



Exhaust Notes

Riverside Foreign Car Club – Sept. 2009

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THE EDITOR'S DRIFT BY CLARK TAYLOR

An advertisement in a recent issue of *Grassroots Motorsports* showed a picture of a corner out on some road course somewhere and the caption said something to the effect that “most people see a curve in the road, but our members see three points”. Can you guess what organization placed this ad? I still remember Danny McKeever’s words to me as we entered turn 2 at Riverside during my first Time Trial school (before we started calling them Solo-I’s): “pick your turn-in point, clip the apex, and then steer out to your exit point”. It sounds simple, doesn’t it? Well, forty plus years later, I’m still having fun in my car trying to perfect that concept! Every corner presents its own challenges; making the variables endless in every driver’s search for the perfect line.

In a roundabout way, this search for the perfect line pulls us all together. Peter Bryant through his Engineering genius spent his lifetime developing the tools to help others to find that line. In this issue, you’ll find a section devoted to the Celebration of Life hosted by the RIAM for Peter. He alighted and touched us, and we’ll remember him forever. Swing low, sweet (titanium) chariot, Peter!

Then we have our own Tony a2zracer Adamowicz. If you don’t know already, this champion driver is back in his #7 Eagle F/5000 that was restored and currently supported by RIAM. Apparently he’s finding the line pretty well. Despite some bumps in the track along the way, he’s doing very well in vintage racing. It’s been a busy season for Tony and RIAM with events at the Auto Club Speedway in March, Mid-Ohio in June, Road America in July, and heading to Watkins Glen in September. You’ll find a report on Road America inside.

Another group known for honing their line is the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California (AROSC). This club (many of their members driving pristine vintage Alfas) visited RIAM for their June meeting. This also afforded the RFCC members a chance to meet the Alfa Club folks. It should be mentioned that our own C.B. (the Prez) blended in very well with his black Alfa Spyder! Great times.

Neither Charlie nor I attended this year, and so far no one has submitted a report, but the Monterey Historics and various Concours, auctions and other events have come on gone. But I remember as a kid, growing up in Monterey, the races in Del Monte Forest and Concours on the fairways of Pebble Beach. Back in those days, lathe fences and bales-of-hay were all that protected us from the racers, and there were no roped or fenced off areas at the Concours. The things that haven’t changed are the people and their enthusiasm for this wonderful sport where “cutting a fine line” isn’t a social euphemism for some la-ti-da socialite making waves to get into the tabloids. No, it’s a serious responsibility preserving our heritage, and we can all be proud we’re part of that!

So as we swing from Summer into Fall, heel and toe your downshifts smoothly, and keep on clipping those apexes!

PRESIDENT'S NOTES BY CHARLIE BUDENZ

Howdy RFCC Fans!!

Our Official "WELCOME BACK FROM SUMMER" event will take place the first Tuesday in September, as usual, which just happens to also be the FIRST of September! Also as usual, it will be at the Cask n' Cleaver restaurant on University Ave. in Riverside. You are welcome to gather at the bar earlier than our "official" start time of 6:30 PM (1830 to military/gov types...) for some bench racing...

Our upcoming FALL SEASON has many important dates for events, so get your calendars out:

SATURDAY, October third (10/3) will be our annual RFCC banquet which will be held at the Riverside International Automotive Museum (RIAM) with Happy Hour at 6PM, dinner at 7PM and speaker at 8PM. We are firming up the catering info, which will be announced at the general meeting, but I am delighted that our featured guest speaker will be BILLY KRAUSE, who may deliver the definitive account about his rear-ender crash in his Maserati 450S during the Kiwanis Club Race at Riverside International Raceway in 1958. Please come prepared to give us a head count for the banquet so we can make arrangements...

