



# EXHAUST NOTES

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB – December 2010

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## \*\* PRESIDENTS NOTES \*\* By Bob Key

Hi all.

At our Nov 2 Membership meeting we discussed possible ideas for our next meeting Dec 7. Charlie B. suggested bringing a toy to be donated. We all agreed that the toys could be combined as a donation from the RFCC. We can still dress in Holiday attire and kick start the Christmas Season but want to focus on some toys for the kids. Mary Ann has connections with Riverside Community Hospital Auxiliary. We agreed the Club's donation would go there for distribution in the Pediatric Ward.

Some considerations for the toys are: New unwrapped, original box / container ok, \$10 to \$15 cost, no stuffed or plush toys because of health issues, something boys and girls can enjoy or one for each if you can.

Kudo's to Charlie for resurrecting a past RFCC tradition and Mary Ann's efforts to implement the donation. Mary Ann reminds me that Toys R Us is having a sale now and Big Lots is always a good place to find toys.

I hope to see you all Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

Hi fellow members, time for another Presidents Note. I can't tell you how happy I am that Norma has recovered and is reminding me I need to send this to be included in the newsletter. Norma, we all are very glad you have recovered and are back on your feet. We missed you very much.

Since my last notes, we have enjoyed a Fabulous Fifties event in Palos Verdes and three events at the RIAM. The Tesla drive opportunity was a success and very informative. The Roadster is quite a car and the planned "family sedan" has promise. The instant, off the line torque of electric cars of this quality is proof that the automotive future does not need to be dull indeed. The second event at the RIAM was the Inaugural Race Track Workers Reunion Nov 13. Both Karen and I have been working races since the early 70's. In fact we met at the races. I think the event was a great success thanks to all the hard work done by Norma, Bruce, Bill and Pat of the RIAM with help from Paula, Melissa and Karen. We saw many friends from the old days that we had lost track of over the years. Very enjoyable reunion. The next event brought the SoCal Datsun show and Christmas toy drive held Nov 27. I confess that I was not able to attend because of an HSR vintage race that same weekend at the new Chuckwalla Valley Raceway. I'm looking forward to discussing both the Datsun show and the races at our next members meeting on Tuesday evening Dec 7. Please bring a toy to donate and join us then.

At the November Board meeting we decided to cancel the Dec 21 Board meeting because it was too close to Christmas and we all would be too busy to attend.

I'm looking forward to having a great Christmas with friends and family and starting 2011 with renewed energy and ideas for more RFCC activities. Here's wishing you all Happy Holidays and the Best of New Years.

Your Prez, Bob Key

## \*\* EDITORS NOTES \*\* By Davey Jordan

The RFCC banquet was a success! Bob Schilling gave an interesting and informative talk on the evolution of racing safety gear, Abby's food was excellent as always, and with Bill Losee as the bartender, everything was in good order.

Fabulous Fifties Concours de Provenance: The RFCC played a big part in the success of the event. Scooter Patrick was the Honorary Chairman, Bruce and Melissa Ward entered their Lotus Super 7 and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in class 3. Charlie Budenz won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the display class with his Corvette Super Sport. Doug Magnon won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his USAC Indy Eagle in class 4. Bob and Karen Key entered their Datsun 510 but did not trophy this year as they did last year. Bill Losee, Chris Miller and Paula Southard were greatly appreciated volunteers.

Workers Appreciation Day: An idea from RFCC member Karen Key to have a workers reunion at the RIAM turned into a memorable afternoon on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, at the museum! Between 60 to 80 past and current track workers showed up for a BBQ lunch, slide show and lots of good memories recalled. Several past and present drivers, Tony AtoZ, Scooter Patrick, John Morton, Bob Schilling, Kas Kastner and myself were also present to give short speeches of thanks for the workers efforts. Without the worker dedication there would not

have been any races! The only complaints that I heard were they needed some hay bales and cold keg beer, and more workers! I'm sure this event will become an annual get together.

See you all at the next meeting, Don't forget to bring a child's toy!

