



VENTURA VINTAGE RODS

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Charlie's Notes

Several of us are going to the "Good Guys" car show, and I only wish more could come as this is big, and the ladies really like it because of the huge swap meet that is on the grounds.

Just a reminder, the club has ten (10) hand held walkie-talkies, and we can only account for five (5) of them. It seems some disappeared after our last car show. Please check to see if you accidentally kept one and it is in storage somewhere in your house. Or, they may have been picked-up by someone, not one of us, while we cleaned up last year. Anyway, keep an eye out.

Don't forget the St. Patty's Parade, if your not going to the Good Guys thing, and on the 17th, the real St. Patrick's Day, a great Irish dinner at the Sportsman.

See you there

Chaz

- Oxnard PD Canine Unit Presentation February 22nd :

Denise and Paul coordinated a very informative, and "entertaining" presentation by Oxnard Police Department "Officers" "Rico" (Handler, Officer Dan Casson) and Tommy, (Handler, Officer Scott Coe)

Officer Casson provided an extensive narrative on the K9 operations, selection of the canine "officers", training of the "officers" and handlers, and offered a menu of the services provided by the K9 force:

- Evidence gathering

- Locating narcotics/drugs

- SWAT Team support

- Officer assist in various service calls

- "Bad Guy" location in urban and open space

All the animals are multi-purpose (see list above) which makes the K9 force a very cost effective addition to Oxnard PD.

Many different breeds of animals are well suited for police work. Rico and Tommy are Belgian Malinois, which are well suited due to their personality, and physical stamina.

Much of the maintenance (purchase, training, lifetime maintenance) of the K9 animals is supported by donations to the K9 Foundation initiated in 1980. Ventura Vintage Rods donated \$1000 to the foundation following the HR 18 in 2008. The purchase and training of a K9 animal may run from \$7000 - \$10/20,000 depending on the pedigree of the animal, location, and range and depth of training required. Oxnard PD K9 teams are required to conduct "training" 1 hour per day, as well as 8 hours per month to sustain expertise of the handler and the K9 "officer".

Officers Coe and Casson provided several demonstrations with the K9 officers, including drug interdiction, "bad guy" location and "arrest", and evidence location. Those demos offered great insight into the training results, the discipline of the animals, and the terrific interaction among the handlers and the K9 officers.

Following the presentation the VVR members retreated for relaxation and chow at the Teppan Steak House in Oxnard.



March VVR Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was opened with about 30 members present. Chaz introduced prospective members Alan & Marsha Zarkin , and Bill Jackson.
- Chaz reviewed the next few months of events and folks that have signed up to make things happen. Charlie/MaryAnn; March, Ron Cowan; April, Ted/Daphne, June; tentative event on the Fillmore Western Railway on the Shake Rattle & Rail.

http://www.fwry.com/2009_shake_rattle_rail/2009_SRR.html

Sharon Osborne – August

- Mike Hildebrand discussed possible outing to Will Rogers estate, Santa Monica may be a VVR event. Only issue appears to be parking. Mike will continue to research and report back.

Other possible events include Pleasanton and Bonneville as group event

- President thanked Denise McMaster for hosting the Oxnard K-9 event held 22 Feb 2009 and for making lunch arrangements at Teppan Steak House immediately following.
- Quite a discussion ensued over VVR Logos, hats, shirts, decals; et al. General consensus was we need to build the inventory. However a key issue is access to the logo software, price of the current vendor, Dagan, and our ability to seek the best prices/quality. Some discussed centered on whether or not to limit our HR 19 shirts to embroidered denim shirts which was discussed at the Jan meeting. A recommendation was made that our show shirts are a form of advertisement for the event as well as T shirt sales, so eliminating our show shirts in favor of denim may hurt T shirt sales. Charlie Gartman offered to help with pricing discussions at Dagan. Paul will continue to seek denim shirt actions, Sherry Roark offered that if she has the logo software she can do smaller sized logos up to about 4 inches in diameter. Lots of dust stirred up on this point; we'll see how it settles in the coming weeks.
- Harbor Run 19 was discussed; and will be held September 13th. Magnusson Products and Xtreme Performance have sighed on. Also, De Angelo's is very likely going to sign on. Folks will follow up to verify and make financial arrangements. Next steps are to meet with the County to ensure we get that commitment and ascertain the status of construction. HR 19 flyers are pretty much ready to go, but we need to get artwork SOON, and select member cars for display. There was some discussion of increasing registration fees; however no consensus/decision was reached. President Chaz noted that by Norris making the trophies, club overhead is further reduced. Also wanted to meet with Aswell Trophy to show them Norris' trophies, to let them know why, we aren't using them for everything trophy related. There was discussion also about adding a statement about having all participants as well as members to bring a non perishable food item for donation to Food Share. Food Share will provide the pick up service following the show. Jerry indicated that March is the month that the cars are picked for the poster announcing Harbor Run as artwork needs to be submitted by 1 April 2009. Several other good ideas were thrown on



