

# JUGGERS RACING TEAM

## November 2021 NEWSLETTER



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### Juggers Meeting Minutes from 10/28/21

The monthly in person & Zoom Meeting of the Juggers was called to order by President Gary Ryan at 7:08 PM, from Round Table Pizza in San Mateo. A moment of silence was held to remember Juggers who have passed & those unable to attend.

Attendance: There were 26 attendees in person at the meeting and 5 via Zoom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported a Treasury Balance of \$5970.15 with a lot of outstanding checks that have yet to be cashed. The November meeting will deplete it further as it is Free Pizza Night.

**Safety Committee:** No report.

**Web Site Committee:** A new volunteer is needed to head the Web Site Committee as John L has expressed his intention to retire from the post but will assist in getting the new person up to speed.

**High School Committee:** Larry Grimes reported that the High School Program is really picking up. They have been averaging 8-10 kids per week. Asking the kids to bring their friends is working. There is even a kid who is the first entrant into the High School Motorcycle Class. Larry is out of shoe polish and needing more. He will research and get back with precisely what he needs. It was suggested he investigate window chalk from a party store.

**Picnic Committee:** 87 confirmed picnic RSVP's. Tables will be marked with what goes where. Easy ups are needed. Tommy Finale donated a drag mini bike that was painted by Mikey Talcott to the raffle. The car show area is solid and ready for the cars. Dash plaques will be given to all cars entered in the car show.

**Club Wear Committee:** Raina Michel and Betty Phillips have taken over responsibility for the Club Wear as of September 2021. If you wish to purchase club wear, reach out to Raina at 650-207-1178. In the upcoming months they will be implementing the new program. You can also email her at [rainamichel77@gmail.com](mailto:rainamichel77@gmail.com) with any items you wish to purchase.

**Old Business:** Sandy Mendia reported that the white shirts and supporter shirts that are on order are hung up on a container waiting to get to port

Steve O'Brien brought up Pierre's previous idea to have some type of award in the memory of Harold Hungerford. Betty suggested it should be something that Harold was known for. We spoke about the characteristics that Harold embodied, which was old fashioned grit, perseverance, a positive attitude, a great sense of humor and more. It was decided to yet again table the discussion until next month to come up with an award appropriate with his legacy. Pierre suggested a footnote on the upcoming new plaque to recognize Harold as the key person responsible for the re-formation of the modern day Juggers.

**New Business:** It was discussed the responsibility of updating the upcoming marble plaque in Bakersfield. The suggestion was made that the President would be responsible for picking up the plaque at the Hot Rod Reunion and having it reinstalled at the March Meet annually. Discussion ensued as to the order of the names as well as how to denote the original Juggers. No determinations were made.

John Galli asked about attendees at ANRA. Wayne and Betty Phillips indicated they would be there and happy to help.

**Race Report:** Cisco shared that it was the first time he felt he could get competitive in his car at Eagle Field. His best time in the Semi's was 6.31. With each run the car got faster and faster. Dianna reported that the Juggers went to the final in NE2 at the Hot Rod Reunion at Bakersfield. Congratulations Terry Linblad. Boyd Schauer had a rough patch at the Hot Rod Reunion, with a bolt issue. Unfortunately, in his match up vs. Weasel, both Juggers broke out (but Boyd won). Gary Ryan went out in the first round, losing by only 2/10<sup>th</sup> of a second. Gary expressed appreciation for his crew.

Wheel Spin: Winner John Galli \$25.00 Gift Card – he looks forward to using for more Juggers Club Wear

50/50: Winner was Roy Liautaud. He chose to donate his \$68 winnings back to the high school program, so the High Schoolers benefitted a total of \$136. Thanks, Roy!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

*Respectfully submitted:*

**Kari Hensel** for John Lewis

Secretary

**NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 7PM**

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS ARE HELD ON  
THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF THE MONTH

**Round Table Pizza 61 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. San Mateo, CA 94403**

**Please adhere to San Mateo County Health regulations.**

**Unable to attend? We will also host the meeting on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. If you are unable to join us, give the Zoom option a try. Use the same link as past meetings.**

Topic: Juggers Monthly Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048019925?pwd=bW56cFVvNGJjemFINmM1SU1jdDhxZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 4801 9925

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## SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN LEASURE

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 2:30PM sharp  
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road in Dixon, Ca.

The Celebration of Life will be at the Center for Freedom & Flight at the Nut Tree Airport starting at about 3:15 at the museum at 300 County Airport Road, Suite C4 in Vacaville, Ca.

