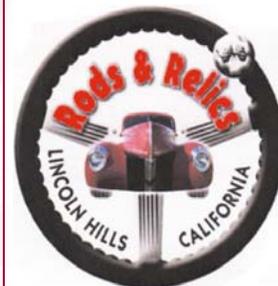


Club Meetings  
are held on the  
3rd Thursday  
of each month  
at 6:30 PM at  
**Strikes**  
5681 Lone Tree Blvd  
Rocklin.  
Everyone is welcome



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## OUR PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Good times have been had by many! Fourteen vehicles and their owners, spouses, and friends participated in the Downtown Farmers' Market on Thursday, August 26. Many of the attendees enjoyed our vehicles. Congratulations go to Murrill and Elaine Conley, winners of the "People's Choice Award." I asked Murrill what his secret was. He said most folks can relate to that era and his car: a '56 Oldsmobile! People say, "My parents had a car like that," and "It was the car that I learned how to drive in," and others said, "I had my first date in that car!"



At the SCLH "Hot August Nights" on Saturday, August 28, fourteen (our lucky number?) Club members brought their vehicles out (despite threatening rain clouds) and enjoyed the camaraderie. The dancing was lively and fun for all!

On to September ... local events include:

Saturday, September 11, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **FieldHaven Feline Rescue** at 2754 Ironwood Lane, in Lincoln has extended an invitation to all Club members, and their vehicles, to be part of the fundraising event, "Classics, Cats and Cabernet." Featured is ... "the very best of the areas wines, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and live music." All "FREE" for you, your spouse, or significant other. There will also be a number of the classic Chris Craft wooden boats on display. Check out their web site [www.fieldhaven.com](http://www.fieldhaven.com) RSVP to me by September 7 (408-1950 or [rrrgn@aol.com](mailto:rrrgn@aol.com)) so that the size of the space to reserve for us can be determined! Additional information will follow.

Thursday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Lincoln Manor** at 1550 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in Lincoln has invited us again. Lots of food (free) music, and raffle prizes. Those who want to caravan over, meet in the parking lot at Kilaga Springs Lodge, Sun City Blvd and Stags Leap Lane leaving at 10:30 a.m. sharp!

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

4th, Rio Linda, Dry Creek Rd, 8am-4pm, \$25. Classic Car & Swap Meet.

5th— **Folsom Original Mel's Cruise Night**, Folsom Blvd, 5pm to dusk, info: 985-7337

6TH—**Labor Day Car Show**, sponsored by Capital City Cruisers, 8am—2:30pm. \$25. K-Mart, corner of Sunrise Blvd & Coloma Rd

10-12th **Cruisin' in the Pines** Car Show at Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley by Roamin' Angels

18th **Rocklin's Hot Chili & Cool Cars**, 10am to 4 pm, Pacific St. Rocklin, must be registered by 9/8-no on-site registration \$30.

(see website for more info)

### Club officers

<b>President, Rich Ragan</b>	<b>408-1950</b>
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### MISSION STATEMENT

The "Rods & Relics" Car Club is an organization formed by individuals with an interest in the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of collector vehicles such as: Antiques, Classics, Special Interest, and Modified vehicles.

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# CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS

## Getting to Know

### Ralph Garcia

Ralph Garcia spent his first sixteen years in San Francisco, he had his first car at the tender age of 14, for \$35. he bought a 1936, 5 window coupe for “local driving”, he says. Two years later he was roaming the city in a 1938 Chevy with no brakes and a door that didn’t work either! Soon after he and two friends decided to join the Air Force—he just wasn’t old enough, so he doctored his Birth Certificate and off he went.

During his four year stint in the Air Force he worked as a mechanic and then, after his service, he worked as a truck driver for 41 years.

He has been married for 42 years to Sandy. She was born in North Dakota and moved to San Mateo when she was 13. They met when she was 25 and married soon after. They have 2 daughters each with a son and daughter, one in Reno and the other in San Carlos, so he gets to see them all often. Sandy worked for many years as the secretary to the Dean of Skyline College.

They lived in San Bruno for 41 years but upon retiring they moved to Sun City where he bought a ‘29 Ford pickup-sight unseen. Big mistake—not a good fit, literally. He tried putting in an old seat from a Jeep but that didn’t work either so after keeping it for 6 months, he sold it at a tidy profit for all his trouble.



