

Cruise News

September 2011

Presidents Message



Well it's officially the end of summer! The time sure has flown by. Pretty soon, we'll be planning for Thanksgiving and then the holidays.

You know these last few months have been pure madness for me! Between going to all these funerals and selling and buying a house including packing and moving, its madness!

Life always seems to throw each one of us a curve ball when you least expect it. But I always say things in life happen for a reason. And I also say that God only controls two things, Life and Death. When it is your time to go, it's your time to go. Jerry Ringland's passing surprised us all! I think we are all still numb from it. But I believe it gives us all a reality check that we should appreciate our life and enjoy our family and friends along with living your life to the fullest. I am very proud of you as members showing your support for Jerry's Celebration of Life at his daughter's home. We filled the entire street of hot rods and filled her back yard with yellow shirts. I will miss Jerry a lot but I truly believe he is in a good place. God Bless and we will miss him always! Farewell Jerry. Look for Jerry's missing man seat with his Club shirt and name tag at the meeting. A special thank you to Curtis and Marie Morrow for assisting with the Celebration.

On the same note, Steve Cushman sent me an email of a funeral precession of one of the Navy Seals that were killed in the chopper crash in the Middle East. It seems one of the seals killed was being buried at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery. I ran with it and asked our own Putt Master to plan a putt. Joe and Paula pre-ran the route. Then Joe and I ran the route again and decided on parking. On Tuesday August 30th, a total of 9 hot rods including 2 door slammers and a donor car all caravanned to Fort Rosecrans and parked alongside of the road waiting for the funeral precession for the Navy Seal to be buried. When the precession arrived, all Club members stood at attention, hands over their heart while each one of us displayed American Flags while literally hundreds of cars in the precession passed us by. I have to admit that it brought tears to my eyes as everybody in the precession pointed at us, some nodding their heads in approval, some saying thank you and others we brought a smile to their face even if it was just for a moment. I have to tell you it has changed each one of us that were there forever. Our own member Kirby Horrell was in the precession. After the precession left us, we caravanned to the Malt Shop for a bite to eat. It was one of the best Putts I have ever experienced. And a special thank you to Joe and Paula P. for their assistance and planning. I have a deeper respect for this Club as a result.

Well on a better note! Summer is done and the kids are back to school. Car shows are still plenty full. And I have gotten my new engine into my 32. Right now, I am just putting the engine, radiator, etc back together. Boy, am I excited to finally have my hot rod back and running. Hopefully by the time you read this, it will be running. If not, I will be pretty close to being done. My radiator shell is still at the painters but I don't care. I am just happy to have the new engine in my car. Talk about things happening for a reason, Everett will attest to that.

Effective the 10th of September, I will be homeless and living in my motorhome for 2 weeks then hopefully I will be in my New old house in Lakeside at the end of September. Well that's another story that can only be best answered in the next Presidents Message. I have never been so more proud of this Club and what it represents then I have this month! God bless and thanks to all of you who have been involved.

Ralph Garcia

OTHG Club Meets 7pm
1st Wednesday of each Month
McAllister's Bingo Hall
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O. T. H. G. MEETING
Minutes for August 3, 2011
Called to order: 7:00 PM
by Ralph Garcia, President
Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Guests/Visitors: Royce introduces his brother, Don, visiting here from Washington.

Minutes: The reading of last months minutes waived, approved as is, M/S/P.
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Sue Chambers read the treasurer's report.
New Members: None.

Correspondence/Car Club Council: Joe Pifer announced some of the future car events. As always, lots of flyers on table.

Streak Report: Nothing to report.

Medical Report: Carl Atkinson cut one of his fingers and had lots of stitches. Tony Bartz just had surgery and has 2 more to go but he is doing GREAT. Dennis Griggs is in the hospital, he had a blood vessel rupture in his head. His wife, Glenda, reports he is doing fine and should have a full recovery. Frank Raymond is still doing well and says Hi to all.

Old Business: Goodguys Del Mar show in November, club needs parking helpers for Wednesday, if interested in this assignment or just working the show contact Mike Newell.

