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➤➤➤ Ken A. as the Grand Marshal

Show and Go 2008

By Mark G.

Think back 10 years to what you were doing. A small car show named "Show and Go" had its very first outing. It started growing each year that went by and now 10 years later we have a major event. They tell us we have Riverside's largest three-day event and Riverside County's largest car show. I am not sure about all the rest, however what I am sure of is what I hear from the participants and that is we have the funnest and most enjoyable show. It does me so much good to hear the comments after the show. It puts all the hard work that goes into this worthwhile. That along with the money that goes to charities here in Riverside and them knowing that it came from a great organization like the "Old Farts".

I will be very careful in this article not to mention any names. As much as I try not to, each year I offend someone and I hate that, so here goes. I have to praise and thank my two counterparts. You all know who they are. One is from the Old Farts and the other is from the Riverside East Rotary. The three of us work so well together and 99.9% of the time we are on the same page.

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Old Farts Ride of the Issue

Hal Thomas' 1957 Chevy 210

Hal spotted the car of the issue while it was still under construction at Bill Wasson's shop. If you have ever been there you realize how easy it is to fall under the spell of one of his "obsessions", and almost without conscious thought decide to make one of his creations your own. Such was the case with the beautiful Chevy now owned by Hal.



The car was purchased in 2006 – the exact date not quite clear as is often the case in situations like these. The late Wasson Metals fabricator Midge had collaborated with Bill to produce the Dandelion Yellow body, a totally custom color that draws "oohs" wherever it is seen. Wes & Terry took over the project upon Midge passing, and saw his vision to fruition. The interior is finished primarily in fine leather, the color a fair smooth tawny tan that begs to touch how soft it is, but almost afraid of how well it complements the accents –

Hal's showpiece is motorvated by a 305ci SBC, carbureted and surrounded by mirror-like accessories and protected by a stunningly finished engine compartment. The motor is backed by a TH350 transmission connected to an original configuration rearend. The miles are made comfortable with power steering and power brakes - with discs up front to ease to a stop when required. A Vintage Air Conditioning unit keeps the occupants in a controlled cabin climate, while the CD Changer/Stereo package enviable to many entertains auditory needs.

The Chevy 210's first real show appearance was in 2006 on Fremont Street in Las Vegas, Nevada where it was easily one of the best rods on display. A special presentation was made to the owner at another show soon after in Henderson, Nevada where the car was given the "Paramedics Pick" prize. Hal has traveled to and participated in the Hot August Nights gathering in Reno, as well as Laughlin. He can often be seen with his ride at local shows in and around Southern California where he is an active member of the OFRT and promotes the hobby.

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This show would suffer tremendously without either of them. Everyone needs to pat them on the back and thank them for all they do. A lot of what they do goes unnoticed and no one ever knows about it. Believe me, I notice. The rest of our crew also does such a good job.

We didn't have very many meetings this year because everyone pretty much had the same jobs that they have done each year and knows what needs to be done. The meetings we had were so smooth that it seemed like we should have to do more to get ready. Our final meeting that was hosted by the Riverside Marriott was great. I think it adds a lot of class to our show to have it there. It was great to have the Rotary and the Old Farts together. The two groups have really gelled together pretty well in the past few years.

Now back to all the Old Farts and Young Farts that helped in any capacity, thank you, thank you, thank you! You all know who you are and so do I. We do this as a team, and I think we have the greatest team around. When the show was over, and we look back and say "we did it again" and people start thanking me and telling me great show, I let them know that it's not me, it is an awesome group of people that I am just lucky to be involved with.

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So all of you who helped in any way, take a bow, because you're the ones who deserve the thanks.

I have to also thank my wife and family for backing me and helping out with the show. They never question the countless hours that are put into this show and I love them for it. Let me also thank the families of everyone who helps with this show, you can be proud of what we keep on accomplishing. One last and final thank you goes to whom I refer to as "My Posse", otherwise known as the radios. You are the best group that anyone could ask for, I hope you all know that your #1 in my heart!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Now on with the show!

Friday night just keeps getting better. No registration, we sold out 4 days earlier. We knew this would happen and it is a good thing, but for those who didn't make it in, register early next year. The crowd keeps growing, and it is getting harder to get the bike rail put down when we finally get the streets closed at 6:00.

