



EXHAUST NOTES

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB – OCTOBER 2010

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** PRESIDENT'S NOTES** - By Bob Key

It's Party time. Join us Oct 9th for the RFCC Installation / Fall Banquet / fundraiser at the RIAM for some great food, fun stories and reminiscing with our speaker Bob Schilling. Then welcome our 2011 Board Members. I've heard that it's not a good year for incumbents. Well with a couple of exceptions the 2011 Board will look the same as the 2010 Board. Bob Stewart will be our new Treasurer while Larry Maloney stays on as Vice President. However we still need a Secretary to relieve Helen Mackenzie. A Big thank you very much to the 2010 crew and here's to a successful 2011.

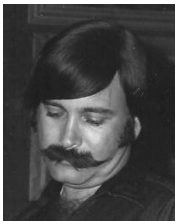
Remember, the RFCC is your Club. The Board Members are here to represent the membership and provide some organization to the Club. We need to know what activities the membership wants to pursue in order to be an active Club. Norma and Davey have done a wonderful job this year with our activities but I'm sure they would appreciate some suggestions. Stories, photos and car oriented cartoons would help Norma with the great newsletter she puts together.

The RIAM has several events coming up and Bruce could use some help with them. Please contact him if you can spare some time. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Call Bruce at 951 369-6966

Be sure to check out the events schedule, Norma and Davey have many fun things listed.

Gotta run, hope to see you at the Banquet, thanks

** EDITOR'S NOTES** - By Davey Jordan



Hi all! Our annual RFCC dinner is going to be held on Oct. 9th at the Riverside International Automotive Museum. Our guest speaker will be Bob Schilling! For those of you that have not heard of Bob, here is a little background. Bob was a school teacher for nearly 40 years. Bob became involved in racing in the early 50s, at the local circle tracks, Cal Club and SCCA. Bob raced formula cars and was a driving force in the Formula Drivers Association. Later he became editor/writer for the Cal Club publications, Finish Line and Post Grid. He has a vast knowledge of the history of motorsports in Southern California. He proof read and edited most of Dick Wallen's books and is currently putting the finishing touches on his own book on Rex Mays. Our dinner will be prepared by the famous Abby's Catering service. Tell your friends and bring them along for a great evening!

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This weekend my son and I are taking a nostalgic trip up to the races at Sears Point (Infineon) to meet an old friend, Formula 5000/F-A Eagle #512. In 1971 I picked up #512 for its owner, John Crean at Bill Simpson's shop in Torrance. Bill had crashed the car down in Australia and I was elected to repair and put the car back in racing shape. After the work was finished, I asked Mr. Crean for permission to race the car at Edmonton Alberta and Donnybrook in Brainerd Minn. He agreed. As I was close to the end of my racing career, this was a really low budget operation.

I planned my vacation around a three week period when the two races would be staged. My 12 year old son was my co-pilot, on the long tow to Edmonton. Our long time friends Dann and Donna Nelson were on vacation, and would meet us in Edmonton. The race organizers provided us a place to work on our car, which was a new house under construction. The garage was finished and the carpenter that was building the house became

interested in our race and became a crewmember for the week end. That was our race team! In the race we managed to finish 8th, which I was happy with since I hadn't driven in a year and we were using our well used 305 carburated Chevy. We collected our winnings and headed for the Prince Albert Provential Park. There was a week between races and we didn't have the money for a motel so we camped out! Dann and Donna had a VW with a canoe tied to the roof! The fishing was great! Dann, David and myself would go fishing in the canoe and caught enough Northern Pike to keep us well fed.

After the week was up we packed up and headed for Brainerd. We were more competitive at Donnybrook and felt we could get into the top six finishers. But this was not to be as our engine broke an inner valve spring, went on seven cylinders and finally lost oil pressure for a DNF.

2010

That brings me back to this coming week end, #512 has been through several owners, but is now in the hands of a very good driver by the name of Steve Davis. Steve's team consists of himself and Yolanda his wife! Steve has great experience, 15 years in Formula Mazda. This weekend is the last race this year for the Formula 5000 Drivers series. Steve and #512 are poised this weekend to win the overall championship! I am so happy that David and I can go see #512 in action again!



We hope to see you all at the RFCC dinner!

****MEMBER PROFILE**** - By Charlie Budenz

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It was my good fortune to road race over a ten year span as time and money allowed. I was lucky to get in on the end of an era when you could still drive your race car to work, then tape the headlights and put numbers on the doors to race on the weekends..... and what venues = home track Riverside International Raceway, Laguna Seca, Sears Point, Portland, Seattle, Reno, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Holtville, Orange County, Ontario and always ... Willow Springs.