Shortly there after he bought a ‘29 two door sedan, also sight unseen—which when he did see it he didn’t want to keep it. He soon traded it for a roadster in the same condition (bad). However, he had all the kings men working on it steadily. It’s now in good condition, wins trophies now and then too!

Ralph says he sees “two or three cars in his future” he likes to work on them, changing small things to personalize them for himself.

Ralph is well known, especially around Starbucks, where he “holds court” most afternoons. At least you know where to find him and he’s always smiling!



Ralph & Sandy

## Universal Technical Institute Ride Fest Sunday 8/1/2010

The UTI Sacramento campus sponsored Ride Fest to promote an interest in their programs and raise funds for their scholarship program. There were tours of the campus with students demonstrating the automotive skills they are learning. For a donation of \$20 you could get your car checked out on the Dynamometer. There was live music, games and family activities

The show was free to both participants and spectators, and open to all makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles. This made it different from most of the shows we attend. The cars and trucks represented everything from a cool Model T Hot Rod to rice burners, low riders and new cars including two Lamborghinis. There were 125 to 150 participants; approximately 35 of these would be the type of cars we would see at most of the shows we attend.

Eighteen trophies, designed and fabricated by students, were given out; they were either pistons or pin striped valve covers mounted on a base.

Peer voting determined the winners of most of the trophies. There were four Best of Show trophies that I think were chosen by UTI instructors and staff. I was fortunate enough to win one of the Best of Show trophies.

Ray Geiger



## SHRINERS HOSPITAL SHOW

August 7th, ten members of the Rods & Relics met at the Sonic Drive Inn in Roseville, to caravan to the Shriners Hospital Show. We joined about 15 Corvettes and several Porsches at the Hospital in downtown Sacramento. After getting settled in our parking spots, the children and hospital staff came out to view the cars.

Most of the children were either burn victims or orthopedic patients. They seemed to enjoy looking at the cars and talking to their owners.

A special thanks to Ray Geiger for coordinating this event for the Rods & Relics members but especially the children of the Shriners Hospital.

Dorothy Atkinson

## The Auburn Classic Car Show

Well, the weather was absolutely perfect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Auburn Classic show at the Ridge Golf Course...the high was about 80 degrees with partly cloudy conditions and a nice breeze.

Over 100 classics, hot rods, and customs participated in the event which included a motorcycle stunt show, classic dragsters (unbelievably loud!), a BBQ lunch and awards ceremony. Participants were also treated to a complimentary bucket of range balls, club demos, and a flyby with a WWII era plane.

Add this to your list for next year... and plan to caravan up the hill to Auburn for a fun day of classic cars and camaraderie.

Jon Boland

## ANTIQUE TROVE OVER THE TOP

Parking was full at the Antique Trove on Sunday the 14th, as was the usually empty DMV parking lot and more overflow went to surrounding businesses on Harding Road while the car show, sponsored by the Antique Trove was in full swing between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Members attending were: Mike Roby, Red Taylor, Al Alves, Craig Kirkpatrick, Rex Railsback, Dan Larsen, Tom & Pat Kirkbride, Ray Geiger Mike Novosel & the McVeys, thanks to the organization of Dan Larsen.

The 50/50 raffle brought in \$148. to some lucky winner and the free hot dogs, chips & drink was a plus, but it was **really** nice to bring home a plaque that said the Employees Pick was our car.

Julie McVey



## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19 MEETING

### ACTIVITY REPORT

#### Award winners:

Rex Railsback—Hot August Nights, South Lake Tahoe, Best Sports Car

Ray Geiger—Motor Madness, Best 1920's - Modified

Walt Ernst—Motor Madness, Best 1950's - Stock.

Ray Geiger—Ride Fest at UTI, Best of Show

Craig Kirkpatrick—Strikes, Best Hot Rod.

Ed McVey—Antique Trove—Employees Choice

#### Upcoming Events:

August 21st—Roseville Commons Senior Community Car Show

August 26th—Downtown Lincoln Farmers Market

August 28th—Sun City of Lincoln Hills Hot August Nights Pavilion Dance

August 28th —Graffiti Night on Sutter Street in Folsom

**Before the Meeting...**Our speaker for the evening was Dave Cahal—NSRA Southwest Division Director. Dave spoke for over 30 minutes on the NSRA Show at Cal Expo October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and fun with cars in general. Dave also complimented the Rods & Relics on our June Car Show and is looking forward to next year's show. Dave raffled off an NSRA metal sign that was won by Charlie Spear. Ray Geiger presented Dave with a Certificate of Appreciation and member Mike Roby presented Dave with a plaque thanking him for his contribution to the street rodding hobby.

