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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### HELLO FCA SW MEMBERS:

The often used phrase that "you have some pretty big shoes to fill" has never been more true as I assume the President's position of our Club. Since the formation of the FCA Southwest Region in 1994, each President has brought their enthusiasm of Ferraris and personal expertise to inspire the organization of unique events of all types for the members to enjoy. The shoes are pretty big, but so far they feel like comfortable driving shoes that are broken in and already know how to heel and toe.

Our Club is fortunate in that in addition to our current Directors, we have the honor of numerous former board members, event chairpersons and Presidents who continue to participate in organizing events and/or mentor new event organizers. This cache of experience ensures that the quality and integrity of our events are conducted in a professional manner for the best experience possible by our members.

My goals as your President are simple: to support those who have built the Club with great events and to keep doing what we've been doing that our members enjoy. Plus, we'll look to foster fresh ideas for new experiences to enrich the benefits of FCA membership.

We all enjoy Ferraris or else we wouldn't belong to the FCA. But the Club is about people. Belonging to a Club is like being with people who speak the same language and the deeper fulfilling relationships that can be realized. Even though each of us has a different background, education and occupation, our Club offers a community where we can share Ferrari experiences with others.

Ferraris are about driving, their performance and absorbing their beauty in shape and sound with a different priority for each of us on any given day. Some days I enjoy just cleaning the engine compartment and marvel at the complex simplicity of a Columbo V12. Other days it's about taking a drive to nowhere in particular. But it becomes more fun when the destination includes people who have the same understanding and appreciation of Ferraris.

Since we have the cars we need someplace to go, and your Club can help you with that. Our autumn calendar of events couldn't be more diverse with nine events scheduled through the end of the year.

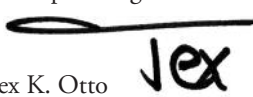
From Tom's **Ferrari Harbor Classic** with Ferraris on the lawn, Diane's **Sunset Horseback Ride**, **Kenny's All Day Drive** to Demetri's **Merchant Ship Cruise** that includes an aerial attack, our full September calendar is superseded only by our October roster of events: the **Hearst Castle Weekend**, the **Riverside Collection Tour** of Dick Messer's collection and the Riverside Raceway Museum, the **Avila Beach Concours Weekend** and the **Driving School at Willow Springs**. For the holiday season, Peter once again is getting us into the holiday spirit with a **Christmas Luncheon at the Walt Disney Concert Hall**. And my wife Tambi and myself are well underway with the planning of our **Run for the Roses - Kentucky Derby Party** next May 1st. So whether you want to have fun in your Ferrari on the track, besides your Ferrari on the grass or drive your Ferrari on a weekend getaway, our Club provides you many choices.

In addition, our **Area Coordinators** hold drives each month to keep both the Ferrari's and their owner's batteries charged.

I ask that you support as many of these events that your schedule allows as each one will truly be a noteworthy event. Each event chairperson has conducted the research and organized their event to make it easy for the rest of us to enjoy. They have taken numerous hours to plan their drive, worked with hotels and caterers for our accommodations at exclusive locations. It's like they are our own concierges, only they know to look for good parking and flat driveways.

In order to assist our trusted and overworked Treasurer Demetri, starting in this issue of the *Sempre Ferrari* you'll notice a **new event registration address** to mail or fax your hardcopy event registrations. Tambi will be processing your event sign ups to forward to the respective event chairpersons.

Thank you for your membership in the FCA Southwest Region and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event or meeting at the Petersen!

  
Tex K. Otto  
Regional Director / President  
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We look forward to your participation at our events!

#### FCA Southwest Region Board Meetings

#### All Members Welcome!

Held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00AM at the Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Blvd. (at Fairfax), Los Angeles, CA, unless otherwise specified.



FCA Southwest Region events in **bold**

## September

- 12** - Saturday **Southwest Region Board Meeting** - Petersen Automotive Museum. 9:00 am.
- 13** - Sunday **Ferrari Harbor Classic at Dana Point** - A casual social affair with your Ferrari on the lawn overlooking the spectacular Dana Point harbor. Buffet luncheon, Ferrari display by model and year. No Judging. Music atmosphere & good friends.  
Contact: Tom Brockmiller - ferrariracer@cox.net, 949-716-2395. **Event info page R2.**
- 20** - Sunday **Sunset Horseback Ride** - Famous Sunset Ranch for the "Best view in Hollywood".  
Arrive at 4 pm and mount up for a beautiful ride over the Hollywood Hills into Burbank where we hitch up our horses and have dinner at Viva Fresh Mexican Restaurant.  
Contact: Diane Peterson - babymack4@gmail.com, 310-804-6655. **Event info page R3.**
- 26** - Saturday **Kenny's All Day Drive** - lombino@sbcglobal.net, 818-906-2350. **Event info page R1.**
- 27** - Sunday **S. S. Lane Victory Ship Cruise & Lunch** - Enjoy a day's-long adventure and breath-taking views as we sail toward Catalina Island. Action packed day aboard 455 ft long merchant marine ship. Dance to the band's music, help the crew hunt down an escaped German spy and re-live the hair raising drama as the ship's gunners ward off a Luftwaffe air attack! Take time to explore the ship and it's museum on your own, or as part of one of the many guided tours.  
Contact: Demetri Zafiris - cnbigd@earthlink.net, 818-774-1500 ex 203. **Event info page R4.**

