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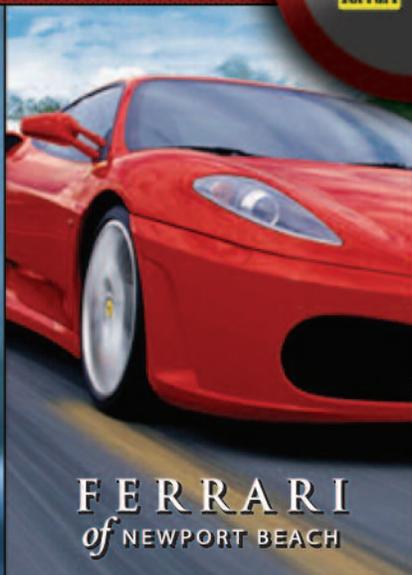
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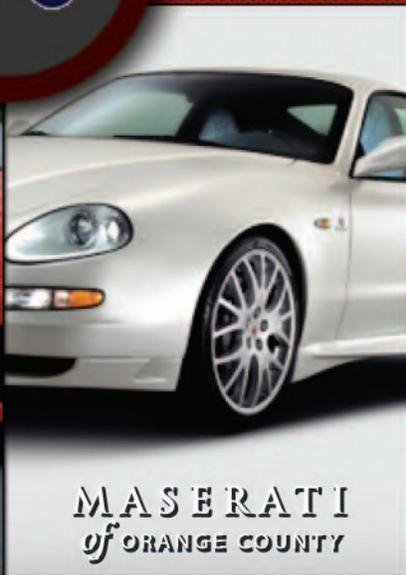
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FCA Members:

With your receipt of this issue of *Sempre Ferrari*, Summer will be in full swing. June events offered a solid beginning with a high profile presence of your Club at the Los Angeles Concours, a well attended Karting event, the excitement of the Kern River Raft Ride and what was among the biggest and best Annual Election Picnics in Club history.

This year's Picnic offered an opportunity to welcome newly elected Officers and Directors who are enthusiastically prepared to lead your Club to ever increasing heights. Thoroughly Engaged Members Tex Otto and Peter Kudrave stand ready to serve your Club in their respective positions of newly elected President and Vice President. Tony Cole has expressed pleasure for his relocation back to southern California from the Other Coast so that he might resume being the Engaged Member you knew him to be in the past as your new Secretary. They join together with all of your continuing Directors and new Directors Bob Boas, Marshall Buck, Kenny Lombino and Diane Petersen to offer you a continuing slate of activities worthy of your interest and involvement.

Among the many special activities immediately before you are the Ventura Motorsports Gathering at Mission Park featuring Ferrari, the Adamson House Tour with Malibu Lunch and Drive, the Art Center Car Classic and FCA Corral, and the FCA Annual Meet at Elkhart Lake. In August you will want to save time for our Annual Ride to Monterey and the many events offered by your Club during that special week. Of special note is the FCA presence at an expanded Motorsports at the Quail event, Concorso Italiano and the Ferrari Concours at Chateau Julien Winery. For those with a special interest in concours events, the latter will be the only FCA judged event in Monterey this year.

As I move on to become your Chairman, you will be continually reminded of the satisfaction that is only available through becoming an Engaged Member. Details of the many opportunities for involvement offered by your Club are available in the pages that follow or at www.fca-sw.org. As always, it's your responsibility to Register Early and Register Often. Better yet, we'll look for you at our Board of Director meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM on the fourth floor of the Petersen Automotive Museum where you can become part of the fun in planning new directions for your Club.

As always, I'll look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

July

- 11** - Saturday **Southwest Region Board Meeting** - Petersen Automotive Museum. 9:00 am.
- 11-12** - Wknd **Ventura Motorsports Gathering** - Downtown Ventura at Mission Park. Ferrari featured Drive to a winery with lunch on Sat, July 11 and the concours July 12.
Info at: www.venturamotorsportsgathering.com or Robert Garvin at robertgarven@earthlink.net.
- 18** - Saturday **Adamson House Tour and Lunch** - Sold out. Join us for a fun day with your Ferrari in Malibu. Meet at the Malibu Pier w/reserved parking. Tour of 1929 masterpiece Adamson House. Lunch at the beautiful Beachcomer on Malibu Pier.
Info: Diane Peterson - babymack4@gmail.com, 310-804-6655.
- 19** - Sunday **Art Center Car Classic '09** - You're invited to our FCA SW Ferrari Corral at the Art Center Classic. Showcasing relationship between aircraft, watercraft design and the automobile industry, behind-the-scene tours of the Art Center's Transportation Design studios. Keynote speaker will be Burt Rutan, the aerospace engineer world-renowned for his record-breaking aircraft Voyager and SpaceShipOne, currently preparing to launch the Virgin Galactic spaceline.
Info: Peter G. Kudrave - kudravearchitects@yahoo.com, ph 213-955-0005. **Event info pg R3.**