**President Rich Ragan** opened the meeting at 6:50, greeting everyone and asking for the Secretary's report. Craig covered the meeting in Julie's absence, asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes as reported in the current Newsletter. There were none and a motion to approve was made and 2nd, the membership approved.

**Treasurer Craig Kirkpatrick** highlighted the monthly and yearly activity that shows a balance of \$4,130.87. Craig also stated that the club has \$1,225. in Other Assets—T-Shirts, Hats, Club Pins, & Plaque Holders. Craig reported that the Board decided at the Tuesday Board Meeting to decrease the price of the 2009 T- Shirts to \$5. and that we were going to donate the Rib Fest Car Show T-Shirts to the Salt Mine Ministries. Motion was made and 2nd to approve, membership approved.

Rich Ragan reported that the Board really needs somebody to step up and take over the vacated Activities Director position. He also asked for volunteers to be on a Christmas Party Committee and suggested that participation in future activities could suffer if we do not get some help.

**Membership Report:** Ray Blasquez reported that we have 54 paid members. Richard Gsell has attended his second meeting and was voted in by the membership. He owns a 1925 Ford.

**Old Business:** The Lincoln Lighthouse Newsletter had a picture and story of our donation. Dave Baxter is home from the hospital and sent a thank you card for the flower arrangement we sent. Rich had the plaque the club received from the Lincoln Little League team we sponsored and the plaque we received from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on display.

**New Business:** Ray Geiger discussed an ACCC meeting at the Sacramento Vintage Ford on August 25th.

Rich called the meeting to a close at 7:15.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

Cars were painted black until 1925 when Ford introduced two new colors. What were they?

Answer on last page

# NOTES FROM THE GLOVEBOX



Breakfast at the Waffle Farm has become a regular tradition for many member families. Everyone is welcome to attend, sunny days bring your show ride. Waffle Farm Breakfasts for September are the 14th & 28th. We don't caravan anymore, we meet up at the Waffle Farm, 815 Twelve Bridges Dr. Lincoln at 8:30 AM for a fine breakfast with a bunch of really nice folks who have even better cars and love to talk about them. 'Ya'll Come!

## HOT AUGUST NIGHTS—SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CAR SHOW

July 30, 31 and August 1 Hot August Nights at So Lake Tahoe was held at two casinos - Mont Blue and Horizon. David and Judi Fibush, Dave Goebel, & Pat and Tom Kirkbride came to see the show. Dave and us brought our cars and Tom and Pat didn't, but they did take lots of good pictures.



Dave Goebel, Chuck Scott & son



The two parking lots at the casinos were ample for 1000 cars to be registered but we only saw numbers that made it to about 600.

Great crew to park the cars, good music with a live band and with a reasonable sound system that didn't drown out conversation, a goody bag with some nice gifts - T-shirt, baseball cap, etc. and a free lunch at Harrah's Buffet. We took advantage of that and it was delish and recommended when anyone goes to Tahoe.

Because of the heavy winds, pop ups were not allowed, so the sun and asphalt were a bit hot.

However, the winds did keep it somewhat livable. Lots of beautiful cars and a nice group of people who were registered and who just came by to gawk. As always the Lake is just gorgeous. A fun weekend to precede the biggie in Reno the following week.

Judi Fibush

Judi & Dave



## HOT AUGUST NIGHT AT SUN CITY

Great participation for this event and many thanks for all who participated: Richard Gsell, Al & Eva Alves, Rex & Marilyn Railsback, Ed & Julie McVey, Dennis & Donna Malone, Tom & Pat Kirkbride & family, Ralph & Sandy Garcia, Al Mangini, Judy Rezendes, Marlin Anderson, Dan & Carol Larsen, Jon Solander and Dwight & Joan Johnson.

Welcome back to Dwight who just returned from southern California. A pleasant surprise visit was made by Dave Baxter, who is on the road to full recovery, and his wife Gail.

