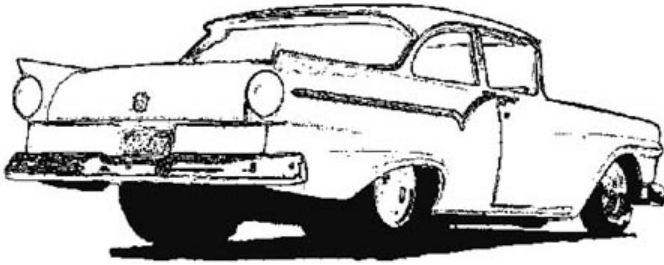


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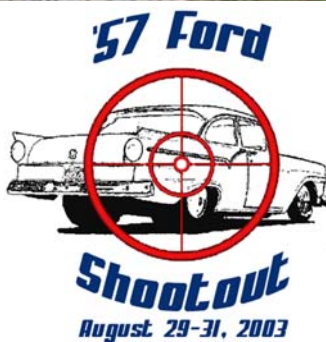
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FORD EXPO 2003

SHOW AND SHOOTOUT



FORD EXPO
2003
Car Show and
Shootout
Results
!!!



**Marvin
Smith:
Winner
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More Inside !!



From the Editor

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Rain, Rain, Rain

Even though there was much rain at this years Expo, it failed to dampen the spirits of those who brought their `57s out for a weekend of showing and racing. The rain held off for the first several hours of Friday, with the first drops coming about 4:30 or 5:00 pm. Saturday was almost a wash, as the first several hours of the day was a soaker. Sunday brought scattered showers throughout the day, with a brutal downpour around 6:00 pm finishing us off. Despite all the damp weather, we had a great time, and even had a pretty good number of `57 Fords turn out for the event. We gained six new members over Labor Day weekend, bringing us to 130 + members.

At final count, I believe we had around 15 or 16 `57 Fords, most of which were members of `57 Fords International. Only 4 of these were not competing in drag racing competition, either the Y-Block Shootout, or our first `57 Ford Shootout. Show or race, or just watch, we all had a great time. I found this weekend that I truly had been missing a great time, and will be working double time on my own `57 to make sure it is there next year.

We have already begun making plans for the coming year, with 2004 being our 4th year of operations. We will continue to hold our event in Columbus, Ohio during Labor Day Weekend, but we will be adding an event on the West Coast as soon as we can get that ball rolling. I will be needing a member from the West Coast, specifically California, who would be willing to take on the responsibility of running the event. As time goes on, we would like to see an event in the Texas area as well. However, we will be working to get the West Coast event going. Keep hanging in there. . .we're getting there!

In the meantime, autumn is upon us, and winter is fast approaching, so it will be time to get into the garage, and get started on that project. I will be looking for some feature material on your projects, so when working on your car, take a few pictures and write down a few details about what you are doing. I will give you credit for the photos, and try to get your story into a coming issue of our paper. Since this is your club, and we all like to see what is going on with other members, share some of your tips and tricks with us as well.

Finally, I want to personally thank everyone who came by our tent during the Expo event, and I'm sorry if I wasn't there to meet some of you. I did a lot of running that weekend, getting photos for the newsletter, running paperwork to and fro (Thanks Bob Martin for all of your help!!), and other such tasks. Those of you who I did get to meet, it was a great pleasure. I am hoping the friendships we all made that weekend last a long time. I know for sure I am already looking forward to next year. Maybe next year, we can keep the rain scared away.



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Text by James Potter

The weekend seemed to be plagued with rain for all three days of the event, and likely kept many people, some of our members included, from attending the 25th Annual Ford Expo in Columbus, Ohio. The first several hours of Friday brought fair weather, and everything was going pretty well until late in the afternoon. A bit of an afternoon shower halted time trials for a while. Since the show crowds wouldn't begin arriving until the following day, there really wasn't much else to do, as the swap meet area was also a little sparse. We got our '57 FI tent set up, and began to make our way back to our motel rooms.