## October

- 2-4** - Wknd **Hearst Castle Weekend** - Drive amazing Southern California back-roads to Morro Bay for a sunset ship cruise. Saturday morning Hearst Castle guided tour. Evening cocktail reception, dinner. Sunday morning breakfast at the hotel. Limited to 20 rooms.  
Contact: Tony Cole 818-970-8669, Carlos Amato 310-446-1554. **Event info page R5.**
- 10** - Saturday **Southwest Region Board Meeting** - Petersen Automotive Museum. 9:00 am.
- 26** - Weekend **Sherwood Concours d'Elegance** - <http://sherwoodconcours.com>. **Event info page R1.**
- 17** - Saturday **Dick Messer's Private Car Collection & Riverside International Raceway Museum Tours** - Begin with tour of Dick Messer's his personal car collection in Riverside. Then travel to the Riverside International Raceway Museum experience a tour of this facility which has an extensive Maserati collection and race cars from the glory days of the Riverside Raceway. Followed by luncheon at the Cask and Cleaver.  
Contact: Wally Clark - clarkinc@pacbell.net, 714-630-9202. **Event info page R6.**
- 22-25** - Wknd **Avila Beach Concours** - Thursday - Sunday full line up of events from downtown event at the Fremont Theater, a timed rally, dinner at historic Santa Mararita Ranch, Rally through Wine Country, Gala dinner, finished off with Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.  
Contact: Chris Aho - chrisaho@hospiceslo.org, [www.avilabeachconcours.com](http://www.avilabeachconcours.com). **Event info on page R7.**
- 31-Nov 1** **Driving School at Willow Springs International Raceway** - Run your car at speed and learn car control from our driving instructors. Run classes based on experience. Download required tech inspection from event listing at [www.fca-sw.org](http://www.fca-sw.org).  
Contact: Marshall Buck - mdbuck@ieee.org, 310-836-4390. **Event info page R8.**

## December

- 12** - Saturday **Christmas Luncheon at Disney Concert Hall** - Bringing together on one occasion beautifully designed Prancing Horse cars, great food and sophisticated music at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Reserved parking, lunch at the five-star Patina Restaurant, be entertained by select eight members of world renowned Los Angeles Master Chorale and tour this architecturally important Concert Hall.  
Contact: Peter G. Kudrave - kudravearchitects@yahoo.com, 213-955-0005. **Event information page R9.**

## May 2010

- 1** - Saturday **Run For The Roses - Kentucky Derby Party** - Churchill Downs - Derby Style Elegance / Ladies Wear Your Fabulous Hats. Enjoy a picturesque drive with our destination - the luxurious Langham / Huntington Hotel & Spa in charming Pasadena, CA. Reserved display self parking, scrumptious luncheon, pre-show & viewing of the 136th Kentucky Derby. Enjoy this elegant party with fellow members, while you sip Mint Juleps, cheer your race horse to the finish and not to be missed chances to win wonderful prizes by Louis Vuitton, Hermès, Chanel and more.  
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# IN YOUR AREA

## MONTHLY EVENTS HELD BY REGION AREA COORDINATORS

Meet Ferrari friends at a designated spot each month for an informal gathering. Everyone is welcome.

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY



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#### SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Join host Mark Process and fellow Ferrari owners on the second Sunday of each month for an informal "Show and Shine" at the Village Coffee Roaster in Woodland Hills. Breakfast is available at Labels Tables as well as a fine selection of coffees and teas at the Roaster. Interesting and rare vehicles are always the attraction as well as the exchange of car stories, racing news and club gossip. Arrive between 8:30 and 9 AM at 23351 Mullholland Drive, Woodland Hills.

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#### FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club. 26772 Avery Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. (Off 5 at Avery Pkwy, East to end of road. Ample designated Ferrari parking.) The New Deal - Arrive at 9 AM for coffee and Ferrari friendship. Stay until 10 AM for a great Champagne buffet brunch. Special FCA club only price \$22 per person, plus gratuity. It's a beautiful location and easy to find.