The attendees, based upon their remarks, really enjoyed our vehicles! Discussions were spirited!

Rich Ragan

Our club thought the theme of the dance was the 50's & 60's and came properly attired as did Al & Eva Alves, Rex & Virginia Railsback & Dennis & Donna Malone (at right).

They did get the band to play a few songs from that era.



## Tech Hints & tips

### DATING A TIRE (not romantically)

By Steve Fowler



**A tire blowout while driving can create anything from an inconvenient delay to a fatal accident**, as witnessed by the Firestone/Explorer debacle a few years back. But it's never pleasant, and often avoidable. Proper inflation, monitoring tread wear, selecting proper tires for the vehicle and maintaining alignment are all important and could each be the topic of a tech tip article.

But this month, I want to talk about a problem that has become the topic of a lot of recent articles- old tires. This is especially a problem for those of us in the car hobby, because even those of us that "drive the wheels off" our old cars really don't rack up enough miles to wear out tires in a normal fashion. The consensus in the industry today is that tires over 10 years old are time bombs, "maypops" that can fail under normal driving regardless

of appearance. For those of you who have "trailer queens" that only are driven from the trailer to a show parking spot and back, you can probably keep using those antique tires for many years. After all, a blowout at 10mph is kind of a non-event.

But the rest of us should take note, and see just how old our tires are. How can you know? There are numerous sources of the info to follow, but I'll credit Tire Rack ([tirerack.com](http://tirerack.com)) for this info, they have a great web site with lots of good technical info, and I buy most of my tires from them these days (It helped that I had a place where I could do my own installation- I'll miss that part of my job).

All tires have a batch code stamped into the sidewall that starts with "DOT" and includes information on the manufacturer and the week and year of production. Tires manufactured since 2000 will end this code with four numbers, which are the week followed by the year. For example, 5107 would be the 51<sup>st</sup> week of 2007. With the four digit code, you can tell the age pretty well on any tire made since 2000.



Things get a little trickier for tires made prior to 2000, as the date

code, while similar, only has three digits, the first two are the week and the third is the year of the decade. They assumed that tires would be worn out in less than ten years. That said, if you are running on tires with only 3 digits at the end of



the date code, they are already at least ten years old. Some of you may have tires from the 80's or earlier. When I bought my '53 Stude, it had "brand new" tires on it the owner had put on just before he died 15 years earlier. They got replaced immediately before I took anyone with me for a drive. My cement mixer has the same tires on it that it had when my father-in-law acquired it in the mid-60's, but it never sees the road, and it scares me just to inflate them.

No one likes to scrap out tires that appear to be in near-perfect condition. But remember, your life, and the life of someone you love, that's right- your car- oh!, and also your spouse, could very well be at risk. A failed tire can be a scary event that tears up paint jobs, sheet metal, and can even lead to inadvertent stains in the upholstery. Check your tires, and change 'em if they are old!

Happy Motoring! SF

## AUGUST AT STRIKES

Craig Kirkpatrick brought home a trophy on August 4th compliments of Strikes for Best Hot Rod.

The show on the 18th brought our club only a few cards for bowling games won in winning trivia answers. The Wednesday Strikes Shows are fun and we only have a few left.

Shows in September are on the 1st and 15th, and the year for Strikes Shows is over!!



**The Motor Madness Car Show** on Saturday, at the Sunset Christian Church on August 14th had some really beautiful cars and trucks I hadn't seen before, but our club still brought home some nice trophy's.



Walt Ernst



Ray Geiger

## PLOW JOCKEYS CAR SHOW

FOUR CLUB CARS, TWO WINNERS—  
NOT A BAD AVERAGE

On Saturday, August 14, four of our club members showed at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Plow Jockeys Car Show at Lowes parking lot here in Lincoln. The show benefited the Friends of Lincoln Kids

Our Pres. Rich Ragan showed his '23 T Bucket, Marlin Anderson his '52 Chevy, Jon Solander his '29 Buick and Clark Smith his '70 Surfer Catalina.

Rich won the Club Pick trophy, a very neat welded trophy made out of car parts. Clark Smith won a raffle prize, a professional rechargeable Drill presented by Delta, one of the sponsors.

Clark Smith

Trivia  
Answer:  
Green  
And  
Maroon



SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS HOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT  
Burma Shave