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# 1959 FORD FAIRLANE 500 GALAXIE SKYLINER

From our friends at Borderline Classics in Downtown Dinuba, this is the first in a regular series featuring the details behind both iconic and unique classics of the collector car world.

From 1957 to 1959, Ford Motor Company produced the Fairlane 500 Skyliner, a two-door, full-sized hardtop convertible. In 1959 Ford introduced the top-tier 'Galaxie' series, marketed as the 'Fairlane 500 Galaxie Skyliner'. Brought to market as a separate series, 'Galaxie' models carried both 'Fairlane 500' and 'Galaxie' badging.

The name "Skyliner" was a reference to the Fairlane 500's most compelling feature, a retractable hardtop convertible that allowed driver and passengers to easily "see the sky"! While convertibles were common at the time, Ford's 'Hide-Away Hardtop' was only the second car in history to be produced with a retractable hardtop, and the very first vehicle of any kind to use a hardtop roof with two unique segments. When released, the Fairlane 500 Skyliner was the only true hardtop convertible, or "coupe convertible". Ford's design of this retractable hardtop ultimately led to the el-

egant engineering found in the water-tight retractable fabric convertible tops on Lincoln Continentals from 1961-67.

As with all cutting-edge designs, the 'Hide-Away Hardtop' two-piece roof was as complicated as it was unique. Using a series of electric motors instead of hydraulics, the system required several relays, lift jacks, limit switches, and solenoids, along with four locking systems for the roof and two for the trunk! As complicated as it sounds, the system worked well when introduced, and even today a well-maintained system works as it did back in the day, with few if any reliability issues.

Instead, the retractable roof created its own set of issues, primarily with design and space constraints. The fuel tank had to be relocated vertically behind the rear seat, which had the completely unintended benefit of increased safety in rear collisions! The design required a shorter roofline and larger trunk to fit both the roof and its retractable engineering, creating a unique but still pleasing overall profile. Perhaps most important to prospective buyers was the lack of available trunk room, as the top used almost all the trunk space itself! This simple design oversight often outweighed the value of the vehicle's technical features, limiting its overall sales.



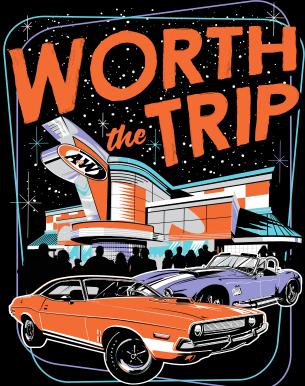
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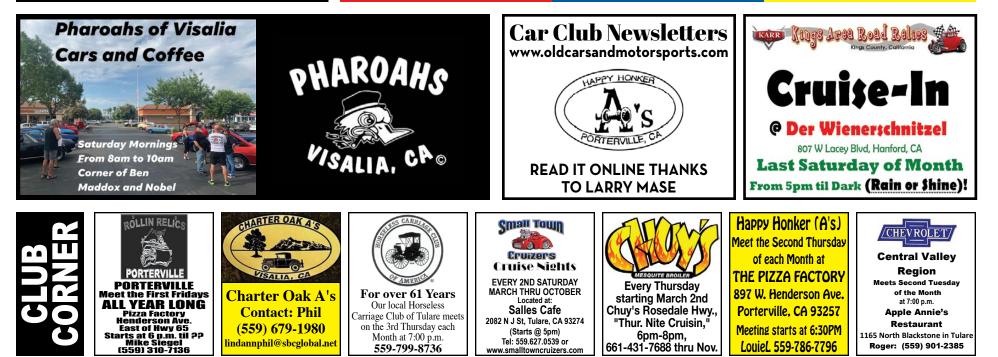
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# TOURING 2022 STYLE

#### By Vic Groah



As summer wears down and fall comes into view I think about this car event season and rejoice that there are so many opportunities to enjoy our wonderful hobby and especially the great people involved with it. Thanks to the Old Cars Newsletter and the various fliers out there we are able to keep up on the events and participate as we are able.

