

# Saddlebrooke 4th of July Car Show

by Sandy Mayer

Lynn and I attended our Saddlebrooke 4th of July car show. It a small show in our community. There there about 45 cars. The Mata club was there with 25 cars, along with the local Corvette club with another 15 mostly new cars. The rest of the cars were hot rods, some really nice. There were a few exotics including Ferrari, Lamborgini and Aston Martin. No awards, just hot dogs and beer.



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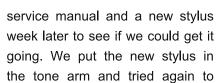




These days it seems like more and more people I know have jukeboxes. Nancy and I were at an estate sale a couple weeks ago in Ramona and there was a jukebox there with a \$250 price tag on it. After talking with the people running the estate sale, they offered it to me for \$150. Wow! That seems like a really good deal. It was a 1963 model 404 Rockola Capri 100 and I knew Wayne & Linda have a Rockola jukebox, so I decided to take a closer look. It was a smaller unit that holds fifty records and looked to be a really clean unit. They plugged it in and turned it on and it lit up. I made a selection but the record fell off the gripper arm and it did not play. I took a picture of it and sent it to Wayne to get his thoughts on whether or not I should invest the money. Wayne said he thought I should get it and he would help me get it going. I thought that it could be something I would like to have so I made the plunge and jumped into jukebox ownership. A short while after that, I was having buyer's remorse, thinking it would just be too much trouble to get it going. I told Wayne that and he told me if I decided not to keep it, he would buy it. So, I thought if Wayne thought it was a good deal, I better keep it.

The next day, Wayne & Linda and Bob, Ava and Brooks helped load it up and we took it home. Initial inspection revealed the gripper arm mechanism was kind of gummed up from non-use. We

lubed it up and it started to work, but the turntable stopped moving after a record was in place to play and we discovered the stylus was missing from the tone arm. So we ordered a from E-Bay and came back a



play a record. It played and sound exploded into the room, but the turntable was running too slow. We then took the plastic cover of the mechanism and removed the turntable to look at the motor. Aha! We saw the problem! The grommets that hold the turntable motor in place had deteriorated and the motor had dropped down on one side so the turntable was playing at 33-1/3

rpm instead of 45 rpm. A trip to the hardware store netted us

some new grommets and in a few minutes we had it back in place. We tried it and choose selection A1 again. Sammy Davis Jr. was now singing the Candy Man at proper speed and it sounded pretty good. However, the record changing mechanism is pretty gummed up and needs to be cleaned up and lubricated to make it all work correctly without running slow and causing things to hang up. That will be the next project we tackle, hopefully soon so we can fill the house with the cool tunes we like. Stayed tuned for updates.





# The Wheels of Freedom Car Show

By Sam Rindskopf

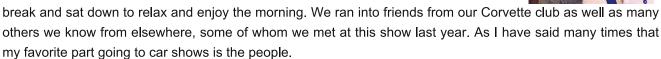
What do you do on the 4th of July to celebrate our nations freedom? My wife Donna and I attend the Wheels of Freedom Car Show in Rancho Bernardo every year. This show is unique in that there is no entry fee, that's right a free car show! The Show is held

in conjunction with Rancho Bernardo's Spirit of the Fourth Celebration. The Show is put on by the Poway Cruisers Car Club, that's right the Poway Cruisers put on a show in Rancho Bernardo, go figure. The show is held in a parking lot adjacent to the Webb Lake Park where the Spirit of the Fourth vendors and activities take place.

This year we had 2 little hitchhikers in our Nomad. Our 8 and 9-year-old grandsons from Reno, Nevada and Boulder, Colorado. They were visiting us for a couple of weeks and we knew they would have fun at the show. It didn't take them long to adopt the Nomad as their own, before long they were talking with folks and telling them about "their" Nomad. Meanwhile Grandma and Grandpa got busy putting all of the red, white, and blue on

the Nomad. We were also wearing our red, white, and blue as our plan for the day included the car show then an early dinner in Old Town with our daughter, her boyfriend Rob and our friends Dave and Kathleen, then a trolley ride to Seaport village and a short walk to the Embarcadero Marina Park to watch the Big Bay Boom Fireworks Show. It was a very busy but fun day!

