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A Tribute to Bette Addington

By Dave Wolin

Bette Addington passed away on July 6th after a courageous battle with cancer. It's not enough to say "she will be missed". As a moving force in the hot rod and custom car community, she, with her husband Chris, ran the Bakersfield Car Club Council for many years. She was in charge of communications for the Car Club Council as well as the secretary and treasurer. She managed the finances, juggled the car show calendar for most of the valley, responded to e-mails, supervising the Bakersfield Super Cruise Car Show and more. Busy as a mother and grandmother, she also was active until recently on the board of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. An avid bowler, she was a founding member of the California Bowling Writers Association.



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Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House & Lea Lehman

By Randy Michaud

When long time Bakersfield car enthusiast Lea Lehman passed in 2020, she willed her four Mopars and a Chevy van to The Mopars of Bakersfield Car Club. The Club received a 2015 R/T Challenger, restored 1968 Dodge Coronet 500, restored 1965 Plymouth Belvedere II, 1973 Plymouth and a 1982 Chevrolet van. Having the cars provided an opportunity for the Club to make a significant donation with all proceeds going to the Mopar's of Bakersfield's adopted charity The Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. The Club was forced to cancel their last two charity "American Car Truck & Bike Shows" due to COVID-19 so the Lehman cars couldn't have arrived at a better time.



Since adopting the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House eleven years ago the Mopars have raised

over \$150,000. When the \$66,000 proceeds from the sale of the five cars is included the Mopars of Bakersfield have raised well over \$220,000 for the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. The Clubs donations helped make possible an expansion and remodel of the Bakersfield facility in 2019. Included in the expansion is the Mopar Wing with rooms having a private bath with shower. Each room was named after a famed Mopar car, the Dodge room, Plymouth room, the Hemi room and the Mopar room. The American Car Show is held on the Saturday before Mother's Day at the beautiful Bakersfield R. V. Resort. The 2022 Show is May 7th, 2022. For show information see the Clubs website moparsofbakersfield.com or call Val at 661-301-4395.

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The Small Town Cruizers Car Club has had some difficulties with our cruise nights but we got through the year. Salle's restaurant in Tulare gave us the ability to keep going with them this year. Hopefully the Home Depot in Tulare will be where we will have our cruise nights and car show next year. We will let everyone know in the future car news.

So.. We are having our annual "end of the summer" car show on September 11th at the Milan Institute again. Seems many gatherings have been there lately so many of you know where it is...!! Hahaha...!! It's a great location.

The club is still supporting all the local police departments with their K-9 programs. It's a great charity that needs your support, so come and help us buy a new K-9 for the Tulare County Sheriffs department!!

Hope to see you all there... Bob Riggi, president...



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The event organizing committee is once again preparing and planning for yet another production. The 2021 event has been upgraded to include additional food choices, entertainment venues and spectator activities.

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CHARTER OAK MODEL A CLUB & HAPPY HONKER MODEL A CLUB NEWS

Hi Fellow Model A'ers,

We've got a lot to report on in this issue of "Old Cars and Motorsports" magazine.

Both of our Model A Clubs are back meeting on a regular basis.

Both Clubs are gearing up for a great Touring season but are especially looking forward to our "Model A Work Seminars".

We meet, usually on a Saturday, and have a special project to talk over and work on.

In May we had a clutch replacement on our member, Marvin Hansen's Model A Roadster.

The reason I'm mentioning all of this, is because, we as Club members help each other with repairs, alterations and just all-around maintenance of our Club Members cars.

So if you have a Model A and need some help on getting it up to snuff, come join our Club and get the mechanical help you need.

Charter Oak Model A Club is meeting on the second

Monday of every month, 6:00pm at the Blain Foundation facility, Visalia, CA. (If you don't know the directions to our meeting place please contact Phil Kneeland at cell: (559) 679-1980)

Happy Honkers Model A Club is meeting on the second Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at The Pizza Factory at 897 W. Henderson Ave, Porterville. (We meet at 5:00pm for dinner)

For more information call; Phil @ (559) 679-1980

What Have You Been Doing With Your Model A This Month????
Let Me Know What You've Been Up To.....You Tell Me and I'll Write It Up!

OUR MEMBER MARVIN HANSEN HAD SOME CLUTCH PROBLEMS.
 Marv and Phil Kneeland installed a new clutch assy. in his 1931 Roadster this month.



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By Jay McCord

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We would like to remind you that any car “Born a Ford” is welcome to enter. So, if your street rod has a different engine, you are welcome at the show.

