

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....

Wow, this October & November 2002 have been the busiest two months that I can remember since being a member of the SCVCCC! Not only busy in terms of "things to do," but in things going on within the club and its members.

I want to start this month's letter to all of you on a rather sad (but loving) note. I say sad because, the club has lost a really wonderful and truly amazing man who lived an unbelievable life. He was 92 years "young," and left behind him a legacy that people who knew him will never forget. Ernie "Poppa" Moore (Eileen Keating's father) passed away this month. Let me tell you. I and everyone who knew him, lost a very dear and warm friend who loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Ernie was an "honorary member" of the SCVCCC and would travel with Rich and Eileen in their van whenever the club would take a monthly trip. He always had a story for all of us to listen to and enjoy, whenever we would finally stop at our destination. He joined in, and most of the time had us chuckling and laughing with him. This is because he had more than likely been to wherever it was we were going to in Los Angeles or Southern California. Ernie in his 90 plus years, not only spent time traveling all over world, but also spent over 25 years in the Los Angeles Police Department. "Boy-oh-boy" did he have a memory that was sharp as a knife! I would always look forward to our monthly "escapades with the car club," when I knew "Ernie" was coming along with the Keating's. It was always a pleasure having him with us. He made the day that much more enjoyable and always fun!

I also have to say that Ernie's funeral was one of the most memorable funerals that I have ever attended (though, I don't make it a habit of just going around attending funerals). It was memorable because of all of the love, respect and the "up beat" way it was handled, with the family allowing us to join in celebrating Ernie's life for his 92 years on this earth.

The Keating's were truly blessed to have this man in their lives for so many years. I speak for all of the club members that knew Ernie, in saying that he will be missed and we were all lucky to have known him. Rest in peace, my friend.

You know, if they handed out "money for hard luck stories," I know whom I would send my "cash" to. With no reservations, it would have to be Mr. Jay



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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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Triche. Jay is the type of “gentleman” who has had, as of late, some of the craziest luck that you can imagine, some being good (he survived two accidents “almost” unscathed) and some bad. The bad referring to some “physical damage” to some really nice “toys” that he has had in his possession for many years. I am talking about Jay’s 1972 Norton Commando motorcycle and his 1966 Dodge Charger.

Within a few short months of one another, both of these vehicles have been involved in some strange type of accident that was almost beyond belief. Truly it makes me stop and wonder, “What in the heck did he do to deserve this?” Knowing Jay as I do, I know that he has done “absolutely nothing” but shown pride of ownership in both of these vehicles. Both were “class acts” in their respective fields. They were shown with great pride and never failed to impress anyone who had the pleasure of seeing Jay riding his Norton Commando or driving his “very black” Dodge Charger around town.



Ouch!! This Picture Says it All!!

I am not going to attempt to describe just what happened to Jay. You will have to hear it in his own words, because I can do this story no justice. It is just “unbelievable.” But, having Jay tell the story is “worth the price of admission,” believe me! I hope that Jay can get some sort of “good luck” on his side, not only in what is left of this year, but for all of next year. If anyone truly deserves “Great Luck,” it is Jay (oh, and his lovely

wife Carol, who must wonder about her husband sometimes, and his string of “weird luck” as of late). It is about time things take a change for the better. God knows that he really deserve it!

On a brighter note, the Valencia Town Mall Christmas Parade was “interesting, entertaining, fun, but WAY TOO SHORT!” We were the first group to cruise the parade route and perhaps I should have driven a little bit slower. But, I knew when we’re done with the parade, I would be able to go to Dairy Queen to have my “diet banana split” and watch the other club members have whatever they wanted. But, of course all of their desserts were “diet designed” also (yeah, right Dick). After that “long cruise,” my dessert really felt great going down!

All in all, it was a very good time this year at the Towne Mall Parade, and may I add, much better organized. I want to thank everyone who participated. Also, I received a phone call from Jackie York (the head coordinator) thanking us for our support and that our car club was welcome to participate in next year’s show, thanks to all of you!

Now, more than likely by the time you get this newsletter the nominations and voting for club board members will be over (it was held at the November 20th car club meeting). Your new club officers will be in office hoping to set up a schedule for next year’s festivities and of course this will require more participation from our club members. So please, try to get involved this up and coming New Year. We can always use your input and thoughts.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with their loved ones, and I hope that all of you wonderful car club members are making plans to attend our Annual Car Club Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 22nd. This is always a real fun time for our club and I hope to see as many of you as possible make it this year.

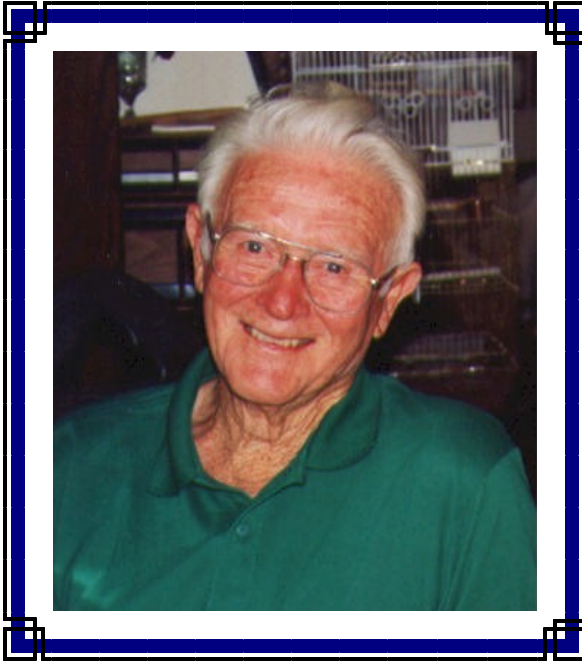
In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support that you have given this club and the board members that have tried to keep the Contemporary Car Club, the “class act car club” of the Santa Clarita Valley. I think we have achieved this goal, and with a great a deal of pride and success. Take care everyone!

