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WHAT'S THE RUSH?

By Dave Wolin

In recent years, there have been a number of spec type racers available, many selling enough to form their own class at racing events. The concept, all identical cars, makes for really competitive racing. SCCA has their Spec Racer Ford, hundreds of which have been sold. Formula Mazda, another big spec series has factory support and promotes itself as a stepping stone to Indy., Radical runs their own as does NASA with their spec NP01 prototype. As you can imagine, none of these are inexpensive, ranging from over \$40,000 to \$100,000. Some are arrive and drive events, just write a check and show up with your helmet.

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Dave Wolin at the VARA Hillclimb Photo by Kuhl Speed Photography



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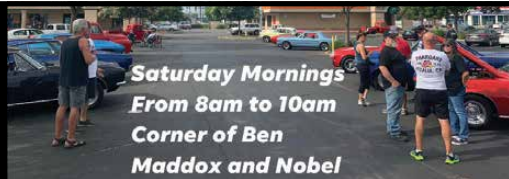
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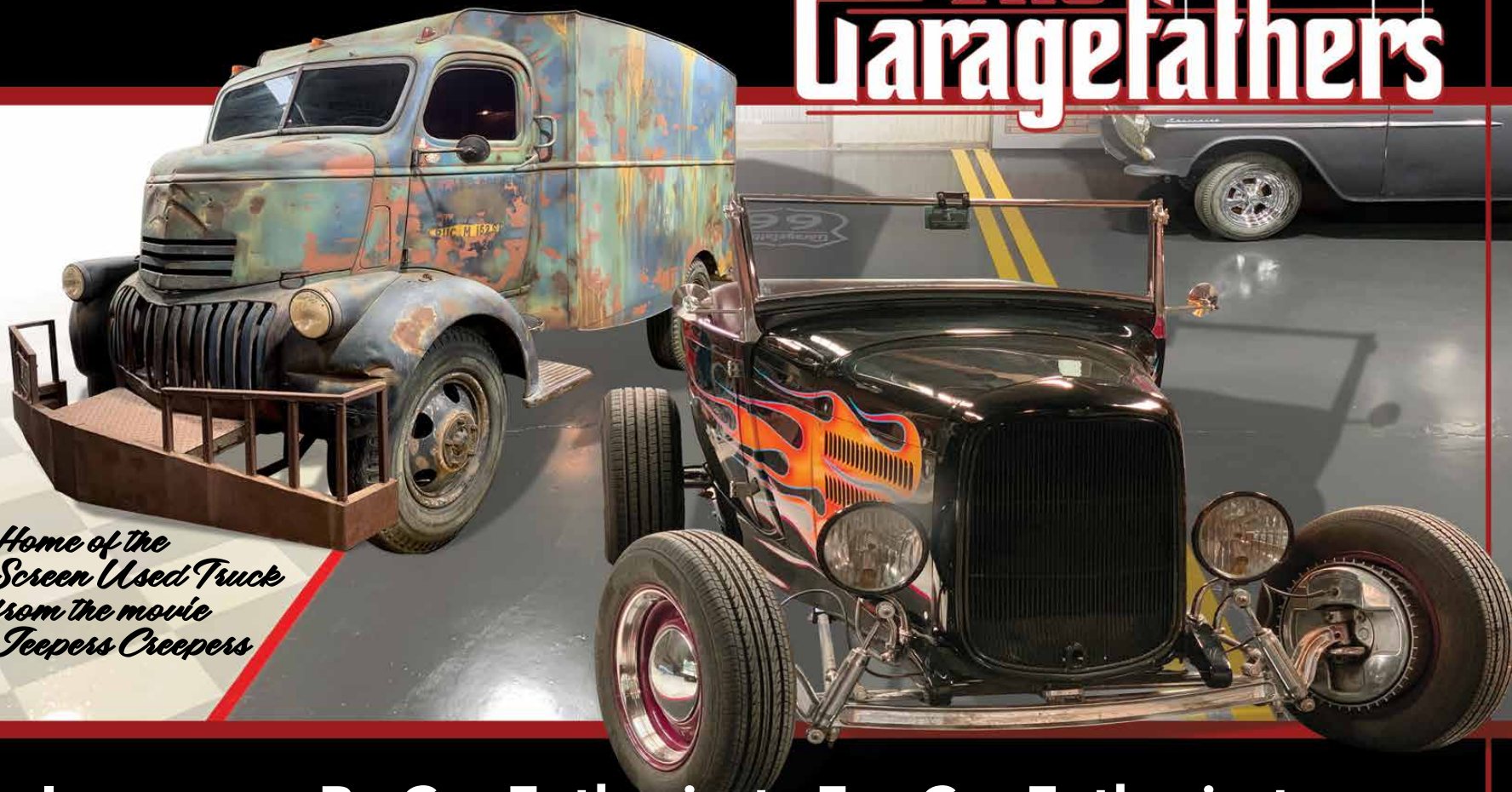


