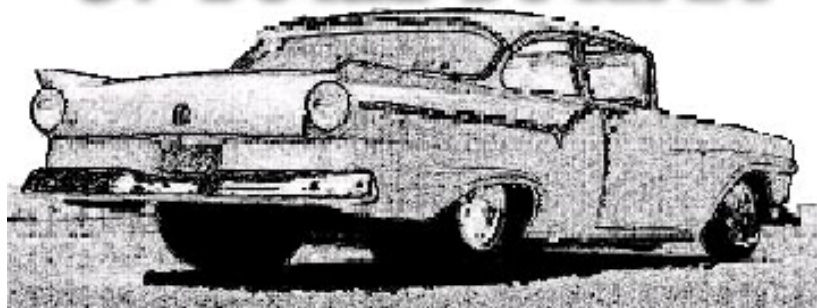


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Roger Looker's '57 Custom



**2003
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SHOW &
SHINE
SHOOTOUT**



VP Gerry Kenney Speaks
Ford Expo 2003 Events
A Look at 1957 Ads

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From the Editor

Showtime!

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we will be counting down the final four weeks to our Second Annual Gathering of '57 Fords. The awards are ordered, the cash purses are being counted up and made out into Cashier Checks to be presented to our Shootout winners, and final preparations are being made ready. August 29-31 is going to be a weekend to remember. Be sure to check out the Tech in a Sec section for some helpful hints, learned by my own experience last year.

For those of you who were at last years event, we will be in about the same place we were last year. If our racers do not park in the Y-Block pit area, which may or may not be possible due to the number of cars they will have this year, we will want you to park toward the front of our area. This must be done to keep the dust down, so as not to spoil our Show participants cleaning efforts. I am hoping we will be able to pit our racers in a separate area from our show, however.

In our show area, our registration process will be similar to that of last year, with each participant getting a vote slip to vote on his or her favorite car. If a participant brings a guest, each will receive a voting slip. At the end of the day, we will tally the votes, and the car with the most votes will win the Club Pick award. A difference from last year, is that Race cars will not be eligible for the Club Pick/Show award, unless they park in the show area. This is due to the fact that the racers generally park in a different area, and some of the club members were not aware of where these cars are parked. Some confusion may be avoided by this. Additionally, club members not having their cars in attendance, are also eligible to vote with their member number.

This year, I will be staying for the entire meet. Last year, I left Sunday afternoon around 3 PM or so. I will be staying until it is over this year, so I will be able to get more information on the cars and drivers, as well as full show information for those competing in the Ford Expo show classes. Anyone not able to stay for award ceremonies, get with me, and if you are presented a trophy, I can pick it up for you and send it to you via UPS.

Last year was a great time for all of us, and this year is sure to be better. I am hoping to secure some additional goodies for our show participants, so stay tuned to our website for further updates. Be sure, if you haven't already, to make your reservations for the event. I got a good room this year, since I started a couple months ago, however, last year, I was about 20 miles away. Don't let this happen to you. It doesn't seem like a big deal, until you drive it 3 days in a row. The end of the day, when you want to lie down is when the 20 mile drive seems like 120. Wherever you stay, just make sure you are there. It's going to be a great time.



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A Word From Gerry. . .

by Gerry Kenney

As the new Vice President of '57 Fords International, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Gerry Kenney I'm 56 years old going on 18, and I live in Niagara Falls, Ontario with my wife Gwen and two black devil cats. Anyone want one of them? (the cats not my wife.)

My first car in 1963 was a 57 Ford Custom 300 Fordor 272 automatic. Back then I didn't care to much what I was driving as long as it got me into town. Two years later I bought another 57 this time a Tudor with no chrome with a 430 Merc engine. . . NOW I was hooked on the 57's. I didn't find out until about 4 years ago what that car really was. I knew when I bought it that it didn't have a back seat and the back windows didn't go down, no big deal I drive in the front. What I didn't know was that there was no heater. I found this out in September when it started to get cold. Time to sell and get something with a heater. Well I still think way to much know about what that car was.