We feature Trophies in 12 Classes 1st and 2nd Place and Trophies for Best of Show, Best Club Participation, Best Restored Model A, and Best Emergency Response Ford.

We will again feature a live a band, a Raffle with many prizes, and of course, our Wonderful Grand Raffle Prize which will be for two night stays at:

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Send your ticket order with a check to Santa Maria Model A Club, PO Box 2983, Santa Maria, CA 93457. Tickets and money must be received no later than Thursday September 9th. The winning tickets will be drawn at the show on September 11th at 3 pm. Winner need not be present to win.

For more information:

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Thank you for supporting our Scholarships at Allan Hancock College

➡ Story continued from Front Page

A Tribute to Bette Addington

During this past year plus of the pandemic, we saw her a few times at cruises she and Chris organized to senior care homes and such. We last saw her last summer as we dropped off papers at her office. She jokingly referred to her chemo as a makeover!! On behalf of the Old Cars and Motorsports staff, readers and supporters, we just want everyone to know; “you really will be missed. And

to her husband, Chris and family, you have our prayers. As a ongoing to tribute to Betty, we're going to present a annual award at the Bakersfield Super cruise, an event Bette worked so hard on. The Bette Addington Award will go to the person we consider to be the face of the hot rod and custom car community yearly.



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THE NEW CORVETTE

By Vic Groah



Linda and I had lived a spartan life style in some ways through my college years. Not that we were poor as we both worked and because of Linda's budgeting skills lived pretty well. There was little money for fancy food and high living. Our idea of a big night out was a pizza or a hamburger combo from Bob's Big Boy. We were active in two car clubs and had a couple of low end collector cars, a 1931 Chevrolet and a 1927 Star that served our purpose. We also had a \$25 metallic pink 47 Dodge pickup for the shop truck and I was driving a 61 Corvette and Linda her 56 Corvette and even had a used Honda motorcycle. Yes we were living well.

One day while working on a customer's car in my restoration shop (in a two car garage at a rented house) I received a phone call. It was the principal of Tulare Union High School. He had called the University and asked for a grad student with a peculiar list of job skills. Since I had a degree in industrial management, on the job experience in manufacturing and a secondary teaching credential the department head at the university recommended me so I was called. The principal asked if I could come it that afternoon

to interview for a position he was trying to fill. I was looking for an industrial Tech teaching position and was interested so went. He gave me a Lengthy interview and set me in the middle of a tight group in the faculty room to see if I could cut working with the staff as the job entailed some administrative work as well as teaching. I quickly found common ground with the folks and was asked to sign a contract then and there. Normally I would have asked for time to consult with my wife as the job would mean a move from Fresno to Tulare but we had been of a car tour to Tulare just a couple of weeks prior and both liked the area and the job sounded interesting so I took the job then and there. When I got home and told Linda she about flipped but we moved to my new job in Tulare and started a new life.

For a while Linda was driving to Fresno for her old job which she liked and had decided to keep. She began the 100 mile plus round trip commutes driving her trusty 56 corvette. The 56 was in good condition and ran very well but with the high performance engine it did not get good mileage and had no air-conditioning. We moved during the summer so I could get set up for my new job. One afternoon she came home soaking wet with sweat and with the automatic transmission on the car boiling. It was time to get her a new car. We looked at a new corvette at Giant Chevrolet; it was \$5500 and change, a lot of money for us. My new job was good but even then that was a bit of a strain. By coincidence the week before I had talked to a nice guy at a gas station that had just bought a new Corvette. I loved it because it was equipped just the way we wanted and told him, jokingly, that if he did not like it and wanted to sell it to call me. For some reason I gave him my card. A week later I got a call, his wife had caught him making her best friend in the car. He was given one

week to get rid of the car and the other girl or she was filing for a divorce. The car was just weeks old and with just nine hundred miles. I asked him how much and he said to make an offer. I told him I would give him Kelly Blue Book price. He agreed that was fair. He and I went to the credit union and asked for the book price. What we did not understand is they gave us the low book wholesale price instead of the retail selling price. I innocently offered him the price they printed out for me, \$4125. He winced and said sold. We gave him a credit union check then and there and took the car. Later I found out the sale price was supposed to be hundreds more. This time being uninformed worked in my favor. Linda now had a nice new car with air, stereo, leather seats, power windows and locks tilt wheel and much more. Yes, it had the high-performance engine she required. What a deal.

