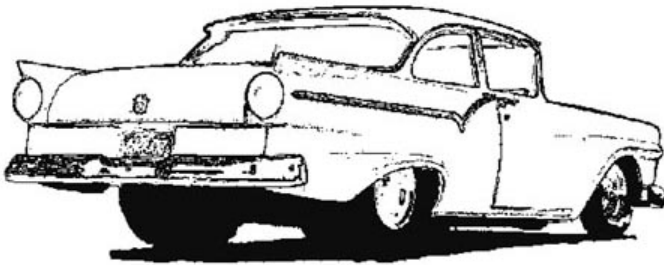


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Fords At Knotts



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Knott's
BERRY FARM

20th Annual
Fabulous Fords Forever
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2005

From the Editor

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It's almost that time of the year again, when everyone packs up the cars and heads out to the local shows, the drag strips, the cruise-ins, etc. One thing is for certain this year, the current gas crunch is set to take a good sized bite out of everyone's travel budgets. One way to combat this is to ensure that your classic Ford is in a good state of tune, and drive it responsibly. Of course, if you're like some of us, you can either park it in the garage except for special occasions, or you can throw caution to the wind with a devil-may-care attitude, and burn up those dead dinosaurs. At this time, I am currently doing the former, though not because I don't want to drive my '57. My car is down right now getting a new coat of Viper Yellow paint. I should have it back in action in time for the Fall Cruise season.

Other changes have happened to the Ford since last year, when it sported a Tremec TKO 5 speed. Now, shifts happen courtesy of a full competition Performance Automatic C4 with a 4000 stall convertor. A fresh set of Mickey Thompson ET Drags round out new items for this year. Though it keeps getting new drag strip oriented parts, it remains a street car, and will continue to do so. It's too much fun to drive to make it a strip only car.

The Ford Expo in Columbus, Ohio, held every Labor Day Weekend for the past 25 years, is going on under new management this year. Everyone who plans to attend this year will find the event flyer included with this newsletter. We need to get a good idea of how many plan to attend so we can reserve enough pit space or show area space for all of us. Since everything is completely different this year, we are taking a wait-and-see approach, to determine what we will do next year.

I sincerely hope that everyone who attends this year's Ford Expo will go with a positive outlook concerning the NMRA and their management of the event. I have enjoyed the past several years I have attended under Charles Crites direction, and will miss it the way I remember it. However, looking back over the past few years, it looks as if all of the bigger Ford specific events have been taken over by either the NMRA or Fun Ford Weekend. The Expo was the last one, with the exception of the World Ford Challenge. Mustang racing is really big right now, and I imagine we can thank them for causing people to wake up to the fact that Ford really is the best. We knew it all along, so it's not really news to us. I know all of the changes we face at this year's event will be tough to deal with, having had all of the freedoms to play in the past several years. All we can do is look at the Mustang guys and be thankful that they opened up the Ford world to a whole new breed of fans, and maybe they can look back at the history each of us carry, and be thankful that we blazed the trails back then, and made it possible for their Mustang racing to even happen in the first place.

All nostalgia aside, we hope this year turns out a few more '57 Ford owners and fans, because you know, there can never be enough of those. Hope to see everyone in Columbus in September.



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Ford At Knotts

Text by James Potter, Robert Lee Photos by Robert Lee, Rich Crawford

Every April for the past 20 years, Knotts Berry Farm hosts the Fabulous Fords Forever show, showcasing beautiful Fords from far and wide. This year, '57 Fords International members descended on the site to show the rest of the Ford world how spectacular the '57 Ford can be. Aside from our members, several other '57 Ford owners arrived with their beautiful cars, which members Bob Lee and Rich Crawford captured in the following photographs. If you live on the west coast, and missed this show, here is a small glimpse at what you missed. Thanks to Bob and Rich for organizing the '57 Ford owners at this event.



Bill Sawyer's 57 Skyliner - Winner of Best Original and the Best Appearing at the Oct. 2004 Fontana Fun Ford Weekend.



Bob & Bev Bentner's 57 Fairlane 500 featured in a Super Bowl Coke Commercial, the interior is yellow & black.



