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Note From The Prez

I would first like to address an issue regarding two of our members. Jerry Coble and Pat Scurti display their perseverance while courageously battling against their illnesses. I know that each of us have and will continue to say our prayers to assist with the healing for our two members.

In this past quarter, we have attended the National Collector Car Appreciation day which was held at the American Classic Car store. The participants consumed 30 gallons of chili, 900 cookies and 390 hot dogs. A good time was had by all with several of the hot rods and classic cars on display.

L.D. Johnson coordinated the Cal Rods day at the races at the Pomona Fair. There were some winners and some not so winners, but the buffet was enjoyed by all and no one went home hungry. Sam Riggi coordinated and led the visitation to the Ronald Reagan Library. There were 94 people participating in the cruise to the library. If you have never been to the Reagan library you should make an effort to visit the facility. You will be impressed as the people that attended the event were.

We have several events on our calendar before the end of this year; first of which is the nomination of officers for the coming two years. The offices are the Vice President, Treasurer, and two board members. The elections will be held on November 1, 2011 at the membership meeting.

Last but not least is the poker run on October 15th. The committee chairpersons are Mike Thompsett and Jim Clark. They have some very interesting stops. They have put in several hours of hard work to make this poker run a pleasure for the membership. You will not want to miss this event.

Tom Flenniken

Meet the Board Member

L. D. Johnson



A gumbo is a mixture of basic ingredients, carefully blended to create an enjoyable dining experience. My life has been a big pot of gumbo with some wonderful ingredients.

The youngest of four sons, my family was the center of my life experiences. Born in New Orleans, exposed to the many cultures and activities of such a historic vibrant community further added to my life foundation.

Having a Dad that was my first car guy example, I began enjoying cars and trucks at a very early age. My early memories with my Dad washing his vehicles, following his example of the art of detail and maintenance apparently formed an early skill. First driving his truck around the age of eight or nine, I recall the excitement of every Saturday early morning of detailing the cars and truck with him, then actually driving him a couple blocks to his weekly appointment at the barber shop. At age ten we attended a west Louisiana drag race event where I was introduced to speed, and a different car culture. Many years later in a casual conversation with Dave McClelland, we realized that race was Dave's first announcement task at a drag event. Small world.

Relocating to La Verne when I was twelve brought an additional experience, the cruising culture. The early years of going with the big brothers of my buddies to cruise such places as PCH, East L.A., Whittier Blvd., Pasadena, and even the reaches of Bakersfield, San Diego, San Bernardino, anywhere there was a crowd of cars and girls. Of course gas was \$0.10 - \$0.12 a gallon, but we managed to all chip in for a couple tanks a weekend.

With the thought of having my own car, at fifteen I had worked and saved enough to be able to buy my car. I just could not decide what I wanted. My buddies had '51, '53, '55 Belairs, '59 Impalas, '38 Chevy Sedans, and even a '58 Cadillac Limo that was our party sled. I scoured all the car lots in Whittier and especially along Colorado in Pasadena, every weekend finding the car I wanted, only to be continually denied by my Dad.

I did have an eye on a car that an elderly neighbor lady had, a 1956 Chevrolet Belair post, twilight turquoise and white, with all the options and including a rare padded dash, 265 with power pack, powerglide, and she hardly ever drove it. Working in our yard one early Saturday morning, to my dismay, she drove home in a new 1965 Chevrolet Impala. I lamented to my Dad that she must have sold her car and I would have to find another. He immediately knocked on her door and found that she had traded it in at a local Chevrolet dealer that my Dad knew well. After a quick phone call conversation, I was the owner of a pristine Chevy Belair, nine years old with 7,000 miles for the cost of \$200.00. Two days later, the car was lowered just under the legal limit, had a set of chrome reverse rims, a then killer Muntz 8-track cassette and even a light bar. I was coooooool.

That '56 took me into and through the "American Graffiti" days of my teen years. All points of California were explored. All the spots such as Bob's, Mel's, Henry's, In-n-Out and everywhere else were explored every night. Fast forward through a variety of cruisers, sleds, muscle cars, trucks, VW's, family trucksters and work cars, I was fortunate to continue to enjoy the car culture of California.

With a young family, relocating to Texas, I found myself with a 1968 VW that I wanted lowered like all my other cars I had in California. To my dismay, no one in Dallas area Texas knew how to properly lower a VW. Keep in mind that this was Texas and I had a VW and not a pick up with a gun rack. After a couple weeks I lowered the VW myself, thanks to twelve sacks of cement redi-mix placed in the trunk and behind the rear seat. It was low, looked great, but a little slow on take-off from the light. Everyone either thought it looked great or what the heck have you done. Apparently someone else liked it too and stole it two weeks later.