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ELECTRIFYING AT BUTTONWILLOW

By Dave Wolin

Buttonwillow's 2 1/2 mile road course was quiet, missing engine sounds and gasoline fumes as the Tesla Corsa group held their track day in March. Founded by a group of Tesla enthusiasts who wanted to try out their cars at a racetrack, the event has grown to encompass drivers and cars from all over the west, with groups designed for first timers and experts. Professionals were available for personalized instruction for new participants. Supervised by long time track day operator Speed Ventures (www.speedventures.com), there is also some competition in the time attack format for those qualified.

Normally, Teslas are driven in the regular street mode,

designed to maximize battery range but for the higher performance models, a track mode is available. Prepared cars, with upgraded brake pads and tires, showed off lap times comparable to Corvettes in a surprising, albeit, quiet display of performance.

Keep in mind that bottom level Teslas cost in the \$40,000 range. The high performance sports models are \$125,000 +. A number of cars seemed to have carbon fiber body parts, lowering kits, trick brakes and a number of completion parts. Then again, speed costs!!

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ANOTHER HARD HIT FOR OUR HOBBY

By Vic Groah

Now that the Covid thing is somewhat abating our car hobby has been looking like we could have a fairly normal year, then some guy decided to be a bully and want to rule the world. Now gas prices are soaring!! I filled up my pickup and suburban for a total cost of \$300. That got my attention!!

With the Covid in the rear mirror we had planned several major car trips out of the area. Our tow truck gets a great 9 MPG. At the projected gas prices for this summer a 1000 mile tow would take about \$800 in gas!! We had over 5000 miles of towing planned for the season. That got my attention for sure. My good friend Bob told me his 69 Chevy gets about 9 MPG too. He told me he cannot afford any out of town trips. Some of us old folks are on fixed incomes and living in a time of heavy inflation that is shrinking our savings.

The one great thing is there are morning coffee meets and local cruise nights abounding in our area. Yes, we can still enjoy our hobby and our special friends on a regular basis. This is very important to me and I think some others

as well. Linda and I have been really enjoying a weekly Saturday morning gathering. We can't make it every week but with fairly regular attendance we have made new friends and reconnected with old ones, and at a minimal cost. Luck has it Linda loves McDonald's coffee at just \$1 a cup. The cruise nights are starting for the season too. Our 16 year old granddaughter has gotten hooked too and comes in the family 65 Mustang convertible. We have three generations attending the morning coffee gathering. How great is that!

Some of us are organizing local garage tours and visits to local points of interest, nice scenery drives and other short mileage events. Have a picnic, or go to your favorite low cost eatery to visit at the end of the tour.

Linda and I were active in the car hobby on a national level; we will still try to go to some of the big away events but have decided to cancel some of the ones too far away. We have been going to some in northern Oregon each year but have reluctantly decided it will be too expensive.

We can enjoy our cars and hobby; just have to adjust our expectations. The good side of this for Linda and I is through the coffee and local cruise events we have met new

hobbyist in our own area and have made new friends. We look forward to these frequent and inexpensive associations.

It is somewhat a matter of personal attitude, Linda and I very much enjoyed touring all over the western US but now we need to be satisfied with enjoying the fellowship of our new friends here in our own area. Let's just have a great time with special people right here at home.



Story continued from Front Page

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

New on the market, with more than 90 sold, is the Rush SR. The creation of Houston's David Hosie, a mechanical engineer with a background in running race teams, the Rush SR has been taking the spec racer market by storm. It clicks all the boxes of handling, reliability, performance and the lowest price of anything in it's class, with 0-60 times in the low three seconds and a top speed of 152 mph.



