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## Mike's Musings

Lot's of stuff happening this month. We put on about 2,000 miles in the Nomad (with NO problems), Took care of Mom (she is out of the hospital and doing fine), got some work done on getting the garage organized, did some more decorating, watched lots of softball games (Ally is doing great).

During that time, especially while driving, (that's when I do my best thinking) I think I've rediscovered the fun in Car Shows. Laughlin not so much, the weather was awful (the wind was blowing), but in Tucson we spent a lot of time around the car, talking with people who had not seen the car before and they had lots of questions and wanted to talk. I'd forgotten this part, it's been so long, I had a great time. One guy in particular, I noticed as we were sitting behind the car under some shade, was spending a lot of time checking out the car. He would stand and just stare at it then move on to something else and then go back and look again at what he had just seen. He did this around the whole car and when he was done he looked up and asked if this was our car. The answer was yes and that started about a half hour conversation with a very interesting man. We talked about all the things that he had seen and I showed him some things that he had missed. It was great fun. He left and found a friend who he brought back and we spent some more time talking cars and such. They both owned '58's, the friend then left and found a photographer friend and brought him back and they took some pictures. Good fun.

On another note, I've had an e-mail exchange with Joe Whitaker and if we want to do some kind of Fall National (or Spring) Convention we can. CCI would promote the show, but could not be part of the organizational part of the show. It's something to think about, I've got some thoughts that I'll share at the next meeting and we'll see how everyone feels about it.

Sorry we missed the meeting at Wayne and Linda's, I heard a good time was had by all, no doubt.

Be Safe,

*Mike Harvey*



5/8-10 OTHG 36 Streak,

Campland by the Bay - Everyone

5/10 Mothers Day

5/10 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show

5/17 Shake Rattle & Roll Car Show @ Sycuan Casino

5/23 (Sat) T5R Get Together - Rindskopf 2pm

5/23 Ramona Cruise & a Movie night

(Dirty Mary Crazy Larry - 1974)

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

6/7 Pomona Swap Meet

6/12 E.C. Cruisers at Simpson's Nursery

6/14 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show

6/20 (Sat) T5R Get Together - Foote 2pm

6/20 4th Annual Cops & Rodders Run - North Park

6/21 Fathers Day

7/4 Happy Independence Day

7/12 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show

7/16 Rods & Woodies on 101 - Encinitas

8/2 National City Heritage Days

8/2 Vista Rod Run 20

8/9 Long Beach Swap Meet & Car Show

8/10 Pomona Swap Meet

8/29 Peoples Choice Classic Car - Spring Valley

9/17 T5R Get Together - Goldberg

9/27 Beachin' 101 Cruise

Red Font is a club event



# 2009 Gamblers Classic Laughlin, Nevada

*by Ann Goldberg*

The annual Gambler Classic River Run has been a favorite car show of Harvey and mine since we first caravanned across the desert to Laughlin, NV six years ago with members of California Nomads. To us it's become Spring Break for Tri-5 enthusiasts -- a good drive in the Nomad then three days to enjoy a great selection of cars and visit with good car friends, some of whom we only see this one time all year.



Pat's Kitchen in Corona has proven to be a good starting off spot for friends making the trip together. Located near the 15 and 91 Freeways, it has a large parking lot for the tri-5's and decent country-style breakfasts. This is where we met Pat and Mike and a group of California Nomaders Thursday morning, April 2. The drive to Laughlin proved to be an easy one -- the day was sunny, the traffic light, and, as Mike had predicted, the desert blooming with yellow flowers - and their accompanying swarms of yellow butterflies.



We made good time - arriving at the Tropicana Express parking lot in time to obtain good parking spots, get the Nomads unloaded, ourselves checked into the hotel and to get back to the cars just as the afternoon wind picked up. A quick de-bugging of Goldie and we could head back to the Casino for some slot play and an early dinner with a semi-clear conscience. No sense spending a lot of time cleaning a car that would be heavily dust-covered in the morning.

Thursday evening, when we checked on the car before going to bed, a friend showed us his tri-5 already detailed by the vendor-in-residence. Admittedly, it looked good. So on a whim, Friday morning, when it was sunny but the temperature cool, the breeze continuing to build and large clouds gathering, we decided to have Goldie "done" -- with water -- like a "real" car. (Until then the only water that had touched her since her paint job was an errant rain drop or two.) The result - it was nice to get the layer of dust off the car, but there's a lot more trim on a '56 Nomad than a '55 Original, and we had still had a lot of work to do. Part of the fun at a show, but a little discouraging just the same. (This brings up an interesting issue. Pat and Mike's car always looks immaculate. How do they do it? We're cleaning -- they're smiling. And Mike's helping a friend clean her car. This is almost as much of a mystery to me as Dana's finding things to clean on her and DJ's Nomad that I can't even think of identifying on ours.)





