



In Memory of Charlene Quinn
June 26, 1945 - October 29, 2009

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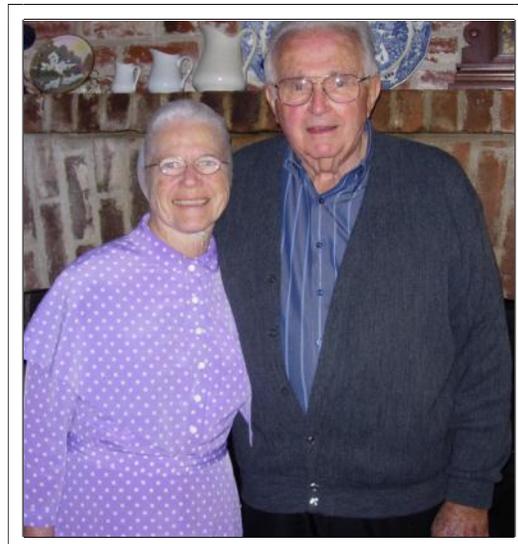
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Charlene Hackney Quinn, IOANC Club Historian (most recently) and Pioneer member lost her lengthy battle with cancer on October 29, 2009. As member, Andy Harris, so aptly stated: "Charlene was a die-hard Imperial enthusiast, and a real stalwart of the club". To her family, we send our deepest sympathies. The flower photo was taken by Rich Hardy at the Sugar Mill, during our 2009 Sacramento State Meet. (Tribute on Pages 5—7).

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Member Spotlight

DON AND FREEDA BEACHLER

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IOANC Presidents Column

DAVE LABHARD



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER HAVE BEEN BUSY MONTHS FOR THE CLUB. THE FALL TOUR WAS A BIG SUCCESS, FROM THE UNDERGROUND GARDENS IN FRESNO TO OLD TOWN CLOVIS TO THE SPECTACULAR BEAUTY OF KINGS CANYON AND THE MAJESTIC GIANT SEQUOIAS. THANKS TO JOHN TENNYSON FOR ORGANIZING THE FALL TOUR. ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO KEN AND DEBBIE LANG FOR BRINGING THEIR TRUCK AND TRAILER WITH AN EXTRA GAS TANK (WHICH WAS NEEDED BY THE LABHARD'S AT THE FREEWAY OFF RAMP IN FRESNO). THEY WERE A MOBILE GAS STATION AND TOWING COMPANY FOR SOME OF OUR "VINTAGE" IMPERIALS. ROGER AND CAROL SELBY'S IMPERIAL HAD AN IGNITION PROBLEM AND KEN SAVED THE DAY BY PUTTING THE SELBY'S CAR ON HIS TRAILER AT THE LODGE IN KINGS CANYON AND TOWED IT ALL THE WAY TO THEIR HOME IN PLACERVILLE, OFF LOADED IT, AND THEN TOOK OFF FOR HOME IN HAYWARD. KEN AND DEBBIE FINALLY ARRIVED HOME AROUND MIDNIGHT..

NEAR THE END OF OCTOBER KEN PLANNED AND LED THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN TOUR TO HIS FRIEND LARRY CARTER'S, TO SEE HIS PRIVATE CAR COLLECTION AT HIS HOME, "CHESTNUT HILL FARM". IT IS ONE OF THE FINEST PRIVATE COLLECTIONS I HAVE EVER SEEN AND LARRY AND HIS WIFE WERE GRACIOUS HOSTS.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, BIG TIME KUDOS TO KEN AND DEBBIE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND SERVICE TO THE IOANC AND ITS MEMBERS.

CAM AND I HAVE BEGUN THE SEARCH FOR THE SITE OF THE 2011 STATE MEET. ALONG WITH BOB AND PAT TREPANIER, WE ARE TRAVELING TO POTENTIAL CITIES, CHECKING THE HOTELS, THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS AND REVIEWING LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO TOUR.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN BENICIA.

Spotlight

Don and Freeda Beachler

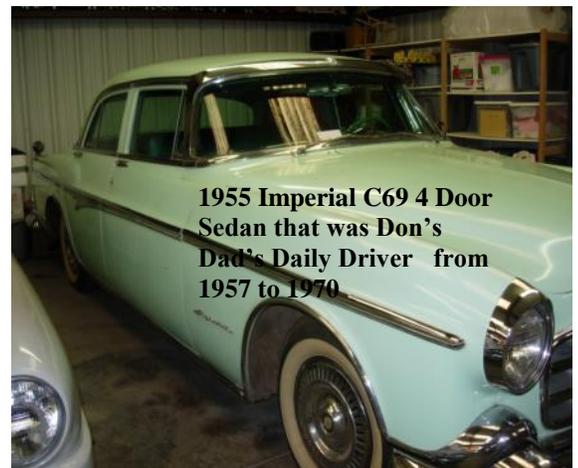
It was a cold, dusty, and very blustery Tuesday morning when I arrived in Modesto to interview Don and Freeda Beachler, our MEMBER SPOTLIGHT for this issue. Their warm welcome made it totally worth the journey from Hayward. As I entered their beautiful custom built home of 30 years, I was treated to a cozy fire Don had built in their massive fireplace. Freeda was beautiful in a brightly colored dress of her making. She also surprised me with a beautiful potholder gift that she had hand sewn. Don and Freeda are pillars in their community, and I observed that they love every moment they serve. My visit lasted nearly two hours. Don was so interesting, and I appreciated that Freeda took time out of her day to join us during my interview and 'tour'. Thanks to you both, Don and Freeda, for your generous hospitality.

After admiring their many family photos, we sat at their table which looked out onto a partial of their 173 acres. Through their large sliding glass doors that led to their immediate patio and beyond, Don pointed out that behind a huge building across their field stood another building where he operated his business for the last 30 years. Also, in the distance, he pointed out Allis Chalmers tractors that they used in their farming business. Don had a knack for business. He dropped out of college to start his Harvesting and Trucking business with a partner. He has done extremely well, and, now his sons are running it. He also got into Farming. They still have an abundance of almond trees on their property which they still harvest today. I asked what he was growing in the field outside his patio area. He said it was alfalfa. 30 years ago he had the foresight that he did not want trees blocking their view of the mountains that they could see on a clear day.

Don was born on July 3, 1927 in Modesto, Ca. His family traveled quite a bit between 1935 and 1938 as he was growing. His Dad was Service Manager for Allis Chalmers Tractors for eleven Western States, and finally decided to settle back in Modesto where the Beachler legacy is deeply rooted. When Don was two years old, his Dad gave him a 1929 toy Chrysler model car that he played with as a child. The tires on this toy model car are original, and the cast made of pewter. For an 80 year old toy model car, it is in great condition. What a keepsake! Don's office is filled with toy model cars and tractors, a Collector's dream.

Don loved participating in athletics in his growing years. He played baseball as boy. He showed me his prize bat with which he hit 80 home runs in the eighth grade. Other fond memories included scraping snow off the football field where the Green Bay Packers played the New York Giants in 1937. As a child of ten, that was exciting. He was a track runner in high school. As we chatted, I shared with him that I recently attended an Edison High School football game in Stockton. It was my alma mater, and Alumni were invited because it was the school's Homecoming, and last home game of the season. After this game, the original stadium and school built in 1941, was going to be torn down, and a State of the Art stadium built in its place. In turn, he shared a prized memory of competing in a high school track meet back in 1945. It was the mile relay race. He vividly explained that when he accepted the baton from his teammate, and began running his 440 yards around the track, he beat favored competitor, Eddie Macon, from Edison. Eddie later became star running back at University of Pacific in Stockton, and then was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1952. I would say Don was a pretty fast runner in his day.

Don and Freeda have been married for sixty years. She was born in Kansas, and Don was working there at the time. Freeda's mom thought California was too far away to have a boyfriend, but Don, who had already won Freeda's heart, also won her Mom's heart, and they were married April 10, 1949 in Kansas. They came back to California, and reared their five children, and one unofficially adopted child. They also have 18 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren. They are very active in their community, especially Modesto Christian High school. For the last 52 years, Don and Freeda have been involved in Youth camps. That was great to hear. I believe that they have definitely given those Youth a dose of positive influence and hope throughout the years.



