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December 2009

Prez Chaz sends a special Thank You to the cooks, hosts(es), and members for the terrific progressive dinner. It was a very fun event.



## Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Happy Holidays to the VVR Family!

### NOTICE!! There will not be a December meeting!

**EVENT:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual VVR Progressive dinner was a tremendous success. The host(es) and the menu is provided below.

VVR Progressive Dinner December 12, 2009

Denise McMaster & Paul Thomas	appetizer
Mary & Jim Eubanks	soup and salad
Connie & Jim Fain	main dish
Sharon & Paul Schumann	dessert

To compliment the Progressive Dinner, Denise and Paul coordinated a mini toy drive. She delivered the toys to KHAY as the VVR contribution.



Kewl VVR Christmas Cake

Also on December 6<sup>th</sup>, several members and cars cruised to the Santa Paula airport for their annual Christmas season open house. This is a funfilled day with lots of antique/restored airplanes, mixed with hotrods, pool tables, bars, lounge chairs holding space is probably WWII era hangers.

### November Meeting Notes:

A major sponsor, Superior, requested that \$1,000 of their sponsor money, be given to Brekke School to fund 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades outing to Reagan Library. The motion was carried.

Mike H has VVR hats in both styles, velcro and the plastic button adjuster strip.



On Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Santa Paula airport will have an open house event.

VVR 2010 officer elections:

- Chaz to remain as president.
- Sharon S to remain as secretary.
- Jim P/Lynn P to replace Heidi as treasurer.
- No decision made as to who will replace Charlie Gartman as vice president or if he will remain in the position. We often don't know what we don't know!
- Progressive dinner date set for 12 Dec 09. Scheduled to start at 3pm.
- Lynn P mentioned the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas event at La Dolce Vita – scheduled for 19 Dec 09. Cruise historic F&G streets in hotrods, return to restaurant for hor's oeuvres (aka MUNCHIES) – price \$20.00 per person. Members decided to not make this event as a hosted VVR event; individuals can attend if they wish.

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

-**Sunday, Jan 17, at 10:AM:** Our annual breakfast at Yolanda's on Main in Ventura. Hope to see everyone there.

The 2010 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 PMish. You are always welcome to join the earlybirds for food at around 6:00PM. Mark your calendar for, December Cancelled.

January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, December TBD

**December**

**Birthdays**

Ron Cowan	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sharon Schuman	10 <sup>th</sup>
Lisa Bidwell	12 <sup>th</sup>
Denise McMaster	28 <sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries**

Sandy & Dennis Nickerson	7 <sup>th</sup>
Gary and Ginny Ethier	21 <sup>st</sup>
Gary & Lucy Entriakin	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lynn & Jim Perske	26 <sup>th</sup>

"Technical Corner":

At this time of the year we all enjoy close gatherings of family and friends to celebrate Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas. Take a few minutes during one of your days to remember and maybe even send up a prayer for our troops in harms way, on the line for us throughout the world. Even they are far from home, their local battalion, division, etc become a very close nit family, and however they need the support from home to maintain a positive attitude. Also don't forget the first responders aka, police and firefighters that provide our local security and safety.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, & HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.

2009 In The Rear View Mirror

- New VVR officers were sworn in: Charlie Roark, President; Charlie Gartman Vice President; Sharon Schumann Secretary; Heidi Leighty Treasurer. The Sunshine Committee has been was re-staffed. Diane Cowan and Sharon Osborne will fulfill those duties. Ted Hetherington took the reigns of the newsletter, following tough act from the Leighty's.

- 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.

- Following the January brunch about 12 VVR cars made 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.

- Denise McMaster arranged an Oxnard PD K-9 Unit Demo demonstration from OXPD K-9 Unit provided by Officer Dan Casoon and "Officer Rico". After the Demo, we'll be cruising over to Teppan Steak House.

- We attempted to establish the fourth Tuesday of the month as the standard meeting date. However confusion reigned and the Prez was forced to conduct multiple remedial training sessions.

- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was established as the date for Harbor Run 19.

- We continued the St. Patricks Day tradition by enjoying traditional corned beef, and cabbage meal at the Sportsman. Also we participated in the 2009 Ventura St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- Several members and cars enjoyed the March Good Guys Get Together at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa to wave the VVR flag and spread cheer.

- Bill/Diane Jackson, and Pam/Pat Carse joined as members.

- The angst and discussion over HR 19 began.

- Several members motored up the Ventura Highway to visit the Mendenhall Museum in Buellton.

- The attributes of WD 40, vodka and other contraband were offered.

- The Schuman's and Roark's cars were selected for HR 19 logo display.

- We took a tour of the Fillmore Railway's Shake Rattle and Rail. Ate some great burgers and visited the Santa Paula Main Street Cruise night.

- Several members visited the Food Share operations in Oxnard. We later enjoyed lunch at BJs.

- We tried a new meeting venue at Ruby's Café in Oxnard.

- Several members and cars represented VVR at the Seabee Days Car Show.

- The trek by Norris Woods and a few dedicated members to hand produce HR 19 trophies was ongoing.

- We cruised to the Summerland Cafe for breakfast and then on to the Westerlay Orchid Farm



- We visited the Bennett's Honey Farm, then enjoyed the gastronomical delights of Acapulco Mexican Restaurant.
- Enjoyed the Santa Barbara Woody Show and the Camarillo Moose Lodge.
- HR 19 was a grand success through lots of work by VVR members, and the support of our sponsors. Presented 21 hand made trophies which were highlighted in the Ventura County Star, in a very refreshing and tremendous article concerning HR 19.
- Enjoyed lunch at Bocalli's in Ojai, and a educational tour of the Ojai Olive Oil Company. The weather was perfect and Ron C apologized for the dusty conditions. Charlie Gartman won the huge poker run pot.
- Regrettably, Elmore Nelson, one of VVRs staunchest supporters, and longest "family" members, as well as tremendous contributor to HR series, passed on. Elmore was an icon in Ventura County Hot Rodding; participating in, and supporting many events throughout his years.

If you have any news you'd like to share please pass to Ted, by email: [bowtieted@aol.com](mailto:bowtieted@aol.com); or phone 988-0330, or fax: 278 9639 (CALL FIRST please) The goal is to publish the newsletter the week prior to the General Meeting; your inputs are requested by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month to include most anything you'd like to share or for future news.

"BE SAFE OUT THERE!" Ted H

Editor