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Gene Winfield A Living Tribute to an Automotive Icon

By Darren Angelos, Writer, Old Cars & Motorsports

An automotive pioneer and pop culture icon since the mid 1940's, Gene Winfield accomplishes more in a year than most auto industry professionals do in their lifetimes.

While people stayed home inactive in 2020, Gene was attending

By Darren Angelos, Writer, meets, shows and working on his "craft".

From the dustbowl of Mojave, springs the life of automotive designs and techniques, some of which no one has ever been able to recreate. No one but Gene.

From 1942, Winfield opened "Winfields Used Cars" with his brother and a decade later ran "Windy's Custom Shop" located in Modesto, CA.

At that time, he developed a way to merge two primary "candy" colors together smoothly as a final coat as has been known ever since as the "Winfield Fade".

Fiberglass, bodywork and customization was then born in the era of late '40's and all throughout the 1950's.

Special techniques crafted and mastered by Genes hands and ideas he created are still being learned today as unique styles of automotive design and art.

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His lines, curves and custom angles hit Hollywood status as executives in the industry were all "eyes" with his talents.

Hot Wheels even molded their successful first few lines of toy cars after Gene's real customs his shop had produced.

Working for AMT (Aluminum Model Toys) in 1962 as a design consultant, he helped create his stylistic approaches for the company's popular model kits.

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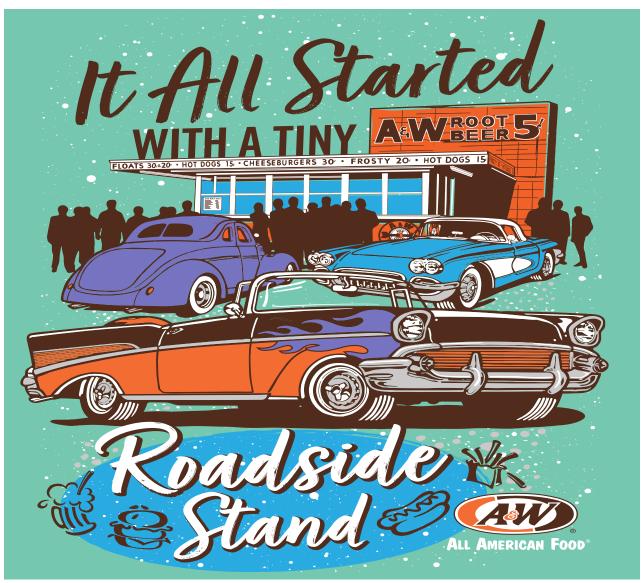
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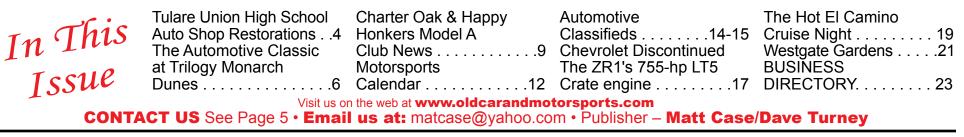
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THE WINNING EDGE / ARTICLE #43

By Mike Lewis

Hi everybody, even though the weather is cooling down there is plenty of racing still going on. It's nice to have racing with a little football mixed in.

I hope you aren't getting board hearing about valves because I would like to discuss exhaust valves while in that area.

Without a doubt, the material selection of the exhaust valve is critical. If stock valves are used, it is almost always the exhaust valves that fail, because of the thermal overload they see. The alloy 21-4N which contains 21% chrome and 4% nickel, is very popular. It has up to a point, good hot strength, however that strength drops off rapidly as temperatures rise. At 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit, the 21-4N has only 10,000 psi tensile strength remaining from its original 60,000 psi. Engines with radical cams will inevitability stress the valves most and put the most heat into them.

It doesn't take much in the way of a mechanical or thermal overload to cause an exhaust valve failure. That's why it is important to make sure what is used and the way it is used is up to the job. In some instances 21-4N alloys are marginal or even inadequate. Engines running high boost for more than just a few minutes at a time will outpace conventional exhaust materials. There are stainless valves made of exotic steels other than 21-4N that can survive the harsh world of all out racing if you look.