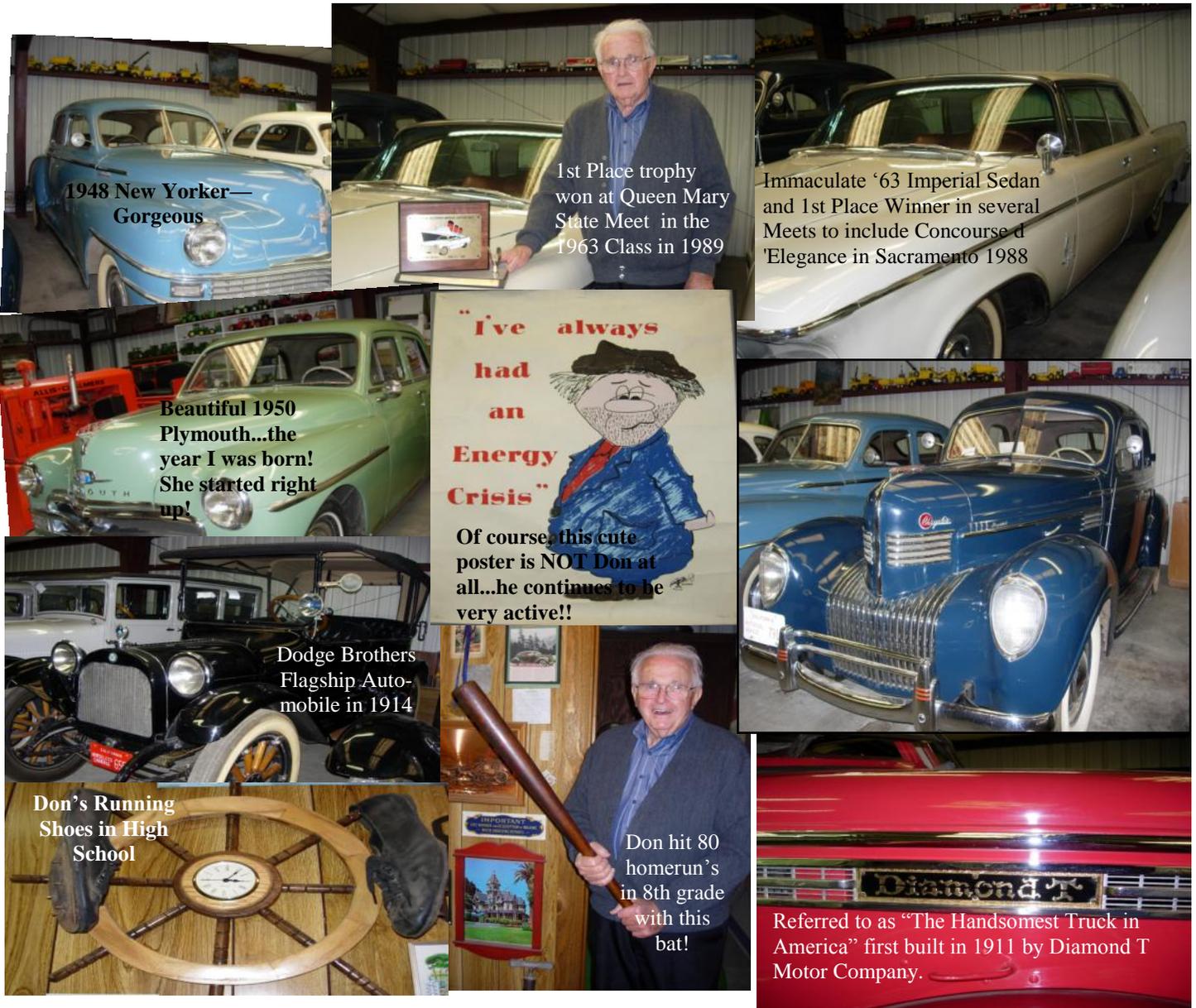
1955 Imperial C69 4 Door Sedan that was Don's Dad's Daily Driver from 1957 to 1970

With such a fascinating introduction, I asked Don when his interest in cars began. He said Freeda's Uncle got him interested in cars. Her Uncle had a Mopar collection in those early days. After all, Walter P. Chrysler grew up Ellis, Kansas and had a great influence in the area. In 1957, Don's Dad bought a 1955 Chrysler Imperial for \$2700. It was his daily driver until 1970. That year, Don remembers asking his Dad if he could have the car when his Dad did not want it anymore. His Dad said he could have the car. Sadly and solemnly, Don shared his Dad died the next day of a massive heart attack. Looking at Don's collection, he is mainly a Mopar man. He has three Imperials: his Dad's '55 4 door Sedan, a 1939 4 door Imperial, and his 1963 Imperial that won first place at Long Beach State Meet in 1989. He said he bought the Imperial from Ron Reed, a member of the Imperial Club about 13 years earlier. It is a beauty, and still well cared. Don and Freeda joined the Imperial Club shortly afterward, and, have been members ever since.

Spotlight

(continued) Don and Freeda Beachler

The other collector cars that Don has are: a 1950 Plymouth, 1948 Dodge, 1948 New Yorker, 1953 Desoto, 1926 Model T, 1931 Model A, the first Dodge truck the Dodge Brothers ever made in 1914, a 1936 Desoto Airflow, a 1957 Desoto complete with Hemi, a 1927 Dodge, and a 1937 Plymouth. Wow!! A piece of trivia that Don shared was that the Dodge Brothers made Fords between 1904 and 1914. Henry Ford enlisted the Dodge Brothers because they had their own factory to make his cars. When Henry got his own factory, the Dodge Brothers got innovative, and began the history of Dodge cars. In addition to his collector cars, he has a collection of tractors, and a Diamond T truck (aka the Cadillac of trucks). The Diamond T truck that he has, comprises of two Diamond T trucks consolidated into one handsome truck. Because of his love and passion for his cars, Don brings in a mechanic once a year to make sure the engines will start with no problems. After our interview, I made a comment that our club needs to create a tour to see his collection again, and he said we are WELCOMED!



1948 New Yorker—Gorgeous

1st Place trophy won at Queen Mary State Meet in the 1963 Class in 1989

Immaculate '63 Imperial Sedan and 1st Place Winner in several Meets to include Concourse d'Elegance in Sacramento 1988

Beautiful 1950 Plymouth...the year I was born! She started right up!

Dodge Brothers Flagship Automobile in 1914

Don's Running Shoes in High School

Don hit 80 homerun's in 8th grade with this bat!

Referred to as "The Handsomest Truck in America" first built in 1911 by Diamond T Motor Company.

Tribute to

CHARLENE QUINN

Charlene Quinn was a free spirit, yet focused and dedicated to her passions in life. IOANC was one of those passions. When I interviewed her earlier this year, she told me she was very proud of the fact that she made EVERY State-wide Meet. When she traveled she knew she had car friends up and down the state. I wish I could have presented pictures of her for all those years. We have great memories of her dedication to the club.

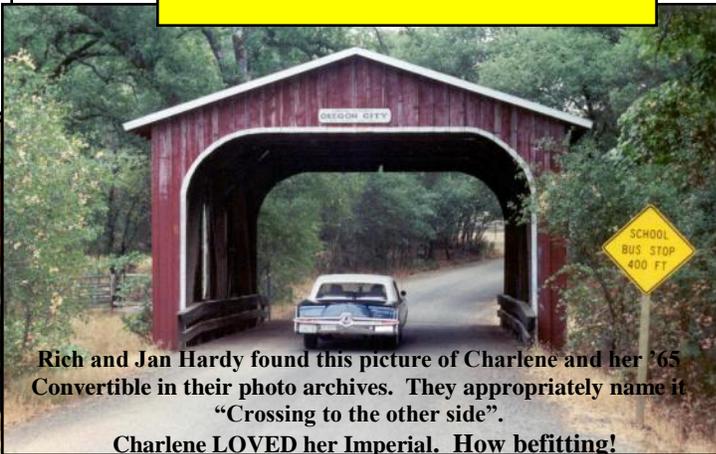
EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF CHARLENE'S LIFE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009
HOME OF TOM QUINN
3437 NOBLESSA WAY
RANCHO CORDOVA, 95670
11:00 TO 2:00PM

Besides her family, Charlene's other passion worth mentioning is her work with glass, and jewelry. Her daughter and granddaughter also have her talent. She loved creating stained glass pieces, and jewelry. I admired the pair of earrings she had donated at our recent Sacramento State Meet. Pauline Yetter won it. How lucky! Charlene is survived by her daughter Janet, and granddaughter, Kaitlyn. Of course, I have to include the tight knit bond of her extended family who are IOANC members: Arlene and Son, Mike Hackney, and D.J. Quinn, the proud owner of '67 Crown that formerly belonged to Charlene's beloved Mom, Bernice.