The problem is a good one; it's about 400 hot rods that are already downtown during the afternoon. They are so ready for this show to start, that they keep getting there earlier and earlier.

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Elizabeth Godfrey



Midnight at the Oasis Festival Yuma, AZ.

(Caballeros de Yuma, Inc.) March 7th, 8th and 9th

March 6th marked the onset of our road adventure from Riverside, CA, where, after a delicious breakfast at the Farm House, we hit the road to begin our eight (8) hour trek to Yuma, AZ. Some may say "you really must be taking the long road" but those of you who have traveled with us before know only to say "it's not the destination but the journey!" Actually, I believe Ms. Patsy Mata-Vasquez may have been the one who connected that particular phrase with the group after her first eight (8) hour trip (be it bikes or hot rods) going to Laughlin.

Anyway, it was a lovely trip and fortunately no one ran out of gas or got arrested, so the trip out was relaxing, enjoyable and stress free. Charlie couldn't make it this year so those upholding the law and looking for suspects had to look elsewhere. Jetta was with us again this year though and would have offered them a cold beverage if they had been around looking for Charlie, but as I said - Charlie couldn't make it this year.

The beginning of our adventure once in Yuma for the Midnight at the Oasis Festival began at the hotel where the reservations had been made almost one year in advance due to the popularity of the car show and the limited number of participants accepted.

Thanks to Brad, all our rooms were reserved and waiting to be occupied by much of the same crew as the year before with a few new people. (By-the-by - Room 101 is already reserved and taken for next year. - Linda and Dave - Be a Cheez-it and get your own box (I mean room)!!! ☺

The weather was great and was a good indication of more good times to come for the weekend. Somewhere somehow (oh yeah - initiated by Patsy and agreed to by the rest of us ladies) we were going to just walk down the street a little to go eat. Two miles plus later and still looking for the restaurant that kind of made a few Old Farts thirsty, cranky and whiney (that would be the men I mean), we eventually found what we were looking for.

Thirsts were quenched and most everyone ate a good dinner and were sufficiently stocked up on both food and drink for the very long walk home. All in all - everyone got their exercise for the year and remember folks - "it's not the destination, it's the journey." I am fairly certain though that the men will never listen to a bunch of women again about walking anywhere especially when they say - "it's just down the street".

Friday dawned bright and beautiful with everyone looking forward to a day at the festival. After we left the hotel, we went to go register at the Ray Kroc Complex/Desert Sun Stadium Ticket Office.

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Shutting the streets down was a whole lot easier than years past with some help from the Volunteer Speedway Fire Dept. They pulled right out on Market and Fifth and put their lights on and no one questioned why the street was closed. We all hope they are back each year with us.

That was great. You should try to just stand out there and tell people that the road is closed and try to put a sign down while they go around it and flip you off. That didn't take place this year. By the time we had everything set, I think we had all 1000 cars on the Friday cruise route. What an awesome sight!

The BBQ was going, music was blasting and everyone had smiles. By the way, the BBQ raised \$2857.00; Great job to all involved. The only problems that we had on Friday night we getting the cheap suckers who wont donate \$40.00 to charity and want to cruise anyway off our route, and the local "winos" that needed rides in ambulances. At 10:00pm when we shut the cruise down, everything was great.

Saturday morning I got there a little after 4:00am and there must have been 100-150 cars there. By 5:00 am there were probably over 300-400. Thanks to our doughnut and coffee crew, I know everyone appreciates what they do.

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We even had Mexican pastries for our Latino crew. Well the first thing that always happens is taking caution tape down and telling people that we don't save spots. You would think by now that everyone would know that, but year after year we have to deal with it. I talked to some people who arrived at 2:45am just to get where they wanted, that's crazy!

By the time we got to the Grand Marshall parade the cruise route was filled both with parked cars and people cruising. What a beautiful sight! Our Grand Marshall was probably the most deserved of any Grand Marshall anywhere. He entertains everyone all the time and we all love him for it. Show after show he is a hit and he still gets just as excited as the crowds watching him. Great job!!!!

Judging started after the parade. That is a thankless job. Everyone thinks their car is better than the rest. The judges are considered experts in their fields and they only judge that part of the car. Then the points are all added up at the end so no one judge knows who the winners are until they are all added up. They do a great job and I appreciate their effort.

