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### March 2008

I wish to thank The Gartmans for a great month of activities. Charlie and Maryanne registered VVR in a great spot in the Ventura St Pat parade. Made arrangements at Carrow's for our meeting, and topped it off with a private room at the Sportsman Restaurant for Corn beef and Cabbage. Great Job!!!

9 VVR cars made their appearance in the parade. Thanks goes out to all who participated. See photos of the parade and dinner on our web site.

The March meeting has held at 12:00pm March 15th immediately following the parade.

- The Nickerson's brought up the idea of having VVR token type coins with VVR and Harbor Run info on them for next year's parade. Sandy and Dennis will investigate the cost and report back with their findings.
- The final touches of the 2008 membership roster is being completed and will be distributed via e-mail or at our next meeting
- We have obtained commitments from all 5 of our major sponsors.
- With our sponsors on board, Harbor Run 18 Flyers has been formalized and 5000 copies are now available for distribution.
- Oxnard PAL acknowledged VVR as a Special Honoree at their Banquet and Silent Auction. They presented VVR with a nice wall plaque as a "Thank You" for supporting PAL. Bob and Sharon Osborne, Heidi and I attended and had a great time.
- The Shoes and Socks effort for Haycox Elementary School will be kicked off on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the QUAD area.
- The Nickerson's also informed the membership of the Murphy Museum's new project, "Cool August Days" to be held in old town Oxnard. Additional information will be forthcoming on the role VVR is to play in this event. The registration form is available for download on our events page of our web site.
- April Fools Run Car Show in Ojai is scheduled for Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Several members are planning to attend. In order to be able to park as a group, we are planning on meeting at the Carrows Restaurant parking Lot at 7:30am.

April kicks off our mid-month planning meetings for Harbor Run 18. We will be meeting at the Rusty's Pizza Parlor on the corner of Ventura Rd and Doris Ave, Oxnard at 06:30pm Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a change of venue due to Carrows Ventura was not available. Rusty's Pizza participated as a vendor at HR 17 and would be fitting to patronize them as well.

The Cowans will be hosting April's event and meeting. We are to meet at the Cowan home at Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30am. We will be doing a cruise through Simi Valley and over the mountain to Fillmore. We have reservations at the Rancho Camulos Museum at 1:00pm. There will be a place for us to conduct our meeting on the museum grounds. Personal chairs and a picnic lunch/snacks has been requested. For additional information about the museum, check out their web site at [www.ranhocamulos.org](http://www.ranhocamulos.org)



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**March 2008 (Continued)**

On a more somber note, Connie Fain's Father, Joe A Ruiz passed away this past week. Our Sunshine committee has provided the members with the following eloquent announcement.

This is to let you know that services for Connie's dad, Joe A. Ruiz, will be Thursday at St. Sebastian Church, ninth and Santa Paula streets, Santa Paula. Rosary will be recited at 10:30am with Funeral Mass celebrated at 11am. Burial will be at the Santa Paula cemetery. In accordance with family wishes and in lieu of flowers, VVR will be contributing to the Ventura County Food Share in honor of Joe A. Ruiz. Those wishing to contribute individually are also asked to do so at Food Share. Further details of the life of Connie's dad are in The Star Tuesday edition. On behalf of VVR membership, we express our sincere condolences to the family.

Dianne Cowan & Jim Perske  
 VVR Sunshine Committee

I have spoken with Jim Perske and several other club members and endorse the proposal that the club donates \$300.00 to Food Share on behalf of Connie's Father. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact me as soon as possible.

The Cowans have reserved several hotel rooms for the Bent Axles Cruise-In event in Santa Maria July 18-20. Please contact Ron to if you are interested in attending and take advantage of the reserved lodging.

Just a reminder, if you are organizing an event that includes dinner/drinks etc., please be sure that the restaurant will provide separate checks. Trying to split a common bill fairly is almost impossible and is highly discouraged. This will avoid any awkward situations in the future.

As always, If I have missed something that needs to be distributed to the membership, please contact me via e-mail or phone.

	Birthdays	Anniversaries
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March	26 Mike Hildebrand	14 Tucker
	29 Debbie Tucker	21 Roark

April	2 Joy Nelson
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Respectfully Submitted

President VVR