

## Ventura Vintage Rods January '06 Information Update

Hi All - - -

Pardon the delay in getting out the first update of '06, but we all know that not much happens these days without the aid of a computer. And so it is with Da Prez and Mrs. Prez as our computer went belly up for a couple weeks. We're back in biz now with whiz bang computer speed, a new e-mail address and some catching up to do on several important decisions made at January's meeting.

First, however, we congratulate and thank our incoming officers for 2006:

Sherry Roark - Secretary  
Jim Perske - Treasurer (2nd term)  
Jerry Leighty - Vice President  
Ron Cowan - President (interim and/or perhaps 3rd term)

Next, we thank and appreciate the service & support of outgoing officers:

Heidi Leighty - Secretary for 2004 & 2005  
Sharon Osborne - Vice President for the past 5 years

Both of these ladies received service awards at our annual brunch. Also at the brunch, awards for years of continuous service to VVR ranging from 10 to 18 years were presented to the Bidwells, Ethiers, Fains, Nelsons, Osbornes and Schoenhofens. We appreciate each of you.

Now for January's meeting results. After stopping off for a very interesting and informative tour and orientation of the Ventura County Air Rescue Unit at the Camarillo Airport, we tackled some hard decisions about our club operations.

Issue 1: Redundant Information: The monthly update letter will no longer include information on member birthdays and anniversaries because this information is already provided on the membership roster along with all the other data needed to make contact. Nor will the monthly update letter contain any information about club meetings, events, activities and car shows. All of this will be posted on our VVR website, particularly in

the Events section. Club members have been given a month for which they have responsibility to, as soon as possible, make all arrangements for club meetings and events and then to communicate these plans to our webmaster, Jerry Leighty, and to all club members. Please call Da Prez if any of this is unclear or if you have not received the sheet summarizing who has responsibility for which month. All of this simply means that members have all the tools needed to stay informed and that members are now asked to share in the workload of planning club fun.

Issue 2: Car Show: A committee is forming of those who wish to commit to being "regulars" at planning sessions for Harbor Run. This will give better continuity for coordination of effort and decision making. The committee so far includes Fain, Leighty, Hildebrand, Perske, Osborne and Cowan, but we need more. Call Da Prez.

Issue 3: VVR Membership: Members voted to broaden the years of cars eligible by increasing the range to pre-1973 (1972 & older). Also, it was voted to approve a change that prospective members be required to complete an application/questionnaire as well as be accepted into the club by secret ballot majority vote. All of this requires an addendum to the bylaws which will be available for review at February's meeting.

Other than all of the above, the meeting was uneventful!!! And rest assured, all of this streamlining of club administration will make this the longest information update you will receive all of 2006.

Here's a reminder that annual dues are due. For those in the unpaid group, our treasurer, Jim P., is awaiting your \$36.00.

Thanks to the Leightys for a great Superbowl party!

Take good care.

Da Prez