



EXHAUST NOTES

RIVERSIDE FOREIGN CAR CLUB - JULY 2010

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** PRESIDENT'S NOTES ** By Bob Key

It's been a busy last few weeks. June 6 we took a fun run from the RIAM to the Palm Springs Air Museum for a tour then to Doug's new place nearby for some lunch. This was a very enjoyable day. The route to the museum was well thought out and fun to drive. The Museum tour was well worth the price of admission if you are any kind of aviation buff. I plan to tour it again. Thanks to Bill and Paula, for putting the rally and tour together. Thanks also to Doug and Evonne for their hospitality and BBQ after the museum tour. Very nice place you have there, Doug.

Starting May 30, the RIAM kicked off a series of Big Screen Race Viewing Parties that we've enjoyed. Jerry Grant joined us for the Indy 500 show and informed us of some of the "behind the scene" events at the "Big Event". On the 13th we gathered to watch the Canadian Grand Prix and saw Louis Hamilton return to the winners circle. On the 20th we enjoyed "Father/Son day watching NASCAR at Sears Point (Infineon, oops). Ron Esau shared some stories of NASCAR at RIR and some history of his win at his last race there. Ron's friend, Jack Lee, plans to donate that winning car to the RIAM in a few weeks, more on that later. The next Big Screen event is Sunday, July 4th at noon for the Indy car race at Watkins Glen. Come join the party for some great race viewing, including lunch and bench racing, it's better than watching at home. Please RSVP to Norma at 951 369 6966.

June 17th we reluctantly said Good Bye to Les Richter. As we remember, Les was a true friend to the City of Riverside and all who attended events at RIR. There is not enough room here to elaborate on his contributions to the world of racing and his efforts to make RIR an international household name. RFCC was represented by a few members who could be there and a floral arrangement I ordered on behalf of the Club. I was at a loss for words when it came time to fill out the attached card. After a moment I simply asked her to write, "Thanks for the memories, your friends at the Riverside Foreign Car Club". I apologize to those who might think that's a bit inadequate but I thought Les would have liked it short and sweet.

Next membership meeting is Tuesday July 6th at the Cask N Clever Restaurant in Riverside. "Practice" meeting starts around 6pm, actual meeting starts around 7pm. Hope to see you there.

** EDITOR'S NOTES ** By Davey Jordan

I would like to thank Bill and Paula for the work they did on the Vino Run, a really great run from Riverside up through the pines and down to the Springs and the "Ponds Air Museum"! No Freeways! When we arrived at the Museum, we were treated to a guided tour, of the Museum's collection of World War II aircraft, and a few automobiles. My personal favorite was a black 1940 Chevrolet deluxe. 4 door sedan, with three on the tree, the famous stove bolt six engine and white side wall tires! It probably seems ridiculous that I would like the car over all the famous airplanes on display, but the chevy is the exact color, model and year that my parents owned and I learned how drive in, took my drivers test with (passing on the second try) in 1952.

When our tour was completed we drove a short distance to Doug's new Palm Springs home and a wonderful BBQ lunch courtesy of Doug and Evonne! After a great afternoon of food and conversations, all good things come to an end and it was time to head home. (on the freeway)

Ranger Tom, one of the State's custodians of the old Paramount Ranch, now a State park, a filming location and the site of the old Paramount Ranch race track has invited RFCC to take a tour of the facility. They have a partial piece of the old race track that can be driven on (lots of dust and dirt) also about two hour tour of the old western film sets. The ranch also features a beautiful covered picnic area. The tentative date for this event would be Aug 1st, more info to follow.

The RIAM racing team had a successful run at the famous Watkins Glen circuit, with Tony A to Z finishing 3rd in class in the RIAM 69 Eagle F5000 car. The Sunday portion of the event was rained on, and then fogged out and eventually canceled. The finishing positions were determined by the results of Saturdays qualifying race. The next race for the team will be at Road America in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin, in a couple of weeks.

Hope to see you all at the next membership meeting at the Cask N Cleaver. Be safe!