Due to scheduling conflicts and budget constraints Linda and I have not able to attend every event we wanted. The steep rise in cost of fuel, accommodations and general inflation took a toll on our ability to fit things into our budget. We canceled a 2000 mile round trip to northern Oregon for an event because with pulling the car and trailer the fuel, motels, food etc for a week was to cost right at \$4000. That does not include the cost of the event itself. This is an event we have attended, other than the two Covid years, each year for the last 20 years. Times are changing. No we cannot do it all, as much as we would like to, but fortunately there are events of varying types that allow us to stay connected and somewhat active in our hobby.

We have been blessed with a nice assortment of local events. Linda and I banded together with a few other car folks and led a multi stop garage tour caped off with a BBQ





in our back yard. We had 70 people for lunch at our home and a wide array of very interesting cars parked on the grass on our back yard. A week later, driving our old cars, a group met at a hotdog stand in town, total cost, a gallon of gas and \$2 each for a hot dog. Now there was an affordable event!! We attend the Saturday morning cars and coffee event each week at the shopping center, low cost here. There are the cruise nights, church and rest home car shows, and cars in the park shows locally that are low cost and high fun. Yes we are attending some major events but keeping them within the state for budgeting purposes. There are so many to choose from this fall season. Check the Old Cars Newspaper schedule.



Some of our friends have deeper pockets than we do and are still attending events all over the country and abroad. I am so happy for them and love to hear the reports of those magnificent events too. I am not a bit jealous; they worked smarter than me and are reaping the rewards of a life time of hard work.

To us the most important is the camaraderie, the sharing and visiting with folks of like interest. The cars are interesting and important to us but the big thing is the friendships forged over the years. For the most part people are social creatures, therefore love to visit and yes we like to show off our special ride too. Attend as much as you can, make friends and enjoy each opportunity. Hope to see you soon at the next event. Old Cars & Motorsports • 8.2022 www.oldcarsandmotorsports.com Instagram @oldcarsandmotorsportsnewspaper Page 5 ST WORD I INDER HEA PRO-TECH PROVIDES THE MOST ∘ TRUCK ∘ RV **PROFESSIONALLY MODIFIED CYLINDER HEADS AVAILABLE ANYWHERE - PERIOD!** B & F( PRO TECH UTILIZES STATE-OF-THE-ART "NEWEN" 2-AXIS, SINGLE-POINT Free Road Test & Diagnostic Checks CNC VALVE SEAT AND GUIDE MACHINE as well as a "SUPER-FLOW" Automatice & Standard Transmissions COMPUTERIZED SF-600 FLOW BENCH Parts & Accessories Available THE REVOLUTIONARY "NEWEN" SEAT AND GUIDE MACHINE MAKES ALL OTHER SEAT Servicing Fly Wheels AND GUIDE MACHINES OBSOLETE Aftermarket Warranties Accepted EVEN IF ALL YOU NEED IS A BASIC VALVE JOB, WHY NOT TRUST YOUR VALUABLE Service & Repairs · B&M Parts & Shift Kits INVESTMENT TO A TRUE PROFESSIONAL, WHO HAS THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF R&D Clutches & Transfer Cases EXPERIENCE, IMPROVING CYLINDER HEAD AIRFLOW AND PERFORMANCE? WHETHER IT IS A DOMESTIC OR AN IMPORT, MARINE OR MOTORCYCLE, STOCK TO ALL-OUT COMPETITION, WE HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO VASTLY IMPROVE THAT ENGINE'S PERFORMANCE! CHANDAN HARRIE PICK-UP & DELIVERY AVAILABLE FREE IN-TOWN TOWING ON MAJOR BEPAIRS Senior Citizen, Student & Military Discounts WE OFFER A VARIETY OF SERVICES: PORTING AND POLISHING VALVE SPRING TESTS TO 1500 LBS. FLOW TESTING VOLUMETRIC MEASURING DISCOVER 2208 East Mineral King Ave. ULTRASONIC THICKNESS TESTING COMPLETE HEAD RE-BUILDING INTAKE PORT MATCHING EXHAUST PORT MATCHING Visalia BBB VISA PRO TECH, MIKE LEWIS - OWNER, FRESNO, CA. 1-559-227-4773 **TO ADVERTISE WITH US... Contact Matt Case 559.786.2567** or email: matcase@yahoo.com

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# **THE WINNING EDGE / Article #45**

#### By Mike Lewis

Hi everybody, I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer weather as much as I am.

