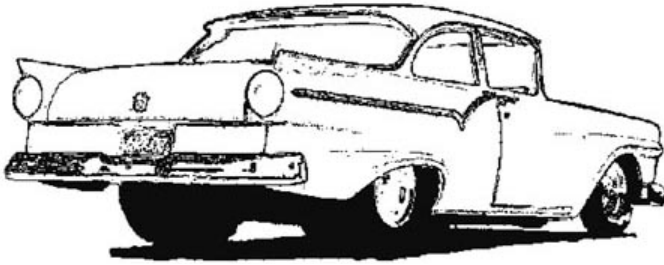


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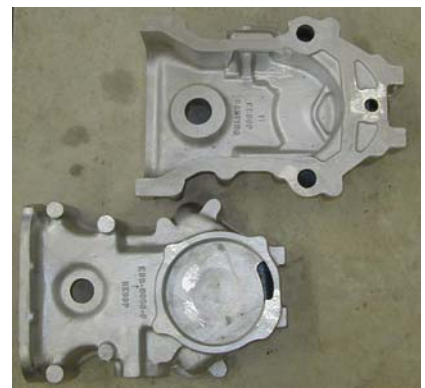
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Submit Classified Ads to:*
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Dayton, TN 37321
- *Email Classified Ads To:*
admin@
57fordsinternational.com
- *Membership Application request: Send large SASE and number of copies requested*
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This year will be a busy year for us. We will continue our Gathering of '57 Fords at the Ford Expo, and we hope to be able to pull together an event on the west coast. Here is where we will need help. It takes a lot of work to put on an event, even one held as a "mini-meet" inside a larger event. In order to be able to do this, we must have some volunteers who would be willing to help out. For more information, see the section on page 7 concerning this. If we can get two or three members to do this, the load will be greatly decreased, the event will go smoothly, and everyone will have a good time.

Since this will be the first event on the west coast, it will be a show and shine only, with trophies and dash plaques being awarded to participants. The venue is still being discussed right now, but wherever it takes place, it will be an all Ford event. I have one member besides our West Coast Administrator Duncan Scotland, who is interested in helping out with the event. This is your event west coast members, we need your help.

Our 3rd Annual Gathering in Ohio will go as usual during Labor Day Weekend. This year, I hope to be participating, so I will have to ask for some volunteer help this year here, as well. All that needs taking care of, is someone needs to stay at our tent to answer potential questions about our club, hand out fliers and applications for membership, and register cars as they show up. This year, we will have a pre-registration process one month before the event. Anyone wishing to participate needs to sign up before hand, so we will know how many plaques and so forth we need to order. This will keep us from buying more than we really need.

Another thing we will be doing this year during our '57 Shootout, is to set up a small table with a racers log. Every time a driver makes a pass, when he returns to our parking area, he will log down his run, whether it is a time trial or an elimination run, and all related information. There will be space provided for all aspects of the run, so we can get a detailed analysis and provide facts in our newsletter. I admit I was rather unprepared last year, so a lot of the information was not recorded. To make it easier this year, we will all be responsible for recording our information.

2004 promises to be a great year for us, and we hope to continue to bring you good solid information, tech articles, car features, and new items of interest both here in this printed newsletter and on our website. As usual, all suggestions are welcome, so if you have something you would like to see, by all means, contact me, and let me know. I'll do my best to try and meet all expectations and provide you with some good material. Until then, we will all carry on and do our best.



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New Member Spotlight

Text by James Potter Photos by James Potter

Last September, we gained a new member during the Ford Expo show. New member Joe Hickman arrived on Sunday, hoping to avoid the rainstorms that took place throughout the weekend. Joe drove his nice looking '57 Custom to the event and parked with us in our show area. He also participated in our first show last year.

Joe's '57 features an EFI 5.0 liter from a late model Mustang, as well as its accompanying T5 5 speed overdrive trans. Joe says this makes the Custom a joy to drive on the highway.

This car is clean, and very straight, and shows quite well with its sharp red and white paint. Outward appearance is further enhanced by a set of American Racing Torq Thrust wheels wrapped in black wall radials. All chrome has been refinished to better-than-new condition.

Joe enjoys driving his '57 and participating in shows and cruises. Look to see more of this car as a full feature in a future issue of the newsletter.

Once again, welcome to the club Joe Hickman, and that is a great '57 Ford. Keep up the good work!

This '57 features a stock EFI 5.0 with the 5 speed overdrive , and makes driving on the highway a breeze. Joe says it is the only way to go.



Low Mileage Custom

Text: James Potter Photos: John Gambill, James Potter

I received a letter from our Tech Advisor and member John Gambill the other day with these photos. It seems John has sold his F-code Custom 300 to a collector out west, and has purchased this very clean, original, and very low mileage Custom to replace it. This car, now showing only 13,800 miles, was bought new in 1957 by a woman who was trading in her old faithful Model A on the all-new, modern '57 Ford. The original 223 Mileage Maker 6 cylinder is still in the car, really not even broken in yet. The engine and under hood area are clean as the day they left the dealer. John says that, though the six is nice, and all original, it will be replaced by his F-code 312, which he retained from the sale of his F-code Custom 300. Be sure to check the classified section for items from this low mileage Custom which John will be selling.

