

# 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...

Man, can you believe it's "Fall" already? Wow, where has this year gone to so quickly? This is the time of year when we car club fun seekers kind of just kick back for a spell and set our sights on the up and coming holidays.

I would like to reflect just a little on the last seven months that the club has been hosting the Route 66 Car Show in Santa Clarita. I first want to thank all the club members who have worked so very hard this year (from April to October). They worked in all kinds of weather (mostly hot and "HOTTER") and under all sorts of conditions that range from; "where in the heck are we going to put all of these cars today?" to; [my favorite] "where in the heck are all the cars?" "It's way past 4 o'clock."

We have really run the gambit here because we have taken in all sorts of vehicles ('74 and older). We've seen all sorts of people bring cars that almost defy description [what is this thing, anyway?]. For the most part, we have satisfied hundreds of people who have driven up to Canyon Country in Santa Clarita Valley to enter their "cool ride" in our car show. What a great feeling we all shared when the lot was "full" and we could almost relax for a few and take a well-deserved break. Okay, some of us got to do that and others were just beginning to "reach their stride." They had other jobs to do that would carry them right on through to the very end, including lot clean up. But everybody did what they could to ensure a safe and entertaining evening.... what professionalism!

There were "gripes" of course. There were times that made a club member just want to "scream." People's problems and concerns were of course handled quickly as possible by all club members. The problems were handled sometimes in ah, shall we say a "most interesting way," that were truly "unique," but handled! There were times when each one of us involved, that show day, were asking ourselves "what in the heck am I doing here?" "Why am I here 'baking in the hot sun' when I could be home just kicking back and relaxing by the poolside?" I think the answer lies in the fact we were committed [or is that, should "be committed"] to helping out such wonderful people as the kids and friends of the "Santa Clarita Valley Safe Rides Program." They are a wonderful charity who certainly appreciated our involvement in the community. They use the collected donations for such great things as finding a way home for any teenager that might call for their services. They give rides home to that teenager who has been



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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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at a party and has "overindulged" in some sort of "spirits." Without the Safe Rides' services, some of the overindulged would have ended up driving and more than likely ended up as a "statistic" for some big insurance company's quarterly report.



**The kids and friends of the "Santa Clarita Valley Safe Rides Program"**

I think another reason for doing the show, has to do with the fact we are "car people" and we really do enjoy getting involved with all sorts of the aspects of the car. We have known and loved cars throughout our "Boomer Years." We have reached the maturity point [well, some of us... some of the time anyway] where we not only enjoy driving these things of beauty and speed. But, we are now seeing a whole new generation of American youth, who are getting behind the wheel and wanting to show us what they have done with their "pride and joys" too!

I believe we have, for the most part, done a wonderful job of teaching our children about values and respect. Hopefully we've done our job by setting a

good example in this society by having a place to come and show off your "pride and joy" on a warm summer's night. There's a lot of pride in this club. It really shows, not only at the car shows that we have put on, but in the way that we handle ourselves whenever the club travel to various places [although our restaurant manners can be fun, at times...heh, heh]. Also, our pride shows in the way our website has been somewhat instrumental with putting this club "on the map!"

I do think that you're beginning to "get my drift" here. We are still a class act car club. Although this Summer has gone into the history books, our club still has some more miles to put on before the New Year rings in 2002. We have a club tour that will be coming up on November 10th and have the "Tour of Lights" in December. Of course, we have the "Tree Chop Car Show" that has been a favorite of this club in the past [except for maybe last year due to goofy weather]. So please, don't put that "pride and joy" away in the garage just yet. We have some fun things planned as you can see. With our new members that have joined us this year, we are looking forward to having perhaps the best "SCVCC Christmas Party" yet!

There are many new developments that will be coming up in the not too distant future. These developments might just have a profound effect on what we will have to do (as a club) to stay solvent for 2002. I might be asking for everyone's help to "set a new course in uncharted waters" for this club next year. Some of the things that we have planned in the past may have to be changed to accommodate the future. I will be speaking (and writing) about these changes after the New Year. So in the meantime, please attend the club meetings (whenever possible); support your club by paying your yearly club dues (coming up this December) on time; and stay active in what I consider to be "The SCV'S Best Car Club".... as if you didn't already know! See you all real soon.

*Sincerely, Dick*

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## Car of the Month (Johnny Khanoo's '68 Mustang)



By Johnny Khanoo

I purchased my Mustang about four years ago. I am the third owner. Ever since I saw the movie "Bullit," starring Steve McQueen, I told myself if I ever buy another Mustang, it would be a 1968 Fastback. I painted it Highland Green, just like the one in the movie. In the last couple of years I can't tell you how many nice people I have met because of my car, especially the guys in the Santa Clarita Contemporary Car Club. I have had the pleasure of bringing time back to some people with my car. In the last ten years, I have owned lots of European cars, such as BMW and Mercedes, but I have never had so much pride and joy of owning my 1968 Ford Mustang.

