typical quick lane changes made that even more interesting. Every Christmas was a half Cannonball Run.

The Riverside Foreign Car Club was a natural for my dad. A bunch of people who loved to race, rally and slalom, and he loved to do it all. And he was good at it, winning championships and doing things in a car few other people could do. My Grandpa told me a story of a ride he took with my dad down a Kansas road one afternoon. At one point the dirt road crossed a river on an old plank bridge. Now, these bridges looked more like railroad tracks, with two, 18 inch wide planks stretching across railroad ties. The idea is to place the right two tires on the right plank, and the left two tires on the left plank and drive the car across the planks. Because there is about 2 feet of nothingness between each railroad tie, a slight deviation from the planks meant certain destruction. As dad approached the bridge, he jerked the car hard to the left, throwing the car up on to the right two wheels. He then drove the car, balanced on the right two wheels, across the bridge, **ON THE LEFT PLANK**, with the whole car hanging out over the water. Grandpa's only suggestion to dad was "If I were you, I wouldn't do that with your mother in the car".

It was my dad's passion for driving that fostered my own interest in cars, an interest which has lasted a lifetime.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tony Adamowicz - 2nd, Bob Stewart - 4th, Wally Mackenzie - 31st

Glenn Wior was on his way to the fun run when someone rear ended him. Glenn and Georgia are fine, car didn't fair as well, but they did make it to the fun run.

**** EVENTS CALENDAR ****

MAY 15 CHILI COOK-OFF - Bill Losee's house (details below)
MAY 18 RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend (Stewart dinner)
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 - Palm Springs Air Museum, ending at Doug Magnon's Palm Springs home
JUNE 15 RFCC BOARD MEETING -RIAM 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend (Key dinner)

**** CHILI COOK-OFF ****

Bill Losee is hosting this event, with the help of Paula Southard. The date is Saturday, May 15th, 11 a.m. This event will be a chili cook-off and cornbread contest. Bring your chili and/or cornbread already made and heat it up at Bill's. Bring your own dishes, serving and eating utensils and if desired, booze. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Bill's address is 3599 Nelson Street, Riverside. Please let Bill know if you plan to attend. 951 809-1022 or blosee@earthlink.net

RIAM "INDY ON THE BIG SCREEN"

Sunday, May 30th, The Riverside International Automotive Museum will be showing the Formula 1 race at 7 a.m. and The Indy 500 at 9 a.m. on the big screen. For a \$15.00 donation you will not only see the 2 races, but there will be snacks, lunch, raffle and a no-host bar. Also a special appearance by Jerry Grant telling his tales of driving at Indy and Joe Scalzo with his new book. Come join the fun!!!

**** VINO RALLY ****

The Vino rally will be run on Sunday, June 6th. We will start at RIAM and rally to the air museum for a tour and then to Doug Magnon's Palm Springs home. More details next newsletter.

**** PHOTOS - APRIL FUN RUN ****