Have you ever got a set of heads back from the machine shop and wondered if the seats are done correctly? They look good, but good looks only win beauty contests. I have on occasion run across seats that were cut incorrectly. The real point is to make sure you have an airtight seal between the seat and valve.

Probably the best way to check the seal is to perform a leak down test on the head and establish for sure that it is performing as intended. To run this check, a valve is dropped into the head and a vacuum is pulled on the port. If you can pull 20-25 inches of vacuum and it holds for several minutes without leaking off, the seal is good and passes inspection. The advantage of vacuum testing is that it not only checks for leaks but can show where any existing leak is occurring. By running a bead of oil around the valves and smearing the chamber surface you can visually detect the location of any leak.

You can also lap the valves to the seats with lapping compound to ensure the necessary match between seat and valve. A seat that is off by 0.001 inch or so can be corrected by lapping, however, an error this large should not have been missed by the machine shop.

The first rule for check lapping is that coarse paste does not figure anywhere in the game. Fine lapping compound is the only grade to use.

A check lapping operation involves lightly lapping the valves to the seats to see if they color up evenly all the way around on both mating surfaces. If they have been correctly cut, they should color up to a matte gray finish with no more than 5-10 seconds of lapping. If the mating surfaces have not lapped on after about a minute of lapping maximum, then you need to return the heads to the machine shop to correct the problem.

If a valve check lapped good the next test is to blue up the seat on the valve, drop it into the head and then, using a reasonable amount of pressure, rotate it a few times. When the valve is removed, the seat in the head should be correspondingly blued. If it passes this final test you can assume that an airtight seal is probably a reality.

I personally prefer leak down testing because valve lapping can be detrimental to airflow.

Till next time,

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# LEGEND RICHARD PETTY VISITS CAPITAL HILL WITH SEMA TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RPM ACT

#### By Della Domingo

On Tuesday, July 19, "The King" Richard Petty joined SEMA CEO Mike Spagnola in the nation's capital to ad-



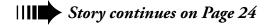
vocate for Congress to pass the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act). The bipartisan bill (H.R. 3281/S. 2736) protects Americans' right to convert street vehicles into dedicated racecars and the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell products that enable racers to compete.

Like most NASCAR drivers, Petty competed in racecars that started out as street-legal vehicles. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains the position that such modified race vehicles are not legal under the Clean Air Act, threatening many classes of racing along with an industry that employs tens of thousands of Americans and contributes more than \$2 billion to the U.S. economy each year.

Petty and Spagnola sat down with key members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to advocate for the interests of racers, enthusiasts, builders, tracks, sanction-

ing organizations and businesses, while also looking to gain stronger congressional support to protect one of America's oldest pastimes and hobbies: motor-vehicle racing. In an effort to curtail the EPA's overreaching and extreme enforcement of the Clean Air Act, Petty and Spagnola appeared in Washington, D.C., to push for passage of the RPM Act, which awaits committee action in the House of Representatives and Senate.

"The EPA is overstepping its jurisdiction and penalizing small motorsports parts businesses," said Petty. "The RPM Act is essential to the racing industry and protecting the careers of young racers all over the country. During most of my racing career, my fellow NASCAR drivers and I competed in racecars that started out at as street-legal vehicles."



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# American Graffiti 2022



#### By Judy Herrero

The American Graffiti Festival & Car Show in Modesto returned to its regular time slot – the second weekend in June – and the 2022 event was one of the most successful ever.

"The community showed up in great numbers. It was the second highest attendance in our 23 years," said show chairman Brent Burnside.

The show is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of North Modesto as its primary fund-raiser. Profits go back into the community in the form of grants to local non-profits, college scholarships and generous Christmas baskets to 60 needy families.

Some 1,200 cars and trucks vintage 1979 and older were entered in the show. A thousand of them participated in the Friday evening parade/sanctioned cruise in downtown Modesto – on the same streets featured in the 1973 "American Graffiti" movie. Filmmaker George Lucas grew up in Modesto.

To help attract younger people, the show has in recent years invited Cars & Coffee Modesto to display their newer muscle and exotic cars on Sunday. More than 200 were on display this year. The event also features dozens of craft and food





vendors and live music both days.

The event found a new home – the Modesto Junior College West Campus. It was held there years ago, but the campus is more appealing now, with new buildings, more mature trees (shade) and larger parking areas.