John Lamanna's 57 Sunliner - Featured next to the Carol Shelby trailer and Cobra displays.



The Bentner's dual quad, supercharged 312 Y-block. How's that for finishing off a classy ride, not to mention very rare.

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**The 20th Annual
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Buena Park, CA**



Fords At Knotts, *cont'd*



Glenn & Janet Johnson's 57 Fairlane 500. Would you believe this neat couple are the original owners? They proudly display it every year at Knotts and drive it daily.



Here's another beautiful 57 Del Rio, tis one belongs to Mike DeAnda. This one's been modernized, and also looks great.



Dan Weiss's beautiful 57 Del Rio. This car was featured on the cover of Hemmings Classic Car, November 2004. Nice!!!



Jesse Contreras owns this beautiful 57 Ranch Wagon. The red and gray color combo +chrome Mags give this wagon style.



Dan Villanueva's 57 Custom 300. He is one of the 3 club members with cars at Knotts 2005, all brought their Custom 300's. Dan has two other 57's (Country Sedan and a Del Rio).



Richard Crawford's beautiful 57 Custom 300. A flawless deep blue pro-street '68 427 dual quad medium riser with classic fenderwell headers. There is a tremendous amount of attention to detail through out the car. Truely awesome.

Fords At Knotts, *cont'd*



Bob Lee's 57 Custom 300, note the 2 folders on the wind shield they each hold the last 3 years of club news letters. They really got the attention of the non-club members.



This shot was taken early, before many cars had arrived. Unfortunately, it was first come, first parked and they did not park all the 57's together. The wagons were 5 rows away.



I thought I had obtained the names and phone numbers of all the 57's shown at Knotts this year. But, obviously I didn't, this is another clean "original" custom 300. Sorry!!!



There was one lone 57 Ranchero present. I didn't get the name of this owner either, probably because the car was Chevy powered. Enough said???



Here is another clean 57 Custom 300. From the looks of this car it is all original down to the license plate from the 50's. this is another owner I didn't get the name of. Sorry again!!!



How's this for a nice induction system for a Ford small block? This was in an early 50's custom displayed at the Ford Racing Trailer. I wonder what the cost and gas mileage are?

Classified Ads

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@57fordsforever.com

1957 Fairlane, 68,000 miles. 99% original, 4th owner car. PS, PB, automatic. Asking \$5500, obo. Contact Frances Wright at Fewteach@aol.com

- 1) NOS Flex Plate in the original Ford box B9A-6375-B **\$135**
 - 1) Alum. bellhousing used, mint, C2AZ. **\$120**
 - 1) Used Ford-O-Matic Condition unknown **\$50**
 - 1) Y-block used starter, excellent 15,000 miles **\$35**
 - 1) Used crossmember **\$25**
 - 1) Used Driveshaft **\$25**
 - 1) 3.10 ring and pinion, yoke, brg and retainer, 15,000 miles, no carrier housing **\$40**
 - 1) Bellcrank assembly used (z-bar) from 312 **\$20**
 - 1) Front seat bottom from `57 Fairlane, used, not rusted. Has black R&P vinyl. **\$40**
- Package deals available. Contact John Gambill gambill@1957ford.com

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BE SURE TO VISIT

**[Http://speedmaven.com](http://speedmaven.com)
www.1957ford.com**

Wanted

1957 70D radio, heater control, clock delete plates. Also heater hose, blower motor block off plates. Left side axle for `57 Ford rear. John Gambill, gambill@1957Ford.com

Wanted: Useable body for Custom or 300. As long as it has closeable doors is fine. Needs to at least have metal to weld to. Want to build a `60s gasser. JPotter@57fordsforever.com

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

Need a mint right front fender and NOS right grille section.. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.com



Be there in September !