The open header contest followed and that is always a good time. We ended Saturday afternoon with some concerts in the park.

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Very nice facility but as usual, lines everywhere – but oh well, you can't escape them. The beginning of the festival after the registration packets were picked up could be likened to that of the "gold rush". Nothin' funnier than seeing a bunch of Old Farts "staking their claim". That's how you get your spot on the field for the festival and plus get to stay in a group. Staking this year went a little smoother than last year as some of the smarter Old Farts brought hammers – last year was a little more primitive and a not so big "rock" had to be used!! Much easier with a hammer!

Once there, lots of beautiful cars to look at, vendors to visit, food to eat and bands to listen to. Mick was having truck problems again (Yuma wouldn't be Yuma if Mick's truck wasn't trailered – well almost trailered). Patsy wanted to cheer him up so she got him some new hair and if I didn't know better, I would have almost thought Gene Flinn had made it out this year – Mick and him could have been twins with the spiky hair.

On another note - so the ladies go visiting the vendors and the boys are working on Mick's truck and up walks two young ladies representing the local Channel 11 News to our guys working on the truck. Somehow, between Bertino, Brad, Mick, Tom and Wasson, Uncle Larry gets nominated to be the spokesperson for the Old Farts Racing Team to be aired live that evening at the festival (guess he's the one most comfortable with the microphone!).



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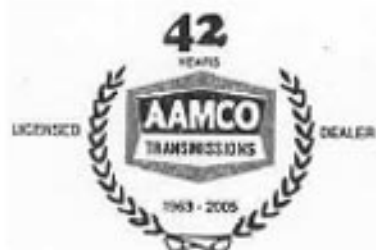
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Anyway, stardom in his eyes and oh so proud to tell the whole world what being an Old Fart means to him, LW is thinking about his debut and putting together a show for the local Yuma folks. Keeping it short and simple, in preparation of the evening interview coordinated by Channel 11 news team, Larry, Brad, Bill, Dave, Mick, and Tom Miles, drove their vehicles down to the field where the news team told them to be amidst all participants of the festival and during the 1 hour news cast on prime time television on Channel 11, LW and his crew shared with the world what being an Old Fart means and got a chance to show off their hot rods as well as LW's beer shooter. They made us so proud. They were interviewed and aired live at least five times throughout the 1 hour segment and had such a blast doing it. We had movie stars that night – and oh did they know it!

>>>the local Channel 11 news team



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Some classic music started, and then we were entertained by Show and Go's founder's brothers band. We ended the day with fellow Old Fart, R P and The Might Flyers. They rocked the place!

>>>Rod Piazza performs at White Park



After the streets were secured we all went back to Camp Asche and enjoyed an awesome BBQ with some great music playing. It is so good to see everyone having a good time. So many of us put in a lot of hours and never get a chance to enjoy the show, but with our third day on Sunday downtown now we can spend a few hours on Saturday evening and talk about all that went good.

I arrived about 4:15AM on Sunday morning and was sitting in my truck when we had to deal with the only mishap of the weekend.

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I heard a motorcycle blazing down Market Street and plow into the barriers. Luckily she was not hurt and we pushed the bike back to our camp and gave her a ride to work. A word to the wise, road closed signs are there for a reason and you should never go around them. It usually does not turn out well.

We had more cars on Sunday this year than last and the day ran smooth. Our awards presentation went a lot better this year and at the end of the show I could not have been happier. Hopefully people who came from close by and far away left there saying, "Now that was one fun show and I can't wait for next year".

I am proud to be a part of this show. I have made so many friends and feel fortunate to have a great group of people; both guys and girls that help make Show and Go what it is. From the Riverside East Rotary, The Old Farts Racing Team and the Fartetts, I want to thank each and every one of you for all that you do. Once again I did not mention any names so hopefully I didn't make anyone feel bad. Besides everyone who pitched in knows what you did and so do I. Keep up the good work. Can't wait for Show and Go 2009!!! Avoid the sellout, sign up early!!! See You There!!!

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In closing, the entire weekend was wonderful. Many thanks to Brad who is the anchor of our group and makes it so easy to be a part of the festivities. Many many thanks should go to the Caballeros de Yuma who put on the festival and to the local Yuma residents who come out in vast numbers to support the festival. For myself, being able to take part in the Parade and the weekend festivities and seeing how many residents of the City of Yuma come out to watch and cheer on the cars and people is truly a very humbling experience and makes the whole trip worthwhile. You cannot ask for a more appreciative audience.