Remember that military funerals start ON TIME! So don't be late. Please help celebrate John. Don't forget to wear your Juggers Colors If you can't make it to Dixon, you are welcome to attend the Museum. If you have any questions, contact Kathy at 650-455-1723.

# 2021 Juggers Picnic

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021





## *Picnic Highlights*

It was a glorious day at Flood Park. Good Friends, great food and hot cars.

Thank you, Matt Lowenstein for your magic behind the grill, and Steve O for making it all happen. The car show was robust and featured some real beauties.

Tommy Finale generously donated the drag bike seen in the photos and the winner in the drawing was none other than El Prez Gary Ryan.

Dawn Kucker won the costume contest with her cheeky costume, "One Night Stand".

Dave McDonald and Family made the long trip up from SoCal, as did Ken Finney. It was great to gather and celebrate all things Jugger.

### JUGGER OF THE YEAR 2021

## **RAINA MICHEL**

Congratulations, Raina! Your extensive contributions throughout 2021 are greatly appreciated. Raina shares this honor with her Dad, Wayn, who was the 2013 Jugger of the Year.



## *Race Report - by Dianna Munro*

October means California Hot Rod Reunion in Bakersfield. Champ found out we were going to be there to celebrate the Pod leader's (Jeff Brochheuser's) birthday and he didn't want to miss out. We all made plans to meet there on Wednesday morning. This is where we should have known things were not going to go as planned. I should have had a discussion with "Murphy" and told him to take his "laws" and stay home.

It all started with Champs motorhome acting up and didn't have any power. No power = no way to pull the trailer all the way to Bakersfield. He decides to tow down with this new cool truck. He has a hotel close, but we usually like to stay at the track just in case there are last minute schedule changes. Then Steve O got a call and needed to go to an appointment that couldn't be rescheduled, he would be only a day late so that was not too terrible. We left early, early on Wednesday morning about 5 am, hoping to skip most of the morning commute traffic. Everything was going along smoothly until people started honking and waving at us. They were pointing to the driver's side of the trailer and yelling we were dragging a cable.... Dragging a cable??? There are not very many things that could be dragging on that side. We pull off the highway and it is the outside shower that has come open and the shower nozzle is swinging all over the place. Super lucky it did not hit anyone or rip off.

Made it all the way to Bakersfield without any other deviations from our plans. Picked up our tickets and started to go to back to the spot we had for March Meet. Hang on wait, we are about to be escorted to a spot???? They took us down the return road and past the Chrysler boys, who told us they had room for us, I told Marlin thanks but we were going back to one of our spots. Next thing I know we are being lead down a row, which is where I told them we did not want to be. It was the row where all the NE II cars were parked. That stuff might look good on paper but when the call comes and everyone starts to pull out, it is a cluster f#ck and causes more of a traffic jam. I tried to tell the parking Nazi again that we did not want to be here and there was not enough room for my entire team. He started to spout off that there was plenty of room for the car and 1 trailer and everyone else would have to go somewhere else. Exactly what we didn't want, and I told him I wanted to park somewhere else. He said there was one other spot, but he had to escort me, no parking by myself. He started to lead us even farther away from where we wanted to be so I told him I didn't want to park where he was taking me, and I would park with the rest of my friends... He shouted again that I needed an escort. Let me just say that the only thing that kept me quiet was that I didn't want to get escorted off the lot before the event even started. I said fine escort me to my friends, way back there where we started this misadventure. Look out Marlin here we come.... as we come back around Marlin laughs at us and tells me, next time just park where I tell you. I should know better; I should have just listened to the professor... We got all set up in the back, back, back.... As you can see below, there was plenty of room for people to spread out without being jam packed.

We got all set up, saved everyone spots and then the FLIES came. Not just a few flies, I was inside the trailer and saw over 50 flies on my screen door. Where my eyes deceiving me? I went outside and there were HUNDREDS of flies on the outside of the trailer. Oh boy, first time I have ever seen this many flies in my life.... Even after we sprayed fly spray they were everywhere. We had to sweep the flies off the door so that they didn't all rush in when the door opened. I had swatted so many flies, there were piles of dead bodies that I was sucking up with my little dust buster.... it only took about an hour for another pile accumulated. I got out my dustbuster to suck away the pile. I couldn't believe there were flies in the dustbuster flying around trying to get out.... I guess the flies were only stunned when I had sucked them up and now they were trying to escape.



