



## **TVCC NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2007**

This issue's dates to remember: ([See details below](#))

DECEMBER 8: Cruise Night at Siggy's

DECEMBER 9: Christmas "party" meeting at Sizzler in Temecula

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### **The President's Corner**

By Alphy Norman

The year of 2007 is coming to an end. Many of us wonder where the time has flown too! The old saying, "Time waits for no one". I am looking forward to another great year.

We have had some interesting tours that were planned by our members for our monthly outings this past year, which some have been well attended. Please remember to sign up for a month you would like to host at our annual pot luck kick off on Sunday, January 20th, 2008 at the Meadowview clubhouse in Temecula. There will be directions in our January newsletter.

Just recently back from a long vacation, which started out with this year's National Tour in the Midwest, then onto Kansas and Minnesota. Good to be back home in the warmer climate. I did get to see the Fall colors and the first snow fall in Minnesota, which always is an awesome sight. The National tour was wonderful, 43-46 cars, everything ran smoothly and we saw so much. I have shared some of the pictures at our last meeting on November 19th. For those of you that have never attended one of these tours, you are missing so much! Lots of real neat people and of course fabulous cars of all makes. I will try and write a short article on the 2007 National at a later issue of our newsletter.

While on vacation, I had a call from Wayne Sutter, who informed me that Rhonda (one of our previous directors of TVCC) was not expected to live, she passed away on the 8th of November at home with liver Cancer, she was only 51 yrs. old. She will be missed by many of us, and our prayers goes out to Wayne, Mike and Kelly.

Hope to see everyone at our Christmas Party dinner in Temecula at the Sizzler on the 9th of December. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# Cruise Night Report

Our November Cruise was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We don't have a complete report on the results and winners this month. Mike Kienitz reported that there were 35 cars displayed, and that Siggy's is still enthusiastic about sponsoring this event every month.

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## TVCC Calendar of Events

By Mike Kienitz

**December 8. Siggy's Cruise.** This will be the annual Toys for Tots cruise night drive. Please bring your cars, your family and friends, and unwrapped toy(s) to be donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Christmas drive. We will forego our usual raffle this time so that donations can be made instead to the Toys for Tots. The 50/50 raffle, however, will take place.

**December 9. TVCC's annual Christmas Party** at the Temecula Sizzler restaurant. There have been some **changes in plans** since the November TVCC meeting. Instead of the \$20 per person price which insured us of use of the separate dining and meeting room, we will instead order our dinners individually by going through the normal line. The Sizzler will accommodate whatever number of guests that we have with an appropriate table or possibly use of part of the separate dining area. The original price was nearly double what the normal dinner price is, and since we do not have as many sign-ups as we had planned on, we do not need to pay the extra amount to insure a separate dining facility. We hope that this may also encourage some of you who were hesitant about coming (possibly because of the cost) to attend. For those who have already paid the \$20 per person, the money will be refunded to you and you should pay for your dinner(s) as you order them. If you did not sign up previously but would like to attend, please contact Mike Kienitz at (951) 894-2166 or e-mail at [mbkienitz@verizon.net](mailto:mbkienitz@verizon.net) so we will have a fairly accurate count for table setup. Also, instead of the gift exchange that was outlined previously, we ask that everyone bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots drive. Even though the party occurs the day after the Siggy's Toys for Tots cruise night, we will still be able to add these toys to those we will have collected. We hope to see you at the party! Again, it will take place at the Temecula Sizzler Restaurant at 27717 Jefferson Avenue from 4:30 to ?. (P.S. Check the newspaper and mailings for coupons for The Sizzler – this information provided by the Benjamins.)

Since this is the December issue, and the last one for 2007, we wish everyone a great holiday season, a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a Happy Hannukah. If we have missed any holidays that you celebrate, we wish you a Happy One of Those Also! May 2008 bring each and every one of you peace, success, and the love of family and friends!