In addition, this year, as was the case last year, the Old Farts Racing Team won the award for the best club representation/participation which I believe Harry Alford and/or Henry Hemborg graciously accepted for all. In addition to that, we got a bonus with our movie star men!! Looking forward to next year.

the other LW. (aka Blondie)

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Rods & Rides @ Castle Park

The OFRT again produced the free show open to all vintage and specialty vehicles on February 2, 2008. The locale was Castle Park amusement center located adjacent to the freeway in La Sierra. The day was spectacular, with light winds and moderate temperatures. Participants began to arrive prior to 8am, hoping to secure an enviable place amongst the shiny hardware on hand.

The usual individuals were on hand to give of their efforts and the usual suspects were hovering nearby to watch them and enjoy their work. The registration area went smoothly as usual, and soon music was filtering out to the lot with announcements mingled in for informational purposes. The raffle sales were brisk, as were folks browsing the other booths on hand. All enjoyed meeting old friends, and establishing new introductions.

Nearly 200 cars were on hand to enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere. Many raffle prizes were given out, as well as some cash for the lucky 50/50 winner. Judges had notified more than 20 parties that they were to be recognized for excellence, and the presentations of their awards were warmly given. The crowd boisterously accepted the news, and the day ended with promises to see each other at next year's event. Thanks everybody!

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OFRT Reunion – June 8, 2008

By WCB

All who attended the 4th Tenth Annual Old Farts Racing Team Reunion at the American Legion Hall in Fairmont Park agreed it was a pleasant day. Moving the date from mid-July has confounded some, but most agree the new scheduling greatly enhances the situation. Our scenery was somewhat improved this year with Lake Evans dredging all but complete, and new curbs/gutters along the parking area. There was still plenty of shade to be had, and many took advantage of the picturesque parking opportunities – even before the sun was hardly up.

The Legionnaires had breakfast offerings, with wonderful aromas and satisfied customers regularly emerging from the hall all morning. The raffle table was set up in front, with many perusing the prizes to be awarded, and then purchasing tickets to be part of the opportunity. Painter Mike had again prepared a custom painted/flamed refrigerator and mailbox set, which easily caught the eye of every hot rod guy & gal passing by. The chance to win the one-off set was too much for most, and tickets whizzed off the reel to hopefully lucky individuals expecting to go home with them.

This year saw a highly competitive showing for the races, selling nearly 75 Cadillac's which were to compete late morning in front of the Legion Hall. The track was prepared, test runs made, and soon the roar of spectators drowned out the side-by-side efforts of dragster owner/operators. Soon it was down to the final 16, then semi-finals sent more packing, and finally there were only 2. As the finalists stood poised with their wind-up investments in their hands, all wondered who might prevail... A winner was proclaimed, but you'll have to ask someone who was there who took the cash!

The judges had been moving about the area most of the morning, eyeing the machinery to determine who might be deserving of the exclusive hardware to be given away. The results were tallied, and secretly hurried to those who required it. The Dave & Larry show started right on time and it was time to present things. As always, the big moment arrived when the winning ticket was announced for the flamed fridge/mailbox. Ms. Daryl F. had the winning ticket, and promptly announced her intent to donate them back for auction to make available to another lucky winner. Her surprised husband Gene could hardly get to her fast enough to at least keep the mailbox! But the fridge went up for auction, with Denise M. making the winning bid on behalf of her Pop. Thanks neecie!!!

The awards presentation really started rolling, and in no time at all 40 beautiful plaques were in the hands of excited participants who had vehicles which caught the eye of judges. A special congratulations to Wayne Twerdt and his gorgeous Burgundy Ford F100 Pickup that garnered best of show honors. Finally, it was time for the announcement of the Old Fart of the Year honor. Danny Hensley aka A**hole was awarded the one-of-a-kind statue for service above and beyond as determined by a secret panel of his peers. We congratulate and salute him for all his contributions.

Thanks again to the American legion for their help with making the OFRT Reunion happen for the fourteenth time, with special kudos to Commander Richard for all of his efforts in streamlining the process. Also a great big atta-boy to Bertino for taking the lead on this effort. He, along with the regular cast are who make the free show possible.