**** MEMBER'S PROFILE ** By Wally Mackenzie**

My older brother got me interested in racing. In 1960 my brother took me to Riverside Int'l Raceway where we saw the Formula I Grand Prix. We met many racing legends, ie, Sterling Moss, Phil Hill, etc. In 1961 I bought a Parilla road racing motorcycle and I tried some motorcyle road racing. After that I bought a Norton Nomad and a BSA Goldstar and I tried some dirt bike riding. In 1962 I bought my first car which was an Austin Mini, but I really wanted to buy an Austin Healy Sprite. My parents told me I couldn't have it because they were afraid that I would race the car. I started racing the Mini in some local slaloms and a couple of racing events in Santa Barbara. In 1963 I sold my Mini and our family went around the world for 9 months. I went to school in Spain and also traveled around Spain, France and Italy and saw the Spanish Grand Prix and the Le Mans in France and toured some car factories such as the Mercedes Benz and the Alfa Romeo factory and museum. When we returned from the world trip I bought another Mini but it was a Cooper 1100, then I bought another Mini which was a 1300S. I raced those in slaloms and a couple of Santa Barbara events. Then I bought an Alfa 1600 Veloce and raced that in a few events. In 1966 I went to college and majored in automotives and electronics and dropped out of racing for several years. 1978 was my most memorable year of "racing". I had a Porsche 914 at that time and at back – to - school night, I met a parent named Tom King. Mr. King invited me to a Porsche event at Riverside Int'l Raceway and drove me around the track as a passenger in his Porsche 911S that was sponsored by Otto Zipper. Mr. King then introduced me to Paul (Paul Newman) and also Otis Chandler. Otis Chandler invited me to drive around the track in one of his two Porsche 917's. We were clocked around 230 mph down the back straight, this was exciting and also scary. In 1980 I was working at McDonnell Douglas when a friend of mine who belonged to the Lotus club asked me if I would do volunteer work at the 1980 Formula I race and the 1981 CART race at Long Beach GP. I have owned several road racing and dirt bikes and several foreign sports cars and currently I own a 1963 Karmann Ghia, 1969 Porsche 912, 1968 VW Westfalia camper and a 1973 Pantera. In my retirement years I enjoy going to car and racing events, golfing, traveling and re-learning to play the guitar.

THIS n THAT:

Bruce entered his Lotus Super 7 in the Grand Terrace Car Show and got 1st Place in the 2 Seater Category. Congratulations Bruce!!! He also received his trophy from the Desert Classic Concours. He won 2nd Place, but when they delivered the trophy, it had 1st Place on it. He didn't argue the point after mentioning he had actually gotten 2nd and was told, "Well now you have a 1st".

Davey and Norma Jordan celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 17th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Heidi Giese 6th, Evonne Barsakis and Davey Jordan 13th, Norm Kear 14th, Bruce Ward 15th, Pat Flynn and Georgia Stone 20th, Ken Bertino 25th and Sherry Wood 27th

**** EVENTS CALENDAR ****

JULY 4	INDY CAR RACE AT RIAM 12 p.m.
JULY 6	RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue Riverside 6:30 p.m.
JULY 16-18	RIAM Race team at Road America
JULY 20	RFCC BOARD MEETING RIAM 6:30 p.m. Everyone encouraged to attend (Maloney dinner)
AUGUST 1	RFCC FUN RUN Paramount Ranch
AUGUST 7	MASERATI GALA at RIAM
AUGUST 12-15	RIAM Eagle Race Cars on display supporting Monterey Motorsports Reunion featuring Dan Gurney
SEPTEMBER 3-5	RIAM Race Team at Portland
SEPTEMBER 7	RFCC MEMBORSHIP MEETING Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue Riverside 6:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 11	PETE LYONS Reception 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 21	RFCC BOARD MEETING RIAM 6:30 p.m. Everyone encouraged to attend (Mackenzie dinner)
OCTOBER 5	RFCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Cask N Cleaver 1333 University Avenue Riverside 6:30 p.m.
OCTOBER 9	RFCC ANNUAL BANQUET AT RIAM 8 p.m.

NO MEMBERSHIP OR BOARD MEETINGS IN AUGUST

**** INDY CAR RACE AT RIAM **** Come see the Indy Car race from Watkins Glen with special guest Alice Hanks. She will be talking about Sam Hanks Indy Car career with a video of Sam's win at the Indy 500 in 1957.

**** RFCC FUN RUN **** RFCC has been invited by Ranger Tom Young to have a tour of the famous Paramount Ranch. We will meet at RIAM at 8 a.m. and head for the Ranch. He will show clips from the car movies and other shows filmed there. He will then take us on the part of the raceway still there, and says to be aware that your car will get dusty (bring a California duster along) and then a tour of the western movie sets. This should take anywhere from 2 to 2 1/2 hours, well worth the trip. At club meeting we will decide whether we want to take our picnic lunch to have there or go elsewhere. There is a limit of 25 people. You are welcome to bring grandkids and dogs (as long as dogs are leashed). The cost will be announced at club meeting.

Check out RIAM website for details to their events. www.riversideinternational.org

What a great time we had at the Air Museum and Doug's BBQ. The scenery on the way was beautiful, no freeways, but next time we need to allow more time so we can enjoy the views and a longer stop. Thanks Bill and Paula for the route.