Titanium works well for an exhaust valve, although over a period of time it does tend to become brittle. The weight saving of titanium also makes it very desirable. The almost inevitable thermal problem of a valves strength decaying as temperatures raise promises to be a thing of the past with the titanium-ceramic material being developed.

Thermal barrier coatings can help prevent heat from getting into the valve, in the first place. By coating the face of the valve and under head area, you ensure that the valve becomes substantially insulated from the hot exhaust while retaining an unimpaired ability to dump heat through the stem and seat. The result is the valve temperature can be significantly reduced.

Under some circumstances a sodium cooled exhaust valve is worth considering. Sodium cooled valves are essentially hollow stem valves filled with sodium. Sodium is a metal that melts at relatively low temperatures. When melted, it splashes around inside the stem and rapidly conducts the heat from an area near the head to dissipate it through the valve stem.

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TULARE UNION HIGH SCHOOL AUTO SHOP RESTORATIONS

By Vic Groah

I was always into early cars. We had no money growing up, lived in a one bed room house with no bathroom, and in the early days no electricity or indoor plumbing of any kind. There was no money for foolishness like antique cars. I don't know why but I was fascinated with the primitive and classy very early cars. I had a driver's license at 14 and a pretty much full time job so started the hunt for old cars. By the time I graduated from High School in 1957 I had owned a 28 Durant, a 27 Star a 13 Pierce Arrow, 1912 Fiat, 1942 Ford, 1946 Chevrolet and a 14 Ford. The draft changed everything, I was leaving, not by choice but by duty, they all

had to go. Bummer.

Fast forward, military service and three college degrees later I was working at Tulare Union High school as an English, math, social studies, industrial arts teacher and a counselor. The auto shop teacher retired and I was asked to fill in for a while. At this same time I owned and operated an antique auto restoration business that was going great, we were doing restorations from all over the country, showing and winning at Pebble beach and other big shows. We were doing high end stuff, Stutz Bearcats, Thomas Flyers and Rolls Royce kind of cars. One of the teachers asked if we could do his 1923 Ford. There was no way he could afford our shop to

do the Ford so I suggested we could do it as a high school shop project. We could do it for just the materials, no labor and he could have the car done for very little cash.

It was understood from the first that we were going to do high quality restorations. No used car lot, throw it together stuff. If these kids, yes, we had some girls in the class, were to learn a salable skill we needed to do things right. Our customers had to be on board too, no cheap paint or cutting corners.

At this time I was teaching the latest in automotive technology in my classes. I had just introduced the first alternate fuels class in a high school in the state of California. I had people



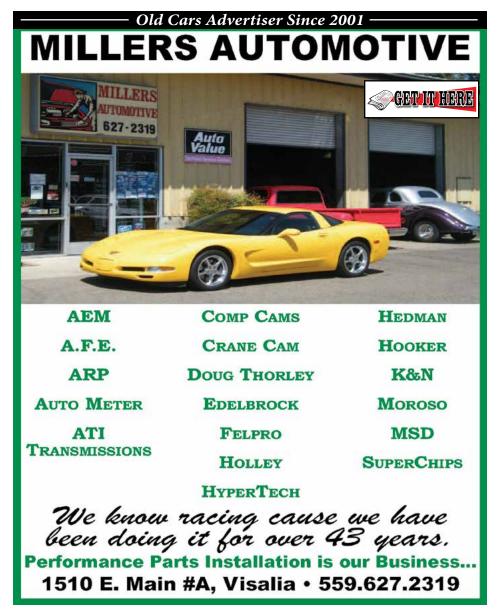
from state government and General Motors in the shop checking out what I was doing with the new technology. GM had given us a new experimental electric car and electric pickup truck for our program.

I was challenged as to why I was also beginning an automotive restoration program as well. I explained that there were jobs in the local area that would use the skills involved in restoration and street rod building. These kids could leave my program and go right to work and make a decent living.

All the work was to be accomplished by 14 through 18 year old high school students; most had no prior skills or experience. We had an abundance of kids of migrant farm workers. These kids knew how to work and had a driving ambition to learn skills that could take them out of the fields and into a career. Most of these kids were dead serious about learning a salable trade. Having come from a similar background I could relate and speak their language, the language of work hard and smart and get out of poverty. Many of the restoration shop students of that time now either own or manage local car related businesses today.

