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Danchuk Manufacturing presented the first-ever American Tri-Five Association's Western Invasion at the historic and nostalgic Famoso Raceway in Bakersfield on October 15 & 16. The show advertised that more than 2,000 Tri-Five Chevrolet vehicles were expected to attend. Although the turnout was much less than anticipated with just over 600 entrants, it was a great show. Whether your favorite tri-five is a daily driver type of car, an awesome restored to original Tri-Five, a mild custom, a restomod Pro Tour creation, a gasser drag racer, or any other variation of these fabulous Tri-Five classics, you could see them here at the Western Invasion. Although the event was open to all 1955-1957 Chevy cars and trucks, including Corvettes, there were very few trucks, and I don't recall seeing any Corvettes. There were only three convertibles. However, there were lots of sedans, hardtops, wagons and Nomads.



There were twelve "Tri-Five Revolution" and "Classic Chevys of San Diego " tri-fives in the caravan from the San Diego area that made the trek to Bakersfield on Thursday. We all met at the big flag in Temecula at 10 am and made our way up I-15 to Hwy 395

to a gas & rest stop at the Pilot Travel Center in Hesperia. Then it was on to Kramer Junction where we all made one more stop before cruising down Hwy 58 through Tehachapi and down the grade to the Doubletree Hotel in Bakersfield. Everyone made the trip safely and without any problems.

We arrived at the Doubletree and checked in by 4:30. The American Tri-Five Association booth was open just inside the lobby. We were able to pick up our registration and learn a few details about the show. There were a lot of Tri-Fives already in the parking lot and more were arriving throughout the

afternoon. One 55' sedan with a couple from Wisconsin arrived pulling a small trailer. They had just driven over 2600 miles in the last 8 days to arrive in time for this show. A street taco dinner was available in the parking lot for \$2 per taco. Most of our members hung around the parking lot visiting with old friends and making a few new friends too.



On Friday morning, we made our way to Famoso Raceway, about 22 miles north of the host hotel. We entered through gate 1 where all of the show cars were parked. I had heard the parking lot was not all paved, but the entire lot looked as though it had been recently covered with fresh blacktop. Famoso Raceway is a big area, about 60 acres, which means a lot of walking. There were no scooter rentals available, but golf carts were available to rent for the two-day event, however they had to be reserved online prior to the event. Nancy G. and Linda reserved one before the show and it sure made it nice for going around to see all of the cars and of course, to make restroom stops.



Hundreds of Tri-Fives were already lined up in rows and ATFA officials were directing entrants to available parking spaces. After the cars were parked, cleaned and ready for display, we made our way to the American Tri-Five booth where we bought event T-shirts, and other cool merchandise. If you renewed your membership or signed up for a new membership to become a first-time member, you were entered in the drawing to win a Chevy small-block engine provided by Ed Rinke Performance Parts and Woody's Hot Rodz. The winner of the 350/290 base crate engine would be announced at the event on Saturday evening.

Other activities besides the Tri-Five Chevys car show included a few commercial vendors like Danchuck Manufacturing and Wilwood Brakes, food vendors selling hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream, and a parts swap meet where a few people were selling used tri-five Chevy parts. Of course, there would be 1/4-mile competition drag racing, exhibition runs, wheels-up Gasser racing, and fun runs taking place all day long.



After watching a few drag races and seeing a few cars making a fun run, I kept wondering about how much fun it would be and what kind of time the 55" convertible would run. At first, no one else seemed too interested in doing a fun run, but I when said I wanted to do it, others said they would do it too. We checked to see if our convertible could run against another fun runner and we were told yes, no problem. No helmet was

needed as long as you didn't go faster than 14.00. But when Linda and I lined up for the first run, they said the top had to be up. Then they said we had to put the windows up too, and that fun runners had to run single down the track. We found out later two fun runners could run together. So, our first run was solo in the far lane. It's been 45 years since I drag raced my 64' Nova, but I had not forgotten how it's done. My reaction time was a bit slow, but the car hooked up well and went straight arrow down the track making the trip in 14.44 seconds at 93.41 mph. Not bad for a 350 horse Ramjet.

Other club members making one or more fun runs were Tom Geiman with his flamed blue 55' hardtop, Rich Correia in his black and white 56' Nomad, Rod Hildebrand in his red 57' 150 sedan, and Leon Smythe in his blue 55' wagon. Rod had the misfortune of blowing a hole in a heater hose on one run, losing some of his precious Evans coolant. The problem was rectified quickly by cutting the end of the hose off and refilling with coolant. When we made our second run, we ran against Rod. Rod got out of the hole a little bit too early, red lighting by .14 seconds. He also had a lot more horsepower, so he gained a pretty good early lead on me.