But even in September there are events coming up. Such as the Route 66 Rendezvous in San Bernardino from Thursday the 17th, to Sunday the 20th. This will be the most awesome grouping of Hot-Rods, Rat-Rods, Kustoms & Cruisers gathered anywhere in the country...and it's right next door in San Berdoo! Also, if you would like to enter & participate in the POKER RUN, that will be on Saturday, the 19th. Please see me for more info...

In addition, September brings us the Coronado Speed Festival at the Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego. For those of you who didn't make the annual trek to the Monterey Historics week, including me, this vintage race weekend is of similar caliber! What you will see is really good old fashioned "airport" racing at its best. Come on down! I've observed that many of you don't seem to have the "S" for SOUTH on your compasses and are missing out on primo destinations in this direction...

There will be a very classy & fun charity Concours event held in Palos Verdes on Sunday, Oct 25, with pre-event dinner on Saturday evening, October 24. Norma & Davey Jordon can fill us in on that one. The 'BEST OF FRANCE & ITALY' will be held on Sunday, November 1st and is sponsored by Chuck & Tina Van Curen of AUTO/AEROBOOKS in Burbank. This is one of my favorites because many of the "etceterinies" that come out for display, along with examples from the so-called Jay Leno 'GARAGE.'

There is a very solid rumor that the ladies of RFCC will stage a low-key fun rally, to be called "CHERCHEZ LE FEMME" on either the first or second weekend of November. This should be a good event to plan on attending as it will include wine tasting and dining somewhere in the area of nearby Fallbrook. It is sooo close as to be right across the freeway from our estancia on Jack Rabbit Acres...(uh, are you displaying the welcome mat for rally-hearty but can't see for the red mist weary RFCC members? - ed)

No doubt, many of you have exciting tales to relate from the summer, so I hope you will bring them to RFCC. Don't want to spoil any Racing Nuz, but I suspect that Tony, our own a2z racer will have something to say, or several of his team members. I will leave the esoteric dates for Clark Taylor to publish, but I can tell you that the morning after the RFCC general meeting, Maureen and I will hop into our GMC/XUV, drive up I-15 to Barstow, then turn right on I-40 to roughly parallel the Olde Route 66 all the way to Nashville & Bowling Green, KY = our BIG summer road trip! It will be a blast...

See ya at the CASK N' CLEAVER – Charlie

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – PETER BRYANT



Mr. Peter Bryant – 1938 - 2009



Peter's wife telling us about life with the man

As many of you know, just days after the Legends of Riverside film festival at the Riverside International Automotive Museum, Peter Bryant, a relatively new, but very quickly a good friend of the RIAM and RFCC, passed away. On Saturday, July 11, the RIAM hosted a Celebration of Life for Peter.

In an article for AutoWeek, Pete Lyons wrote “Peter Bryant, the Cockney racing mechanic who designed and built two of the stiffest challengers to the mighty McLaren Can-Am cars”. He went on to say, “London-born Bryant caught the racing fever early in life, took a welding course to make himself more marketable, and landed jobs with such teams as Lola and Lotus in Formula One before moving to the United States to work in Indy and Can-Am racing.” Finally, Pete described the Peter we got to know all too briefly as “a true bon vivant of racing's most boisterous kind, Bryant was a great storyteller and hugely enjoyed gatherings such as [the] inaugural Legends of Riverside film festival and party at the new Riverside International Automotive Museum.

The tributes poured in and Peter will always be remembered for his energy, his genius, his antics, his love for his family and his passion for motorsport.

VINTAGE RACING THE #7 F/5000 EAGLE

KOHLER INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

ROAD AMERICA – JULY 18 & 19

The accomplishments of Tony-a2zracer-Adamowicz are well known to the racing world. After the vintage event at Road America at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, Dave Kallmann of the *Journal Sentinel* wrote the following story:

Elkhart Lake — It might seem strange for a grown man to feel sentimental about aluminum and steel and rubber and gasoline, but that's what car guys do. So forgive Tony Adamowicz. He has always been a car guy. And he'll always have a special place in his heart for a slick, white No. 7 Eagle sculpted more than four decades ago in Dan Gurney's All-American Racers shop.

