

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

Bill Losec is hosting this event, with the help of Paula Southard. The date has been changed to 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. You will be able to heat it up at Bill's. Bring your own dishes, serving and eating utensils and BYOB (bring your own 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 blosec@earthlink.net

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The grill badges are spectacular - they are \$35.00 - see Larry Maloney

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

Scooter Patrick came through surgery with flying colors. He had his surgery and less than a week later he attended the RIAM Advisory Board Meeting. He thanks the RFCC for all their thoughts and cards. He says we will be seeing more of him. We sure hope so.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Paula Southard-2nd, Martin Wass-19th, Charlie Budenz-22nd, Bill Losec-26th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 2ND

Sadly, one of our own 'Legends of RFCC' has suddenly passed away from a massive heart attack this past 25th, 2010. Although Leland had a bout with angina in recent years, his doctor gave him a good review just was residing in Santa Rosa, CA, but had initiated plans to return to Southern California and resume active p; & RIAM. His return would have been most welcomed to all of us who remember him so well!

Leland Lowe took his first breath on the 10th of August, 1943...and was still telling stories right to the very end. A great storyteller, many (well, some) of these stories were true! But his favorite accomplishments in life were his lovely daughters, to whom he was devoted, along with his grandchildren. The daughters are in the process of funeral arrangements, which will be made known to us. Because Leland was a combat infantry ARMY veteran of the Vietnam War, his cremated remains will be interred with full military honors at the National Military Cemetery, MARCH AFB, RI.

Leland was always a competitive spirit in every part of his life and for every endeavor that he undertook, ON the racing circuit. Of course, I am most familiar with his racing prowess...or at least his tailights...as we grew up in the Riverside area, transitioning from RFCC parking lot sprints (most usually UCR) as well as Solo MI events staged at Riverside Raceway, thru SCCA/Cal Club drivers schools, soon followed by SCCA Regional/National events up & down the coast. Originally we shared a car, then divided up the parts & pieces and each drove a FIAT 124 spyder, but in diff. races we could each WIN separately!! There are sooooo many true stories from this golden era. Leland went on to become a champion numerous times and actually participated in the very last, last, last & final racing event held at our Riverside.

Actually, Leland would have made as fine a lawyer as he was a racer, after all, he KNEW and could QUOTE his nickname = "RERUN," simply because he would demand another 'run' based on some real or perceived stipulated regulation which was less than fair to him. Competitors always hated it when he was correct!

Leland always knew how to be a good friend and supporter of friendly RFCC competition. He certainly kept things interesting, as well as being an interesting conversationalist regarding news events of the day or politics. He was all of his many friends and family; someone who will be sorely missed, but always remembered.

Many of us have known H. Leland Lowe for many decades. His daughters would most appreciate any notes we have about their father. These would be more important to them than anything else we could do. So please reflect upon the racing life of our dear friend & RFCC club member, then jot them down for preservation of his memory. Funeral & memorial services (wake?) will be announced as they become known...

Very kind regards to Leland,

submitted by Charlie Budenz

RFCC Members

Charlie Budenz has sent notice that Leland's daughter, Stacy has arranged a Memorial Service on Thursday, March 25th at 1:15 p.m. at the National Military Cemetery at March Air Reserve, staging area 2, located at the 215 Freeway. There will be a service at the museum at 5 p.m. the same day with hors' d'oeuvres. Bring as many stories as you can. and Friend LELAND LOWE