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A NIGHT AT THE RACES

On Saturday night, July 25th, The Old Farts were guests at the Orange Show Speedway in San Bernardino. A few of the cars got there early, while most met at Haz Mat Trans, thank you Mick! It was quite a spectacle when 35 hot rods came through the pits all at once. Everyone stopped what they were doing and watched the parade of cars. They had us go onto the track with all the racecars for autograph session before the races started. That was pretty cool because they let all the fans on the track. After that we took most of the cars out to the entrance so we could put them on display for all to see.

Henry & Janene, Charlie & Jesse, Danny & Zac and Mick & Patsy got to do a few laps with flags displayed from their rides while Edie sang the National Anthem, a awesome like always. After the trophy dashes it was time for two of the main events. Uncle Larry, (sorry I mean Grandpa Larry) got to be the first pace car, and Bertino was next. Congratulations go out to Dave and Linda Bertino who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary that night.

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Old Farts Ride of the Issue



RICH & KAREN MEHAS' 1934 FORD TUDOR SEDAN

I WAS SO PLEASED TO FIND THIS CAR RESTORED WITH SO MANY CHANGES THAT IT MADE SENSE TO PURCHASE, AND THEN PERSONALIZE WITH MY CHANGES. MY OLDER BROTHER PHIL (4 YEARS OLDER) OWNED HIS 1934 FORD DURING HIS JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL (1959). WITH VERY LIMITED FUNDS AND ABILITY TO RESTORE, PAINT, CHROME, WHEELS, TIRES, AND NEW INTERIOR, HIS CAR VIRTUALLY STAYED THE SAME FOR THOSE COUPLE OF YEARS. FLAT HEAD ENGINE WITH TRI-POWER EXCITED HIM.

I (AGE 11 & 12) DROVE IT SEVERAL TIMES UP AND DOWN THE STREET IN ONTARIO WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE WENT OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT, WHICH GAVE ME THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE DRIVING WITHOUT HIM AROUND. THE GOOD THING WAS, I NEVER GOT CAUGHT, NOR DID I EVER DAMAGE ANYTHING. LIFE WAS COOL AT 12, AT WHICH TIME THIS ALLOWED ME TO PERFECT MY DRIVING STYLE.

MY 1994 FORDOR (KAREN'S) IS SOMEWHAT BRIGHT IS COLOR, 1969 CAMARO HUGGER ORANGE. I REMOVED THE INTERIOR AND WINDOWS TO PAINT THE REVEALS BLACK & REPLACE THE FELT AROUND THE WINDOWS. I THEN INSTALLED A NEW FRONT STOCK BUMPER, AND INSTALLED A STRAIGHT TRUCK BUMPER IN THE REAR. THE NEW GAS TANK COVER WAS MODIFIED, PAINTED AND INSTALLED. ALL THE BLEMISHES AND PROBLEMS IN THE PAINT WERE CORRECTED. RON'S COLOR WORKS IN UPLAND DID THE STRIPING.

THE 350 CHEVY RAM FUEL INJECTED ENGINE RUNS WELL. I REMOVED THE 2" EXHAUST AND CHANGED TO 2 1/2" AND OF COURSE INSTALLED KENNY'S ELECTRIC CUTOUTS. I HAD TO RELOCATE THE BATTERY UNDER THE FRAME TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXHAUST INCREASE IN SIZE. THE TOTAL COST INVOLVED IRS FRONT SUSPENSION WITH GM DISC BRAKES, AND REAR TOTAL COST INVOLVED 4-LINK SUSPENSION WITH ALDAN COIL OVER SHOCKS. FORD 8" REAR END.

THE CUSTOM DASH IS FULL OF AUTO METER GAUGES. THE TURBO 350 TRANS, WITH THE REAR END GEARS LETS ME CRUISE ABOUT 2500 RPM @ 70 MPH. THE VINTAGE AIR CONDITIONING KEEPS ME FROM MELTING ON THOSE HOT DAYS. LIFE IS GOOD, LET'S GO CRUSIN.

RICH M.