### Features:

- 1968 Mustang Fastback
- 302 HO 5 Liter Engine
- Edelbrock Intake Manifold with a Holly 600 Double pumper
- Hooker Headers
- C-4 Tranny with a TCI 2800 Stall Converter
- Disk Brakes
- Ford 9" Rear end, narrowed 4", with 411 Gears, 31 Spline
- 320 Estimated Horsepower

*Johnny Khanoo,  
Proud owner of a 1968 Mustang*



## Upcoming Events

- November 4th - Drag races at LA County Raceway in Palmdale from 9am to 4pm
- November 10th - Tour of the Automotive Road of Dreams Museum in Orange County at the Fairgrounds
- November 16th - The "Here Comes Santa Claus Parade" in Valencia
- December 9th - 30th Annual Tree Chop Car Show at Kenny Grove Park in Fillmore
- December 15th - SCVCCC Christmas Party
- December 22nd - SCVCCC Christmas Lights tour

## October Meeting Minutes

Coco's Restaurant  
October 24, 2001  
By Eileen Keating

Dick LaGrasta called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. The finance report was given and we still remain solvent at this time.

The last Route 66 Car Show of this year took place this month. Dave Zelman stated there were 98 cars paid and registered. \$216.00 from our proceeds was given to our local Red Cross and the balance was given to our sponsored charity organization, SCV Safe Rides. Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) donated 12 big flags for all the "Best of Show" winners. Also, everyone that paid and registered their cars received a small American flag to put on their cars. The trophies were beautiful with red, white and blue decorations in honor of the theme of the evening. The "Best of Show," trophy went to a customized 1939 Ford convertible with a beautiful candy apple red paint job. That "win" put the '39 Ford in the voting for the "Best of the Best" trophy, which was a contest of past "Best of Show" winners competing against each other. The '39 Ford eventually won the "Best of the Best" trophy and for the first time, someone walked away with two trophies. Everyone agreed it was well deserved. The owners of the cars competing for this big trophy were allowed to vote for each other too, and most of those votes went to the 1939 Ford Convertible.

Some car club members went to Fat Burger, in Lancaster on October 6 and Dave Zelman won a trophy for "Best Flames." Jay Triche gave a rundown of the October 7<sup>th</sup> Verdugo Hills Car Show, in which a few of our members attended and stated Jay Leno was there as usual. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, our Chevy owners, Dave, Rikki, Eddie, Johnny, Larry, Rich, and Brian, participated in the Santa Clarita Corvette and Chevrolet Car Show held at Valencia Chevrolet. The majority of trophy categories were for Corvette classes with only few Chevy trophy categories. The show had a bunch of raffle awards and our club members won 80% of the raffle awards. All of which were very nice raffle prizes. Dave Zelman walked away with the big raffle prize of the day – a Lojack car alarm.

Last year's Valencia Town Center Parade turned out really nice except for having to follow the horses. Try to set aside 7pm, Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, for this year's Valencia Town Center Mall's "Here Comes Santa Claus Parade." So show up, if you can, with your car sparkling for the parade. Everyone agreed it is a fun night of cruising. The meeting place has yet to be determined and our members will be notified before then by e-mail or phone.

Les Williams stated that Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> is our monthly Car Club Cruise. We will meet at 9am at McDonalds by K-mart. We will be going to the Automotive Road of Dreams Museum in Orange County at the Fairgrounds, where we will see the cars and go through the swap meet, followed by lunch at Knott's Berry Farm.

Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 15 and the Christmas Lights tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 22.

Copies of our club's Bylaws were handed out, so they could be looked through and checked. If there are suggested changes that we think should be made, the November meeting will be the time to bring up and vote for the changes.

The nominations for next year's Board Members are possible to be sent either by e-mail or made at the November meeting.

The Route 66 Car Shows for next year were discussed. Due to health of some of our members and also some issues that we need to get ironed out, we need to decide whether to continue with the shows next year. In the coming months, the club will continue discussion and make a decision.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last show for the year at Fat Burger, in Lancaster. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10am to 3pm, there is a car show sponsored by the Fire and Police Departments of Los Angeles at Woodley Park, San Fernando Valley. Proceeds will go to the N.Y. Fire and Police Departments. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, at L. A. County Raceway, in Palmdale,

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on Pearblossom Highway, there will be drag races. Proceeds also are going to the N.Y. Fire and Police Departments. The Tree Chop Car Show, in Fillmore, will be coming up in December, usually the first or second weekend.

Jay Triche won the chrome pot prize and the meeting was closed at 7:40pm.



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