



Midnight at the Oasis

isn't just a classic car show; it's a mini vacation. In 1993, when the San Diego Padres left Yuma to do spring training elsewhere, the Caballeros De Yuma began filling Yuma's economic void with a classic car show that has evolved into a nostalgic festival held each year at Ray Kroc Complex.



The first annual event attracted about 250 people and 36 cars. The seventeenth annual Midnight at the Oasis attracted thousands of people and 965 cars from as far away as Canada, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Tennessee, Illinois and Iowa. In addition to an abundance of Tri-Five Chevys, there were a lot of T-Birds, Corvettes, Mustangs, fire trucks, and many other rare vehicles dating back to the 1920's.

Registration for the entire event is \$85 and includes a T-shirt, dash plaque, entrant badges for two people to the show and shine, the parade of vehicles, four concerts and three meals for two people in the Civic Center Main Hall. This is a lot of food and entertainment for the buck.

The three day event kicked off on Friday with registration, and the now famous "land rush" to get a reserved parking spot on the grassy part of the field before all the choice ones were taken. Actually, there are no bad spaces, but to make sure our group could all park together for the three-day event, we paid the extra ten bucks on-line ahead of time so we did not have to wait in another line, and we staked our claim.

The highlight of the show is the parades of classic vehicles cruising from Greyhound Park to Ray Kroc Complex along a route with most of Yuma standing on the side of the streets watching the cars and taking photos. This year, Dennis Gage from "My Classic Car" was the parade marshal and he participated in the filming of the event, which will be aired on Speed Channel in the 2010 season. It will contain an overview of the event and will include interviews with organizers and participants. Last year, Mario Andretti was the parade marshal. We wonder who will be here in 2010.

The end of the parade of vehicles arrived at Ray Kroc Complex around 7 p.m., about two hours after the first car started the parade. It was time for food. Everyone heads to the big auditorium full of tables & chairs where bar-be-cued chicken, tortillas, beans and Caesar salad was on the menu. The chefs do a really outstanding job, preparing food for over 1500 people.

Then there were the bands, two on Friday and two on Saturday. This year started out Friday night with the "Big Johnsons" and "Rockola". Saturday featured "Starship" and "38 Special". Rockola is from San Diego and has been there every year for the last three years. They play music we know and like for over two hours and they never take a break. They are clearly our favorite.

Saturday is the main event when all of the cars are on display. This is when cars are selected for awards, which are announced on Sunday. At noon on Saturday, the Caballeros serve peppered tri-tip steak, beans, tortillas and coleslaw. There are Pinewood Derby races, games provided by Chevron, Time-Warner Cable and Discount Tire where you can win prizes and fun stuff. There is also a car being raffled off. This year, it was an orange and white 1969 Camaro SS. Tickets are \$20, and no, we did not win again for the fourth year in a row. But we keep trying!

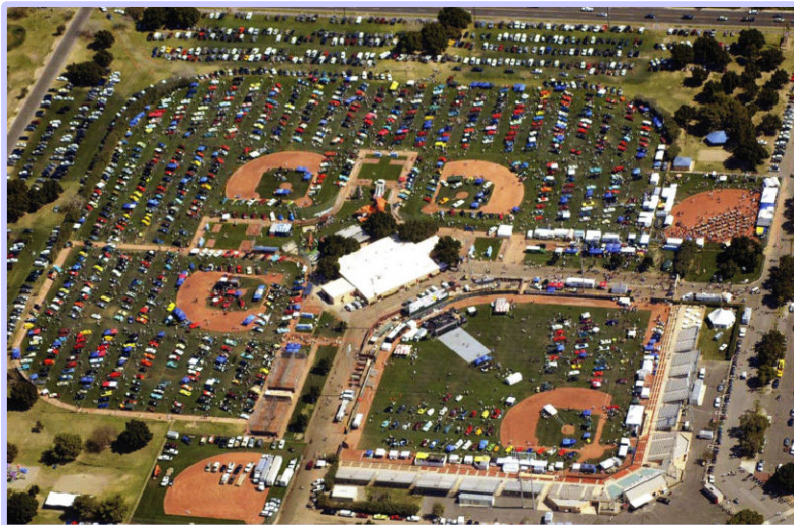
There are also vendors selling car related items, antiques, and of course, food. The Boy Scouts are there every year selling hot peach cobbler that they make up fresh in big cast iron pots. Every year we find a time when the cobbler calls our name. We get a big bowl of hot peach cobbler and then go right next door to the ice cream vendor who adds soft serve ice cream on top. Mmmmmm, goood!

