



VENTURA VINTAGE RODS

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Charlie's Notes

Welcome all new and old members of the VVR. We have had a good past year, visiting new and interesting places, and signing up new and enthusiastic members. My hope and goal is to have just as good, or better, events and excursions this year.

I am pleased for the opportunity to be the President of this effective service oriented car club. I realize I have big shoes to fill, like following Jerry Leighty's term, and I hope I can do something close to the terrific job Jerry has done.

Nothing much will be changing, but I do have a few proposals I would like to present to the membership for consideration at the first official meeting of 2009.

The dinner meeting will take place on Jan 29, at the Carrows Restaurant on Harbor and Seaward at 6 PM and I hope all members can attend.

Once again thank you for allowing me to take the Presidential reins, and I will appreciate all who wish to help me make the club even better.

Charlie Roark

It's hard to believe that we have already entered 2009, seems like just yesterday it was 1968. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Holiday period, and enjoyed the New Years celebration, or just treated it like any other day. Don't forget to keep an eye on all those Resolutions you signed up to accomplish in 2009.

The 2009 General Meeting Schedule has been established. Meetings will occur on the last Thursday of the month at the Famous Carrows Restaurant, Harbor Blvd/Seaward Ave., Ventura at 6:30PM. Mark your calendar! January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29, November 26, December TBD.

As a reminder, the Ventura Vintage Rods 2009 Officers are: Charlie Roark, President; Charlie Gartman Vice President; Sharon Schumann Secretary; Heidi Leighty Treasurer. Congratulations' to the new Officers.

Our new Newsletter Editor is Ted Hetherington. If you have any news you'd like to share please pass to Ted, by email: bowtieted@aol.com; or phone 988-0330, or fax: 278 9639 The goal is to publish the newsletter the week prior to the General Meeting; your inputs are requested by the 15th of the Month to include most anything you'd like to share or for future news.

The 2009 membership fee of \$50 is due. If you haven't yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. Contact the Treasurer, Heidi Leighty for payment arrangements.

For those that missed the November newsletter. The Sunshine Committee has been also re-staffed. Diane Cowan and Sharon Osborne will fulfill those duties for 2009.

Jim Perske recommended a new club shirt might be nice for the members during Harbor Run.



Discussions ensued and a committee was formed to include Jim Perske, Charlie and Sherry Roark, and Paul Schumann. They will investigate having the VVR logo embroidered on denim button down shirts.

Do you remember January 2005?

VVR welcomes new members Charley and Sherry Roark who were brought to us by their 1958 bright yellow Chevy Panel and their 1932 Ford Victoria work in progress. The Roarks are also avid sailors and are now among many of our club members who have very broad experience on the high seas. These are fine people and a fine addition to VVR.

The annual Sunday Brunch was again held at Yolanda's in Ventura. It was a terrific sunny, So Cal "Chamber of Commerce Day"!

Outgoing President Jerry Leighty opened the "change of the gavel" ceremonies with a warm welcome to members, guests, and prospective members. VIP Guests included Jerry and Maureen Magnuson, owners of Magnuson Products, and Wayne and Elaina Fredrickson owners of Xtreme Performance. As you know, the Magnuson's and Fredrickson's, and their respective companies have been ongoing Primary Sponsors of the Harbor Run events. Their participation of the VVR Yolanda's event is very welcomed by the members, and in a small way our "Thank You" to them for their dedicated support of Harbor Run and the VVR.

Jerry introduced the outgoing Board of Directors, Charlie Roark, Vice President; Secretary Lois Hildebrand/Sharon Schuman, (Secretary Alternate); and Lynn Perske, Treasurer. Jerry presented the outgoing board with a Leighty creation, "one of" VVR Calendars which included some great shots of HR 18 and some of the past year's events. Jerry made a very special presentation to Sharon and Bob Osborne. The gift of another handmade creation by Norris Woods was presented to Sharon and Bob, and is truly a very special piece that demonstrates not only a BIG Club Thank You to the Osborne's, but also the incredible talent and patience of Norris (and Judy Norris) to develop such a detailed creation. A statement by Jerry says it all; "if it wasn't for the Osbornes and their dedication, and tenacity there wouldn't be a Harbor Run!

President Roark was presented with the "Gavel" and took the reigns (or is it fuel line) of Ventura Vintage Rods. The new Board was introduced; Charlie Gartman, Vice President; Sharon Schumann, Secretary (husband Paul filled in as Sharon was ill); and Heidi Leighty, Treasurer. President Chaz, presented Jerry with a terrific "Presidential" plaque which included a gavel and warm Thank You. Additionally Heidi was presented with a gift card to go spoil herself with. The new Board was presented with the Leighty developed 2009 Calendar to keep their dates straight.

Ron Cowan Notes: The Goodguys 3rd Orange County Get-Together is March 14 & 15 at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. So far, we have 5 cars going. The plan is to drive to Costa Mesa on March 13, spend 2 nights at the local Residence Inn & return on the 15th. Hotel cost per night is \$125.00, which includes a very nice breakfast. For info, contact Ron Cowan or go to www.good-guys.com <<http://www.good-guys.com/>> or phone (925) 838-9876. It appears that participating hotels may sell out of rooms quickly, so time may be a factor. Ron C.

There was also discussion of a club run to the NSRA Western Street Rod National in Bakersfield @ Kern County Fairgrounds, April 24 – 26, 2009. Details to follow. More details @ the NSRA Website. <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/135>

President Charlie reminded everyone of the next General Meeting Thursday, January 29th at Carrow's in Ventura at 6:00PM. The primary focus of the meeting is to attempt to lay out plans for the coming year.



With that, the crowd dispersed with about 12 VVR cars making the scenic run to Ojai; well led through the fields and towns by Jim and Connie Fain. On such a great day it was a very scenic and terrific drive through the “back route” on Foothill Rd, to Santa Paula, to Route 150 into the downtown Ojai area. It was quite a breathtaking parade of very colorful and sexy cars.

Upon arrival in Ojai, the ladies enjoyed the many shopping traps in the downtown area, while the guys built cars, raced cars, and watched the Eagles win in a playoff game. Significant contributions were made to the needed revenue of the Ojai Pizza shop.

Technical Corner: This space is reserved for anyone that has technical, hot rodding, or similar interests/issues they'd like to share with the members. Perhaps the ladies have a special interest, hobby or idea they'd like to share. Well this is the place.

Until then:

Have you ever heard of the SEMA Action Network (SAN)? Of course most of us are familiar with Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA). The [SEMA Action Network \(SAN\)](#) is a nationwide partnership between vehicle clubs, enthusiasts and members of the specialty auto parts industry who want to protect their hobby. SAN was designed to help stamp out legislative threats to the automotive hobby and pass favorable laws. Check out the website for more SEMA and SAN information. As periodic Alerts pop up relative to what the anti hot rod hobby folks in Sacramento are up to, we'll highlight here in the newsletter.

If you have issues/information you'd like to share with VVR Members, please contact me.

Best wishes to All

“BE SAFE OUT THERE”

Ted H Editor