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March 2007 News

March Madness.....Not just a catch phrase. VVR has been very busy and it is only half over.

Good Guys get-together Orange County Fair Grounds

The Cowan's, Roark's & Fain's attended the Good guys Get-together on March 10th -12th. Our very own Jim and Connie Fain with their 51 Ford Victoria won the Preacher's Pick Award. This is quite an honor due to the fact that were 1100+ cars in attendance. Congratulations again Jim and Connie.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura

Organized by Charlie & Maryanne Gartman, VVR was represented by the Cowan's, Osborne's, Andersen's, Roark's, Hildebrand's, & Leighty. A good time was had by all, the crowd loved to see the Hot Rods. Mike and Lois brought along several special guests, including their sons Chad and Jordan, their daughter Stephanie and her husband Stephen and their Boys, Jacob and Josh. Stephanie & Stephen brought very nicely restored '67 Chevy Camaro RS. We hope to see more of the very nice family and possibly have them as VVR members.

Murphy Museum

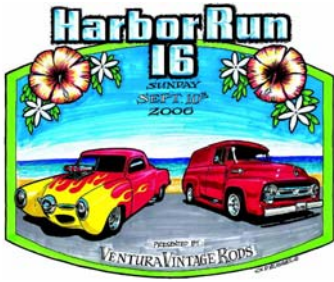
Sandy Nickerson provided snacks and soft drinks and other goodies in the open court yard at the Murphy Auto Museum located in south Oxnard. Dennis opened his work shop and gave a tour of his many ongoing projects. Every car has a very interesting story behind it. Thank you Dennis & Sandy.

The members took a look around at the 60+ cars located and the museum. There is truly something for everyone here from the true classic collector cars to a Top-Fuel Dragster.

Members inspected the potential club house project located at the museum. The project would entail a massive clean up of clutter and debris, removal and replacement of a portion of the roof, replacement of the exterior wall, and a lot of spit and polish. The intention was to have VVR take on a project and establish a Hot Rod Library. The facility would then be available for club use for meetings, cook outs, etc.

Sportsman restaurant

Green Beer and choice Corned Beef & Cabbage, Rib-Eye Steaks or Halibut were the selections for dinner at this long time favorite restaurant. Brenda our waitress may be possible VVR candidate, she owns a 62 Corvette Convertible. 19 Members were in attendance and the monthly business meeting commenced at 5pm.



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Meeting Highlights

- Parade arrangements made by the Gartmans. This was a way cool event see web page for photos
- Discussion, debate and vote over the issue of a permanent club house was taken. The outcome was that the membership wanted to continue meeting at various places in and around the central coast.
- The renovation project located at Murphy Museum was discussed and deemed too large of an undertaking for our small group.
- The April Fools Run Car show in Ojai is this coming Sunday March 25. All who are interested in participating as a group are to meet in the parking lot of Carrows (Seaward) at 7:00am
- Membership drive is spooling up nicely. Website, HR-17 flyer and Ventura Star Wheels section has been updated. Received several serious inquiries and invitations to same have been extended to participate in upcoming VVR functions.
- Major Sponsors have been acquired and appear on the HR-17 Flyers. They are Magnuson, Xtreme Performance, DiAngelo Paint, Full Scale, and MadDawg trailers. Thanks to all who made this happen.
- The drawing for the Member Cars to be highlighted on the HR-17 Artwork will occur on Sunday April 1st at the Round Table Pizza (Camarillo) 2pm. Ron Cowan will be making the arrangements and will provide additional information as necessary.

Per the VVR By-laws selection of Cars must meet the following

- Members that have been shown in the previous 4 Harbor Runs are NOT eligible.
- Eligible members must be present at time of drawing.
- Members in good standing and have been a member for 1 full year are eligible.
- Unless requested not to be included, all eligible members will be submitted as candidates
- April kicks off HR-17 Mid-month meetings. All members interested on being on the HR-17 committee are invited to meet at Rookies Restaurant (Main St, Ventura) April 11 @6:00pm
- 22 June is the target date for the Alaskan Cruise. If we get 6 – 8 couple's committed, Group rates would apply. If we do not get a group rate, approximate cost for ocean View Cabin is \$2000/couple and Air fare is \$450/couple. A good guess with tips and miscellaneous expenses would be \$3000/couple for the week. Passports may be required and should be in order 60 days prior to sail date. Please advise ASAP if interested and to guarantee enough cabins.

New information and Corrections

- The Polo event that Jim and Lynn proposed will not commence until May. Therefore, the Cowan's and Perskes have traded months. We will do a road trip to the Summerland Cafe, and cruise the back roads of Southern Santa Barbara on Sunday April 28th. Most likely will meet at the Carrow's Parking lot (Seaward) at 9am and proceed as a group up the coast. The Polo Event will be scheduled for May 20th. Details will be provided when available. I am frequently updating our website, such as Events Calendar, Photo gallery, etc. If you have anything to submit or would like to have changed let me know.

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry

President VVR