Planning has started for the 2023 show, which will be June 9-11. Entries for classic cars and vendors will open in mid-March on the website, www.americangraffitifestival.com. For more information, email nmkcarshow@gmail.com or leave a message at 209-447-5962.

# Of Drivers, Concours Cars, and Trailer Queens

#### By Paul Raheb, Classic Auto Inspections of Central CA and John "Gunner" Gunnell

One of my favorite things is to be at a local car show, cruise night, or cars and coffee when there is a car that pulls up that I haven't seen before. Now, don't get me wrong. There are some very beautiful cars around that we see every week; I really love seeing those as well. It is fun to watch their ongoing evolution, customization, modification, and restoration. But, as more folks are getting into the classic car hobby, I love seeing new to us classic cars that are making their debut or have finally emerged after a long time off the road. Extra bonus points go for those vehicles that are unique, underrepresented, rare, or just hardly seen at local shows. "Bought" or "Built'. Driven or trailered makes no difference to me. Finished or still a project under construction makes no difference. If they drive and we drive them, they are "drivers".

I know my cars inside and out, and I know each flaw both

cosmetically and mechanically. I am sure you do too. You know what you want to change, upgrade, or fix. None of our cars are perfect, no matter how much time and money we throw at them. Fix one thing something else fails. Customize one other thing, something else now needs our attention. Our cars are never finished and yet we love them anyway. So, I always find it funny when someone tells another hobbyist, "Well that's a nice driver." As if to say, "Nice car, but you know it's not as good as it could be", or "that's nice, it still has flaws". Heck yeah, my cars have flaws! I can show you each of them and as a high school teacher, I don't make enough to do a bolt-by-bolt restoration and I am ok with that. I am ok with it because no one's ride is perfect (although some folks come dang near close to it), but please don't speak down to another hobbies' by pointing out that their car is a nice "driver". It's like saying your blind date has a "nice personality" as if I would be surprised that it isn't perfect. Matthew 7:3 says it best, "And why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye, but not notice the beam in

your own eye?" By definition, most of our cars are "drivers" and would be rated between a 2 and a 4 (see below). If you can't say something nice, don't say it at all.

The appraisal and insurance side of our collector cars hobby uses the 1–6 Condition Code to determine the values of classic, vintage or collector vehicles, but what do the different condition numbers mean? Understanding the grading system is important when it comes to valuing your car. The use of a numerical condition code was adopted in the mid-1970s to replace descriptions such as "good," "fair" and "excellent" that meant different things to different people. Chet Krause, a publisher of magazines for collectors in various fields, felt that the old-car hobby needed a grading system like the coin and stamp collecting hobbies.

Krause's system was adopted for price guides published in Old Cars magazine before it became a weekly. This proved to be one of the periodical's most popular features and later became the basis of Old Cars Price Guide magazine and Hagerty's Valuation Guide. Originally there were five conditions, and the system didn't cover vehicles in very, very rough condition. This led appraisers in states with personal property tax laws to overstate the values of derelict cars and trucks. To rectify this, a sixth condition grade for "parts cars" was established.

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Under the hood of every Fairlane 500 Skyliner you'll find a Ford V8, but a very special few 'H' code models came from the factory equipped with 352CI 'Interceptor' Thunderbird Special V8 sporting 4-barrel carbs with dual exhaust. These engines were factory-rated at 300 horsepower back when factory ratings were conservative!! Ford offered two manual transmissions, along with 'Ford-O-Matic' three-speed & three-speed overdrive automatics. The 1958 & 1959 models featured an upgraded 'Cruise-O-Matic' automatic overdrive with second drive gear (D2).

With a production run of only three years, the 1957-58 Fairlane 500 Skyliner & 1959 Fairlane 500 Galaxie Skyliner are unique vehicles. Just over 48,000 units were produced overall, with 12,915 produced in 1959. While not necessarily a low production number, the production series continues to appreciate in value, in particular the one-model-year-only Fairlane 500 Galaxie Skyliner.



