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E & M Auto Parts End of an Automotive Era

Submitted by Wayne Hartwig

Cars have always been a big part of my life. I learned to drive at a very young age while growing up on a farm and with that came the tasks of learning how to do maintenance and make repairs on every piece of equipment on the farm. I learned a lot from my dad, and I remember that he had a favorite place to go to get his auto parts to complete a project on his vehicles or make a quick repair to get it back on the road. It seems like most people did a lot of their own maintenance and repairs to their vehicles back then, and I'm sure they all had their favorite parts store too. It was a time before the big-name auto parts stores like NAPA, O'Reilly, Pep Boys and so many more modern-day conglomerates forced the Mom-and-Pop Auto Parts stores out of business. Most have been gone for many years. E & M Auto Parts is probably one of the last family-owned auto parts businesses left in existence, until now. Sadly, E & M is closing their doors for the last time on December 12 of this year.

E & M Auto Parts has been that go-to place for many people in the east county area for as long as I can remember. It's the one place you could always go to get the very best service and the best parts availability. It's the place where you knew Kenny, Richard, Mike or Tony would always be there to help you get the quality parts you needed at a great price. The E & M guys knew their business and they knew their parts. They didn't have to look up every part in a book. Most of the time, you could tell them what you needed, and without hesitation, they would just go get the part from the shelves in the back. In today's world, you're lucky to find anyone who even knows what any particular part should look like. If they can't look up a part number by year make & model on the computer, they are not able to help you. And if they do identify the part you need, the part is likely not in stock and has to be ordered because most parts for our older cars are just not in stores anymore.



Ever wonder how E & M Auto Parts got started or what E & M stands for? Way back before most of us were ever born, there was a man named Thomas Engle. Mr. Engle opened a wrecking yard and a 24-hour towing business named Engle's Auto Wrecking. It was located on the same El Cajon property as today, sometime before 1946. However, it sure looked a lot different back then. There was no Main Street or Interstate 8 back then, only Highway 80. In fact, it looked like it was way out in the country and really, it was. There were no other businesses anywhere around it. The address then was Route 1, Box 176A, Highway 80, El Cajon, California, and the phone number was H 4-7222. Mr. Engle advertised the sale of new and used auto parts, tires, tubes, batteries and accessories.



E & M Auto Parts Circa 1946



E & M after Interstate 8 Completion

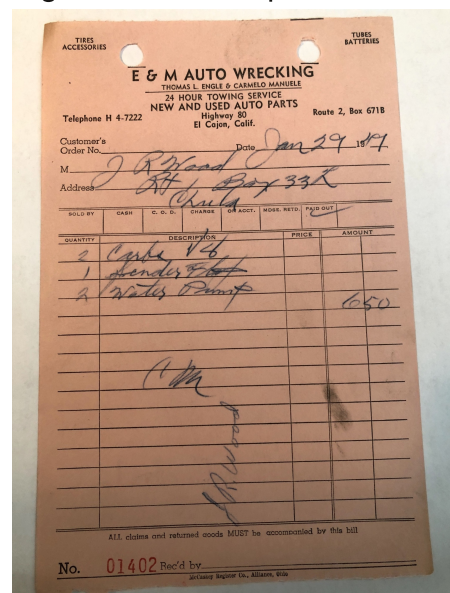
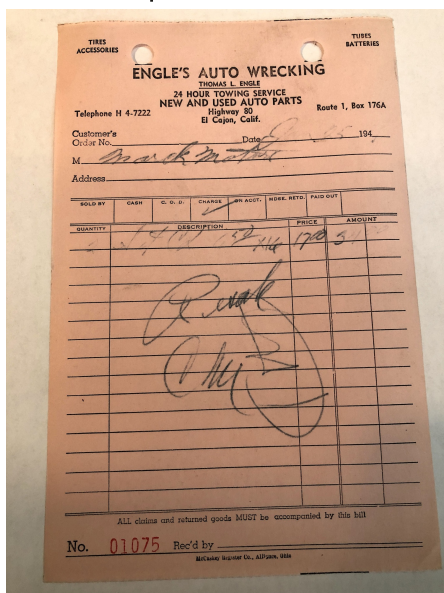
In 1946, Mr. Engle went into business with Carmelo and Joan Manuele. They changed the name of the business to E & M Auto Parts, after the last name initials of the two partners. It was the same location, however the address changed to Route 2, Box 671B. Shortly after that, a new building was erected to house the auto parts for sale and later, an addition to that building was added too.



