



VENTURA VINTAGE RODS

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NOTICE!! The June 23rd VVR Tuesday General Meeting will be held at Carrows, Harbor Blvd, Ventura. Join us at 6pm.

May VVR Meeting Highlights

Lisa Bidwell provided information on the May 31st visit to Food Share and lunch @ BJ's in the Esplanade following the tour. Pictures are on the VVR website. The tour and information provided by the hostess, Jeanne was extremely informative and well described the how, what, and who is assisted and part of the team to feed 40,000+ people per month. More details are provided later in the newsletter.

Lynn Perske provided an overview of a ladies wine tasting tour. She will send out information to begin the planning. It will include a day trip to the wine country. We're planning on going Friday, June 25. The trip is called Wine Edventures and will cost about \$100. You can check their website at www.welovewines.com . Details were provided by Lynn in an email.

Paul Schuman provided samples of VVR Logo by Dagan. His sample was a logo on the back of shirts about 10" square. The cost with your shirt is approximately \$38, which may change with the size of logo you want, etc.

Ron Cowan discussed a run to Ojai olive oil vineyards on October 17. Since it will be a nice time of the year Ron offered that since there are tow distinct vineyards in the area we may be able to visit both. Naturally followed or sandwiched by a lunch break. More details to follow.

Harbor Run 19

Chaz reported that Harbor Freight contacted VVR and will provide sponsorship. They have agreed to primarily sponsor the Super Raffle with merchandise. VVR will augment the Harbor Freight support with other raffle prizes will be more family oriented to stimulate ticket sales.

There was general agreement to make sure we provide extra customer service for our sponsors in hope they'll continue their support in the future.

The members discussed the purchase of a VVR flag to be flown below the American flag at HR 19. We will purchase a 5' X 7' flag and have the VVR logo applied. Chaz has the lead.

Lynn P reported that the show permit process has begun, with submission to the Oxnard Harbor Commission.

Art work for the HR 19 is still in process; however Bob O reported that he expecting to see some preliminary renderings within the next week. Note, artwork was received June 18th, it's fantastic, check the website.

Trophy plaques have been received and mounted on the hand made trophies. Jerry L suggested that we dedicate one of our special award trophies (e.g. Best of Show) to be "sponsored" by Harbor Freight as a way of getting them more recognition.



Denise McMaster volunteered to ask the K-9 Team to be a HR 19 participant and possibly provide a demonstration. Denise also announced she had graduated from the City of Oxnard Police Department Citizen Academy. Bob S reminded everyone that the city and county entities are tightening the screws all the time; the K-9 participation may be very important to meet our security requirements.

Bob Osborne and President Chaz enumerated that in 2008, Ventura Vintage Rods donated \$11,400 to local community organizations. That is a lot of money, and lots of community visibility.

On May 31st several members toured the FOOD Share facility in Oxnard. See the details on the last page. It was a very enlightening and informative event. FOOD Share does a lot for many people with very little real resources.

The VVR was well represented at the June 13th edition of the SeaBee Days. Jim Perske, Gary Either, Bill Jackson and Paul Schuman were entered in the show. Jim P and Bill J brought home the gold with a win in their class.

• Future scheduled events (tentative & subject to change):

- Ron C discussed a run to the Bent Axles car show, July 17 – 19. Ron has reserved 6 rooms. For more info contact Ron to participate.
- Sharon Osborne – August
- Ron Cowan discussed a run to Ojai olive oil vineyards tentative, October 17

The 2009 General Meeting Schedule Meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Famous Carrows Restaurant, Harbor Blvd/Seaward Ave (UNLESS otherwise decided by the members), Ventura at 6:30 PM ish. You are always welcome to join the earlybirds for food at around 6:00PM. Mark your calendar for June 23, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 24, December TBD.

June

Birthdays

Jim Tucker 4th
 Jacob Jamelkowski 6th
 Lynn Perske 28th

Anniversaries

Sharon & Bob Osborne 2nd
 Judy & Norris Woods 4th

“Technical Corner”:

1. According to the song from Wizard Of OZ, where do bluebirds fly?
2. In 1969 who sang “Things Go Better With Coke?” Then switched to Pepsi.
3. Can you name the least popular month for weddings?
4. The top selling spices are?

“Thanks” to Sharon O

Best wishes to All

“BE SAFE OUT THERE”

Ted H Editor



The FOOD Share visit highlights:

Our host for the tour and information was Jeanne Benitez; she provided not only a thorough tour, but a great background, current information and future plans of FOOD Share. The tour was very enlightening to all.

FOOD Share began in a personal garage in 1978. In the beginning the “team” generally made up of volunteers fed homeless folks living under a bridge. Most food was gathered from farmers and stores in a very rudimentary “gathering” process. Today a major network of food stores, farmers, other food banks, along with purchased product make up the food sources. Other non-profit partner agencies provide distribution and management of over 10.2 Million pounds of food distributed to children, seniors, and families, homeless, and homebound.

Major financial milestones include a grant facilitated by Congressman Robert Lagomarsino; the federal grant was approximately \$1,000,000,000. The success of the second capital campaign began with a donation from AMGEN who provided \$500,000.

Currently FOOD Share and its network of 155 agencies fed over 40,000 people monthly in the County. There is anticipation that the group will increase their services by as much as 30% in 2009. FOOD Share is part of a tremendous nationwide network to receive, trade, barter, and distribute food goods to needy people of all ages and groups. Major partnerships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Federal Emergency Management Agency also include food storage, distribution, and emergency warehousing services. Food is distributed to other, local non profit agencies. FOOD Share also runs programs to provide food to seniors, Brown Bag & Senior Nutrition and for children “Snack Attack” and a “Sharing the Harvest” program a mobile pantry providing fresh fruits and veggies to low income families.

FOOD Share operates from two warehouses totaling 34,000 sq. ft. All the hard work is accomplished by 24 employees and over 350 dedicated volunteers. Their facilities include refrigeration and freezer systems to store perishable food stuffs. FOOD Share estimates their efficiency is very sound in that for every dollar they can provide over \$7.00 worth of food to needy persons and 95.5% of every dollar raised goes to their direct mission to feed the hungry.

Ventura Vintage Rods was offered conference room space in tremendous facilities. Members voted at the conclusion of the tour to donate \$1000 to FOOD Share.

*** FOOD Share is extremely grateful! ***

1. Somewhere
over the rainbow
2. Ray Charles
3. January
4. Pepper &
Mustard