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Dec/January 2018

Upcoming T5R Events

- 12/2 In N Out - Scripps Poway Parkway
12/3 Pomona Swapmeet
12/10 Long Beach Swapmeet
12/10 SM Christmas Cruise for the Kids - Torrey Pines High
12/17 T5R Christmas Party (Rough Edges Ranch)
12/21 NO T5R Meetings in December (Happy Holidays)
12/25 **Merry Christmas**
2018 **Happy New Year**
1/1 T5R New Years Day Cruise (Rindskopf)
1/7 Long Beach Swapmeet
1/14 Pomona Swapmeet
1/14 19th Annual Grand Champion Fundraiser (Escondido)
1/18 T5R Meeting - Hamburger Factory (Harvey)
2/10 Dr George Car Show, Indian Wells Tennis Garden
2/11 Long Beach Swapmeet
2/23-25 **Big 3 Parts Exchange**
3/1- 4 **Midnight at the Oasis (Yuma, Az)**
3/11 **Daylight Saving (spring forward)**
4/28 "All GM Beach Classic" (Ruby's Diner Redondo Beach)
5/11-13 **OTHG "Streak 45" (Campland on the Bay)**



T5R Meeting Hamburger Factory in Poway 5:30pm

NO Meetings in December
2018

January 18th (Harvey)
February 15th (Hildebrand)
March 15th (Rindskopf)
April 19 (TBD)
May 21



In N Out Burger Cruise

Scripps Poway
Parkway 11am

2018

January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7

Red Font is a club attending event

Green Font is a club member
submitted event

(contact them for more info)

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event flyers visit our website at:
<http://www.tri-fiverevolution.com>



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Tri-Five Revolution Annual Christmas Party



Good Food, Fun Games, Great Friends, Holiday Surprises
Thank you all for coming, Merry Christmas



The Navy, Hawaii & Abandoned Cars

submitted by Wayne Hartwig

I grew up in Montana and when I graduated from High School in 1969, I had no immediate plans for college. It was the time of the Viet Nam war and not knowing what number the draft would have for me, I decided to follow in my dad's footsteps by enlisting in the Navy rather than letting Uncle Sam choose the Army or Marines for me. I later found out the Lottery Number for my birth date was 170 and the highest number called for that year was 125. In August 1969, I was put on an airplane to San Diego where I went through basic training at the Navy Recruit Base in the Midway Rosecrans area, which has now become Liberty Station. After basic training, I was assigned to Storekeeper School at Naval Station 32nd Street and Survival Training at Camp Pendleton before being sent to Da Nang, Viet Nam. Oh joy! That is a whole story all by itself, but after surviving there, the Navy issued me orders to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a three-year assignment. Oh yeah, life was good!

I don't have to tell anyone how much better it was to be in Hawaii than Viet Nam and there are a few stories to tell about my time there in Paradise. This story is about the abandoned cars on Oahu and what my friends and I did to have a little fun with some of them. It seems a little crazy, but at that time, it was not illegal or against the law to abandon a car on the freeway or anywhere else apparently. There was one and only one short freeway at that time, but there were several cars abandoned there for months before someone towed them away. It was also a time before people were becoming fully aware of the negative impact people have on our environment, including abandoning cars in any convenient way possible.

While hanging out with some of my Navy buddies at the Navy Base auto shop on Ford Island, we heard about a field near the west loch of Pearl Harbor and nearby Hawaii



Raceway Park where local people would abandon old and unwanted cars. One of the guys discovered where the field was and there were at least sixty cars abandoned in a very random way, and there was a winding path amongst them just wide enough to drive a car through. We were a bunch of young fearless single guys looking to have fun and when one of the guys thought it would be fun to get a running

clunker and see who could drive from one end of this winding path to the other with the fastest time and without totally crashing the car, we were all in. To make it more interesting, we would open the doors of the cars along the path, requiring the driver to hit and close them on the way through.



It wasn't long before one of the guys volunteered his beat up and worn out, but still running Corvair four-door for a day of fun. Okay, maybe a Corvair is not the safest car to use for this with the gas tank in the front and all, but it was what we had, and remember we were young



and fearless. Okay, maybe a little stupid too. We figured we would go out on a Saturday morning and hope to get a couple hours of fun out of this Corvair before it blew up or just wouldn't go anymore. It turns out Corvairs with their uni-body design, were a lot tougher than you would think. We put on our helmets and buckled our seat belts before making the first run. We were off with the gas pedal floored, trying to wind our way through the maze of cars, hitting and closing the opened doors along the way.

What a rush! And the Corvair hardly showed any damage! So we did it again, run after run, first one way and then the other numerous times with this car, crashing into the other cars along the way. This Corvair was getting pretty bent up, but it just would not die! After the first few runs, the Corvair was dripping oil, getting hot and losing power. We would let it cool for a while and then make another run until one front and one rear tire went flat. We took the good front tire and put it on the rear so we could keep going, but steering was getting to be a little tricky. We tortured this little Corvair most of the day. The sun was getting ready to set and we were getting tired, when both rear tires went flat and the poor little car just would not go anymore. It was a blast!

We decided it was so much fun that we needed to find another car for another day of fun at the abandoned car field. One day, I found an ad for an Isuzu sedan for twenty dollars from a Navy guy who was leaving Hawaii. It was only twenty dollars because it had been overheated and the engine block had a crack and the owner just didn't want to deal with it. The car was pretty nice except for the engine issue. It ran great, so off we went with it. Only this time, we had a different



idea how to have fun with it. Next to the abandoned cars, there was an open field with a raised road about ten feet wide going across it about 2 1/2 feet higher than the field. On one side of the road there was a ditch about four feet lower than the road. On the other side were a few abandoned cars with a path going around to the side of the road. We decided to



make a dirt ramp on the opposite side of the road from the ditch with the idea we would try to jump the car over the road, clearing the ditch and landing in the muddy field on the other side of the road. The only catch was that the driver would have to get up speed and make a fairly hard left turn just before accelerating up the ramp and over the road and the ditch to the muddy field. Sounded do-able, so we decided to give it try.



