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Old Farts Annual October Car Show



Every October we find a worthy cause our charity to help out with the proceeds from our car show. This year a young man was brought to our attention by the Riverside East Rotary. Remember they are who we team up with to put on the Show and Go car show that we have done for 25 years now. They told us about Aiden Pinalto who was doing his project to get his Eagle Scout Badge. Basically he could have just gone to a local park and built a bench and donated it. But no, not Aiden. He decided to take on a big project at the March AFB Museum. His grandfather was on the board there and he also flew one of the planes on display. Aiden decided to pour concrete pillars for all 96 planes on display, plus did 50 extra for future growth. Then he bought a special

printer that would engrave thin sheets of copper colored metal that says something about each plane there. He also added a QR code on them that when you scan them it tells you everything about the plane including who flew it and what missions it went on. What an undertaking but also a super awesome project. He had been get-



ting quotes and originally it was going to be way over what he thought he could raise, so they did a lot of the labor with volunteers. The project ended up costing \$34,000.00 so he had a lot of talking to do so he could raise that kind of money. That brings us to our show. Aiden came and spoke to our club and everyone was

im-pressed with this young man. We all agreed to donate the proceeds from our October show to his project. Dave Bertino and I also had him come and speak to the Sons Of The Legion at Post 79 and we donated \$1000.00 to him.



Knowing that we needed something to bring in some extra money, I called good friend Chip Foose and he said he would draw something that we could auction off.

We'll leave it to Chip, he drew a beautiful hot rod alongside a fighter jet. It was so nice Dave came

up with the idea to sell shares of it for \$100.00 each and 35 people and businesses donated towards it.

The day of the show the weather was nice but for some reason the crowd was down a little. But we didn't let that dampen our spirits. Surfer Dave rocked the place, while Larry W and crew made sure



the parking went smooth. The Son of the Legion did a breakfast while Charles and Vivian took care of us with a delicious BBQ lunch. Lila sold everyone some reverse bingo squares. Matt and crew handled the raffle and 50/50 sales and it was on to the awards. We did hats as our trophies

again this year and everyone seems to like them. We all had a super day and all for a very good cause. Aiden and his family were on hand and had a blast. A big shoutout to Aiden's Mom and dad, they have to be extra proud of him and know he is going places in the future. At the end of the day the Old Farts Racing Team was his big-



gest contributor and he surpassed his goal. We donated \$5700.00 towards the project that is now complete and looks absolutely beautiful. I encourage everyone to take a trip out there and see this museum, you will not be disappointed.

Mark G.

Wasson's Toys for Tots Car Show



1872 Evergreen Cemetery

October 23, 2024 the Evergreen Cemetery became a Historical National Monument by the Congressional Legislature. On November 16th there was an unveiling ceremony that a few of us went to. The Old Farts Racing Team, under the direction of Bill Wasson, were involved for 8 years in raising well over \$100,000.00 to re-green the cemetery. The City of Riverside, Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery in partnership with Evergreen Memorial Park and Mausoleum (boy that is a mouthful) said “Thank You” to the Old Farts Racing Team and others for all of our involvement.

Dave B
#182

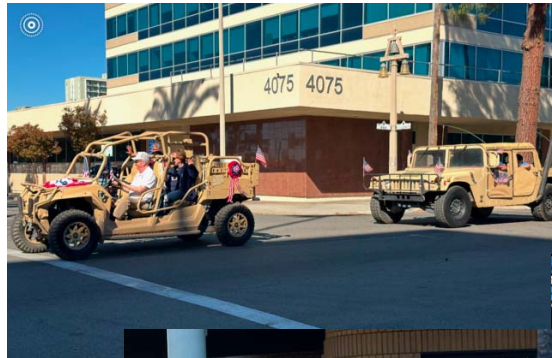


Veteran's Parade

It was nice to see some Old Farts at the November 9th, Veteran's Parade, Downtown Riverside. Especially because it's the birth place of the Old Farts Racing Team, and my birth place too. The parade had a good turn-out, maybe a little smaller than last year.

I want to give a big shout out to Erik & Kim Perry from The Rickshaw's Car Club for keeping this Veteran's Day Parade going. The Old Farts were staged right next to the Rickshaws, they had a lot more folks than we did. I told them I was the OFRT spy, lol. We had Jimmy D, Allen, Karen, Scott & Lucy, Ruben, Bob, Myself, and my daughter Shawna.

Dave B #182



Saying Goodbye to an Old Friend

I once lived in Grand Terrace. Sometime in the 80's, this young man's parents approached me and asked if I would hire their son. We were neighbors and their son had just gotten out of a boarding school (so I heard, reform school). Me being the kind of guy that I am, said yes, and hired their son.

He turned out to be a very good worker. He had brains. I was grooming him to take over my job as I was getting ready to quit and start my own business.

One Saturday, I got the call that he and his girlfriend had been in a motorcycle accident. An oncoming car made a lefthand turn in front of them, causing them to hit the car and fly over the top. His girlfriend was able walk away, but he had to go by ambulance.