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he Automotive Classic at Trílogy Monarch Dunes

By Dave Wolin



I didn't know what to expect at The Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes, located at the Monarch Dunes Country Club House in Nipomo. They called it a "by invitation only" event (aren't they all), not a concours and I expected just another car show at a golf course, It turned out to be almost the equal of Pebble Beach, but not as snooty, perhaps due to the location at the south end of our Central Coast, great cars and atmosphere. Monarch Dunes features a world class golf course and has become an upscale community of custom homes and had great hamburgers at the "Hot Rod Bar and Grill".

Since its beginning in 2017, the Automotive Classic has been a fundraiser for



the "Nipomo Food Basket", a non-profit that provides food for needy families in the Nipomo area and has attracted some big dollar sponsors, but at the same time, been a somewhat well kept secret. No secret after you read this !! The event kicked off with a Saturday night dinner dance at the Monarch Club, including wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction.

Hundreds of cars were scattered throughout the property, some even inside, and the mix of sports cars, classics, muscle

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cars, hot rods and race cars made for an interesting day. One of many good stories; there was a Toyota 2000GT on display, one of the 62 sold here and worth a million plus. The owner and I discussed the Carroll Shelby connection which you'll hear about in next month's issue. The story – Shelby conned Toyota out of \$500,000; formula one money in '68, claiming he could win the SCCA National Championship in 1968. He didn't !!



Toyota 2000 G7

And vendors featured local artists, cosmetics, kettle corn, and my favorite, La Bella Olives

All in all, I can highly recommend this event. I'll be there next year with something (No date as yet, I asked but got no answer) but assume it will be around the third week of September, 2022

Dave Wolin is a long time professional racer, historian, journalist and author who has been to more than a few car shows.







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Gene Winfield - A Living Tribute to an Automotive Icon **Story continues from Front Page**

Gene's cars & customs can still be bought today as AMT kits are resurfacing through Round 2 Models, a corporation containing Ertl, Polar Lights and other classic model kit makers.

That was a door for Gene to market his concepts to the toy and hobby world as well as a vehicle to produce model versions of his movie cars and props.

AMT had Gene manage a new location in Phoenix that created life-sized models as promotional products of their kits

Designing props for movies and working with other legends such as Desilu Studios Matt Jefferies, of Star Trek fame, Gene made models come to "life".



Although, in his lifetime he has had several locations from Arizona to California his Mojave home, shop and museum is remarkably BIG.

> For car guru's, hobbyists and gear heads, arriving at the location is like coming to a automotive Disneyland of the desert.

I personally have had a lot of fun meeting and getting to know Gene in the past few years, writing articles and doing what I can to



agination.

Come to think, we owe a lot to him in the way of Art, concept, toys and designs we use in our modern world today.

What a wonderful man and life that has touched many throughout this small world we live in.

His creations and contributions made in his life are and will always be immortal.

I was once told by another legendary icon, a personal longtime friend of Winfield, "Pedal to the metal and don't look back..." is a motto suited perfectly for this man.

I personally feel Blackie's words are being best lived daily by none other than this legend, Gene Winfield himself.

Grab a model kit, a book or one of the many classes and shows Gene does each and every year, both at his home and

honor his legacy.

With him it is like meeting a Walt Disney of cars, as he is full of energy and ambition, walking around showing you his creations & memorabilia like a child pointing out sweets in a candy shop.

It seems as though his mind will not rest anytime soon and his creations just keep coming out of his endless im-

on the road. One who learns anything from a master is a rare and true gift indeed.

To end we can only say "thanks" for all you have done and continue to do.

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By Terry Burtz and Phil Kneeland

RE-ENGINEERING THE MODEL A ENGINE, Terry Burtz, Campbell, CA (Copyright 2007 T. M. Burtz)





As you might remember "Old Car and Motorsports" ran an article with this heading above, with information about the "New Re-designed Terry Burtz Engine"!

Terry has just published an update on the status of the production of his new engine.

The following is that update from Terry Burtz:

Production run #2 Shipping Status

I spoke with John Lampl today, and he informed me that there is another delay with the first of several containers for production run #2 that is beyond our control. John's words are pasted below.

