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October 2008

October has arrived and evidence of autumn is beginning to show itself. None the less, VVR has continued to be very active.

The first big event was at the Santa Anita Race track in Arcadia hosted by the Road Kings of Burbank. The Gartmans, Fains, Osbornes, Roarks, Bidwells, Leighty and Cowans made the 90 mile trek and was presented as the Featured Club. Out of 400+ cars and trucks, we were tasked to select the "Clubs Choice" trophy. It took Bob Osborne over an hour to finally admit he has seen a perfect car. We chose this 1956 Chevy 2 Door Post Sedan and presented the trophy to the Owner.



The venue was spectacular. VVR had reserved parking along the big water fountain in the middle of the infield.

Even though it was very long day, everyone had a great time betting on the horses, eating all of the homemade goodies, and the copious amounts of margaritas.

Congratulations to Ron Cowan for winning best of his class. Fain's, and Osborne's also won awards in their categories. Did I mention that there were over 400 cars.....

On Sunday October 26th, Ron Cowan and Jim Perske represented VVR at the Roam n' Relics Car Show in Moorpark. Again there were estimated 450+ cars in attendance. Thanks guys for representing VVR and supporting the Roam n' Relics car club.

October's activity/meeting was held at the Reagan Library. Thanks to Lois Hildebrand, members and guests were able to enjoy a 2 ½ hour docent led tour of the Library. Exhibits of Navy Reagan's dresses, Ronald's chronology from his boyhood home of Dixon, entertainment experiences, and obviously his political career were show cased. The crown jewel of the library has to be "Air Force 1". It is hard to imagine a Boeing 707 perched on 20' pedestals inside the gallery. Each of us had the opportunity to have our photo taken at the front door of Air Force 1 just as Ronald Reagan did so many times. If you have not done so, I would highly recommend that you visit the library and enjoy all of the artifacts it has to offer,

Upon completion of the tour, we conducted our general meeting at the library. After the reading of the obligatory previous meetings minutes and treasurers report, we had the privilege to induct Jim and Mary Eubanks as our newest members. Welcome and congratulations Jim and Mary. It was brought to our attention that some members still owe for their HR-18 T-shirts. Please make remit payment to either Connie Fain or Lynn Perske as soon as possible.



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October 2008 (continued)

The big topic of the day was the selection of charities for 2008-2009. It was decided to select 5 charities to receive \$1,000.00 at this time and reserve the remaining funds for later emergent needs (i.e. the Shoes and Socks drive held in April).

Our top 5 picks are

Food Share, Rescue Mission, Boys and Girls Club, Prototype, & Camarillo Hospice

Other expenditures that were voted on and approved were the purchase of (2 additional PA speakers, stands, and cables), Replacement EZ-UPS, and the continuation of the Storage Locker for another year.

If you still have club walkie-talkies from HR-18, please return them to me at your earliest convenience.

It has been requested that all members bring a new unwrapped toy to our November meeting to support the Toys for Tots campaign.

November is still open. If anyone has an idea for an event or locale for November's meeting please contact me ASAP so I can post it on the Events Calendar and update the membership.

November is also time to elect our 2009 Club Officers. Charlie Roark has accepted nomination for President. Charlie Gartman has accepted nomination for Vice President. If you have a prospective candidate for Secretary and/or Treasurer, please ask that individual if they would accept the nomination and remit their names to me prior to November's meeting.

December will be a non business meeting month. We are looking for Volunteers to host the 2nd annual VVR Progressive Dinner to be held Saturday December 13th.

The Bidwell's have offered to host the Appetizer portion of the dinner.

The Roark's have offered to provide Desert and give us a tour of Ventura Harbor on their boat to see the Holiday Lights again this year. Thanks Charlie and Sherry.

We are still in need of hosts for the Soup/Salad, and the entrée

We will also be having our annual New Year's Brunch and Installation gathering in January. Details to follow as the holidays get closer.

Birthdays

Nov 2 Willie Bidwell

Nov 12 Lisa Bidwell

Nov 16 Diane Cowan

Nov 22 Gerri Andersen

Nov 25 Bob Osborne

Anniversaries

Nov 7 Andersens

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry

President VVR