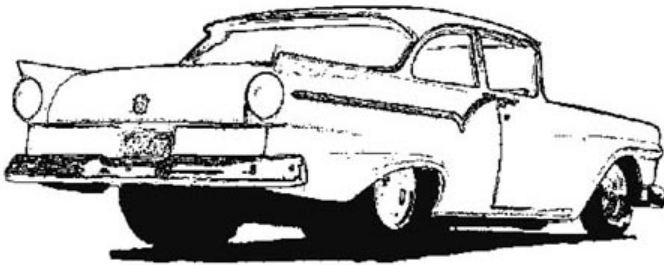


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Big Block 300	3	In Shootout news, the first round had Larry Nichoson of Ohio against Joe Gerardi of Florida. These two were an even match, with Larry turning in a 13.14 at 103 mph against Joe's winning 13.18 at 101 mph. Allan White of West Virginia got a bye run, as yours truly was sidelined with a roasted starter. Allan went on to turn a 16.34 at 79.3 mph. The final round called Joe Gerardi up against Allan White. Allan received the handicap start, but jumped the gun leaving the red bulb shining. Joe went on to turn a 13.21 at 103 while Allan turned 16.20 on a 16.20 dial in at 85 mph. Joe Gerardi also took Top Gun '57 honors, when he ran against Dave Fuzsner. Dave was the best finishing '57 Ford from the Y-Block shootout. When the tree came down, Dave also left the red bulb while turning in a 12.98, with Joe taking the win with a 13.33. No mph figures are available to me right now.
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The awards given in the shootout were as follows:

- Joe Gerardi Winner of Shootout
- Allan White Runner-Up Shootout
- Joe Gerardi Best MPH
- Larry Nichoson Low ET
- Joe Gerardi Top Gun '57

Next year promises to be better than this year. Unfortunately, I had a bit of mechanical difficulty when my starter decided to give up the ghost. I had brought a new starter with me, but missed a separate terminal for a jumper wire, so it still would not start in time to get a time trial. I decided to let it sit instead of thrashing the day away on it. Consequently, I got video footage and photos from the event, instead of the underside of my '57. As I stated, next year will be better, as we hope to have more '57s running next year, including John Gambill's soon-to-be supercharged 312 powered Custom. Until then, enjoy the images here of the Expo 2004, and stay tuned until next issue brings photos from the 1st Annual Gathering West.

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Joe Gerardi, of Sebastian, Fl, reigns as the 2004 '57 Fords International Shootout Champion, as well as the Top Gun '57 Shootout. Joe bested 3 opponents to claim the trophy, the cash, and more importantly, the bragging rights. The body of Joe's '57 was prepared by he and a team of friends in ten days. It is powered by 390 inches of Ford FE block, and is backed by a three speed automatic trans. Gears are 4.11 and cause the old Ford to stop the timers in the 13.00 range. Congrats, Joe !!



Joe Gerardi and Phil Ferarro pose with the winning car. Great helmet and shirt Joe.



Ford Expo 2004

Photos and Text by James Potter

The 2004 Ford Expo was free of rain and other negative weather conditions this year, and the racing action, as well as the show entries were exceptional. All total, including race cars, cruisers and show cars, there were over 20 '57 Fords present. Included in this mix were a few cars whose owners were not able to be located. The Gathering 2004 was a success, with 2005 promising to be even better. The following photos are just a portion of what you missed if you didn't attend the Ford Expo, in Columbus, Ohio. Special thanks goes out to Bruce Anderson and his wife for sitting with our registration table all day Saturday. Your help was very much appreciated, and will not go un-noticed.



Allan White prepares to hit the track running.



Unidentified, beautiful black Fairlane 500 hardtop.



Dunc's cool Custom 300, converted to 70A trim.



This nice Custom 300 with good body was for sale at \$3500.



Cool old Fairlane was ready, with tubs, fat tires out back. Also had a custom steel cowl hood which covered a 460 big block.

John Gambill had his lovely low mileage Custom on hand. It features original 223 six cylinder, and low stance, and has seen only 15,000 miles.



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Allan and Craig White between rounds.



John Feistritzer's Hoosier Hurricane is always a threat.



Ronnie Crawford drove from Colorado for the Long Distance award.



My own '57 sat in the pits in this condition most of the weekend, victim of a toasted starter.



Our 2004 Champion and Top Gun '57. Joe and Phil had this car flying consistently this weekend.



Member Bruce Anderson worked at our registration table most of the day Saturday, and had his '57 Custom 300 in our show area. Bodywork is nearly complete, and the 300 will be ready for paint soon.

Look for more photos on <http://www.57fordsinternational.com> soon!



This lineup in the staging lanes was impressive.



Dave Fuzsner has a cool old Y-block powered '57 Custom 300.



Feistritz and Fuzsner face off in the Y-Block Shootout.



Larry Nichoson had his Cusotm 300 in the low 13's.



*Above: Larry and Joe face off in the first round of the shootout.
Right: Larry Nichoson with the Low ET award.*





Larry and Joe discussing the finer points of bracket racing a '57 Ford.



Joe and Allan face off in the final round of the '57 Ford Shootout.



Top Gun round put Joe against Dave Fuzsner.



Waiting for another turn at the 1320.



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, **reduced**, only \$1150. Other nice parts available. Contact John Gambill, gambill@1957ford.com, www.1957ford.com

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

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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.

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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. \$275, 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

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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
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Need a mint right front fender and NOS right grille
section.. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.
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Need a jack, part# 17080, and a jack handle part#
17035. Contact Terry Freihage at tandjsuper@cs.com

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phone number, fax, email or other contact .
All ads are free for members. Include your
membership number as well.**

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Tech In a Sec *By James Potter*

Cooling that `57 Ford can be a troublesome task, particularly in the south or southwest portions of this country, where summertime temperatures can soar into the 100's. Take time to ensure your `57's ability to cool, by making sure the radiator is up to task.

The original radiator is OK with the original, unmodified Y-block, or some 302 based engines. Add a few cubic inches or hotter camshafts and so on, and it taxes the OEM cooling system. The best way to solve cooling issues is to utilize an aluminum radiator. Griffin Radiators offers a custom built aluminum unit that will bolt in place of the stock radiator, offering good looks and the ability to cool even radical big blocks. If a custom aluminum radiator is not in the budget, consider converting to one of the universal cross flow aluminum radiators. The appearance is not as slick as the original down flow radiator, but the extra cooling ability is far greater than the original. Also, be sure to run a thermostat, and a good fan. If you run electric fans, be sure your charging system is up to the extra amp draw. Remember, OEM electric fans have a greater amp draw than performance aftermarket jobs. Keep it cool, get out there and drive that `57.

Event Calendar

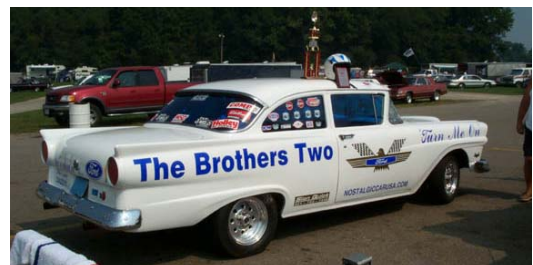
November 27-28
2004

18th Annual
Fall Super Swap
Columbus, Ohio

November 25-28
2004

31st Annual
Turkey Run
Daytona Beach, FL

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