



EXHAUST NOTES

Riverside Foreign Car Club - February 2010

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES ** By Bob Key

Saturday, January 16th I/we had a busy day with a Fun Run to Maniac Mike's at Cable Airport for breakfast and airplane appreciation. We had a good turnout and a cameo appearance by Scooter Patrick made breakfast even more enjoyable. Thank you, Davey and Norma for putting the Fun Run together. We need to do that one again because I had to leave after breakfast to attend the VARA (Vintage Auto Racing Association) membership meeting in Corona to bring some friends back to Riverside. We met the Long Beach MG Club who ran a rally to the RIAM. The LBMG Club thoroughly enjoyed "our" museum and Bruce wowed them with a wonderful tour. Like the RFCC the LBMG Club was a frequent visitor to the Raceway and I heard many memories and compliments being shared. I talked with Ken Thomas of the LBMG Club regarding some combined Club functions and we will be planning something soon. Before leaving, Tom Anderson, a good friend from LBMG Club and VARA talked with Bruce about becoming involved with the museum and to me about RFCC events. It was a very good day.

Sunday, the 24th, was spent at AAA Speedway attending SCCA Regional and National races. The weather came through with clear skies and snow capped views of the nearby mountains. The racing was good too. Charlie B. and I spent the day enjoying the races and reminiscing about racing in Cal Club in old days.

February is coming fast, be sure and check the EVENTS CALENDAR where we have some things planned, especially the RFCC car show on the 20th and the Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance the 26th through the 28th.

Our next membership meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd at the Cask N Cleaver Restaurant in Riverside. Please gather there around 6 p.m. for a bit of social time and we'll try to start our meeting around 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!!

EDITOR'S NOTES ** By Davey Jordan

As I was sitting watching it snow, I thought this would be a good time to write the February newsletter. At the January meeting we had a small group, but the food was great, as was the company. Bruce Ward brought a DVD that had a slide show of racing photos shot at Riverside Raceway and a few other tracks, for our viewing pleasure. We had a drawing for a Cask N Cleaver gift certificate, which Doug Magnon was the lucky winner. Doug promptly donated it back to the club, so the February meeting will have 2 drawings for Cask N Cleaver certificates.

We had our Fun Run to the Wally Parks NHRA Museum Saturday January 16th, with a stop for breakfast at Maniac Mike's Coffee Shop at the Cable Airport. Maniac Mike was very accommodating for our group. Club members attending was Bob Giese with good friend Don Tune of Redlands, Davey and Norma Jordan with good friend Jim Rowe of San Dimas, Bob Key, Bill Losee, Paula Southard, Doug Magnon and Evonne Barsakis. While having breakfast, Scooter Patrick walked in to say hi and have a tomato juice. Scooter lives about 1/2 mile from Cable airport. There were a couple of vintage aircraft on the tarmac and we had the pleasure to watch one take to the air!



Breakfast at Maniac Mike's Cafe

The Wally Parks NHRA Museum was only a short 15 minute drive from the coffee shop. The museum was fantastic. I, like probably a lot of other members started their automotive journey with a Hot Rod as a teenager, going to the Santa Ana Drag races to try out our Rods. The museum houses many extraordinary Hot Rods and Dragsters. Covering the history of Hot Roding from the late 40's at Murroc Dry Lake, Bonneville and Drag Racing clear through the 60's. The cars and their builders are nicely showcased, the ingenuity in the construction of the multi engine dragsters is mind boggling. One of the stars the Museum is the four engine streamliner built by Mickey Thompson, that held the land speed record at over 400 mph!! Early morning looked like the weather might get a little nasty but it turned out to be a beautiful day. We would like to see all members support the club at the February 20th car show and March 5th -7th Route 66 Vintage Sports Car Races at AAA Speedway. Doug/RIAM will be running 3 cars. We will have our club banner out hoping to recruit new members. I hear the snowplow, I better go out and shovel the berm from the driveway. Hope to see everyone at the February RFCC Meeting.



Bill Losee standing in front of the four engine Mickey Thompson Challenger





First and foremost I was born and raised ostensibly in Southern California. I attended Cal Poly, BS in Park Administration and La Verne University, Masters in Business Administration and a Doctorate in Public Administration (abd). All my early business experience was in the private sector working for or as a contractor, a teacher and in sales. Eventually, I started working for the University of California, Riverside. I retired three years ago from UCR, after 33 years with Physical Plant as a Manager and Horticulturalist. My wife Heidi is a librarian and expects to retire in a little over two years.