We started the morning with breakfast at the IHOP across the street from the show, pancakes piled high with fruit, whipped cream, and syrup all go into a healthy start for the day and these 2 little monkeys didn't mind at all! They had fun in the park playing games that the vendors had set up and once they were finished with all that they broke out their iPads and began playing games on them. Grandpa and Grandma took a





This year's show as always was very well attended (it is limited to 130 cars) and featured some very nice cars ranging from cars built nearly 100 years ago to cars built this year. They give awards for the best decorated car or truck along with a Best

of Show award and several Awards of Excellence. The winners are chosen by members of the Poway Cruisers and the entrants in turn vote for their favorite Poway Cruisers cars. This year the awards and tee

shirts featured our 57 Nomad since we won the Best of Show award last year, Donna and I thought it would be great to have one of those award plaques with our car on it but didn't expect to win since we won the top award last year. Much to our surprise we did win an Excellence Award and of course when our name was announced our



2 little grandsons shouted "we won, we won, our Nomad won", their excitement was great to watch and experience!



For those of you who know me, know that I am a big Buddy Holly fan. A few months ago my son in law "Lance" called and asked if Nancy and I would like to go see a musical play about Buddy Holly's life at Sycuan. Well that was a no brainer as I said of course; when and what time?. Lance said he would get the ticket and let us know. We also decided to eat dinner

there before the show. The day finally arrived and it was off to sycuan. We arrived about an hour before the show. We ate at one of the restaurants in the casino. After dinner my daughter Diana and Nancy wanted to play a wheel of fortune slot machine. We only had about 15 minutes before the show, so they sat down and each put in \$20 and started to play. After 10 minutes they had won about \$80 so they cashed out and it was time to head to the theater. The show finally started with song "that'll be the day" one of my favorites. As the play went on they sang about 30 songs and it followed his life, short as it was. At one point there were older ladies in front of us standing shaking and dancing in place. I turned to Nancy and said look at those old ladies there. She reminded me that I was a old man. OH I said your right. The final act of the play took place at the surf ballroom which was the last place he played at before that fatal plane crash. They had Richie Valens and the Big Bopper all singing there hit songs. They all sounding very much like the real guys. I really enjoyed the show and the music. I left the theater wanting more of there music. It was well worth the time and money and I would definitely go again if I had the opportunity.

### **Get Well Soon Wishes**



Wishing Sandy Mayer a speedy recovery. We hope your up and feeling better soon. T5R



Submitted by Dave Ward



### Editors Pic of the Month



Crazy for Classic Cars

## Tri-Five Chevy 1955, 1956 & 1957 Chevrolet Passenger Cars

Submitted by Bob Brown



### WHAT IS A TRI-FIVE CHEVY?

It's hard to imagine today just how significant the 1955 Chevy was when it first came out. It was the future. Whether people realized it or not, it was a clear departure from the past and a whole new approach on car making, and car selling. This new car was so well designed that its platform remained in service for 3 model years, 1955, 1956 and 1957, and became what we call today, the "Tri-Five Chevys". The "Tri"- part of it is of course in reference to the 3 model years in question. And the "Five" is because they were in the 1950's and the first one was the '55 model. No one would have bothered to name this clutch of cars had they not been so significant, as time would prove them to be. Today the 1955, 1956 and 1957 Chevrolets are more popular than ever, both in original form and customized to every degree imaginable. Of interest to note, the 50 millionth GM car ever built was a '55 Chevy.



#### LEADING UP TO THE TRI-FIVE CHEVY

At the end of World War II in 1945, GM, Ford and Chrysler all scrambled to get civilian car production rolling again after 4 solid years of producing war materiel. It took until about 1949 before anything truly "new and modern" started coming through the pipeline and GM was right at the forefront with great new cars from Cadillac and Oldsmobile. The horsepower wars were on as the industry teamed with talented engineers honed from years of war production, and cheap, plentiful high-octane gas. While Olds and Cadillac both boasted new high-compression OHV V8 engines, Chevrolet was still making due with its ancient 235 cubic inch "Stove-Bolt" 6-cylinder. Even the racy new Corvette had a 235 when it launched in '53. Chevy was being left behind, not just by its GM stablemates, but also by powerful new entries from Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Dodge, Plymouth and others. And not just in performance, Chevy had adopted the image of a stodgy old-man's car, not something that a young person would aspire to own.

### Cars on the Railroad Tracks

submitted by Wayne Hartwig

It was 1967 and I had just passed my driving test to get my driver's license a few months earlier. I was in high school in Simms, Montana and I had one friend that I hung out with quite a bit more than I did with others and his name was Lemoine. He was a special kind of guy that had a few weird quirks, but he had a big heart and tried to do the right thing most of the time. Other times, trouble seemed to find him more often than other people. Every time he tried to get away with something, he was the one who got caught.



Lemoine had a unique way of looking at things and would figure a way to do things no normal person would even think of. He lived on a farm about five miles from our farm and his family had a big wheat farming operation. Occasionally, on weekends, I would visit him at his house and we would hang out in his really cool tree house. It was a really neat tree house, very well built about 15 feet above the ground in a really big tree. It had real walls, windows, a door and a ladder to climb up into it. It even had electricity with lights and electrical outlets. We would hang out up there and listen to records on his phonograph and think of things we could do to have some fun.