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## Future events

- mark your calendars now! -

**January 20, 2008.** Our annual Potluck meeting will take place at the Meadowview Clubhouse located at 41050 Avenida Verde in Temecula. We have a small committee that has agreed to set up for the event but if you can help, please come early – around noon - . Please bring a main dish, salad, bread or rolls and butter, or possible a light desert (as usual, a cake will also be provided) to share with the group. This is also the time of our brown bag auction, which is the main fundraiser for TVCC. Please bring something to donate and put it in a brown bag. We will auction the bags off with their unknown contents. This is always a fun – and often surprising – event. We will also need help in cleaning up the community clubhouse afterwards in order to recoup the \$300 fee that is required when we signed up for use of the center. And, one more note, this is also the time when we will ask for sign-ups for members to sponsor one of the monthly events for the coming year. In addition to the monthly Siggy's cruises where we display our cars and sponsor competitive judging for entrants, the monthly activities or events help to bring our members together. In the past, these activities have included visits to car museums, historical destinations and tours, and some delightful visits to scenic places such as Oak Glen, Julian, etc. The success of the club in hosting these events is important to the continuation of the club. A map to the clubhouse will be included in the January newsletter.

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## PAST EVENTS..

Veteran's Day Parade:

THANKS TO PARADE GOERS

I would like to thank all of our guys and gals from TVCC who made it to the Fifth Annual Veterans Day Parade. We had a total of eight cars. Bill and Cynthia Brown -- 1959 Cadillac, Mike and Betty Kienitz -- 1949 Caddie Mobster car, Scott and Terri Otjen -- 1965 T-Bird (Mike & Betty's daughter and family), Duncan and Jeanne Miller and friend Lindsay Hamilton -- 2 + 2 Pontiac Convertible, Henry Allarie -- Mercedes convertible, Jim Kelly and granddaughter Erin -- 1903 Oldsmobile, Skip Humphrey and friends Gordon and Mackenna Mobley -- Chrysler convertible, Huggo Vecchi -- 1930 Model A with rumble seat. Five of our cars were used to carry city officials and veterans, the rest fell into the parade and represented TVCC. We were all invited by the city to the park for free hot dogs, chips and drinks after the parade.

The City of Murrieta presented TVCC with a certificate of appreciation and a letter thanking us for the use of our cars. I noted the parade is much more organized since the City of Murrieta took over. Thanks again for our club's support on the parade.

The parade guy, Bill Brown

Board and general meeting, November 20, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m., by President - Alphy Norman at Carrow's Restaurant in Murrieta, CA.

Members present were: Alphy Norman, Celestina Norman, Jim and Virginia Kelly, Erin Griggs and guest Francesca Griggs, Andy Zun, Mike and Betty Kienitz, Harvey and Tolly Williamson, Dick and Nancy Benjamin, Frank Ciotti, Bill and Cynthia Brown, Bud and Marge Gilroy, Don and Carol Kratzer.

Members welcomed Alphy back from her long vacation which included the 2007 CHVA National Tour to the Mid-west.

Announcements were made and guest introduced. Francesca Griggs, daughter of Jim and Virginia Kelly and mother to Erin Griggs (our Junior member of CHVA).

Wellness report given by Alphy on an update of Joyce Clark, who had knee surgery, had some problems with infection and now is waiting for another knee replacement.

Also Alphy reported on Rhonda Sutter who has recently passed away on the 8th of November. She will be missed by many of us, our hearts and prayers go out to the family. Wayne thanked us for the flowers that were sent from our club.

October minutes were approved as written and passed. Celestina 1st and Jim Kelly 2nd.. Our secretary is on vacation this month, so Alphy is taking the minutes.

Treasurers report was given by our Vice President: Mike Kienitz (Henry Allarie who was absent, sent report to Mike. Cynthia submitted a bill for postage and mailing of newsletters to those who don't have e-mail. Alphy to forward onto Henry for payment of outstanding bill.

Cruise Night report given by Mike Kienitz, 36 cars in attendance, collected a total of \$156.00 with 50/50.