New Business: Perpetual Trophy was awarded Ralph awarded to Joe & Dorothy Marciano the Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations and well deserved. Ralph presented to Joe Pifer a bar to add to his name badge "Club Putt Master". Thanks to Joe & Paula we have done some very fun and interesting runs.

Club Store: Larry had several sale/clearance items out tonight. Always remember to stop by the store before or after a meeting to get your official OTHG stuff.

Club Putt/Tech Night: Joe currently has 2 events in the works. More to follow.

Runs/Reviews:
Cars & Parts: Were announced.

Raffle: Raffle girl, Suzanne Stephens raised \$239.00. Guy Allen won \$120.00 in this month's 50/50. The other half was given to the McAllister Institute for the use of their hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharolyn Kerns, Secretary

Calendar of Event

September

- 11 The Greatest Show on Turf at Liberty Station, Pt. Loma 619-398-0307
13 Convertible Club Dinner at Hometown Buffet in Santee, 5:30pm • All Clubs Welcome
15 Rods & Woodies on the 101, Encinitas, 5pm Pre 75
15-18 22nd Annual Rt. 66 Rendezvous, San Bernardino • 909-388-2934
16-17 Pala Casino's "Hot Rods & Classics" Car Show 10am - 909-389-1453
17 10th Annual Motorhead Madness Car Show Poway Transmissions, Poway 10am
17 Chili Cook-off & Show and Shine Presented by the Kiwanis, Alpine
Community Park. 7am Breakfast 8am Show 619-659-5943
18 18th Annual Fall Classic Car Show – Tidelands Park in Coronado
21 Cajon Cruise Night featuring The Over the Hill Gang-SD
24 12th Annual "Cruisin' for a Cure", Costa Mesa, 7am
24 Hellbilly Fest n' Car Show 2, Del Mar Fairgrounds Arena – 16 Bands
24-25 Coronado Speed Festival Car Show, NAS North Island, Coronado 619-858-1545
30-1 Cruise under Sea Level II, Imperial Valley –Airporter Inn

October

- 01 Run to the Ranch III – 940 Montecito Way, Ramona 760-239-1450
02 21st Annual Veterans Memorial Car Show, Loma Linda – 8am
08 Prowlers Car Club Show Benefiting the Shriners – Jamul 619-463-1941
08 Santee Car Show & Festival, Santee - 619-449-6572 – SanteeCarShow.com
15 Road to Success Car Show, Viejas Casino, Alpine, 7am – Open to all!
15 Chula Vista 100 Year Car Show, Chula Vista, 2pm – Olympic Training Center
16 3rd Annual Pal Joey's Car Show – 5147 Waring Rd., SD – Info. 619-980-6699
21-23 20th Anniversary NHRA "California Hot Rod Reunion", Bakersfield
22 3rd Annual All Car Lovers Show, Escondido Elks Lodge – 858-312-1440
22 46th Annual Borrego Springs Desert Classic Car Show, 619-233-5008

November

- 05 East County Cruisers presents the 9th Annual Holiday Car Show & Craft Fair
Bates Nut Farm 9am – 2pm - \$15 with unopened toy or donation
10-13 Fast Past #24, Golden Nugget, Laughlin, NV Reservations 800-950-7700
4Days – 3 Nights \$139.00 + tax – Call before 10/28
12 Carl Burger Car Show, La Mesa, 10am - 619-463-9321
12-13 22nd Annual Autumn Get-Together in Pleasanton
18 18th Annual Fall Classic Car Show, Tidelands Park, Coronado – 858-530-1652
18-20 14th Southwest Nationals, Scottsdale, AZ - 925-838-9876
25-27 1st Fall Goodguys Del Mar Nationals, Del Mar – 925-838-9876

December

- 11 Street Masters 26th Annual Cruise for the Kids, Torrey Pines High – 8am

2012

- 1/14 25th Annual Pepper Tree Frosty Burger Run, Vista, 6am
2/11 10th Annual Dr. George Car Show, Indian Wells
3/2 20th Annual Midnight at the Oasis
4/29 Heartbeat Happening XIV at Bates Nut Farm
5/11-13 Over the Hill Gang Streak at Campland on the Bay

I wish to thanks everyone for their expressions of love and sadness at He truly loved the "Over the Hill Gang" and all of its members. I will always remember his "Celebration of Life" as an example of the friendship we both shared with you all over the last twenty years. I know we will all miss him very much!

