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## Old Farts 23rd Reunion Show

This never gets old, I think we are up to 2500 members and I bet Henry signed up 2000 of you guys. Thanks Henry for all you do. We had one of the best turnouts ever. One minor mishap was the trophy presentation. Mark and I gave out ½ the awards before Edie came up to us and said Boys O Boys, have you forgotten something? (OOPS!) The National Anthem. Thank you Edie for setting us straight and singing for all of us.

We had two recipients of FOR ALL YOU DO AWARD, Manny & Earl. Manny you have been a super help working with Henry and all the other stuff you do behind the scenes for O.F.R.T. Earl you have been a true asset at Show & Go, You and

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### 2018 Reunion Show

your crew have been doing an awesome job on that front gate. It is a thankless job. Thanks to both of you guys for all you do. Lila did her Rivers Bingo that raised \$187.00. Thanks Lila.

Old Man Johnny Newson won the 50/50 of \$376.00 and donated



\$300.00 back. Roy Goods' daughter Sharon donated a set of golf clubs that we auctioned off for \$200.00 that Fred Adams bought. Thanks guys for all that support. Brad, Tom & Kenny were the fantastic cooks, Sharon, Karen, Denise and Diane were the sexy servers.

Now we have the highest award ever given to anybody. The Ralph Knight Old Fart of the Year went to the world famous one and only husband of Karen Mehas, yes Rich Mehas. Rich you and your crew have taken great care of putting up and taking down those banners at Show & Go that lets everybody now who are sponsors are and now working with Teen Challenge on advising them how to direct traffic for us on the Cruise Route. Thanks Rich.



Dave B. #182

# OLD FARTS OCTOBER CAR SHOW

The annual Old Farts October show at the American Legion Post 79 was held Oct 28th this year. With enough money raised to finish all of the remaining projects at the Legion, I had an idea at Show and Go and it was agreed upon with all that were asked that we help out one of our members, Gil Jimenez's daughter Gabriela and her ongoing medical needs. For all of you who knew my son Jamie, he and Gabriela were track friends, even running a marathon in Hawaii, Jamie got Gil to join the Old Farts several years ago while helping him get his 67 Chevelle done and bringing it to our



Old Farts Reunion. "Uncle Larry Wikert" insisted that we add how that story went. Gil was Jamie's track coach and on the first day of practice Jamie had a Show and Go shirt on. Gil noticed it and asked him what he knew about cars and was impressed with his answers. He told Jamie that he had a 1967 Chevelle at home and he was instantly challenged as to why he was not driving it. After practice they both went to look at it and decided they had a half hour to start working on it and did so most eve-

ry night after practice until it was ready. "Uncle Larry" says this is a classic example of how the Old Farts are, always out to help!

Now as to why we decided to help out this beautiful young lady. On June 25th 2017 Gabriela and her father were riding their road bicycles in Moreno Valley at a pretty good pace when Gil turned around and noticed Gabriela was gone. He went back to find her barely alive just off of the road. When the paramedics arrived her blood pressure was 50 over 20 and she was not doing well. It appeared she had flown off of her bike and into a tree. With a very fast ambulance ride to Riverside General Hospital a team of trauma surgeons were waiting to help and save her life. Because of the impact one of her kidney's had to be removed and the other was damaged. Her liver was almost torn in half and several of her organs had damage. Both of her wrists were shattered and had to have pins and plates installed and her facial bones and jaw from her eye sockets down were shattered and they used a type of chain and screws to hold it all together. Basically every bone in the front of her face except her forehead was shattered. The doctors told her parents that he could explain all of her injuries from the tree except for





a cut on her left elbow and no road rash that is usually associated with bicycle accidents. When Gabriela awoke several days later she asked if the person who hit her had stopped. She said it was a white car and they went back and saw that her bicycle had white paint on it. Someone gets to live with that on their conscious the rest of their life for hit and run.

After several operations Gabriela got to go home August 29th 2017 but was still having to do dialysis and still had several medical procedures to go through. When she started driving again, Show and Go with their old truck was a must and she spent both Friday night and all day Saturday there having a great time. This young lady is truly a living miracle and we were honored to help her out.

At our show, Danny and crew took care of and collected where the cars enter, Larry and crew were getting the cars parked in the brand new paved parking lot at the legion. Matt and the Raffle crew were getting that happening. (A quick thank you to Lila and Riverside Mission Florist for all of the wonderful gift baskets that filled up our tables and everyone who donated prizes that helped sell a lot of tickets) The Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders were serving breakfast and donated half of what was collected back, while Lila was filling up reverse bingo cards. Gary was clicking a ton of pictures. Our MC Surfer Dave was rocking us with some tunes while Brad was grilling his famous tri tip and the ladies did a great job serving it. Henry and crew were making sure the Old Farts were represented well. Everything was moving along good with a lot of people just donating to the box we had set up. Now it was time to get the crowd gathered around so we could auction some items off and raise as much money as we could. We had Chad Bianco, who as of a few



weeks ago has been elected Riverside County's new Sheriff; speak because he used to be Gabriela's running coach in high school. Now it was time to give the mi-

crophone to our favorite money raiser Dave Bertino. We had a bike that went first. Then a cool little BBQ set up donated by Steve. Then a pair of valve covers and air cleaner that was donated by Bous Performance was auctioned. Next we had one of 3M's mini hoods that was signed by Old Fart friend Chip Fooze. Thank you to Stan for that! The last item was a custom built stage 2 Holley carburetor that was donated by good friends of mine,