## 1959 FORD FAIRLANE 500 GALAXIE SKYLINER

The 1959 Fairlane 500 Galaxie Skyliner featured here enjoyed the loving care of single family ownership for over 60 years!! It's a true 'H' code car, complete with 'Interceptor' Thunderbird Special V8 and 'Cruise-O-Matic' automatic with D2 overdrive. Garage-kept the entire time, it was consistently maintained to a high standard. The entire drivetrain, plus brakes, hoses, and various other components were rebuilt or restored 11 years ago. All of the unique body and trim features look great, and the matching interior is very clean and comfortable, complete with the "new-for-the-'50s" electronic clock in the dash!! The 'Hide-Away Hardtop' retractable hardtop not only works, it still works great – a testament to classic engineering!!

For more detail on this featured vehicle – or any other classic – please take advantage of the classic & collector car

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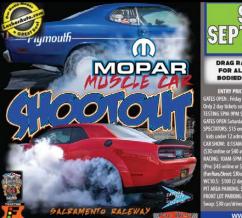


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#### By Darren Angelos

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Plus, what it does for our generation and those of us that are car enthusiasts & aficionados, is that 'Legends' brings a way to show off your custom Hot Rod, or even "project car" to see if Mattel will choose it for an actual Hot-Wheel that next year!

Just Imagine... your baby sitting all shiny in your garage could actually be on shelves for kids and collectors to purchase.

Now THAT'S throttle for ya! In fact If you would like to see a Hot-Wheel come to life, then head out to this year's HEROES FEST!. Its a Comic Con, Car Show and fundraiser for the 501c3 children's cancer charity, Project Wish Upon A Star.

Actually, a show for HEROES by HEROES honoring in support for Fire fighters, Search & Rescue, First Responders, Cal-Fire & individuals that go the extra mile in daily life & know what it is to "Be Beyond" in our world.

Awards will be given to noted organizations and individuals by the California State Senators Office & our event coordinators, PWUAS.Org

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## Of Drivers, Concours Cars, and Trailer Queens

From the start, the lowest number (#1) indicated the best condition. The higher numbers indicated worse conditions. Each number was assigned a carefully thought-out word description, as follows:

**NO. 1: EXCELLENT** - Concours quality

Restored to current maximum professional standards of quality in every area or perfect original with components operating or appearing as new; a 95-plus point show car that isn't driven.

#### NO. 2: FINE

Well-restored or a combination of superior restoration and excellent original; also, an extremely well-maintained original showing very minimal wear.

#### NO. 3: VERY GOOD

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#### NO. 4: GOOD

A drivable vehicle needing no or only minor work to be functional; also, a deteriorated restoration or a very poor amateur restoration. All components may need restoration to be "excellent," but the car is mostly usable "as is."

#### **NO. 5: RESTORABLE**

Needs complete restoration of body, chassis, and interior; may or may not be running, but isn't weathered, wrecked, or stripped to the point of being useful only for parts.

#### **NO. 6: PARTS CAR**

May or may not be running, but is weathered, wrecked, and/or stripped to the point of being useful primarily for parts.

Another way to think of the numeric condition coding system is to think of a pyramid. No. 1 condition is at the top and No. 6 condition is at the bottom. The tip top of the pyramid has only enough room for the best one or two cars of a particular model. At the next level, the pyramid can fit more cars. At level 3, even more cars can fit and so on. Most of our cars are not 95+ point cars. Cheers to those of you who own those cars and thank you for showing them.

Some people knock "Bought" vehicles and "Trailer Queens". My car has been trailered a great deal so don't hate on me (trailered by AAA more than once). Others trailer their vehicles because of gas milage, gear ratios, reliability, you name it. You bought and did not build your car from the ground up? Fantastic! Good for you! I love your ride and if I had the money, I would drive one home from Barrett Jackson, have Chip Foose "Overhaul" me, or Dave Kindig build me a "Bitchin' Ride"! It takes all kinds and I sure love them all. I appreciate your car, but I would never qualify my compliment by saying, it's a "nice driver". They are all great in my eyes, and if you can drive them...they're drivers...yours and mine.

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# LEGEND RICHARD PETTY VISITS CAPITAL HILL ...