### WEST LOS ANGELES



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#### FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH

Join Doug Prestine on the first Saturday of each month for a scenic drive through the Santa Monica Mountains and the camaraderie of fellow FCA driving enthusiasts. The tour typically ends at a destination restaurant for a no host lunch. Arrive before 9 AM at the Palisades Highlands shopping center located on Palisades Drive 1 block north of Sunset Blvd in West L.A. Coffee, breakfast snacks and rest rooms are available prior to departure.

### SOUTH BAY



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#### EVERY SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Join FCA club raconteur Don West any Sunday morning at the St. Honore Café (the umbrellas) for an informal coffee and lunch. Meet and mingle with fellow South Bay members. Arrive at 12 noon at 2201 Palos Verdes Drive West, Lunada Bay, Palos Verdes.

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#### SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Meet at the Clocktower Inn 11:00 AM. Located in old Ventura below the San Buenaventura Mission. 181 E. Santa Clara St. Ventura.

## FERRARI 458 ITALIA On The Cover



In the rare case that you haven't already heard about it, Ferrari has released pictures of the beautiful Ferrari 458 Italia. Its official debut will be at the Frankfurt motor show on September 8.

It features a new direct injection flat-plane 4.5 liter V8 with 562 hp at 9,000 rpm, powered through a seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox with 0-62 mph times of <3.5 seconds.

See more of the car at [www.ferrari.com](http://www.ferrari.com).



FOURTH ANNUAL CONCOURS AT THE ROSE BOWL

# LOS ANGELES CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Article By  
Wally Clark

Photos By  
Wally Clark & Tex K. Otto

## The latest edition of this

fine show was held on Sunday, June 7 at the Brookside Golf Course which is adjacent to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. In addition to the 40 some odd classes this year, the FCA provided our own judging and trophies for the event along with a corral for late model and display cars.

There were over 370 cars entered and the show was well attended by the general public. The Ferrari Corral added to the flavor of the event as the corral site was just outside the grass concours area so people could wander through the great selection of judged cars and corral cars.

The event benefits the Assistance League of Los Angeles and was emcee'd by Dave McClelland, the popular NHRA and Petersen Museum announcer.

Thanks to all the FCA members who brought their cars and who helped judge the Ferrari classes. **SF**

Photo captions from top:

V8 Class with Larry O'Rourke's Platinum winning 328 GTB.  
Andy Gordon's 1957 Ferrari 250 GT Boano and Shawn Williams' 1964 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso both took home Platinum.





# LA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

## FERRARI CLASS AWARDS

### Class 13 FERRARI EARLY

PLATINUM	Andy Gordon	1957 250 GT Boano
	Lars Malmberg	1972 Dino 246 GT
	Shawn Williams	1964 250 GT Lusso
GOLD	Michael Hammer	1966 275 GTB/6C
SILVER	Rick Principe	1972 Dino 246 GTS

### Class 14 FERRARI 365

PLATINUM	George Elerding	1972 365 GTB/4 Daytona
	Alex Abarian	1969 365 GTC
	Bill and Linda Feldhorn	1973 365 GTB/4 Daytona
	Dave Walters	1965 500 Superfast
GOLD	Dave and June Wilhelm	1973 365 GTC/4

### Class 15 FERRARI 308/328

PLATINUM	Bert Meli	1985 308 GTS QV
	Larry O'Rourke	1988 328 GTB
GOLD	Raphael Roges	1988 328 GTS
SILVER	Carl Turchan	1984 308 GTS QV

### Class 16 FERRARI 512/400

GOLD	Cary Fischer	1983 512 BBI Boxer
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Photo captions from top:

The late Ferrari class included these beautiful Boxers and a 400i. Early Ferrari class included Michael Hammer's 275 GTB/6C and Tex and Tambi Otto's non-judged SWB. Bill and Linda Feldhorn's stunning white Daytona was awarded an equally gleaming Platinum award. Bon Appetit! Dave Walters 1965 500 Superfast. Lars Malmberg's '72 Dino 246 GT and Rick Principe's '72 Dino 246 GTS.



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RACE TWO OF THE FCA SW KART GRAND PRIX SERIES

# FCA SW KART CHAMPIONSHIP AT MB2 RACEWAY

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Gene Crowe and Tex K. Otto

## Race two of our FCA SW

Kart Championship was held at MB2 Raceway in Thousand Oaks, where over two dozen members raced head to head to determine our inaugural Kart Series champion.

MB2 is an impressive indoor kart facility dominated by a challenging asphalt surfaced course. Our competitors found the Italian electric powered karts to be very responsive with no handling analogies necessary. The electric power offered a lot of torque to thrust out of each corner of the serpentine quarter mile circuit.