Having had enough of Texas after ten years, I returned to La Verne, began a new career with the City and continued a more subdued car passion with a very brief experience with a fuel injected 140mph street motorcycle. Transitioning to a "family guy", I set aside the hot rod types, sort of, and resolved to the regular cars.

Through the years, I have driven a variety of vehicles, from the VW's to muscle cars, to trucks, the crazy motorcycle, to even crazier blown flat bottom jet boats (which is insanity itself), and even a career of being an engineer on the railroad for many years. Oddly, it was the trains that subjected me to the most danger and most accidents. Who would have thought that something that weighs 80+ tons, is guided on two rails that you can't turn on, that only goes forward and backwards would be so dangerous, but that is another bio entirely.

After a few years, I had to get back to something a little more fun. Along came a hot Trans Am, another Pontiac Formula 400, a lowered Blazer, a lowered Chevy P/U and a few others.

Today, thanks to the experience of Cool Cruise, I have had the pleasure to become more immersed in the world of hot Roding. While the fun of the cars is a given, it is the personalities that I have truly enjoyed. Having met people from all points of the world, a common catalyst is cars and the incredible hot rod hobby. Having been to SEMA many times, attending the crazy zoo of the auto auctions, being involved with a few of the television shows, enjoying Hot August Nights and all the other events, it is the people as much as it is the hot rod that makes the hobby what it is.

I consider myself one of the luckiest hot rod aficionados around..

Meet the New Members

By Jim London

In It For The Long Haul

New Members Robert and Christine Bennett are true California natives. Robert graduated from Azusa High School and Christine graduated from Monrovia High School and attended Citrus College for two years. They now live in Glendora California. Robert is presently employed hauling modular homes and Christine is self employed in the medical billing field. Robert and Christine are the proud owners of a 1940 Ford Coupe. The Coupe was given to him by his father-in-law Chuck Johnson before his passing. Chuck was a member of the Cal-Rods.

The Coupe was in pieces, when Robert received it. Since being restored the engine was changed to a 350 Chevrolet, the transmission is a Camaro 5 speed, with a 9" Ford rear end and is equipped with air conditioning, power steering and front disc brakes. The couple originally joined the Cal-Rods on advise from his ex father-in-law and other present members. They are very glad they joined the Club



and enjoy the members, attending all the Club meetings, functions, and just having fun with the Ford. As the old saying goes. they are truly in it for the long haul!

Next time you see Robert and Christine make sure to introduce yourself to them. On behalf of the Calrods welcome to the club Robert and Christine.



1-Oct-11 Calrods Upcoming Events		
1ST WEDNESDAY E/M	TWILIGHT CRUISE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS	3:00PM-7:00PM
EVERY SATURDAY	CLASSIC COFFEE-GLENDORA 146 N. GLENDORA	6:00AM-10:00AM
3RD SUNDAY E/M	BRACKETT AIRPORT-LA VERNE PLANES/AUTOS CONTACT TOM BRUNER	10:00AM-3:00PM
EVERY THURSDAY	IN & OUT BURGERS-GRAND AVE COVINA	4:30PM-8:00PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY	BOBS BROILER ON FIRESTONE DOWNEY	4:00PM-10:00PM
1ST SUNDAY E/M	LEGENDS CAFÉ ROUTE 66 GLENDORA	AFTERNOON
2ND SUNDAY E/M	DOWNTOWN COVINA CAR SHOW COVINA	4:00PM-7:00PM
2ND SATURDAY E/M	CRUISE NIGHT VILLAGE GRILL-DOWNTOWN CLAREMONT	5:00PM-8:30PM
1ST FRIDAY E/M	FARMERS BOYS CRUISE NIGHT CENTRAL @ MISSION MONTCLAIR	5:00PM-8:00PM
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT	RUBYS DINER WHITTWOOD DR WHITTIER	5:00PM-8:00PM
2ND SATURDAY E/M	BREAKFAST CRUISE JOHNNY ROCKETS CHINO HILLS	8:00AM-10:30AM
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1ST	THUNDERFEST CAR SHOW COVINA	1:00PM-8:00PM
2ND	ALL CHEVY CAR SHOW @ RICHARD HIBBARD CHEVROLET, CLAIREMONT	8:00AM-2:00PM
15TH	CAL ROD POKER RUN \$15 MEMBERS-\$20 OTHERS START AT CABLES AIR MANIAC MIKES UPLAND	9:30AM
15TH	PLACENTIA HERITAGE CAR SHOW PLACENTIA	9:00AM-4:00PM
21ST-23RD	CALIFORNIA HOT ROD REUNION FAMOSO	
29TH	FALL HARVEST CRUISE NHRA MUSEUM POMONA	12:00PM-4:00PM
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15TH	WEST COVINA CAR SHOW	
18TH	C-TEC GARAGE TOUR POMONA FAIRGROUNDS	
19TH	CLASSIC CAR SHOW-TOY DIRVE MEMORIAL PARK UPLAND	10:00AM-2:00PM
26TH	CRUISIN LA VERNE CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE OLD TOWN LA VERNE	9:00AM-4:00PM
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4TH	JOHN FORCE HOLIDAY CAR SHOW YORBA LINDA	10:00AM-4:00PM
10TH	CAL ROD CHRISTMAS PARTY CAL POLY POMONA	PM
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15TH	POMONA AUTO SWAP MEET SHOW POMONA FAIRGROUNDS	5:00AM