As we were returning to our parking space after the second fun run, we were stopped in the parking lot by an official on a golf cart. The man said his name was Todd and that he had been looking for us. At first we thought we may be in some kind of trouble. But he told us he really liked our convertible and that the judges had picked it for a Top-Ten award. Todd told us to have the car in the staging lanes at 5 pm for the presentation of the Top-Ten awards. With over 600 fabulous Tri-Fives at the show, we weren't expecting to be among the Top-Ten, but it certainly made our day. It was very cool!



Shortly after that, we were advised the award presentations had been moved up and hour and soon we were lined up with the nine other Top-Ten winners, waiting to be called up to the starting line one at a time for everyone to see. After a brief story about the car, I was handed my Top-Ten award, a solid aluminum eleven-inch-tall replica of an antique gas pump identifying it as an American Tri-Five



Association "Lecarra by Lokar Top-Ten award at the Western Invasion, October 15-16, Famoso Dragstrip." That was fun!

After the show, part of our group decided to go to dinner at Texas Roadhouse. The Friday night wait was supposed to be about 45 minutes, but it was close to twice that by the time we were seated. Once seated the service was great and we all had our fill.



Saturday was very much a repeat of Friday, except ATFA officials parked all of the Top-Ten cars in a special area near the starting line for display. Soon, it was time to pick the "Best of the West" award out of the Top-Ten winners. The driver of each of the Top-Ten car was handed a slip of paper with their entry number and three blank lines on it. Each driver was told to pick their top-three from the Top-Ten, but you couldn't vote for your own. It is very difficult to pick three out of a group of so many fabulous cars. I spent quite a while looking at the other nine cars and had narrowed it down to four other entries.

I eventually made my choices, and I was good with those, I just felt bad about the one I couldn't pick, because it was a worthy car too.

At the end of the day after all of the drag racing was finished, The Top-Ten winners were lined up near the starting line. The awards for the competition drags were presented first and each winning entrant was paraded one-by-one in front of the spectators to receive their trophy. Before the "Best of the West" award was presented, the winner of the crate motor was drawn from the gold tumbler containing all of the tickets. The winner was not anyone we know, and he was not present at that time. They tried to call him, but he did not answer. A friend of his accepted the engine on his behalf. The last item on the agenda was the announcement of the "Best of the West" trophy. The winning car was not one of the more expensive builds, it was a mostly original surf green 55' Chevy two-door wagon with a few modifications that had been in the family for a lot of years.

The parking lot was emptying out quickly, even before the awards were presented. The group of spectators that stayed for the awards was relatively small, mostly friends and families of the winners. It was a fun show with a lot of Tri-Fives and a lot of fun things to see and do. I certainly had a good time and I think everyone else did too. The weather was excellent, the cars were awesome, and the friends were fabulous. Yes, it was fun to win, but perhaps the most fun part was being able to make fun runs in my classic Chevrolet to get my blood pumping and see just how fast I could complete the quartermile trip down the track. I would definitely go back again next year. I've been to a lot of really nice car shows, but this show was a bit different because it was held at the nostalgic Famoso drag strip



where you can really revisit your younger days with the smell of racing fuel & burning rubber, and the sweet sounds of drag racing we have loved all our lives.

#### To see more Western Invasion pics go to:

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https://tri-fiverevolution.com/calendar/2021/10/16





Submitted by Wayne Hartwig

Finally, a Good Guys car show in San Diego that wasn't cancelled or postponed again. The Good Guys car show at Del Mar became a reality on October 1, 2 & 3. This year, Armando's Custom Upholstery invited me to display my 55' Belair convertible inside the O'Brien Building in their vendor space. It was a great opportunity to display the car indoors and to help Armando's advertise their custom upholstery business.

Vendor setup and indoor car parking is usually done on Thursday afternoon. However, Armando had arrangements to setup on Wednesday afternoon. So, we took the convertible up on Wednesday afternoon. This was good for us as it freed us up to participate in the cruise on Thursday. I ordered a show board sign for the convertible, and it was ready just in the nick of time. The vendor is actually located in Ramona and I was able to meet him in Poway to pick it up Late Thursday evening.



Thursday morning, we arrived at the host Hilton Hotel in Linda's 69 Chevy pickup around 9 am where we met up with Tom & Nancy Geiman in their white 65' Chevelle to pick up our registration packets before lining up for the coastal cruise. Leon Smythe and Mike Clark were also there in Smitty's 55' wagon getting their registration before for the cruise. Steve Spirkoff was already in line with his 55' Belair hardtop as we pulled into the fairgrounds parking lot.