We have always traveled and certainly didn't wait before we retired. Heidi spent many years in Germany and her sister is married to a German national. Germany, Britain, France, Spain, Italy, The Dalmation Coast, Denmark, Finland, Scotland, Peru, Chili, Argentina, Japan, Taiwan, China, Canada and Mexico are countries we have seen either as a couple or independently. Between the two of us we have visited every state of the union.

Eight years ago we purchased ten acres on the slopes of Mona Kaea on the Big Island of Hawaii. Our first structure was a 40' by 60' building with 1600' of included shop. The official tally was 1/3 living space and 2/3 shop. Since then we have we've added a 2000' two story addition, which is getting very close to its final inspection. When Heidi is officially retired Hawaii will become our home as gentle (man/woman) farmers - sort of. We sincerely hope that our friends visit us on the Big Island. We have the room.

While I have been a member of RFCC for about ten years my interest in cars goes back to my pre-teens. You cannot be a native of California, particularly its Southern regions, without an exposure to its car culture. I recall riding with my parents at about twelve in West Covina and we stopped at a signal in front of the newest local car Mecca, Bob's Big Boy. Suddenly, a small oddly shaped radically fendered beauty with two spares of the rear turned in front of us. The "beauty" turned out to be a Morgan +4 and I spent a lot of time after that first encounter coveting the brand. Also, my cousins living in Covina were hot roders with ties to the Irwindale Drag Strip. Randy would take me along to inhale "the fumes". Those were special times. While my father wasn't much of a car hobbyist, he enjoyed getting new, to him, cars every couple of years and it was a family affair going to the dealers. He wasn't fond of aircraft or boats so every other summer we traveled across country on the mother road and various other asphalt paths putting on as many miles as possible at \$0.22 per gal.

Over the years I have owned a number of marks. These included a Corvair Monza, TR4, Austin Healy Sprite, several VW's (bugs and buses), 55' Thunderbird, an early Alfa Spyder, Fiat 124 Sport Coupe, Fiat Spyder, Morgan +4, VW Jetta and a 1966 Jaguar XKE Coupe. Now we are an all wagon family, on the mainland, consisting of a Subaru Outback, Volvo V70 and a 1948 Packard 'woody' station wagon. In Hawaii we still have the VW Jetta and a 1973 GMC 1 Ton Camper Special.

RFCC is an extraordinary organization, full of great friends and wonderful memories.

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Anyone interested in a grill badge, they are \$35.00, see Larry Maloney.

Bruce Ward needs more volunteers for the "Legends of Riverside II" March 26th, 27th and 28th. Call Bruce at 951-369-6966.

Scooter Patrick will go in for surgery, Thursday, January 28th at 6 a.m. to have his Thyroid Gland removed which has a Goiter growing on it. Normally this surgery takes 3½ hours and he'll be home the next day. Scooter says "hi" and thanks to the RFCC members for their thoughts. Norma will have a report at the next RFCC monthly meeting.

February Birthday's - 5th Karen Key - 13th Lew Chase

Anything you would like to add to the newsletter, email Davey at daveynormajordan@hughes.net Deadline is the 26th of the month.

**** EVENTS CALENDAR ****

- FEBRUARY 2 RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CASK N CLEAVER 1333 University Avenue, Riverside - 6 P.M.
- February 5-7 HSR-West - Phoenix Historic Festival - Phoenix International Raceway
- February 6-7 University of VARA - Plus Test and Tune - Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- FEBRUARY 16 RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM 6 P.M. All members are invited to attend
- February 20 RFCC Car Show - Bagel Center, Riverside 8 a.m. - (Details Below)
- February 26-28 Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance, La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, Ca (Details Below)
- March 2 RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CASK N CLEAVER 1333 University Avenue, Riverside, 6 p.m.
- March 5-7 VARA Route 66 Classic - AAA Speedway - RIAM entering 3 cars (Details Below)
- March 6 Porsche/VW Lit Faire L.A. Airport Hilton www.lalitanttoyshow.com for info
- March 7 All Porsche swap meet and car show Phoenix Club, Anaheim, Ca.
- March 13 Riverside Porsche Club is touring the Nethercutt Collection and Museum If interested call Helen
- March 16 RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM - 6 P.M. All members are invited to attend
- March 26-28 Legends of Riverside II - (Details below)
- April 6 RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CASK N CLEAVER - 1333 University Avenue, Riverside 6 p.m.
- April 10 Chili Cook-Off - Bill Losee's house - (Details below)
- April 20 RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM 6 P.M. All members are invited to attend
- May 1 Weekend - March Air Show - RFCC/RIAM display (More info coming)
- May 4 RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CASK N CLEAVER 1333 University Avenue, Riverside 6 p.m.
- May 18 RFCC BOARD MEETING - RIAM - 6 P.M. - All members are invited to attend

