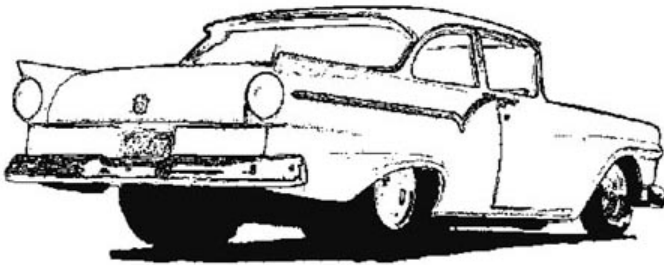


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California Speedway
Fontana, CA
FFW Pacific Nationals



**Gathering West
2004**
Coverage Inside!!



*High Quality West Coast
'57's steal the show!!*

From the Editor

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The Gathering West Rocked !

I knew from the beginning that when we were finally able to put on a show on the west coast, that the `57 Fords that showed up would be some first class material. What an understatement. We are talking magazine quality, concourse restored, and modified Fords that would knock your socks off. From the flawless red and white Skyliner of Bill Sawyer, to the awesome white injected 514 powered `57 Custom of Brian Dunn, there was something for all to see and enjoy. Almost one fifth of the total car show at the Pacific Nationals were `57 Fords! How is that for stealing the show? A massive thanks goes out to the Fun Ford Weekend crew for allowing us to enjoy this weekend with them. Those same accolades go to Robert Lee and Richard Crawford for their tireless work in preparing for this event, the phone calls, and so forth. You fellows did an awesome job, and all of us here on the east and midwest are proud of the job you did.

Now that the season for shows and racing are over, it is time to put the old Fords away, unless you are one of the fortunates who live in sunny Cali or Florida. What you do with that Ford over the cold winter months determines what it will look and perform like this spring. If you're like me, you will be trying to both make it look better, as well as pick up a few tenths on the strip. My car will be undergoing a massive transformation from urchin to presentable with new body panels, bodywork and paint. Also on the drawing board, is a temporary switch from 5 speed to C4 automatic with a transbrake and small convertor, while I try to snatch that elusive 10 second quarter mile time slip. Once that is done, it will get the Tremec back, as well as some other real street accouterments. For the mean time, I will be content going fast.

Here at `57 Fords International, we are working on some changes that will hopefully boost our club into the mainstream. The show at Fontana went a long way in attaining that goal, as we will certainly get some media exposure from it. What we need as a club is a strong network of club leaders, and members who are willing and ready to share knowledge and information, all in order to produce a better newsletter, and ultimately, magazine. It is certainly do-able, we just need more resources to meet that end. We always welcome any submissions for our newsletter, as it certainly takes a load off me, but more so because you may have tried something I haven't or haven't even thought of yet. Keep it coming.

If anyone out there has projects they want to share, or want to submit their car for a feature, send photos and a short write-up to me, either via email or snail mail, and I will get back with you about it. I need clear photos, and at least the general information about your car. This is your club, your newsletter. What do you want to see in it?



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Submit Classified Ads to:*
J Potter
1874 Bob Long Road
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- *Email Classified Ads To:*
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- *Membership Application request: Send large SASE and number of copies requested*
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The Gathering West *October 16-17, 2004* *Ontario, California*

Gates opened at 7:00am. The first day of the event was on and ten, 57 Fords from Custom's, Custom 300's, Courier Sedan Wagon, Fairlanes, Fairlane 500's to the Skyliner's all lined up for a day of Show and Shine.



There were another 42 cars in the Show and Shine ranging from Galaxies, T-Birds, Mustangs, and more. Around ten AM Bob Lee took his Custom 300 to the tech inspection area and then to line-up lanes for a quick pass down the beloved quarter-mile. Bob spun-up the rears wheels in the water box for some extra grip. Pre-Staged, Staged, and was off. The car launched very well and was on a good run when at about three-quarter track Bob had a clutch linkage problem and couldn't get it in Fourth gear.

Went through the eight-mile at a 10.30 @ 72 mph and the quarter at 16.43 @ 73 mph. Boy, sure could have used the third and fourth gears for a possible 14 or even a 13 second pass.

The Staff for the 57 Fords International Club began the judging of all the 57's around noon and held the awards give-away at 2:00 pm. We only had one car that had to leave early and that was our only station wagon that came to the event.



We had four Plaques and one Trophy to award the winners. The first award given away was for the Best Original that went to Bill Sawyer who is the proud owner of his Red/White Skyliner that was just flawless.

The next award was for Long Distance that went to Courtney Hansen who drove 50.5 miles to the event in his beautiful Fairlane 500 Two Tone Viper Blue with a Candy Blue added to enhance the top.



The next two awards were for Club Choice and Best Modified that were both awarded to Rick Crawford who brought his Medium Dark Metallic Blue Custom 300 to the event.



The last Club Award was the Trophy for Best Appearing. There was however a tie between Bill Sawyer and Rick Crawford. A flip of a coin by Bob Lee broke the tie and the Trophy was awarded to Bill Sawyer. Rick said he really wanted Bill to get the Trophy as he felt Bill had the real prize winner car in the event.