Those weird things Lemoine thought of are what caused a lot of his problems. Lemoine had a Henry J sedan that was stripped down to not much more than a chassis with a dashboard, steering wheel and a front seat. He would cruise it around his parent's very large farm where there were railroad tracks running through the property. Somehow, Lemoine figured out that the distance between the rails and the side-to-side distance between the tires on the Henry J were exactly the same. The railroad rarely used these tracks, so one day he decided to try putting the Henry J on the rails to see if he could drive it down the tracks. And guess what? It worked! The car sat right on the rails and would stay there at speeds up to twenty or thirty mph as long as he did not touch the steering wheel!

He performed this stunt quite a few times before he ever told anyone that he was doing it. One day he told me about his excursions down the tracks and how easy it was to get the car onto the tracks where there was any road crossing the tracks and how he would navigate a mile or two and then exit off the tracks at another road crossing. Sometimes he would turn around and do the return trip too.

One warm summer evening when I went to visit him in my dad's 1959 Studebaker Lark station wagon, he wanted to show me how easy it was to do this stunt. I initially thought he was crazy and said no way, what if a train came and we couldn't get of the tracks in time? He convinced me he knew the train schedule and there was no train scheduled that night. I was still hesitant to go along with this idea, but in the end I stupidly gave in and said okay, lets do it

We set out on our way to put the Studebaker on the tracks, but not on his farm where he usually did it. He had scouted out a spot on the east side of the Sun River where getting on the tracks was an easy task. But instead of going east, Lemoine wanted to go west. Yes, that meant we would be crossing over the Sun River on the railroad bridge and then over the main road on top of a trestle.

It was just before sunset when we reached the location Lemoine chose to get on the tracks. Lemoine got out and guided the car onto the rails and in no time at all, we had the Studebaker straddled over the rails. I got out and looked at how the car sat on the rails and was amazed at how perfectly the tires were centered on the rails. Is this really happening? Would we do this or would we chicken out at the last moment?

We chose to do it! We started out slowly and soon were headed west around 20 mph. The car seemed very stable and the ride was extremely smooth. It did not seem scary at all at the time. Within a mile or so we were approaching the river and I was starting to feel a little weird about the whole idea. But by then, it was too late to turn back. Before we knew it, the railroad bridge was in view and a moment later we were on the bridge going over the river. Wahoo, what a rush!

Right after we crossed the river, we were approaching the trestle over the main road. Remember how I told you Lemoine was the unlucky one who always got caught doing something he shouldn't? As luck would have it, just as we were crossing the trestle over the main road, a local County Sheriff was driving on the main road under the trestle. Seriously? What are the odds? We could see him stop and look up in disbelief, but he couldn't do anything except watch us go by, as we were gone out of sight in a few seconds and there were no roads paralleling the tracks for him to pursue us. Okay, we dodged that one! We cruised on down the tracks for about two more miles where we came upon a gravel road that crossed the tracks and we decided to make a quick exit right. We stopped and parked for a while by the side of the tracks wondering if the Sheriff would be out looking for us. On the other hand, who would believe the Sheriff if he were to tell anyone what he saw? We thought it best to just hang out there a while anyway before trying to sneak back through town to Lemoine's house in case the Sheriff was still around looking for us. About ten minutes later, a freight train came rumbling by from the west.

This was a really exciting and new experience and it was a whole lot of fun with a real big wow factor. Even though cruising down the railroad tracks in a car was a lot of fun, I realized just how disastrous it could have been if the train had come along a little sooner. I decided this would be my first and last trip in a car on active railroad tracks. Those few minutes were the difference between a really fun thrill and being in a real bad way.

I thought maybe this would be Lemoine's last excursion on the tracks too, but then again, this is Lemoine we're talking about. A couple weeks later, Lemoine talked one of his cousins into putting his 1963 Falcon on the tracks. This time, it was later at night, the weather was cool and moisture had accumulated on the rails. Somehow, the front tires slipped off the rails. The Falcon had very little ground clearance and no matter how hard they tried, they could not get the car back on the rails or off the tracks. More trouble for Lemoine! They had to make a quick jaunt home to confess their situation to their parents. Fortunately, they were able to get a tractor to the location and pull the Falcon off the tracks before a train came by. Lemoine was in a little trouble over this escapade. Okay, a lot of trouble, and he was pretty much grounded for life. So, if you ever thought you might want to experience the thrill of driving a car on the railroad tracks, I recommend you think again. True story.