Event organizer Marv Landon had a family commitment, so Karen Kennedy with the help of her husband and Kenny Lombino saw that the event ran smoothly. Karen stocked our private meeting room with snacks, drinks and sandwiches to enjoy during and after the festivities.

Each racer had a practice race to learn the karts and track layout, followed with a qualifying race to determine the competitors for the final 14 lap race. Racers donned a head sock, helmet and neck brace as each race was called to formation, while the others in our group watched them shave precious tenths of seconds off their lap times on the projected scoreboard.

After the first round of practice, drivers would collect their time sheets and gather to discuss their line and where they were looking to improve, grab a drink or snack from our





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## FCA SW KART CHAMPIONSHIP AT MB2 RACEWAY

private room then try to figure out how to go faster. Many drivers shaved 3 to 5 seconds from their practice race to their qualifying race as they became more familiar with the kart and track.

The final event staged the 10 best qualifying drivers in a F1 style staggered grid standing start. Once you're belted in the form fitting seat, you soon forget that you're in a kart at an indoor arena. Soon visions of being on the front straight at Monaco run through the helmeted minds while awaiting the start of the race.

With the drop of the starter's green flag, the feature race was underway. Each competitor became a moving pylon who was a target to be overtaken either by being outbraked into a corner, getting slingshotted by on the straightaway or impatiently waited upon for them to make a mistake for an opportunity to pass. Defensive driving was also effectively used by racers who made their kart very wide at the strategic places on the course to hinder a clean pass.

There was much contact in the main pack in a quest to gain positions while the front four drivers maintained their placement, each driver fully aware that one mistake could allow for them to be passed.

When a race is going in your favor you can't wait for it to be over, and when you're racing for positions, you wish for more laps to gain an advantage. After 14 laps of competition, podium finishes first through third were earned by Tex Otto, Peter Carniglia and Craig Braun with Tex taking the overall Kart Championship with his third place finish at the spring's Dromo 1 Kart Challenge. They each received impressive trophies in our post race celebration MC'd by Kenny in our private meeting room.

With the enthusiasm of those who attended both the Dromo 1 and MB2 kart events, there are plans to expand the FCA SW Kart Series to three venues next year for even more fun and diversity.

Thanks to Karen, Kenny and all the racers for a fantastic time and we look forward to next year's Kart Series. **SF**





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SHARING THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

# FCA SW ADVENTURE WEEKEND

## SHOOTING THE RAPIDS

Article and Photos By  
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### An action packed weekend

began on Saturday morning in Sherman Oaks with breakfast for the group of 14 adventure seekers. We started out after the safety meeting for an off freeway drive following the directions, posted speed limits and answering mystery questions. We arrived at "A Place to Shoot" in Santa Clarita for our first activity.

At the shooting range, we were met by RhinoTechUSA owner Jimmy Flores, a grandmaster tactical instructor and LAPD reserve officer who gave us a thorough introduction to the use of handguns. His primary focus was the essential importance of safety when dealing with firearms. The girls shot Walther 22s, a competition target pistol. The guys shot Glock 40 mms. Jimmy's expert instruction was given with patience and humor so after practice rounds, we were instant marksmen and markswomen. Our adventure at the range concluded with a competition for the best shot among the guys and girls.

After an exciting time at the range, we headed to Lake Elizabeth for a well deserved picnic lunch by the side of the cool refreshing lake. Back on the road, a fun drive brought the group to Kernville. Our hotel was on the shore of Lake Isabella and the rooms were cool, clean, a little fiftyish in style, with views of the lake. An attached large family room served as our place to hang together and the locale for our cocktail party.