The immediate production for ocean freight delivery had been postponed from the 5th of Sep (originally) to the 15th and then the 21st.. We were just advised the recent Typhoon "Chanthu" that hit eastern China (shanghai), has caused sailing cancellations including our booking. We have word the next vessel will schedule for around the 5th of October. This will have goods arriving port in the USA the 1st week of Nov. There is nothing we can do but keep trying. The port situation is quite backed up.. We will try to keep everyone updated. Once the container is onboard, things will be more predictable...

New Optional Parts

To enhance the "New Engine Kit", we are offering 3 additional parts that have improvements over stock or aftermarket parts that are currently available. These 3 parts have the stock Model A interfaces and can be used with either a stock Model A engine or with the "New Engine Kit".

Flywheel

We offer a 30-pound flywheel that is drilled for the V-8 pressure plate. The flywheels are in stock at the Hawthorne, CA warehouse and can be sent UPS flat rate for a savings in shipping.

Cylinder Head

We are finalizing the design of a 6.5 to 1 cylinder head. Like the new cylinder block, the exterior of an original production cylinder head was laser scanned to copy every intricate detail and the water flow circuit has been designed for increased flow at exhaust ports #3 and #4. This new head will be flat, have the correct appearance, correct length, correct width, and the stud holes will be centered in the bosses. In addition, all 4 water pump attachment holes will be blind so that sealant is not needed. We do not expect to award a production contract until early next year.

Camshaft

We have awarded a manufacturing contract for a new 5 bearing camshaft. It is a "touring" grind with 0.340 inches of lift. If you wish to regrind it for more performance or for an overhead, the lobe tips are hardened to a depth of 2 to 3 mm and the remainder of the lobe is hardened to a depth of 1.5 to 2 mm. The new camshaft has passages for additional lubrication. If the new camshaft is used in the "New Engine Kit" there will be 17 pressure fed bearings instead of 16. These camshafts should be ready to ship near the end of November 2021.

Professional Builders vs Home Builders

Professional builders that understand modern engines and follow the "Builders Guide" have thousands of miles on their new engines without problems. Dennis Kliesen has close to 10,000 miles on his engine followed by Bob Beers who finished in the upper 3rd in the Great Race, and Dave Gerold (Durable Performance) who has pulled a trailer while touring.

A few home builders that aren't familiar with modern engines and don't understand or follow the "Builders Guide" are having a variety of problems because they don't understand bearing crush, mistakenly think that the line bore operation can produce oval holes that are not in alignment, wonder why their rear main seal leaks when one side is installed 1/4 inch further than the other side, wonder why runouts are excessive when they are measuring runout with a flimsy dial indicator setup, etc.

Pietenpol

I spoke with the author and proofread a magazine article that is being written regarding the use of the "New Engine Kit" in a Pietenpol airplane. I emphasized that we accept no liability and that there is no guarantee if the new engine is used in an airplane. The new engine is attractive because of the 9 crankshaft bearings that are 2-inch diameter, the 16 or 17 pressurized bearings, and the fact that with a minor alteration, the thrust bearing pulling the airplane forward can have continuous pressurized lubrication instead of crankcase mist found in a stock Model A engine.

Additional Information: For additional details, history, builders guide, and ordering information, see www.modelaengine.com



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CHARTER OAK & HAPPY HONKERS MODEL A CLUB NEWS

By Phil Kneeland



You will notice a picture to your left of a Model A on a transport trailer.

And, if you will remember in one of our last articles in this publication, I spoke of our program for picking members that need help in repairing or servicing their Model A's.

This nice 1929 Model A Sport Coupe, owned by a very elderly lady, in the Charter Oak Model A Club is the next one that we picked to work on. Our goal is to help members that do not have the knowledge, tools or physical ability to do the work themselves.

This gesture is a continuation of a tradition set by one of our very long term members, Dave Bockman.

Dave has been generously giving of his knowledge, his facilities, and his labor for some 40 years. He has the knowledge to fix almost every problem and the generosity to give advice and give his own time to help those members that are at "wits-ends" in fixing their own Model A's.

