



EXHAUST NOTES

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB - September 2010

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES By Bob Key

Wow, where did the time go? I thought in July I would have some time to work on the race car and get some things done around the house and the next thing I know its Labor Day weekend. We accomplished a few things but not enough. If you have a "summer vacation" item you want to share with the Club, please email a short note to Norma for inclusion in future Newsletters. We would like to hear about it.

We had a very enjoyable fun run to Paramount Ranch on Sunday Aug 1st followed by a brief stop at World Class Motoring to shop for car goodies. Eddie, the manager / owner greeted us with offers of refreshments and knowledgeable assistance with all the cool items he carries. If I lived closer, I surely would become a pest there. Thanks again Doug for the "heads up" about WCM. Later I put together a framed RFCC grill badge to send to Ranger Tom as a Thank You for a great personal tour of Paramount Ranch and its' racing history. The following is his email to the Club:

Bob:

Thank you for your letter and kind words about your experiences here at Paramount Ranch. I am glad to know that members enjoyed their visit to one of the most unique National Park Service sites in the county.

And thank you for the RFCC Grill Badge. It is now on display in my office where I can now use it as a reminder to our staff that interpreting Paramount Ranch's racing history is important aspect of our service to the public.

And speaking of services..... I am looking forward to the next time that I can provide another tour for members of the Riverside Foreign Car Club and your affiliates.

Sincerely,

Tom Young

I informed him that we would be back and a big thank you to Norma and Davey for putting this fun run together..

We have Board member nominations and elections coming up at our next membership meeting on September 7th. I sent a separate email informing the membership of the positions that will be opening for next year along with a request for nominations. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting. We will also have a sign up sheet for the Oct 9th RFCC Installation Banquet.

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

Gotta run, see you at the next meeting, thanks

* * EDITOR'S NOTES * * By Davey Jordan

Boy does time fly by! Time for the September news letter already! The RFCC had a great trip to the Paramount Ranch Park. Ranger Tom gave us an enlightening tour, and some interesting background of the area, showed some short movie clips of films that had been filmed on the property. He also gave us a tour of the old western sets and a driving tour of what is left of the road course. Ranger Tom is a credit to the Park Service and goes the extra yard to serve the public, by keeping alive the important past of this beautiful park!

The RIAM racing team went on the road again this week, heading for Portland, Oregon. The engine has been rebuilt, so Tony A to Z should be back up to speed for this event in the Museum's 1969 F-5000 Eagle. We hope to see you all at the September 7th at the RFCC meeting at the Cask N Cleaver!

* * MEMBER PROFILE * * By Charlie Budenz

Part 1 of Many

RFCC = Charlie Budenz: RFCC was properly introduced to me by long time personal friends of my parents, the professional portrait photographer "Derek Green" of London and his accomplished assistant/wife Peggy. This perfectly matched pair of artists had taken our family portraits for many years, and as I approached driving age, I greatly admired his BRG Jag 3.8 sedan with chrome wire wheels.

During my college years I discovered that drag racing was *a draaag!!* After all, why would anyone spend more time and money to be on the track for less time? I preferred the skills of steering, throttle, shifting and braking to just straight line performance.

After 3 Navy deployments to Vietnam (69-70-71), I returned to RFCC with a baby blue '68 Fiat 124 Spyder as well as a red '69 coupe. At that time there was sizeable Fiat contingent in the club. Those who also owned Fiat 124 models included Bob and Mary Ann Stewart, "Rerun" Leland Lowe as well as Tom and Gloria Cole. Also in the contingent were Dallas and Anne Dengate with their "Snoopy" Abarth 600, plus Gene Wood's Fiat X1/9 (after his Porsche 912 coupe).

A key appealing element regarding RFCC was the friendly rivalries caused by being a multi-marque club. The Italian owners were pitted against the British invasion represented by several "Mini" owners including Ralph Covell. Ken Bertino and the drivers of Buffalo Foonman Racing, Bill Robinson and Bruce Dingman plus their racing mechanic Ron Jones. Of course the Jag contingent included Prez Green and Bill Robinson.

Then there was "Gramps" in his screaming red Mercedes 190SL.

