

The Santa Clarita Valley Contemporary Car Club Newsletter



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Words from the President

By Dick LaGrasta, President

Hello there fellow car club members....

This month's "words" will be a little bit different (but not too, too different) in that usually I try to stay within certain guidelines mostly pertaining to "car stuff." But, this month I thought that I would start with something a little out of character but none the less very interesting to all members who appreciate the finer things in life.

Last weekend the club cruised on down to The J. Paul Getty Museum to tour what I feel was a real education for all of us who attended. It is no secret that I am not the most "sophisticated person or world traveled person" that has ever been the president of a car club. But, after taking that tour of The Getty Museum, I came away with a deep appreciation of "The World Museum Art." It's amazing how over the many years this wonderful sense of history has been saved for many generations to admire. Hopefully, this admiration will be passed on from generation to generation (as it has been for many centuries). I, for one, will tell my children to take some time from their busy daily lives and spend some time at this wonder of culture, art, and building magnificence. That's enough said.

Now, let's get onto "car stuff"! Okay, we are going to have The Route 66 Car Show for the year 2002. After meeting with Mr. George Thomas, Owner/Manager of the restaurant, we have come up with what I hope will be an even better car show that in previous years. Our club can accomplish this because we care enough to be there for our "car crazy public." This, of course, will require the continuing support of our club members.

As we get closer to the date of our first show for the year on April 13, we will be letting everyone know that if you would like to come on down and help judge; help park cars [no not actually "park" them, but point them in the right direction...although there are a few cars that I'd love to "put the pedal to the metal" on!]; or work at our registration desk, we would love your help. Our registration desk always can use some help during peak hours (first 2 hours or so of the show). Also, there are many other things that require "a human body" for each car show. Believe me, your help will always be very appreciated by not only other car club members, but by The SafeRides Program. SafeRides is the charity we support, and they are a wonderful group of people. They are always there for our "young drivers" in Santa Clarita when a ride is needed or when a "safe ride home" could save a life. We are proud to be working with them, and they appreciate our club's support of this SCV program.



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Cruise Nights:

- **Auto Spa**—
First Saturday
- **Route 66**—
Second Saturday
- **Burger King**—
Fourth Saturday
- **Fuddruckers**—
Every Saturday

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Words from the President

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Let's see now. Oh yeah, we have a new member that joined our fine club last Thursday. I am happy that this gentleman (and his family) joined our club. Like many members before him, he has a deep down interest not only in cars [don't we all] but also in his community. Clint has owned some really fine cars and now he is driving a piece of his family history [are you ready for this...], "his Father's Oldsmobile." This is not just any Oldsmobile, but the precursor to the fabled 442 Cutlass that first came out in 1964. Clint managed to show up at one of our car shows and won a trophy for his class. Back then, I said to myself, "Someday that car just might be on our club roster." Welcome to the club, Clint. I hope you enjoy being in this club as much as all of the members do. Your car, you and your family will be a great addition to our club.

Now that spring is quickly approaching, we will be trying to set up "mini-cruises," perhaps on a Sunday morning or afternoon [like we have done in the past]. So please, keep watching your e-mail for dates and times in the coming months. Usually this cruise can be for breakfast, or lunch, or brunch, or anything that includes driving somewhere for "FOOD"! But, I really do have to be careful. Since I went on my diet in January, I have managed to "gain five pounds!!! When you are Italian and built like me [ahem], you tend to gain weight just looking at food on your plate without actually eating it. This really sucks! Oh well, I guess I will just have to walk that "extra mile" to lose some extra pounds. We'll see.

In closing, I hope that this spring, and summer, will bring some new faces and cars [of course] to us. I hope we all enjoy good health for our families and us. See you all real soon!

Sincerely, *Dick*

The J. Paul Getty Museum Trip

By Les Williams, Tour Chairman



As the old expression goes, "YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!" The views of Los Angeles (not to mention the art treasures) from the Getty Museum are spectacular.

We had a group of eleven make the short trek down the 405 Freeway to visit the Getty Museum. The traffic was light going and we got there around 11:00 am. Thanks to the "Queen" we did not have to stand in line. They allowed our group to enter at the front. The tram ride to the top gives you a good look at the multi-million dollar homes in BelAir and the Santa Monica Mountains. [Where do all those people get the money???

For those of you that have not been to the Getty, it might be said that the buildings themselves are works of art. The marble covered buildings stand out for miles around. They also have a garden area that you can spend almost an hour checking out.

After renting tour headsets, we proceeded to "Check Out The Art". As Dave Zelman commented, "They have the real paintings of VanGough, Monet etc. right out there to see." And, you can get up pretty close to check everything out. (You can't touch, or the equivalent of the Airport Security Staff will be right on you... no sense of humor).