The present Club members want to carry on this super tradition that Dave and Karen Bockman started many years ago. You will notice that I mentioned Karen Bockman also. Karen is always at Dave's side in this family tradition of giving of their time and knowledge on every aspect of our Charter Oak Model A Clubs activities and events.

By the way, this will be "The Charter Oak Model A Clubs 51st Anniversary" coming up in November, being chartered by our National Club, "MAFCA," (Model A Ford Club of America) in 1971.

Getting back to our present project: the 1929 Model A Sport Coupe. The elderly lady that owns the car drives her Model A to Church and other local drives by herself. She wants her Model A checked out so that she has no brake problems, starting problems or other on-the-road breakdowns.



Above is Charter Oak 1982

So, we have her Model A in my garage to thoroughly check all aspects of her car to make sure it is road worthy.

The Club is growing because of this care for our Members and for the fun we are having in receiving these new members. We have accepted 8 new families in the last year, which of the 8 we have seen 6 families since the first of the year.

And.....speaking of families, we concentrate on the whole family being a unique part of our Club.

On September 18th, my wife Linda hosted what my Linda termed a" Ladies Luncheon and Parade/Men's Standby BBQ."

Now that is a mouthful for a title of a Model A Club Tour. But, we all met on Saturday, September 18th at the Tulare County Court House parking lot, at 11:00am. The men and two of our Lady members drove their Model A's to the Court House and picked up all of the ladies that needed a ride to the Parade and the Luncheon. We left the Court House and paraded south on Mooney Blvd. and then made our way down the Main St, honking our "Ahooga" horns all the way. Oh, by the way, September 18th was also "National Model A Day"!

The ladies disembarked for their Luncheon at the Canton Chinese Restaurant on east Main St., and then the men drivers proceeded to our house for a nice BBQ and "Bull Session" waiting for the ladies to recall their "Chauffeured Rides" back to the Court House.

Great fun was had by all, and a call went out to have more of these "Ladies/Men's Model A events."

We are planning another fun "Tour" with some other Model A Clubs in the Central San Joaquin Valley to the Carnegie Museum in Hanford on October 16th. The Carnegie Museum is hosting a "History of the Lemoore Naval Air Station" exhibit that has all of the makings of a fun day.....ending up at the "Famous Superior Dairy" ice cream parlor.

Also....on October 24th we are joining the Horseless Carriage Club of Tulare County and the Tulare Chevy Club in a fun day including a "Progressive Lunch" and "Garage Tour"!!

Come be a part of our Club......If you own a Model A....or just love Model A's please call me for more information on joining a fun Model A Club that really is waiting for you to make this call:

Phil Kneeland- (559) 679-1980



Above is some of Charter Oak in 2018

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WHEN: Friday, Saturday & Sunday - October 29th, 30th, & 31st 2021

WHERE: Kern County Fairgrounds - Bakersfield, California

FEATURES: We are expecting close to 1600 pre-1991 specialty vehicles from all over the western part of the United States and farther. These vehicles will show just how hugely popular the specialty vehicle hobby is. There will be street rods, cool customs, pick-ups, muscle cars, pro-touring and just about any other kind of vehicle you can think of.

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 the Thursday evening parking lot party at the Host Hotel, our Women's World / arts & crafts show, Ladies Tea, Kids games, Friday & Saturday evening entertainment on the grounds – featuring Captain Morgan & the Fish, 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 \$53,000 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 be a registered participant of the 2021 Western Street Rod Nationals. All prizes are courtesy of the National Street Rod Association (www.nsra-usa.com)

SPECIAL DISPLAYS: On Saturday, October 30th our ever popular Streets of Rods & Special Categories will take place. Then on Sunday, October 31st all the award winning vehicles of the 44th 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.

TRADE SHOW: Dozens of manufactures and dealers of specialty automotive equipment will be displaying & selling their products, accessories and supplies inside the spacious exhibit hall. Also a special Women's World area will feature assorted arts & Crafts and antiques from collectors around the area.

TICKETS: ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Spectator ticket hours are: 8:00am to 8:00pm on both Friday & Saturday, 8:00am to 12 noon on Sunday. Admission is \$19.00 for adults, \$6:00 for children ages 6 to 12, children under 6 are free when accompanied by an adult. A \$2.00 discount is offered to all active military, seniors over 60 and NSRA members (all with proper I.D.) Discount tickets are also available at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Only one discount ticket offer per I.D.