August

- 8** - Saturday **Southwest Region Board Meeting** - Petersen Automotive Museum. 9:00 am.
- 13** - Thursday **Ride & Drive to Monterey** - Join us for an exciting drive to Monterey. Lunch at the Shore Cliff Restaurant in Shell Beach. Contact Jim Bindman - cool4re@hotmail.com.
Event info on page R5.
- 13** - Thursday **Ferrari Concours at Chateau Julien Winery** - Pacific Region **Event info on page R4.**
- 14** - Friday **Ferraris at the Quail** - Part of The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering. Sold out.
- 15-16** - Wknd **FCA Pacific Region at Monterey Historic Auto Races** - Viewing tent at Laguna Seca turn 5 Saturday & Sunday. A BBQ lunch catered by Tarp's Roadhouse on Saturday.
Event info on page R5.

September

- 13** - Sunday **Ferrari Harbor Classic at Dana Point** - Beautiful location, lunch and activities.
Info: Tom Brockmiller - ferrariracer@cox.net, 949-716-2395. **Event info on page R6.**
- 20** - Sunday **Sunset Horseback Ride** - Famous Sunset Ranch for the "Best view in Hollywood". Arrive at 4:00 p.m. for a beautiful ride over the Hollywood Hills into Burbank for dinner.
Info: Diane Peterson - babymack4@gmail.com, 310-804-6655. **Event info on page R7.**
- 27** - Sunday **S. S. Lane Victory Ship Cruise & Lunch** - Steam back to the 1940's aboard the last fully restored and operational Victory Ship, the S.S. Lane Victory. Enjoy a day's-long adventure and breath-taking views as we sail toward Catalina Island. Re-live the hair-raising drama as the ship's gunners ward off a Luftwaffe air attack! **Event info on page R8.**

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.
Info: Tony Cole 818-222-7784, Carlos Amato 310-446-1554. **Event info on page R9.**
- 17** - Saturday **Dick Messer's Private Car Collection & Riverside International Raceway Museum Tours** - Riverside with lunch. More details tba. Wally Clark - ph 714-630-9202.
- 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.
Info: Chris Aho - chrisaho@hospiceslo.org, www.avilabeachconcours.com.
Event info on page R10.
- 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.
Info: Marshall Buck - mdbuck@ieee.org, ph 310-836-4390.
Event information on page R11.

December

- 12** - Saturday **Holiday Luncheon at Disney Concert Hall** - Peter G. Kudrave. Details tba.

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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LOTS OF COOL STUFF

JUSTICE BROTHERS & BEN REILING GARAGE TOURS

Article and Photos By Peter G. Kudrave

Nearly 40 Club members

and guests enjoyed two very different collections on a warm Saturday morning last March.

Second generation family member, Ed Justice Jr., and longstanding radio show personality of the namesake Justice Brothers Racing Museum in Duarte warmly greeted us on arrival. Managing the family oil additives business, Ed oversees a vast collection of nearly 100 historic, early Indy, muscle, sprint and high performance cars, all housed within two adjacent buildings along Huntington Drive.

Telling his family's coming to California in early '30s, starting up a lubricant business and sponsoring racing teams was just a start of our morning into Justice Brothers' rich past. For example, we saw early Fords, a '55 Corvette, Sprint racers, motorcycles, historic dragsters, midgets and contemporary race cars.