Vrbancic Bros Racing/The Card Shop and we thank them for that. Dave did a fantastic job extracting donations as he always does. Next was the 50/50 drawing won by Matt G who instantly donated his half of the winnings right back to Gabriela.

What a great car show and day we had. We raised a lot of money, one of our best fund raisers ever from a show. Hopefully a lot of you had the chance to meet Gabriela who was there all day with us. Again she is a remarkable young lady and was truly honored that the Old Farts wanted to help her out. When actually it is our honor to try and make her healing journey a little easier!!!

From me personally a special Thank You to all of you that donated and helped out and I apologize because I know I left out some names, sorry.

I will end this article with what Dave and Larry always say "This is what the Old Farts do".

Mark G

Gabriela and her Dad came to our Taco Tuesday November 13th and even though she had a bone graph done on her lower jaw a few days before she wanted to get up and thank everyone and let us know that she would pay this forward someday. Again what a remarkable and inspiring young lady!!!





# American Legion Construction Project

The parking lot is finished. This project has been a testing project to say the least. I have had some great people donate their time, Keith Christiansen – civil engineer pro-bono, Ed & Mike Bondaman – civil engineer, Glenn Rowden – Champion Electric, Steve Borden, Back hoe Ken, Danny Hensley, George Murray, Mike Roquet and one more person that just came on board, Mick Hammer introduced me to Larry Jacinto.

Larry Jacinto Construction is a long-time dirt mover from Mentone Beach (not by the ocean), just north east of Redlands. I met up with him almost two years ago and asked if he could help me on part of this project, his answer – sure I will. He removed all the concrete in the center about 4,500 Sq Ft 10" thick.

The time came and I was ready to start, I had all the ducks in a row, Right....Nope, wrong. The Parks Department was not able to get it to the city council meeting to be included in that months approval, I was told. I had to cancel with Larry Jacinto until the following month. This was something I was getting used too, remember I am a cabinet contractor NOT a parking lot guy. Back to Larry Jacinto, we got a firm start date, NO, wait, we needed a pre-construction meeting with a 24hr notice. OK now we are ready and Larry's crew shows up with a 966K cat loader, two 40' end dumps and a supervisor. They took 16 end dump loads of concrete out and were done before 3:00. You see we had Hall Rental at 3:30, Yes you might say that was a close one. Ok back to Larry, he did this all pro-bono, not because he is a vet





but because of Mick Hammer our dirty Santa Clause/reverend who married my son. Mick Hammer runs Haz Mat Trans so Larry & Mick have been working together for years. Larry you are BAD ASS.

OK guys, the American Legion is completed. This has been a fulfilling six year project to re-build and bring the Post 79 up to handy cap standards. There is not a day that goes by that a vet doesn't say thanks to the OFRT for what they did for our post. So, to ALL the Old Farts- THANKS from the VETS for Post 79.

\*\*If anybody has an idea for a project, REMEMBER if it's your Idea, it's YOUR project.

Thanks to ALL who helped these last 6+ years.

Dave B. #182





# RUN TO THE SUN LAKE HAVASU CITY 2018

The fun filled & very busy week started on Tuesday October 16 th for a "Taco Tuesday" hosted by Kathy & Cary Barr at their house in Havasu. After we all had our fill of the delicious tacos & enchilada soup made by Lynda Kane again this year we were treated to Mexican Fried Ice Cream they were very yummy!

Wednesday we were up bright & early to go to the club house to pick up our registration packets & t-shirts, they also have racks of t-shirts, sweatshirts & hats & mugs with the car show logo for sale.

At noon we all go to another party hosted by Rich & Karen Mehas at their house in Havasu! They have a pool so a lot of us got in & swam around & visited & drank a couple gallons of her popular drink "Sex on the Beach". After a few drinks a few of us had trouble climbing out of the pool!

This year Karen made Lasagne, several salads, & sausages cooked with peppers & onions, everything was delicious, as usual! She made chocolate chip cookies & scones for dessert, plus See's candy!



Thursday morning the guys head over to the golf course at 6AM so they can pick good spots to park the cars on Friday & Saturday. Afterwards we all go out to breakfast at Sam's.