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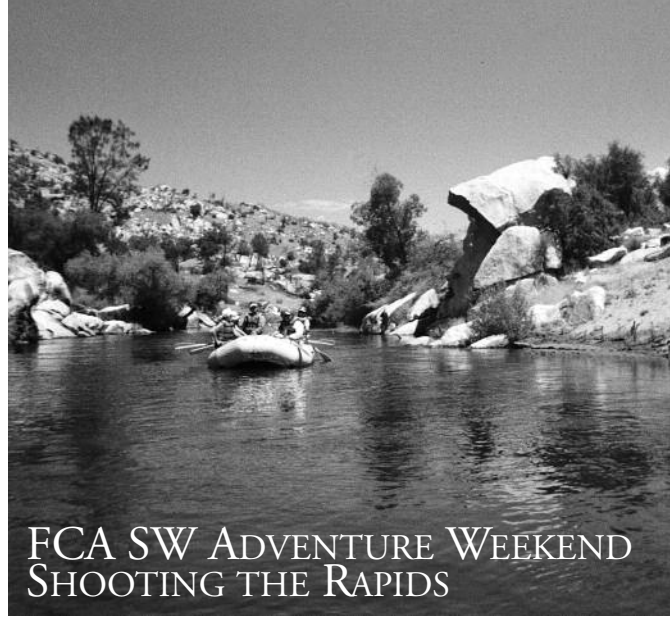
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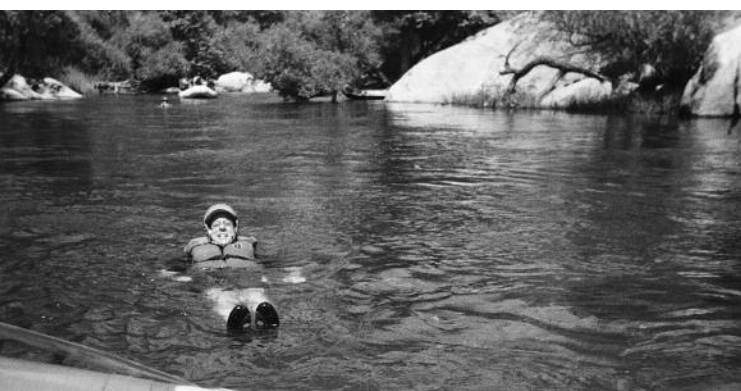
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## FCA SW ADVENTURE WEEKEND SHOOTING THE RAPIDS



Dinner was at That's Italian, the local Italian restaurant. Anna the owner, personally attended to every detail and made sure it was abbondanza and delicious. During dinner the group was entertained with a recap of the day's activities and an awards presentation by Diane Peterson and Jeffrey Light. The evening was filled with a lot of laughs, incredible handmade trophies were awarded and great friendships were being developed. It was a fun ending for a highly active day. The drive winners were Barry Shaw and his navigation team of Damong and Lucy Lee. Shooting winners were Nick Hung in the men's division and Kathleen Ealand in the women's division.

We were up early on Sunday morning for a big hearty breakfast and afterwards we met at Kern River Outfitters. The river guides gave a safety talk, handed out life vests and divided our group into two rafts. With paddles in hand, we "put in" for an exciting ride down the Kern. We started out paddling through whitewater rapids rated 2s and 3s which prepared us for the thrill of the 4 rapids we conquered at day's end. We had some swimmers, a few by choice, Ari and Barry who floated along side the rafts, and a few not by choice like Nick and Tina. It was a searing 106 degree day so the water was cool and refreshing no matter how you got wet. Everyone, wet and wild, survived to brag about their day on the river. **SF**







1929 MASTERPIECE MALIBU BEACH HOME

# TOUR OF THE ADAMSON HOUSE

Article and Photos By  
Diane Peterson

## It was a glorious day in

Malibu when the Prancing Horses arrived at the Malibu Pier. We had reserved spaces with the ocean as our backdrop. Little did Gary & Judy Kranz know that the first car to arrive would receive a special gift at lunch! I like it when folks arrive early.

We posed for photos and took a short stroll to the Adamson House. A trio of friendly docents greeted us at the entrance and we were divided into three groups for private tours of the house, gardens and pool.

The historic house was built in 1929 by Stiles Clements in the Spanish Colonial style. Beautiful Malibu Tiles decorate the home. There is even a Persian style rug made entirely of tile. Hand painted ceilings, doors and cabinets made the journey thru the home delightful. From the balcony there are breathtaking views of Santa Monica Bay. Surfrider Beach was an active sight with many “toes to the nose.” Fountains adorned the grounds and the huge pool with Malibu Tiles was outstanding. The bath house had a mural of Balboa that was inspiring. A stop at the gift shop made our tour complete.

We then headed over to the Beachcomer Restaurant on the Malibu Pier for a delicious lunch. The Kobe Burger was amazing as well as the swordfish tacos and filet mignon salad. The outdoor patio is a fabulous place to be on a gorgeous day in Malibu.

After lunch several Ferraris went on a “Fun Run” through the canyons.... A good time was had by all. **SF**







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AIR, LAND & SEA

# ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN CAR CLASSIC '09

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## They came by *Air, Land &*

*Sea*: Chinese CJ6 fighter squadron of four performing overhead, Jay Leno's newly GM-built EcoJet concept car arriving on cue to an awaiting ABC-TV News media within a stone's throw from a sleek Porsche designed luxury cruiser, all rivaling the best modern age automotive design. This was a unique event, far more sophisticated, broader and exciting than any Concorso Italiano.