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Dan Hensley – OFRT of the Year!



For those of you who inexplicably missed the Old Farts Racing Team 4th Tenth Annual Reunion, you may be unaware that our own long-time member "Uncle Danny" was honored as Old Fart of the Year. Affectionately dubbed A**hole by most who know him, those few who are not familiar with him should make his acquaintance. Dan has been an Old Fart now for more than 10 years, and been instrumental in swelling our membership to new heights.

There is one instance that sticks out in particular, the "gang" was loitering around Camp Ashe one evening. A "new guy" with a certain green BBC Chevelle convertible got locked in on A**holes radar – With no real explanation he demands \$25 from said Chevelle guy – Guy complies because you just don't want to ask too many questions – Danny slaps him on the back, proclaims him an Old Fart, and that's that! Now that is recruiting...

Some of you know Hensley as the guy who has Crandall's purple T-Bucket – Others know him as the guy with Edie, who sings national anthems and sometimes other special events – Other people know him as the guy with the recently completed '67 Camaro convertible – Some know him as the kid of Don & Tookie, and brother of Pam – Some recognize him on the beautiful Indian motorcycle or vintage Norton he often blasts around on –



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Whatever you know of Danny, just be aware that there is more than meets the eye (like a rude nickname!)

The Old Fart of the Year honor is generally awarded to someone who has given much to the group, often operating "under the radar" so to speak. Hoping not to embarrass our old friend too much, we think some of activities ought to be brought to light.

Hensley has been associated with Show & Go from the beginning. His connections in the construction industry year-by-year have provided generous donations of generators, light standards, pumps, trucks, trailers, and a plethora of other tools & equipment required to produce the show. Banners advertising OFRT events have been made, approved, and then hung.

During the early years of Show & Go, mid-afternoon Saturday while most were closing down their day and readying to go home, he and his crew were just starting the hard part, would be moving equipment to the Riverside Airport with a long evening of work to prepare for drag racing on Sunday.

Moving sandbags, railing, storage containers, etc. OFRT Reunion has also greatly benefited from A**hole – watering down the parking lot days before, to keep dust down for the hot rodders. A lot of work goes into preparing for some of our gatherings.

Hensley is one of the individuals who helps take care of business behind the scenes, and we're damn lucky to have him. I'm sure there's a bazillion other things that I'm not aware of which ought to be mentioned also, but this is a start.

If you haven't met him, it isn't because he's shy! Go up and introduce yourself – he really enjoys meeting new folks, and always has a story to tell and entertain. Make him your friend – I'm proud to call him one of mine.

Thanks for all you do Danny.

***compiled by information provided by Dave B.

MUFFLER BEARINGS & GENERATOR PUMP GASKETS



Street Rodders and The Old Farts Racing Team lost one of the old time Drag Racers, Street Rodders and Salt Flat winners in March. Ray Torres was one of us but was infamous in his own right. He and his car are in the NHRA Museum in Pomona. He also was a member of the famous Bean Bandit Group known for their Salt Flat Cars. In the early 50's Ray and several original Rodders would sit and wait for the San Bernardino boys to come downtown

Riverside to Ruby's on Saturday nights and go drag racing. Ray was a Tuneup Mechanic at Rubidoux Motor Co. (Cadillac-Oldsmobile Dealer) and eventually went into Real Estate becoming a Broker/Owner of his own Real Estate company. We are thankful for all the memories and having Ray as a friend. He will be greatly missed. HSH

A Breakfast gathering and motorcycle day cruise is being planned for September - contact Larry Waltz for more information at 951-236-0929.

The Riverside County Record newspaper carried a write-up on the Old Farts Racing Team dragster in the May 8, 2008 issue. Unfortunately, they erroneously reported that plans were being made to auction it off. Studebaker Ron says there are no plans to offer the vintage piece to auction - and he is unsure where that information originated. See the completed dragster at different events around Southern California all year.

WANTED: Indoor parking for classic vehicle/hot rod. Need garage or other building space about 12'x20'. Call Bob C. at 951-453-1556 with any information.

Route 66 Rendezvous: There is no "official" plan to attend the event as a group, although many OFRT members have indicated they will be participating in less formal clusters with their immediate friends. Maybe we'll see you there...