Some of the guys go on the poker run after breakfast & the women all head out shopping for a couple hours at Dillard's & Beals, we got some good deals too! At two we all meet up in a parking lot so we can all park together for the cruise on McCollough Blvd Thursday night. It is a lot of fun sitting by our cars & watching all the locals come by & check out our cars. We usually see a lot of people we know & have a nice visit with them. We all head in different directions for dinner as there are a lot of good restaurants within walking distance.

After dinner some of us headed to a bar near by & Harry bought us drinks & we all played shuffle board & had a great time!

Friday morning we all met for breakfast again at Sam's & then headed out to the golf course to park for the day, the guys walked around checking out cars & judging them while the women went to check out the vendors, they have some good ones there!

The Wilson Creek Winery had a vendor there and they were giving out samples of their champagne, of course we all had to try out each one. They were all very good. After a full day of visiting sitting under our easy-ups by our cars we go have dinner at the club house that is provided by the Rods & Relics car club.

Saturday is a very fun day for the women, they have a fashion show for us



& the theme this year was Red, White & Blue. Our group dressed as "Rosie the Riveter" we all wore red & white polkadot hair ties & 40's work related outfits. Thanks to Joe Ritter we had an awesome plane he built & it was in pieces so we could assemble it on the runway at the fashion show. We were a hit for sure & came in first place again this year. The prize was \$100. So we went to the bar & all had a celebratory cocktail!

Afterwards we were taken by a shuttle back to the golf course to hang out until the awards presentation.

We had seven winners from the Old Farts this year:

Jan & Penny Newman - 1956 Chevy Bel Air

Earle & Lila Casteloos - 1955 Ford Custom Line

Bruce & Lynn Cooper - 1923 International C Cab

Glenn Harris - 1972 Chevy Chevelle

Larry Waltz - 1951 Chevy

Dick & Linda Brandt - 1965 Chevy Chevelle

Todd (Teds Rod Shop) Rat Rod

The Old Farts also won club participation again this year & won a free entry for next year & the winner of that entry will be chosen next year.

Saturday night we had reservations for dinner at a Mexican restaurant, home of the flaming Margaritas!

Sunday morning all the Californians headed home to relax, lol. We all had a great time as usual again & are looking forward to next year.

Sharon P.





# Old Farts Christmas Party 2018





# Wasson's Toys for Tots Car Show 2018





# Old Farts Christmas Party 2018



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It's sure to keep you occupied for at least an hour or so, maybe more.

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Who knows, you may find that one part you've been looking for.



## Misc. Stuff

# We are up to 2502 Members!!!

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### Would like your car to be considered for Car of the Issue?

Email us at [contactus@oldfartsracingteam.us](mailto:contactus@oldfartsracingteam.us) with a picture of the car and all the information needed to write about it. Make sure to include a phone number in case we have any questions. Remember we will probably get a lot submitted and we only put out 4 issues a year so be patient with us.

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Would you like to be a sponsor of the OFRT newsletter? We could sure use a couple more sponsors to help pay for the yearly running costs of our website and newsletter. The cost is \$25 a year, and you get your business card in our newsletter, (4 issues a year) and it's also put in our discount directory in the preferred section.

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I would like to spotlight Andrea Kaus for always taking the most amazing pictures of our events, she not only takes pics of our horsepower, but she has a great collection of horse photos too. you can check out all her photos anytime at [cha-osgraphics.com](http://cha-osgraphics.com). *Helpful Hint: I really enjoyed her collection by making the pics run a slideshow full screen, you can really see the details of all the great rides.*

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**Thank You** to the crew that helps with the OFRT newsletter, without their hard work, this newsletter wouldn't happen. Mark Godfrey, Dave Bertino, Sharon Preston, Diane Olvera, Lila Bashim-Casteloes, Willie Martin, "Rotten" Rodney Bauman, Mike Woodward, Andrea Kaus, Russell Utz, Steve Johnson, Denise Wasson-Martinez, Charyle Trujillo, and a few others that I just can't remember right now. G.W.

### Welcome To All New ~~Old Farts~~ !!

Welcome all new members to the Old Farts Racing Team! Our sole purpose is to have old fashioned drag racing fun. You do not need a car to have fun, come with someone who is participating, be a spectator, or build your own car. Gatherings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at the American Legion Hall #79 at Fairmont Park in Riverside. We have no club officers. We have what we call "meetings", or bullshit sessions, for lack of a better term.

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# Old Farts Events Calendar

## OFRT's Monthly Meeting/Dinner

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Hall #79 at 2979 Dexter Dr. Fairmont Park in Riverside. [Map to American Legion #79](#)

## Tuxie's Drive-In Cruise Night

Tuxie's Drive-In Cruise Night is held on the second Friday of every month from 5pm to 8pm. Come on down and join us! [Map to Tuxie's Drive-In](#)

## Farmer Boys Cruise Night

Farmer Boys Van Buren Cruise Night is held on the first Friday of every month from 4pm to 7pm. Come on down and join us!

## Perris Airport Car Show

Perris Airport Car Show is held on the first Sunday of every month from 1pm to 4pm. Come on down and join us!

## Other Events

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