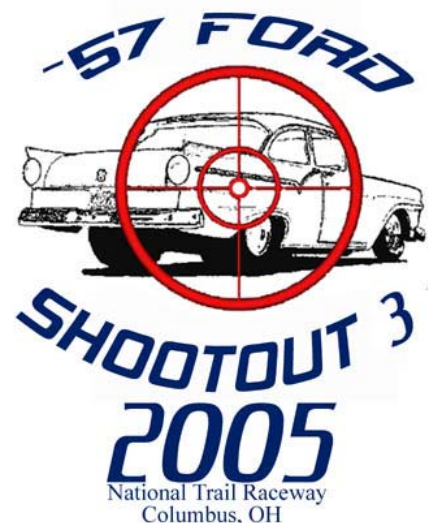
The deadline for the next issue will be midnight Aug 15, 2005. Get all ads submitted by email or USPS. Include name, phone number, fax, email or other contact . All ads are free for members. Include your membership number as well.



In order to ensure enough area for our members to park, we need to get an accurate count as to how many plan to attend the Ford Expo during Labor Day Weekend. This event is now owned by the National Mustang Racers Association, and there will be a lot of new faces there this year. Please note that this event will be handled a bit differently than in the past, so we have to play by their rules. Below is a table listing prices to participate. To show only is included in the cost of the weekend admission, as far as I understand. The racing program varies, depending on what you wish to do for the weekend. The NMRA has informed me that if we are pre-registered by no later than two weeks prior the event, we may have a 15% discount. Our entry must be paid in advance, so we will need to hurry as much as possible to get these forms back to me. I will do my best to get these processed and the monies passed on to the NMRA as quickly as possible.

Friday Spectator	\$10.00
Saturday Spectator	\$20.00
Sunday Spectator	\$20.00
2 Day Crew/Spec (Sat & Sun)	\$35.00
3 Day Crew/Spec(Full Event)	\$45.00
Brackets 2-day	\$60.00
Brackets 3-day	\$80.00
Car Show 1 Day Entry	\$25.00
Car Show 2 Day Entry	\$35.00

To receive the club discount for attendees, we need to have 20 members present. If we don't have 20 members, we don't get the discount. Let me know by email or phone ASAP if you plan to attend. Contact info in the front of this newsletter.



OUT THE BACK DOOR

James Potter

As with all things, there must be some amount of change if one wants to survive. To that end, I am announcing that beginning July 2005, our club newsletter will be going to a quarterly publication. Instead of the six issues per year, we will be doing four. I hate to have to do this, but it is necessary for us to even continue to do the newsletter.

For those of you who do not know, I have recently switched jobs, and instead of the daily grind at the La Z Boy Chair factory, I will be working at my area's largest Ford dealership. Due to the longer hours I will be working, I won't be able to spend as much time as I do now, which is already sparse. I love this club and what it has become, and the great people I have met. I want to let all of our members know that now that I am in a new career, I will concentrate more heavily on the day to day running of the club, which I have let slip since trying to find a new way to make a living. The past couple months have been the worst, and I do apologize to each of you for letting things get to the point they have. However, I think each one of you realizes and understands that a man's family and their physical and financial well-being have to come first, with other cares and worries being secondary.

Change is not always met with enthusiasm, and unfortunately, I must announce a couple final changes. Since I have started a new job, I will not be able to attend this years Ford Expo. Furthermore, the club does not have the funds necessary to purchase award plaques, trophies and a cash purse for this years Expo. This year, I thought instead of focusing on competition per se, those of you who are able to attend can park along with the other '57 Ford owners. There will still be a shootout for those who are interested, however, the prizes will consist of a framed certificate and bragging rights. I apologize for my absence this year, as I have been looking forward to it, as well as the super size Cruising the Coast in Mississippi, which I will also miss.

That is the last of the bad news. The good news is that we will continue to exist as a club. We will continue to have our website, message forums, events, etc. The events, at least for now, will be informal gatherings of friends, for the purpose of sharing good times, memories, friendship, and maybe a cold drink or two. I feel like right now, a re-structuring will do us a world of good. When I am able to take time off to go to events again, everything will be back to normal. We can begin having events the way we have in the past. Thank you all for making this club what it is.



Keep in mind, that this is by no means the end, but a new beginning for '57 Fords International. '57 Fords Forever.

James Potter