There were five of us, so we decided to take turns with two people in the car at a time to give everyone a shot at being in the car, good or bad. Since I acquired the car, I was the first driver and my buddy John was the co-pilot. Not knowing just how this was all going to go down, we decided to just go for it and see what happened. We started down the path for about 150 feet, powering from first to second gear and flooring it as we rounded the corner toward the road. I think we were going about 30 MPH when we hit the dirt ramp perfectly at a 90-degree angle and all I could see

for a few seconds was sky. The next thing I knew, the car landed on all four wheels at the same time and kept on going just like nothing had happened at all. Unbelievable! We did it and we didn't die! From the photos, (yeah, I have photos this time) it looked like the car had cleared the road by at least four feet and landed at least ten feet on the other side of the ditch! Wow, what a rush! We just could not believe the idea worked so well and the car didn't even get damaged! It was time for the next two to make a run. They started the same way I did and made the left turn, but while it cleared the road and the ditch, it came down a little nose first. The impact caused the engine to move forward just far enough for the fan blade to cut a nice circular hole in the middle of the radiator. Not to worry, who needs a radiator anyway? It was time for a third run at it. We did and the car landed pretty hard on the nose again, a lot like run number two.



At that point, we decided maybe more jumps might not be the best idea if we wanted to keep the car drivable for a while. New idea, since the field was so muddy and slippery let's do some doughnuts and see if we can get it going fast enough to make a full 360 degree spin. Yeah, it was great fun until the mud dried out a little too much and the hard turn resulted in the



tires digging into the ground and rolling the car over on its side. That was fun! Now let's roll it back on the wheels and see if we can roll it all the way over! Since the windshield was now broken and the hood was flopping a little, they were removed. We tried a few more times, but could only roll it on the side a couple more times! The next run was

ultimately the final run because as I was picking up speed heading toward the harbor and I turned the wheel, the car just went straight and slid over the edge of the harbor onto the rocks and partially into the water. There was no retrieving the car at that point and this Isuzu story came to an abrupt end.

We had similar fun with a 1956 Ford sedan, but it was not long before the authorities came in, cleaned out all of the cars and fenced off the entire area. Our fun was destined to be over, but we had a great time for a short while. Unlike the Cadillac story, I have a few photos of the Isuzu for you to enjoy and to show you this is a true story.



New Years Day Cruise

We will be meeting in the parking lot of the former Sizzler (the corner of 4th St & Main St) in Ramona at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day and departing at 10:15 a.m. I will have a hand out with detailed driving directions in case we get separated.

If you have not responded yet please do so I have some idea of the number of cars and people we are going to have. Remember, if your Tri-Five isn't up for the drive, you are welcome to participate in you civilian car (you will have to take a position at the back of the line), I promise this will be a beautiful drive! I am assuming everyone who responded that they are attending will be having lunch as well.

Sam



Friday February 23-25

T5R Potluck Lunch Saturday 24th 11:30pm

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Midnight at the Oasis

March 1 - 4, 2018

T5R Caravan - March 1st - 11:30am

(meet at Albertsons parking lot Alpine)

<http://www.midnightattheoasis.net/>



Sweet Potato Crunch

From the kitchen of Jimmie Lou Burkhalter (Doug's Cousin Barry's wife in Lindale, GA)

As served at the Tri-Five Christmas Party and enjoyed by all.

Sweet Potatoo Mixture

- 1 large can sweet potatoes
(drained and mashed)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter (melted)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Crunch Topping

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/3 cup butter (melted)
- 1 cup chopped nuts



1. Mix and pour everything but the topping ingredients into a greased baking dish
2. Combine topping ingredients, and top sweet potato mixture
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes



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Submitted by Joe Keller

Congratulations

Danny & Claudia Gayhart



After selling their Jeep and the Alpine Coach leaving a huge empty spot in their garage Danny was prompted to begin the search for the “car of his dreams”. They are now the proud owners of this beautiful 1965 GTO



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Be Merry and
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Brightly.
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Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year
to you and
Yours.*

*Goldie,
Harvey, Ann
and E-Vette*





Claudia's Corner

A few of my favorite (non-chocolate) recipes to share with family and friends this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our Tri-Five friends!

EGGNOG COOKIE BARS

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, plus more for topping
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted
1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
2 large eggs plus 3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons brandy
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
Confectioners' sugar, for dusting



Spread the batter in the prepared baking dish. Bake until the top is shiny and slightly cracked, about 40 minutes. Let cool completely in the pan. Lift the bars out of the pan using the foil overhang; dust with confectioners' sugar and sprinkle with nutmeg. Slice into 1 1/2-inch squares.



DATE DROPS

1/2 cup soft butter
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp. Vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. Baking powder
1/4 tsp. Salt
1 c up quick cooking oats
1 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, milk and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in oats, dates and nuts. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls about 1 inch apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 – 15 minutes or until edges are lightly browned and tops are firm to the touch. Cool on wire racks.

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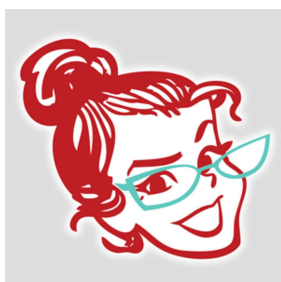
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