Sincerely, *Dick*

Upcoming Events

- December 8th - 31st Annual Tree Chop Car Show - Kenny Grove Park in Fillmore.
- December 21st - Tour of the Lights
- December 22nd - SCVCCC Christmas Party - Potluck (Please note latest date change)

In Loving Memory



Ernest Newbre Moore

October 4, 1910 - November 10, 2002

**With Much
Thanks and Appreciation
For The Wonderful Tribute
You Have Given My Father
as a
“Honorary Member” of Our
SCV Contemporary Car Club
and by
Donating a Brick at The
LAPD Historical Museum
and
a Living Tree to be Planted
in His Memory.**

**Most Sincerely,
Eileen & Richard Keating**

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October Meeting Minutes

Coco's Restaurant

October 30, 2002

By Eileen Keating

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and started with Old Business: (1) The Financial Report was given and we are again, solvent for another month. (2) The club discussed the amount of money allowed to be carried over to the next year. It will be further looked into, if necessary. (3) The club agreed that we would like to continue our Website into next year and discussed what we could do to add to it. (4) Next on the agenda was a report from the car club members who went to the different car shows this month. Jay Triche and Dwight Emerson went to the Woodley Park Chrysler/Mopar Show & Shine. They said the cars were really great and there was also a car-part swap meet, which they really liked. About 300 cars were at the show. Dwight's Barracuda received the blue ribbon award that was given for "Special Merit". Dick LaGrasta also went to the show & gave his feelings on the show. Ricki Kirchner called Dick to say she won the Best Chevelle at the October Palmdale/Burger King Car Show. Larry Board won a 2nd Place trophy in the Team Chevrolet/Pasadena Car Show. Dick LaGrasta won the "Best Nostalgia" at the Palmdale/Burger King Show in September.

New Business: (1) Discussed, but not decided on, are new SCV car club shows that are coming up in 2003. We went on to talk about the upcoming parades for the holidays. On November 15th, we are planning on joining the Valencia Towne Center Santa Claus Christmas Parade. Our President Dick LaGrasta will call to notify everyone about the meeting time and place. (2) The discussion of the up and coming car club officer elections was put off until the November meeting.

After stating that in the over 10 years that I have been a member of this club, I have never won the Chrome Pot, tonight I had to eat my words. I, Eileen Keating, was the lucky winner of the Chrome 50/50 pot for the evening. The meeting then came to a close.

November Meeting Minutes

Coco's Restaurant

November 21, 2002

By Eileen Keating

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and started with Old Business: (1) The Financial Report was given and we are again, solvent for another month. (2) Eileen Keating gave a thank you for the wonderful gifts given by the club. They were a Memorial Brick to be installed at the Police Museum & a living tree in honor of her father, Ernest Moore. It was suggested that the car club make a cruise to the museum when the Brick is installed. (3) Dick LaGrasta gave a report on the Valencia Town Mall Santa Claus Parade. The club had twelve cars winding through the parade route. All had a good time. The popularity of the cars and their rumbling engines were big crowd pleasers. (4) Dick LaGrasta spoke of the passing of Ernest Moore and that he was our "Honorary" member of the SCVCCC. Also, the club attended his funeral service.

New Business: (1) The election of Club Officers was held tonight with the vote being unanimous to keep all the officers as they are now. We are combining the duties of the Special Events Coordinator & the Tour Chairman. That officer will now be called the Cruise Director. (2) The Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 14th at the Tennis Club House. It will start at 5 pm with appetizers and dinner being served at 6 pm. With the dinner being Pot Luck, it was decided everyone would bring a main course entree for six people, so that we can have lots of entrees to fill us up. The club will furnish the side dishes of baked beans, potato and macaroni salads. Also, the club will furnish desserts, drinks (such as soda and coffee), as well as the eating utensils, plates and napkins. R.S.V.P is very important. So be sure to respond to the e-mail and/or phone calls you will receive. We will have our usual gift exchange with the price of the gifts set at \$15.00 per person. (3) The Light tour was discussed with the after "tour" party being hosted

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November Meeting Minutes (Continued)

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by the Emersons. We will meet at Sears Automotive at 4:30 pm, on Saturday, December 21st. Dave Zelman will lead the pack. (4) The Burger King Cruise in Palmdale was discussed and a few are planning on going.

New Business Not on The Agenda: (1) Jay Triche explained the accident that took his Charger to be "totaled" by his insurance company. He told how he was taking his car back to storage after cruising it in the Santa Claus Parade and while waiting at a signal he got hit in the rear. The Charger is now a foot shorter then before. He now needs to decide what to do with the Charger. With considerable options to think of, he will take time to make his decision as to whether to try to recreate this car with another body or start anew. Of course, this accident is following the accident with the dog running out in front of his motorcycle a couple of months ago. (2) The Fillmore Tree Chop Car Show is Sunday, December 8th. Registration starts at 7:30 am so the club has decided to meet at the Shell Gas Station, leaving at 7:00 am. (3) Dick introduced and welcomed new club member, Albert Sanchez, who owns a beautiful 1972 Black Chevelle. It was also mentioned that Gary and Marty Davis are rejoining the club. They now have 1948 Pontiac. (Welcome back).

Carol Parsons was the lucky winner of the Chrome 50/50 pot for the evening. The meeting then came to a close.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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