Collector Car Appreciation Day

Friday, July 8, 2011

As most of you know we held Second Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day at American Classic Cars. Charlie, Elaine, Carol and LD arranged for the food; hotdogs, brats, chili, potato salad, chip, and plenty to drink. We had over a hundred cars show up. The Veterans Memorial Project and the San Dimas Heroes were there along with one old-timer from World War II in uniform and he was an interesting fella.















Cal-Rods Day At The Races

September 15, 2011

Fourteen Cal-Rods members and one quest had a great day of horse racing at the Los Angeles County Fair.

From the excellent shaded seating on the rail of the patio on turn one, to the tasty buffet of tri tip, chicken and all the fixings, to cold beverages and hot picks on the horses, the day was filled with fun and friends.

Race 8 was highlighted by all a photo of most of the group with the winning horse. The day ended with a few cashing in their winning tickets and off to the fun zone, other exhibits and maybe even a fried Twinkie or two. Attending: Bill & Sandy Sieber, Doug & Ann Bithell, Tom & Judy Connors, Don & Pat Scurti, John Morehead, Tom Flenniken, Sam Riggi, L.D. Johnson, and Ken McDow (guest and future member)



FEATURED CAL-ROD MEMBER CAR

For August 2011

by Doug Bithell

Make: Chevrolet

Year: 1952

Model: BelAir Hardtop

Color: Azure Blue and Frost White top

Interior: Blue on Blue tuck and roll

Engine: 350 Chevy

Trans: 350

Rear end: 10 Bolt Camero

Front-end: Heidts

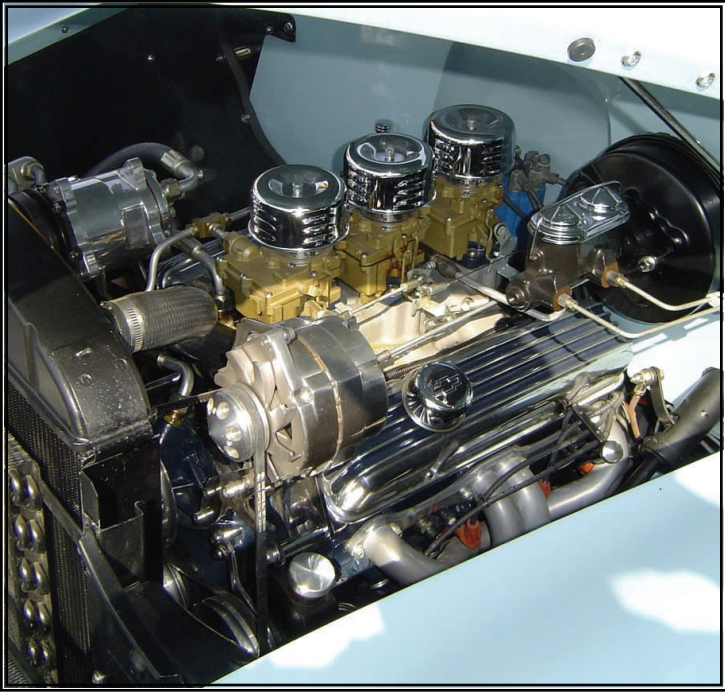
Wheels: American Eagles

This months feature is the beautiful blue with white 1952 Chevrolet of Chuck and Rosemary Ross. Chuck wasn't particularly looking for a 1952 Chevrolet when he seen an add for this one. He went to Temecula and looked at it and thought it was priced a little to high. So the deal fell through and Chuck continued to look for his future ride. Well after some time he ran into an add for the same car again, it was still for sale. He contacted the owner and made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

In 2005 Chuck went to work stripping the car. Among other numerous items, he installed the Heidts front-end, put in the 350 engine and trans, did the body work, freshened the chrome and stainless, got it painted, installed Classic gauges, put in a tilt wheel, installed Vintage air conditioning, power windows, had it upholstered, and put the wheels on it and he was ready.

