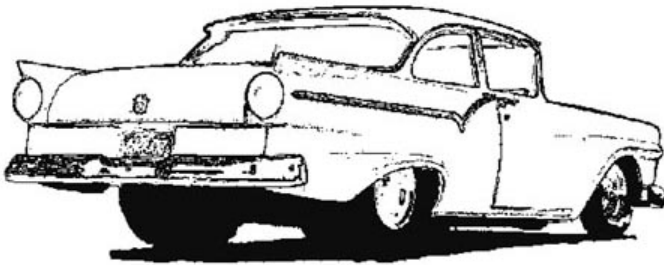


# '57 Fords Forever



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National Trail Raceway  
Columbus, OH  
Ford Expo 2004



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# From the Editor

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One of these days, I hope to get it together enough to get everything done at a time at least close to deadline. By now, I suppose everyone has noticed that this newsletter is late, not to mention abbreviated. Next months issue should make up for it, but for now, the bare minimum will be presented.

This year promises to be a good one, with our presence at the Ford Expo being made known in a big way this coming year. We are teaming up with the Y-Block club to offer a bigger, better `57 Ford Shootout. They have several `57 Fords that run in their group, who would also like to run in ours. This year, that will be made possible. More details on that in the May/June issue.

Beginning in June, I will have a signup sheet in the newsletter, as well as posted on our club website, for those interested in participating in either the `57 Shootout, or the Show-n-Shine. We will need to get a bit more accurate count than we had last year going in. We need to have at least a fair estimate by August, so we can plan on how many awards to buy for each group. If we get too many, it is money not well spent, so we need to be sure, if we are planning to participate, to register as early as possible.

Now, for the fun stuff. Those of you with projects in the garage, snap a bunch of pictures and send them to me, along with a brief description of what you are doing. These will be added to a future issue, in an article titled "In the Garage". We try to cover our members and their projects at least once per year, so get those pictures in now. I already have some pretty good ones, and will be taking some new ones of my own soon, so let's see what you are doing out there.

Additionally, those of you with finished cars, send some photos of yours. We are always on the lookout for feature material, and yours may be next. When you send photos, either digital or film, make sure they are clear and in color, as they will also be posted to our website. When you send them, also send a description of the car, colors, interior, engine and trans, rear, wheels and tires, and any special modifications of interest. Also, tell whether you drive the car, show it, cruise it, race it, whatever. We want tot know.

We are still working on a West Coast show, but are having problems getting people to return our calls. I am looking at other methods of getting exposure, so maybe we can get something happening in the next couple of weeks or so. For the members helping out with this, Robert Lee and Duncan Scotland, I appreciate your efforts, and look forward to getting this event rolling for all of our west coast members.

Things should be really cranking in the next month or two, so get ready. This time of year is pretty loaded with car shows and events of some kind, so get out there and participate.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Submit Classified Ads to:*  
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1874 Bob Long Road  
Dayton, TN 37321
- *Email Classified Ads To:*  
admin@  
57fordsinternational.com
- *Membership Application request: Send large SASE and number of copies requested*
- *Submissions to Newsletter:*  
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- *All submissions become the property of `57 Fords International, however full literary and photography credit will be given where due. A signed release must accompany photos containing models, non-member owner's cars, etc.*

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# Big Block 300

*Text by James Potter Photos by James Potter*

Upon cruising the car show area of Ford Expo 2002, I came upon this super sanitary solid black Custom 300. It was shod with period correct Cragar SS mags with M/T racing slicks. It was only shown that weekend, as the big block mill was still fresh. I spoke with Larry Nichoson, and he joined our club by the end of the weekend. Come Expo 2003, Larry was ready for some '57 Shootout action.

This car was found in a barn in Ohio, with little rust, but needing attention. It was originally green, which was changed to black after the body panels were carefully massaged to perfection. The body features the much less common narrow trim for Custom 300, used only on solid color cars, while the double trim with gold inserts was reserved for two tone rides.

The car was recently upgraded in strength with a set of Moser 31 spline axles, to safeguard against that axle-twisting, big block torque.

Larry owns a beautiful example of '57 Ford, and enjoys showing it, as well as the occasional flog at the track. This '57 rides in style in an enclosed trailer to the various events, protecting it from the motoring public. But make no mistake, this '57 was built to drive and enjoy. It definitely is a fine '57.



*Larry and Joe Gerardi slug it out in the semi-final round of our Shootout last September.*



*Stout 429 based mill provides motivation for this beauty.*



## 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@57fordsinternational.com

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

13,840 mile 223 Mileage Maker 6 cyl, complete eng, trans, radiator, all hoses, brackets, exhaust system front to back, etc. Very complete, only \$1750. Other nice parts available. Contact John Gambill, gambill@1957ford.com, www.1957ford.com

1957 Ford Fairlane Convertible—Car is apart, but complete. Most removed parts are reworked and painted: hood, trunk, doors, continental kit, etc. Has 352 FE with Cruise-O-Matic. Contact Blaine Stoddard, 239-772-1969 **SOLD**

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

**[www.57fordsinternational.com/mpdb/mpdb.asp](http://www.57fordsinternational.com/mpdb/mpdb.asp)**

**In the coming year, if no one is to be using this feature, it will be deleted to save server space. Use it or lose it.**

**[www.masonshotrods.com](http://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

Fiberglass stock flat hood from Crites Restoration, never used. \$325, or trade for cowl induction hood. JPotter@57Fordsinternational.com 423-570-2364

NOS Parking light Lens, both right side. Asking \$31 Contact Bob Santa Lucia, cruise57@localnet.com

1 I have a nice RF fender for sale. \$375.00 has a little rust at the bottom of the fender. It has no rust or dents other than the above place.  
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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## Classified Ads

### 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: 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.. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.  
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 March 18, 2004. 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.**

**BE SURE TO VISIT**

**WWW.1957FORD.COM**

### **Tech In a Sec** *By James Potter*

Cooling that `57 Ford can be a troublesome task, particularly in the south or southwest portions of this country, where summertime temperatures can soar into the 100's. Take time to ensure your `57's ability to cool, by making sure the radiator is up to task.

The original radiator is OK with the original, unmodified Y-block, or some 302 based engines. Add a few cubic inches or hotter camshafts and so on, and it taxes the OEM cooling system. The best way to solve cooling issues is to utilize an aluminum radiator. Griffin Radiators offers a custom built aluminum unit that will bolt in place of the stock radiator, offering good looks and the ability to cool even radical big blocks. If a custom aluminum radiator is not in the budget, consider converting to one of the universal cross flow aluminum radiators. The appearance is not as slick as the original down flow radiator, but the extra cooling ability is far greater than the original. Also, be sure to run a thermostat, and a good fan. If you run electric fans, be sure your charging system is up to the extra amp draw. Remember, OEM electric fans have a greater amp draw than performance aftermarket jobs. Keep it cool, get out there and drive that `57.

## **Event Calendar**

April 16-18 2004	The Grand Rod Run Pigeon Forge , Tennessee
April 16-18 2004	Fun Ford Weekend Atlanta Dragway Commerce, Georgia
April 18 2004	Knotts Berry Farm Fabulous Fords Forever Buena Park, California
May 13-16 2004	World Ford Challenge Gateway Int'l Raceway St. Louis, Missouri

Send in your events, local or otherwise. I will get them into the next issue. The next issue will mail out on May 5.



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