We had so many great times in that wonderful car. We even raced a Ferrari across eastern Nevada. We lost but gave him a good run for his much more money. The high performance four speed V8 had more grunt power. We could out pull him up hill but on the open flats he was just a little faster. Imagine driving 140 mph on 1971 factory tires!!

We drove that 71 Corvette 140,000 miles. We never had to repair anything. When she became pregnant it was traded in on a new loaded Suburban. She loved the suburban but never really forgave me for letting her Corvette go. I would still consider buying the 71 Corvette back if I could find it just to get her off my back about it. I still hear about it to this day!!

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“NOT AN AUTO SPEED GUY, BUT.....”

By Phil Kneeland

As the title states, I'm not an auto race guy.....

But.....I love airplane races (Reno Air Races in particular). I've been a fan of airplane racing every since I started my 30 year aviation career in 1961. I took my young family to the very first Reno National Air Race that was held at a little-known airport north of Sparks, NV. This airport, Sky Ranch, doesn't look like it even exists anymore. On the local map I did find a notation of a "Sky Ranch Park" that is in the same location as the old Sky Ranch Airport.....The "Races" were held there in that "Dusty Dusty" desert location in 1964 and 1965. I was there with my new family, camped out of the back of a 1957 Chevrolet Station Wagon. We spent the next 40 years, or so, at these races, addicted to them. My oldest son has carried the mantel and still attends most of the Races at the "Old Stead Air Force Base" where they have been held since 1966. Of course he does not camp out in a '57 Chev. Station Wagon but does still carry on the tradition of camping..... but in a nice big motorhome.

Why am I telling you all of this as it only pertains to "Aviation Racing"???

Things have changed in my life, as now, I'm the owner of two slow Model A Fords; own no airplanes; and do not even fly much anymore.

Very boring to "Car Guys".....!!

Things do change in a persons' life though and new and exciting things creep in.

In 2018 we attended the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) National Convention. There were about 7-8 Model A's that made the trek from Visalia to Reno and return. After arriving in Reno one of our members, (a lady of about 89 years old who drove her own Model A Coupe to Reno from Strathmore, CA) invited all of us to her daughter and son-in-law's (Roger and Susan Lessman) beautiful home that is set above Reno with a beautiful view. They had hor d'oeuvres drinks and a "fabulous" tour of Roger's collection. He had a super engineered motorcycle that he had built.....but what was so surprising was when he opened his super long car trailer and revealed his prize possession; his Bonneville Salt Flats Steamliner, #963.....in which he holds a record of 380mph on the Salt.



Roger is looking to break 400mph on the long course in his "natural gas powered" V8 this "Salt" season. His record is 380mph in his class of "wheeled vehicles operating on alternative fuels". (He burns natural gas).

I was super impressed with Rogers car, team and his accomplishments.

But.....I'm not really an "auto race guy"..... remember??

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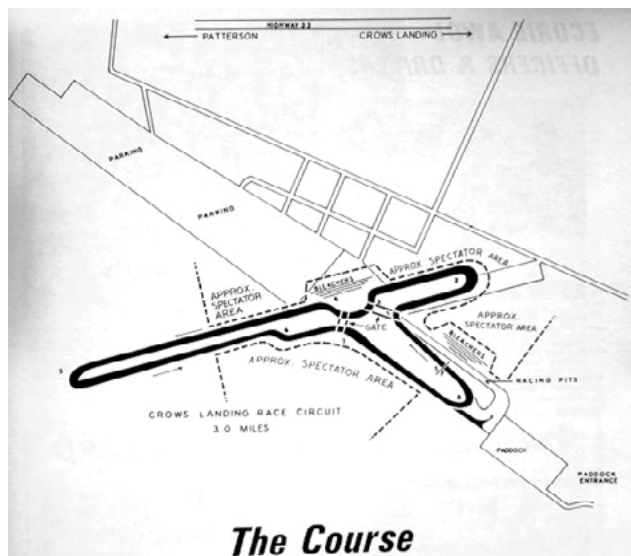
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Thank you,
 Bob Spinelli

Valley Racing History - Crow's Landing

By Dave Wolin

Anyone been to Crow's Landing; an abandoned airfield about 30 miles south of Modesto? Once a Naval Air Station training pilots of F4F Wildcats and TBM Avengers, on September 10, 1967, the SCCA Trans Am Series raced here.



