



TVCC NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2007

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

May 12: Cruise Night at Siggy's

May 15: Board and Membership meeting at Richie's Diner, Murrieta

May 27: Tour to the Fallbrook Car show (note that our pre-registration deadline has passed. If you wanted to park with the club like we did last year, you can try to get in by touring down with the group, it might work, or you may just be put in with the regular folks, not with our club). See below for more info. Contact Wes at 951-506-6360 if you plan to do this.

Other future activity to think about:

June 17: Father's Day Car Show at Murrieta.

The President's Corner

ALPHY'S NOTES

Our meeting went well, with the attendance on the rise. It was nice to see some of the old members coming back and also good to see Virginia up and about. This was a long day for most of us, since we had a meeting at Richie's earlier for the 2008 National Tour planning group; my thanks to all of you that are on the committee, a well informed meeting and happy to report the tour planning for 2008 is well on its way. The next tour planning meeting is scheduled for June 19th, same time, same place. We are the hosting club for next year's National, your input is important to us!

Reports were given and announcements made, our newest 2 members are: Mike Kinsley and Erin Giggs (Erin is a JR CHVA member and is excited about the club) Welcome aboard!

Also happy to report that our membership is starting to climb again, 44 members. Good job! I had suggested a membership drive for us to recruit new members that are interested in the old car hobby.

A message that was received e-mail via Flannigan's from Gary Weber was as follows:

"I want to thank all my friends in our CHVA family who have responded with well wishes. I couldn't believe how many people spent time to send cards. Every day I get a bit better. Of course, it's never fast enough. Love you all. Gary"

We wish Gary a speedy recovery, for he is an important member to our CHVA family as well as his wife Lu. Lu also sent a message:

*"When the chips are down and things are tough
When the road looks long and terribly rough
All of a sudden there are folks everywhere
Who want you to know they really care.*

How lucky we are to have such friends in our lives. Thank you all. LU"

Please continue to give your support to Cruise Night (May 12) and also for our monthly meeting (May 15) and scheduled tours.

Thanks to Dick Benjamin for continuing to do our newsletter for another few months.

Also if anyone is interested in joining this year's CHVA National tour to the Kansas and surrounding area, read about it in the AEV, and then contact: Kevin Stilly of the Sunflower Region @ 785-776-5933.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO EVERY MOM IN OUR CLUB!

Cruise Night Report

By Duncan Miller

We had a turnout of 58 cars for the April 14 Cruise Night, which was a really great turn out after some down months. This is the main recruiting activity for our little club, we're really happy to see things turning up again. The newsletter went to print too soon for Duncan to get the detailed results in to the editor – next month we'll do a better job. (ed)

TVCC Calendar of Events

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

May 5 to May 12: CHVA Mini Tour XX from Visalia to Vegas (it's way too late to sign up, but that's where a bunch of us will be for a week – on the **road** where these old cars belong!)

May 12: Cruise night at Siggy's

May 15: Membership and Board meeting at Richie's Diner, Murrieta. 5:30 for dinner, 6:30 meeting time.

May 27: TEMECULA VALLEY CAR CLUB MEMBERS: Tour to Fallbrook Car Show

Our May monthly cruise will be to the 41st Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show on Sunday, May 27, 2007. We will meet at Siggy's at 6:30 am and cruise down together. Your hosts will be the Petersons and Browns. It is too late to pre-register with our group, but you can download a registration form at:

http://www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.com/images/2007_42nd_FVCC_Entry_both_pages.pdf

and just mail it in (by May 19th). If you are interested in touring down with our group, call Wes Peterson 951-506-6360 or e-mail carpeterson@verizon.net.

Some information on the show. Cars are registered and judged in 36 classes, with trophies for class winners. Fire extinguishers are required and must be displayed by the front driver's side wheel. You may either bring food or drinks or purchase them at the show. If you registered last year you will be sent a blank form for this year's show. This is probably the best local show for showing and judging the type cars our club has. We would like to have a good turn out. If you have several cars, pick your best car that matches up to a class. We would like to see TVCC take home three or four trophies. SEE YOU AT SIGGY'S AT 6:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2007 FOR THE CRUISE.

If you need additional information call either Wes Peterson 951-506-6360 or Bill Brown 951-695-1416.

NEXT MONTH (mark your calendars!)

June 17th: Father's day car show at Murrieta Sports Park on Cal Oaks Road. We'll gather at Carl's Jr. on Cal Oaks (just east of the I-15) at 6:30 AM, so we can all enter and park together. Mike and Skip are heading up this outing. If you have any problem finding them, call Skip on his cell at 951 830 7010. We'll roll at 7 AM sharp, so don't be late!

PAST EVENTS..

Board and General Meeting April 17th, 2007

Minutes of the April 17, 2007 Board and General Meeting of the Temecula Valley Car Club, held at Richie's Diner, in Murrieta, CA

Those in attendance were as follows: Mae & Henry Allarie, Carol & Don Kratzer, Carol & Wes Peterson, Cynthia & Bill Brown, Virginia & Jim Kelly, Tolly & Harvey Williamson, Nancy & Dick Benjamin, Mark Norman, Alphy Norman, Betty & Mike Kienitz, Nancy & Skip Humphrey, Marguerite & Fred Jungles, Duncan Miller, Frank Ciotti, Andy Zun.