In 2008 the first show he put it he walked away with a trophy. Today he still is collecting trophies with his classy 1952 Belair. You will have to look long and hard to find one that will compare to the Chevrolet of Chuck and Rosemary's.





Calrods 2011 Poker Run Sat. October 15, 2011

Starting Location: Cable Airport
1749 W 13th Street
Upland, CA 91786

For more information:
Mike Thompsett—909-992-2565
Jim Clark—909-225-0244



FEATURED CAL-ROD MEMBER CAR

For September 2011

by Doug Bithell

Make: Chevrolet Year: 1934 Model: Standard Coupe

Color: Vermillion Red with flames Interior: Tan Leather

Front end: Mustang II Engine: 350 ZZ-4

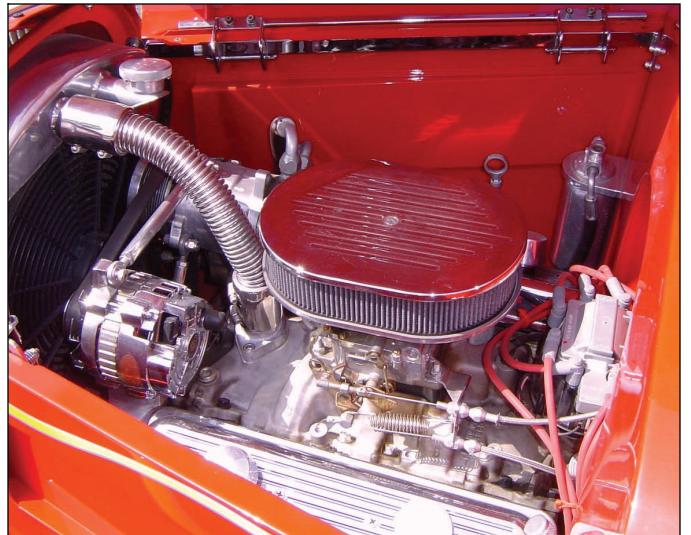
Trans: TH350 Rear end: 9" Ford

Wheels: Budnick Polished Aluminum

September's featured Cal-Rod member car is the beautiful flamed 1934 Chevy of Ron and Tamara Merry. Ron has had the car for five years. He was looking for a 40 Ford when he ran into this car out in Yucaipa. He liked it so much it went home with him. He has taken it to many car shows both far and near. It's not a trailer queen, he drives it wherever he goes. I was with Ron on one trip to Pinetop Arizona where he ended up talking to his insurance company after the local road department decided to put some road stripes on his beautiful paint job. Ron wasn't too upset and the insurance company took care of the repaint. He still enjoys driving it to the shows although he does watch out for striping machines a little more than he did.

The car was put together really well, has all top notch components throughout, and is a real pleasure to see. Ron has collected several trophies with the Chevy and looks forward to more.





FEATURED CAL-ROD MEMBER CAR

For October 2011

by Doug Bithell

Make: Ford

Year: 1940

Model: Deluxe Coupe

Color: Black

Interior: Maroon Leather

Engine: 350 C.I.