The Course

The Trans Am, SCCA's longest running race series, had twelve events in 1967 and was a full on factory supported series for "more or less" stock sedans. Virtually every manufacturer supported a race team, Carroll Shelby with Mustangs, Penske with Camaros and Bud Moore with Cougars. They were full bore FIA Group 2 racecars, often using homologated parts not available to everyone. Shelby apparently built 26

cars, more or less built to GT350 specs with dual four barrels and a 32 gallon gas tank. The stock 302 produced 425 hp !! The Cougars used a 37 gallon fuel tank and weighed 300 pounds less than the production version

The event, originally planned for the now defunct Vaca Valley Raceway, succumbed to politics and financial issues and moved to Crow's Landing. Reported as very abrasive and tough on tires, the 250 mile event on a three mile circuit with one mile straights probably would not have occurred without the support of the Gallo family of Modesto who provided sponsorship and the Gallo Trophy.

The race was won by Jerry Titus in a Carroll Shelby entered Mustang at an average speed of 85.2 mph, almost a minute ahead of Peter Revson in a Cougar and Mark Donohue in a Roger Penske Camaro. Titus made only two pit stops and led most of the race. His payoff for winning was \$1250. Other leaders included Milt Minter in a Mustang and Titus' teammate Ronnie Bucknum in another Mustang.

Titus Mustang Takes Crows Landing Trans-Am, Winkler Alfa Wins Small Bore Class

MODESTO, Calif.—Jerry Titus drove north from testing in the Riverside desert to drive a sedan race in California's Central Valley, found the 120° track temperatures to his liking, and won his fourth Trans-Am for Mustang.

Not even Mark Donohue's new super-prepared Camaro could approach Titus, who beat Peter Revson's second-place factory Cougar with ease. With Revson second, Donohue was third, Milt Minter (Mustang) fourth, and Ronnie Bucknum in a Mustang fifth. Race average on this new 3-mile airport course was 85.2 mph over the 250-mile distance.

The under-2-liter battle went to Alfa Romeo, as Monty Winkler came home ahead of Porsche's Bert Everett. Everett,

who tangled with Winkler's teammate, Horst Kwech, in the early laps, was able to complete the race on only one tire change despite the new track's abrasive surface. Everett, in fact, overestimated possible tire wear, and this, combined with a shove from a Camaro into Kwech's Alfa and a subsequent mechanical black flag, very likely cost him a win in the small-bore category. Donohue, too, went with only one change of tires, but he had the wrong gear in his car and couldn't pull more than 6000 rpm. Allen Moffat, newly bolted into the seat of a private Cougar, out-qualified all of the works Cougars for fourth on the grid. He bundled his car into a hay bale on the eighth lap and quit with a bent front end.

In the under two liter category, Monte Winkler won in an Alfa Romeo followed by Bert Everett in a Porsche.



Milt Minter leads Jerry Titus in the opening laps of the Trans-American sedan race, but Titus later passed and flew to a 73-second victory over Cougar-mounted Peter Revson. (Charles Illgen photo)



Under-2-liter winner Monty Winkler upheld the Alfa team effort when Horst Kwech had to retire after hitting a hay bale. Following Winkler is Dick Stanton's Camaro which hit teammate Kwech on the first lap of the TransAm race. (Tom Montgomery photo)

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FORD CONFIRMS MAVERICK NAME FOR LONG-RUMORED COMPACT PICKUP

By Paul A. Eisenstein, www.thedetroitbureau.com

New truck expected to join line-up for 2022 model year.

All those rumors and spy shots, it seems, have been on the money, Ford today confirming it will launch a new, compact pickup that will revive the name “Maverick.”

Set to make its formal debut next week, the new truck will slot into the line-up below the current Ford Ranger and target an emerging segment that could provide an option for young budget-minded buyers. It will take a non-traditional approach to the unveiling fitting for the audience Maverick is targeting.

“The all-new Ford Maverick makes its debut on June 8 with the help of actress Gabrielle Union,” Ford said in a statement released today. “She will show off the all-new truck on her own Instagram and TikTok channels, on Ford’s social channels as well as on Hulu. The Maverick will be Ford’s first vehicle to debut on its new U.S. TikTok channel.”



Actress Gabrielle Union will be touting Ford’s new small pickup truck, the Maverick.

The move to use Union, who’s starred in a variety of movies and television series, mirrors Hyundai’s marketing efforts on its new Santa Cruz small pickup, aiming to attract younger, urban buyers to the vehicle and brand.