On Sunday, the winning cars are on display on the main field and at 11 a.m. brunch is served, the awards are handed out and the winner of the raffle car is drawn. Brunch is sausage, tri-tip, eggs, fruit, etc. You can also buy leftover tri-tip to take home with you for \$10 a bag. Very good!

The winner of the Camaro was not present, so they called her. She thought it was a joke at first, but when she heard everyone cheering in the background, she said she would be right there to take possession. This year, there was also a second & third place drawing for cash of \$1,000 and \$500. We did not win those either.

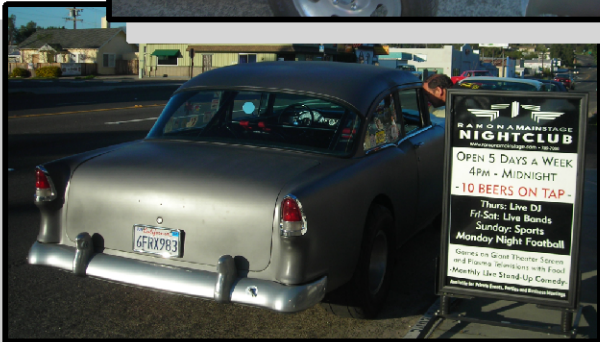
We look forward to this event every year and we encourage everyone to do this show at least once. Your must registration must be post marked on Friday, May 1, 2009, to assure you get in. Make your hotel or RV reservations as soon as possible to assure you can stay where you want. We like to go on Thursday so we have more time to sight see, shop and in general, enjoy the Yuma attractions. See you there!

Wayne & Linda



Don't forget to snail mail your application for
Midnight at the Oasis 2010 on May 1st
(No registrations will be accepted prior to May 1, 2009)
Contact Ava for a brochure or go to <http://midnightattheoasis.net/>
for a registration form and more information

Mike's Musings



When I got up this morning and started on my "Musings" the first thing I saw was Ava's pictures from the historic event. One thing she left out was the fact that nobody warned me that "Two Lane Blacktop" was not the stuff that Oscars are made out of. In fact, at the time and since, I don't think I've ever seen a movie that bad. Despite the fact that the two leads were to become legends in our time, James Taylor and Dennis Wilson, their fame didn't come from their acting ability. Add to that, there was very little dialog for 90 minutes and what there was poorly written. You would think that we had a less than pleasant time at the show, but that was not the case. The theater itself is worth going to just to see what they have done to the place. Gone are the theater seats and in with a Night Club setting along with beer and popcorn and food also. It's very nicely done and with a big crowd both Pat and I enjoyed the afternoon along with some 30 cars. We will do this again, but maybe some help with the movie selection is in order.

There was some activity on the Western National Convention front this week, out of Florida. Gary Brown the State Rep from Nevada out of Reno, in correspondence with Joe Whitaker, Gary expressed support for the one location/multiple clubs approach as the future for Classic Chevy Conventions in the West. Joe's response was, as before, that this may not happen for some time as CCI does not have the manpower currently to support any activity in the West.

I'm thinking that even if the powers to be said let's start Western Conventions again that it would take at least three years to put it together. With site selection being the biggest hurdle, followed by coordinating the responsibilities of the participating clubs. My thoughts, which I well share with Joe, is that we start doing some exploratory work on site selection now, so that if we get the go ahead, we are that much closer to making it happen. What do you think? Let's talk about it at the next meeting and see what happens. There may be a chance that if we show that there is interest in the West; CCI may be more willing to support the event. I guess time will tell.