Back then the RFCC was a full-service club with rallies, concours, parking lot slaloms and real road races out at the extremely real Riverside International Raceway. The club gained access by volunteering as ticket takers at the raceway's professional events or ingratiating ourselves by being other "odd jobs" wherever we could. Certainly worthy of entry to the cool racer parties at the Mission Inn. I doubt if my then-wife, Sherie, will ever forget meeting Paul Newman!!

We had a totally fun group of folks who switched off taking tickets at the press gate, main gate or back gate, including Bob and Esther Whittaker, Fred and Lucy Eden, as well as Mike and Michelle Richman.

Many RFCC traditions were initiated during those years, ranging from ever classic "Chili Cook-offs" by the Whittaker's, slaloms at UCR arranged by Paula Southard, the Robinson's "Vino Rally" and the Ladies "Cherchez" Rallies. "Beaucoup" GOOD TIMES....

Perhaps the club grew too big too fast, or just that it could take over all of your social life, regardless, it morphed into several separate factions, rallyists, road racers and those that spanned the gaps.

For myself, I grew into road racing from slaloms by first sharing a "school" car for Solo I with Gene Wood, then a SCCA regional car with Leland Lowe, all in Fiat 124 Spydery. Because those were the cars and the parts we had. Highly valued lifelong friendships resulted from these affiliations. Later, I purchased an SCCA National level "GP" Fiat 124 Spyder which I successfully campaigned for several seasons, with many class wins.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!!!

THIS n THAT:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: August - Bob Key 17th, Gloria Cole 23rd, Georgia Wior 24th and Glen Wior 27th
September - Nancy Williams 5th, Fred Eden 12th, Dan Casson 16th, Larry Maloney 26th,
Norma Jordan 28th and Dan Hough 29th

* * EVENTS CALENDAR * *

September 7 RFCC membership meeting - Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue 6:30 p.m.
September 11 Pete Lyons reception - 4 p.m. RIAM
September 21 RFCC Board Meeting - RIAM 6:30 p.m.
October 1-3 RIAM race team at Infineon Raceway
October 9 RFCC Annual Banquet
October 16 Lenny Miller Book Signing Gala
October 30-31 Fabulous Fifties Racing Movies buffet dinner and Concours de Provenance
November 13 Workers Appreciation Day RIAM
November 20 So cal ROC Datsun car show/toy drive

Upcoming in the works events:

Another trip to Paramount Ranch
The Nethercutt Museum
Tom Malloy Collection

Any suggestions??

RFCC membership meeting: Hope to see everyone attend

Pete Lyons Reception: Pete will be bring his photos (with an ongoing exhibit until Dec. 10th).

Lothar Motchenbacher and Dick Guldstrand will be special guests, autographing your photos and books. We will also have some CAN-AM cars on show.

RFCC Board Meeting - Everyone is encouraged to attend and input your ideas

RFCC Annual Banquet - At RIAM 6 p.m. Guest speaker is Bob Schilling. Bob is an author of many books, race historian and interesting speaker.

Lenny Miller Book Signing Gala - Lenny Miller wrote the book "Racing While Black" It is at the Museum and starts at 6 p.m.

Workers Appreciation Day - We are honoring the people who worked behind the scenes and if not for them, there would have been NO racing. We are having a tribute to Sylvia Treichler and Charlie Gates. There will be many drivers attending to thank all the workers. If you know of any workers, be sure to invite them.

SoCal ROC Datsun Club is holding a car show and toy drive, at RIAM with many drivers in attendance.

****PARAMOUNT RANCH FUN RUN****

What a great outing, so much fun, we are planning another trip. If you couldn't make it, be sure to attend this time



Ranger Tom Young



LtoR Charlie Budenz, Ranger in Training, Bob Key, Chris Miller, Doug Magnon, Bill Losee and Evonne Barsakis



LtoR Pat Flynn, Charlie Budenz, Bob Schilling, Melissa Ward, Bruce Ward, Bob Key and Chris Miller



LtoR Scooter Patrick, Bob Schilling and Bob Key



LtoR Gal that joined the group, Doug, Evonne, Melissa, Bruce, Bob S., Bob K., Paula and Bill



LtoR Charlie, Ranger, Doug, Davey, Audrey Chism, Bill and Melissa