Bringing back a once-iconic badge

Ford first used the name, Maverick, for a compact two-door coupe launched in the 1970 model year, adding a four-door version later. It was one amongst a stable of so-called pony cars that included the smaller — and ill-fated — Pinto. Today, only the familiar Mustang nameplate survives, Maverick being discontinued in the U.S. in 1977, and in other markets two years later.

But rumors have been circulating for more than a year that Ford might bring the badge back and stamp it on the new, compact pickup that company officials had already confirmed in 2019 that they were working on. In July 2020, in fact, an image of a Ford tailgate bearing the Maverick name was leaked out.



Ford is the dominant U.S. player in the pickup market, the full-size F-Series line spending nearly four decades as the best-selling nameplate in the market. The midsize Ranger has gained traction since it was revived for the 2019 model year.

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 Friday Sept. 3 - Junior Drag Racing
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 Saturday Sept. 4 - Bugorama Parking
 Sunday Sept. 5 - Bugorama Drag Rac-
 ing, Car Show, Swap Meet
 Wednesday Sept. 8 - Street Legal
 Drag Racing 5pm-9pm
 Friday Sept. 10 - KB Motocross
 Saturday Sept. 11 - Test and Tune
 12pm-4pm & King of the Track Runoff
 Sunday Sept. 12 - CMI Sport Compact
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 Car Show 10AM-4PM
 Wednesday Sept. 15 - Street Legal
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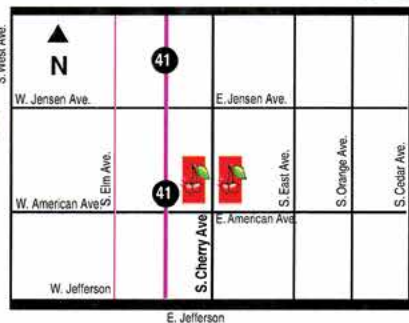
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“NOT AN AUTO SPEED GUY, BUT....”

Then a couple years back we had a new member join our Charter Oak Model A Club of Visalia, CA. His name is Tim McMaster of Visalia. Tim is a Bonneville racer also. He's also a "Salt Guy".....Tim has set some records of his own in his flathead "Y Block" powered Ford Roadster. Pretty impressive.

I just keep getting these opportunities to kind of "cozy up" to these speed guys.

Then, just recently my wife Linda and I took a little vacation to Ventura, Ca via the Highway 33 route. Now if you've ever been on Highway 33 to Ventura it's quite an experience. We were kind of scoping it out for a Model A Club tour. It will be a good one.

But.....getting back to the vacation story, I called a new friend of mine..... that I had never met in person, except for a lot of emails back and forth and really felt that I knew Steve Serr (of Miller Hi-Speed Head fame). So I had called Steve and made arrangements to visit his base of operations for building his famous and legendary Model A overhead valve adaptation, while we were visiting cool and

sunny Ventura, CA.

Steve Serr is a very unassuming person but an intelligently superb developer of the "Miller Hi-Speed Head".

Steve's Shop is in his two-car garage at 773 Utica St, east of Ventura. Steve was born and raised in this quaint little town and loves where he lives.

As we approached Steve's shop/home he met us and led us into his home to start our talk and find out what he had in store for us. We had told him "we would like to see your operation". He had mentioned that not all of his operation was done at his home/shop but was scattered in three locations in Ventura.

He sat us down and gave us the rundown on his love, "The Miller Hi-Speed Head". We then went out to his garage/shop to see how he prepares the casting that comes from Tom Roberts Designs.

Next, Steve wanted to share with us his friend Tom Roberts shop and refuge where Tom creates his masterpiece head castings. Tom's shop is located in the industrial area of south

Ventura.

Steve is a very outgoing "speed guy" and so his whole explanation on combustion chamber design and intake manifolds was so interesting to me as a novice mechanic. I had loads of questions for Steve and on the way to Tom's shop I fired them at him.

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Getting to know Tom was quite an experience for my wife Linda and I. Tom is one of those magnificent artists when it comes to mold design.

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HANFORD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

By Dave Wolin

We don't usually report on birthday parties (i.e. Our editor turns 50, etc) , but last month's 130th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanford was an exception.

Coming on the heels of Ed Iskenderian's 100th birthday,



which we celebrated privately, this Hanford deal was four days of partying coupled with a Saturday Car Show in sparkling one hundred degree weather.