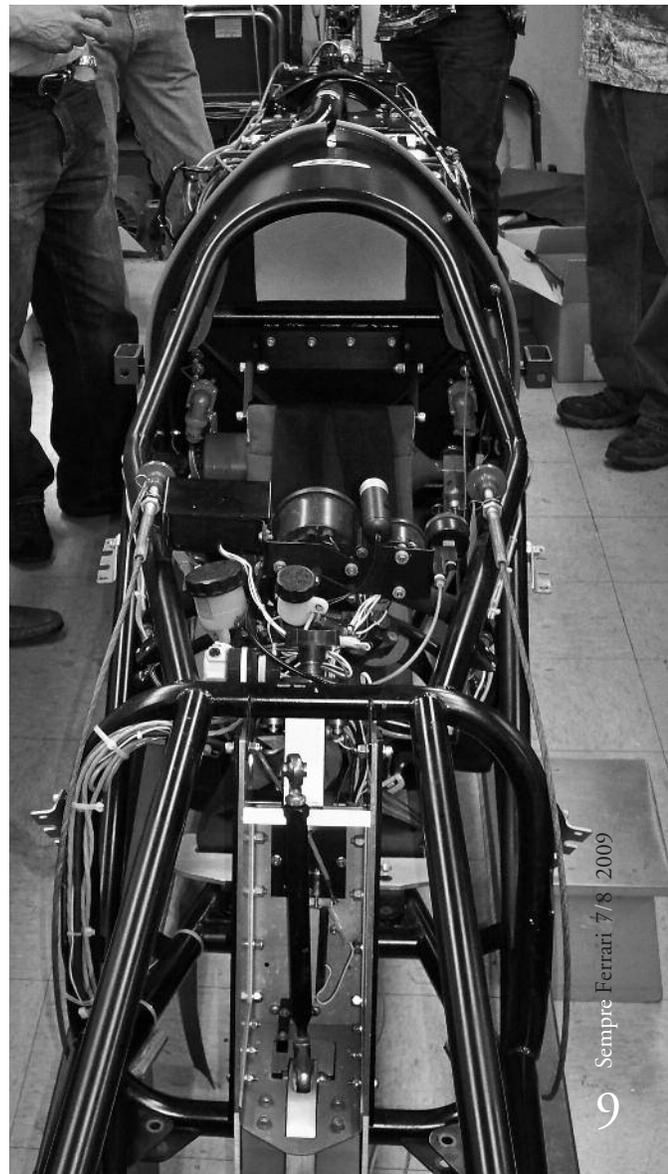
Just a few minutes via the 210 Freeway, we arrived at Ben and Judy Reiling's equally interesting facility in Arcadia. Ben prepared wine, cheese and snacks to help restore our energy before going on to a late lunch at Taylor's Steakhouse in La Cañada Flintridge.

Ben's collection was also a cross-section of automotive history, including Cobras, a high horsepower restored pickups, a '55 Gullwing and Porsche Speedster, a Pantera as well as old-to-contemporary motorcycles. Crossing an alley

just behind his shop, we were treated to a special built Bonneville land-speed record holder motorcycle built by Sam Wheeler, its designer and driver.

Stewart Reed of Pasadena Art Center College of Design, Ben & Judy as well as Sam joined us as guests to help close out the event with a glass of wine and steak at Taylor's Steakhouse in La Cañada Flintridge. **SF**





Opposite page from top:
 Just one of the many motoring galleries at Justice Brothers Racing Museum.
 Ed Justice Jr. (second from right) talks about their significant sprint and Indy cars.

This page from top:
 Suspended Pitts aerobatic plan at Justice Brothers.
 Ben Reiling (second from left) talks cars with the group including event chairperson Peter Kudrave (right). Whatever it is, it's big. Main gallery includes muscle cars, hot rods and classic sports cars. Sam Wheeler's Bonneville land-speed record breaking streamliner motorcycle.



IN MEMORY

TONI THOMAS

Photo By
Fred Bogardus

Fred Bogardus

I first meet Toni about 15 years ago, At that time she was into importing & exporting. She soon became a car person helping me with the Santa Barbara Concours, Loyola Concours, FCA National in Century City, the Pasadena event, Rodeo Concours and the Los Alamitos car show. Toni took on the logistics of the events, food, tents, vendors, sound, volunteers and all the small details that go into making a car event very successful.

She will be greatly missed by myself, her relatives, friends and all who knew her.

Tom Brockmiller

I will always remember Toni warmly smiling and directing - defusing the angry, thanking the cohort, informing the non, and mostly, the biggest hug around.

She was everyone's person best friend. If you didn't know her it was because she was the "guiding light" behind the scenes of practically every important car show in Southern California. She is largely responsible for the success today of the Southwest Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America.

We will miss her as a partner but we will really miss her as a caring friend.

Marv Landon

The FCA-SW and all of us that knew her, have lost a very special person and great friend. Toni Thomas, someone I will surely miss, has lost her battle with cancer. Toni passed away on the afternoon of May 30, 2009 resulting from complications of her on-going treatment.

Toni was the nicest, most energetic person I have ever known. She has helped the FCA-SW with our Concours since 2002. No matter what we could afford to pay her, she was there. Sometimes, I would say, "I don't have a budget to pay for all your work" and she would just shrug her shoulders and say, "Oh well, let's do it!" Let's do it meant, total commitment and the very best anyone could possibly hope for, perfection!

*Good-bye and God Bless,
Marvin Landon*

On behalf of the FCA-SW

Shin Takei

The first time I met Toni, she embraced me and gave me a big kiss and we became friends immediately. Together with Fred Bogardus we produced a lot of car shows starting from Le Cercle Concours d'Elegance, Santa Barbara, Pacific Palisades, FCA and Rodeo Drive, just to name a few.

Once she took charge and laid out a plan, Toni put everything she had into every little detail that no one could imagine and took care of it professionally.

She always had a positive outlook and strived to achieve the best result from limited resources.

But what made Toni stand out from the crowd was her caring and love she gave to people around her. Her big smile and warm heart touched us all. She took care of everyone like they were her family. Her presence was known wherever she appeared and I was always happy to see her.