By the end of Friday afternoon, there were clouds gathering that looked like they might bring rain, and the breeze continued. But it was Sock Hop night and it was time for me to break out my poodle skirt and Harvey his jacket and to enjoy some talent presentations and '50's music. Being a member of a back up group, the Dammettes, I use the term "talent" loosely -- for most of us, it's a matter of fun, definitely not talent. But the sock hop is an enjoyable way to spend a few hours.

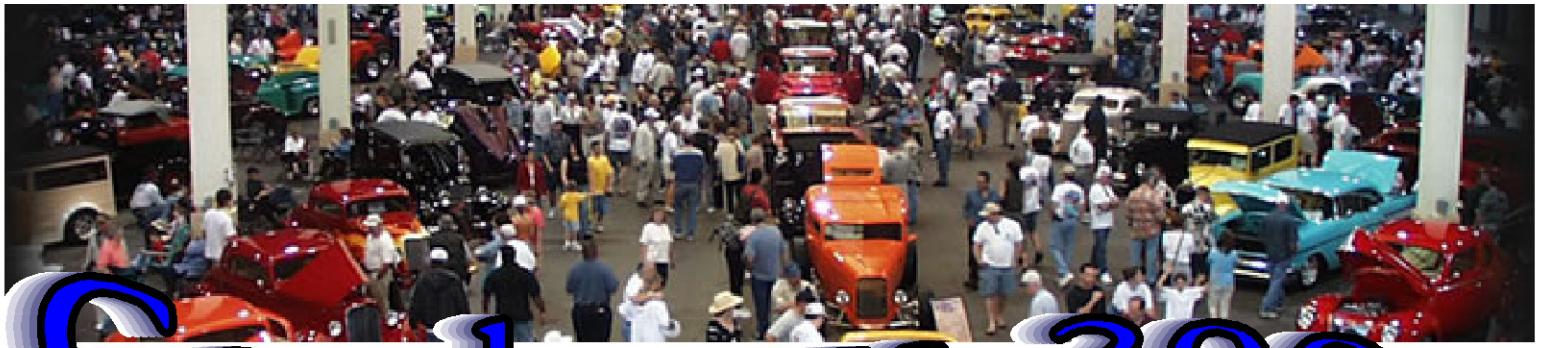


Then Saturday morning and it's "show time". Friday's clouds had only caused a very light sprinkle, so final car clean-up was easy. This year's field of cars was smaller than last; registration was lower and there were quite a few no-shows. With fewer cars to judge, it wasn't as long a process, but a "789" on display from a shop in Santa Ana stopped a lot of people in their tracks. With the front of a 1957, middle of a '58 and the rear of a '59 all mounted to a Corvette chassis it drew a lot of attention.

Suddenly the Gambler Classic is over for another year and we're all on the road...Pat and Mike on their way to Las Vegas and Allie's softball tournament, Pat's slot machine winnings in hand; Harvey and I heading home with a plaque for Best Modified Nomad. And bad Laughlin food and casino smoke not withstanding, we know we'll be back again next year. Because the Gambler is still a great place to see great cars and great friends.







# Goodguys 200s

by Sheri Geiman

In my opinion, nothing welcomes in the springtime air better than the Good Guys Del Mar Nationals. After being buttoned up and long-sleeved for way too long, I unleashed my spirit in a nice t-shirt and prepared to face a beautiful, sunny southern California day.

The show is always sure to not to disappoint, being one of the biggest and best that San Diego has to offer. And with over 2000 cars, this year was no exception. Though pre - 50's hot rods seemed to be the specialty, it boasts the whole gamut, including Home-Built beauties, a pretty serious collection of Woodies, even a few classic mini-coopers which are so "mini" that Americans may wonder how one fits inside. Vendors upon vendors were there to sell you everything from classic car home décor to the latest-and-greatest wax to that elusive part you've been hunting to finish off your latest project.

This was surely one of the best places that weekend to grab your \$15 burger and \$5 coke and relax for awhile, perhaps take in the autocross track comps. By the way, I was pleasantly surprised to see so many ladies taking the wheel and taking out some cones this year. It seems that for the most part, their times were better than those of the men. You know what that means, guys -- you better make sure you get out there next year!