Hanford's Civic Center Park was the setting; beginning with Thursday evening's Main Street Farmers Market and official Hanford birthday cake cutting, Friday's Grand Opening of the Carnegie Museum and Saturday's Classic Transportation Exhibit of interesting cars, fire trucks, military vehicles and tractors. Other events included breakfast, hosted by the Hanford Breakfast Lions Club, a special Veteran's Acknowledgement put on by the Rotary Club, appearances by the King's Players Drama Group, historic pictures from the Kings Historical Society, activities provided by the Hanford Parks Department and a beer garden, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Carnegie Museum, located in what was the public library, opened in 1905 with a substantial gift from Andrew Carnegie, a steel magnate who gave away much of his substantial wealth financing libraries. It was converted to a mu-

seum in 1975, closed for a time and now reopened with new funding sources.

One final note – Both this author and the publisher loved this location, green lawns and trees in a historic setting and we are now lobbying the museum to put on a real car show in a cooler month. Send them a message and tell them you'll come to their next car show - www.carnegiemuseumofkingscounty.org



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THE WINNING EDGE #42

By Mike Lewis

Hi everyone, I'm not sure about you, but this summer weather is very enjoyable although the heat hurts a little more as I get older.

My last article was primarily about intake valves so I would like to continue in that direction while on the subject.

First I would like to discuss the installation of larger valves. Generally, increasing the valve head diameter will increase flow, but there are many other variables that need to be taken into consideration. A bigger valve in it self doesn't increase flow. A larger valve allows the throat of the seat to be opened up increasing air flow if this was the limited area to start with.

Another situation to consider when going to a larger valve is shrouding. Depending on the way the combustion chamber is designed you could actually lose flow going to a larger valve. In some instances you can open up the chamber to help the valve shrouding, but then compression ratio needs to be brought into the equation.

You also need to consider the angle at which the runner leads into the chamber. If the air is directed more toward the center of the chamber away from the shrouded area you may only lose a small amount of the flow at low lift if you lose any at all.

Before ending this article I would like to add a couple things about titanium valves which was briefly discussed in my last article. The rush to smaller stem diameters has basically leveled off. Hollow stem valves are growing more popular, both in stainless and titanium. Titanium is receiving most of the attention. As engine rpm's are pushed higher & higher, valve train weight gets more and more important. There is also a significant increase in sodium filled exhaust valves. The availability of hollow head titanium valves, I believe, is right around the corner. The available finishing and coatings for these valves seems endless.

Till next time...

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Valley Racing History - Crow's Landing

In a unique format, points were awarded according to finishing position. Only the highest-placed car scored points for the manufacturer and only the best nine finishes counted towards the championship. The Ford team of Titus and Bucknum ended up winning the championship while Porsche won the under two liter category. Drivers' championships were not awarded in Trans-Am until 1972.

This was the only race held at the Crow's Landing Airport. Today SCCA holds some autocross events there at what

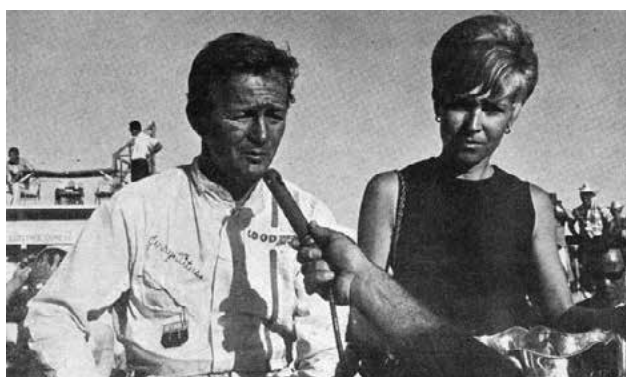
is now called "The Crows Landing Air Facility". Bordered by Fink Road to the south and Marshall Road to the north, it stands west of Highway 33 between Patterson and Crows Landing. The county has enlisted a developer to turn the acreage into an industrial park that would serve as a rail hub for the Port of Oakland and would include a solar farm. The area now requires a toxic waste cleanup, one of the reasons

the county is reticent to allow the additional use of the airfield, and states that, the property has no access to water or electricity, no security personnel and that some facilities, such as the air traffic control tower, already have suffered from vandalism.

Dave Wolin is a long time racer, hotrodder and sometime auto racing historian. He has published a couple of books, "Showroom Stock" and "IMSA RS", available on Amazon and at your local automotive bookstore.