Lao Tzu, the Taoist said that when a great leader worked, no one noticed the fruits of his/her labor because everything seemed normal and people were happy, meaning that when things were going right, everyone took it for granted. Indeed Toni Thomas was that person, who always did her best and made sure that everyone was happy.

It is now when she had left us that we realize how great she was and that the void she left is a hole in our hearts. We will all miss Toni.

My heartfelt condolences to Fred and Toni's family.



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KENNY LOMBINO'S SECOND ANNUAL MYSTERY RIDE

Article and Photos By
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April 26th, 2009, at 9 am

the second annual "Mystery Ride" started from the parking lot of Marie Callender's in Sherman Oaks, CA. On a beautiful Southern California day forty seven people in thirty cars were biting the bullet to start the 225 mile "Mystery Ride". Of the 30 cars was a mixture of 26 Ferraris that included a classic 365 GTC, a brand new Scuderia Spider, 2 Porsches, a Viper and a BMW.

After a short drivers meeting on the rules of the drive, the first set of instructions were handed out. What was witnessed was a Le Mans type of start as everyone ran to their car to get a head start on the run.

The drive took us up the 405 N. to the 5 N. to the Lake Castic turn off where everyone had to pull over to receive there next set of instructions.

Smiles were on everyone's faces in anticipation of the curvy roads that lie ahead. We drove past Lake Castic into the mountains on a wonderful road coming out into the desert. Unfortunately we had no sign of California Poppies this year but no one complained.

Our second stop was at a Chevron station in Gorman. We stopped to top off the tanks, have a bit of a rest, get a snack and put up the tops as the temperature had dropped a bit. The next set of instructions were handed out and once again every one ran to there cars to get moving.

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Curvy roads and beautiful scenery were the order of the day on Kenny's Mystery Ride. Where are we goin'?

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KENNY LOMBINO'S MYSTERY RIDE

We left Gorman, drove to Frazier Park and headed into the badlands running through Lockwood Valley. This stretch of blacktop included fantastic scenery, great curves, straight a ways and some amazing whoop de dos. When we got to the intersection of Highway 33, every one had pulled over to stretch their legs to receive the third set of instructions. At this point, all were wondering where lunch would be and some were trying to guess the location. In the tradition of the event, I would not divulge the location as it was a mystery and that would ruin the fun.

We turned south on Highway 33 and headed up the mountain. This is a fantastic bit of highway through the Los Padres National Forest which gains around seven thousand feet in elevation with great curves and scenery. At the top of the mountain we had our only mishap. Unfortunately, the Scuderia got a flat tire. As the car does not carry a spare, the driver had to hitch a ride down the mountain in a friend's car and call for a flatbed.

We came down into Ojai and pulled into the beautiful Ojai Valley Resort and Spa for our lunch stop. The resort had special Ferrari parking for us and we proceeded to our private dining room which overlooked the golf course. We were treated to a wonderful lunch in a most serene sitting. After about an hour and a half of story telling, laughing, eating and partaking of our favorite beverages, it was time to start the last leg of our journey.

This year's ride had optional routes home. There was a quick way home leaving the Inn that headed to the 101 and home, a more scenic route leaving Ojai going up and out of the Valley on highway 150 through Santa Paula to highway 126 back to the 5 and home, or the most scenic way which had us turn south on Highway 23 to drive through Moorpark to Westlake still on the 23 up and over the Santa Monica mountains to Pacific Coast Highway and home. Most chose the latter scenic way to return home.

All in all a grand time was had by all. Our Scuderia driver had to wait for a flatbed to take him back up the mountain to get his car, but he and the car made it home safely and the car has been fixed and its back on the road. It turned out there was a defect in the wheel which had cracked and caused the flat. Other than the flat there were no mishaps, everyone drove to their ability showing courtesy to all. The weather was perfect, the roads were in great shape, the food excellent and the camaraderie was the best.

Again I want to thank all of you for coming, it was an honor for me to have so many of you participate, and I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces next year when we will do the "Third Annual Mystery Ride". **SF**