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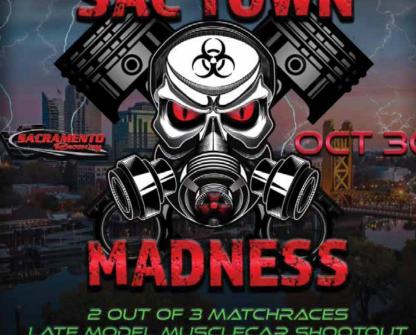
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CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF KINGS COUNTY'S CAR SHOW

The Car Show is being held in conjunction with the Carnegie Museum of Kings County's exhibition: "A History of the Marchbanks / Hanford Speedway" which will run from November 19th through December 19th.

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The Marchbanks Speedway, originally called Marchbanks Stadium, originally ran midget races on a dirt track in the 1950s. The track was expanded and later paved to become the first racetrack east of the Mississippi that could host NASCAR and Indy type race cars. These races began in the 1950s and continued through the 1960s.

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CHEVROLET DISCONTINUED THE ZR1'S 755-HP LT5 CRATE ENGINE

By Stephen Edelstein, www.motorauthority.com

Chevrolet has discontinued the LT5 crate engine—the most powerful General Motors production engine—after just one year of availability.

The news was first reported by Motor Trend, and subsequently confirmed to Motor Authority by Chevrolet Performance spokesperson Trevor Thompkins. However, Thompkins wouldn't comment on why the LT5 was discontinued,



or how many of the crate engines were sold.

Used in the C7 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1, the LT5 is a supercharged 6.2-liter V-8 that makes 755 hp and 715 lb-ft of torque. Chevrolet Performance announced its availability as a crate engine at the 2018 SEMA show, sticking an LT5 in a 1973 Chevelle Laguna.

Thanks to the LT5, the C7-generation ZR1 was the most powerful production Corvette to date, and the ultimate front-engined 'Vette. Chevy has since transitioned to the mid-engined C8 Corvette, but it's unlikely that the LT5 will find its way into that car's engine compartment.

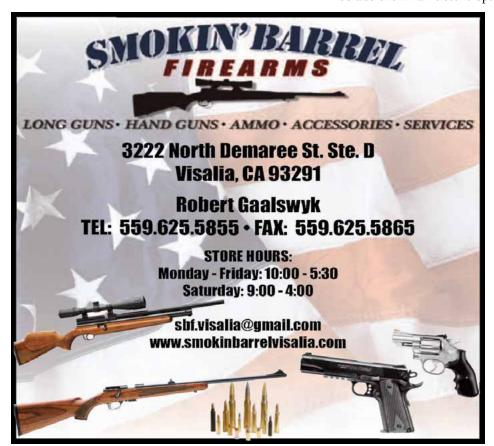
Chevy is thought to be planning a next-generation ZR1, and has already confirmed that a new Z06 will be unveiled in October. The Z06 will use a new flat-plane crank V-8 similar to the one that powers the Corvette C8.R race car. The next ZR1 is expected to use a twin-turbo version of that engine, while a new performance flagship named Zora will reportedly add hybrid assist.

Chevy's crate-engine catalog is getting electrified as well. While the Bowtie brand still offers other V-8 crate engines, it's also shown an electric option dubbed Electric Connect



and Cruise. As seen in the E-10 and Blazer-E restomods, it has everything needed for an electric powertrain swap, including motors, battery pack, and all necessary control electronics.