President Alphy Norman called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. She gave a wellness report wishing Bud Gilroy to continue his recovery, and Virginia Kelly and also to continue doing well, Bill Ross is also fighting his battle. We hope and pray for them all. Alphy also noted that Virginia and Jim Kelly's Granddaughter Erin Giggs became a Junior Member of CHVA and the TVCC.

Secretary Nancy Humphrey asked for a motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting, it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Henry Allarie gave the treasurers report, and asked for a motion to accept them, they were seconded and approved. Mae and Henry as Membership Chairpersons also gave a report that we now are up to 44 members paid for 2007.

Alphy announced that our newsletter will appear on the CHVA website which is <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/chva/WhatsHappeningInMyRegion.htm>

Club Historian Mark Norman asked that if anyone goes to an event and he is not present, please take some pictures, get names dates etc and send them to him.

Cruise Night Chairman Duncan Miller was trout fishing (and didn't bring any back for us), so Mike Kienitz gave the report that we had 58 cars registered, with several more cars that did not register. Duncan has located a new raffle ticket tumbler for \$60.00, a motion was made to purchase it, the motion was seconded and approved. We made good money on the raffle and 50/50 this month, and Betty Kienitz offered to send the extra money back to the treasury to replace monies that were borrowed during our several bad winter months. We thanked Don Kratzer for the "tumbler" that he had made for the club a long time ago, but it has been given us some troubles for a while.

Publicity Chairman Skip Humphrey said that both newspapers have been printing our monthly Cruise Night dates and they both have the schedule for the balance of 2007. They will be updated in December for 2008.

Vice President Mike Kienitz stated that we need volunteers to set up a cruise for the months of Sept, Oct, & Nov.

It was suggested that we have a picnic at a park in Fallbrook, it was a very pleasant place and an easy drive for our old iron.

Old Business:

The decals and Shirts are on hold until we have more members interested.

New Business:

Alphy will be checking to find a new place to have our meetings possibly going back to Carrows where they have a private room, and their menu is better with slightly lower meals costs.

If anyone wants to purchase a name tag they are \$5.00 please see Alphy after the meeting or contact her, if you were not at the meeting.

Alphy also mentioned that she will be leaving for several weeks; going to Kansas, for a CHVA tour.

Mike Kienitz will run the meeting next month on May 15th again at Richie's Diner. Alphy also wished all of the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day on May 13th (this does not mean that you Fathers can get out of something between a card or a diamond bracelet or something). She also wished Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all during the upcoming month.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and approved and we adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, by Nancy Humphrey, Secretary

April 22: Tour to Guide Dogs of the Desert, Whitewater CA.

Mike Kienitz drove Sherry Penfold and her daughter Linda out to the event in the Cadillac "Mob Limo" – it was a great trip, but it was cold and windy out there in the pass, so after Mike won one of the top awards at the show, the show was cut short, and they headed for home. They stopped at the Morongo Casino, where Mike had continued good luck (tripled his money!) There were no other TVCC members on the trip – maybe they knew what the weather was going to do? They also hit rain on the way home.

April 29: Bill and Lorraine Powers, and Dick and Nancy Benjamin went up to the Guide Dogs of America benefit car show put on at the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum again this year

– a great turn out of authentic, original cars on a beautiful grass covered lawn, with good food and nice folks – and a nice day too! Plan on this one next year!

Dick's Tech Tip for May 2007

Subject: Radio Interference in a 1951 Ford Truck

Question: Where can I get the noise suppression capacitors (for the coil, generator and, voltage regulator) to eliminate spark and generator noise in the radio? The truck still has the 239 V8 flathead, with the original 6 volt system

Answer: This is a common problem with AM radios; (RF interference noise). In the original installation, there would have been capacitors added to each source of RF noise to prevent this.

For this purpose, the same type of capacitor that is used inside your distributor will work just fine - just go to your local Auto Parts store and buy some ignition capacitors for any car (they are all approximately 0.5 microfarad, not that it matters) and are designed to absorb large voltage spikes, so they will last forever in this service. If the clerk looks at you like you're from Mars, just ask him for ignition capacitors for a 1970 Dodge with point/condenser ignition - those will work fine.

It is important to install them with very short leads, and to bolt the capacitor case clamp down to a clean bright metal solid case ground point on the device being filtered - with this type of interference; wires act as broadcasting antennae, and must be kept to a minimum length.

You should also devise a grounding strap for your hood - use a braided strap similar to an engine grounding strap - the type that some cars use from the top of the block to the firewall. Keep it short, and make sure there is no paint or other insulation to interrupt the ground integrity.

Adding one of those straps to ground the engine to the body is also a good idea.

Lastly, make sure you are using modern spark plug wires with a resistive core, and spark plugs with built in radio suppression resistance. Almost all modern spark plug wires and plugs have this, but make sure. In Champion plugs, there will be an "R" in the plug number.

I also have old Ford trucks ('52, '64, '65 and '66) and when I got the '64 in 1982, it still had the original copper core spark plug wires in it. Since I have no radio in it, I wasn't aware of the havoc these cause until I took it in for the then mandatory smog check in CA. I blew out two of the shop's smog test machines before we dummied up to what was causing it! (Fortunately, I didn't have to pay for them!)

Good luck with your truck, and thanks for keeping the original engine and electrical system! Too many of these vehicles are being modified.

Dick