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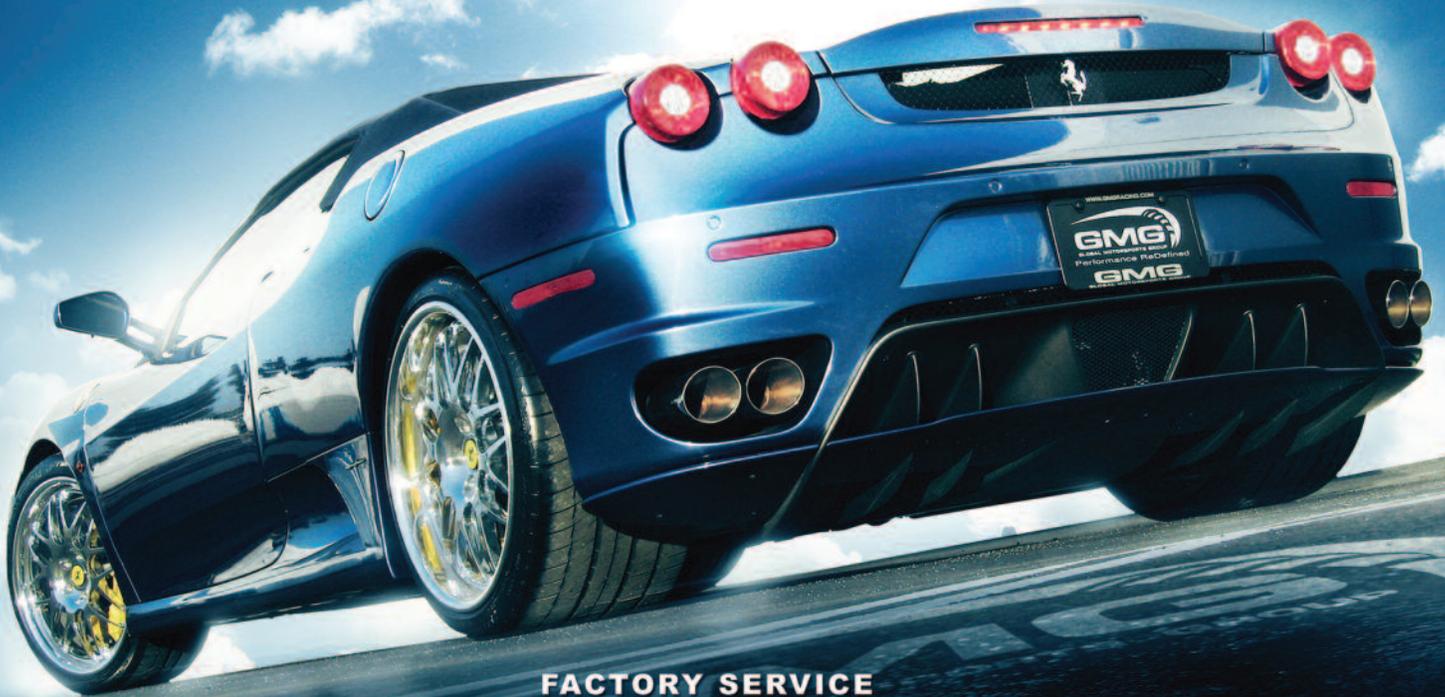
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DRIVE TO WINE COUNTRY SIDEWAYS TOUR 2

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A cool and overcast morning

greeted the 60 participants in this year's Sideways Tour as we gathered at the Commons in Calabasas. The gray skies did little to dampen our enthusiasm, as this is actually perfect weather for high performance driving. With an ambitious road course and a long day of touring ahead, our group of 31 Ferraris headed north on the 101 to the 118 Freeway, proceeding west on Los Angeles Avenue to Balcom Canyon where our scenic route began.

With little traffic in front of us we quickly made our way to the outskirts of Santa Paula where we were treated to an amazing parade of over 500 motorcycles exiting a large parking lot on their way to some sort of event or run. Our caravan of exotics was admired by the riders as we waited for an endless armada of two wheelers to enter the road in front of us. Fortunately they were not headed the same direction and shortly after the city limits we were soon free of outbound traffic. Our route continued west, through the town of Ojai, around Lake Casitas, ending at the 101 Freeway in Carpinteria.

Heading north again along the coast on the 101, the sun began to fight through the cloud cover showing signs of warmer weather in the miles ahead. Once through Santa Barbara we entered one of my favorite roads in all of California, the San Marcos Pass. This historic route was once the Wells Fargo stagecoach road that took passengers





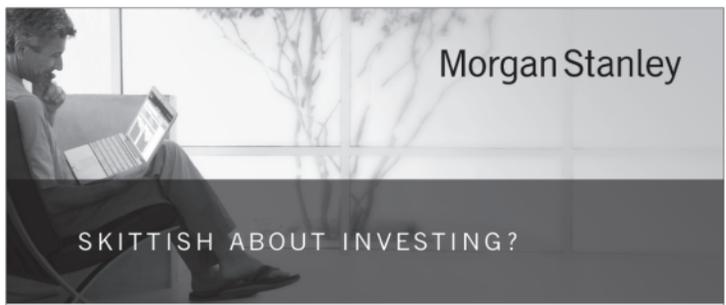
and lots of gold from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Now more famous as the road to wine country as the Santa Ynez valley has exploded into one of the state's most prolific grape producing regions. Descending through the mountain pass, the sky opened up like a summer day in mid July with the sun illuminating the green hillsides as we drove through the vast vineyards and pastures of the valley to the starting point of our grape tour.