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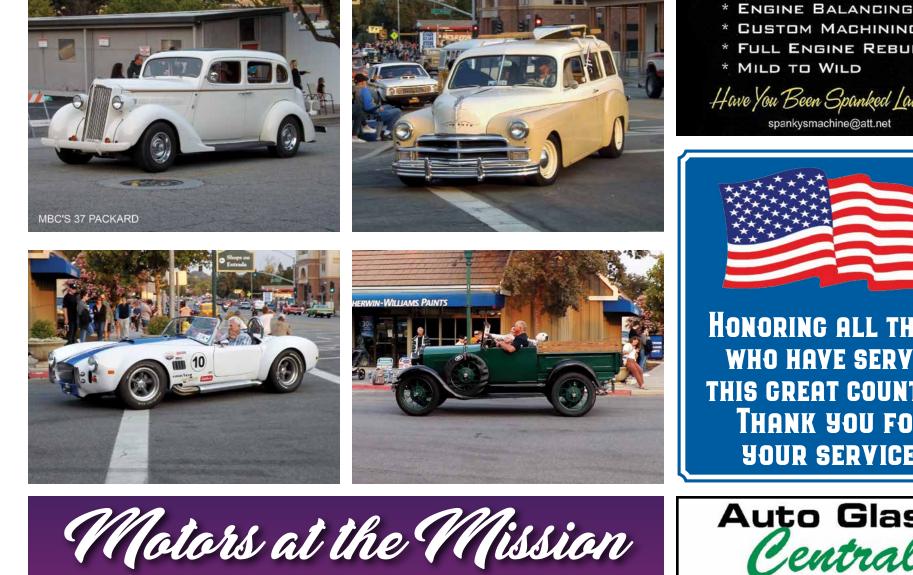
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The Hot El Camino Cruise Night

By Alan Curtis

The Hot El Camino Cruise night took please on August 20, 2021 it was the 28th annual cruise night, The sidewalks were line with people in chairs waiting for the event to kick off. It started off with a police escort leading 250 classic and custom cars rolling down El Camino real to the Carleton Hotel and back. If you want to check out a cool tradition and see some awesome hot rods, muscle cards and classics come out to the 2022 with be on 3rd Friday of August.



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The little 23 Ford turned out nice and we immediately had more requests for restorations than we could do. Obviously I did not mix my professional shop and the school shop jobs. This would have been a conflict of interest and illegal. We only did cars at the school for local people and cars that would not have been done in our professional shop.

The school shop soon had a waiting line. We did a Thunderbird, several high end Mustangs, a 1932 Ford and others. Seemingly out of the blue came a run of model T Fords. Most of these owners could not afford a professional shop but were proud of their cars and wanted them done right. From the very first we set a standard of excellence that could stand conquers judging. It is amazing that these kids would support each other and for the most part strive to meet that professional standard. Yes we repainted stuff and



had to rework panels that were not quite straight enough. I remember repainting a 1915 Ford four times before it would pass inspection. The poor kid was almost ready to give up when the last job passed. It still looks great today 30 years later. He remembers that paint job well.

About this time I was restoring our own 1912 Kissel 4-50 semi touring to show quality. The professional shop was packed so we ran it though the school shop. When finished it won best of show in three major shows in a row and was invited to Pebble Beach. Reggie Melendez, the student painter, scored high paying job from his work on that car.

One thing that is interesting is in each group there will be an emergent leader, a student that on his own would take charge of the crew, one notable example was Justin Loomis. Justin had terminal cancer at the age of 14. He took charge of restoring a 1915 Ford dirt track race car that was a rusty barn find but had a local race history. He pushed his crew to success, and when the car was entered in a major vintage race event the then 16 year old Justin was chosen crew chief for the first vintage race the car ran in when completed. All the other race crew chiefs were adult seasoned race car builders yet Justin and his teen age crew did better than many of the pros. The student team ran 70 mph for the 50 mile run with no break downs and finished in the middle of the pack; not at all bad for a bunch of high school kids. Justin died soon after from his cancer but his mother told me that being in charge among seasoned men at the track and showing his award winning work was a high point in his life.

We did some great early cars, many from rusty piles to show winners. A 1914 Ford runabout was traded in on work in my shop. It came in totally and completely disassembled, at the end of the school year it was a fully restored great running car.

Most of the cars were done in one school year, a few more complicated ones like the 1913 American La France on a 1913 Ford chassis took two years but won first in class at a major conquers when finished.

We did 30 or so collector cars in the school shop while I was working there. Now that I am retired my son Michael has taken over as teacher and is continuing the program and the tradition. His experience started when he, as a teen, restored a 1914 Ford open delivery. His high school shop program teaches the latest cutting edge technology but also continues the restoration and street rod side of the curriculum. They have at least one car building all a time. Yes, he still owns and drives his 1914 Ford.



