

South Orange County Rods & Customs

March 2021 Newsletter

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Activities	Dale Hadfield
Communications	David Lockwood
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Monthly Meeting	

Club meeting was held at Bob Well's shop in Irvine on Saturday, February 20, 2021

Thank you, Bob!!

Meeting commenced: 11:20 AM with 52 attendees

President's Report: Mike Rockwood

Personal COVID update:

Mike said his wife Nancy has worked throughout the epidemic at all kinds of stores and met with all kinds of people, safely without contracting COVID. Mike's good friend and next-door neighbor, Dennis however caught COVID from his daughter who was visiting him. Dennis' passion was his '63 split-window Corvette that Mike had just started repairing. Unfortunately, Dennis passed away. Mike also caught COVID and is now over it and has the antibodies. He said, 'I'm here and life is good!

Bob Wells

Special thanks to Bob Wells who graciously hosted our February club meeting! Mike said a raffle would follow to win one of Bob's cars. I think our President was

joking!

Voting in New Members

Club unanimously voted in the following new members:

Rick and Sharon Hanson (37 Ford Cabriolet)

Donoso and Cristina Cortes (62 Impala and 35 Ford 5 Window Coupe)

Welcome Rich, Sharon, Donoso and Cristina!!

Prospective New Members

Lars Suneborn: Lars was born in Sweden and always wanted to live in California. He now lives in Huntington Beach. He had a passion for GTOs and looked for a 1970 GTO Convertible when there was no eBay. He purchased his dream car in 1980 for \$1,700 and so started his classic car adventures. He got in his car one day and noticed the clutch pedal hanging loose, only to discover someone stole the transmission. Another time in 1984 someone stole his car. It was gone for 3 weeks when Long Beach PD found the car and notified him to pick-it up or he'd be charged for storage. (Welcome to Southern California Lars!).

Paul Murai – Paul was in the Rotary Club when he met our beloved Dick Bennett. Dick would always give Paul a hug and first introduced him to SOCR&C. Paul is a 3rd generation farmer in No. County. He came to OC in 1948 in his Dad's old truck and is an old street racer from back in the 60s. Paul thanks his brother and older friend for getting him into cars. Fifteen years ago, he built a blue truck (out in parking lot). It took him about 10 years. Paul also has a 1968 Camaro!

Frank Irving & Dori Miller – Frank has lived in California since he was 10 or 11 years old. Frank and his Dad went out to Gardena to buy his first car, a chopped 1935 Ford and in High School he had a 1954 Chevy. Buying cars is ongoing and stopped counting cars at 200. He recently purchased a 1957 T-Bird and hopes to finish it June/July '21. He said, "sorry Ford lovers, I'm putting an LS 3 in it."

Steve & Doreen Allmand – Steve and his daughter Grace, drove in the Laguna Niguel Christmas Parade and his daughter had such a good time, showing her early interest in classic cars. Steve is mostly a Corvette guy but also has a 55 Chevy.

Steve & Teresa Villa – In High School Steve built a Model A roadster. He moved to California in 1968, has a 41 Truck and now retired. Life is good!!!

Jim Farley – Jim was SOCR&C's President over 10 years ago, followed by Dick Bennett. Back then, he had the newest car in the club, a 1957 Chevy. He's had

a few cars since then, a 1968 Retromod and a Triumph TR6. He then started looking for a 1965 Mustang 347 Stroker and found a Shelby GT Restomod. He was happy to find out SOCR&C is now taking 1972 and older cars.

Club roster – Dennis Avery

Dennis handed out a clipboard and membership forms to those interested in joining the club. Gary and Kathy Rierson, as well as David Roche signed up!

Birthdays – Willi Stinson

January Birthdays: Sue Jenson, Carroll Whaler, Elizabeth Lewis, Janis Justice, Karen Stoner, Scott Nixon

February Birthdays: Rachel Perez, Ben Knox, Dan Murray, Dale Hadfield, Butch Welch, Jerry Burke. Also, Jerry's 17-year-old son was born on his (Jerry's) birthday!

Treasurer's Report – Jim Boka

Previous balance: January \$5,254.39
Income: Clothing \$12 ; dues \$400
Expenses: Annual fee to Spot On-club website for one year- \$400
Present balance \$5,266.39

Activities: Dale Hadfield

Dale handed out blue flyers listing events through July and reminded everyone to be flexible because dates and events keep changing.

February/March events only:

2/27/21 Brian & Burnevik's Club House shop tour, Laguna Hills (all the cars are red!)
3/3-5/21 Havasu Deuce Days. Check with Mike Stoner or Jerry Burke if you plan on attending
3/13/21 Cambra Speed Shop tour at 726 West Angus Ave., Orange
3/20/21 Champion Cooling Systems Cars & Coffee, Lake Elsinore. Drive over Ortega Hwy.
3/24/21 Marconi Auto Museum – tour conducted by Mr. Marconi

Dale also briefly mentioned our support for attending the Steve McQueen show (June 6th) and the Stand Up for Kids Fund Raiser (taking place sometime in June led by Ted Quinn).

Annie will host lunch after the Dog Show on 7/10.

Larry Davis mentioned the Lake Forest HOA Sun 'n Sail car show will be held
7/21

San Clemente Car Show (September) - Jim Perez will need 10 volunteers to help

park cars

Thanks, Dale for all you do leading our events!

Trophy Hounds – Mike Rockwood

David Lockwood's new '60 Corvette came with trophies won by the previous owner. Are we ready for COVID to be over and car shows to begin??

Paddle – Mike Rockwood

Mike quoted Dick Bennett, "If you don't break 'em, you're not driving 'em enough" and then introduced Jerry Burke to tell us his 'break down' story.

Jerry said when we retired the paddle to Dick, he ordered a custom paddle on line to match the one we had. He was on his way to Cars 'n Coffee when his 32 broke down (fuel pump). He's never had problems before, etc. etc. He broke down on the Doheny overpass where there is no shoulder. He called his wife, Dee Dee and then AAA for help. As he was being towed into his driveway, the Post man arrived with a triangular box containing the paddle. Dee Dee said, 'well, that is appropriate.'

Raffle tickets – Nancy Rockwood

\$70 won by Steve Biermann and \$70 won by Bob Jenson and \$140 to club

Website: Tim Timmerman

Please see Tim's email dated 1/21/21 for website updates! **Thank you, Tim!**

Club Clothing - Ted Quinn

Please see Ted's email in early February for club clothing availability and pricing.
Thank you, Ted!

In closing....

Mike asked for a moment of silence for what we've been going through and for members who are no longer with us! **Thank you, Mike on doing a great job on leading your first meeting as President!**

Next meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Denny's Restaurant, 23515 El Toro Blvd., Lake Forest, CA. Dinner 5-6:00 pm and Club Meeting 6-7:00 PM

Meeting ended: 12:15 noon, and Jersey Mike's sandwiches were served. **Thank you, Mike and Nancy for ordering the food, picking it up and delivering to Bob's shop!**