Francie Ringland

Cruise Nights

Every Friday
The Malt Shop, 5pm

Every Friday – 5pm
Cruisin' Grand in Escondido

Every Friday
Santee Lakes 3pm

Every Saturday
Bonita Donuts, 8am
4414 Bonita Rd., Bonita

Every Saturday – 7am
Fallbrook "Rods & Relics"

1st Saturday 9am
Home Town Buffet * El Cajon

1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays
5pm at Fred's Burgers – Alpine

4th Saturday – 5pm (ends 9/24)
Clairemont Town Square

1st Sunday, Noon – 4pm
Dalton's Roadhouse - San Marcos

2nd Sunday 8am
Cars & Coffee on the Mesa
JBA Auto Center, 5675 Kearney
Villa

3rd Sunday, 11am
Cruisin' Coco's – Rancho
Bernardo

2nd & 4th Tuesday 5:30pm
Hometown Buffet – Santee

Wednesdays 5-8pm
Cajon Classic Cruise

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays,
10am**
Good 'Ole Boys Breakfast
Guys Only
Denny's in Rancho San Diego

Every Thursday – 5pm
Back to the 50's – La Mesa

1st Thursday 5:30-7:30pm
In & Out Burger - Poway

3rd Thursday – 6pm
Motorhead Misfits –El Cajon
Beef 'n Bun Crew & Car Junkies

Anniversaries for September

	Years
Eddie Chapman	24
Eddie & Susan Head	18
Richard Torres	18
Jerry Pettengill	16
Ron & Gayle Mick	12
John F. Peterson	10
Ralph & Denise Garcia	8
Bob O'Neill	8
Larry & Denise Hume	6
Bob & Shirley Harrington	6

A big thank you from Tony and I for all the cards, Emails, phone calls and friendship. It was a rough go and your thoughts and prayers really helped.

Tony & Sally

From Jack Rabell

I just thought you would like to know some of the many winners you have in OTHG! I have had a good time the last few weeks with my cars!

1st Place and 100 points in scoring in the SDJC Concours at Point Loma with one of my cars!

Poster Car and T shirt car and Peoples Choice (all cars voting) at the Auto Heritage Show in National City, plus being featured on the CH 6 TV show before the Event. My '32 3 window was shown by my son Mike and won a 2nd Place Street Rods

The 32 Dearborn was a 1st Place Sponsors Award and presented by SD Chief of Police at the Cops and Rodders Event

The Big Bear Show was another big show for many OTHG members lining the Main Street. I was pleased to win the Best 32 Trophy for the Event!

OUTSTANDING Jack! I am not surprised that your car is winning awards as it is a beautiful car and you have represented our Club very well!

Again congratulations

Ralph Garcia

AUGUST WINNERS

Clairemont Park-in-the-Park: BEST OF SHOW

Dorothy Bangiola '40 Ford Sedan Delivery

SURF & TURF CAR SHOW, PACIFIC BEACH, 8/6 TROPHY WINNERS:

Doug Mc Murray 1932 Ford Coupe "1930 to 1939"
Len Greaser 1932 Ford Dearborn Duce Rdstr '30 to '39
Bill Jeffers 1941 Studebaker Coupe "1940 to 1949"
Delores Jeffers 1947 Studebaker Truck
Denise Payne 1942 Ford Business Coupe "1940 to 1949"
Larry & Lance Johnson 1940 Ford Sedan "BEST PAINT"

NAT'L CITY HERITAGE DAY CAR SHOW 8/7 - TROPHY WINNERS

1st Place 1942 & Older Street Rod

Len Greaser 1932 Ford Dearborn Duce Roadster,

1st Place 1946-1984 Street Rod

Pat Greaser 1947 Chevy Fleetside

Mayors Choice

Jim Payne 1931 Ford Coupe

3rd. Place Modified Performance

Al Pahio 1937 Dodge Business Coupe

Cruzin The Lakes Friday 8/19

Jim Payne 1931 Ford Mod. "A" Coupe - Hot Ride Award

Charger Steve's "WILD RIDES" & Classic Car Show.