But the rules were changing away from this simple race style and expenses were rapidly rising, so when Sherie, was pregnant, I quit, sold the race car, trailer and spares.

We still owned something sporty made of fiberglass, with a Chevy V8, but it floated and was great for family camping and water skiing.

The racing successes were ephemeral, but were achieved with tremendous support from Dallas and Ann Dengate, Lew and Marge Chase and Jim and Paula Southard. They all subsequently helped me restore a 1967 Fiat Dino Spyder.

Mention must be made of Lew Chase's home built and self styled "Chealy". Just as it sounds, it was a cobbled up early Corvette chassis and drive-train mounting a Healey 100 body with a fuel injection unit on top of the engine. On Slalom Saturdays, Lew would drive his special, set up the course, make a few practice runs to sort things out, make his timed runs and then leave for work. Returning later in the afternoon, he usually garnered "Fastest Time of the Day". Everyone else wondered who that mystery man was??

On the other hand Jim Southard was perhaps the best Renaissance man I've ever known anywhere in the world. He was an expert on so many more things than just cars: Fine furniture, quality construction, artworks of every description, fashionable attire and gem stones. My automotive library only begins to emulate his, as he and Paula read like a bible – "Who Begat; Who Begat; Who Begat"... Jim Southard was truly a good friend. Continued next month!

THIS n THAT:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 3rd John Starner, 4th Al Williams and Gene Wood, 10th Kay Bertino, 25th Janet Robinson, and 29th Eva Andrews

RFCC dues are now due!!!! Send your check for \$35.00 to RFCC c/o Bob Stewart, 3578 Timothy Way, Riverside, California 92506

NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH

****EVENTS CALENDAR****

October 9	RFCC Annual Banquet (details below)
October 16	RIAM Lenny Miller Book Signing Reception (details below)
October 19	RFCC Board Meeting RIAM 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend (Key dinner)
October 30	Fabulous Fifties Race Movie Buffet Dinner (details below)
October 31	Fabulous Fifties Concours de Provenance (details below)
November 13	RIAM Inaugural Track Worker's Appreciation Day (details below)
November 20	RIAM SoCal Datsun show (details below)

Events in the works:

- Fun Run to the old Getty Museum
- Nethercutt Museum
- Another run to Paramount Ranch
- Parking lot car show

Please send ideas as to what you would like to do with the club

****RFCC Annual Banquet****

The Riverside Foreign Car Club is holding their annual banquet Saturday, October 9th at the Riverside International Automotive Museum with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and guest speaker Bob Schilling after dinner. Bob has a great program planned that everyone will find fascinating with a question and answer session after. The price is \$45.00 per person, which includes a buffet dinner. We will also have a 50/50 raffle and no-host bar. Make your reservations by calling Bob Key at 951 242-8063 or email at movalcadd@aol.com. Come out to support your club and have a great time.

****RIAM Lenny Miller Book Signing Reception****

October 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lenny Miller wrote the book "Racing While Black". Lenny's book chronicles travails of selling marketing plans to skeptics and scraping by on the thinnest of budgets, as well as the triumphs of speeding to victory and changing the way racing fans view skin color. Make your reservations now-\$15.00 per person, includes Hors d'oeuvres. There will be a raffle and a no-host bar. Call Bruce or Norma at 951 369-6966.

****Fabulous Fifties Race Movie/Buffer Dinner****

October 30, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., dinner at 6: p.m. \$30.00 per person. Fabulous Fifties is having their annual old race film buffet dinner at Marie Callenders in Torrance. For reservations, call Davey Jordan 909 289-8516.

****Fabulous Fifties Concours de Provenance****

October 31, 2010, Fabulous Fifties is having their annual Concours de Provenance at the beautiful South Coast Botanic Garden in Palos Verdes Peninsula. For entry or information, call Davey Jordan 909 289-8516 or email daveynormajordan@hughes.net

****Inaugural Track Worker's Appreciation Day****

THIS IS ONE EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!! Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. RIAM presents the track worker's reunion. If you are or were a worker at the races, we are honoring all of you. Everyone is invited and if you know of other workers, please get in touch with them. If it hadn't been for the workers, there would have been NO races. We have many veteran drivers attending. We are having a tribute to Silvia Treichler and Charlie Gates. Price is \$35.00 per person which includes an all you can eat BBQ. There will also be a raffle and no-host bar. Come and tell all the stories and secrets of the workers. Wear your uniforms. Send us your photos for a slide show. See you on the 13th!! Call 951 369-6966 to make reservations.

****SoCal Datsun Car Show****

November 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SoCal Datsun car show being held at RIAM. It's a toys for children Loma Linda Hospital Charity. Lots of cars, veteran drivers and more.

***** HAPPY HALLOWEEN *****

