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1st Annual E.V.O.O.A. at Forza Coffee - Parkland, WA

by John Bujosa, President/Founder



On November of 2009, four Lakewood, WA police officers were gunned down at the Parkland, WA Forza Coffee shop. This tragic event was followed by other police related shootings throughout the U.S. Mike Jakubec and I discussed the idea of having a more formal E.V.O.O.A. sponsored and hosted event at Forza-Parkland to honor these four officers, as well as other fallen officers. At first we discussed it as a small group gathering but knowing it could be something big....and it was! Over 50 vehicles were in attendance at our May 14 event, to include vintage and current emergency vehicles. Hundreds of spectators dropped by to look at the vehicles, get a better understanding of our event and association, support public safety, and support Forza with their coffee purchases. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Jakubec, Pat Dooley, Paul Venditti, Phil Ryan, and several others, this event was a huge success! Donations were collected for the Behind The Badge organization totaling over \$600. George March donated a percentage of his sales to our association. King 5 TV news covered the event and one of our special guests, David Rose from Washington's Most Wanted was in attendance and also covered the event. Enjoy the photos from this event and plan on attending next year. Event will be held around Police Week 2012. Dates to be announced on our website at www.evooa.org.

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The President's Corner

by John Bujosa, President/Founder (John.Bujosa@evooa.org)

In early 1996, while waiting at the city shop as they chased down an electrical problem with my city vehicle, I read a letter to the editor in a Fire journal that resonated with me in many ways. He owned a fire truck, an old police car, and an unrestored ambulance and belonged to three different special interest clubs. Similar to me, he did not feel that any one of the clubs satisfied his entire hobby interests. Although my fire and ambulance needs were not being met by those clubs, my interest in restored and vintage police vehicles were being well met by the club I belonged to. I quickly began doing some research on all the clubs and associations out there and found no emergency vehicle related club that allowed and supported ownership of any type of emergency vehicles. The rest is history and here we are as members of the Emergency Vehicle Owners and Operators Association. Some would think then that I would go about recruiting members from the three clubs I belonged to in order to build up my new organization. That is not what I am about nor is that a long term strategy towards building a community of loyal hobbyist. The hobby, as young as it was, was already starting to fracture a bit so I discussed my interest and intent with the three clubs. Two frowned on the idea and took it as an immediate threat to their membership while one, the Police Car Owners of America saw it as an opportunity for the hobby to continue to grow and increase the camaraderie in the hobby. So with Jim Post's blessing and a virtual handshake I resigned my post as Membership Secretary at PCOOA and here we are. 15 years later E.V.O.O.A. and P.C.O.O.A. are still going strong, have many mutual members, a strong bond, and have survived a flurry of criticism, stone throwing, jealousy, and attacks, both to the organization and our respective website. We saw a variety of clubs emerge to try to break up both our organizations. Members were solicited and recruited. Guess what? Most of those clubs are long gone either because of in-fighting, lack of focus or goals, lack of interest, and interestingly enough, many of the members that left us quickly realized what they were giving up, and came back. Jim and I remain good friends and are in constant touch with each other. It is especially helpful as problems with non-members pop up. It is communication that is needed to alert each other of members we do not want in our ranks. By the way, P.C.O.O.A. is celebrating its 20th anniversary this summer.

So at the height of the economy and the hobby, E.V.O.O.A. was over 700 members strong. It could be disappointing to some that membership has dropped over the past few years, however, we have never been about numbers. We have always been, and always will be about the quality of membership and the respect for the hobby. And quality members we have. Not only in the U.S., but in Canada, Germany, Japan, Sweden, and Switzerland. We have been tested by non-believers, law enforcement, people that have been jealous of the success of the association. We have passed with flying colors. Not only are we credible in the eyes of many law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S., we have many departments that have joined our association and have benefited from their membership as they restore departmental vintage vehicles. And less we forget that we are a whole organization. We do focus around the preservation and collection of these historical vehicles but more important, we strive to help preserve the history of those that made these vehicles and equipment historical. In this issue we focus on one of the many tributes we have done for our fallen public safety officials.

