

TVCC NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2007

This issue's dates to remember: (See details below!)

February 10: Cruise Night at Siggy's

February 20: Board and Membership meeting at Richie's Diner, Murrieta

Other future activity to think about:

February 23, 24, 25: The annual Big 3 Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

March 10: Cruise night at Siggys

April 22: Benefit car show for Guide Dogs of the Desert, Whitewater, CA

The President's Corner

As your 2006 President, I want to thank all the members and the 2006 Board for their great support during my term as President. As I look back we all had a fun year and did much good for the Communities. I know our new President Alphy Norman and the 2007 Board will continue doing a great job for the car club. I ask all members to give the 2007 board as much support as possible. As we all know, one person can run a Car Club alone, it takes all the membership to make a good club. I was sad to learn that the membership is down to only

35 members. If you are one of the members that have not paid their 2007 dues, it is not too late to mail in your membership dues. If you know of any prospective new members, feel free to invite them to Cruise Night, or our General and Board Meeting.

January was an interesting month for the Car Club. We had our annual pot luck, hosted by Alphy Norman. Special thanks to all the Normans for being great hosts. To me, it was like attending a special function at an auto museum. Alphy's museum was nicely decorated, with plenty of good food, good friendship, thanks to all the members that brought such really good eats!! Thanks to the propane heaters, it was really nice and cozy. To me there was a lot of valuable conversation about where the car club is going, different things we could do better at cruise nights; talk about the monthly events, and what everyone would like to see. There was talk about picnics, getting together with the Valley Cruisers and, seeing more of the local sights. So if you have not signed up for a

monthly activity, please let VP Mike Kienitz know what month you would like to have. Please keep in mind that several members can sign up for the same month.

The Brown Bag Auction raised \$255.00; that will help our Treasury. There were many nice auction gifts that were auctioned off. Special thanks to my wife Virginia, and to Mark Norman for making the auction interesting and so successful.

Additionally, at the potluck, an award was presented to Dick Benjamin by Alphy Norman for Dick's technical writing for the Action Era Magazine. Dick has a special talent when it comes to technical writing on car repairs.

Thanks to all the members that bid on the auction items and won. I'm sure you were all happy with the items you won.

For those who could not attend the Annual Pot Luck, we missed you! There were some who, because of health problems, could not make it; our prayers are with you. As I mentioned, your health and family comes before anything. I consider our Club like family members. I know myself, if someone from the Club calls me and asks for help, I will be there for them. I'm sure all of the members, would do the same. Many of us have known each other for over 20 years.

Ladies and Gentlemen, here is your 2007 Board for TVCC:

President: Alphy Norman

Vice President: Mike Kienitz

Secretary; Nancy Humphrey

Treasurer/Membership: Henry Allarie

Historian: Mark Norman

Publicity Chairman: Skip Humphrey

Cruise Night Chairman: Duncan Miller

Parade Chairman: Bill Brown

Newsletter Chairman: STILL VACANT---WE REALLY NEED SOME ONE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS POSITION.

Special Thanks, to VP Mike Kienitz, for such a Great Car Show, put on by the Covenant Group. TVCC earned \$100 for the treasury, and each member that showed a car got \$20.00 gas money, plus the catered luncheon by In and Out Burger, which was great. Besides that we had a great time, with our Sister Club, The Valley Cruisers. Those touring the display homes voted for their favorite cars, which made judging interesting. One of our members did place in the top three. VP Mike Kienitz received a \$50.00 gift certificate to Chili's. Good job Mike, your car really looked good in front of those model homes.

Don't forget our monthly meeting at Richie's this month on Tuesday the 20th of February, Dinner is at 5:30 PM, and the Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. At this meeting we will pass the baton over to the 2007 Board of Directors. Again Thanks, for all your support in 2006!!