The RPM Act reverses the EPA's interpretation that the Clean Air Act does not allow a motor vehicle designed for street use—including a car, truck or motorcycle—to be converted into a dedicated racecar. This American tradition was unquestioned until 2015 when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

"The RPM Act will save the livelihood of thousands of Americans, including many young racecar drivers," said Spagnola. "SEMA is dedicated to ensuring our industry remains





viable. Racers and the businesses that make motorsports possible deserve clarity in federal law that protects the ability to convert street vehicles into dedicated racecars and sell products for these track vehicles without fear of enforcement."

Both Petty and Spagnola were optimistic about their meetings with key RPM Act supporters in Congress. "Motorsports has many strong allies in Congress. It was valuable for Mike and me to sit down with these lawmakers to discuss how we can work together to pass the RPM Act this year," shared Petty.



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Cash "Money" Lovenburg was born and raised in Visalia, CA. He grew up going to the Micro Sprint races at Plaza Park Raceway since he was a year old. In 2017, at the age of eight, his family bought him a Jr. Sprint of his own and have never looked back while traveling around California, up into northern Washington and all the way to Tulsa Oklahoma for races. Cash would spend the first 3 years of his racing career in the Jr. Sprint class picking up multiple wins, awards, and track championships. For a couple of those years his younger brother Ty was also behind the wheel but has since decided he would rather be on the wrenches working on the car than in the driver's seat. In 2020 Cash moved up into the Restricted 600 Micro Sprint Class and raced that class for the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Once again Cash Money would pick up multiple wins and awards during his time in the Restricted 600 Class. In 2022, at the age of 13, Cash moved into the Winged A-Class and at times Non-Wing Class competing against drivers more than twice his age. He has wasted no time getting back to the top spot of the podium. Cash currently has five wins on the

season and is leading the Winged A-Class points race at both Plaza Park Raceway and Lemoore Jet Bowl. Cash would like to thank every partner who has made his young racing career a successful one. Without their help none of this would be possible. You can follow Cash and the Lovenburg Racing team on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube under Lovenburg Racing.

Up next Cash and the Lovenburg Racing team will be at Plaza Park Raceway for points race #10 on August 12th, 2022, in Visalia, Ca and then Lemoore Jet Bowl for points race #10 on August 13th, 2022, in Lemoore, Ca.

Lovenburg Racing would like to thank our 2022 partners who make this all possible! Thank you Grammie and Papa, Jack's Processing, Deans Appliance, the Hale Family, UA Local 246, L. Marguez Lawn Service, Ruben's Home Service Inc., Mid-Cal Transmission, Big Boyz Garage Tires & Service, Perine & Dicken, Chapala Grill, Sean M. Dean and Mackey & Mackey Insurance, California Industrial Rubber Fresno, The Dump Guys, Gross & Steven's, Mill Creek Management, Tulare Ag Products, Irrigation Matters, Source to Source, Bar-O Ranch, 3H Cattle Co., Ten-J Chassis, Carbon Copies, Harry Boudakian Engines, FK Shocks, Keizer Wheels, and Miller's Automotive Speed & Marine for their support. Lovenburg Racing also sends a thanks for your support to the Garcia, Parreira, O'Brien, Lynn, and Ellis families.



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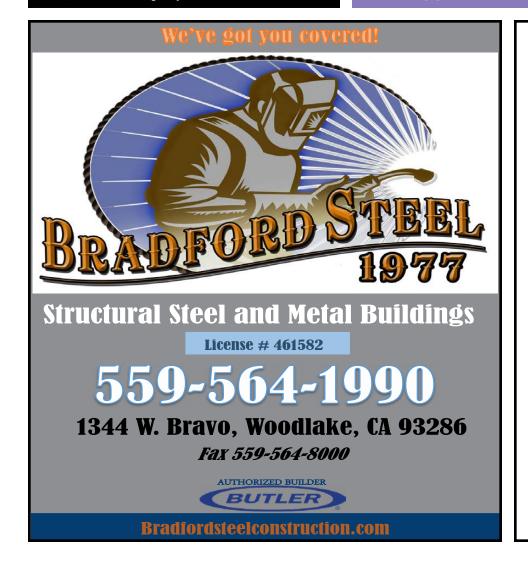
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# **Good CLUB NEWS FROM CHARTER OAK MODEL A CLUB "Family"**

#### By Phil Kneeland

#### "Big Taylor's Hot Dog Night"

The Charter Oak Model A Club of Visalia, CA, is "Growin' and Rollin'"!! In the last two (2) years the Charter Oak Model A Club has grown by about fifteen (15) new member families. In our book that is about 40%. We are super proud of those figures because a few years ago we were sliding the wrong direction and something needed to be done!!