Mike Schneider and the Fresno Powersports Rush SR
Photo by Dave Wolin

The 75 inch wheelbase car is powered by a Suzuki sourced water cooled GSX motor, 1000 cc with an 11600 RPM redline and six speed sequential gearbox complete with paddle shifters. A spec race series is in the offing.

If you attended some recent So Cal events, you saw the Rush SR blistering the track with the driver of the Fresno Powersports car, Mike Schneider, blowing off Corvettes at Buttonwillow and taking fastest time of day at the VARA's Willow Spring's Horsethief Mile hillclimb, not surprising with a 145 hp and 935 lbs.

The Fresno Powersports guys (www.fresnopowersports.com), California distributors for Rush, trusted me to drive it at the VARA Hillclimb and I in turn, promised not to wreck it or break anything. Driving the Rush first feels like you're putting it on; a tight fit but room for all 6'5 of me due the adjustability of the pedals and seat. Rolling out of the pits is the only time you use the clutch, then clutchless shifting both up and down is the norm. Reaching the 11600 rpm redline in each gear, standing on the Rush built binders make it feel like a formula one car (not that I'd know) and cornering currently on soft compound Nankang tires reminded me of a go kart.

Without bragging too much, I went pretty fast quickly,

the car is easy to drive and for most any potential purchasers, they can be assured that no surprises await them.

As a track day car or ready to race in SCCA's prototype 2 class (formerly DSR) or NASA, I can recommend the RUSH as a cost effective, simple to maintain, easy to drive racecar.

Dave Wolin, long time racer, journalist and author managed to not embarrass himself in the road test of the Rush SR



Inside the Rush SR
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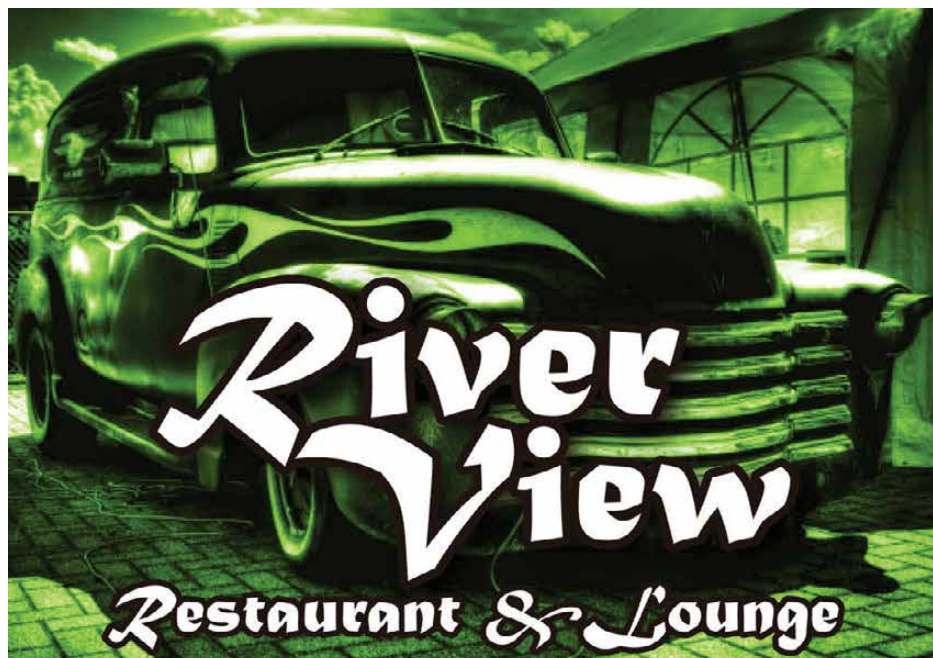
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WHEN: Friday, Saturday April 29th & 30th and Sunday May 1st 2022

WHERE: Kern County Fairgrounds – Bakersfield, California

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ATTRACTIONS: The vehicles will be on display for public viewing throughout the entire event. There will also be a variety of other activities, such as our Women's World/arts & crafts show, Ladies Tea, Kids games & coloring contest, Continental Breakfast, Friday & Saturday evening entertainment on the grounds – featuring Captain Morgan & the Fish N Crew, the vintage automotive parts Swap Meet, Nick Donovan's Rockin' Road Show and a non-denominational Church Service on Sunday, featuring the Cornell Trio. There will also be NSRA's own Super Prize Program, where over \$50,000 worth of merchandise will be given away throughout the weekend and last but not least, there will be three drawings for \$2,000 each on Sunday during the Awards Program. All you have to do to be eligible to win any of the prizes is

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SPECIAL DISPLAYS: On Saturday, April 30th our ever popular Streets of Rods & Special Categories will take place. Then on Sunday, May 1st all the award winning vehicles of the 45th Annual Western Street Rod Nationals will be on display in the "Circle of Winners" area. The awards ceremony will take place at 1:00 pm Sunday.