Displayed were rare Ferraris: an F40, Tex & Tambi's 250 GT SWB, Bruce Meyer's '57 625 TRC race car, a '30 Rolls Royce Brewster Town Car, '58 General Motors Firebird III, DeSoto's sleek '55 Ghia designed concept car (shame it was never produced for the public), '32 Ford hot rods, '55 Chevrolet Corvette, '09 Tesla Roadster, Microcars, '53 Raymond Lowey designed Studebaker, as well as a collection including DeTomaso, Vector, Chevy pickups, AC Bristol and racing motorcycles which made up more than 100 vehicles at the show. And, attendees were treated to preview current student's design projects prior to their graduation from the highly acclaimed College.

But, the most memorable event took place in Art Center's auditorium which featured guest speaker Burt Rutan who has been described by many as "the man responsible for more innovations in modern aviation than any other living engineer." Burt's vast body of work includes world famed Space Ship One, a privately-built manned space craft and Voyager, which circled the globe

three times, each nonstop without refueling.

It's hard to imagine another car show featuring such a wide and interesting variety of *transportation* vehicles, all from the rich past three quarter century design. Pasadena Art Center College of Design alumni are now holding down responsible positions at many world automobile manufacturers, taking us into the next evolution of efficient transportation and high performance cars.

Hats off to Stewart Reed, Chair and Jay Sanders, Director of Art Center's Transportation Design Department for arranging a great Car Classic '09. **SF**



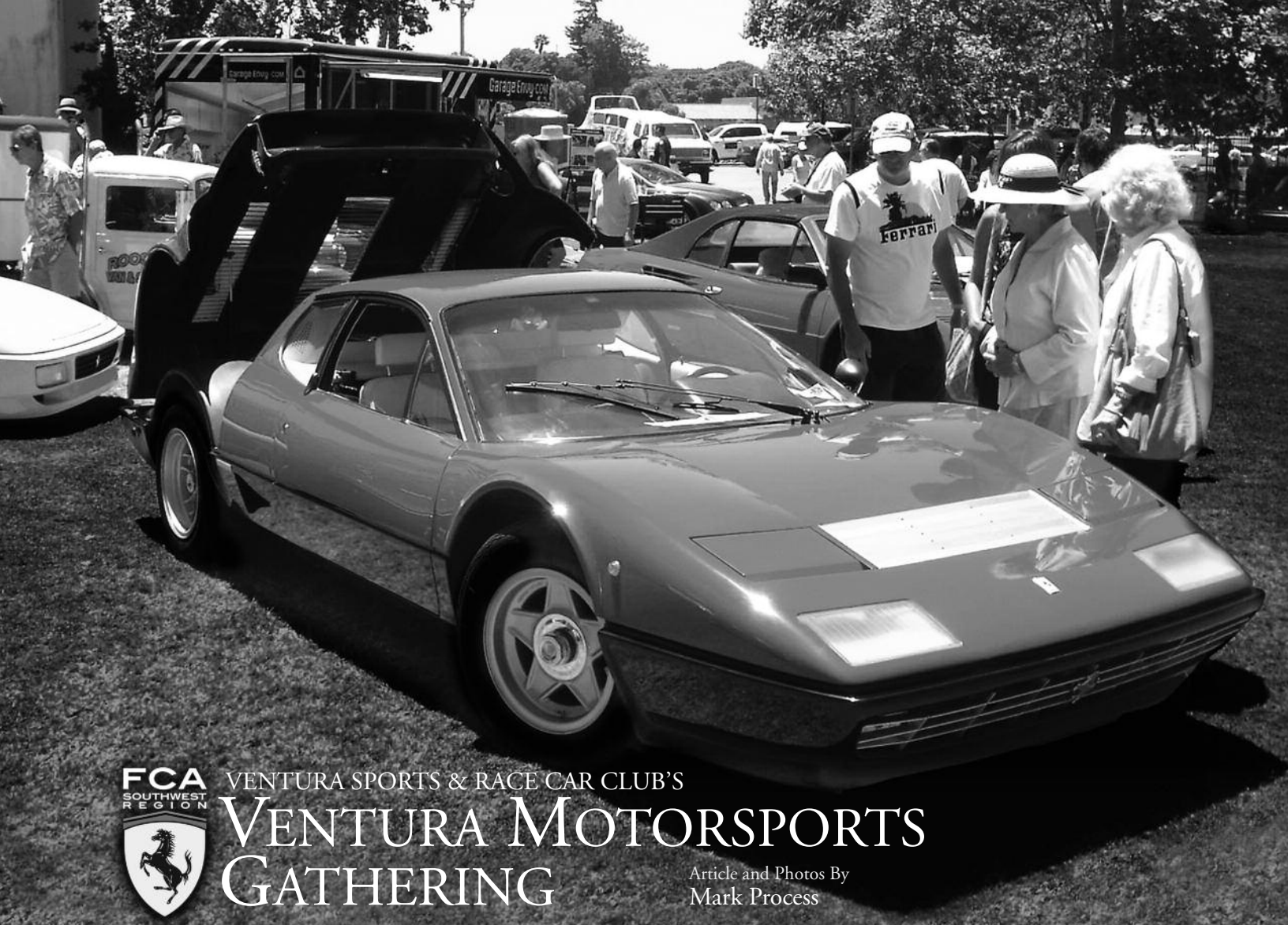
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Bruce Meyer's 625 TRC lead a row of Ferraris including Charles Betz and Fred Peter's Europa, Tex & Tambi Otto's SWB, David Walters' 500 Superfast, Alan Hart's Lusso and Tenney Fairchild's F40. Peter Kudrave's Hamann 430 Spider in the FCA SW Corral.