Be safe,
Mike



Coastal Cruisin'

by Ava Bishop



Sometimes living and working in San Diego we forget what a beautiful city it really is, but once in a while you should get out and smell the ocean. Thanks to Ann and Harvey Goldberg the organizers of our March event we were able to do just that. What a great day! We started the cruise in Pacific Beach on the corner of Grand and Ingraham which we found out had a lot of significance to Mike (*seems he met a very cute girl there in 1945*). Cruising though the streets in our convertible is always a kick, we could hear all the positive comments from the crowd, and of course the points and waves.



From there we headed up the coast to La Jolla where we happened upon the CowParade. This art event had just begun with 50 life-sized fiberglass painted cows, one on every corner. It will be continuing through June and is a definite must go see. <http://www.cowparadelajolla.com/>. We soon found ourselves on Historic Route 101 driving along the Pacific seacoast through Del Mar, Solana Beach, Cardiff by the Sea and Leucadia.



Seeing and smelling all the roadside cafe's and diners, we realized we were getting pretty hungry. Fortunately in no time at all we had reached our destination, TGIFriday's in Carlsbad next to the beautiful flower fields.



Now we had time to get caught up with everyone's travels, car updates, not to mention a great deal of laughs. There is nothing better than having a yummy lunch after a leisurely cruise with really good friends.



Thanks again to Harvey and Ann for giving us such a great day and letting us once again smell the ocean.



Thank God It's Friday
OK, we know it was really Sunday!

Member News and Classic Updates



Third Place Speller Earns Bragging Rights for Grandparents

Nick Gallagher, a 12 year-old seventh grader at Gaspar De Portola Middle School in Tierra Santa and grandson of Harvey and Ann Goldberg, took third place in the 40th Annual San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee held March 10. At the Bee 89 middle school winners competed for the title of champion and the chance to represent San Diego County in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

March Coastal Cruise

Thanks to all those revolutionaries who joined in the March Coastal Cruise on Sunday the 15th. Starting at the corner of Garnet and Ingraham in Pacific Beach (a location of historical proportion as we learned from Mike at the March meeting when he shared pictures of his first day of school) five of our Tri-5's cruised from PB to La Jolla and then along the coast on Historic Highway 101 through Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas and Leucadia to Carlsbad and lunch at TGI Friday's. What a great looking group of cars!

Harvey and Ann Goldberg

Wayne and Linda's '55 convertible is back in their garage after an extended stay at Spirit Ranch. They remembered what fun it is to drive, and are looking forward to more restorations. Although, they are rethinking color options, now possibly red!? But the interior is still going to be tan.



Sam and Donna's '57 nomad is still up north being worked on but making real progress. It is currently receiving new floor pans and soon will be sporting a new interior.



After a noisy and nail biting ride home from the Chevy Madness show in Long Beach, Bob and Ava's '56 convertible is on the road again.

It seems that the cheap chrome plated Taiwanese alternator bracket picked that time to lose a mounting ear. Bob has since replaced it with a factory original bullet proof cast iron bracket. It isn't particularly pretty but it won't fail in the middle of nowhere.

Claudia's Corner

by Claudia Gayhart

Dog Logic

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. *Anonymous*

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. *Ben Williams*

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. -Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. *Andy Rooney*

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. *Franklin P. Jones*

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. *Unknown*

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. *Joe Weinstein*

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. *Mark Twain*

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. *Roger Caras*

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. *Phil Pastoret*



- 4/12 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show
- 4/12 Easter
- 4/16 T5R Get Together -Hartwig
- 4/18 Jamul Hot Rodding Chili Cook-off
- 4/19 Motor Cars on Main Street, Coronado
www.coronadoMainStreet.com
- 4/25 Tucson Chevy Showdown - Harvey
- 4/26 Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet
- 5/1 Mail Midnight at the Oasis registration form
- 5/3 CCSC Annual Car Show - Chatsworth, Ca
- 5/8-10 OTHG 36 Streak.
Campland by the Bay - Everyone
- 5/10 Mothers Day
- 5/10 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show
- 5/13 El Cajon Cruise nights begin (every Wed until 9/30)
- 5/17 Shake Rattle & Roll Car Show @ Sycuan Casino
- 5/23 (Sat) T5R Get Together - Rindskopf
- 5/25 Memorial Day
- 5/25 SD Auto Swapmeet & Expo - Qualcomm
- 5/30 Annual Run to the Hills #7 - Pine Valley
- 5/31 "Curves Are For Cars" Mission Valley
- 6/20 (Sat) T5R Get Together - Foote
- 6/20 4th Annual Cops & Rodders Run - North Park
- 6/21 Fathers Day
- Red Font is a club event

I Don't Think These Things Used to Happen

I Ran across two things today that made me stop and say "Hmmm???"