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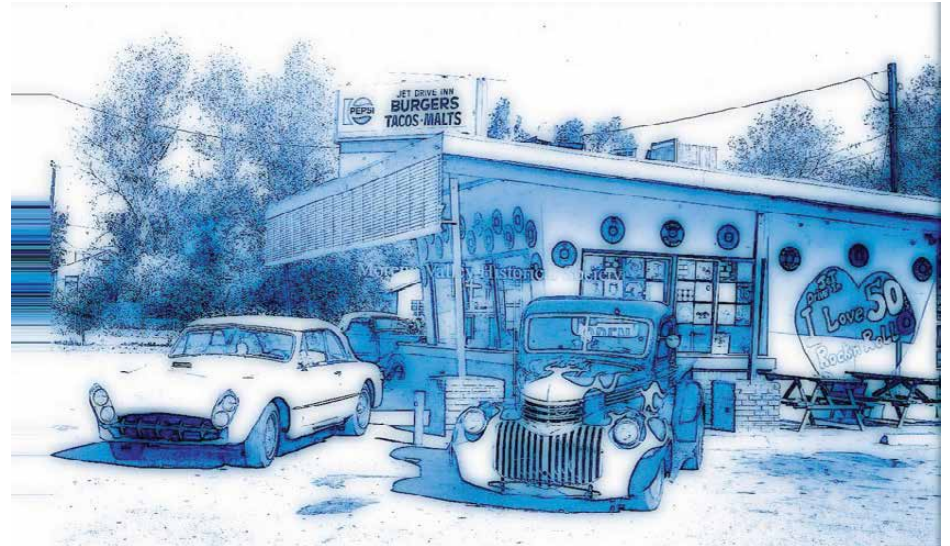
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Malts, Memories and a Penny from Heaven

By D. Bradley, OC&MS writer



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It was the late 70's in the town of Sunnymead California, and the place to hang out and have some hot fries and a burger was at Rich and Penny's Jet Drive In restaurant.

The eclectic joint housed a jukebox set to free play and its cruise themes inspired patrons to rub a little wax into their ride, put the top down if you could all while you downed your coke or shake.

Until 1984, it was in the quaint town of Sunnymead, now known as Moreno Valley and cars would cruise from all over the LA regions even as far as San Diego to experience the 50's atmosphere the Jet claimed homage to.

New to California, Rich & Penny Pichette moved here in 1976 from Connecticut and purchased the Jet in 1978. Penny, born and raised in Bristol Connecticut, really did not have the knowledge of classic cars, or any cars for that matter until she dated Richard. Well, she told me that she did like a good Ford "Shoebox", years 1949-1951 and of course the 1956 Oldsmobile "Rocket" 88 that was her Dads car he gave to her back in the day.

Penny truly was introduced to the hobby by Richard and quickly learned of his affection of chrome and steel during in the beginning, as well as through their marriage of 49 years.

The two quickly made a host of acquaintances through acquiring the diner along with many future car aficionados that would remain loyal to them throughout the years and decades to come.

Rich Pichette, a car enthusiast & hobbyist, who parked his 1941 Chevy truck out front enjoyed cruise nights at the drive-In burger joint, so much in fact that by 1981, he thought about creating his own car club. Penny on the other hand, had to acquire that same love interest that her husband shared so dearly with others.