As time went on, he and his girlfriend got married and started an investigation business and a repossession business. They had a lot of wild stories, but one of them, I remember most, is them repossessing a car while the driver was pulling in the liquor store. His wife jumps out of their car as soon as they pull into the parking spot. She walks inside the liquor store, buys a pack of gum. As she was walking out of the store, the driver of the car they were needed to repossess was walking in. She walked past him, smiled and said hello. She walked to the guy's vehicle, the one needed to be repossessed, they already had a key made, gets in the car and drives away. Repossession successful. Pretty ballsey if you ask me.

More time went on, unfortunately they closed down their business, and filed for divorce. He was on disability and didn't have a whole lot going on. I asked him to help with writing the Old Farts News Letter. Ron Crandal has recently passed away and we needed someone to take over. He did a great job for quite a few years. He would also help Bill with Show & Go and the trophy winners...

If you haven't figured yet out who I am talking about, you must be a New Fart. Happy hot rodding in the sky. Say hi to all the other members up there, and save a spot for me, Bob (Wheel Chair Bob) Carrol.

Old Fart
Dave B #182



CHP Captain Steve Branconier

Sometime in September, Service Officer Javier Navarro invited us to have lunch at the Adams Street Station. So, a bunch of us Old Farts and members of the American Legion headed there. Captain Steve Branconier had just built a new monument, landscaping, and flag poles in front of the Adams Street Station. He did this lunch for us as a thank you for our \$5,000.00 donation from both the OFRT and the American Legion.

Pictured Left to right: Javier, Steve J, Larry W, Ed Mata, Jerry, John A., Fred, Ed M, George, Phill Sharon, Steve B, and Captain Steve

The also presented us with an award, pretty cool. It will hang in the Legion.

Dave B #182



BIG BEAR FUN RUN 2024

BY SHARON P.

On Thursday, August 8th, Rich & Karen Mehas, Ford Phil & Sharon Preston & Leo Newman headed up to Big Bear driving their hot rods. We arrived around one & got checked into the Robin Hood Lodge, we lucked out our rooms were ready, so after unloading our cars, we went to the restaurant there for a late lunch. Afterwards, Karen & I took a walk around town to check out the restaurants menus to see where we wanted to go for dinner. We decided on the Brewery where we had a late dinner, the weather was beautiful so we sat outside on the patio.

Friday morning we walked to the Teddy Bear for breakfast, then went to the parking lot where they have registration, we got our "goody bags" and the guys TShirts & checked out some of the vendors then went back to our Lodge to wait for Joe & Vickie Ritter, Richard & Cyndi Wyatt & Manny & Susan & Billy & Ester Nelson to arrive. Lynda Kane from Havasu was in the area so she came to visit us for the day.



We had an appetizer party around noon on the patio in front of our room, everyone enjoyed visiting & the food & Karen's "Special Lemonade"! The Lodge always has entertainment in the evenings, so we sat around for a while listening to him sing & play his keyboards & guitars, the guy was very talented & sang a variety of songs. Later we all walked to El Jacalito for dinner, they

have delicious Mexican food. Afterwards we sat around outside visiting & then headed to our rooms.

Saturday morning the guys took the cars to our assigned parking spaces downtown & walked back to the Lodge to have breakfast &



afterwards we walked to where our cars were parked for the day. The girls went walking around to check out all the shops & see if they found anything they couldn't live without! Cip, Susie & Ethan DeHaro joined us for the day also.



Later in the afternoon the girls all went back to our lodge to the bar for an "adult beverage"! Later we were joined by the guys. Around 5:30 we all drove to Bertino's house in Big Bear for their annual BBQ!

Ford Phil & Joe-Bill Bbq'd the hamburgers & hot dogs, we all brought side dishes & desserts for everyone to enjoy. The evening was perfect for sitting outside socializing & having dinner. Dave provided live entertainment Chris Folsom again this year for us, we enjoyed singing along to some of his songs too. Thanks so much Dave & Linda for hosting again this year, everyone had a great time.

Sunday morning at 9:00 the awards are presented in front of a huge American flag.

Old Farts that received awards were: Rich & Karen Mehas :Top Twenty, with her 1955 Red & Silver Nomad. Manny & Susan Zamora: Best Chrome with their 1967 Orange Chevelle. Leo Newman : Best Upholstery for his 1931 Purple Sedan Delivery. Ed Mata : Best Commercial for his Brown 1957 Chevrolet Pick up. Our good friends Mike (Santa) & Katie Lambert (OTHG) :Tweety Award for their Yellow 1966 Panel Helms truck. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

After the awards everyone headed down the hill to go home, we are all looking forward to the show next year, a good time was had by everyone!