Moving rearward, we step into the interior of this fine '57, where we find the original upholstery, with not s much as a wrinkle in the seat covers, nor a tear in the headliner. The dashboard features a heater control and not much else, as the original radio and clock delete plates are in place. The steering wheel is as it left Ford, with no cracks from age and use showing. The chrome looks like it just came from the platers, still shiny and bright.

The trunk area is just as nice as the rest of the car, with the Burtex mat still in one piece, original jack, base, and handle still retained by the original hardware. This car is nice, to put it simply.

The wheels are by Superior, one of the many five-spoke designs produced in the '60s. Sometime in the late '90s, Superior started producing these wheels again, and the former owner purchased a set and put them on the '57 with new tires. These are the only deviations from stock on this car for now. These will be



This super-fine Custom doesn't show its age. It is the proverbial "Little old lady" car. It was bought new in 1957 by a lady who traded in a Model A for it. The odometer currently shows just under 14,000 miles. Obviously, it has led a very sheltered life.



Low Mileage , *cont'd*

replaced sometime in the very near future to better suit John's tastes.

John has found a super example of the '57 Ford Custom series, and now, in his hands, it will become even more refined. With John and his sons detailing skills, this will be one Custom to watch in the coming year, it will most definitely be a looker.



You don't find many with less mileage than this.



Check out the original trunk mat and spare.



Members Rides



Pat Fleischman turning it on at the 2003 Birds-A-Palooza in Texas.



Vice President Gerry Kenney is the proud owner of this black `57 Custom 300, wearing Del Rio side trim.



Sam Reed owns this cool Del Rio 2 door wagon.



John Feistritz yanks the wheels during time trials



Bruce Anderson owns and regularly drives his 300.



Allan White built his Custom from the ground up with 351 W power, and N20 to boot.

T-Shirts Anyone?

I will continue to offer four t-shirts in limited numbers for a little while longer due to the response I've gotten. These shirts will all be \$10 for S through XL, \$12 for 2X and 3X, including shipping. The images below depict the back of the shirt. The front will have a small image on the left breast of the shirt. The first is black and white, the rest are full color, printed on white t-shirts, first quality. If a large image like the back is desired on the front as well, the cost will be \$12 including shipping. Below is a small selection I have worked up. To order, mail image of your choice to:

James Potter
1874 Bob Long Rd
Dayton, TN 37321



Help With This Years Events

Anyone wishing to help with our events this year, we would greatly appreciate it. Working at our events is not a hard job, but more than one person can handle alone. Our Gathering in Ohio is a great time for all involved, unless there is only one person working, then it becomes a stressful situation. For this reason, we will ask for two or three volunteers this year. If anyone is interested, contact James Potter at JPotter@57Fordsinternational.com, or 423-570-2364.

The same will apply for our planned event on the West Coast. As soon as we finalize a venue, and date, we will be asking for volunteers to work that event also. If anyone is interested in doing that, contact James Potter, or Duncan Scotland at RCSignals@earthlink.net. We will hopefully have some more info on an event there by the next issue.

Duties involved in these events include registering cars and owners as they arrive, at least one person staying with the tent/tables at all times, photographing and documenting all '57 Fords in attendance, and passing out fliers/application forms to interested potential members. Like I said, it is not a hard job, but when trying to do it alone, becomes burdensome.

If you have an EZ Up tent, that is a big plus, as well as are folding chairs. Anyone wishing to help out, remember that you will be representing our club, so use your judgment there. Also, the volunteers working the event will get an event T-shirt to wear at the event. This will be designed by me, specifically for that event, and won't be available after the event.

Those wishing to help, contact me or Duncan Scotland as soon as possible. Thanks for your help, as well as your continued participation in our club and its activities.

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, JPotter@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

13,840 mile 223 Mileage Maker 6 cyl, complete eng, trans, radiator, all hoses, brackets, exhaust system front to back, etc. Very complete, only \$1895.00. Also, Superior wheels and tires, \$new, very few miles, \$800. Contact John Gambill, gambill@1957ford.com, www.1957ford.com

1957 Ford Fairlane Convertible—Car is apart, but complete. Most removed parts are reworked and painted: hood, trunk, doors, continental kit, etc. Has 352 FE with Cruise-O-Matic. Contact Blaine Stoddard, 239-772-1969 **SOLD**

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.masonshotrods.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. \$325, or trade for cowl induction hood. JPotter@57Fordsinternational.com 423-570-2364

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

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FordMuscle.com

Classified Ads

Wanted

1957 70D radio, heater control, clock delete plates.
Also heater hose, blower motor block off plates.
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

Wanted: Complete bumper jack assembly for 1957
Ford. Contact Bob Santa Lucia at cruise57@localnet.
com

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

**The deadline for the next issue will be mid-
night March 18, 2004. Get all ads submit-
ted by email or USPS. Include name,
phone number, fax, email or other contact .
All ads are free for members. Include your
membership number as well.**

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WWW.1957FORD.COM

Y-Block Parts Rebop Castings

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, supercharger 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
52946 Eby Road
Bristol, IN 46507**



Event Calendar

March 6-7 2004	14th Annual FFW Spring Break Shootout Orlando, Florida
March 11-14 2004	3rd Annual NMRA Spring Nationals Bradenton, Florida
April 3-4 2004	25th Annual Columbus Spring Swap Columbus, Ohio
April 16-18 2004	The Grand Rod Run Pigeon Forge , Tennessee

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



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