Read her Spotlight interview on the Member's Profile Page at www.ioanc.com



2007 StateMeet



Rich and Jan Hardy found this picture of Charlene and her '65 Convertible in their photo archives. They appropriately name it "Crossing to the other side".
Charlene LOVED her Imperial. How befitting!

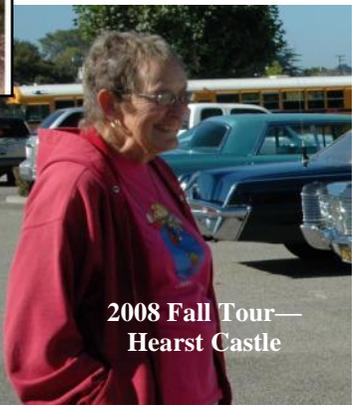


2009 State meet;
Charlene and DJ Quinn



Mopars in the Park 2008

Charlene's 65 Convertible made it to one less Meet then she did and she made them ALL!



2008 Fall Tour—
Hearst Castle



2009 State meet Sacramento
Charlene Quinn, Rich Hardy,
Cam Labhard, DJ Quinn,
Arlene Hackney



Charlene enjoying 2008
Christmas Party

Tribute to



CHARLENE
QUINN



Thoughts from the Members

Andy Harris—Sacramento—Charlene was a die-hard Imperial enthusiast, and a real stalwart of the club”. To her family, we send our deepest sympathies

Lora Harmon—Martinez

Charlene was a lady who made you feel special.
She never had a bad thing to say.
She was FUN in the making.
She never complained.
She was a Friend.
She will be missed very much by me.

Dave Labhard - IOANC Club President—Sacramento—On behalf of the Imperial Club, our sympathy goes out to Charlene’s family and friends during this difficult time. Charlene will be dearly missed.

Marc D. Hampton - SCIOI Club President — Palm Springs—In speaking for the entire Southern California Imperial Club, I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Charlene Quinn’s passing. I always got such a wonderful feeling from her during all the state meets. There was never any sign of sadness or despair coming from her even though she was fighting for her life these last few years. The light and strength she shown, and the joy she gave to all of us members will be sadly missed. I stand with the SCIOI in giving our sympathy to the family and friends and to the IOANC, for the loss of such inspirational and inspiring beautiful person that shared her time with all of us while here on this earth. We have all been touched by her presence in such a positive and loving way.

Larry Foster—Chico—There are so many memories of Charlene. She bought her ‘65 convertible from John Vlach here in Chico. She stopped by my shop several times when she was in the Chico area. She always urged me to get my ‘64 convertible finished so it could be displayed at club meets. I remember one tour, when everyone met for dinner, I had worn black shorts, with a white shirt and a black vest. Charlene had on a black skirt, with a white shirt and a black vest. We sat next to each at dinner. She made the comment, “we looked sort of like a strange set of penguins with what we have on”. There was the time she was having problems with the shift linkage on her ‘65 on a tour. Periodically she would fling herself on the ground at a stop, slide under the car and adjust it again, and still manage to look elegant doing so. At Fremont one year, I videotaped her recounting (for the PBS series ‘World of Collectors Cars) of an incident on the Marysville bridge. She had been to a show in Chico. Returning to Sacramento, she was on the bridge, when a couple of kids appeared in the lane of traffic ahead of her. She swerved and missed them, but the ‘65 hit the steel bridge hard. Expecting the worst, she got out and checked, to find the plating on the bumper bolt was damaged. That was it, nothing else. She proceeded home in the elegant Imp. She always liked visiting the Orient and Flume Art Glass when in Chico. I learned some things about art glass from her. There are many thoughts. I wish her family the best.

D.J. Quinn—Sacramento—Charlene was my sister-in-law, by the fact she married my older brother. She was much more than just that, however. She was a relative by marriage, yes, but she was also a good friend. She was someone I cared about very much, and I will miss her. I called her “Chuck” (for Charlene) when I first moved in with her and my brother when I got out of the service. At first she was upset with the name, but it was done with love and it was my “pet” name for her. She always remained a part of our family and will always be someone who will be greatly missed.

Tribute to



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Thoughts from the Members

Camela Labhard—Sacramento I'll never forget the first time I met Charlene and her mother Bernice. It was at the San Rafael State Meet. April 2005. Charlene was one of the first members to greet Dave and me at the Friday Night Social. She took the time to take us around and introduce us to the members. It was a wonderful event because of Charlene. Charlene would always greet us with a smile and a hug. I will truly miss her and her talents and sense of humor. She was a very special lady

Ole and Peggy Jensen—San Mateo - Charlene will be remembered as one of the club's most devoted, long time Imperial enthusiast. We will miss the warm welcome we always received from Charlene at our club events, as well as her beautiful Imperial convertible.

Nanette Clark and Ken Munson—San Diego—I remember, after Ray passed away, sharing a room with Bernice and Charlene at several Statewide Meets—what a blast! Charlene was one of the most supporting Imperial Club members and friendly to every one—she will be greatly missed.

Dennis Leary—Walnut Grove—Charlene was a worker! She was very friendly, and we always spoke at meets. She was a very important part of the club. She was a wonderful person.

Arlene Hackney—Fair Oaks—My memories of Charlene are so great and vast, where do I begin. . . She was my sister-in-law for more than 45 years, so I could talk about family memories for hours. She leaves a wonderful daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Aaron McKinley and a beautiful granddaughter, Kaitlyn, along with my family.

Imperial Club member, membership VP, President and Historian just scratches the surface of her enthusiasm for our family involvement in the Club dating back to 1981 (I think), starting with her Mom, Bernice, her brother and my late husband, Ted and continuing with Mike and me. Our Club trips and tours are too many to list, but have given the family so many happy and wonderful times to remember.

As an artisan, she worked as a stained glass designer, making new and different designs of jewelry, she was not afraid to try new and different things, including fused glass, stained glass ornaments, lamp shades, and wall and window plaques. Her artistry continued when she prepared floorplans for her home that she shared for a short time with her Mom.

She was a retired State employee, all her career in Information Technology was with the Franchise Tax Board. After retirement she became a world traveler, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Japan, Peru, Russia and those travels gave us all many happy memories!

Charlene was special and I will treasure the many memories we shared and she will be greatly missed.

Lud and Ad Indihar—Milpitas—We are heartbroken receiving the news. What a wonderful person Charlene and her Mother both were and they were so dedicated to the Imperial Club.

IOANC 2009 FALL TOUR, KING'S CANYON AND SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST



Day One - October 2

2009's Fall Tour had it ALL this year. We had a beautiful start on this gorgeous Friday morning. It was already a sunny day. We had the usual Fun, Laughter, Camaraderie, Good Food, Exercise, Awe, Adventure, and Breathtaking views which are captured and presented in photos on the next few pages. Great memories for those who attended, and especially for those unable to join us. This year we had two minor mechanical starting problems with our Imperials, but, both were fixed in a jiffy. The Imperial challenge and topper of our tour, was a misadventure that took the muscle and teamwork of several members to ... well I am getting ahead of myself. All of us enjoyed the great friendships we continue to nurture every event. So, please be comfortable as we share pictorially the grand adventure of visiting Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon. Members Royalle and Bob Schertle, and DJ Quinn joined our motley crew this time around, and their presence added to the fun and frolic enjoyed by all.



Participants L-R : Charlene Quinn, Roger Selby, Camela Labhard, Debbie Lang, Tom Egger, Carol Selby, Deb Compson, Sherrie Egger, Jan Hardy, Pat Trepanier, MaryAnn Toelle, Arlene Hackney, Dave Labhard, Lora Harmon, Mike Hackney, Bob Schertle, Royalle Schertle, John Tennyson, Stuart Ryce, Ken Lang, Bruce Toelle, John Weaver, DJ Quinn, Bob Trepanier. Rich Hardy is taking the picture, but as you can see he made into the group picture with Photo Magic!! Well...as best I could, anyway...