My present ride is a 57 Custom 300 that I'm just finishing a frame-off on. I've taken the 300 chrome off, and replaced it with the trim from a 2 door wagon, painted it flat black, installed front discs, and changed the intake, carb and distributor and given it a general clean-up.

Well I'm sure that's more than anyone wants to know about me so I'll get off the box now. If there is any way that I can help make the our club better don't hesitate to contact me.

Gerry

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By now, I imagine everyone has noticed a new name on the masthead, as well as read Gerry's letter above.. Due to some personal and medical problems, our former VP John Gambill has stepped down from club administration. John has elected to stay on as our technical advisor, lending us his vast knowledge of the 1957 Ford. Thank you for all of your work, John, we do appreciate it.

Due to the departure of John Gambill, we have taken on Canadian Gerry Kenney as our new Vice President of `57 Fords International. When all of the details concerning his duties as VP are ironed out, we will make that information available to club members. Please give Gerry your thanks for stepping into this position. It requires a lot of work once you get into it, and the pay is horrible. . . Seriously, though, Gerry is also quite knowledgeable on the `57, and will be a great asset to our club.

I just want to tale a couple of lines here, to publicly offer my personal thanks to those who have helped make this club what it is. To John Gambill, I truly do thank you for all of the work you put in on our event last year, as well as keeping up with membership details and so forth. Thanks for a job well done. To our Club Forum Administrator, Duncan Scotland, many thanks continually, as the Forum has grown to levels I could never manage alone. To our Newsletter Distribution Administrator, Richard 'Buz' Mills, thanks for getting our paper out in a timely fashion, even when I don't. To our new Vice President, thanks for stepping up into a position that will sometimes cause you to pull out your hair. It's worth it, though. To everyone else who joins in and submits photos, stories, ideas, and so on, thank you for making your club the best club in the world.

Text: James Potter, Photos: Roger Looker



Sometimes, a car will drive by and grab your attention with flash and glitz, while others attract your eye strictly by their simplicity. While there are certainly many outrageously modified cars out there, it's that rare example that in stark contrast makes you examine every square inch of it. Roger Looker's super clean Pearl White '57 Custom is just such an example.

Roger's Custom is one of those mildly modified '57's that you want to look at to find out why it is such a cool car. Maybe it's the vintage style American Torq Thrusts wrapped in wide white letter rubber. Maybe it's the superb fit and finish topped with mile-deep custom pearl paint. Maybe it's the application of better-than-OEM chrome plating. It could be the flawless original style upholstery that reminds you of the way they were when new. Of course, it probably is a mixture of all of those elements combined to make a fine classic cruiser.

Less obvious, perhaps, at least with the hood closed, is the power that lurks beneath. While running, it could possibly, maybe pass for a stoutly built 312, though those loyal to the Blue Oval will probably guess that it has the popular FE engine swap. This Custom is powered by none other than that first great Super Stock engine, the 406 with 3X2 carburetion.

The attention to detail in the engine compartment is unbelievable, with its impeccable white paint throughout, as well as much chrome plating and polished aluminum. Intake and carbs are finely tuned original FoMoCo items, topped with that classic aluminum oval breather. Exhaust is handled by ceramic coated headers from FPA.

Roger's Custom qualifies as a show piece, but matches that show with plenty of '60's Super Stock GO.

Roger's Custom is a beautiful example of a tastefully modified '57, and is built in a style that will remain current for some time. The '60's Street Machine style is one a lot of our members can recall, while some of us try our best to emulate what we think it was like. Roger hit dead on with his build, and gave all of us hot rodders something to shoot for.

Great looking Custom, Roger Looker.