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Intermission was next and that was a blast. We lined the cars up on the track and staged some fun drag races for the crowd. I am not sure who enjoyed it more, the fans or everyone in the cars. It was great to see all the smiling faces especially the wives, family and friends that got a great ride. Kenny and Rob went last and gave everyone a preview of what they would see later in the evening.



For the last two races Russ and Brad were the pace cars. I think Brad was a little intimidated when one of the racecars pulled along side of him. Special thanks go out to track official Mike Scheidecker who rode shotgun with all the pace cars, and an apology from me to Gene because I promised him to be a pace car and screwed up and didn't put him there. Sorry Gene, I owe you!

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When the races were over Kenny and Rob went out and did some awesome burnouts. Kenny finished the show with a smoke and flame show like no one has ever seen. He had HUGE smoke clouds going around, then stopped and lights it all up. It looked like an atomic bomb cloud. The crowd was going wild, especially with "Old Fart" Bruce Flanders announcing. It is fun just to watch people's reactions while he is out there, they just love it and he is the instant hero afterwards. Great job Kenny! What an ending to a great evening!



Thank you to everyone who came out, we had a great time. Hopefully we get to do it again. I also want to say a special thank you to Rick and Sandy McCray. They are the promoters at The Orange Show Speedway, for "The Best in The West Racing". They have been good friends of mine for many years, and like everything they touch, the racetrack now has some class to it!

Mark G

Elizabeth Godfrey

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My view of OFRT nite -

Old Farts and their cars joined Orange Show Stock Cars on the track at Orange Show Speedway in San Bernardino. With just short of 30 cars meeting at HazMat Transportation to parade the few blocks to the speedway. When we got to the Track Mark G. met us at the entrance of the pits after consulting with the track official Mark had us in position to be the first on the track for an evening of fun filled stock car racing. While waiting for six o'clock to roll around we Old Farts stood around shooting the breeze.

Six o'clock sharp the track official waved for us to enter the track. Parking in the infield parallel to the north side straightaway followed onto the track by the racers who stopped on the track between the OFRT cars and the stands. The fans where allowed on the track for an up close look at the cars. I overheard someone ask one of the fans "how are you?" The fan replied "you made my day once I saw that goat (GTO) enter the track." After the autograph session the cars left the track. With the old farts parking out in front of the stadium.

with the races about to start I was surprised the first car on the track was an Old Fart!

He stopped beyond the start finish line. Puzzled why he was on the track. I soon found out. The announcer Bruce Flanders yelled Drivers Start Your engines and the cars where running and chasing the pace car yes one of our own old fart members. Each race through out the evening was lead by a different OFRT pace car Dave Bertino's '46 Panel, Larry Wilkert's '57 chev, Russ Fielding's '66 Mustang.

The only OFRT member to actually race is long time Orange show racer Dave Foster who was forced out early after hitting the wall.

Intermission was an all OFRT show. Old Fart cars centered on the back straightaway raced one another across the infield. I have to admit it runs in the Asche family for Peggy in her Buick with her burn outs smoked the others.

With the races over the lights went out. Rob with his Firebird came out onto the track followed by Kenny the two of them filled the stadium with so much smoke you couldn't see either of the cars. I don't know how they didn't run into each other. Rob left the track first Kenny staying behind for he couldn't leave the track without proving to Peggy who was the better Asche in burn out department. Kenny kept it up until the only time you could see the Camaro was when the flames shown through the smoke. What a performance. Well Kenny showed Peggy who's the boss in the burn out department. That's OK Kenny we all know who's the boss at home.

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Belmont Shores

You missed a great time!



>>>Harry, Phil, Mike, Dave & Henry frolic in the park...

Sunday July 26th the OFRT's were invited to the Bay City Rodders and Over the Hill Gang Annual Picnic at Belmont Shores. This is the second year we have been invited.

There were 185 guests, 40 were OFRT's. We met at I-Hop in Corona and headed out at 10:00 A.M. with about 80 cars going down the 91 Fwy. It looked like a candy chain. The event is on the grass with lots of trees, overlooking the Bay. We enjoyed a wonderful cool breeze. They served catered Mexican Food (all you could eat) and desserts. I hope they invite us again next year, it is worth it.