Since that time we have adopted the "Family" attitude! We all feel a "family" closeness and "family" warmth. We are seeking new members that are wanting to join an active, vital, and friendly Club.

Active: We promote lots of activity in the Club and encourage all of our members to join in on our activities and events. Vital: We want to make a great showing at community affairs and always drive our Model A's around town.

Friendly (to me, this is the most important of these three): Have you tried to join an organization or club, and.....walked in and felt "less than" welcome?

I've personally walked into too many of these organizations and get that "look like you just walked into the wrong Club house"!! Like "who are you??"This makes anyone feel like turning around and walking back out the door. When I walk in to a meeting for the first time I want to be "welcomed"!! Don't you??

Our Club thinks the most important attribute of any club or organization is the one that says a big "welcome"..... "we're glad you're here" to a guest, to new members and even our own individual members!!"

My prayer is that this "Charter Oak Model A Club of



Visalia," that makes everyone that walks into our meetings or events feel like they are super welcome and that we want them to be a big part of the Club.

With the enthusiasm and growth of Charter Oak, I think our Club has started on that road to making you feel welcome and wanted!! Of course we want you folks that have Model A's to be a part of our Chapter but also we want those of you who have a special love for Henry Ford's old car, the Model A!!

If you have a Model A Ford.....get it out and drive it and join our members in enjoying their cars. Yes, if you do come to join we will welcome you with open arms .....but....we will expect you to join right in and be an important part of the organization. We'll want you to help with organizing Tours and events, adding your fresh ideas to every meeting for the upcoming months.

We want to welcome you in advance and hope you come to our next meeting "with enthusiasm." Our 2022 President, David Martinez and his Lady, Martha, want to be the first to shake your hand when you walk into our meeting.

We just had our "Big Taylor's Hot Dog Night" and now, upcoming, are these special events which include; an "August Ice Cream Celebration"; "a Model A Tour with a "Scavenger Hunt and Breakfast": a "Club Pancake Breakfast" put on by "The Tuesday Morning Model A Breakfast Guys". "

In October we have a special 4 day "Grand Fall Tour" to Murphy's California! Plus, we have all of our monthly member meetings that are on the 2nd Monday of each month"! Please call the number at the bottom of this article to get all of our Club information!!!!

If you want more information on this thriving Club please call Phil Kneeland, Newsletter Editor and enthusiastic member of, Charter Oak Model A Club.

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# RALLYCROSS COMES TO CALIFORNIA

#### By Dave Wolin

You may recall Global Rally Cross and the televised series X Games with Pro Rally Cross, 600 horsepower cars blasting over jumps and obstacles. Well, nothing at all like this, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has tapped into the world wide popularity of rallycross, with events much slower, geared to street cars and best explained as an autocross on dirt. A slower version of what runs in Europe, popularized here on ESPN and at the X - Games

In the So Cal area there are numerous events scheduled at places like Glen Helen Raceway, the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Ridgecrest and the Johnson Valley Off Road Vehicle Park near Lucerne Valley. These events are sanctioned by both SCCA and the California Rally Series. Visit calclubrallyx. com for the latest schedules

In Nor Cal, there are a number of events scheduled at Prairie City Off Highway Vehicle Park in Rancho Cordova and at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows.

Visit norcalrallycross.com for the latest schedules

All of these events are run like autocrosses; competitors work as corner workers when there not driving, SA2010 helmets are the only safety equipment required.

We attended a recent event at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds and ran into an old friend and multiple pro rally champion, Lon Peterson. Peterson, now in his 70's, has been winning these rallycrosses for a few years. "Just shows you, old age and treachery will beat youth and exuberance every time" he said.

Conclusion – great fun; a bit dirty - you only need a helmet and almost any car. Contact the groups mentioned above for more information.

Dave Wolin; journalist, author, long time racer and rally champ recommends rallycross for all those bored with dodging cones in parking lots.



You too can compete!

#### 2022 SCHEDULE

August 27th, 28th Santa Rosa Sat practice sign up Sun Race Sign up

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