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June 2008

The Nickerson's has invited everyone to join them at their Oxnard Beach home this coming Friday July 4th. They are hosting a BBQ and will be providing front row seats to the fireworks show. You should plan to arrive around 5:00pm. The Channel Islands Bridge closes at 6:00pm. Due to the limited parking at the beach area, car pooling is recommended but not mandatory. A brief business meeting will be held sometime during the festivities. Please bring your ideas, comments and concerns. The calling committee will be contacting the membership later this week. Dennis has requested that each member bring a joke and a smile.

June 10th was our third HR Committee meeting and was held at MUPU Grill in Santa Paula. The major topic of discussion was the reorganizing the car classes to make the number of cars in each category equal. Ron Cowan previously provided the committee with breakdown of entries from HR-17. It was requested that the membership take a look at them and come up with ideas to normalize the classes. After collecting the inputs from several members, and verbal discussions with others, here is how it panned out

1900-1931	1955-1957
1900-1932	1958-1963
1935-1937	1964-1666
1938-1940	1967-1669
1941-1947	1970-1975
1948-1954	1900-1954 trucks
Woodies	1955-1975 trucks
Specialty Vehicles	

Ron Cowan met with Aswell trophy and discovered that the cost of the awards have gone up considerably. With that in mind, we decided to upgrade the quality of the trophy, but present only one "Best of Class" for each category. This also enabled us to upgrade the "Thank You" awards to our Major Sponsors and still remain in budget. The Artwork has been completed and with the approval of the committee, Ron returned to Aswell and parlayed a deal for a sample. It is really impressive. It starts with a hard Wood Plaque with the Color HR Artwork imprinted on a polished metal placard and the entire back is embossed with felt. Ron also negotiated a deal for the dash plaques, sponsor trophies, and Best of Show award. All I can say is he did a fabulous job. Thanks Ron.

Two of the Home Made Trophies are near completion. Norris Woods fabricated the "Under Construction" award and Bob Anderson came up with the "Best Paint" trophy. I have asked Ron Cowan to have Aswell fabricate and affix the VVR logo and appropriate placards on these awards. Great Job Guys, Thanks for stepping up and making these 1 of kind masterpieces. Everything else is on schedule and do not have any major issues to report at this time.

Our next committee meeting will be Tuesday July 15th at Carrows, Ventura at 6:30pm.



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Our June event and meeting was hosted by the Osborne's. They scheduled a private tour of several homes at Oxnard Heritage Square, located in old town Oxnard. It was very interesting learning about the history of the buildings and the people who lived in them. Immediately after the tour Bob and Sharon were waiting for us to join them for a picnic lunch at the Oxnard Beach Park. Even with the record breaking temperatures, we had a great turn out. As always the attendees brought copious amounts of side dishes and deserts. The Osborne's provided the hot dogs and all of the fixings.

June's business meeting was held after chow, and we had several guests in attendance. Mark and Margie Bullis (owners of a beautiful 36 ford coupe) were invited by Sherry and Charlie Roark. The Roarks also brought their Grandson Mitchell in from Las Vegas. Announcements and comments of several car shows that the members recently attended was also discussed. The Cowan's have acquired commitments to fill the hotel reservations for the Bent Axles Cruise-In event in Santa Maria July 18-20 There were no real issues brought up and the meeting was very brief due to the rising temperatures.

A croquet tournament ensued after the meeting. The challenge of "Women vs. Men." was on. The ladies fought it out and Heidi Leighty was victorious and was deemed the women's champion. The men either had too much to sun or too much to drink or both. The rules continuously evolved throughout their playoffs. In the end, Charlie Gartman persevered to represent the men. It was a fierce and ugly battle, but Charlie finally was triumphant was crowned the Grand Champion of the 2008 VVR Croquet Tournament. Way to Go Charlie!!!!

A special Invitation to all Members has been extended to attend Maryanne Gartman's Birthday party at "The Greek" restaurant at Ventura Harbor. The Date is July 11th at 6:30pm. The Gartman's will be providing appetizers during the meet and greet. A very special performance by Maryanne is slated for later in the evening as she demonstrates her Belly-Dancing prowess. This sounds like a really fun time and recommend that everyone attend. The calling committee will contact the membership early next week for a head count.

Bob Osborne, Bob Anderson, Ron Andersen, Gary Ethier, Jim Fain, Paul Schumann, Jim Perske and myself attended the 2008 Sea Bee Days Car Show. Bob Anderson, Ron Andersen, Jim Fain, and Jim Perske won trophies. Congratulations guys.

The Roarks are rumored to be arriving back home by weeks ends. They retrieved their boat from Mexico, passed through customs and are presently enjoying Catalina Island.

	Birthdays	Anniversaries
July	11 Maryanne Gartman	20 Nelsons
	11 Sherry Roark	
	26 Gary Ethier	

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry

President VVR