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Ernest & Julio Gallo



Back In School Car Show

By Paul Rabeb

This year, more than ever, we need car shows! We need to begin to reclaim a sense of normalcy and wellbeing, while at the same time allowing us to reconnect to our friends, neighbors, community, hobby, and most importantly each other. Our Back in School Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at the Milan Institute located at

6500 S. Mooney Blvd. in Visalia.

When I started the Golden West High School Back In School Car Show in 2019, we set out to create a community event in which our students could not only connect to the car hobby, but also connect to the car central valley community at large. At Golden West, we met with a small group of students to create the G-Dub Car Club to encourage the

younger generation to become involved in the car hobby. The focus of the G-Dub Car Club is to foster a sense of purpose, community, and leadership through the common interest in the classic car hobby. We are providing students with opportunities to attend shows as spectators, while encouraging them to bring their rides to shows. A great many students have project vehicles of all shapes, sizes, and conditions, but may not feel their cars are ready to be seen. The Back in School Car Show was designed to be a positive experience for students in which they can participate in a familiar venue for their first time out.

At our first show, we were so excited to have had 90 vehicles come out and enjoy the day with 17 different trophies awarded. This year we are anticipating an even larger turnout and have over 28 trophies that will awarded. We have moved our event to the Milan Institute which will accommodate many more cars, allowing for social distancing, and allow all of us to bypass those pesky speed bumps. We are hoping that you, the classic car community, will come out and celebrate your beautiful rides while supporting the future generation of motorsports lovers by attending the Golden West "Back in School Car Show" on Saturday, October 16.

It is my goal to encourage as many central valley students (High School and College) to participate in our show by registering their rides in our student division. If you know of a student who should participate with their ride, you can help me by encouraging them to register for the student category. Regardless of your age, or the status of your build, we look forward to seeing you with your ride!

This year the Back In School Car Show welcomes our major show sponsors Garagefathers Insurance and Classic Automobile Inspections of Central California. The Garagefathers will be bringing a few of their unique vehicles including the truck used on screen in the movie Jeepers Creepers. We are also excited to welcome two new major sponsors: Big Boyz Garage Tires & Service, and California Detail Company. It is through the financial support of community business sponsors like these, that we can offer another outstanding experience for our participants and community spectators.

The Back In School Car Show is open to all years, makes and models of cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, bikes, boats, big rigs, professional cars, vintage tractors, and farm equipment. If it has a motor, it is welcome. We are also still accepting Show Sponsors, and we still have exclusive vendor booths including food vendor opportunities available.

Trophy categories include: Best of Show, People's Choice Award, Principal's Honor Roll, Best Student Ride, Best Special Interest, Best Motorcycle, Best Truck, Best Mini-Truck, Best Low Rider, Under Construction Award, Best Rat Rod, Best Corvette, Best Camaro, Best Street Rod, Best Import, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Tuner/Drifter, Best Off-Road 4x4, Least Insurable, Pre-70 Ford, Post-70 Ford, Pre-70 GM, Post-70 GM, Pre-70 Mopar, Post-70 Mopar, Pre-70 Mustang, Post-70 Mustang

We are excited about our lineup for the day which includes 20+ vendors, food, music by Run4Cover, and some beautiful cars. Pre-Registration is \$30 for adults, and student registration is only \$10. Pre-registration before October 1st includes a Car Show T-Shirt and Goodie Bags. Students can register the day of for \$10 with their Student ID and adults can register their cars for \$35 the day of the event.

We would love to have you join us for a great day! Come bring your car and help encourage the next generation to get involved. Come tell your car story while learning what brings them to our hobby. Funds raised support the Golden West Performing Arts. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/GWCarShow2021> or you can download and print your own application by visiting us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GoldenWestCarShow> or you can contact us for a registration application via email at GDubCarClub@gmail.com or simply give us a call at 559-622-3138.

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FORD CONFIRMS MAVERICK....

Several versions on tap



When many people think of a Ford Maverick, something like this comes to mind.

Targeting a new segment and a new buyer

With Maverick, the automaker will target young, entry-level buyers looking for something both versatile and affordable. Some industry analysts see a broad opportunity to grow a segment that has largely been ignored in recent decades. There are new signs of life, however, Hyundai earlier this year unveiling its own entry, the new Santa Cruz.

Unlike traditional, body-on-frame pickups, however, both Santa Cruz and Maverick will be unibody designs. The new Ford offering is believed to be based on the same platform as the Escape SUV.

Several Mavericks have been spied on public roads undergoing testing in recent months. They've been seen with different grille layouts, one with hexagonal openings, another with small rectangles. The differences are believed to represent separate versions of the compact pickup – much as Ford uses different grilles and lighting to distinguish various trim levels for the big F-150.