The cruise started just after 10 am when a parade of around 25 pretty classics rolled out of the parking lot making their way to the coast going south. It was a beautiful sunny day and views of the ocean and waves were spectacular. This route was essentially the same as the last Del Mar Good Guys show, getting onto I-5 south at Governor Drive going to the Rosecrans exit and taking Midway Drive to the Classics Malt Shop for a 90-minute lunch stop. After lunch, the cruise continued down Rosecrans to Harbor Drive and downtown driving by the Star of India, the Midway and a couple of Cruise Ships along the way. Then back north on Pacific Highway to

Grape street and winding our way across the Laurel Street Bridge to the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. All participants received free entry to the museum and were allowed to stay as long as they wanted.

We were back at Del Mar at 9 am on Friday, which has always been our favorite day to visit all of the vendors and see all of the indoor cars. Unfortunately, there was a severe lack of vendors this year. The area outside O'Brien hall that is usually full of vendors was completely empty except along main street. Word is a lot of vendors are still feeling the effects of the pandemic and weren't able to participate this year. So, we spent more time in the other buildings checking out the rest of the indoor entries. The Exhibit hall was full of low riders and there were quite a few spectacular entries there. It was also the first day spectators were allowed in, and the buildings filled up quickly.

Saturday is always the busiest day and when the most entries are there. We saw entry #1999, so there must have been at least 2000 Rods, Customs, Classics, Muscle Cars and Trucks. There was Auto Cross Featuring a 16 car "Duel in Del Mar", a Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition, a Burn Out Competition, a Swap Meet & Cars for Sale Corral, a Model/Pedal Car Show, and a Kids Zone with free arts and crafts, games and prizes.

We spent most of Saturday walking around outside looking at cars, watching autocross, and sitting inside by the car talking to spectators. We saw a few other club members here and there. For the most part, it seemed like a normal Good Guys Del Mar car show. I took the opportunity to buy a couple new car shirts and a few of those handy tools that you can only find at the tool vendor at a show like this. I've already used some of them. It was also a good day for cruising up and down main street to show off your ride. Among the ones I saw was Don Perkins and Rod Hildebrand cruising in Don's '40 Ford COE truck. It was a very popular vehicle with the crowd.

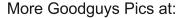




Soon, the show was winding down and winners had been selected. There were some really high-dollar trailer queens inside the O'Brien Hall. One was a '55 Chevy sedan that was a two-million-dollar build. It was way over the top in every detail. Most of the Top -Ten winners came from that group of entries. There were a lot of really outstanding driven cars there too, truly deserving to be an award winner, but none of those cars could compete with the big buck cars. By 5 pm, the show was over for the day, and everyone was finding their way out.

Sunday is the last day of the event and when awards are presented. Seventy-five award winning vehicles were on display outside with the specific award displayed on each one. It was interesting to see there were only five chevies in the Tri-Five Chevrolet row competing for that one award. They were all average cars that were nice, but nothing too spectacular. The winner was from Phoenix area and looked a lot like the same blue '57 hardtop that won in Scottsdale in April.

At 2:22 pm, the cars were paraded past the Good Guys Stage where drivers shared their stories and a trophy was presented. Indoor cars were not allowed to leave the building until after 3 pm because that is the official time the show is over. By the time we were ready to go, there were only a few cars left in the fairgrounds. It was a nice show and we enjoyed having a big show here in San Diego where you can see so many cars that you have never seen before. I am now looking forward to the Western Invasion in Bakersfield in two weeks. See you there!



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## Cops and Rodders Submitted by Wayne Hartwig

The San Diego Pontiac Club and the San Diego Police Museum put on their annual Cops and Rodders Car show on Sunday, October 24th. The show was held at the San Diego Embarcadero North Seaport Village, which everyone knows, is just about the best venue there is in San Diego for a car show. And, of course, the weather was just about as perfect as you can get with low 70degree temps, sunshine, a nice breeze and fabulous views of the bay with beautiful boats cruising by all day.

Among the 227 entries, which is the second highest attendance in the history of the show, were five Tri-Five Revolution entries, numerous Pontiac vehicles from Arizona, and numerous nostalgic police vehicles. Tunes were being broadcast across the area by CCSD member and DJ, Paul Palombo.

Part of the fun having a car show at the embarcadero is that Seaport Village is just a short walk away. There are restaurants for breakfast and stores to explore for whatever souvenirs you may be looking for and beautiful views of the bay and Coronado long the way going and coming.

Of course, there are all of those beautiful classic cars to see along the way. There was no People's Choice at this show. All award winners were chosen by members of the Pontiac Club. That meant there was no walking all over the area trying to find your favorite entries, more time to just enjoy the beautiful day on hand. There were no winners among our group and the best part is that it was all over by 2 pm. I liked that part. After the show when most of the cars had found their way out, there was great opportunity to get photos of your car with the beautiful scenes of San Diego in the background. Ya gotta love that!