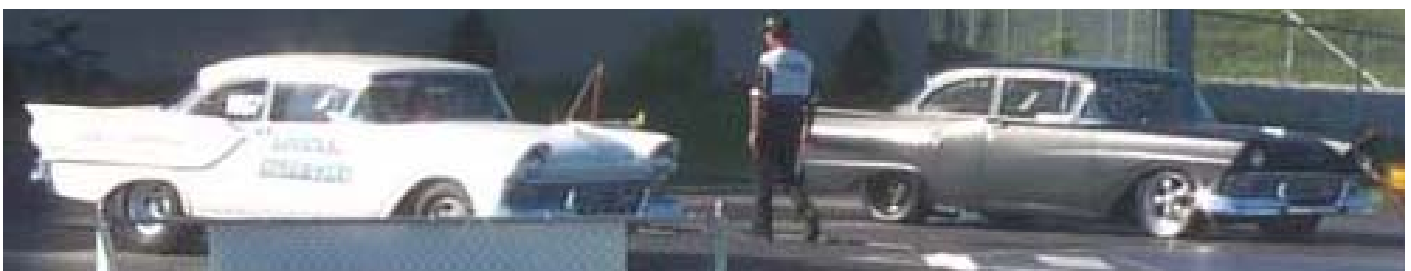
We hope to have something for everyone this year at the Ford Expo hosted 2nd Annual Gathering of `57 Fords. As usual, our Show and Shine will take the lions share of attention, having the most participants. This year, as you know, we will hold our first all-`57 Ford Shootout. This drag shootout will be in a bracket race style format, which means no matter how fast or how slow your `57 is, you still have a good chance to win and take home some extra cash. This portion of the event will be run directly following the Y-Block shootout. At the conclusion of the Y-Block Shootout and the `57 Ford Shootout, we will have a runoff of their Top Placing `57 and ours, the winner receiving a Trophy plus cash from both of our groups. Winner also gets bragging rights until next year.

At the conclusion of Saturday's activities, the Y-Block guys and `57 Fords International guys will meet at a local restaurant for dinner and presentation of our awards and cash prizes. The restaurant we have used in the past is a buffet style cafeteria, so get ready for a fun-filled evening with a bunch of crazy car guys. Last year was a riot, and we ended up staying there for almost 2 hours.

In addition to our events, you are eligible to compete in Expo show classes, as well as any of the bracket classes on Saturday and Sunday. Of course, the Expo bracket race card is available at an additional cost, since your `57 Shootout card is free. You will need to pass tech to run, although this is a simple process. Just be sure to be there very early on Saturday as the tech line is a brute. Friday evening is a better time to tech in, since the crowd is quite sparse.

Since the starting line is so far from our show area, bringing along a bicycle is not a bad idea for getting around. It is a pretty long walk as I learned the past couple years. I thought about taking one last year, but figured I would be the only one with a bike. I was wrong, there were many, and the people riding them looked much less weary than I did. I will be taking pictures of races as well as the show and shine for future newsletters.

I will also be looking for exceptional examples to take to a quiet area for photo features for our newsletters. These cars will need to be in a place where there is little background clutter for a good picture. The owner of those cars featured in a newsletter will receive a color version of the newsletter as a keepsake. Be looking your best at Columbus, Ohio this year.



A Look Into Yesteryear

Text by James Potter

Photos from John Gambill/1957ford.com

A lot of our members will recollect these ads from when they appeared in magazines some 47 years ago. Of course, most of them were just young boys at the time, but many of you saw these very ads in whatever magazine lay around the house or in the small collection at the doctors office. I can imagine the questions, like, "What the heck is a Ranchero?" or, "How does a convertible have a hard top?" Take a look at these classic ads, and remember what it was that made the '57 Ford so great.



For Sale

272 y-block, rebuilt, Ford red. 312 Y-block bored .080, crank ground .020, rods resized, heads not been done. 272 Police Interceptor, complete. \$900 for all. May also have road draft tube for sale. Contact Paul Thompson, member #1035 blueboy396@yahoo.com

Pretty complete 272 and Fordomatic trans. Really cheap, make offer. James Potter, 423-570-2364, JPotter@57fordsinternational.com

May be willing to sell, new, very nice Crites fiberglass stock hood for '57. Gave \$350, if I sell, would take \$325. James Potter, 423-570-2364

1964 352 4v and cruise-o-matic trans, complete from carb to pan, \$150 Really great shape. It had been stored in a garage for years. No idea of a value so I'll take offers. msmith@jobe.net

I'm considering selling my hardtop to concentrate on the Station Wagon. It's a Black/white car D-code 312 with 3 spd OD. T&C radio and power brakes. Contact Duncan Scotland at RCsignals@earthlink.net

Padded visors from '57 Fairlane 500. Grey, super shape, no holes or tears \$55.