We are proud to feature two events held at the Forza Coffee Company. The first event was at the Forza Coffee Company in Parkland, WA and the second event held at the Forza Coffee Company in Spokane, WA. Why are these events significant? They are one of many that will begin occurring throughout the country as we continue to pay tribute to our fallen public safety officials. In November of 2009, 4 Lakewood, WA police officers were killed in the Parkland, WA Forza Coffee shop. These were shots that were literally heard around the world. To add to this tragedy, there were several other police shootings that emerged in various parts of the U.S. The spouse of a fallen officer once told me that "it is unfortunate that we only live the memory of those individuals that sacrificed so much for the safety and protection of many for a short while. Life goes on!" she said. Those words stuck with me over the years and in many ways she is correct. A smaller agency will take a tragedy of this much hard because of the size of the agency but that is not to say it is not more significant than for larger agencies. And yes, over time we do heal and forget. Or do we? More important...should we? As a youngster I lost two family members in the line of duty. One a police officer the other a fire fighter. Lest we forget!

Show time is upon us and many of our members have been pretty active already, racking up the awards. Last year we know that attendance was down at various events but this year it appears that attendance is at par, if not better. That is good news for us that enjoy reading about the various events that our members attend. Let us know what events you know about so we can get it posted on the website. Do send us any pictures and stories you have for the newsletter. Send them to Code4@evooa.org so we can get them in the newsletter.

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As I write this and begin to lay out the details of our 15th Anniversary Get-Together I find it hard to believe it has been 15 years. It would have been a great time to put together an event where all our members could attend but it was difficult to put that together. Hopefully someday soon we can have such an event in a location central enough for all to attend. For 2011, Post Falls, Idaho is the location, and a great event it will be.

For our 15th anniversary event will we hold our Main Event in conjunction with the 1st Annual Post Falls Police Cops-n-Kids and Rodders-n-More event during the daytime, and later that evening we will join the Spokane Police Kids and Cops event. It is not unusual for us to join a pre-existing event, or another organization join us, but this year we join two events! I do have to admit that I am excited about our Main Event since I was involved in the early days of the Spokane Police Kids and Cops event and now I am the coordinator for the Post Falls Police event.

As a part of our week we will have several light and siren shows, a couple of public safety tribute events, enjoy an escorted cruise to the top of Mt Spokane, spend some time in the firing range where many city, state, and federal agencies practice, and enjoy a boat cruise up the Spokane River. Plenty of time for touring, resting, and fun!

Enjoy this issue and enjoy any and all events you attend this year. Keep us posted and send pictures. You don't need to be a writer to contribute. Let your camera or camcorder do the talking.

In closing I have to chuckle over a couple of pictures we took at the Forza Coffee Company in Parkland, Washington. Someday I should print others I've been sent or taken over the years but for now, enjoy these two. The first picture is what Mike Jakubec and I termed as "We have arrived!" You know you are big when Porta-Potties are set up at your event. Thanks to Paul Venditti for talking a vendor into dropping some off for our event. The second picture was taken inside the Buck Wild Saloon that was located next door to Forza. This sign was prominently placed in the dining area or the newly opened restaurant. You have to wonder what problems these folks have experienced in the past!

On a sad note, we were notified by Tina Fleenor from Veto Enterprises, via Jim Post of P.C.O.O.A., that Lee Onley continues to struggle with his bout with cancer and ask for your continued prayers.

Hope to see you in Post Falls for our August event! Be sure to make your reservations soon!