Vice President, Mike announced the Christmas Party was on Sunday, December 9th, money is due by 11/26th.

Old Business: Bill Brown reported on the Veterans Parade and Mike Kienitz brought pictures to put in clubs album. Bill stated there were 8 cars from TVCC, and 5 carried dignitaries.

Much discussion on Dar Mar and Siggy's not getting their invoices regarding payment on trophies. Continuance on meeting place at Carrows in Murrieta, club members voted to give them one more chance, not enough waitress' and food has been cold when being served.

Pot Luck - Kick off: Sunday, January 20th, 2008 at the Meadowview Clubhouse. Directions to clubhouse will be in the next issue of our newsletter. Marge Gilroy to get the clubhouse from 11a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch to be served at 1 p.m. Celestina and Alphy to help Marge with set up for the pot luck. Marge will get with Alphy re: paper goods, etc. Brown Bag Auction for our fund raiser like we've done in the previous years. Check is needed for deposit \$300 + \$35.00 to be made out to Meadowview Association. \$300.00 is refundable. Alphy to get with Henry to send check out to the Gilroys.

Alphy reported on this years 2007 CHVA National Tour, Hosted by The Sunflower Region. 43-46 cars attended the event, from Boone, IA; Nebraska and ending up in Wichita, KS. A great tour and wonderful places visited.

Election of officers were announced, remember to cast your ballots and send them to our teller, Dick Benjamin.

Next years CHVA National Tour was announced and sign up sheet went around for those who might be interested in attending. Reports were given by Harvey Williamson on what days were planned and also by Dick Benjamin.

Due to the holidays, no December meeting at Carrows will be scheduled. If there is a need for discussion, we can have a quick meeting before our Christmas party at the Sizzler.. Next meeting scheduled for January 20th at our kick off pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by: Celestina Norman, 2nd by Jim Kelly. Motion passed!

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphy Norman  
Stand-in Secretary for Nancy Humphrey

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## Dick's Tech Tips

{ I selected this one because it is pouring outside (for the first time in 2 years here!)}  
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Name: Peter

Subject: 58 Buick wipers

Question:

Hi Dick

I am restoring a 58 Buick Special and want to keep it as close to original as possible. I have found the vacuum pump that hangs off the bottom of the engine oil pump is very badly worn and I think beyond repair. I really want to use the vacuum wipers and was wondering: what if I mounted an electric vacuum pump under the hood and used that to run the wipers. Do you know if anybody has ever tried this and what sort of pump would be suitable?

Regards Peter

Answer:

You and I agree, the vacuum wipers have features that can't be gotten by using the usual bolt-on substitute electric wiper motors of the era.

I have gone to an electric wiper motor on my 56 Packard because I wanted to remove the vacuum pump (it has a history of causing problems including air ingestion into the oil pump on the V8 Packards), but I have never been happy with the limited selection of speeds, and the loss of the windshield washer coordination and the variable sweep width features that were available with vacuum wipers on this car.

I have thought about the same thing you are asking, and I regret to say I never went beyond thinking about it until I received your question.

Just now, I checked for 12 volt electric vacuum pumps at J. C. Whitney (nothing), Performance Automotive Warehouse (nothing) and finally Summit Racing: (Bingo)! However, they are very expensive - almost \$300.

I also checked on eBay - there is one vendor selling these 12 volt vacuum pumps, made by Thomas (never heard of them) for \$90. To me that sounds like its worth a try.

Take a look at item 120189819978 At this price, these are slightly used items. I see the same vendor has them at \$137 for what are probably new ones.

These will do the job (they are sized to operate brake boosters), and small enough that you can hide it somewhere. I don't know how noisy it will be, but if you only powered it when you need wipers, that shouldn't be a big worry.

I just bought one of the eBay ones (he has plenty more, don't get mad at me!) and I thank you for the prod - you got me moving on this! I'll try it and hope I can go back to my vacuum wipers. I suggest you do the same!

Let me know how it works out for you, please. Dick