Respectfully, Submitted

Jim Kelly

Calendar of Events

Swap meet: This is something some of us go to every year, and have for many years. It is a great place to see old friends, and to search for parts and supplies to help you with your old car hobby. About 12 spaces are reserved by members of TVCC, we are always clustered around the "H3" parking pole, come by and share a cuppa anytime! The stadium is just northwest of the intersection of I-15 and I-8, just east of Hotel Circle. The dates are February 23rd through the 25th.

Guide Dogs of the Desert: This is a charity that our club has supported for many years - Mike Kienitz is going to promote this to the club members, and has the forms if you want to sign up. The date is April 22, 2007, and we would tour out as a group.

PAST EVENTS.

Cruise Night January 13th

Cruise night for the month of January was frozen out! We had 24 cars show up, but before we started to judge, 7 or so left, so with 15 trophies and 17 cars almost everyone got a trophy. We don't have details at this time.

January 27th - Grand Opening Car Show

by - Alphy Norman

A wonderful day it was for a great outing. The weatherman the day before said that we might have showers and cold weather on this Saturday, January 27th. So the majority of us bundled up for cold weather as we headed towards our destination, which would be the

Grand Opening for a new development at a housing tract. WOW, 3 models on display, and all so beautifully decorated. As some of us arrived around 9:15 a.m., others drifted in slowly, we were to check in around 10 a.m. that same morning. This was to be a car showing for the Grand Opening of this new development called Catalapa Park, located in San Jacinto, CA. .

Mike Kienitz is friends with the contractor and he asked if Mike could put on a small show for him, giving each of us drivers \$20. For gasoline and \$100.00 for each car club that would participate. Mike then asked the incoming president Alphy if she could talk to The Valley Cruisers to participate in this event, which she did. Skip Hubby was Mike's connection for this outing, he had requested 22 cars, so 11 members volunteered from Temecula and 11 members volunteered from The Valley Cruisers.

In addition to the club receiving the money, they also fed everyone who participated, plus it was opened to the public, all one had to do was to view the model homes. We were fed by the IN-AND OUT, which came with a huge catering truck and table's and chairs and even real table cloths.

The Valley Cruisers also had a member (Ron Cravens) with a birthday the very same day, so his wife, Liz brought two cakes which she had baked and shared with everyone...And of course we sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY to him. Today would be his lucky day; he also won 1st place for the Best of Show with his 67 mustang fastback! Ron is a member of the Valley Cruisers,. Second place winner was Mike Kienitz with his 49 Cadillac Limo; from Temecula Car Club and third place winner was Richard Hull with his 56 T-Bird; from the Valley Cruisers. The prizes were gift certificates from well known restaurants. 1st place winner won a \$100.00 gift certificate to Chili's, 2nd place was \$75.00 and 3rd place was \$50.00.

What a great day this turned out to be, with the weather being perfect (78-80 degrees), we dressed with layers of clothing, so no one was too cold or too hot.

From Temecula Valley Car Club, in attendance were: Mike Kienitz, Alphy, Mark & Celestina Norman, Dick & Nancy Benjamin, Chuck Williams, Nate & Lu Coleman, George Watson, Jim Kelly, Duncan Miller, Hugo Vecchi with Tina, Chris and Amanda and Henry Allarie (which I may add, came all the way from Fallbrook).

From The Valley Cruisers, in attendance were: Ron & Liz Cravens, Rich Hassler, Jim Ferguson, Bill & Juna Ross, Fred & Aly Rock, Jim & Jan Wood, Bill Martin, Jay & Nina Fischer, Norm Lawson Don Driscoll and Jim Wayant..

This was a fun filled and enjoyable day, for we got to share an outing with our sister club of CHVA. THANKS to everyone who participated in this outing. As my uncle would say; DO IT AGAIN!

Board and General Meeting

Minutes of the January 21, 2007 Board and General meeting held at Alphy Norman's in combination with our annual Potluck luncheon.