There are several high schools in our area that have high end vocational automotive programs. What is not always recognized by some is that a college education is not for every student and in many cases, as with some of our local students, a better living can be made in the trades. Most of our shop students go right to work at good paying jobs right out of high school. The administration at Tulare Union, and several of the local high schools recognize the need for Vocational education. Michael is carrying on with an improved program, better than the one I had. They are currently doing several collector cars in addition to the latest in high tech technology. There are some great vocational programs in the central valley. Several of the Tulare county schools have sound programs that serve students well.

We are always looking for ways to reach the younger generation; maybe this is a small step in that direction.







Westgate Gardens Care Center Heroic Staff

By Benjamin Carter



Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a nursing home during the current COVID pandemic? Westgate Gardens Care Center is Visalia's premier skilled nursing facility and is filled with heroic staff, who have experienced the extreme highs and lows of this pandemic and we want to tell you their story. Caring for the elderly is an extremely challenging job, even before the pandemic. Skilled Nursing Facilities are among the highest regulated industries in the nation. We are challenged with lovingly caring for our residents 24/7 and creating a homelike environment while trying to follow volumes of regulations equal to the scope of nuclear power plants. Providing for their needs requires an army of departments all working together towards our common purpose of creating an enriching environment where rehabilitation, healing, and happiness can be felt among the residents and staff. In addition to our nursing department which employs the majority of our heroic staff, Westgate also has a fully dietary department, housekeeping and laundry, maintenance, rehabilitation team, social services, and activities department as well as numerous administrative departments to support the staff and operational needs of the facility. Each and every member of these departments play a crucial role in the end result and are focused on working harmoniously together. We do what we do for the residents we care for. We are honored to have them with us, whether for short-term rehabilitation or for long-term care, we try to make their stay as happy

and homelike as possible. Person-centered care is our mantra, which means each resident's specific needs and preferences need to honored creating unique challenges when there are 140 resi-dents with 30-40% of those residents coming to the facility for short-term rehabilitation. The revolving door of residents, each with their specific needs, makes each and every day unique and taxing. The staff are trained to be patient, caring, and adaptable with residents and their families but unfortunately face the opposite treatment with a select number of residents and their families. The staff recognize the circumstances are not ideal for the resident. They know every resident and their family would rather be at home than in a nursing home. This dynamic often creates guilt, sadness, and frustration in the resident's loved ones which unfortunately is taken out on the staff. The staff put on a happy face despite the occasional poor treatment from residents or loved ones and happily provide daily care ranging from bathing, toileting, feeding, changing, and providing medical care to residents. The staff at Westgate are human, which means they do make mistakes and are not perfect at what they do. But what makes nursing homes special is the staff. The staff chose to work in this industry because they have special hearts that love to care for others

Now that you have a better view of what it's like to work in a nursing home, imagine the impact our current pandemic has had! With every strict regulation change, added infection control restrictions, and COVID positive staff or resident case, Westgate has grown stronger and more committed to caring for our susceptible residents. Staff are now required to wear additional personal protective equipment, get vaccinated and tested regularly, and limit the chances of infection through intense adherence to a myriad of new regulations under the watchful eyes of state and local regulators. The resident's loved ones are mostly supportive but there are occasions when their personal frustrations with the COVID regulations spills over to the staff. Difficulties arise every time a staff member tests positive because now they are short one more employee for the required quarantine period. Through all of these challenges, many heroic staff have risen to the challenges and exceeded expectations in every way. Working countless hours of overtime and doubletime, setting aside personal comforts for the comfort of their residents and



fellow staff members. The pandemic continues on and while the world politicizes and debates how to solve the pandemic, nursing home workers do the work that matters most. They are caring for the most susceptible and frail in the world. They are linking arms with their fellow healthcare heroes and putting themselves between their residents and this horrible pandemic and are standing firm, determined to not let the pandemic hurt their residents.

Westgate Gardens Care Center is hosting a Car Show on Saturday ~ March 26, 2022 ~ 8:00 am to 2:00 pm . Please come support these heroic staff members. All proceeds from the car show will go to honoring the heroic Westgate staff.









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