John Tennyson leading the tour



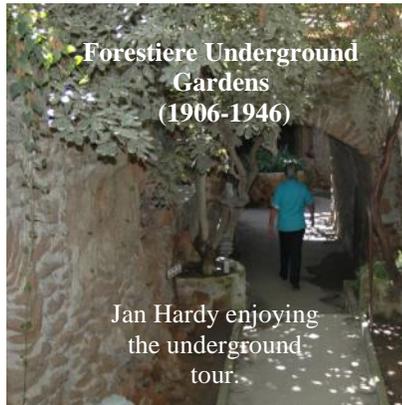
Tom and Sherrie Egger

Day One (continued)

We started our adventure meeting at a rest stop in Turlock. The group from the Sacramento area caravanned together. The only Bay Area participants were Ken and Debbie Lang and Doug Walter. Ken brought up the rear like Ultra Guy, his motto being "Service with a Smile". He drove his truck and trailer once again, and this time with extra fuel, knowing we would be in the Mountains, and with thirsty Imperials, in need of fuel. Doug Walter met us in Fresno. We got a call from Norm, that his eyes were bothering him because of the bright sun blazing over the Altamont. We certainly missed Norm's company, but what a TROOPER he is, ALWAYS!

John Tennyson's provided detailed guides to the great tours he had in store for us. We all proceeded down Highway 99 together, for our first stop, Forestiere Underground Gardens. We then had lunch, and ventured on to the Muix House Tour in Fresno. We spent a lovely late afternoon in the garden of the Muix home, and of course took another group picture. It was finally time to check into our Hotel in Clovis for the evening and dinner together. Clovis is a neat little town full of antique shops, ALWAYS a crowd pleaser. Dinner at a Pizza Restaurant was kept at a low roar. Our first day was a blast!

Our Gang at the Meux Home:
 Top Left to Bottom Right: Mike Hackney, Tom Egger, DJ Quinn, Ken Lang, Bruce Toelle, Bob Trepanier, Dave Labhard, Sherrie Egger, Bob and Royalle Schertle, Doug Walter, Camela Labhard, Susan (Deb Compson's cousin, Arlene Hackney, Stuart Ryce, Lora Harmon, Pat Trepanier, Roger Selby, John Tennyson, Carol Selby, Rich Hardy, Deb Lang, Deb Compson, Maryann Toelle, Jan Hardy.



Forestiere Underground Gardens (1906-1946)

Jan Hardy enjoying the underground tour.



Enjoying the tour. This is one of trees that flourished in the Underground Gardens



Group photo of Orientation at the Underground Gardens



Deb Compson having a great time at the Meux House in Fresno.



Lunchtime!!

DJ Quinn, Doug Walter, Sherrie and Tom Egger, Bob and Pat Trepanier, Lora Harmon and Stuart Ryce



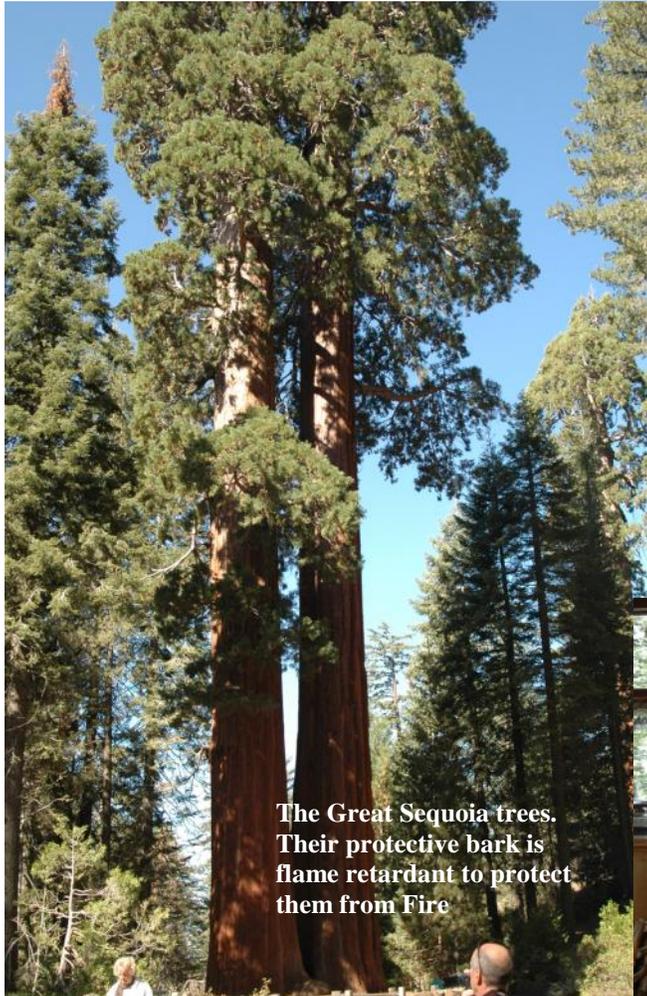
L-R— Roger Selby, Deb Lang, Bruce and Maryann Toelle, Carol Selby enjoying DINNER!!



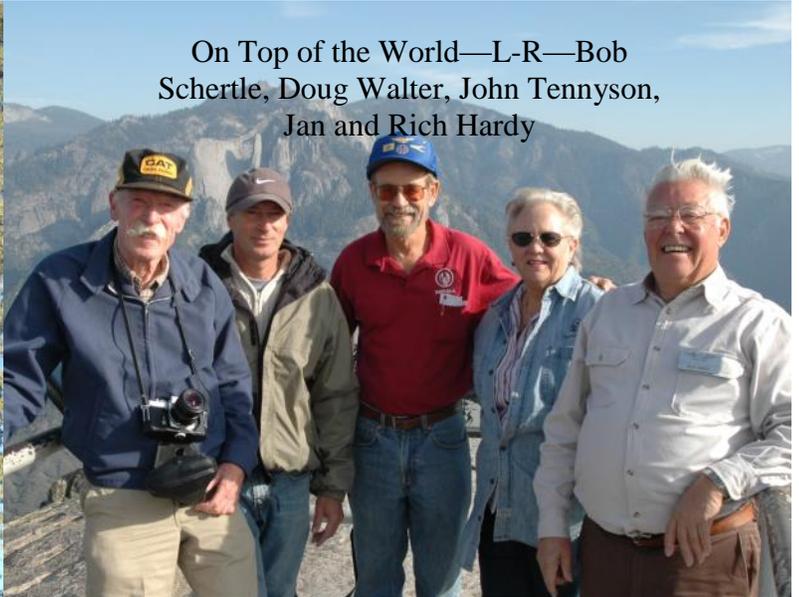
Our Gang

Day Two - Oct 3, 2009

Day 2 of the Fall Tour, everyone was rarin' to go. We all met for a driver's meeting, and everyone received instructions where to meet at Sequoia National Park. Two starter problems occurred with Tom Egger and Stuart Ryce's Imperials, but, they were resolved quickly and efficiently. We were armed with sumptuous lunches, either brought from home or ordered. The pictures you see are of the INCREDIBLY beautiful Sequoia's... literally 1000's of years old some of them.



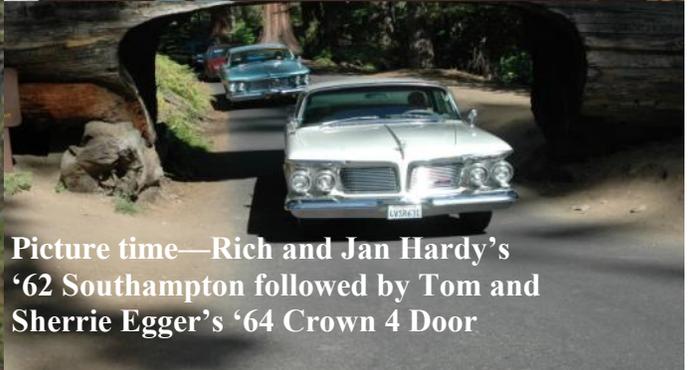
The Great Sequoia trees. Their protective bark is flame retardant to protect them from Fire



On Top of the World—L-R—Bob Schertle, Doug Walter, John Tennyson, Jan and Rich Hardy



Gathering for Dinner at the Lodge... YUMM...