the wall. Some stuck, some didn't. More details to follow. Charlie and Jerry will meet with the County ASAP!

- Connie Fain reminded the members of the April Fools Car Show in Ojai, 29 March 2009 in Ojai. Cost is \$20.00. No firm club plans yet. This is generally the kick off show event for Ventura County. Connie also indicated that there are 10 shirts left over from Harbor Run 18 and are available for purchase from her.
- Charlie Gartman discussed the plan for March. We'll join the Sportsman for the traditional corned beef, and cabbage meal; reservations are made for March 17th @ 6:00PM. Charlie has also entered the VVR into the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura. We are entry number 7. The Parade starts at 10:00 on March 14. We need to be lined up by not later than 9:00. So, we will meet in the parking lot behind the Sportsman in downtown Ventura at 8:15 with a departure time from the parking lot 8:30. Call if ya have any questions. 641-1393.
- Secretary indicated that the updated Membership Roster has been sent via email and mailed to those members who don't have email access. Secretary asked that members review the document and if there are corrections/changes to please let her know
- Ron C confirmed the run to the Mendenhall Museum is carved in stone. The group will depart at 9:00AM and transit up the coast to Summerland for breakfast @ the Summerland Beach Café; arrival scheduled for about 9:30AM. Reservations are made for 20 but can be revised. Ron expects to arrive at the Museum around 11:30 AM and the tour should be wrapped up in about two hours, depending on questions, discussion, etc. For more gory details contact Ron.
- Paul Schuman reported that the '57 Chevy was replaced by a '55 T-Bird which has hard top accessory and the winch to pull it off the car and provide storage.
- Lynn Perske recommended the next meeting to be held @ Ruby's Café, on Oxnard Blvd in Oxnard. There was discussion that wherever we go we need to have a meeting room, which reportedly, Ruby's has one. Lynn will check out Ruby's for meeting space.
- The 2009 General Meeting Schedule has been established. Meetings will occur on the last Tuesday of the month at the Famous Carrows Restaurant, Harbor Blvd/Seaward Ave., Ventura at 6:30PM. You are always welcome to join the earlybirds for food at around 6:00PM. Mark your calendar! March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 24, December TBD.

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.

1. When did 'Little Suzie' finally wake up?
 - (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
 - (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
 - (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock

3. What's missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? ' Earth _____ '
 - (a) Worm
 - (b) Mother
 - (c) Angel

5. 'Please turn on your magic beam, _____ bring me a dream, :'
 - (a) Dream Lover
 - (b) Mr. Sandman
 - (c) Earth Angel

The answers are in the newsletter

Vodka?

To clean your eyeglasses, simply wipe the lenses with a soft, clean cloth dampened with vodka. The alcohol in the vodka cleans the glass and kills germs.

Pour vodka over an area affected with poison ivy to remove the urushiol oil from your skin.

Fill a sixteen-ounce trigger-spray bottle with vodka and spray bees or wasps to kill them.

To clean the caulking around bathtubs and showers, fill a trigger-spray bottle with vodka, spray the caulking, let set five minutes and wash clean.

The alcohol in the vodka kills mold and mildew.

Spray vodka on wine stains, scrub with a brush, and then blot dry.

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