Photo caption from top:  
 1955 DeSoto Adventurer II by Ghia. 1959 Eldorado Cadillac, the ultimate statement of GM's jet age design.  
 Jay Leno in his EcoJet mid-engine turbine coupe. Turbine-powered 1958 GM Firebird III Concept Car.  
 Exciting aerial flyovers included the Red Star Pilots Tiger Squadron with FCA SW members Craig Ekberg and Ron Lee.





VENTURA SPORTS & RACE CAR CLUB'S

# VENTURA MOTORSPORTS GATHERING

Article and Photos By  
Mark Process

## 2009 marked the second

year for the Ventura Motorsports Gathering presented by the Ventura Sports & Race Car Club, with Ferrari as the featured marque. As a prelude to the Sunday concours, the Club hosted a rally on Saturday up PCH to Ojai which ended with a tour of a private car collection followed by lunch at the Ojai Valley Inn. On Sunday, the main event was staged in the center of downtown Ventura at Mission Park, a perfect location with easy access to shops and restaurants with plenty of shade to protect cars and attendees from the July sun. All cars were nicely presented on the grass, arranged in separate groups for American, British, German and Competition cars. Italian marques garnered the largest participation with over 35 Ferraris, an assortment of Alfa Romeos and a mixture of vintage and late model Maseratis.

Guy Browning, our Ventura area coordinator, displayed his concours condition 512BBi which looked stunning in red and tan. A number of fellow FCA members also contributed to this Ferrari celebration who showed at least one each of every mid-engine V8 model from a Dino GT4 to a trio of new F430s. The V12 offerings started with a 275 GTS, a Daytona, a 365GTC/4, an early Testarossa, a pair of Maranellos and a new 599 Fiorano. My personal favorites were Orwin Middleton's red 250 Lusso and a restored 1916 Lancia Theta race car that participated in the 2007 Peking to Paris rally and survived!

Other notable entries on display: the Porsche 935 slant nose from Charlie Sheen's movie "No Man's Land," a 1959 ex Shelby/Gurney/Bondurant Buick Special sports racer, Tony Schwartz's ex Sterling Moss Maserati 2500 in original unpainted aluminum and the Auto Gallery's corral which showcased a new California finished in black metallic.

Attracting over 200 autos and throngs of spectators, this show offered a diverse selection of interesting cars in every category. The Ventura Sports and Race Car Club did a fine job organizing and hosting this event, we look for their return to Mission Park in 2010. **SF**







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CONCOURS MOTORCAR COMPANY'S

# FERRARI INVITATIONAL CAR SHOW

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Michael Palacios

## Concours Motorcars in

Anaheim, California invited the FCA to participate in a car show on June 20, 2009. Despite waking up to drizzle and rain, brave FCA members began arriving by 8:30 am. A VIP room accessible only to FCA members was showing the British Grand Prix qualifying session on a 160 screen. There were also complimentary pastries, fruit, gourmet coffee, and orange juice available.

Inside the Concours Motorcars warehouse was an amazing display of exotic, classic and muscle cars. There was a Ferrari boutique and FCA members could purchase official Ferrari/Puma clothing and accessories for 50% off! Vendor booths sold everything from Ferrari artwork to racing fuel. Virtual racing simulators were also available.

A total of 23 Ferraris were displayed in the lot and another 5 Ferraris were displayed inside. Over 50 members and guests attended, even with less than desirable weather conditions. Many thanks to Concours Motorcars for their gracious invitation, a great day was had by all! **SF**

## MICHAEL PALACIOUS

"MOST ENGAGED"

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

You have heard Doug Prestine's phrase, "Engaged Member," coined to recognize those members who step up to the challenge and commitment of creating an event for the pleasure of the rest of us, and to whom we all wish to show our appreciation and gratitude.