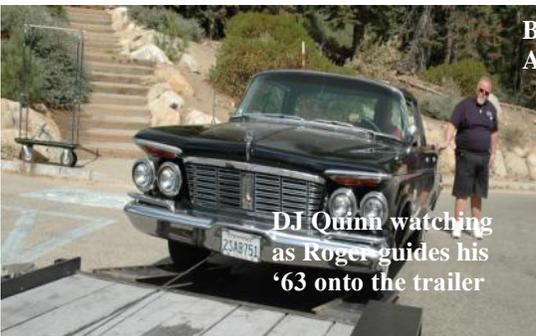


Picture time—Rich and Jan Hardy's '62 Southampton followed by Tom and Sherrie Egger's '64 Crown 4 Door

The Great 'Roger Selby' Adventure

Day 3 - Oct 4

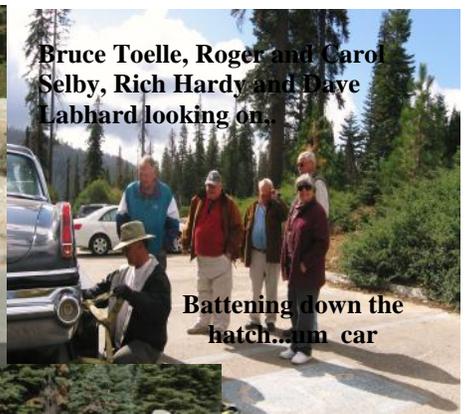
Ken's Dodge RAM 3500, and trailer certainly came in handy on our third day of the tour. The trailer and a remote control wench, was complete with two Imperial Eagles, aptly place on the fender wells. The trailer belongs to another IOANC member who could not join us, Kenyon Wills. Kenyon, you were CERTAINLY present with us the whole trip. Ken was literally a rolling service station! He brought a reserve gas tank with 70 gallons of gas for our thirsty Imperials, tools, extra rope, and an air compressor if anyone who needed rescuing in the Sequoia National Park wilderness. Imperial owners admit to getting about ten miles to the gallon conservatively, okay, some get eleven or twelve,...but with traveling the winding roads climbing to 7000 feet high, accelerating the uphill's and braking the downhill's on roads that lead us through breathtakingly beautiful spots, gas was used unsparingly. During several stops, a few Imperials were a little reluctant to start, but the problems were fixed in a jiffy. Our adventure, fortunately, happened on our last day of the Fall Tour. Roger Selby's beautiful 1963 Crown 4 Door Hardtop, after experiencing hard to start situations twice before, COMPLETELY went dead. The many mechanical minds were hovered around commiserating, when it was diagnosed that it would need to be towed home. If ya gotta break down, it is best to do it around car club members who DON'T MIND coming to the rescue! Pictures say 1000 words. It was TOTAL teamwork to load Roger's car. We drove to Placerville, and got his car home safe.



DJ Quinn watching as Roger guides his '63 onto the trailer



Bruce Toelle Assisting!



Bruce Toelle, Roger and Carol Selby, Rich Hardy and Dave Labhard looking on.

Battening down the hatch...um car



Assessing the Situation... Looking good!

Roger's Imperial baby home safe and sound.



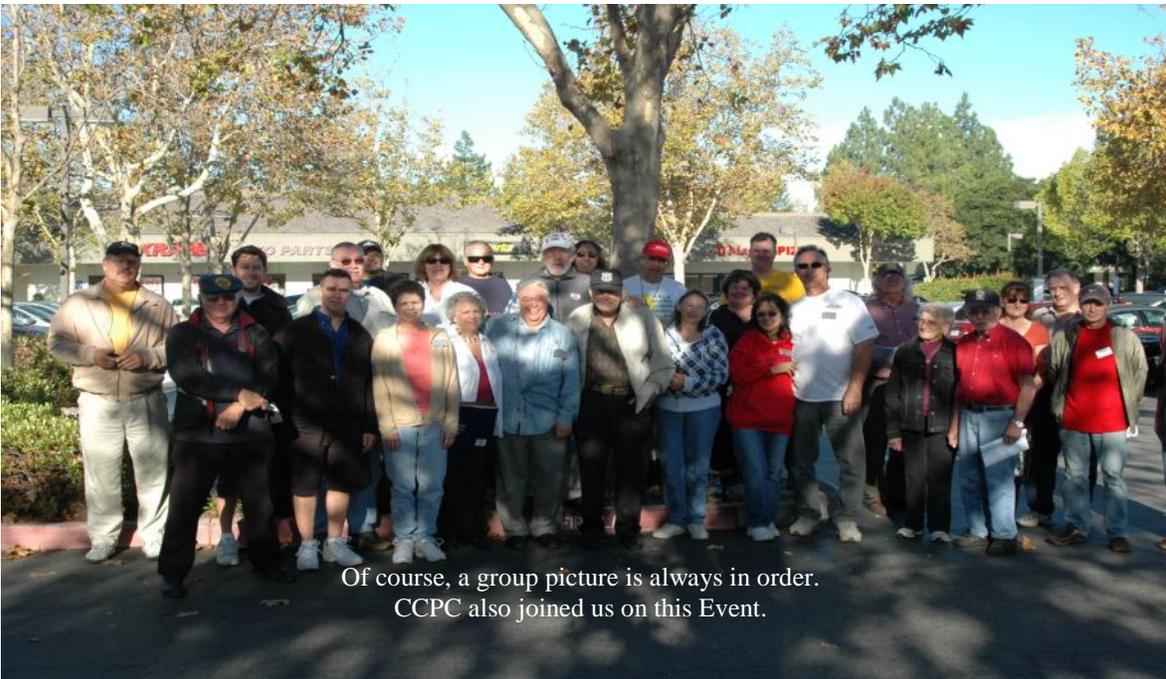
Ken unhooking the wench at Roger's Home



A Tour to Remember "Need for Speed"

October 24 2009 Event Coordinator: Ken Lang

In March of this year, Ken Lang had the very bright idea of asking a favor of a friend he knew when working for Cisco Systems. His friend, Larry Carter, former CFO of Cisco Systems, told Ken that he normally doesn't allow such tours, but, for Ken he would set some time aside. Looking at his calendar, Larry found October 24, 2009 the only day available for him, and Ken began making plans to host the "Need for Speed-A Private Collection" tour. Fast forward to October 24, IOANC members and fellow car enthusiasts from the CCPC met to caravan to our tour event. It was a beautiful morning, just nippy enough to keep my sweatshirt on. Ken prepared coffee, brought juice, and bought donuts for the morning Meet, which is a CCPC tradition. We then headed out, and were treated to some good driving on a winding Old Santa Cruz highway where giant redwood trees flanked both sides. Once at our destination we snaked our way down a smooth, paved driveway and were met by Larry and his wife Juana. We all gathered while Larry made an introduction of what we were all going to see. Behind him stood the first of four 'car barns' since they moved to the property. Inside, waiting to be admired and fawned upon, was his collection of Ferrari's, and various muscle cars that go really fast! When we got to the second car barn, Larry shared that he presented Juana an exact restored replica of Juana's Oldsmobile 442 to celebrate their 35th Anniversary. That was about five years ago. They drove the original car on there wedding day. They are a couple who remain unfettered by their status in life, sharing their private collection unabashedly, but only for certain groups. We remain grateful, and honored that Larry opened up his private car collection to us. He did ask that our pictures be for personal use only. Juana was bright and attentive to the ladies on the tour. One by one, I noticed the number of ladies disappearing as we walked around admiring the collection. As they grew tired, the ladies were retreating to Larry's "Man Cave", where comfortable sofas and chairs awaited to rest weary feet. The testosterone continued to rage, as the guys went to see the third building which housed an on-property fire station. Larry bought his very own fire truck at an auction, and fixed it up. With all of the fires breaking out in both Northern and Southern California, his goal is to protect his property. The last building was Larry's garage and workshop. He is a hands on kind of guy, and he really loves working on his Ferrari engines. The pictures of Larry's collection you see are all eye candy. I could not begin to name them. We had lunch at Café Cruz after this incredible tour excursion, and, then everyone left for home or the beach. What fun!! Participants on this tour were Norm Frey, Kenneth Wilson (CCPC), Dave and Cam Labhard, Doug Walter, Bob and Pat Trepanier, Peter Forse (CCPC), Robert Jensen (CCPC), Rich Barber (CCPC), Lud and Ad Indihar, Larry Foster and Jim Felder, Rich and Jan Hardy, Dave and Karen Burnhardt; Bob and Cathy Severin (CCPC), Theo Martinez, his friends, Denny Taylor and Mike Farber, Kenyon Wills, and Nelson Moore and Carol Hamman. What a day!!