- My cell phone and my refrigerator are made by the same company -- LG
- Same for the low dose aspirin I take to keep my blood thin and ward off stroke and the rose food I use in my garden -- both by Bayer and both bear the familiar Bayer Advanced logo.

Ann Goldberg

What was going on when your Tri-55 was new?

Submitted by Ann & Harvey Goldberg

*The News Stories People Were Talking About;
The Top 5 Movies, Songs and TV Shows of 1955*

A lot of the non-car conversations we have these days seem to be bogged in the late winter doldrums of rehashing the economy and Monday morning quarter backing the decisions made in Washington. Here are some of the things people were talking about in the mid-50's.

In The News



UK Prime Minister Churchill resigns
Fed. Rep. of West Germany becomes a sovereign state
Argentina ousts Juan Peron
Rosa Parks refuses to sit in back of Montgomery, Al bus
Brooklyn Dodgers beat New York Yankees in the World Series

Movies

Rebel Without a Cause
The Night of the Hunter
Lady and the Tramp
East of Eden
All That Heaven Allows



Songs



Tutti-Fruitti - Little Richard
Maybellene - Chuck Berry
Bo Diddley - Bo Diddley
Why Do Fools Fall in Love - Teenagers
The Great Pretender - The Platters

Television Shows

The \$64,000 Question
I Love Lucy
The Ed Sullivan Show
Disneyland



Say tune, next month 1956



The Proper Way to Transport a Multi-Layer Cake

*A Reminder of Classic Proportions
to Do As I Say -- NOT As I Did*

To all who witnessed the cake I brought to the March Meeting at Mike and Pat's -- the cake that somewhere between San Clemente and Ramona transformed from a perfectly decent looking three layer cake to a oddly shaped Dali-esque edible sculpture: I've conferred with my daughter, the cake maven, and now know what went wrong and what to do about it in the future. My mistake was using wooden skewers in an attempt to stabilize the layers -- I should have used drinking straws! Or, there's always the safest approach, a single layer sheet cake.

Ann Goldberg



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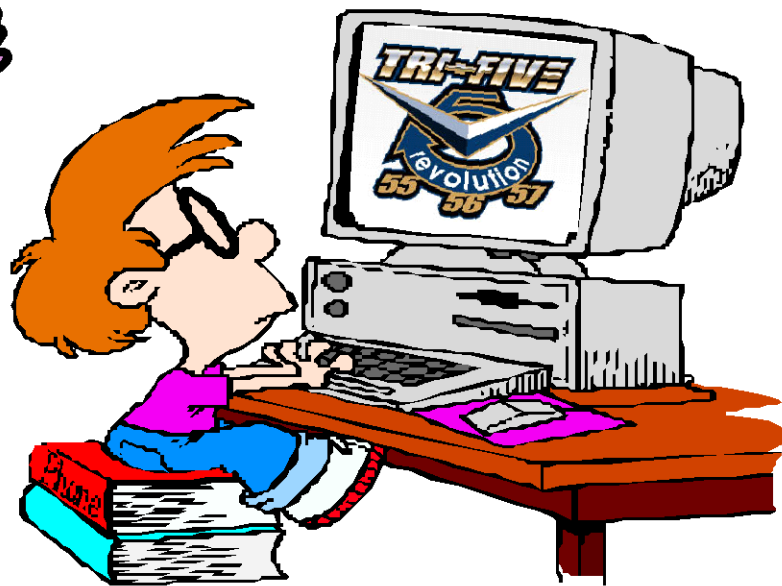
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Check out our event pictures - Go to the calendar, click on the # next to the magnifying glass to see all the pics from each event.

Happy Easter

Anniversary

Next Meeting



Bob & Liz Brown 4/16

April 16th
at Wayne and Linda's
home in Alpine
Dinner 6pm
Meeting following around 6:42