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Speaking of airports, there was a bomb scare there while we were visiting. It turned out to be Janet's fanny pack that had fallen off her chair and a museum worker thought it looked like it could have a bomb in it. After a quick frisk [just kidding] we were able to retrieve it from Security.

All in all it was quite a nice trip. On the way back we stopped at Dr. **Hoggly-Woggly** Tyler, Texas Bar-B-Que and had enough food to feed 22 people. No one left hungry. A few of the group who thought they had a little room left, stopped for Ice Cream at the new Pavilions. Who said that the Army was the only ones to travel by there stomachs?

Try to join us for our March 23rd trip up the coast to Camarillo, Carpenteria and hopefully a nice Italian dinner on the way back. I will email more details soon.

Happy Cruising, *Les*

Car of The Month (Kraig's '56 Chevy 210)



By Ken Kraig, Proud Owner of a Classic '56 Chevy

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Our '56 Chevy was bought in Olympia, Washington on October 10, 1956 by my grandparents. My first picture of the "White Dragon," as Grandma called her, was on Christmas of 1956. My Grandmother "gave" her to us for \$200.00 in 1980. Ken Jr. and I drove her down home through Zion, Bryce Canyons and etc., taking about a week. I still have all the original paperwork; registration; thousand mile check-up coupons; and etc. A receipt dated October 13, 1956 (with 395 miles on it from Spokane, Washington for a fill-up of 11 gallons of gas and 5 quarts of oil for a total of \$6.28) was still in the glove box.

She's a classy 1956 Chevy 210, 4-door sedan with a straight six, 235 engine with "three on the tree" column shift. With my addition of a front sway bar and a change of gears, it made her a very "comfy" cruiser to Laughlin, Las Vegas, and Monterey on a few trips. I should have done that, years ago. What a difference! I just have to remember to keep a light foot on the gas on the open road, as she is a cruiser and we take her everywhere.

As she is usually my "daily driver," and I do mean that, she is awaiting an engine overhaul at this time. We feel a bit at a loss and can't wait until she is all better and purring again. Having her as company for over 45 years has been a pleasure for all my family. Having her for another 45 years would be wonderful, if not a wonder!

Cruise on, *Ken and Donna Kraig*

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Upcoming Events

- March 15th - 17th - Super Chevy Weekend at Pomona, for more info go to www.superchevyshow.com
- March 23rd - Trip to Camarillo Airport Museum, then on to Carpenteria for a visit of the Orchid Garden, then on to Fillmore for food at Chef Franco's Italian Restaurant.
- March 23rd - Palmdale Burger King Cruise at 30th Street West & Avenue P - 11am to 3 pm
- April 7th - Open House at Cal West Radiators Auto Air & Radiators, 10% discounts during the day
- April 13th - Route 66 Classic Car Show - 1 pm to 5 pm
- August 3rd - 11th - Hot August Nights - Reno/Sparks Nevada, register now!

February's Meeting Minutes

Coco's Restaurant
February 28, 2002
By Eileen Keating

The meeting was called to order and started with Old Business: (1) Dwight Emerson gave the club's financial report. He let us know that with our yearly dues renewal, we are doing ok financially. (2) Next on the agenda was the subject of club shirts. Phil said they were in the works of being ordered and as soon as they come in he will let everyone know. (3) Les Williams gave a review of the Getty Museum tour. Eleven people took the tour of the beautiful artwork. There was a bomb scare there, while they were visiting. It turned out a member's fanny pack was left in a restroom and a museum worker thought it looked like it could have a bomb in it. There was lots of walking, but gorgeous views were available. The group went to Hoggly Woggly's for dinner and then some went to Coldstone Ice Cream for desserts (an hour wait, but they felt it was worth it).

New Business: (1) Rikki passed around flyers for upcoming car shows and they were left out, so anyone who was interested could check them out and pick up their flyer of interest. (2) The March 23rd Cruise was discussed, which is a trip to Camarillo Airport Museum, then on to Carpenteria for a visit to the Orchid Garden, then on to Fillmore for food at Chef Franco's Italian Restaurant. Times to be announced later. (3) New club member, Clint Huffman was introduced. He is from Canyon Country and is married and has 2 children. He has a 1964 Oldsmobile Cutless that his dad ordered a few days before he was born and his father has had it till he sold it in 1996. Clint tracked it down and got it back in 1998 and has since fixed it up. He has in the past owned a 1972 and a 1979 TransAm. (4)

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The Route 66 Car Shows have been OK'd to continue through this year and the first show will be April 13th and should start at 1 pm, but starting later in the summer when it is hotter.

Clint Huffman won the chrome pot (50/50) (what a way to start joining the club!).



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