P.S. Larry Waltz saved gas and came home on a Roll Back! (a Ford no less!!!)

Henry H.

>>>a Ford towing a Chevy - oof!




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THE REGISTRATION AREA WAS CROWDED, BUT THE LADIES DID A GREAT JOB GETTING EVERYONE THROUGH IN A HURRY, WE FILLED OUT OUR WINDOW TAGS, GOT THE T-SHIRT & WERE ON OUR WAY.

WHO EVER DESIGNED THE T-SHIRTS DID A WONDERFUL JOB, A LOT OF THE PARTICIPANTS PUT THEIRS ON RIGHT AWAY! THEY HAD A LOT OF AWESOME PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE ON THE TABLE & EVERYONE BOUGHT A LOT OF TICKETS, THE MONEY WENT TO A VERY GOOD CAUSE, HOSPICE.

EVERYONE HAD A VERY GOOD TIME, VISITING & SHARING STORIES ABOUT PHIL. AT NOON ALL OF THE RODDERS REVVED UP THEIR ENGINES IN MEMORY OF PHIL, WE ARE SURE HE HEARD THEM & ENJOYED THE NOISE! WE ALL AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER SHOW NEXT YEAR, WE HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME, ONLY HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE A LITTLE COOLER NEXT YEAR!

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Friday night August 14 saw the Old Farts Racing Team host Cruise Night at the Denny's complex in Upland. Kenny A. was on hand with the flaming Camaro as well as a host of other crowd pleasers.

There were a number of vendors on hand offering entertainment as well as products. The aroma of popcorn drew many toward the front, as well as the sounds of the DJ -

Russ F. was on hand with his outrageous pro-street Mustang, and was recognized with an award along with other Old Farts -

Some wandered across the parking lot to check out some of the other businesses - or to relax and have some dinner. The pizza was tasty!

It often seems a treat to attend a "new" event like this - and start another local tradition. All who came on the Friday night were treated well, with appreciation and gladness for the support.

Don't be afraid to go to a "new" place - if it's on a calendar you're always welcome

We hope to see you at the next one!

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To Whom it May Concern:

We want to express our congratulations on a great 2009 Show and Go car show. This was our first experience with your annual show and we were in awe. We have attended a great number of car shows in the past few years, and we must say Riverside's was the best!

Everything ran so smoothly for such a large show. We enjoyed the entire three days, we never heard an unkind word spoken, even though there was a huge number of people in attendance. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. You are to be congratulated for the effort that was put into the show. We hope that it will continue in the same venue for years to come.

Our only disappointment was that the Enterprise newspaper did not report on the event. This show is huge, it must bring a great deal of money into Riverside. It is such great exposure for the city and its merchants.....why not report it in a big way!

We were very pleased to receive the trophy for the "furthest traveled" this year. You can bet that we will attend again next year. See you then!

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OLD FARTS REUNION

Parking lot clean, bacon burning, American Legion just painted, June gloom weather perfect, hot rods showing up, Painter Mike's refrigerator on stage, Charlie's raffle set up and waiting on the ladies, George & Matt moving toilets, Bloody (Mary) Larry setting up shop, Brad-Mick-Mark setting up EZ Ups, Doug-Roy-Calvert-Waltz parking cars, Bill-Mark setting up drag racing, Surfer Dave's tunes are blasting, Edie singing the National Anthem.

Yes Boys, we were having a reunion! This seems to me to be a perfect & simple setting that has worked for the last 14 years and doesn't involve a lot of work. I enjoy helping out the American Legion, giving them a chance to make some dough. Some people think we should move this reunion because of some imperfections - IDON'T.

Mr. Don Wimmer, you have a big job ahead of you, you need to find someone saying something like "it's only a car show" or "how come my nephew did not get a trophy" - then at the next reunion you can present them with "just a car show" award! Guys, watch what you say around Don - you might be the next one! All B.S. aside, Thanks Don for all the help at Show & Go every year.