Hot  
Hot  
Hot

It was a nice SUNNY Sunday in late March so JD and I decided to take the Ol' Nomad for a drive, so we headed to True Line Tony's in El Cajon. It was the first time the weather was pleasant, no rain in sight. Several Shops opened and displayed their STUFF to the car culture public. Approx. 150 to 200 cars wrapped around the complex. The show was free and the HOT DOGS (also free) were delicious at 9:30 in the morning. A good time had by all.

*Dana Stevens*







## Rindskopf's New Home

Sam & Donna have moved from the rental house back to Ramona. The house and driveway of their new home look great and they are very excited to get back in.



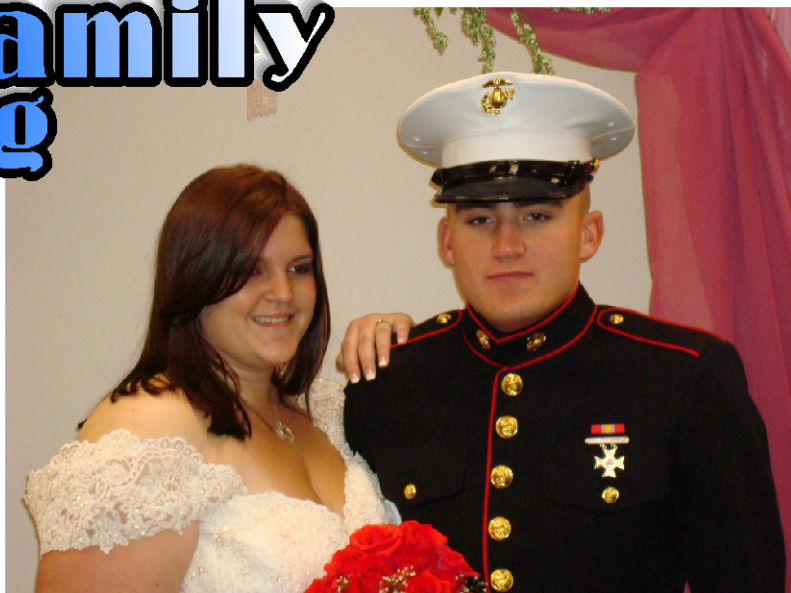
Final inspection was on April 25, but they still have some things that need to be done before they get final approval. Not to mention SDG&E hasn't come out to rewire and connect them with power yet, so they will be living in their trailer for a week or so.

With three large dogs and 2 cats, that should be a lot of fun. We are all very excited for them and looking forward to the May meeting at their new home.



## Footte Family Wedding

Congratulations to Ron and Annette. Their granddaughter Jordyn was married on April 24th. New husband Jayson Brown is a Marine in boot camp and training to become a truck driver. We wish them a long and happy life together.





# Motor Cars on Main Street



by Dana Stevens

JD and I attended for the first time the Motor Cars on Main Street 2009 in Coronado on Sunday, April 19th.

We met up with a few members from the Classic Chevys from San Diego. This show brings in 350 to 400 pre 73 cars from all over the San Diego region and abroad.

The Judging is compiled on a 75 point system:

- 25 possible for paint and body
- 25 possible points for interior
- 25 possible points for engine compartment.
- Inspection of the undercarriages
- (25 possible points) will be used for tiebreakers.

It was a picture perfect post card day for the City of Coronado and San Diego. The cars were displayed through out the downtown area and spilled into the side streets of the beautiful Coronado neighborhoods. You were forced into doing some serious walking looking at cars and of course the homes. Much to our surprise we received a 1st place trophy in the Modified category 1946-1959.



# Technical Tidbits

*submitted by Nancy Geiman*

## Tools, Bits & Pieces

### Clear lenses

The days of the individual sealed beam lamps were numbered as early as the Eighties when automakers around the world introduced an ever-increasing number of plastic lens covers to aid in aerodynamics. But since then, we've all learned that after years of service, the covers haze over, or yellow, and replacing them can be a costly proposition.

Blue Magic Headlight Lens Restorer is a more budget-friendly alternative. Available at automotive and hardware chains across the nation for \$6.99, simply apply the liquid to the exterior of your off-color lenses, then buff to eliminate the vision impairing haze. For more information, contact Blue Magic, Inc. by calling 888-522-2746, or visit [www.bluemagicusa.com](http://www.bluemagicusa.com). - By Matthew Litwin

Here are some other neat websites to visit:

Dick Clark's American Bandstand in Branson, MO:

<http://www.dickclarksbranson.com/coolcars.cfm>

Antique and Classic Automobile Museums:

[http://www.hupcapcafe.com/resources/classic\\_car\\_museums.htm](http://www.hupcapcafe.com/resources/classic_car_museums.htm)

[www.dragracersreunion.ning.com](http://www.dragracersreunion.ning.com)

[www.street-freaks.com](http://www.street-freaks.com)





# Claudia's Corner

## DID YOU KNOW?

~ Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little "stringy things" off of it. That's how the primates do it. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster

~ Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

~ Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

~ Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

~ To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

~ For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

~ Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste add garlic at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.

~ Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!



Every Tuesday

Downtown Chula Vista Cruise

Every Wednesday

El Cajon Classic Cruise

Every Thursday

Back to the 50's La Mesa Cruise

Every Friday

Cruisin' Grand

Santee Lakes

The Malt Shop, Midway SD 5pm



Every Saturday

The Donut Derelicts of  
Huntington Beach 6:30am

1st 3rd and 5th Saturday

Freds Old Fashioned Burgers

Alpine 5pm



2nd Saturday

Siggy's Car Show  
Murrieta 3pm

3rd & 5th Saturday

Rocky Cola Café,

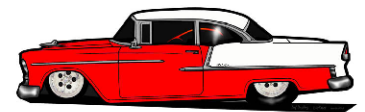
Temecula 2pm

4th Saturday

Clairemont Town Square Center

1st Sunday

Dalton's Roadhouse Noon



Subject to change call before you Cruise





# What was going on when your Tri-56 was new?

*Submitted by Ann & Harvey Goldberg*

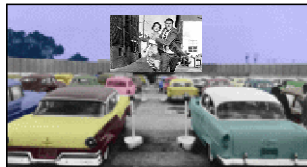
*The News Stories People Were Talking About;  
The Top 5 Movies, Songs and TV Shows of 1956*

## News

Egypt takes over Suez Canal  
Soviet troop tanks crush anti-communist uprising in Hungary  
US tests first aerial hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll  
Nikita Khrushchev, 1st Secretary of the USSR Communist Party, denounces Stalin's excesses  
New York Yankees beat Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series

## Movies

The Man Who Knew Too Much  
The Searchers  
Invasion of the Body Snatchers  
Somebody Up There Likes Me  
Around the World in 80 Days



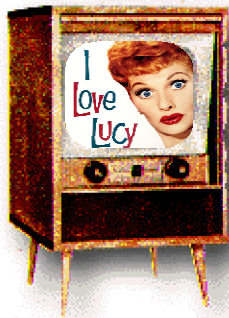
## Songs

Hound Dog - Elvis Presley  
Long Tall Sally - Little Richard  
Blue Suede Shoes - Elvis Presley  
Don't Be Cruel - Elvis Presley  
Be-Bop-A-Lula - Gene Vincent and the Bluecaps

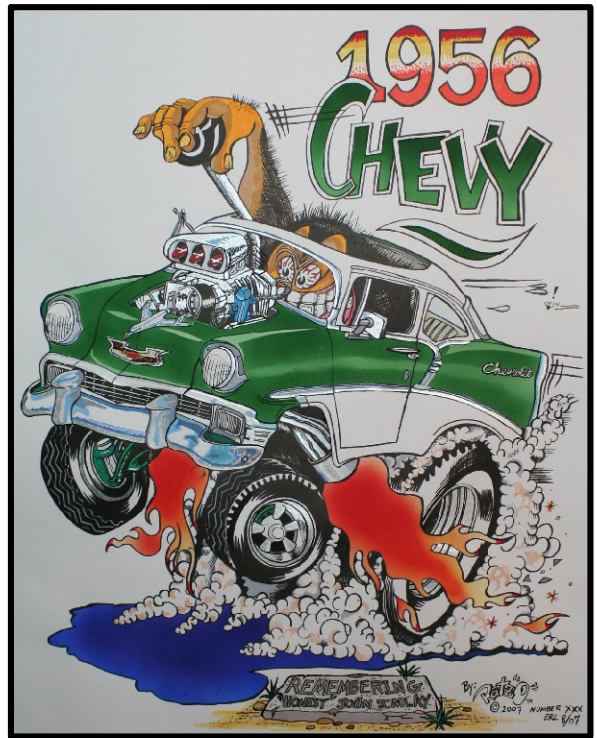


## Television Shows

I Love Lucy  
The Ed Sullivan Show  
General Electric Theater  
The \$64,000 Question



*Say tune, next month 1957*



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## Next Get Together

Saturday  
May 23  
Rindskopf's  
new home  
in Ramona  
2pm



May  
Birthday



Tom Geiman 5/22

## Our Next Tri-5 Event

Over the Hill Gangs  
Streak 36  
Campland by the Bay  
May 8 - 10



# Happy Mothers Day