A lot of cars eventually showed up, but it was not jam packed. I think March Meet had more cars. We strolled through the swap meet but didn't find anything that we had to have. Dakota took her first ride on the back of the purple golf cart. She LOVED it!

Juggers were sprinkled all over the place. Weasel was there, he entered B Gas but was doing his best impression of an A Gas car.... I think his quick time for the weekend was an 8.2. Jerry Buckley made the long haul. Champ was down there trying to help get his Crazy Train closer to that 7.0 number. We all laid down good qualifying runs, some were better than others. We were on the bottom of the ladder, # 19 with an 8.65. Terry was #17 with an 8.64 and Pod leader was high qualifier at #12 with a 8.62. Fast forward to race day. There were 29 cars in our class and 22 of them ran an 8.6 something. The competition was fierce, and everyone came wanting to bring home a Wally. Here is Champ in the middle of the Loud and Proud race team, Big Bad Terry Lindblad and the Pod Leader. We were lining up for first round.



We didn't get past the first round. The #1 in points went out in the early round. Terry and Jeff continued to go rounds and met in the Semi Finals. No matter what there was going to be a Juggler in the Finals at the California Hot Rod Reunion.

It was a great match up, as always, Terry turned on the win light.... Now it was going to get interesting, Finals were Sam Tucker, #2 in points, and Terry was #3 in points. By my calculations, whoever won the race would win the Championship.... Come on Terry! We all donned the freshly cleaned and pressed Loud and Proud race shirts to show our support. All of us on the line. They said we looked like a swarm of bees as seen in the picture from NHRA.com. It was a heck of a race but Sam Tucker turned on the win light....



We went back to the FLY fest and decided we were going to enjoy some adult beverages before we had to get up early to depart on our separate journeys home.

We are awake at 4:30 am by the Chrysler Boys and Paul packing and getting ready for the long drive back to the Chico area. We decide it would be better to take off too since the atmospheric river was supposed to be getting to Bakersfield pretty soon. It was a wee bit earlier in the morning than we wanted to get up, but we agreed that it was just a quick hop to the rest area where we could take a little rest and then finish the journey.

This is where Murphy really sticks his nose into my plans. We leave the track, we are sleepy, head down the freeway to the rest area. Hop in the trailer, we are gonna have a nap! Me in the front bed, Greg in the back bunk with the dog. I am ready for some ZZZs. It starts to rain, and I think to myself this will help drown out the traffic noise, we are going to sleep GOOD! I lay down. It sounds like dripping. I think, hmm, it is pretty loud or that must be some big drops pounding the trailer. I close my eyes. I continue to hear dripping; it sounds like it is right over my head.... Then it sounds like someone dumped a bucket of water right over my head... I get up, quietly because I can hear Greg already snoring, I feel in the cabinets over my head and the pantry next to the bed. Everything is dry, I can't believe it because it really sounded like water poured in right over my head. I lay back down, I continue to hear the dripping, it is pretty loud and fast.... A couple minutes go by I am almost asleep then I feel a drip on my head. Then more drips, now water is streaming down the outside of the pantry right onto the mattress. Holy SHIT my new trailer has a leak. This was the first real rainstorm that we had since I had the trailer in March. The water starts to pour through the light over the bed.... I am freaking out!!!! I don't wake up Greg because there isn't much we can do about it 20 minutes from Bakersfield, plus I needed him to rest so that he could drive me home through the nasty weather that is supposed to go on all the way home. I sit in the bedroom watching it rain inside my trailer for about an hour then I gently wake him up to say it is time to go.... As I told him what had happened for the last hour while he was sleeping, I started to cry. My trailer was leaking, and I was tired. I got myself together and just told him to take me home so that I could get this fixed as soon as possible. I opened the trailer door, stepped out, and slipped on the non skid.... Yes, the non skid, it was not very non skid, however, it was POURING rain. I came down on my elbow, my a\$\$, and slapped the backs of my knees on the lower steps. It was not graceful, I couldn't laugh it off. I just started to cry some more.... I checked for broken bones, nothing broken but I could feel my elbow getting bloody under my long sleeve shirt...Not real bad but bad enough to stick to my shirt. Hubby picked me up, kissed me, guided me to the truck and collected all of the things I tossed in the air as I was slipping on the steps. Now I just want to get home so I can take care of the bruises that are starting to form. I have about 5 hours to go since it will take longer due to the crappy weather. We get onto the highway, we look back, no lights are working on the trailer?!? What the??? We were lit up when we left the track, we were lit up when we stopped at the rest area, I am now leaving the rest area with no lights. Come on Murphy, take you and your laws and leave me alone!