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The Fun Ford Weekend People's Choice Awards

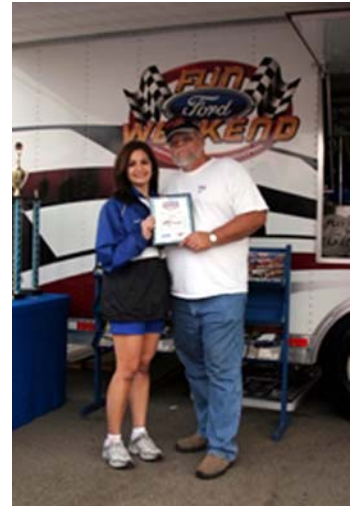
The awards from The Fun Ford Weekend people's choice were given away at 4:00 pm and there were four winners from the 57 Fords International Club.

**Doug Kline,
Red/White
Fairlane 500**

**Bob Lee,
Turquoise/White
Custom 300**

**Rick Crawford,
Medium Dark Blue
Custom 300**

**Art Thompson
Silver/Blue
Fairlane 500**



FFW Sunday

Weather is always good in Sunny California but, mother nature had her own plans for the day. By 10:00am the event staff had a meeting and by 10:30am the event was called off. It would take over three hours to dry the event area and the track and there was no guarantee that it wouldn't rain again. There were only two die-hard Fifty-Severer guys there, Bob Lee and Rick Crawford.



A Big Thank You to all the guys that took the time to bring there good old Dearborn American Iron to the 1st Annual Gathering West.

Classified Ads

For Sale

272 y-block, rebuilt, Ford red. 312 Y-block bored .080, crank ground .020, rods resized, heads not been done. 272 Police Interceptor, complete. \$900 for all. May also have road draft tube for sale. Contact Paul Thompson, member #1035 blueboy396@yahoo.com

Pretty complete 272 and Fordomatic trans. Really cheap, make offer. James Potter, 423-570-2364, JAPotter@57fordsinternational.com

1957 Fairlane, 68,000 miles. 99% original, 4th owner car. PS, PB, automatic. Asking \$5500, obo. Contact Frances Wright at Fewteach@aol.com

15,000 mile 223 Mileage Maker 6 cyl, complete eng, trans, radiator, all hoses, brackets, exhaust system front to back, etc. Very complete **ALL SOLD**

1957 Ford fiberglass fenders, A bit rough, but useable. Will take \$200 for them. Also, decent upper grille panel, no rust, but some filler. Take \$25. James Potter, (423) 314-8798, or JAPotter@57fordsinternational.com

Members, to access the members parts database for our club site, enter the following URL:

www.57fordsinternational.com/mpdb/mpdb.asp

In the coming year, if no one is to be using this feature, it will be deleted to save server space. Use it or lose it.

www.speedmaven.com

For Sale: Offenhauser Aluminum Dual quad intake with 2 Carter AFB's with new linkage ---- \$500 + shipping contact adam-12@mediaone.net

Fiberglass stock flat hood from Crites Restoration, never used. \$250, or trade for teardrop bubble hood. JAPotter@57Fordsinternational.com 423-314-8798

NOS Parking light Lens, both right side. Asking \$31 Contact Bob Santa Lucia, cruise57@localnet.com

1 I have a nice RF fender for sale. \$375.00 has a little rust at the bottom of the fender. It has no rust or dents other than the above place.
1 core support W/Hood hinges \$175.00
1 RF inner fender \$125.00
1 LF inner fender no rust \$125.00
1 gravel pan nice shape \$75.00
1 original bumper \$100.00
lots of misc stainless and other small parts
Please E-mail me for pictures or other needs @ ctbw52@AOL.COM

57s. . Rain or Shine.



Classified Ads

Wanted

1957 70D radio, heater control, clock delete plates.
Also heater hose, blower motor block off plates. Left
side axle for `57 Ford rear.

John Gambill, gambill@1957Ford.com

Wanted: nice doors for 70A or 70D Custom.
JPotter@57fordsinternational.com

Nice used or NOS fenders for `57 Custom 300.
douganddeb@localaccess.com

Wanted rust and dent free hood for `57 Ford. Contact
adam-12@mediaone.net

Need a mint right front fender and NOS right grille
section.. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.
com

Need a jack, part# 17080, and a jack handle part#
17035. Contact Terry Freihage at tandjsuper@cs.com

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All ads are free for members. Include your
membership number as well.**

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Y-Blockers, step up to some of these high quality
aluminum and iron castings from Rebop Castings, owned
by member Frank Rice. Frank offers many all new parts
for the venerable Y-block. Some of the parts are an all
new timing cover, cast of aluminum. Crank pulleys, su-
percharger brackets, air bonnets, etc. I have seen these
parts first hand and can say that the quality surpasses that
of the OEM parts in most if not all cases. The casting is
superb, the machining and detailing is second to none.

**Rebop Castings
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Event Calendar

November 27-28
2004

18th Annual
Fall Super Swap
Columbus, Ohio

November 25-28
2004

31st Annual
Turkey Run
Daytona Beach, FL

Send in your events, local or otherwise. I will get
them into the next issue. The next issue will mail
out on January 20.





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