We had a special guest at reunion this year - the famous Dennis Whitehead. It was good to see ya! Hey Jerry Everington - Dennis lives further than you ...

Congrats to Brad & Mick, Old Farts of the Year! These 2 guys over the past years, building stages, closing streets, cooking. These guys are the nuts & bolts of any team they are on - Right On guys!

Lucy-Lucy-Lucy how many tickets did you buy? Some say you wrapped Russ 17 times. You ended up with a beautiful clock and refrigerator. The auction went well. Couldn't seem to separate any money from the world famous Rod Piazza - but not for lack of trying. You know, it is hard to do an auction and be a participant. I think Larry and Mark had me bidding on myself for Kenny's cutouts.

Til the next one - DB



>>>Mick & Brad accept Old Fart of the Year accolades for 2009

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On Sunday, May 17th, I was once again reminded of just how gracious God is. As I was traveling home from El Mirage dry lake, I was involved in a multi-car, hit and run accident that totaled our 1946 Plymouth (the Pamouth). Like the people in the other three cars that stopped (the one who caused the accident left the scene), I survived with no broken bones or bloodshed. I must say that I did receive some bumps and bruises and I was fairly sore all over but I'm just fine.

Some may say that I survived the accident because of all of that good ol' American steel around me. Others might say that I wouldn't even have received the bumps and bruises if I had been driving a late model car with of the latest safety features. Both are very valid arguments. I say that I survived because of the grace of God. You see, this isn't, as they say, "my first rodeo"; there is a reason that I have the nickname "Guardrail Willie". This is my fourth guardrail incident and my third major accident since moving to Yucaipa. Maybe I should consider riding the bus!



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Through all of these accidents one thing is perfectly clear – God protected me from harm. He had wanted to, He could have taken me Home with Him. If you were to look at the poor ol' Pamouth you would assume that someone came away with some major health issues but that just was not the case. God protected me and the other people involved from serious harm.



God is good and gracious; He looks after us in all situations. We might loose material things, we might even have serious health problems or loose loved ones, but through it all we need to remind ourselves of what God told the apostle Paul – "My grace is sufficient". This is most certainly true.

Keep off the guardrail!

Willie

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The Old Farts Racing Team presents the **Riverside Blues Fest & BBQ** featuring Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers Sunday August 30, 2009 at the American Legion hall in Fairmount Park. Festivities will commence about noon with the barbecue by the OFRT, and music begins at 2pm. This isn't a car show - but there is a preferred area for parking in the American Legion lot for people attending the Blues Fest who want to bring a hot rod/classic car! Attendees with hot rods/classic cars receive 1/2 price admission -

Rick McCray and the staff at the **Orange Show Speedway** in San Bernardino want to extend their thanks to all those who participated in Old Farts Racing Team night at the track - All of the participants had a blast, and the spectators were treated to a great show. The inpromptu half-time mini-drags were a riot, for all those involved. The speedway now offers a substantial discount to OFRT members who want to attend the races on a Saturday night too -

The Old Farts Racing Team continues to hold their **OFRT Monthly Dinner** the 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm at the Elks Lodge - 6166 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, California 92506. Often folks inquire as to where get involved with team activities, etc. This gathering is a fantastic place to start, and meet some members. See you there!

Ideas are being discussed for a **Fun Run** sometime in September/October. Thoughts are to have a "garage tour" of 3-4 members shops/garages, driving stop-to-stop, then ending with a bbq. Call Dave B. with your ideas 951-232-4313

Cool **Website of the Month** - www.socalcarculture.com - this stop offers a multitude of listings for both weekly cruise nights as well as larger monthly gatherings. Check it out! Also on the menu are many many MANY pictures from past events. It is highly recommended as a source of information -

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10 Years Ago This Issue Aug./Sept. 1999:

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car-of-the-issue
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and wins Best Of Show!!!