As time went by, more and more businesses popped up in the area and eventually that part of highway 80 became Main Street, El Cajon and the business address changed again to the current 1647 East Main Street. By 1965, Interstate 8 was completed from Mission Bay through El Cajon to Lake Jennings Park Road, running on the south side of the E & M property.



Kenny & Richard are sons of Carmelo and Joan, and they were kind enough to provide me with some of this information. I was able to photograph a couple of receipts, and though they are a bit hard to read, I believe one is from January 25, 1947, and one is from January 29, 1949. The first one is an Engle's Auto Wrecking receipt and the other an E & M Auto Parts receipt. The first receipt is to Mark Motors for two tires size 6.50X16 for \$17.00 each, totaling \$34. The second receipt is to J. R Wood for two V8 carbs, one sender and two water pumps for a whopping \$6.50! Seeing these receipts was sure an interesting blast from the past.



Recently, a few loyal east county E & M customers got together in front of the store with a few classic cars for some photos with Richard and Kenny to help preserve the memory of E & M Auto Parts. It probably won't be too long before the signs, perhaps the building, and any other evidence of the 75-year history of this remarkable business is gone forever. We will all miss E & M Auto Parts and most certainly will miss stopping in to see Richard and Kenny from time to time.



Big News: Western Invasion 2022 Coming Back To California

The American Tri-Five Association recently announced that it will be returning to Bakersfield in 2022 for the second annual Western Invasion presented by Danchuk.

"We feel that we owe it to the Tri-Five lovers on the West Coast to do it again in May, as it was originally planned," said Chris Sondles, president of the American Tri-Five Association. The ATFA announced the Western Invasion will return to the historic Famoso Dragstrip on May 14-15, 2022. Registration is open now. <https://americantrifive.com/shop/ols/categories/western-invasion>

Tri-Five Western Invasion: Best of the West Plus the Rest of the Best
Part 2: More trophy-winning 1955–1957 Chevys including the overall winner.

Article from MotorTrend Online magazine

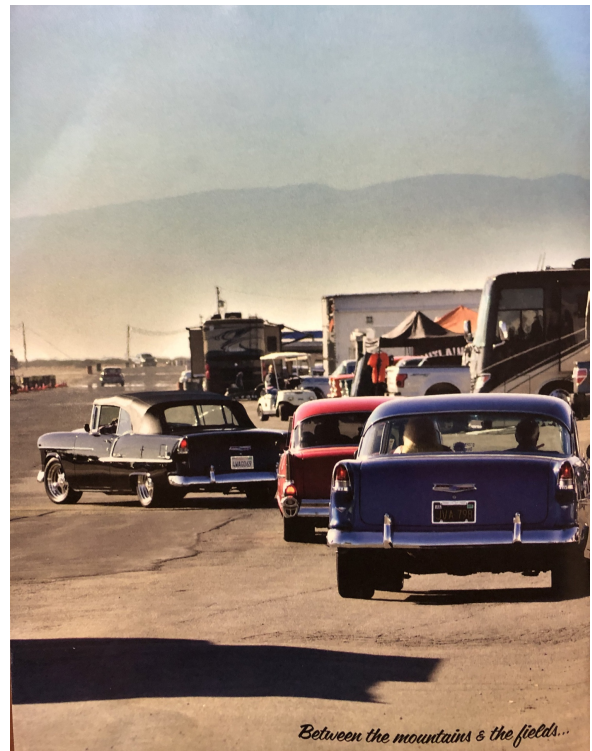
<https://www.motortrend.com/events/tri-five-western-nationals-2021-top-10-part-2/>



1955 Chevy Bel Air Convertible / Wayne Hartwig, San Diego, California

There's no cooler way to get a dose of vitamin D than soaking up the sun in a topless Tri-Five. Wayne became the third owner of this '55 about 23 years ago. It was a rust-free Arizona car, and his plans were to keep it stock. The body is as close as it gets. The rest is a textbook of well-done mods, starting with new front framerails and Corvette

suspension goodies. The wheels are Foose five-spokes. Under the hood is a dressed-up 350-cubic-inch Ram Jet crate engine, backed up by a 700R4 transmission. The tomato red interior is completely contemporized; our favorite detail is the 140-mph speedometer.