Bob Chambers Runner-up Wildest Ride

Faith Chapel Classic Car Show Aug. 27th

Club Participation: Over The Hill Gang San Diego

People's Choice Winners:

Kirby Horrel 1929 Ford Sedan Delivery

Jim Payne 1931 Ford Mod "A" coupe

Picnic On The Bay Car Show Aug. 28th

FAVORITE "40s 1940 Ford Sedan Larry Johnson

FAVORITE STREET ROD

1940 Ford Sedan Larry Johnson

King Pins Breakfast 9/3

Joe Pifer (2), Ray Lake (2), Francie Ringland, Ed Witek ,
Esther Allen, Everett Shackelton, and Denise Payne

Cajon Classic Cruise 9/3

Bob & Celia Schlotter '47 Ford Best of Show

OverDrive Hot Rod News Chili Cook Off & Car Show

Wally Myers '32 Ford 2nd Place Pre-48

Larry Hume '35 Plymouth Best Paint



“Do you know who this man on the extreme lower left of the picture is? For the answer go to the last page”

Big Bear Run Reported by Esther Allen

On Thursday August 11th, eight club cars left Siggy's in Murrieta for a scenic ride with several stops up the mountain to Big Bear. Is always good when we have a trouble free ride, which we did. Upon arriving at Big Bear we got checked in and then downtown to cruise the Village for lunch and find an ice cream shop. Thursday evening was dinner at the Gall's. What a great event this was - thanks to Bruce and Pam for their hospitality and the trip down the block to their neighbor's nostalgic race car. Friday was an easy day with Everett and Sue setting us up a cruise on the paddle boat for Friday afternoon, giving us time to detail the cars and tune them up-for the high altitude. The weather was so perfect; the lake is up from all the snow and rainfall that we had a spectacular ride on the boat. After returning to the motel, we all decided to walk across the street to a "little" BBQ eatery. Wow, you could have put the whole town of Big Bear in there besides all of us. After all the spicy BBQ we decide it was time for an ice cream run. No one really wanted to drive a street rod so Ed and Jan chauffeured us to town in the Magnum to get ice cream for everyone. What a great ride! Saturday morning was off to Denny's for a quick breakfast and on to the Village for our assigned parking. More great weather and then it was time to go cruizin' round the lake, this is a fun run not a car show. We had ideal parking to get all the cars out together in the first part of the cruise. At the end we all cruised into Sizzler where Jerry and Francie had made prior arrangements for our large group. Before we knew it, it was Sunday morning and time to cruise down the hill. Half way down the hill we stopped for breakfast and try as they might the guys could not get our waitress (she is really young and cute) to get upon the table and adjust the ceiling fan like last year. There seemed to be a lot of San Diego people there and lots that were not part of our group. Congrats to Jack Rubel on his award.

Navy Seal Funeral Precession

Tuesday August 30, 2011

Navy Seal
Funeral
Precession



Over the Hill Gang – San Diego



Later at the
Malt Shop

Celebration of Life · August 23, 2011
Gerald Wayne Ringland
06/01/1941 to 08/23/2011



Jerry Ringland and Ralph Garcia

On behalf of the Ringland family, I'd like to welcome you to our "Celebration of Life" for Jerry Ringland. As most of you know, I'm Tom Ringland, Jerry's brother.

Today, we'd like family and friends to share their special thoughts, remembrances, short stories, humorous tales and other reflections of Jerry. I'll share first, then other family members may share, followed by any of our guests.

George V. Ringland and Florence E. (Hayden) Ringland were both school teachers in Vista when they met and were married in 1938. Gerald Wayne Ringland was born on June 1, 1941 in Oceanside, CA. Next, came Bobby in 1943. The family lived in Vista for several years, before a new teaching job for Joe moved the family to Azusa, CA. in 1947. Tommy arrived in 1950. With a growing family, a new house was needed, so Flo's brother's, Burt and Don helped to build the new house in Glendora. The family moved into their new house in Glendora in 1952.