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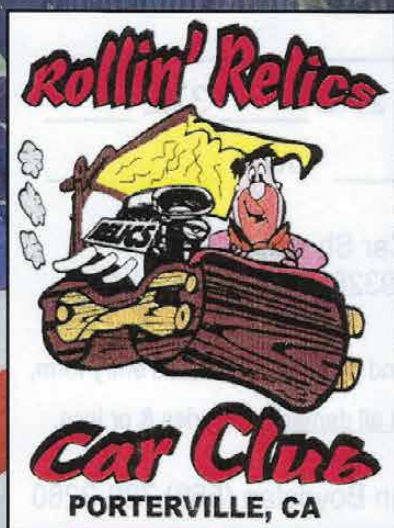
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 Saturday April 23 - Summit Series ET Race #6, WCPG, Super Gas, Juniors 10am-9pm
 Sunday April 24 - Summit Series ET Race #7, WCPG, Super Gas, Juniors 10am-8pm
 Wednesday April 27 - Street Legal Drag Racing 5-9pm
 Saturday April 30 - Grudgefest

Wednesday June 1 - Street Legal Drag Racing 5-9pm

Friday June 3 - NHRA Pacific National Open Testing, Parking

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 Sunday May 15 - All Fast Fords & Muscle Mustangs
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 Saturday/Sunday May 21 & 22 Motorcycle Mania
 Friday May 27 - KB Motocross
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Penny Pichette with Darren at Gene Winfield's, Oct.2021

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In fact, during a Friday or Sat night a cruise to the Jet from another well-known spot called Angelo's in Anaheim, California were "the" destination places to frequent.

That same year, West Coast Kustoms (car club) was born and soon after, Rich organized the first gathering entitled "West Coast Cruisin' Nationals".

The idea raised a couple of eyebrows and in fact attracted a few new friends for Richard and Penny such as Gene Win-

field, Ed Roth and George Barris to name a few, and those friends soon became life-long members of the Pichette family.

Automotive shows were popular and sprouted everywhere here on the West Coast during this time yet most would only invite cars from 1949 down, and a true "Kustom" was completely out.

The term Kustom, considered to be originally conceived by George Barris as a "Cool" terminology class to describe a car modification (from Mild to Full Kustom) using parts from other makes and models to radically change the appearance to reflect the "vision" of its modifier using leading, chopping or other methods to enhance the original makers lines "further".

There were many classics 1950's and newer and some who took liberty to own, create or drive an actual "Kustom" car needed a place to showcase and belong and that is why Rich set out to do what West Coast Kustoms actually did-bring those car owners together to celebrate in what Penny states later on as something that felt like an annual "family reunion". And in a gradual way from each year to year, the "family" had successfully seemed to be a growing one indeed.

The first year Rich had set out to find the perfect spot for his idea, and Paso Robles was the area that seemed most reasonable to host. They were most "welcoming" to the idea Penny had remembered.

Richards first show in fact even brought interest to a

16-year old newbie who went against his Father's advice to attend, mainly because he did not want young Chip to drive out of town from Solvang being over an hour's drive away. That was legendary Sam Foose, and yes, the up and coming kid of his was none other than Chip Foose.

Over the years, "Paso" as it was dubbed, became the premiere show on the West Coast, generating many awards for Richard from the Route 66 Hall of Fame, Grand National Roadsters Hall of Fame, Kustom Kemp's Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award for KKOAA and finally including the key to the city of Paso Robles.

Penny Pichette learned about the hobbyist world quickly and they both soon be-came a dynamic duo in the Kustom car world. Like Batman and Robin, Steve Jobs to Steve Wozniak, to a husband and wife sharing a common goal, the fact of the matter is this: sidekicks just work. Story continues on Page 29

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 Band. A Show-N-Shine, no-host BBQ and
 full bar, silent and live auctions, along with
 best-dressed and best-dance contests. Sock
 Hop tickets are \$25 and will be available at
 the door.

The Rock and Rod show will be held
 Saturday, June 18, at the Custom House
 Plaza in beautiful downtown Monterey near
 Fisherman's Wharf. Starting at 10am and
 ending at 6:00pm, this year's Show-N-Shine
 will feature 1975 and older vintage, customs,
 classics, hot rods, street rods, muscle cars,
 and trucks. Vehicles will be judged and are
 eligible to win merchant awards, one of 15
 Awards of Excellence or the Best of the West
 honor. Public admission to car show and live
 music downtown is FREE!



The all-day festival will feature music
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 pany. Also look forward to live entertain-
 ment by Jeremy "Elvis" Pearce & The Mem-
 phis Sons, the Yard Dogs, Los High Tops,
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Unlike Tesla's gas powered counterparts, electric vehicles, particularly those driven hard, need recharging, some more frequently than others. Under the radar reporting said that most Tesla's lost 30% of their range after a fifteen minute track session, leading some to plug in at the track between sessions, gaining 30 miles of range per hour. Other drove fifteen miles to the nearest ten outlet Supercharger station on I-5, got a quick recharge and drove back to the track.