Mystery Tour '008 - Negotiations continue on whether or not to again offer the rally event in and around Riverside. Stay tuned for information... That's part of the mystery!

Fun Run: We just realized that the OFRT hasn't really had a "fun run" in quite a long time - Call Dave B. at 951-232-4313 or corral him at a local event and give him your opinion. We used to have day trips at least every month or two - That's a tradition that really shouldn't fall by the way - What do you think?




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Car of the Issue is Mark Sotelo's 1960 Nash American Delux 2-Door Sedan
Corley wrote up the run to Paso Robles
Wasson got great reviews on his 5th Sunday gathering
Still writing about "where the hell is Eddie Mata?"

5 Years Ago This Issue Jun/Jul/Aug 2003:

R. C. writes about Show & Go - Rain, rain, rain! But it didn't stop the good times!!!
Dick Moore's 1967 El Camino is Car of the Issue
Doug's Headers gives heart felt Thanks for the assistance of the OFRT in making their open house such a rousing success...
Coverage of fun run to Pauma by Mike Arons
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JGA-502 Beside The End-Mill

by Rotten Rodney Baumann

The farticle to follow is dedicated to Ron Speer (our Head Old Fart) who unfortunately ain't been gittin' out as much as he'd like. Hope you'll like it, Ron.

Who's Old Fart number one? Well, dependin' upon who ya ask, it's either Dave Barnekow or Ron Speer, and although I personally was not present at that particular instant back in '93, I'm gunna go and hazard a guess that the 'Old Farts Racing Team' was born over bullshit and beer. If you'll refer to the back page of yer Gaseous Gazette, just under the dassifieds, yer gunna find the original concept, (in the words of our Head Old Fart) right there in black and white -- it's about racin', yawl.

Last time I checked, the Old Farts Racing Team was up to 'bout 1780 members strong (even though you'll only see the same fifty or so) and our mission as of late has run off its original course. Oh, ya might still find a few Old Farts at the drags, but yer more likely to catch the majority at a 'car show' these daze. In fact, we even schedule our own 'shows' for racedays now -- oh yes we do, it happens all the time, so on behalf of the 'Old Farts Founding Fathers,' let us review what we were once allegedly about:



THIS IS A RACECAR. More specifically, The Old Farts Racing Team's collaborative team project — the brainchild of Ron Speer. According to Ron's original plan, any Old Fart could be a 'shareholder' in the team project (for a nominal contribution) during its construction, and all were invited to participate as necessary to achieve our common goal, our original mission: **"old fashion drag racing fun."**

The completion of the Old Farts Dragster has not come quickly. In fact, it's still not completely finished, but thanks to the recent efforts of Studebaker Ron Hamilton and friends, it's close enough along to make public appearances and *if* the new T-shirt art is any indication of what the finished project will look like, they've *nailed* it -- with due respect for the roots of drag racing as well as the same for the roots of the Old Farts Racing Team. Regretfully however, some who've contributed the most have not hung with us (on this earth) long enough to see their work to fruition -- *this* is the only known hazard of bein' an Old Fart.

Due Propers To: Ron Speer, Henry Hamborg, Fletch, Rick West, Tom Ayers, Rick Preston, Ed Hansen, Jerry Everington, Ray Torres, Bob Knight, Gary Patterson, Tom McErlane, Bub Huffman, Don Faris, Ron Mills, Ron Hamilton, Wayne's Engine Rebuilding, Budget Transmissions, MJB Plating, and Dynamic Powder Coating, as well as all OFRT Dragster shareholders. The two main ingredients are time and teamwork — yawl are makin' it happen.

See ya at the drags...

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Old Farts Passing Wind

On a recent trip to Phoenix with Larry Waltz in his Super Duper Truck - No sooner left Moreno Valley and on goes the cruise-control at 80mph and never once hit the brake pedal - We were in every lane of traffic until 5mi. East of Blythe. Man, what a ride. Damn Larry!!! Pnoon

While waiting in line at a funeral this guy kept bugging Harry Alford (aka the Mayor of Riverside) about his 1957 Chevy - Is it for sale, etc. Finally Harry had enough and told the guy a good friend was flying in on his private jet from New Orleans to buy it - so off goes the disappointed guy. You're a nice guy, Mr. Mayor! Pnoon

"Hey! Help me! Somebody Help me!" Well, I'm only going to say this once because I don't want everybody to know... Saturday morning at S&G James Conti and his friend Nick (nice kid) were transporting a portable toilet to Mata's Camp - and right in the middle of Main Street & 12th OVER IT GOES!!! (I think it got stuck on a piece of gum or something) Anyway, nobody (and I mean nobody!) came to our rescue. Not even Terry Burbank. Finally James gets out of the truck, looks at me, and asks "is anybody in there?" Well, as we continue on little Nick accepted all my loose change to take the blame for the mishap.