# Upcoming





8/4	In N Out Cruise - Scripps Poway Parkway (Keller)
8/4	Greatest Show on Turf - South Clairemont Park
8/5	Vista Rod Run
8/5	Long Beach Swapmeet
8/10 -12	P. Big Bear Fun Run <i>- Big Bear Lake, Ca (Hartwig/H</i> i

lildebrand)

National City Heritage Days (Rindskopf) 8/11

8/12 Pomona Swapmeet

8/16 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory (Foote)

Hot Rods Parts for Hot Rod Guys Swapmeet (Ruffin Road) 8/19

8/21 T5R 10th Anniversary

8/24 - 26 CANCELLED Big 3 Summer Swapmeet - SDCCU Stadium

Christian Rods & Customs Car Show - Spring Valley 8/25

9/3 (Monday/Labor Day) San Diego Auto Swap Cool Expo - SDCCU Stadium

T5R after Swapmeet Lunch - Islands 9/3

9/8 Ramona Rod Roundup - Restoration Ranch Ramona (Rindskopf)

9/20 T5R 10th Birthday

9/20 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory (Correia) In N Out Cruise - Scripps Poway Parkway 10/6

10/7 Long Beach Swapmeet 10/14 Pomona Swapmeet

10th Annual "Best Damn Car Show in Town" - Pal Joey (Rindskopf) 10/14

10/18 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory (TBD)

Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow - Embarcadero Marina Park North 10/21

11/3 In N Out Cruise - Scripps Poway Parkway 11/4 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (Fall Back)

11/11 Pomona Swapmeet

T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory (TBD) 11/15

11/16-18 Goodguys 21st Southwest Nationals - Scottdale, Az (Mayers/Hartwig/Hildebrand)

In N Out Cruise - Scripps Poway Parkway 12/1

12/2 Pomona Swapmeet

12/9 32nd Annual Street Masters Christmas Cruise for the Kids - San Diego

12/9 Long Beach Swapmeet

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 12/20 12/? Tri-Five Christmas Party (TBD)

### Red Font is an all club attending event

Green Font is a club member

submitted event

(contact them for more info)

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Tri-5 Upcoming Shows, Cruises and Partys





Family Restaurant August 16 (Foote)
September 20 (Correia)



### In N Out Burger Cruise

Scripps Poway Parkway 11am

### August 4

(club event)

September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1



San Diego Auto Swap Monday Sept. 3rd at SDCCU (Qualcomm) Stadium T5R members Lunch following 11am at Islands.

http://sandiegoautoswap.com/



<u>27th Annual Automobile Heritage Day</u> August 11th - National City

https://www.automobileheritageday.com/



29th Annual Big Bear 2018 Fun Run August 10th 11th and 12th.

http://www.antiquecarclub.org/funrun2018.php

### Ramona Rod Roundup

September 8 - 7am
Calvary Chapel 114 14th Street #D, Ramona
Info www.restorationranch.com
restorationranch@cox.net 760-787-9432

#### Hot Rods Parts for Hot Rod Guys

Sunday August 19 - 7am
4255 Ruffin Road 92123 #300
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# Claudia's Corner

More treats for summer parties.

### PEANUTBUTTER FRUIT DIP

1 cup vanilla yogurt

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup whipped topping

Assorted fresh fruit

Directions: In a bowl, combine the yogurt, peanut butter and cinnamon; mix well.

Fold in the whipped topping. Refrigerate until serving. Serve with fruit.

Carmel Apple Dip

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping

1/4 cup honey

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Fresh fruit

Directions: In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Beat in caramel topping, honey and cinnamon. Serve with fruit. Store in the refrigerator.



### **LEMON FRUIT DIP**

2 cups reduced-fat sour cream 1 (1 ounce) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix

1/4 cup fat-free milk

4 teaspoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Assorted fresh fruit

Directions: In a bowl, whisk the sour cream, pudding mix, milk, lemon juice and peel until blended. Serve with fruit.

### **GINGERSNAP DIP**

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 cup confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1 (8 ounce) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

1 (16 ounce) package gingersnaps

Directions: In a small mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Beat in whipped topping until blended. Refrigerate until serving.



### PEANUTBUTTER APPLE DIP

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 cup peanut butter

1 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup milk

3 apples, cut into wedges

Directions: In a mixing bowl, combine the first four ingredients;

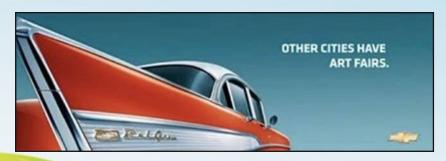
mix well.

Serve with apples. Store in refrigerator.





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