Adamowicz raced that car to the 1969 Formula 5000 championship and he won with it that July at Road America. He drove it again Sunday in the Kohler International Challenge vintage races on a circuit that has changed little in the 40 years since. "Back in the day we probably took a lot more chances" the 68-year old Californian said after finishing second in his class, "but we were a lot younger then!" Tony went on to say, "There's value in what we do today, to be able to bring these cars out and showcase them at a beautiful track like Road America. "We try to do some racing within the safety confines of the car. We know that they're all historic, and we really don't want to bring them back rumpled up. We want to bring them back in a whole piece and continue on showing these cars." Nearly 400 high-priced, high-powered toys went on high-speed display during the Kohler International Challenge. Only a handful will need another round of restoration before being seen again.

Adamowicz's particular piece of history spent more than 35 years tucked away in storage, unused, unshown and all but forgotten by nearly everyone but its driver. Finally, as preparations were being made for a 40th anniversary of the Formula 5000 class, Adamowicz worked a deal for its purchase by Doug Magnon, president of the Riverside International Automotive Museum in California. They went together to pick it up. "I hadn't seen it since December of 1969, the last race at Sebring," said Adamowicz, who remains the only person to have raced the car.

"It was a time warp, going back to see that and to see all the patina that had built up from that race was still there. It was just an amazing time." Although the car was in great shape, overall, time did take a toll. Adamowicz, Magnon and others spent about a year getting it ready to run again last summer. Suspension components were rebuilt with stronger steel. The wings and engine are new. Sagging springs were replaced, along with a tachometer that no longer worked and the windscreen, which was pitted from a 13-race season.



"All these pieces were made in the spirit of the way the car was originally, but they're new, fresh pieces to go racing," said Adamowicz, who oversaw the restoration. "We're actually geared for about 190 mph here, so it's a significant speed for a 40-year-old car, let alone a 40-year-old driver."

Through the years, some of the details of Adamowicz's Road America triumph also have faded, and others have been lost in the jumble of hundreds of races in series at tracks all over the world. He remembers the event involved three 100-mile heats. He remembers seeing Jerry Hansen's car, upside down and dripping gasoline, after a first-lap accident. And he remembers the more significant accomplishment of that day, the first lunar landing. "It certainly overshadows my win at Road America," Adamowicz said, "but we like to say we're partners in honoring them, Buzz Aldrin and the NASA guys, with their Eagle win on the moon." It's an interesting tidbit.

So was the notion that 40 years later, Adamowicz would return to the site of an important victory and race in the very same car. "I'm just honored to be here to show it to people," Adamowicz said. "Some of them even remember the car from '69, so that's even more special for them." And for him.

ALFISITI INVADE THE RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM!

On Saturday, July 27, members of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Southern California visited the RIAM for meeting and tour of the museum. The afternoon began with a very pleasant gathering at the Mexicali (ex Bossa Nova) Bar & Grill for lunch. This was the first opportunity many RFCC members had to meet and visit with the AROSC folks, and I think we got along pretty well, thank-you!



AROSC members cooling down before the tour



Norm Silverman – President AROSC

Once at the RIAM, Bruce Ward took over for the guided tour. Naturally the star of the tour for the Alfisti was one of the most recent acquisitions of the museum, the Alfa Romeo Competizione 8C. At their request, Bruce got in and fired it up so we could all hear what Alfa has provided to those few lucky individuals who have the opportunity to own and drive one of these magnificent cars.



Bruce gives introductory comments before starting the tour for the AROSC members



There was a lot of discussion about the importance of this Eagle and RIR



The Car the Alfa Romeo Club members came to see and hear – the Alfa Romeo Competizione 8C

FROM THE GALLERY!!



Paula recalls a lighthearted moment about Peter



Bill remembering working with Peter on the F/5000 Eagle – the hard work and the fun!