Our first stop was Brander Vineyards, a small producer of very good reds, known locally for their unique Bordeaux blends. The small but airy tasting room was already buzzing with a large group of young women touring the valley on a Bachelorette weekend so we all had fun chatting with the girls and sipping the tasting room offerings. Our next stop was Kalyra, this quaint Australian themed tasting room is a popular destination for many visitors to wine country as it was one of the featured locations in the Sideways movie, the

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Opposite from top:
Ready to sample some of the wine country's finest.
Ferraris on the road. Arriving at Roblar Vineyards.

This page from top:
Kalyra Winery. Female wine lover. Roblar Vineyards, our lunch destination and host winery for the tour. Sunday morning. Foxen Winery. Dinner at Los Olivos Café.



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infamous spot where Jack meets Stephanie and ends up with a broken nose (you have to see the movie)! Well known for light for light but dry white wines Kalyra was very accommodating with their large tasting room and scenic patio overlooking the vineyards.

The next stop was Roblar Vineyards, our lunch destination and host winery for the tour. Upon arrival, our guests were treated to an exclusive wine tasting presentation served with an assortment of cheeses, flatbreads and dried fruits on the open-air patio. This was followed by a buffet style lunch in the Barrel Room which featured a variety of salads garnished with poached chicken breasts, sautéed shrimps and smoked salmon accompanied by a selection of four different Italian panini sandwiches. And of course chocolate brownies and cookies for dessert.

After lunch it was back to business as we headed to the French styled tasting room of Rideaux Vineyards. Here, the spirit of New Orleans is re-created with Parisian décor and the mandatory distribution of colored “Mardi Gras” beaded necklaces. The red wines served in the Reserve tasting room were excellent and the outdoor patio featured live music for our entertainment as we took advantage of the beautifully manicured lawns and shaded grounds for a bit of relaxation. The last stop on our tour was an impromptu change in course to the Rusack Vineyards. 3.5 miles uphill from Solvang on Atterdag road led us to one of the most spectacular views in the entire valley as we stood on the front patio of the Rusack tasting room. As this

was our last stop, we bought a few bottles and lounged on the spacious wooden deck to recount the day’s activities and savor an amazing Santa Barbara County Syrah. Next it was back on to Buelton to check into our rooms and prepare for dinner.

The Los Olivos Café, is one of the valley’s premier gourmet venues and was also featured in the Sideways movie. As the primary dinner restaurant on last year’s tour the Café received so many rave reviews that we just had to return, and they did not disappoint. The staff was more than accommodating for our large group granting us exclusive use of the private dining room with the kitchen serving a delectable selection of wine country influenced dishes along with bottles from their enormous in-house collection. After dinner we took time to mingle with friends and discuss the plans and count participants for the next day’s tour.

Sunday morning began the same as the previous day, a little overcast as we headed to the Solvang Restaurant for a Danish style menu of pancakes, waffles and aebleskivers. Fresh berries were in season as well and we all partook in a hearty traditional breakfast. Our drive on this Sunday morning was far more ambitious than the tour route designed for the larger group on Saturday, as we headed north on Foxen Canyon road towards Santa Maria.

Our first stop was another tradition from last year; a quaint roadside shanty called Foxen Winery. As one of the oldest vintners in the valley, they began operations way before the Sideways craze and still produce an excellent



Photo captions from top:
Wine tasting at Cambria Vineyards. Patrick’s Sidestreet Café.

Sovgnian Blanc and Chardonnay. The next stop was a long trek uphill to the Cambria Vineyards. One of the largest producers in the Central Coast, Cambria wines are sold locally in Los Angeles, but they also produce a private reserve line that is not available in retail stores. Only visitors to the tasting room or wine club members may purchase these wines and we of course we were more than happy to sample these special varietals.

After the long drive we decided on an early lunch so just as last year we made our pilgrimage to visit the valley’s most interesting venue; Patrick’s Sidestreet Café. Owner and head chef Patrick is a culinary genius and quite the raconteur. He never fails to visit the table of every guest and if prompted will recount his many tales and observations about food, life and the restaurant business, which makes the dining experience at the Sidestreet Cafe even more memorable and entertaining.

After lunch we all decided to make one more stop before departing the Santa Ynez valley so a trip to Gainey was in order. A pleasant Spanish style facility greeted us along with enthusiastic wine consultants who were excited to see a number of Ferraris in their parking lot. After purchasing a few more bottles it was time to bid farewell to the valley and all of the great memories of another Sideways Tour.