Glendora, a lovely and relatively small town, nestled at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, was a great place to grow up, with the mountains, plenty of new schools, citrus groves, turn of the century two & three-story manors, grand oak trees and a good mix of older and newer neighborhood. George was teaching at Citrus Union High School and continued on when the school evolved into Citrus College. Flo also taught elementary school in Glendora.

Jerry attended elementary school, junior high, Citrus Union High School Citrus Junior College. Because a new school, Glendora High School had just been built, Jerry's graduating class of 1959, was deemed to be the first class of the new high school, even though they never attended that school. While at Citrus, Jerry got thrown into the pool, in front of his friends, with his clothes on by the school quarterback, Billy Kilmer, who later gained fame with the Washington Redskins.

My memories begin sometime in the 50's in Glendora. It was very cool growing up with two older brothers, Bobby and Jerry, to play with and learn from. We had great summer fun at the YMCA- Camp Bluff Lake in Big Bear, where my dad was Camp Director for a few years. We got to stay in an old log cabin, across the large meadow, which had a stone fireplace. Our activities included, hiking, swimming, Indian crafts, riding horses, singing, archery and hearing scary stories around the campfire. Counselors would dress up in all kinds of goofy costumes and tell stories and sing songs.

Jerry was very gifted at building models of military aircraft, hot rod cars & trucks, boats and ships. He built a large 5-masted schooner ship, which adorned our bedroom for many years to come. Once, I took one of his fighter planes to the park for some serious hand flying dogfights and running speed flights. When I furtively placed the plane back on the stand, I hoped he wouldn't notice the broken propeller and landing gear. When he discovered the battered plane, he asked me, "Which war were you fighting?" After I told him I was sorry, he just told me to ask him which models I could borrow next time. He then built a few models for me to play with and taught me how to build models of my own.

As a boy, I fondly and vividly remember riding in the bed and in the cab of the 1934 Ford Pickup dad had bought around 1963. After Bobby burned up the flathead, Jerry built a cool 283 small block with Duntov cam, solid lifters, 3 deuces and dual pipes with glass-packs, backed by a 39 Ford gearbox with Lincoln-Zephyr gears. Riding in that truck was better than any amusement park ride I'd been on. In 1965, at 15, it was my turn with the 34, which I still have today. Since I needed a less breakable set-up, Jerry changed out the trans and rear-end and replaced it with a 59 Chevy 3-speed and a 55 Chevy rear end. I was able to drive the truck with that set-up for years to come to various OTHG runs, shows and meetings, before I stored it for the next 15 years.

Jerry also loved music and would play the ukelele and guitar for hours on the patio singing folk and pop & rock songs of the 50's and 60's. He taught me the basic chords on both instruments. I also learned to sing in harmony, for whenever the Ringlands got together for special occasions & holidays, everyone sang old songs & hymns. Oftentimes, dad and my uncles would sing barbershop quartets. With that early musical foundation, I became a music student, and followed a path leading to my professional music career today.

Jerry was also a talented sketch artist. At about 16, he drew a fantastic Alfred E. Neuman, "What, me worry?" picture of the smiling cover boy from Mad Magazine, driving a hopped-up roadster! He drew many other clever pictures. He also taught me how to draw stick-figure battles, with forts, and opposing armies engaged with swords, rifles, bayonets and canons.

Jerry liked to read the funnies in the paper every morning and enjoyed the illustrations as much as the jokes. At the age of 18 to 19, Jerry worked at Red Sisson's Flying -A Gas Station. In Glendora. Mom would always take him a meal from home, as there were no fast food places nearby. He did brake jobs, tune ups, oil changes, fill-ups and such. The Glendora Police would drop off their cruisers for regular maintenance and unexpected repairs. After Jerry would service the car, he would test-drive it around the block and back to the station. Well, on one occasion, Jerry got really excited to see what this police car could do. He missed the usual turn around the block, drove past the Police Station, turned left up Cullen Ave. and drove all the way up the hill to Sierra Madre Ave. at the base of the mountains. He drove about another 2 ½ miles to Grand Ave and as he turned left around the corner, he punched it and lit up the revolving warning lights and turned on the siren. It must have been exhilarating! Unfortunately, for Jerry, another patrol car in a parking lot spotted the speeding cruiser and wanted to get in on the action. When the policeman got closer, he saw that it wasn't a cop at the wheel, but Jerry Ringland, the teenage mechanic that worked at the Flying-A. Jerry was scolded by the officer and upon returning to the station, his boss called our dad and told Jerry never to test drive the police cars again.