Respectfully Submitted,
John Bujosa, Founder & President



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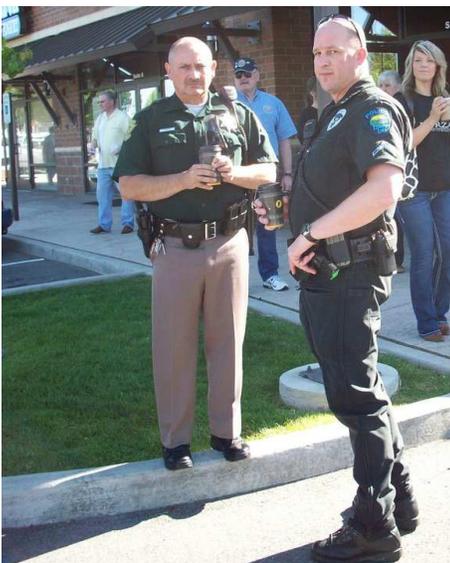
Article by John Bujosa; Photos by John & Sherry Bujosa, Pat Dooley, Mike Jakubec, George March

On June 4th, a new FORZA Coffee shop opened in the Spokane Valley. As with all FORZA Coffee shops, the grand opening was to take place at 8:14am, the time when the four Lakewood Police officers were shot. John asked the owners of the coffee shop, Sarah and Paul, if he could assemble a group of law enforcement and vintage vehicles to perform a lights and siren tribute to the fallen officers at opening time. They agreed...John contacted local law enforcement to solicit their participation, and between in-service and vintage vehicles there were 13 vehicles in attendance. The 13 vehicles caravanned to Forza from the Spokane Valley Police Precinct and were led by a vintage Post Falls Police vehicle. When Forza was within sight, the vehicles turned on their lights and parked in the area reserved for the vehicles. If neighbors were not aware of the grand opening, they certainly were at 8:14am when emergency vehicles turned on their lights and sirens following a moment of silence, led by Chaplin John Thompson from the Liberty Lake Police Department. Forza Coffee Company CEO Rich Jennings was in attendance and spoke to the group. The show of support from local law enforcement and the public was great to see. Thank you to all whom supported and participated in this first of many get-together to come.



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2nd Annual Silver State Peace Officers Museum Show

Photos by Jon Greene (#193) Member since 1996



The Virginia City Silver State Peace Officers Museum held its second annual Police Collector and Restored Emergency Vehicle show on May 14, 2011. The event was held in conjunction with the Police Memorial Week parade. Several E.V.O.O.A. members attended this event and a good time had by all. Stay tuned for information on their 2011 event. Congratulations to Mark & Sharon Butterfield for winning the "Best Law Enforcement Vehicle" award.

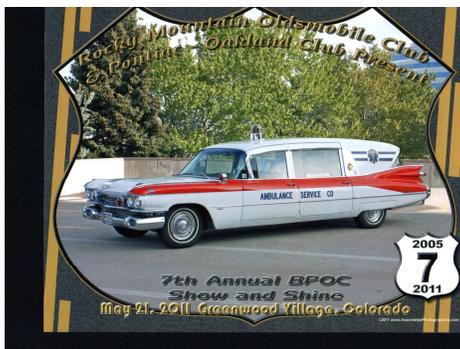
Members In Action

Our E.V.O.O.A. Members Participating In Events Or Other Activities

NOTE: We are hoping that members will send us their contributions to keep the “Members In Action” page going. This was a hit with many of our readers. If you have something to contribute to this section, please send it in and help us keep this page going.



Mark Butterfield attended the Second Annual Comstock show in Virginia City, Nevada and won the Best Law Enforcement Vehicle award there. Congratulations Mark! The third picture is proof that we are dedicated to his hobby. On his way back from Virginia City he met up with a snow storm and a little hydroplaning. How's that for added excitement!



Joe Unrein attended the Rocky Mountain Chapters of the Oldsmobile and Pontiac Clubs 7th Annual BPOC (Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Buick and Cadillac) Show and Shine where he won First Place in the Specialty Car Class



Dave Evert submitted this picture of his Plymouth memorial car commemorating Police Week and honoring the Fallen Officers