Tri-Five Revolutionaries Perkins, Hildebrand's and Geiman's as seen in the American Tri-Five Magazine

Ramona Senior Center Car Show

Submitted by Wayne Hartwig

The Ramona Senior Center Car Show was presented by the Over the Hill Gang Car Club and the Ramona American Graffiti Cruise on November 13th, 2021. The show was held at Grace Community Church in Ramona and was sponsored by the businesses of Ramona. The show was open to all vehicles and the entry fee was a cash donation from each vehicle. 100% of all donations will go to support the Ramona Senior Center.



There were over one hundred vehicle entries, which pretty much filled the parking lot. There was a general raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction that had a lot of very nice items to bid on. They also offered free hot dogs, chips and water for as long as they lasted. Of course, there was music all day by Paul Palombo, who seems to be doing the DJ duties at most all of the car shows in the San Diego area these days.



Tri-Five Revolution members attending were Mike & Pat Harvey, Tom & Nancy Geiman and Don Perkins along with Linda and me. It was a quite warm day, but tolerable. The afternoon breeze helped a lot. Don Perkins was the raffle king of the day, winning several items including a 44-pound bag of dog food, which seemed to me like a strange item to be in a raffle. But that is part of the fun when raffle prizes are donated by so many different businesses. I won a free tire rotation, but I donated the prize back and so did a few other raffle winners. Those items were not put back in the raffle, instead they were to be given to someone living in the Senior Center, which we thought was a great idea. I also won a \$25 gift certificate for ice cream at Valencia's Crem De La Crem in Ramona. That was the perfect excuse to by ice cream for everyone in our group after the show. It was really good!



There were four trophy awards presented at the end of the show hand-picked by members of the Over the Hill Gang. No winners among our group. Then the 50/50 winning ticket was drawn and no winners there again. The last part of the show was seeing who won the items in the silent auction and how much they went for. Don Perkins had the winning bid on two sets of power tools, Milwaukee and DeWalt. He should be set with power tools for a while. All in all, it was a good show with a lot of nice cars, including a few very rare and unusual vehicles. Of course, there was the quality time spent with some of our fellow Tri-Fiver's. A fun Show!



Upcoming Shows, Cruises, Meetings & Partys

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- 12/4 In N Out Burger Cruise - Scripps Poway Parkway
 - 12/4 Monday Night Car Club Toy Drive - Target in El Cajon
 - 12/5 Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
 - 12/11 Classic Malt Shop Cruise Night - Midway Dr, San Diego
 - 12/12 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
 - 12/16 NO T5R Meeting in December
 - 12/19 T5R Christmas Party - Rough Edges Ranch, Ramona
 - 12/25 Christmas
 - 12/31 New Year's Eve

2022

- 1/1 New Year's Day T5R Annual Cruise
- 1/9 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 1/16 Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory - Poway
- 1/28-30 Grand National Roadster Show - Pomona
- 2/2 Ground Hog Day
- 2/12 Dr George Charity Car Show - Indian Wells, Ca
- 2/12 Broken Yolk for Car Show Folks - El Cajon, Ca
- 2/13 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/17 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory - Poway
- 3/3 Cruise to Midnight at the Oasis
- 3/3-6 Midnight at the Oasis - Yuma, Az
- 3/6 East Country Cruisers Summer Fling (In Spring) - Santee
- 3/6 Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
- 3/13 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 3/17 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory - Poway
- 4/1-3 21st Meguiar's Del Mar Nationals
- 4/13 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 4/21 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory - Poway
- 4/24 Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
- 5/13-15 Woody's Tri-Five Western Invasion - Bakerfield, Ca
- 5/19 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory - Poway

Red Font is a club attending event

Green Font is a club member submitted event

Blue Font are Holidays and Observances

For site links, information, details & event flyers visit our website calendar at:
<https://tri-fiverevolution.com/calendar>

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a Lot Like Christmas***



***Wishing All Our
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and a Healthy
Happy New Year***



from Tri-Five Revolution



Some things to ponder during the holidays

The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54

The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57

The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41

The best soccer player in the world, Maradona, died at the age of 60

And then,

KFC inventor died at 94

Inventor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88

Cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102

The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake

Hennessy inventor died at 98

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping, but it lives for only 2 years. The turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So ...

Have a drink ...

Take a nap ...

And, when you wake up, have some bacon & eggs!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE GAYHARTS!