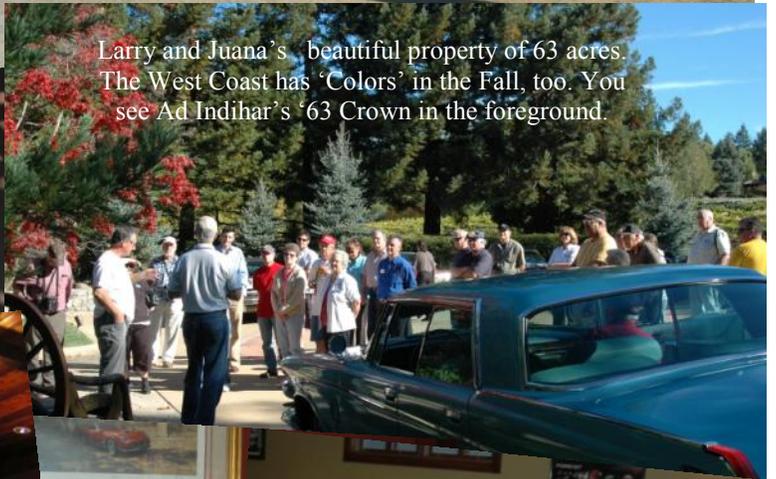
Of course, a group picture is always in order.
CCPC also joined us on this Event.

"Need for Speed" Tour

What a gorgeous day...and it got warmer!
Waiting to drive the Old Santa Cruz Highway



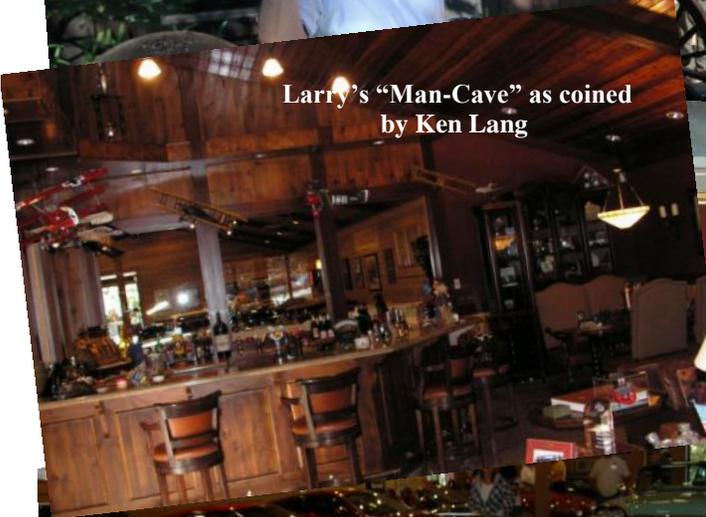
Larry and Juana's beautiful property of 63 acres.
The West Coast has 'Colors' in the Fall, too. You
see Ad Indihar's '63 Crown in the foreground.



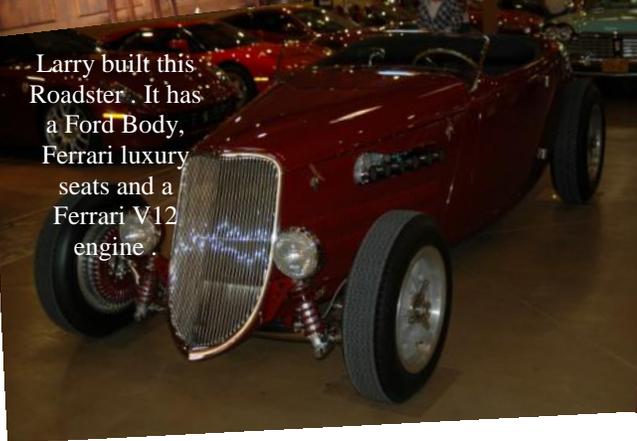
Our gracious Host,
Larry Carter



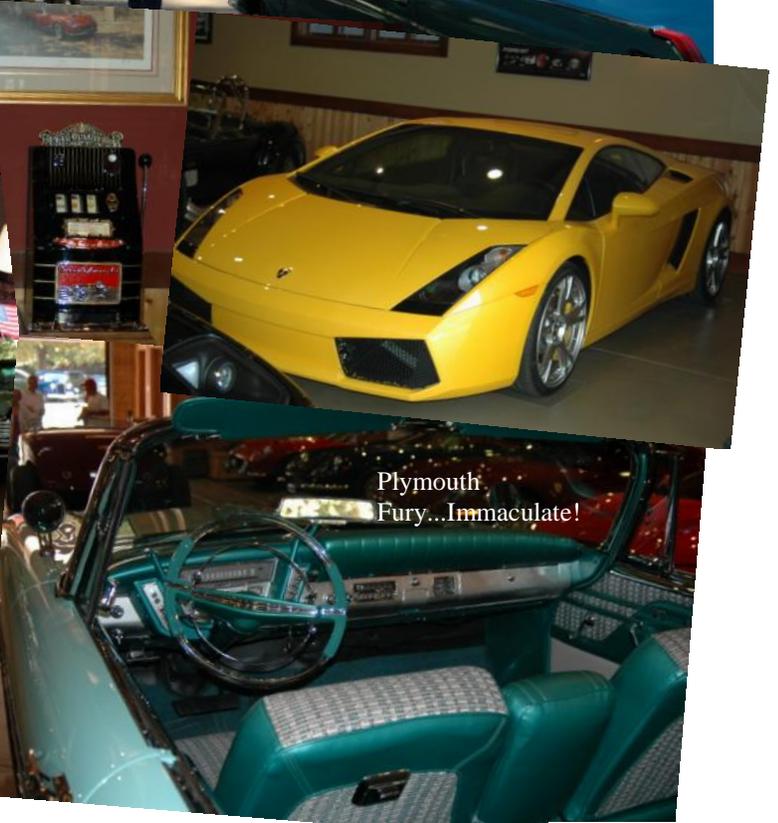
Larry's "Man-Cave" as coined
by Ken Lang



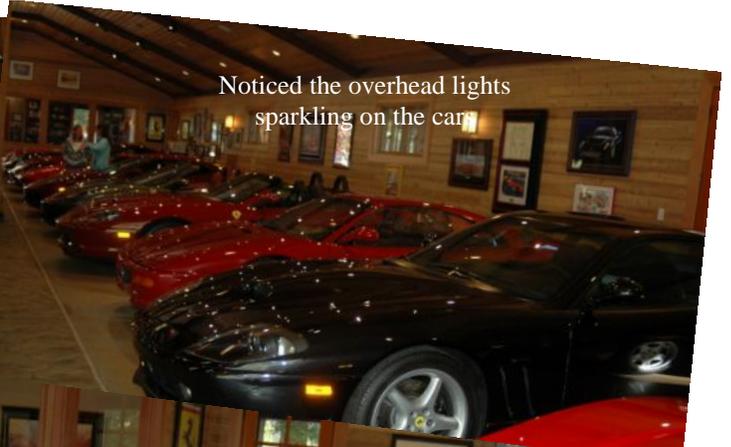
Larry built this
Roadster. It has
a Ford Body,
Ferrari luxury
seats and a
Ferrari V12
engine.



Plymouth
Fury...Immaculate!