The FCA would like to thank all the facilities that contributed to making this tour a success: Roblar Winery, Brander Vineyards, Rideaux, Buttonwood, Rusack, Kalyra, Cambria, Bridlewood and Foxen Vineyards. Special thanks to the Los Olivos Café, the Quality Inn and of course Patrick’s Sidestreet Café. We hope to return to many of these venues again and a few new ones as Jason and I have decided to make Sideways an annual FCA-SW event. Thank you ALL who attended, we hope to see you back again next year. **SF**



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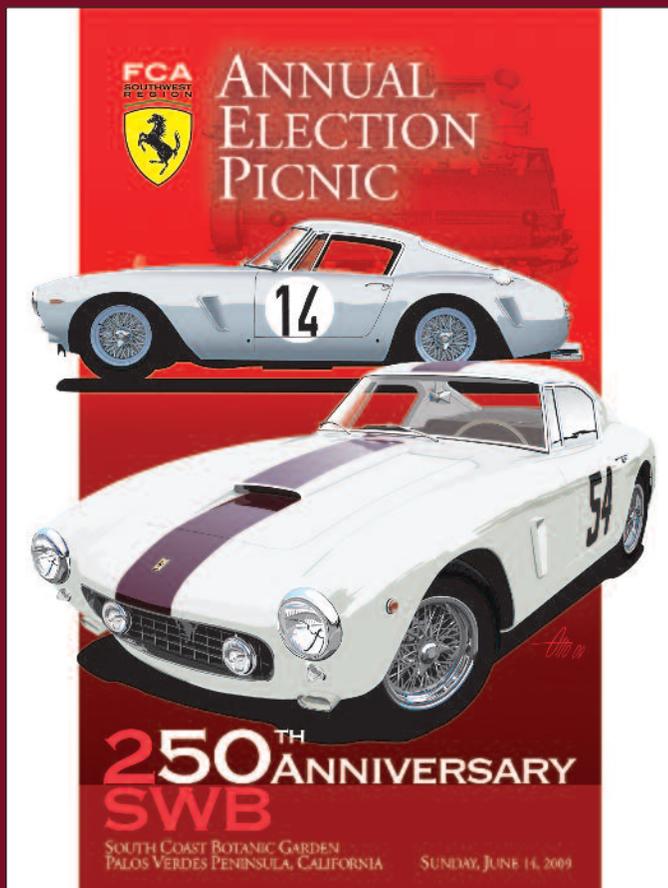
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FERRARI BEVERLY HILLS COLLISION CENTER OPEN HOUSE

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The Ferrari Beverly Hills

Collision Center welcomed Club members to experience their impressive state of the art body shop in West Los Angeles.

Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center Manager Robert Bumpus, Jack Rollens, Director of Fixed Operations and Rosella Locatelli Marketing & Events Manager welcomed attendees as they arrived during the bright spring day.

Attendees were offered hors d'oeuvres and refreshments while they toured the impressive clinically clean facility. If you didn't know you were at a automotive repair company, you would think this was a clean room laboratory where they build scientific space equipment cloaked with exotic Ferrari bodies to confuse the extraterrestrials.

To present their capabilities, Ferrari Maserati of Beverly Hills staged each phase of their body repair with Ferraris in various degrees of repair: frame jig, welding areas, paint department, contained paint booth and assembly areas. From major car damage that requires chassis alignment on their specialized frame jig to final paint, attention to detail is evident throughout their repair process.

The frame jig area drew the most attention where a crashed F430 Challenge racer was mounted which had sustained a very hard frontal impact at a recent race and in the beginning phase of repair. A replacement left front frame structure was positioned next to the damaged area which allowed technicians Jose Rivas and Remington Ortnor to describe the repair procedure. The front impact was hard

enough to wrinkle the top, but with precise measurements, use of specialized jigs and strategic use of pullers, we were told the racer would be back on the track in a couple of weeks in time for the next race.

During each phase of the repair, strict specifications are adhered to. Remington described the aluminum welding procedure of the racer's frame, where the weld temperature is documented with a laser temperature gauge to ensure full weld penetration. Race cars need the frame, suspension

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Owners of all vintages of prancing horses visited Ferrari Beverly Hills' Collision Center Open House. Demonstration of weld temperature measurement on Challenge racer.

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mounting points, mechanical and driveline components to be true to specification, not only for performance but safety. Believe me, no one wants to see their car sitting on a jig stripped down to the core. But it's reassuring that should a major accident occur, Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center can return your car back to factory specifications in a relatively short amount of time.

In another department, two Ferrari Spiders awaited being picked up by customers. One was in for a front bumper repair and undo the previous repair shop's work which was cracking. It goes without saying that Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center uses only factory parts that are made to fit your car and are crash tested to meet factory certification requirements and also carry a Ferrari/Maserati limited warranty. Aftermarket or insurance provided non-factory parts are not used.