Upcoming Shows, Meetings Partys

- 11/2-5 Sema Show Las Vegas
- 11/5-6 Temecula Rod Run Temecula
- 11/6 In N Out Burger Scripps Poway Parkway
- 11/6 East County Cruisers Car Show & Toy Drive Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center
- 11/7 Daylight Savings (fall back)
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/13 Ramona Senior Center Car Show Ramona
- 11/13 Classic Malt Shop Cruise Night Midway Dr, San Diego
- 11/14 Long Beach High Performance Swapmeet
- 11/18 T5R Meeting Hamburger Factory Poway
- 11/25 Thanksgiving
- 12/4 In N Out Burger Scripps Poway Parkway
- 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
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 T5R Meeting Hamburger Factory Poway
- 1/28-30 Grand National Roadster Show Pomona
- 2/2 Ground Hog Day
- 2/2 Dr George Charity Car Show Indian Wells, 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
- 3/17 T5R Meeting Hamburger Factory Poway
- 4/1-3 21st Meguiar's Del Mar Nationals
- 4/21 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:

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## Claudia's Corner



Get Well Wishes to Claudia Gayhart our Revolution columnist extraordinaire. She has had covid for the last two weeks but is on the mend and recovering.

Hope your feeling better soon, we will miss your article this month but totally understand.

T5R

Get Well Wishes to Don Perkins Hope you're up and feeling better soon.





Rod Hildebrand spent last Sunday in ER. Wishing you a very speedy recovery.

T5R

Seems to be alot of this going around, Wayne Hartwig had the same thing last month and was also in ER. So glad he's feeling better.



Sandy Mayer will be having hip replacement surgery this month.
We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.





## Kitchen Scoop on Southern Cheese Straws

Here's a nostalgic recipe from generations past. Cheese Straws are quick and easy to make, ever popular and unfailingly delicious as a snack. Also tasty with a glass of wine, favorite cocktail or cup of tea, they are a welcome contribution to any get together. Package some up as a hostess gift, or include them on a cookie tray.

While a long revered English cookbook, author Mrs. Beaton, is often credited with originating cheese straws hers were strips cut from a cheese pastry dough and baked — this southern version can be made in a food processor and the straws individually formed in almost no time at all.

If you prefer, grate the cheese with a box grater and mix the ingredients, in the order listed in the recipe, with an electric mixer. Complete the recipe as shown below.  $Ann\ Goldberg$ 

Yield - 3-5 dozen depending on size

Time - About 1 hour

1-1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon Kosher salt

A pinch to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, depending on personal preference

1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika

1/2 pound sharp orange Cheddar

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, room temperature



Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grate cheese in food processor with the grating disc. Empty into a small bow and set aside.

#### Step Two:

Using the mixing blade, pulse dry ingredients until combined, then add cheese and butter. Process until dough becomes smooth and is the texture of Play-Doh.

#### Step Step 3:

Shape dough into a cylinder, wrap with plastic wrap or parchment and allow to rest for 20 minutes in refrigerator, or store in refrigerator until ready to bake.

#### Step 4:

Working with a well-rounded teaspoon of dough at a time, hand-roll dough into a short 'stick' the diameter of a pencil. Place on parchment lined baking sheets.

#### Step 5:

Bake for 13 minutes or until edges just begin to brown. Cool on a rack. Store between sheets of parchment or waxed paper in an airtight container. Will keep for up to three weeks.

## Tri-5 November

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## Birthdays



Danny Gayhart 11/4



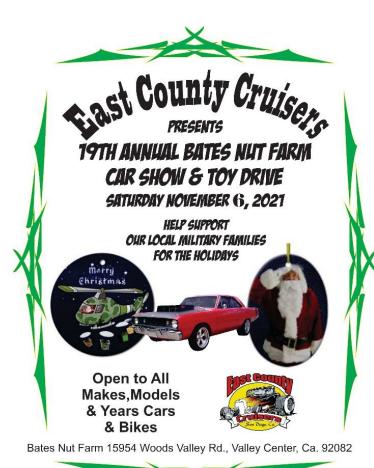
Ann Goldberg 11/10



Lynn Mayer 11/19



Mike Harvey 11/22





Tri-Five Revolution
Holiday Party Rough Edges

Ranch Ramona

Sun, December 19th 2:00pm

> Pot Luck Turkey & Ham dinners 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 Sign up sheet will be at the November meeting or contact Ava by Dec. 13th



Save the Date
Tri-5 Annual
New Years Day Cruise
Saturday, January 1, 2022
Details coming soon











## 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. <a href="http://www.midnightattheoasis.net/">http://www.midnightattheoasis.net/</a>



## T5R Meeting Hamburger Factory in Poway-5:30pm

November 18 - Geiman

NO MEETINGS in December 2022

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

https://www.hamburgerfactory.com/





Big thank you to Sam and Donna Rindskopf for taking the reins and organizing the club caravan to The Western Invasion in Bakersfield. They did such a good job another club joined in.

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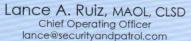






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