Trans: 700 R4 Overdrive

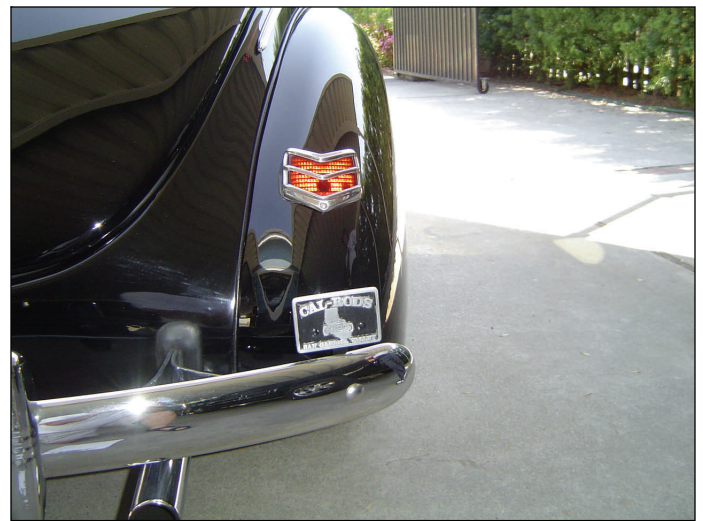
Rear end: 9" Ford

Wheels: Americans

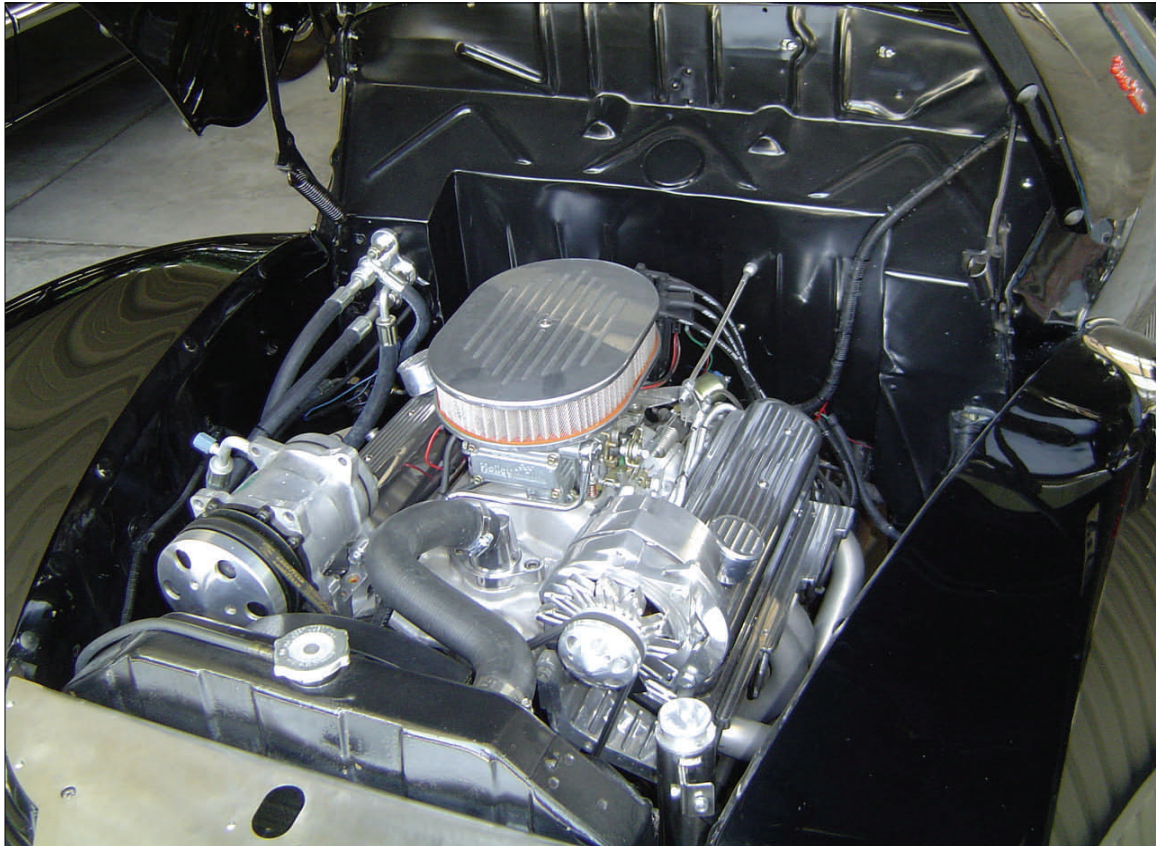
The 1940 Ford of Felix and Judy Calvillo is this months feature car. This car has that special look. Just a clean, sleek, eye pleasing ride. It's Deep black paint with a touch of red and grey pin stripping setting off the theme of Felix, El Gato, the cat.

Felix bought the car in El Monte in 2003 from a guy that had started restoring it. It sat at his place for a few years before he got to work on it. With a frame off restoration Felix did most of the work himself. The engine the former owner had put in was not so good. He changed that and cut back the firewall for a better fit. He changed the Deluxe instrument panel to a Standard panel as he it liked better, put in a steering column from a 1956 Ford pick-up, added air conditioning, put in leather upholstery, installed a hide-a-way radio, and many more trick items. He did add one other special feature, look at picture #1. If you don't know what that is, you'll have to ask Felix

When I asked him "why the 40 Ford"? He said "I just like em". Felix has been a member since 1999 and a true asset to the Cal-Rod.







Regan Library Cruise

September 18, 2011

Sam Riggi did a fantastic job in arranging the cruise to the Regan Library. Everyone at the August membership meeting saw a great presentation from the Regan Library. We had 95 members and friends sign up for the cruise. One of the best turn out we have had from club members in a long time. You missed a great time if you didn't make it.



A Piece of the Berlin Wall



View from Ronald Regan Burial Site

