

# Revolution Review



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## Upcoming Events, Cruises & Holidays

- 1/1   **T5R New Years Day Cruise (start N.County Fair)**
- 1/7   Marv Siesel Collection at Kissimmee
- 1/10   Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 1/17   Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show (Pending)
- 1/30   The Super Show Car Show - *Bates Nut Farm* (open to all vehicles & bikes)
- ~~2/13   Dr. George Charity Car Show - *Indian Wells* \*POSTPONED\*~~
- 2/14   **Valentines Day**
- 2/14   Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 3/4-7   **Midnight at the Oasis - Yuma, Az**
- 3/7   Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
- 3/14   Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 3/28   MadameMechanic.com Car Show - Poway
- 4/9-11   **20th Meguiar's Del Mar Nationals, Del Mar Fairgrounds**
- 4/11   Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 4/18   Pomona Swapmeet and Classic Car Show
- 4/30   Temecula Rod Run - Temecula
- 4/30-5/1   **Western Invasion - Bakersfield**
- 5/14-16   **Grand National Roadster Show - Pomona**

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Red Font is an club attending event

Green Font is a club member submitted event

For site links, information, details &  
event flyers visit our website at:

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# PERKINS' PROJECT

*submitted by Wayne Hartwig*



This article is an update on a couple of Don Perkin's project vehicles. As you may recall, Don had just finished up his 1940 Ford COE with the exception of a few minor issues. The rear brakes had gotten hot on the last test drive and the front end was porpoising up and down too much. We pulled the rear brake drums to see what was going on with the brakes and we didn't find any issues except that perhaps the brake shoes were adjusted a little too tight. We cleaned things up and readjusted the brakes and that resolved that problem.

However, a new issue popped up. After the initial maiden voyage around the back roads of Alpine, we discovered under certain conditions, the engine would occasionally backfire. This was a bit problematic because we couldn't find any real reason for the backfire problem. At first we thought there was some water in the fuel tank causing the problem, so we

drained it and cleaned it out. While we found no real presence of water, we did discover the inside coating in the tank was peeling off. So a new tank was purchased and modified to fit in the truck. We also rechecked the fuel pump pressure and it was good.

However, none of this resolved the backfiring problem. More research online revealed that the Holley Sniper fuel injection could have a backfire problem if there was an ignition issue. The distributor was new and we felt the problem could be with the coil since it was not new. The coil was the easiest thing to replace, so a new coil was acquired and installed. Another test drive revealed our suspicions about the coil were correct. The backfiring issue was gone. Who would have thought?

Most recently, Don acquired some new stiffer front shocks. We installed them and at the same time did some trimming on the inner fender panels to give a little more clearance. Another test drive was in order. The porpoising is now gone and there is no more suspension to body contact. It rides really nice now. The truck has since made a couple longer trips around town and it is performing extremely well. This truck gets a lot of attention out there and a few comments too. Like "Hey where's the other half of the truck?" or "What is it?" One guy said "It looks cute!" Really? Cute? It's supposed to look a little bit sinister or wicked, not cute! Oh well, it does get a lot of "thumbs up" from people, both young and old.



Now, on to the '58 Buick wagon. We had installed the Holley Sniper on this car too, and we were never able to get it to idle correctly. As it turned out, Don bought this 454 big block engine knowing it was a race motor of some kind, but he did not know what cam or compression ratio it had. Well, we discovered, the cam is a rumpity-rump full-on race cam and is not designed to idle much under a thousand rpm. The valve overlap causes the vacuum to be 4 inches or less at proper idle speed. The Holley Sniper requires a minimum of eight inches and likes at least ten inches of vacuum at idle in order for the IAC to properly control the idle speed.

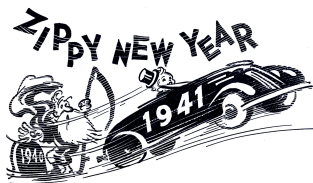
We decided to see if it would run better with the Holley 750 cfm carburetor. It ran okay, but it still wouldn't idle under 900 rpm. This cam is just too radical for any street application. So, it was decision time. Tear this engine down and de-tune it for the street, or just buy a new GM 454 crate motor. Don chose the new motor. So, we'll be switching out the engines and reinstalling the Holley Sniper on it too. And it won't end there. Air bag suspension is also in the works for this Bad Boy Buick Wagon. It's gonna be a cool ride too!

Happy  
New Year





# **T5R 2021 Upcoming Events & Info**



## **NEW YEARS DAY CRUISE 2021**

How do you feel about starting out 2021, on a higher note than we have experienced over the last 9 months? Well here is our chance, starting out on our first cruise of the year will be at North County Fair at 10 AM at the north end in front of the long-departed Sears Store. Followed by a leisurely drive through San Marcos, Vista, and Valley Center. Tom and Nancy are going to be contacting the people at Bates Nut Farm to see if it would be OK to park there, or if not, Rancho Geiman will be the destination. Everyone should bring your own picnic lunch, chairs, and table, (if you do not like eating in your lap). Let's try and stay safe, please practice any means necessary to stay healthy. We have come so far, let us all make it to the end of the tunnel. Please let me know if you can work this into your schedule.

Thanks, Mike Harvey



Hi Ava, here is something for the newsletter if you like. It is Marv Siesel's collection of cars. Some will be sold at Mecum Auction on January 7 in Kissimmee, Florida. He is selling his entire collection including his three El Moroccos and numerous other tri-fives and others.

Don

**COVID-19**  
Response

**January 17, Swap Meet  
(Pending)**

Stay safe and healthy, please visit the CDC  
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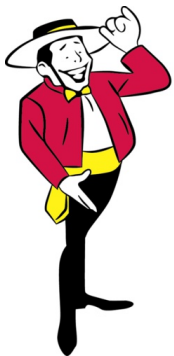


Hosting the annual Dr. George Charity Car Show  
benefiting the Desert Cancer Foundation

**Save the Date! February 13, 2021**  
**Tennis Garden, Indian Wells**

**POSTPONED**





# Midnight at the Oasis

Yuma, Arizona - March 5-7, 2021

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Tri-Five members will meet at Albertsons in Alpine to caravan on March 4th - 10am



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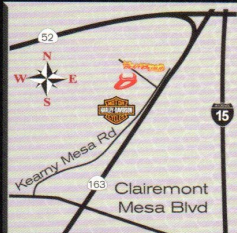


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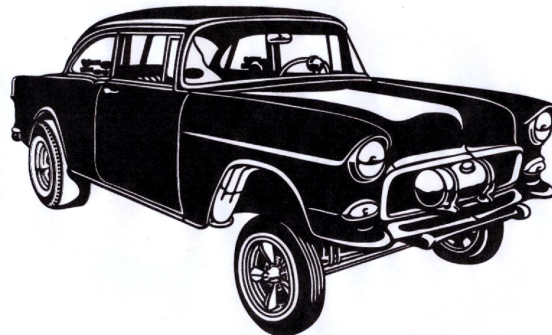
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*Ava*



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