It is widely expected that the Maverick will be offered in both all-wheel-drive and front-wheel-drive. The AWD package may use an independent rear suspension, the FWD alternative getting a less expensive twist beam setup.

The Ford Maverick also is expected to share powertrains with the Escape, offering future buyers options including a base, turbocharged three-cylinder package making 180 horsepower and 177 pound-feet of torque. The upgrade would be a turbocharged Ecoboost four-cylinder engine displacing 2.0 liters and making 250 hp and 275 lb-ft.

There have also been some reports suggesting Maverick might get a hybrid option. The challenge will be holding down pricing so as not to push into the same territory as the current Ranger line.

Ford is expected to reveal more details on June 8, but we expect Maverick to go on sale late this year as a 2022 model. It will be produced at the same Hermosillo, Mexico plant now producing the Bronco Sport. That line also is based on the Escape platform, albeit one heavily modified for off-road



The Maverick small pickup's been on the radar for quite a while, as evidenced by this pic of a tailgate stamping published by Motor1.com last July.

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Considering Ranger currently starts around \$25,000, the 2022 Ford Maverick is expected to come in closer to the \$20,000 mark in front-wheel-drive form.

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“NOT AN AUTO SPEED GUY, BUT....”

After being led by Tom through his CAD design office and into his multi-faceted shop, we said good bye and Steve Serr directed us to our next stop on his list of “super interesting” friends.

Steve had mentioned that he was going to take us to see “Speed Demon”.

“What is a Speed Demon??

Now.....you have to remember that “I am not an auto “Speed Guy”do you remember me telling you that??”

“I had no idea what or who ‘Speed Demon’ was”!! Boy did Linda and I get the thrill of a lifetime. We walked into Maxwell Industries shop building and there sat one of the most beautiful “Bonneville Salt Flats Steamliner” ever.

The body shell was off so we got to see all of the inner workings of this fabulous machine.

This “Speed Demon” holds the fastest record for a piston-powered vehicle at 481mph. Speed Demon is owned and driven by George Poteet of Memphis, Tennessee. It was developed and is crewed by Steve Watt and Maxwell Industries. George and the Steve Watt Team are looking to break 500mph this September season on the Salt.



George Poteet-Owner and Driver of Speed Demon



Steve Watt of Maxwell Ind., Ventura

Steve Serr then introduced Linda and I to Steve Watt. Steve Watt gave us a personal tour through his facilities explaining all of the magnificent “go faster” points on the record breaking machine. He even presented me with the latest 2021 “Speed Demon” poster.



The Speed Demon team was busy getting everything together for the 2021 Bonneville Salt Season, so we left with a whole new perspective on “auto speed”

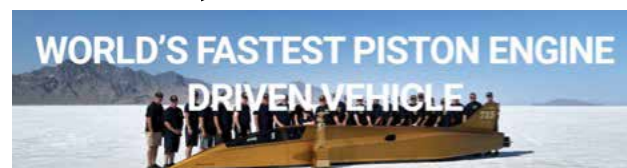
As you’ll remember a few years back auto speed was an unknown sport to me. But just in the last few years I’ve been bitten by the bug.

“The Speed Demon is prepared in Ventura California by the Speed Demon crew led by Steve Watts and Maxwell Industries. The engine builder for all of the Speed Demon records is Kenny Duttweiler, and each year he finds more power to push the envelope.

And, now I know who and what Speed Demon is.

We headed back to Steve Serr’s home/shop and on the way Steve clued us in on what a “nest” of well-known “Speed Guys” are in this Ventura/Oxnard area.

On this trip I became good friends with Steve Serr, spending almost an entire day listening to all of the exploits of the local talented “Speed Guys”!



He introduced me to this“Beautiful World of Auto Speed”.

“Now.....I know what Speed Demon is” and where the Southern, CA. gathering point is for a lot of the well known race guys.

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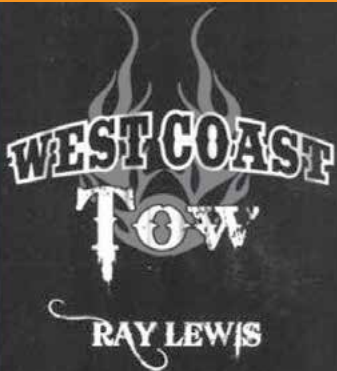


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