The paint department is amazing, partly in how environmental standards have changed the way the painting process has changed over the years, but also in the technical aspects to keep the process consistent and durable. California environmental laws require all water base finishes which necessitates specialized equipment. This equipment not only keeps our air clean but also allows technicians to duplicate the factory standards for finish and durability. Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center has an in-house computerized paint mixing system for application of the factory paint supplier PPG's certified EnviroBase water based paint system. To maintain consistency with the factory specifications, PPG has a computerized formula for each color that covers not only the paint mixing, but each color's required body preparation and paint application recipe depending on it's material (steel, aluminum or carbon fiber). The recipe includes the grit of sandpapers required for surface preparation, the number of coats of primer, final paint and clear coat application using a specified gun and nozzle for each procedure, including inlet and nozzle air pressures accounting for air temperature and humidity. Their down draft paint booth heat cures the paint for a durable finish that duplicates the factory specification. All of this is definitely technical, but in detail it's the human application that makes the paint shine, and each car in the shop was factory beautiful.

Another thrill for visitors was the appearance of a new silver blue Ferrari California which Jack was happy to show everyone. Jack discussed the financial, training and facility requirements to which Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center has committed for the extensive certification process that is required to be the one of seven factory certified body shops in North America. All this was proven by our visit to their fine facility.

As the open house was coming to a close, one of the attendees mentioned to the staff that he had a rattle in the back of his 430 Spider. The technicians took a look and determined it was a missing exhaust mounting bolt which they quickly replaced. He and all of the attendees thanked Ferrari Beverly Hills Collision Center for letting us learn more about them and their fine professional work. **SF**



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612 Scaglietti ongoing repairs. Jack Rollens showing the Ferrari California.
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The 2009 Annual Election

Picnic was one of the biggest and best in Club history. The event returned to the Palos Verdes Botanic Gardens following a several year absence where an absolutely perfect venue welcomed arriving members. Don West arrived early that morning to ensure the proper placement of Club Flags marking where the four 250 SWB cars brought by Tex Otto, Charles Betz, Nick Colonna and Bruce Meyer might be displayed as a centerpiece for the event which honored that model's 50th anniversary. Another 73 Ferraris in attendance were strategically placed on the lawn encircling the 250s.

Tom Brockmiller, Tino Mingori, Lynn Mingori, Sally West and Jill Landon were among those earnestly involved in setting the stage for the picnic lunch. Marv Landon demonstrated his fire building skills in readying the grill for the preparation of the more than 150 hamburgers and hot dogs that need be prepared. And then the fun began. Marv together with Peter Kudrave and Kenny Lombino displayed their cooking skills as they tried to pace with the line of hungry members lined up before them.

Following lunch, Doug Prestine took the microphone to welcome all in attendance to this year's event. After recognizing the efforts of the many involved in organizing the event, attention was turned to thanking retiring Directors Walter Meyer, Carlos Amato and Demetri Zafaris for their many contributions. This was followed by Doug together

Photos By
Tex K. Otto and Tino Mingori



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The Botanic Gardens in Palos Verdes was a wonderful venue for this year's Annual Election Picnic. A gazebo provided a perfect place for members and Ferraris alike to relax. Kenny Lombino, Marv Landon and Peter Kudrave armed with tongs and spatulas. Event honored the 50th anniversary of the 250 GT SWB. Don West with wife Sally received this year's Engaged Member Award from Doug Prestine. Our new Directors.

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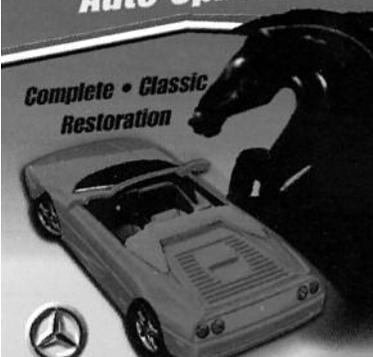
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with Walter introducing continuing Directors Jim Bindman, Peter Kudrave, Marv Landon and Mark Process. Next it was time to introduce new Officers and Chairpersons including incoming President Tex Otto, Vice President Peter Kudrave, Secretary Tony Cole and Membership Chairperson Diane Peterson. Doug closed the business end of the event with the presentation of this year's Engaged Member Award to Don West for his enduring involvement in support of so many events. The microphone was then handed over to Tex for final remarks and to close the formal part of the event.

Invited guests enjoyed a lovely post event party at Nick and Rose Colonna's beautiful home, a very gracious affair which showcased the SWBs within a magnificent setting.

A perfect day at a perfect venue was enjoyed by all at what will be remembered as one of the best Annual Election Picnics in several years. **SF**

Photo captions from left:
Lil' Parnelli checked out the display signage on Nick's SWB. Past and newly appointed FCA Southwest Chairmans, Walter Meyer and Doug Prestine. An after party at Nick and Rose Colonna's lovely home provided an elegant backdrop for the SWBs.



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