In 1961, Jerry enlisted into the Army, going to Ford Ord, CA, for basic training, then on to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He was trained in top-secret communications and worked in sending & receiving encrypted messages.

While stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, he was sent to see Lt. General Abrams, who later became General Abrams, for whom a new tank was named. The general told Jerry that he'd been given some training on this encrypting machine and had read the manual, but the machine wasn't working properly. When he asked Jerry what he thought the problem could be, Jerry firmly replied, "Operator error, sir!" The general then replied, "Well come on over here and show me how to use this blasted thing!" Jerry explained and demonstrated how to properly operate the equipment. Afterward, the general thanked Jerry. Weeks later, Jerry received a promotion in rank to E-5.

When I was about 13 years old, he sent me a very cool red & black vintage H.O. locomotive to use on the 4' x 8' train layout that dad and Jerry had helped me build in the breezeway. I also received lots of German coins for my collection.

Soon after returning home from the Army in 1964, Jerry moved to Oceanside and then to Vista, enrolling at Palomar College. Jerry met a very cute, petite brunette, Francie Brewer, at Palomar and after a short engagement, they married in 1965. They moved to Vista. Their daughter, Sharron, was born in 1965 and the twin boys, Robert and Roger were welcomed into the world in 1967. The family finally ended up in El Cajon and then up the street to Lakeside.

Jerry worked for several banks and mortgage lenders. He transacted many loans, worked as a loan fraud investigator, and helped many financial institutions improve their balance sheets by getting rid of bad loans and cutting excessive expenses.

When Jerry moved his family to the San Diego area, I told him to check out a cool club I belonged to back in 1974 thru '76 called the Over the Hill Gang. He and Francie ended up joining the club in 1991 and have been members for 20 years. He has helped the club by serving various positions and volunteering for many committees. He has really enjoyed the company of his many friends and all the fun in the Over the Hill Gang.

Jerry's notable vintage cars have included: his first car, a 1940 Ford Coupe, a 1952 Ford Victoria Coupe, our parent's 1953 Buick, a 1960 Ford Galaxie, a 1953 Ford Pickup, a second 1940 Ford Coupe, a 64 Ford Mustang, a 1927 Ford Model-T roadster, a 1938 Packard Coupe (a family heirloom), a 1940 Pontiac Coupe and a second 1940 Pontiac Sedan. The win goes to Ford with 7 cars.

Jerry has always had a sharp wit and great sense of humor, telling jokes and trading barbs with his buddies. A kinder and friendlier guy would be hard to find. He also possessed strong leadership abilities and had a keen, analytical mind.

Last Tuesday night, Jerry passed away in his sleep without pain. He lived a rewarding and fulfilling life as son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. But his life was rich in love from his wife, Francie, his daughter, Sharron and her husband, Ron Lipscombe and family, his sons, Robert and Roger, his grandchildren, Morgan, Courtney and Rachel, his parents, Joe & Flo, brothers, Tom and Robert, Francie's brother, Pete, and sister, Barbara, and all the many Ringland and Hayden relatives, (thank you Judi Hoxie Hughes), as well his many good friends.

Jerry has been my best friend, confidant, and mentor. I very much enjoyed the time we spent together growing up and getting together for holidays, special occasions and car shows. I will always love and cherish my "big brother," Jerry.

Remembrance written by Tom Ringland

Answer "It's our own 5 year OTHGSD member Kirby Horrell, this picture is from the book "The men behind the Trident, SEAL Team 1, in Vietnam".