Can you help the owner diagnose his engine problem?



Can you name this car?

And a few from Monterey, 2009! (Photos by Etceterini.com/Ferrariexperts.com)



Hop in, let's go for a ride!



Hey, no touching!



What's that fire extinguisher doing under the rear tire?



An "Experienced" Maserati



I think I'll take the Talbot today!



But wouldn't the Porsche be more Fun?

Events Calendar - 2009

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS!

August 4, Tuesday	Summer break – no scheduled meeting
August 14 – 16	Monterey Historics & Concorso Italiano
August 18, Tuesday	Summer break – no scheduled RFCC Board Meeting
September 1, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
September 12 – 13	AROSC Race & TT at Willow Springs International Raceway
September 12 – 13	Vintage Racing at Watkins Glen (NOTE: Tony a2z will run the '69 F/5000 Championship Eagle)
September 15, Tuesday	Board Meeting – RIAM
September 17 – 20	Route 66 Rendezvous
September 26-27	12th Annual Coronado Speed Festival
October 3, Saturday	RFCC Annual Banquet – RIAM – Billy Krause guest speaker
October 6, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – CANCELLED due to banquet
October 10 – 11	NASA HPDE, TT and Race at Buttonwillow Raceway Park
October 17, Saturday	PCA 3rd Saturday Breakfast – Mimi’s in Moreno Valley
October 20, Tuesday	RFCC Board Meeting – RIAM
October 24 – 25	Fabulous 50’s Concours – Palos Verdes
October 24 – 25	AROSC Race & TT at Buttonwillow Raceway Park
November 1, Sunday	Best of France & Italy Woodley Park, Van Nuys
November 3, Tuesday	RFCC General Meeting – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant
November 17, Tuesday	RFCC Board Meeting – RIAM
November 26, Thursday	Thanksgiving
December 1, Tuesday	** RFCC Christmas Party – Cask ‘n Cleaver Restaurant **
December 9, Wednesday	Fabulous 50’s Christmas Dinner – Peterson Museum
December 15, Tuesday	RFCC Board Meeting – RIAM
December 25, Friday	Christmas Day

** - RFCC Christmas Party – no gift exchange, but Ladies should wear their favorite Christmas Sweater, and Gentlemen should wear their favorite Christmas Tie.

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(please submit additional page if there are over 5 vehicles)

Please rate 1-10 your interest in the following categories:

Rallies _____ Slaloms _____ Time Trials _____
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What would you like to do or see with the club? _____



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RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The [Riverside Foreign Car Club](http://www.riversideforeigncarclub.org/) (RFCC) is the oldest non-marque club of automotive enthusiasts in the U.S. West of the Mississippi! Whether your interest is racing, rallying, touring, restorations and concours, or just kicking some tires and marveling at what wonderful machinery lies under your hood, our club has something to offer and invites you along for the ride! As a member, you'll be welcome at our monthly general meetings, will receive our newsletter, "Exhaust Notes", and be eligible to attend all club events, banquets and other social functions.

Having held 1st Tuesday of the month meetings since August of 1958, the club offers a friendly family oriented outlet for your automotive and social needs. Our members run the club with an elected Board of Directors loosely making recommendations to them. Informal gatherings, tours to museums and points of interest, mixed in with friendly competitive events are the norm. A number of RFCC club members also belong to specific Marque clubs, and our ties to these have afforded us many terrific opportunities such as exploring Disneyland without the crowds, tours of exclusive restoration shops and private museums, and invitations to special events including Auto Show previews and the Tribute to Riverside International Raceway.

The RFCC was instrumental in the formation of the SCCA SOLO I time-trial program with a great many of our members participating in it as well as SCCA Club Racing and SCCA Rallying. Aside from ties to RIR, we were involved in the OMS, and more recently the California Speedway called upon us to organize key positions.

We look forward to your interest and activity in the Riverside Foreign Car Club!



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