We pull off a couple miles up the freeway at the next truck stop hoping to have a decent place to park in the down pour while Greg tries to troubleshoot the trailer lights. He unplugs and then replugs the lights in, I see the lights flash, he says he thinks it might be the plug. He unplugs it again; he looks at the connector end and there are pieces askew. He flips over the plug it comes out of the case in pieces. The trailer plug has essentially exploded and fell apart onto the ground. Are you kidding???? Of course the truck stop does not have RV trailer plugs. I begin to

search for auto parts stores in the area. I had to call a couple because of course our 7 pin, blade type, is not carried everywhere. It has taken almost an hour to find a place, fairly close, that had it in stock. We drove, very carefully, with no lights or trailer brakes to the auto parts store. It is located in a tight parking lot on a corner shared with a busy gas station. All of the signs said Do Not Block Driveways, so we parked in the middle of the entire lot so it gave people plenty of room to drive around us. Got the plug and guess what, it did not come with a diagram of the wire colors just the functions. Since the other plug had fallen off into pieces, we couldn't try to use it as a guide. It is now torrentially raining and I am trying to help decipher the color chart I found on the trailer plugs web site. I am trying to dry Greg's glasses so he can see the little letters on the trailer plug so we can put the right color on the right post.... The trailer plug is finally on, and the mattress is doing a great job of soaking up all of the water that is pouring into the trailer.... It was a nightmare, once the wires were all connected, Greg tried to pull the sleeve down, it slipped and half of the wires disconnected. It took much longer than it should have but it was freezing cold, pouring rain, and he had his wife helping him. All things that make things take way longer than they should.

I am getting stiff and super sore, I have had a chance to look at my injuries and I already have black bruises on my back/a\$\$, and the backs of my knees. My elbow is swelled up and looks like a bloody golf ball is stuck to it. I am a wreck. I just want to be home. We continue on the way, I was about 2 hours down the road when we started to get honks and points again, they were saying a cable was dragging, AGAIN.... we pull off the freeway, it is the outdoor shower again. The lock keeps coming unlocked? I have had it, I just want to be home. We finally got home after a total of 10 hours in the pouring rain. Murphy and your laws, get the HELL out of here, I have had enough of you!!!!

The trailer is in the repair shop getting the roof leak and any other damage repaired. New mattress on order. Thank goodness it is still under warranty....

This race report brought to you by Murphy and his Law: If it can go wrong, it will go wrong. Granted things could have been worse but when the rain is pouring on your bruised body hours away from home it is bad enough.

## JUGGERS PICNIC

Juggers from all over gathered in Flood Park for the much-anticipated annual picnic! There was a lot of food, a car show, a costume contest, horseshoe tournament, raffle, and then trophies. I thought I brought enough deviled eggs for Keith and everyone else, but I heard they went fast. I was in charge of horseshoes this year, so I was busy recruiting players. After I finally got 8 teams that was enough for a full ladder, and we were playing!!! It was a pretty cutthroat tournament. The finals were Greg and Rob against Jeff Peterson, and Matt. Jeff and Matt came out victorious. Yep, that is the same Jeff Peterson that won the car show. I think his dad might have been watching down on him.



Here are some of the contestants for the costume contest. Kari, is a beautiful Juggers inspired Lemon Drop, FKN Michelle is a puss, I mean Kitty, I am Super Nanny, and the winner was Dawn.... At first I just thought she was a teleworker until I got corrected, she is a One Night Stand! You go GIRL!



Jugger of the Year was Raina, with Mom, Betty getting Crew of the year, and Dad Wayn got Driver of the year. Way to keep it in the family!!!! The winner of the drag mini bike was.... CHAMP! He might have to fight his wife to ride it though.



*-Dianna Munro*

**IMPORTANT DATES & RACING / CAR SHOW CALENDARS LINKS – 2021**

Juggers 2021 Meeting Dates			
January 28th	April 22nd	July 22nd	September 23rd
February 25th	May 27th	August 26th	November 18th
March 25th	June 24th	October 28th	December 16th

\*meetings are the 4th Thursday, except Nov. and Dec., when they are the 3rd week instead. Meetings are held in person at Round Table and also on Zoom.

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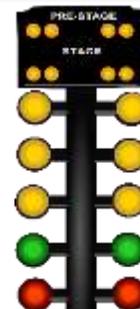
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