5 Years Ago This Issue Aug./Sept. 2004:

Route 66 Rendezvous with Camp Asche -
Brad S. 1967 pro-touring Camaro completed
and covered as Car-of-the-issue
Rotten Rawd has surprise wedding to
Marlene at picnic in the park -
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One day a lady went into a fishing shop to buy her husband a fishing pole for his birthday. She picked up a really nice looking pole and asked the salesman how much it was. The salesman says, "I am blind but if you give me the pole I can tell how much it is by the weight." So the lady gives him the pole and he says, "That pole is worth \$45." She was amazed at how cheap that was.

So then she picked up another really nice pole, hands it to the man and he says, "This pole is worth \$55." she decided that was also really cheap. And then she picks the nicest looking pole in the place and handed it to the man and he says, "This pole is our best and it is \$70." she told him that she would take it.

As she was getting the fishing pole all rung up, she had to fart really really badly. She decided since the man was blind that it really wouldn't matter if she farted in front of him so she just let it loose.

All of a sudden the man says, "It all comes up to \$80." Confused the lady says to him, "But you said the fishing pole was only \$70."

He said, "It is. Its \$70 for the fishing pole and \$10 for the duck call."

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JGA-502 Beside The End-Mill

By Rotten Rodney Baumann

Just where did you learn to take that inside line? Did you by chance race bumper cars at Fairmount Park? Oh, we know for a fact that bunches of ya did, but can anyone here produce any hard photographic evidence? Now I don't mean for this to be just another shameless plug for that little electronic magazine that we already talk about too much.



What I wanna do this time is give y'all somethin' truly 'insider' — somethin' ya won't see in the three-part bumper car saga in BENCHRACE. What we're lookin' for here is somethin' specific to our own locality, and since the greater Riverdial area *is* the hub from which the Old Farts Racing Team originated in the first place, I'm thinkin' Fairmount Park.

Regardin' this particular quest for information, the Interweb is no help at all. It's almost as though Fairmount Park's amusement park daze never happened. What ever became of the pieces of the dismantled carrousel? What about the shootin' gallery, the Tilt-A-Whirl, and the roller coaster? Skee-Ball anyone? Eh, wasn't there a scale train that patrolled the perimeter of the park?

What about you older Old Farts? Who raced an Indian 'round Fairmount Park's ol' dirt oval? If anyone knows the whereabouts of any shred of the aforementioned lost treasure, I'm all over it and you can find my number in the B-section of your Old Fart roster.

Open your scrapbooks if ya git a chance, okay? Someone among us has somethin' — and history as well as memories should be preserved.

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<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Aug. 21	Farmer Boys Cruise Night - 6pm	Riverside	
Aug. 30	Cruise to the Blues - 2pm *** featuring Rod Piazza & friends	Fairmont Park	Dave B. 951-232-4313
Aug. 30	Bob's Big Boy Cruise Night - 4pm	Noroo	
Sep. 4	Past Pleasures Cruise Night - 6pm	Yucaipa	
Sep. 6	Farmer Boys Cruise - 4pm	Loma Linda	
Sep. 6	Hot Rod Pizza Cruise - 2pm	La Sierra	
Sep. 8	OFRT Monthly Dinner - 6pm	Elks Lodge	Henry H. 951-315-0790
Sep. 10	I.E.C.C. Monthly Mtg. - 7pm	Fontana	
Sep. 11	Tuxies Cruise Night - 5pm	Riverside	
Sep. 11	Denny's Cruise Night - 5pm	Upland	
Sep. 17-20	Route 66 Rendezvous	San Bernardino	
Sep. 20	Red Robin Cruise - 5pm	Rancho Cucamonga	Pat O. 951-318-5847
Sep. 25	Jason's Deli Cruise - 5pm	Riverside	
Sep. 26	Cruisin' for a Cure	OC Fairgrounds	
Sep. 26	John Force Racestation - 4pm		
Sep. 27	Happy Days Reunion - 8am CSDR -	Riverside	
Oct. 4	Veterans Car Show - 8am	Loma Linda	Larry V. 909-350-9816
Oct. 21-25	Run to the Sun	Lake Havasu, AZ	www.relicsandrods.com
Nov. 1	Re-Green Evergreen Cemetery Cruise/Show	Riverside	Bill W. 951-351-8150

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