P.S. As we uprighted the damn thing Nick pokes me and says "Look! Is that a Payday over there?" Not going to say any more. Pnoon

On a more serious note - I would like to Thank my crew at S&G for being where they were supposed to be: Helping with Registration Friday, and with the Open Header contest Saturday. Again, thanks to Art Madril, John Nolan, Rick Preston & a special thanks to Miss Heather for her help with the open header contest. Pnoon

Leave it to Wasson to take off to outer Arizona on a road trip with a newly built with only 22mi. on it!!!

Uncle Larry always can fill a dull moment. Midnight at the Oasis in Yuma, Arizona and the Old Farts Racing Team on TV - New stars of the 10 o'clock news. Thanks for bringing along the crew!

You can tell it's a quiet news night when Bill W., Brad S., Tom M., Mick H., and Dave B. show up on TV - Several times!!!

Mick, one of these times the Truck will come home from Yuma under its own power...

Never a loss for words or jocularly with Al & Harry along - Joke after joke after...

Tall Tom - Never ever leave your OFRT jacket at the house!!!

Patsy - Have you eaten??? Brother Eddie is a little concerned...

Here comes Security - Denise, hide the damn dog!!!

Harry A. : You just have to keep your stories straight when the little woman is around.

Brad: you 2 times? Or is it 3 times - Maybe 4?

Mr. Wasson - It's only a 1/2 mile, quit whining!

We're unsure what Mick's doing, but he seems to come back from Yuma with more hair...

Backhoe Kenny and Ann - can you come out and play sometime?

Another star was born in Yuma besides LW, et al. We have our very own Old Fart "Calvin Klein underwear model" Harry Alford. He was so excited about seeing LW and the guys when they came home from their Channel 11 debut that he wanted to make an impression too - AND THAT HE DID!! Nice BVD's Harry!!!

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Jul. 18	Farmer Boys Cruise Night	Riverside	
Jul. 18	Cruisin' Grand	Escondido	
Jul. 19	Flabob Airport Breakfast Cruise	Riverside	
Jul. 19	OFRT Chili Cookoff	Elks Lodge	Rod H. 951-966-2664
Jul. 20	LAW's Restaraunt Cruise	Riverside	
Jul. 20	Red Robin Cruise Night "Komen for the Fund" Cancer Benefit	Rancho Cucamonga	Pat. O. 951-318-5847
Jul. 26	Mission Burger Cruise Night	Riverside	
Jul. 26	2nd Annual Mt. Classics Show	Lake Gregory/Crestline	
Jul. 27	Zorbas Breakfast Cruise	Riverside	
Aug. 3	Hot Rod Pizza Cruise	La Sierra	
Aug. 6	Twilight Cruise - NHRA Museum	Pomona	
Aug. 8	Tuxies Cruise Night	Riverside	
Aug. 9	Sunnymead Hamburgers Cruise		
Aug. 12	OFRT Monthly Dinner	Elks Lodge	Henry H. 951-315-0790
Aug. 15	Farmer Boys Cruise Night	Riverside	
Aug. 16	Flabob Airport Breakfast Cruise	Riverside	
Aug. 17	LAW's Restaraunt Cruise	Riverside	
Aug. 17	Red Robin Cruise Night	Rancho Cucamonga	Pat. O. 951-318-5847
Aug. 23	Mission Burger Cruise Night	Riverside	
Aug. 24	Zorbas Breakfast Cruise	Riverside	
Aug. 24	Hi-Performance Swap Meet	Pomona	
Aug. 30-31	Great Labor Day Cruise	Orange County Fairgrounds	
Sep. 9	OFRT Monthly Dinner	Elks Lodge	Henry H. 951-315-0790
Sep. 12	Tuxies Cruise Night	Riverside	
Sep. 18-21	Route 66 Rendezvous	San Bernardino	

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