A Celebration
of Life
**Kenneth
Paul
Karakas**

6/11/1946-12/26/2024

Remembering
Rod Haynes



November 27, 1949 - February 18, 2025

Next-Up Pickup

‘Cause some opportunities shouldn’t be passed up

By Rotten Rodney

Just what is it about our common affliction that keeps us haulin’ projects home, when we don’t really need new projects? If I had to come up with an on-the-spot answer, it’d probably be, ‘cause some opportunities shouldn’t be passed up.

Left to right, that’s some hobo with his high school Auto Shop teacher. Friend for life might better-describe Mr. Mac, but long story short, he wants us Rottens to have his cute little Studebaker truck.



Roughly 1,300 miles later, Mrs. Rotten tears into ‘er next-up pickup project. She’s done a Stude before. Mr. Mac helped with that, in fact.

The build formula is an ol’ time-tested one. Good used 283-ci Chevy engines are tough to find today, but Mrs. Rotten found one. Anyway, here we go again—it’s on!



Pastor Guardrail

I was born on Armistice day, more commonly known as Veterans day, November 11th, which means that I never had to go to school on my birthday. There was this kid, Ronnie Schramm, who was a year older than me, who shared the same birthday; we would tell the kids at our small Lutheran day school that the reason that they didn't have to go to school was that it was our birthday. I don't think that they bought it.

On my 10th birthday, I was sitting at the breakfast table when my mom asked me what I would like to do that day. I asked her "What's Dad doin'?" and she replied that he was out working on a windmachine. I replied "That's for me" and my Brother, John, took me in his 1942 Jeep out to the middle of an orange grove in Riverside, California, and I helped Dad work on that windmachine. There's something about being up on a 30' tower with two unmuffled 59A Merc flatheads driving Army Air Corp surplus propellers that is soothing to my soul. It ain't Heaven, but it comes in a close second.


I am now a long way out of grammar school, at least physically, and I still don't have to go to school on my birthday. Living up in Northern Arizona, I have yet to see an orange grove, let alone a Tropic Breeze E.O.T. (Engine On Tower) wind-machine in the area. I do have, however, a 1949 John Deere AO (A series Orchard model) tractor, so this year I fired up said tractor and made a few parade laps around my lower back yard. After I parked the poor ol' J.D. in it's prominent display parking area, I began to think about what a blessed man I am. Psalm 37:4 tells us - Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. I must say that over the years and all of the adventures with all things mechanical, that God has given me the desires of my heart. There is another way to look at this verse, if we delight in the Lord, that IS the desire of our heart. God desires a relationship with us, which is the desire of His heart, we can have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ, and no other way, and THAT is my desire.

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So far we've listed Engines, Transmissions, Intakes, Ignitions, Dash boards, Chromed Oil Pans, and much more. Anything Automotive Related is Welcome.

Who knows, you may find that one part you've been looking for.

Misc. Stuff

We are up to 2576 Members!!!

As of Aug 13, 2024

Would like your car to be considered for Car of the Issue?

Email us at contactus@oldfartsracingteam.us with a picture of the car and all the information needed to write about it. Make sure to include a phone number in case we have any questions. Remember we will probably get a lot submitted and we only put out 4 issues a year so be patient with us.

Would you like to be a sponsor of the OFRT newsletter? We could sure use a couple more sponsors to help pay for the yearly running costs of our website and newsletter. The cost is \$25 a year, and you get your business card in our newsletter, (4 issues a year) and it's also put in our discount directory in the preferred section.

I would like to spotlight Andrea Kaus for always taking the most amazing pictures of our events, she not only takes pics of our horsepower, but she has a great collection of horse photos too. you can check out all her photos anytime at cha-osgraphics.com. *Helpful Hint: I really enjoyed her collection by making the pics run a slideshow full screen, you can really see the details of all the great rides.*

Thank You to the crew that helps with the OFRT newsletter, without their hard work, this newsletter wouldn't happen. Mark Godfrey, Dave Bertino, Sharon Preston, Diane Olvera, Lila Bashim-Casteloes, Willie Martin, "Rotten" Rodney Bauman, Mike Woodward, Andrea Kaus, Steve Johnson, Denise Wasson-Martinez, Charyle Trujillo, and a few others that I just can't remember right now. G.W.

Welcome To All New Old Farts !!

Welcome all new members to the Old Farts Racing Team! Our sole purpose is to have old fashioned drag racing fun. You do not need a car to have fun, come with someone who is participating, be a spectator, or build your own car. Gatherings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at the American Legion Hall #79 at Fairmont Park in Riverside. We have no club officers. We have what we call "meetings", or bullshit sessions, for lack of a better term.

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Old Farts Events Calendar

OFRT's Monthly Meeting/Dinner

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Hall #79 at 2979 Dexter Dr. Fairmont Park in Riverside. [Map to American Legion #79](#)

Tuxie's Drive-In Cruise Night

Tuxie's Drive-In Cruise Night is held on the second Friday of every month from 5pm to 8pm. Come on down and join us! [Map to Tuxie's Drive-In](#)

Perris Airport Car Show

Perris Airport Car Show is held on the first Sunday of every month from 1pm to 4pm. Come on down and join us!

Other Events

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