President Jim Kelly started the meeting at 3:25 PM

He announced the results of the election and they are as follows:

President Alphy Norman

Vice President Mike Kienitz

Secretary Nancy Humphrey

Treasurer and Membership Henry Allarie

Historian Mark Norman

We all send best wishes and prayers to Bud Gilroy, to the grandson of Ann and Sunny Coleman. Bill Ross is looking good and is fighting his battle; it was great to see him.

Mike explained the sign up sheet for 2007 through February 2008 monthly events. Two, three or more can sign up together to plan and lead an event. If you did not sign up please contact Mike Kienitz and he will tell you the open months, if you have never done anything like this before I am sure that some of the long term members (notice we did not say "old" members) will help.

The Car show to be held on January 27 was discussed - see Alphy's report above. The sponsor (a home developer in San Jacinto) offered members \$20.00 for each car and \$100.00 to each Club, (The Valley Cruisers and the TVCC).

The Temecula Valley Rod Run has been postponed from February to March 8, 9, and 10th. We should send several members to this event and have them pass out fliers for our Cruise Night on March 10th. Maybe we can get some of those cars to our show, as the hours don't conflict too much. Please contact Mike Kienitz or Skip Humphrey to help with this. Please come out and join Duncan Miller our new Cruise Night Director for an afternoon of fun. The last several Cruise Nights have lost money, at our next meeting we will have to take a vote on giving Betty Kienitz some additional money to fund the raffle prizes.

Secretary's report was printed and approved

Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Publicity Chairman will get all of our 2007 dates to both newspapers.

Old business, Dick Benjamin has been doing as much as he can with the newsletter. WE NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR, PLEASE SOMEONE VOLUNTEER SO THAT THEY CAN BE TRAINED. Contact Dick Benjamin.

Membership chairman (outgoing) Alphy Norman said that we have 35 paid memberships, we need to get some new blood. Alphy also thanked everyone for their support in voting for her.

Alphy presented Dick Benjamin with an award for technical writing from CHVA for articles published in Action Era Vehicles. Congratulations Dick, it is well deserved.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Humphrey, Secretary

Dick's Tech Tips for February

Name: Mark

Subject: leaf spring squeaks

Question: I have an old Dodge truck that I was hoping to eliminate the squeaks in rear leaf springs. Is there a product that goes between the leafs to help eliminate squeaks? I have seen on newer trucks where there is a thin piece of rubber at each end of the lowest leaf or the overload spring, almost like a bumpstop. Maybe the squeak could be in hangers, if so, how could I fix that? Any help you could provide would be helpful.
Thanks,

Answer: You didn't say what size truck this is, but if it is a half ton pickup, you can jounce it with your body weight. Get someone to jounce it while you slither underneath and grab each area of the rear suspension - all along each spring and especially the rear spring hangers and the front spring pivots. If you feel vibration in your hand when you hear the squeak, you've found the problem. Inspect that area to see if there is any sign of looseness or worn parts. If all looks OK, and there is a zerk fitting on the part, give it a shot or two of chassis grease. If there is not, then spray a penetrating oil on the parts (something like "PB Blaster" from your auto parts store) to see if that will stop the noise temporarily. If it does, make up a mixture of 30% engine oil and 70% solvent (Diesel fuel, gasoline, kerosene, even transmission fluid) and spray that generously on the noisy area - that should stop it for a while.

You can also buy a special tool for lubricating springs with chassis grease with a regular grease gun, but these are hard to find and hard to use - I'd try the spray method first.

These vehicles were never particularly quiet, so you'll have to be satisfied with that treatment unless you want to have the springs and shackles all rebuilt with modern materials (Teflon liners between the leaves, zerk fittings on the hangers).

One caution: Don't spray the springs themselves unless they are actually making noise - if it is just the shackles (hangers) and pivots, only treat them. The friction between the leaves of the springs is a good thing, if it isn't bothering you with the noise.

Dick