More Eye Candy



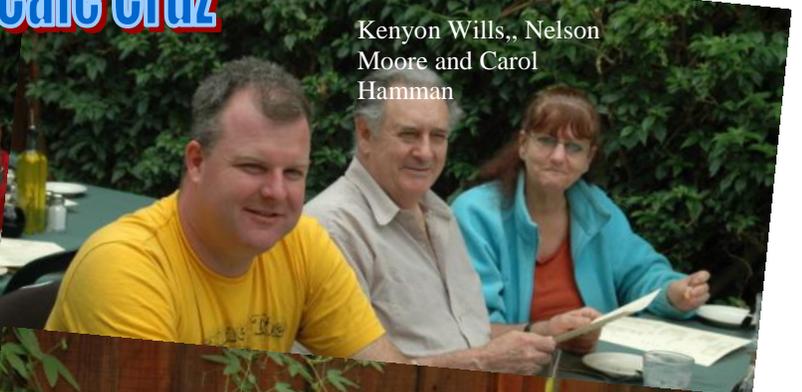
Noticed the overhead lights sparkling on the cars



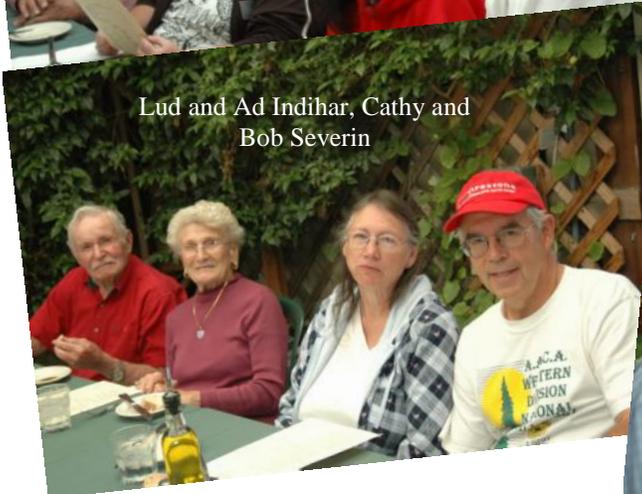
and on to Lunch at Cafe Cruz



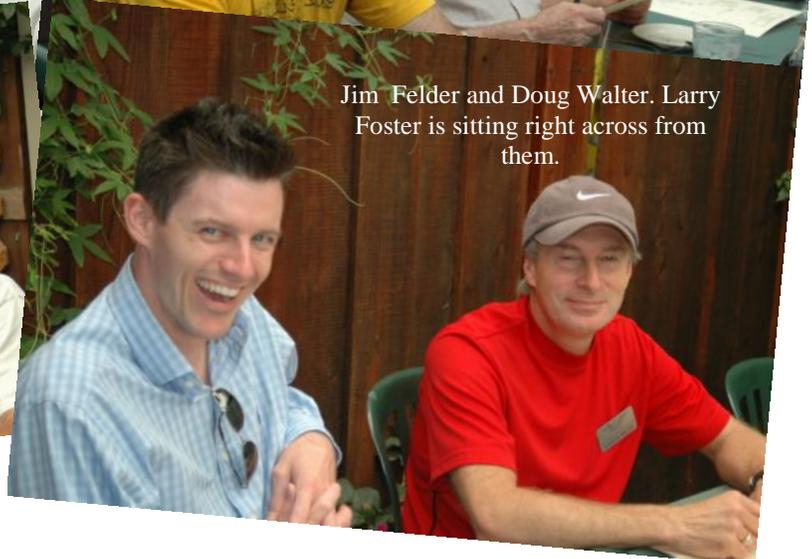
Dave and Karen Burnhardt and Ken and Debbie Lang, Jan Hardy in the background.



Kenyon Wills, Nelson Moore and Carol Hamman



Lud and Ad Indihar, Cathy and Bob Severin



Jim Felder and Doug Walter. Larry Foster is sitting right across from them.

TRUNK TREASURES



IOANC in Younger Years

I was looking through some old picture albums of Imperial Events. I came across this picture that I just had to share. I am asking members, if they can identify this great looking bunch of members. I see Ad and Lud Indihar who are forever young, and a young John Tennyson, Arlene and Bernice Hackney, and of course I think that is Charlene peeking through the crowd. Who else do you know? Also, can you identify the year, and the Event? I would like to label the picture for posterity's sake. Thanks in Advance!



Here is another treasured photo. Is that Nanette Clark? I recognize Bernice Hackney. Please help if you can with the Event (I know it is an Award's banquet. Is this a State wide Meet? Is that the Best in Show trophy? Again, thanks in advance. It is GREAT to see photos from the past.



This is obviously an Imperial Meet at our California's State Capitol in Sacramento. I am just posting for your enjoyment. I do not know the year that this meet was held...do you??

Members Corner

News-worthy Notes



"IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT" - STARRING CLARK GABLE AND CLAUDETTE COLBERT

On October 9, 2009, IOANC Members Bob and Royalle Schertle, along with their friend Mary Lee, met Ken and me in front of the beautiful Paramount Theater in Oakland, Ca. We were there to see the 1934 Classic Movie "It Happened One Night" starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. I truly think it is one of the last San Francisco Bay Area bargains. The price of admission was \$5.00, and for that, we were able to "step back in time". Although security personnel was "at large" to do a cursory search upon entrance, it did not daunt my enthusiasm. Upon entering the theater, the evening ambience of art deco design permeated our surroundings, and cast a totally different feeling from our IOANC Day Event tour of the Paramount in Feb 2009. We were given a single raffle ticket for a later drawing. At 8pm, the lights dimmed, and we were entertained by an artist who brought forth beautiful music from the Paramount's elegant Wurlitzer theater organ which mechanically rose from the depths of the stage area. Royalee, who also plays the organ professionally, had praise for the artist playing for us. After live music, came live vaudeville-like entertainment, complete with a spinning wheel to ferret out winners of those raffle tickets given at admission. We did not win anything from our single raffle tickets, but, the ticket was free and the evening continued to be fun. Finally, the stage cleared and the theater lights dimmed once again. We were treated to a Period Newsreel, a Cartoon, and the Main Feature. The cartoon was starring Betty Boop, of Boop Boop de Doop fame. Wow, the content was kind of risqué for those days, in my humble opinion, but maybe my thoughts of that period were just plain, prim and proper for public view. The writers of those cartoons kept the imagination busy. Although the sound system of the theater is wired for surround sound, the old classic movie had sound only coming from the center speaker giving it a "tinny".

ANNUAL RUN TO LOWELL HOWE'S IN PATTERSON, CA.



Every year for a while now, IOANC member Kenyon Wills, who is also one of the webmasters for the very popular Imperial Online Club, puts on an excursion to visit Lowell Howe. Lowell is owner of a salvage yard for Imperials, and he is located in Patterson, Ca. The attendance for the annual run is based upon the needs of Imperial owners and their availability to attend. This year on October 17, 2009, a handful of IOANC members made it to the event. Participants were David Jolliff, who also brought his son, Ken Lang, Pauline Yetter, Roger Selby, and Kenyon Wills. There were others who also came to roam Lowell's vast Imperial Salvage Paradise, and it is always a great opportunity to tell them about our club. Kenyon always provides a five foot long submarine sandwich for everyone's enjoyment, after they have trekked the property in search of Imperial goodies. With a lot of shop talk, and camaraderie among the participants, it was another successful adventure. Maybe we will see you next year!

(continued)

sound effect. It made the movie's dialogue a bit difficult to understand, at times, but still funny and enjoyable.

For the 'average citizen' back in the Depression Era, the magic of the Paramount theater's beautiful surroundings and valued entertainment was very medicinal during hard economic times. The evening was indeed very memorable, and we enjoyed it with IOANC friends. A nice touch, was that Ken and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary that day, and Bob and Royalee would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, two days later on October 11. CONGRATULATIONS, Bob and Royalee!!!

The Imperial Owners Association of Northern California

2009 Annual Business Meeting & Tour

Historic Benicia, CA
Benicia Old State Capitol Tour
Saturday, November 7, 2009

Schedule & Information Sheet

To Benicia from Bay Area: for those coming from Santa Rosa or Sonoma areas, take Hwy 101 to Hwy 37 to Vallejo, then south on I-80 to Hwy 780 east to Benicia. Those coming from the South or East Bay, take I-680 north past Walnut Creek to the Martinez-Benicia bridge, then west on Hwy 780. From freeway 780, exit 2nd St., left on 2nd down hill to Military East, right to 1st St., left on 1st about 5 blocks to Capitol. Park on 1st or G side street. See Mapquest website for Benicia map below.

8:45 a.m. Sacramento & Valley members meet at Nut Tree shopping mall – site of Old Nut Tree in Vacaville – traveling west on I-80, right after the I-80/505 split take the E. Monte Vista Ave off-ramp, go right to the shopping mall parking lot – find the Imperials in the parking lot. Sacramento caravan leaves Nut Tree mall at 9:05 a.m. on I-80 west, then I-680 south to 780 for Benicia. From freeway 780, exit 2nd St., left on 2nd down hill to Military East, right to 1st St., left on 1st about 5 blocks to Capitol. Park on 1st or G side street. See Mapquest website for Benicia map below.

10 a.m. Everyone Meets at Old State Capitol, 115 W. G St., @ 1st St., Benicia.
10:15 a.m. Tour of Old State Capitol begins

11 a.m.–12:20 Browse Shops/ Buildings on 1st St. in Historic area – maps to be provided.