## **\*\* MEMBER PROFILE \*\* By Charlie Budenz**

Both of my favorite drives came from Mike Richman. The first was in the early 70's at RIR doing "Fast Laps" in his chrome yellow Mangusta Prototype. The second came at California Speedway, Fontana 30 years later when Mike invited me to share driving chores at an event sponsored by Ferrari of Orange County, using his fabulous (my personal favorite) 550 Markello. We started with a drivers school and progressed through the day, culminating when the leading Enzo driver waved me past on the infield straight!! What a drive! What a moment! Thank goodness Michelle took great photos.

My experiences mentioned here are as much about the people involved as much as it is about the cars. You see, it is the people who are the interesting variables, not just their vehicles. Seems I prefer an eclectic group of both rather than just a single marque.

Over the years I have been fortunate to own many different cars, not just the afore mentioned Italian jobs. These have ranged from BMW, Mercedes, Jaguar, Corvette, Porsche, Chrysler, Ford, GMC to my mother's Oldsmobile.

But it is the RFCC people I have always returned to whether interrupted by college, a Navy career or life in general. When I returned from Bosnia towards the end of 1998 I was flabbergasted to learn that Ray and Doug Magnon had actually put together RIAM. I wish their continued success!

Because of them I've been able to meet such luminaries as Dan Gurney, Carroll Shelby, John Morton, Lew Spencer, Dick Guldstrand, Pete Lyons, Art Evans and the "Fabulous Fifties" non-group of which I am pleased to be a non-member!

RFCC has its own famous racers, such as Scooter Patrick, Tony Adamowicz and Davey Jordan. What excellent experiences they have brought to me.

Then there are all the newer members with even newer stories. What a pleasure to come to know Bruce and Melissa Ward, Bill Losee, Larry Maloney and Sandy, Bob and Heidi Giese, Clark and Kathy Taylor, Dan and Dona Casson, and John Starner.

Finally, because of RFCC, threads of my life have come back together, including Richard and Pam Schurrager, Carl and Betty Jean Wenner, Pat Flynn, Paul and Marilyn Vollmer and Maurice and Marjorie Khawam.

In closing, let me just say that RFCC is extremely lucky to have such an outstanding leadership couple as Bob and Karen Key with their lifelong dedication and enthusiasm to our hobby here in So-Cal. Thanking all of you for the memories!!

But Wait!!!! It must be added that the irrepressible Paula Southard has been a special sweetheart throughout my life as our parents were members of the same church and knew each others families very well. Paula and her younger sister, Marti, were the sisters my brothers and I never had. I especially liked both of her husbands, Bruce Dingham and Jim Southard, both of whom were great guys!!

We had some serious rallyists too, including John and Georgia Stone in their Corvette and Lotus Cortina. Also "Doc" and Ann Scultze, who managed to total their Datsun 240Z in a rocky river bottom one night while still attached to a bank payment book. OUCH!!

Of course, the biggest question over the years has been whether to go with "small bore" or "big bore" rides. Well, as much as I relish all of that "big bore" power, ultimately I prefer to spend more time driving at the limit with the finesse that comes with the small bore cars. Regardless, my primary interest in all of my hobby rides has been foremost about the driving experience... and where they could take me! The End.

## **This n That – By Norma Jordan**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** November: Lucy Eden 6<sup>th</sup>, Clark Taylor 19<sup>th</sup>, Betty Kear 22<sup>nd</sup>

December: Kathy Taylor 1<sup>st</sup>, John Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dallas Dengate 3<sup>rd</sup>, Doug Magnon 14<sup>th</sup>, Bob Giese 21<sup>st</sup>, Margie Chase 27<sup>th</sup>

I understand the "Workers Appreciation Day" was a success and I owe it all to Paula Southard who stepped in and worked non-stop for 3 long days to get everything I usually do done. She did a great job. I cannot thank you enough Paula.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, emails, cards and thoughts that pulled me through my illness. You all are the greatest!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



2<sup>nd</sup> place winner class 3 - Bruce and Melissa Ward



2<sup>nd</sup> place winner class 4 – Doug Magnon / RIAM

Charlie Budenz won the display class with his Corvette – picture next month