Tri-Five Revolution Holiday Party



Rough Edges Ranch Ramona

Sun, December 19th
2:00pm

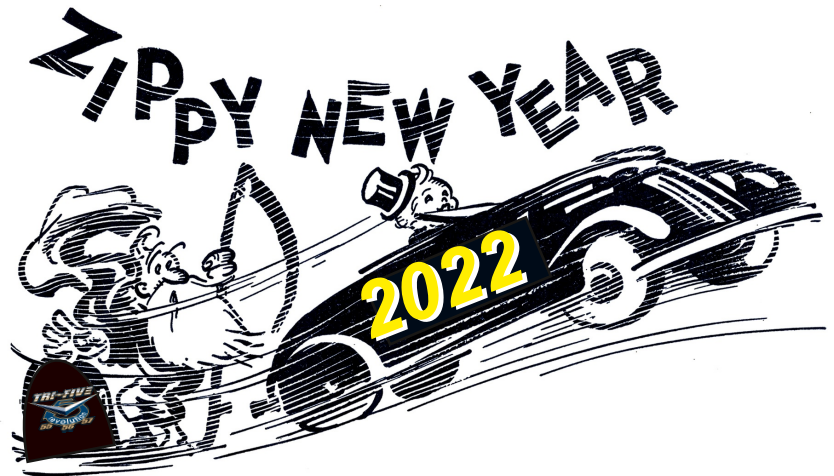
Pot Luck

Ham & Turkey dinner

needed: appetizers, salads,
sides dishes and lots of desserts

Holiday \$20 gift exchange game - bring your own gift, participate a couple or just watch the fun
Casual dress or in your favorite holiday attire - Bring your own drinks
contact Ava by Dec. 13th if not signed up yet

Tri-5 Annual New Year's Day Cruise 1/1/2022



We are meeting at North County Fair at 10AM in the "Old Sears" parking lot. Leaving after everyone is there or accounted for. This years guided tour will travel through RB, PQ, Fairbanks Ranch, Rancho Santa Fe, Carlsbad, and Vista. Ending at Mama's & Papas for lunch.

Come one Come All!! Invite your friends.

Text me if your going and how many in your party!

THANKS -- Mike Harvey





Midnight at the Oasis March 3-6, 2022

The Midnight at the Oasis Nostalgia Car Show and Concerts returns to Desert Sun Stadium in Yuma AZ. Regarded as one of the top classic car festivals in the Southwest, more than 900 classic cars will be on display during the three-day event. Concerts are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings. Show and Shine begins Friday, March 4 at noon and ends Sunday at 1 pm.

T5R December Anniversaries



Claudia & Danny Gayhart 12/13



Therese & Rich Correia 12/20



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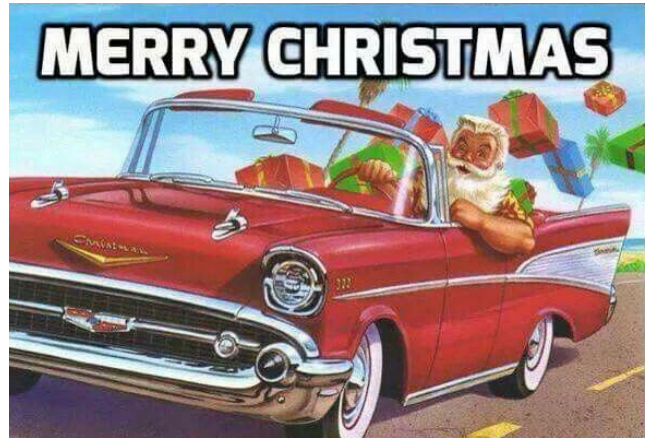


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T5R Meeting
Hamburger
Factory
Poway-5:00pm



NO MEETINGS in December
2022

- January 20 - Clements
- February 17 - Hildebrand
- March 17 - Correia



In N Out
Burger Cruise
Scripps Poway Parkway
Saturday, December 4th
11:00am to 2pm

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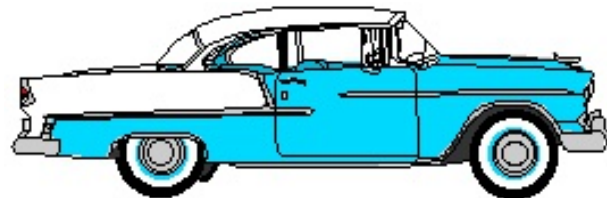
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