Front & rear glass from '57 Custom, any reasonable offer.

Clock & radio delete plates, \$25

Heater switch delete plate, \$25

Front and rear arm rests from Custom, \$5 each

Msmith@jobe.net

Members, to access the members parts database for our club site, enter the following URL:

www.57fordsinternational.com/mpdb/mpdb.asp

We made this change in order to make it easier for our members to access this section of our site. Happy hunting!!

www.masonshotrods.com

For Sale: Offenhauser Aluminum Dual quad intake with 2 Carter AFB's with new linkage ---- \$500 + shipping contact adam-12@mediaone.net

Decent '57 Grille. Needs replated, but pretty straight. Have 1 left. \$25 . Jpotter@57Fordsinternational.com

1 I have a nice RF fender for sale. \$375.00 has a little rust at the bottom of the fender.

1 core support W/Hood hinges \$175.00

1 RF inner fender \$125.00 1 LF inner fender no rust \$125.00

1 gravel pan nice shape \$75.00

1 original bumper \$100.00

lots of misc stainless and other small parts.

Please E-mail me for pictures or other needs

ctbw52@AOL.COM

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It has no rust or dents other than the above place.

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Blast from the Past ↓



Wanted

1957 70D radio, heater control, clock delete plates.
Also heater hose, blower motor block off plates.
John Gambill, gambill@1957Ford.com

Wanted: nice doors for 70A or 70D Custom.
JPotter@57fordsinternational.com

Nice used or NOS fenders for `57 Custom 300.
douganddeb@localaccess.com

Wanted rust and dent free hood for `57 Ford. Contact
adam-12@mediaone.net

Need a mint right front fender and NOS right grille
section.. Also need mint upper grille section and left
quarter for Custom series. Mint rust free, dent free
hood. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.
com

FE standard shift bellhousing. Car applications only
please. Contact Jack at jarcher@castlenet.com

Need a jack, part# 17080, and a jack handle part#
17035. Contact Terry Freihage at tandjsuper@cs.com

**The deadline for the next issue will be mid-
night, August 31, 2003. Get all ads submit-
ted by email or USPS. Include name,
phone number, fax, email or other contact .
All ads are free for members. Include your
membership number as well.**

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Tech in a Sec`

By James Potter

A day at the drags can be a drag if you don't come pre-
pared. Below is a list of items that are essential if you
want to come away from the Expo unscathed.

- Sunscreen, at least 30 SPF
- Some kind of hat or ball cap
- Cooler of bottled water
- Umbrella, just in case
- Chapstick
- Cellphone
- Folding chair
- Small wagon, for hauling swap meet goodies

A lot of these are things you usually take anyway, but
for certain bring them to Columbus. Most of the pit area
and swap meet area is paved, and reflects a great deal of
heat. Bottled water is nearly \$2 at Expo, so if you have a
cooler full, you are already ahead of the game. Our tent
last year taught me that it was not blocking UV rays, and I
got a wicked sunburn from it. Yes, lips too. Chapstick
and a good sunscreen could have prevented it. It hasn't
rained on me in the time I have been going, but you never
know. If you have it, you won't be sorry if it does decide
to shower. See you all in Columbus. . .

**Event Calendar**

Aug 1-3

Fun Ford Weekend
Thunder Valley Raceway
Bristol, TN

Aug 9-10

NMRA Ford Nationals
Atco Raceway
Atco, NJ

Labor Day Week-
end
Aug 29-31

Ford Expo 2003

Oct 5-12

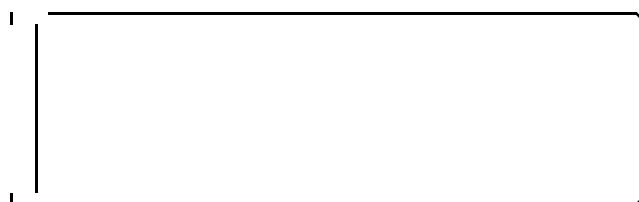
Cruising the Coast
Biloxi, MS

Send in your events, local or otherwise. I will get them into the next issue.
The next issue will mail out on July 15.



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