A person of that character is Michael Palacios. And, while Michael had never done a FCA event prior, he was able to fulfill all the requirements admirably. As a board, the FCA is most careful to oversee the organization of events. This is important to their creativity, our liability, and proper implementation. Therefore, credentials are not important, but one's ability to organize and commit to us the details in a meaningful fashion are.

We are proud of our events and whether they are a non-advertised e-blast "In Your Area" or a full blown overnight excursion, we want to thank those "Engaged Members" who take the time and use their energies to make us all smile in the name of Ferrari.

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MEMBER INTERVIEW

## KENNY LOMBINO

### We asked new Director

Kenny a few questions about his interests in cars and Ferraris.

*When did you first get interested in cars?*

I have always been interested in cars as far back as I can remember, however I fell in love with them when I was eight years old and saw a 1961 primrose yellow Jaguar E-type roadster that was owned by my across the street neighbor Eddy Catalines. It was the most beautiful car I had ever seen. I could not get over the shape of that car and the amount of toggle switches in it. I vowed that day that I would someday own one. I also noticed that Eddy always had the best looking girls with him in that car. I am happy to be able to say that I now own two of them. A 1967 series 1 fixed head coupe and a 1972 series 2 drop head coupe. And yes, I have had my share of pretty girls who have wanted to be in the passenger seat.

*Did anyone help you become interested in cars?*

No one helped me get interested in cars, although my father took me to the auto show in New York each and every year.

*Do you recall when/where you saw your first Ferrari and your impressions of it?*

Yes I remember. It was a 1972 new Ferrari Daytona, black with tan Daytona seats with black inserts. It was at the Ferrari dealer in Nyack, New York. I was 19 years old and although the dealer knew I could not buy one, he let me sit in for a half hour. I thought it was the most amazing

car, beautiful and powerful and could not get over the price which if I remember was around twenty five thousand dollars. My father in those days was only making around fourteen thousand a year and this car took almost two years worth of earnings to buy. I knew that day that being wealthy was something special and I had to figure out how to get there.

*What do you have in the garage?*

In my garage is a 1967 Jag E-Type Series 1 Fixed head coupe, a 1971 series 2 OTS (Roadster.), a 1999 Ferrari 355 Spider, a 2004 Bentley Arnage T and a 2006 Maserati Grand Sport Spider. Tucked in the back is a 1997 Harley-Davidson Road King. Last summer after losing a storage facility I had to sell my '55 Jag 140 OTS, my '56 Jag 140 coupe and my '65 Jag S-Type. My insurance company would not insure me if I kept them somewhere else and I had only driven them about 500 miles each the year before, so I sadly let them go.

*What's been your favorite car that you've owned?*

My favorite car that I have owned so far has without question been my 355 Spider, which replaced my 1985 308 GTS. This car has been the best performing automobile I have ever owned. It is gorgeous to look at, drives like a monster, handles better than anything I have ever owned, the top goes down and girls love it. It also keeps up with all of the other high performance cars in the club. I love to drive it and I love to look at it. Sometimes I just sit in my garage and stare at it, thinking how beautiful it is and becoming incredibly grateful that I am able to have it.

*Do you work on your cars yourself?*

I do not work on my cars myself. I write checks to someone else, however I do wash and detail them myself.

*What ultimate car would you like to have (cost no object)?*

Ultimate cars I would like are a 1967 Ferrari 330 GT, 1957 Jaguar XKSS Roadster a 1972 Ferrari Daytona Spider, a 1965 Bentley Continental drop head coupe and a 1965 Aston Martin DB5.

*What/where is the best road you've driven on?*

Best roads. There are many, but if I had to chose one it would be Highway 120 between Benton and Mono Lake high in the Sierra's around 4 PM during the fall season. The road offers magnificent scenery, amazing curves and incredible whoop de doo's. There is almost never anyone on the road at that time and you can drive it to the edge of your ability. It is fantastic. The only other road that has come close as far as I'm concerned has been driving through the Alp's which is another story.

*What is a fun drive for you? (e.g. a short drive to clean out the cobwebs or a long weekend drive)*

Fun short drives? A loop that I like to do starting on the bottom of Topanga Drive from Ventura Blvd. Topanga to Mullholand, to Stunt road, turn right at the top and take that down to PCH, then drive along the coast to the 10 West to the 110 N. through downtown on to the 101 N. back to the 405 S. and get off on Mullholand and back to the garage. I like to do this run at dusk which gets me to the top of Stunt Rd. to watch the sunset. The drive through downtown with all the buildings lit up looks great.

*What other hobbies/interests do you enjoy?*

Other hobbies? Skydiving, motorcycle riding, acting, photography, model trains. Did I say girls? **SF**



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