Ideas for Upcoming Events:

- Palm Springs Air Museum ending at Doug Magnon's new PS home
- Nethercutt Museum
- Justice Bros Museum
- Wine Tour - Escondido ending at Charlie and Maureen's for BBQ

RFCC CAR SHOW

February 20th - Wally and Helen Mackenzie are putting this together. We are to meet at 8 a.m. at the East Coast Bagel, 5225 Canyon Crest Blvd. in the Canyon Crest Towne Center at the corner of Canyon Crest Blvd. and Central Avenue. Wally and Helen will arrive early to rope off an area for our club, so please let them know if you plan to attend. 951 788-2208 or wandhmackenzie@dslextreme.com We will have our banner up to promote the RFCC and hope to recruit new members.

THE DESERT CLASSIC CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

Paul Merrigan's 3rd Annual Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance will be held February 26th - 28th, 2010 in La Quinta, California. Saturday there will be a Tour Classique - 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Old Town La Quinta. Free Admission for spectators. 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, a tour through Coachella Valley. 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Cuistot Restaurant, Palm Desert. Saturday evening, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Opening Reception - La Quinta Resort and Club, \$25.00 per person. Sunday, Concours d'Elegance - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. La Quinta Resort, Mountain Course. For more information - www.desertconcours.com

VARA ROUTE 66 CLASSIC

March 5th - 7th is the Route 66 Classic to be held at the AAA Speedway in Fontana. Doug Magnon/Riam will be entering 3 cars. This is your chance to see Tony Adamowicz in action driving the F5000 Gurney Eagle in which he won the 1969 F5000 Championship. Tony puts on an incredible show in this 600 hp, 1,500 lb car and you won't want to miss it.

Doug Magnon will also be piloting the 1969 Denis Hulme Indy Car. This is the Gurney Eagle which Denis drove at the 1969 Indy 500. For a big part of the race Denis and Mario Andretti were the only 2 cars on the lead lap, until Denis' clutch went out. But, you can see the car back on the oval for this event.

We also hope to have Dan Gurney's 1966 Indy Car back together. Alex Gurney is slated to take some hot laps in his dad's very first AAR Indy racer.

So, come on out to the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana on March 6 and 7, and see some great old race cars, great drivers and lots of great racing.

LEGENDS OF RIVERSIDE II

The Legend's of Riverside II Film Festival and Gala will be held on March 26 thru 28 at the Riverside International Automotive Museum in Riverside. The Honored Guest is World Renowned Carroll Shelby. There will be more than 45 veteran drivers appearing, signing autographs, round table discussions, posing for pictures and having meals with the guests. Appearing also will be artists, authors and photographers selling their great photos and books. The weekend will have a silent auction with great merchandise and a live auction along with other things, signed Shelby merchandise on Saturday evening. Friday evening will be a tribute to many great drivers, no longer with us. Included will be a car show, a racing simulator, racing movies and a cocktail party on Friday and Saturday evenings, followed by a buffet Friday and a fantastic sit down dinner Saturday. For schedule, veteran drivers appearing and information for buying tickets, check out the website: www.legendsofriverside.com
This is an event you really don't want to miss.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, April 10th - This event will be a chili cook-off and cornbread contest. Bring your chili and/or corn bread already made. You will be able to heat it up at Bill's. Bring dishes, serving and eating utensils and BYOB (bring your own booze). Soft drinks and water will be provided. Time TBA. Event will be held at Bill Losee's, 3599 Nelson Street, Riverside. 951-809-1022 Please let Bill know if you plan to attend. blosee@earthlink.net

Don't forget the membership meeting February 2!!