12:30-2 p.m. Lunch & Business Meeting – Union Hotel Restaurant, 401 1st St., 3 blks. south of Capitol. **See attached page for menu - pay individually**

2:10 p.m. Caravan to Camel Barn Museum, 2060 Camel Road, East Benicia – about 2-3 miles from downtown area.

2:30–3:30pm Visit Camel Barn Museum & military exhibits - \$5 per person
Plenty of parking – maps and information to be provided

3:30 p.m. Say Good-byes and leave to Return Home

For a Map of Benicia, go to Mapquest at: www.mapquest.com/maps?addressInput=115+W.G.+St.%2C+Benicia%2C+CA+

November 7, 2009 IOANC ABM Tour Registration Form

NAME _____ # in Party _____

Tour Fee – \$2 per car = _____ **Make checks payable to IOANC & send**
Benicia Capitol Tour - \$3 x # people = _____ **to: John Tennyson**
Total submitted ----- \$ _____ **1511 El Nido Way**
Sacramento, CA 95864

persons _____ Lunch: pay individually at the table – indicate entrée choice by # _____

persons _____ Camel Barn Tour – pay at the door



IOANC
Annual Christmas Gathering
2009



FIRST – Why the change in the weekend of the event (from the first weekend of December to the second weekend)? The “new” Sacramento Valley National Veterans Cemetery is located in Dixon, and last year the Hardy’s participated in the “Wreaths Across America” - and then returned to take some photos of the headstones with the wreaths in place.

After speaking with several members of IOANC during some of the yearly events, many indicated an interest in participating this year. So, if you are interested in joining the event and placing a wreath on a headstone, the ceremony starts at 9:00 A.M. and everybody is welcome to participate. If you wish to join us and for complete information contact Jan at one of the following:

Email: janhardy720@sbcglobal.net Subject: IOANC wreaths
Phone: 707-678-5904
Or, snail mail: 720 Sierra Drive, Dixon CA 95620-2736

DATE: Saturday, December 12, 2009
TIME: 1:00 P.M. – Whenever
MENU: Soup and Salad Sampler Buffet
LOCATION: 720 Sierra Drive, Dixon CA
COST: \$12.50 per Person

Following the Wreaths Across America ceremony, for those who attended, you are invited to come to the house where there will be hot drinks and various breads served.

Fill out the information below, tear off, and mail with your check to Jan at the above address.

Cut Here



Name: _____

Number in party _____ at \$12.50 per person = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Jan Hardy and mail by November 27, 2009 to:
720 Sierra Drive, Dixon CA 95620-2736



Wreaths Across America and IOANC Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2009
Time: 9:00 A.M.—Wreaths Across America Ceremony (Arrive by 8:30 A.M.)
1:00 P.M.—IOANC Christmas Party

Directions:

For SVNCSC Cemetery—From I-80 heading west (Sacramento direction—take Midway Road to the right and cross over the freeway; From I-80 heading east (SF direction) take Midway Road off to the right and follow the traffic from I-5—Hwy 12 (Rio Vista direction) take Hwy 12 and Hwy 113 north toward Dixon turning left on Midway Road and continue to the cemetery.

For those interested in joining the early morning ceremony to honor our military personnel plan to arrive early as there were many, many persons who attended last year and there have been many more relocated there during the year. The improvements to the cemetery have been immense and the location is beautiful (but, it is located in an open area and last year was very cold so dress for a cold winter day). If interested in donating toward purchasing wreaths please call Jan (707-678-5904 or visit the website at www.svncsc.org—with the following information—the sponsoring group #CASVC001 and cemetery designation Sacramento Valley national Cemetery.)

Following the ceremony you are invited to the Hardy home for a hot drink and breakfast breads, kicking tires, discussing the events of the year, or whatever. Hope to see you there.

Leaving the cemetery to the Hardy's home: Turn left and return to I-80 and head east to West A Street/Dixon Avenue to the right to N Almond Street (3rd intersection—stop sign at Pitt School Rd., stop sign at Lincoln St. no stop sign at Almond) and turn left to 720 Sierra Drive (the 7th street on the right) Turn right from the cemetery-continue on Midway for approximate 2 miles and veer left where it turns into Porter Road, continue on until the stoplight, turn left onto West A Street to N. Almond and turn right to 720 Sierra Drive (the 7th street on the right).

Not attending the Wreaths Across America. For those coming from SF area. Follow the direction from Midway Road to 720 Sierra Dr. Those coming from the Sacramento area take exit 66A—Hwy 113 south/Dixon Avenue to the “Y” in front of Goodwill/Hometown Market. Stay right on N Adams, turn right at the stop sign West H Street to the first stop sign—N Almond, turn left for 2 blocks, turn left to 720 Sierra—the first house on the left.

2009 IOANC TOUR CALENDAR

JOHN TENNYSON, IOANC TOUR DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR

NOVEMBER 7

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND TOUR-
HISTORIC BENICIA, CA
FIRST STATE CAPITAL
(SEE PAGE 18)

DECEMBER 12

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY— RICH AND JAN HARDY'S
DIXON, CA. PRECEDING EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT-
TEND "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA", A TRIBUTE TO OUR
FALLEN MILITARY PERSONNEL. (SEE PAGES 19 AND 20)

[RESERVE THESE DATES NOW](#)

Editor's Note: Once again, I have enjoyed putting together our Imperial Material for your enjoyment. I do reiterate it is also because of your contributions that I can make the Newsletter interesting. For those who live far away, please consider a write up on your beloved Imperial, and send pictures. I will feature you in upcoming issues. If you do not like to write, I just need photos and a conversation with you, and I will write your story. It is a very nice way for local members who gather often to get to know you.

I want to extend my thanks to Rich and Jan Hardy, Dave and Cam Labhard, Maryann Toelle, and John Tennyson for all the photographs that were taken at the events they attended. I wish I could use them all, but space is at a premium with the Newsletter. Ken used to post photos on our server for your viewing pleasure, but, with our new Internet service, that service was taken away. He has discovered an Internet company that allows the uploading of photos such as ours. You will soon get to see the photos, again, after each event via Photobucket.

We are bringing the 2010 Calendars to the ABM, but for those who would like a calendar and are far away, please write or call me and let me know. The calendars are \$15.00 plus \$2.25 shipping.

The holidays are here. Please be safe...eat hearty...sleep well!

Warmest regards,
Deb Lang, VP-Newsletter



2010



New Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Membership Application

Renewal

Members of the IOANC are entitled to six issues of the club newsletter *Imperial Material* annually, invitations to club events, tours, and shows, an annual membership roster, participation in the Annual Business Meeting, advertising privileges in the newsletter, and one vote at the Annual Business Meeting and Elections.

Please list all individuals:

First Name Last Name

First Name Last Name

Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone Cell Phone

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In lieu of a postal mailed copy, please send my newsletter to my e-mail address listed above.

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Use same information shown in last years' roster

Membership is \$30 for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, 2009. Full year memberships are due by February 1 for inclusion in the annual roster. For new members only, who join the IOANC after June 30th, dues are one-half the annual rate. Checks payable to the IOANC, along with this completed form, are to be sent to:

IOANC, P.O. Box 14626, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

REMINDERS

- 2009 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) & Tour, Saturday November 7, 2009. Registration form and more detailed information now on Page 18 of this newsletter.
- Annual Christmas Party is December 12. Please send registration form to Rich and Jan Hardy. Cost is \$12.50. Preceding, will be a "Wreaths Across America" to honor our Military Personnel. Details on Page 20.
- Cars &/or parts for sale are printed in the club newsletter at no cost to members. If you have an ad you want listed, please email Dave Labhard at dlabhard@surewest.net or the club mailbox.
- If you would like to change the format in which you receive the *Imperial Material* from printed to electronically, or vice versa, please email Debbie Lang at deb@4thelangs.com.
Emailed newsletters are in full color; mailed copies are in black and white.
- Please contact John Tennyson if you would like to host a tour for 2010.
- If you know of anyone who would like to join IOANC or Renew, the Membership form is on Page 22 of this newsletter, and also on our website www.ioanc.com
- Thanks to Ken Lang for assisting me with the Newsletter proofing and detail verification. Thanks to Rich & Jan Hardy for Picture and Attendance Assist. Thanks to a host of you who bring your cameras to events so photos can be shared.

IMPERIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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