Not for everyone, the range limitation, lack of noise and initial cost will keep me from buying one for a while. But our future is electric cars, like it or not!!

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This show is open to all makes and models of cars and always features a wide variety of custom, stock, and classic cars. There will be great food, music, craft booths, local organization's booths, raffle,

trophies, and a 50/50 drawing. This is a fun way to kick off your Father's Day weekend, and you won't want to miss it!

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Malts, Memories and a Penny from Heaven

When Richard eventually lost his battle with Alzheimers disease in 2010, there was even more purpose to promote his vision behind West Coast Kustoms and Penny propelled the club and its members to the solid name that exists today.

The 2022 Cruisin' Nationals marks the 41st year of the history making event, having 25 years at Paso Robles, and 15 at Santa Maria Fairpark, in Santa Maria California.

From the days of owning the Jet to being the backbone behind her husband's dream, Penny was the driving force to reckon with and many members quickly grew to know her as the "chief" of the parade. Over the last 40 years they grew support, volunteers in friends and family that would eventually make WCK what it is today.

Penny on her own has earned and obtained a plethora of awards including the 2012 Mayors Award from the Santa Maria Convention Bureau and Tourism Board, the 2014 Grand National

Roadsters Hall of Fame that crowned her "Queen of Kustoms", and a prestigious entry into the Darryl Starbird National Rod and Custom Car Hall of Fame at his 57th Annual show in 2021. I'm sure Rich would be more than proud. Penny is such a character.

It seems everyone just enjoys her presence and loves her bigger than life character. You can always listen for her to be around, yet at times you may not find her smaller physique in a large crowd- not to worry though as you will know her dynamo if she enters the space you happen to be in.

She has faithfully continued the vision of husband Richard Pichette of West Coast Kustoms and all that it brings to the table from club meets, merchandise to fun in the sun experiences.

For those who never met the Founder of WCK, the reason 40 plus years of memories were created in the first place, I can say certainly that they have missed out. But the opportunity that still exists today you should not miss out on, and is the one of a kind individual that is his wife, Penny Pichette.

A true icon in the industry today and certainly the most colorful and memorable person you can meet at any event or anywhere this side of the neon sun.

As time continues to forge onward, and it takes with it the Automotive pioneers of our pastime, our members and even some of our best of friends along with it, one thing seems to remain true- good times will always be good times, and great times are always on the road ahead.

You can look in the mirror and remember, or you can do what Blackie Gejian always told me as a younger man, "put the pedal to the metal and don't look back". I think in any direction you go, you will find West Coast Kustoms and its leader, Penny Pichette.

I think about the special times and opportunities that

West Coast Kustoms is responsible for, and the envy of what it must have been like driving to the Jet Drive In back then.

A simpler life as we knew it, just road and rubber to a meeting place of cars, fun, malts & burgers way back in the historical beginnings and era of the Pichette's. Keep the memories rolling WCK.

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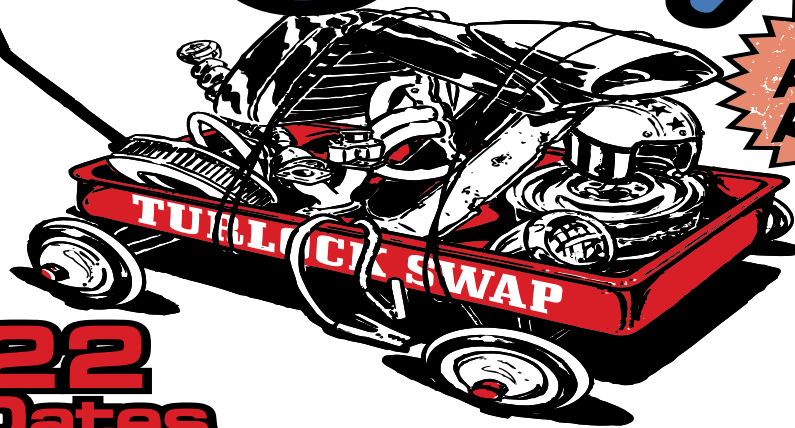


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