Saturday morning, I was on my way to the track by 7 a.m., with a steady rain coming down. I was beginning to think the weekend would be a wash. It almost was. The rain lasted almost 3 hours. As the track crew was deciding what to do, we tried to salvage our parking area, which was largely flooded, rendering our tent unusable. The decision was made to shorten the racing surface to a 1/8 mile to save drying time. A couple racing related accidents also halted the action for a while, with all drivers involved thankfully walking away unhurt.

Our Shootout directly followed the Y-Block Shootout, with each racer getting one chance at a time trial. The first round involved Marv Smith from Dumfries, VA, in his Custom 300 and Allan White from Harrisville, WV, in his Custom. Allan ran under his dial, while Marv cruised on to win the first round. The second pairing came with Joe Gerardi of Sebastian, FL, with his Custom pairing up against Larry Nichoson from Waterville, OH in his Custom 300. In another breakout finish, Joe took the win light, preparing to meet Marv in the second and final round. For the final round, Marvin would get the green first. Joe cut a good light, and was running flat out to catch Marv, but Marv lit the win light. As I was suffering first time organizer bugs at our first shootout, I failed to get ET and MPH figures from our contestants, but I will post these in our next issue, as well as on our web site as soon as they become available to me.

Since Marv Smith won our first Shootout, he would face the top finishing '57 Ford from the Y-Block camp. That car would belong to Terry Allan. Terry drove his Fairlane 500 Fordor from Leicester, NC. The Top Gun Shootout would be a match of all street cars, much to everyone's surprise. The race started with Terry receiving almost a two second headstart. Marv chased him down, and crossed the finish line just ahead of Terry without breaking out. Congratulations Marv Smith, Top Gun '57 Ford for 2003. You'll have more competition next year !!

Our show and shine area was pretty bare this year, with only five cars on Saturday and six on Sunday showing. Four of these were running in our shootout as well. Sam Poole trailered his good looking Fairlane from South Carolina to take the Club Pick trophy. Sunday brought member Bruce Anderson in as well as new member Joe Hickman. The rain held a lot of our show activity down, but there will be next year !!

Other awards for our shootout and show were as follows:

- **Long Distance Award Randy Conner, Hayward Wisconsin**
- **Club Pick Award Sam Poole, Sumter, SC**
- **Shootout Winner Marv Smith, Dumfries, VA**
- **Shootout Runner-Up Joe Gerardi, Sebastian, FL**
- **Top Gun '57 Marv Smith**
- **Shootout Low ET Joe Gerardi**
- **Shootout Top Speed Joe Gerardi**
- **Best Reaction Time Joe Gerardi**

This year was a great time for all, despite the rain. Next year will be even better, as more people saw the fun our guys were having. I personally know of one more for sure that will be there next year...Additionally, I heard from several other people that are planning already for next year's event. Congratulations again to our members, everyone came away winners this year.

As mentioned previously, we are working on having an event somewhere on the west coast. I will be needing to know ASAP how many of our western United States or Canadian members would be interested in participating. Send me mail at: James Potter

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As soon as we determine how many to expect, we can begin planning a good quality event. If we are able to hold an event, it will likely be in California somewhere. I will be planning to fly to the event, and meet some of our members. I am excited about this, and look forward to hearing from some of you guys.

At the Expo

Text: James Potter, Photos: James Potter

Since I gave the details of the event on the previous page, I'll keep commentary to a minimum here, except for captions on the photos. Our show area was swamped for most of the weekend, and the weather was soggy, so most of our members with show cars likely stayed away for that reason. However, the ones who did show up had a great time together. Enjoy some images of a fun weekend. Look for features on some of these cars in future issues.



Member Allan White built this Custom entirely himself. Has 351 W power with nitrous.



Allan White (far lane) and Marvin Smith (near) get ready to go down the track in the first round. In a double breakout run, Marv lit the win light.



Bruce Anderson arrived on Sunday in his newly acquired Custom 300. Bruce spent a bit of time cruising the swap meet area for those hard to find '57 parts.



The second pairing in the first round brought Joe Gerardi (left lane) up against Larry Nicholson (right lane). This was our quickest pairing of the shootout, with each running 8-second Ets (1/8 mile).



Marv Smith drove up from Virginia, raced in our shootout, won it, raced the top '57 of the Y-Block shootout, won that, showed both days, and drove back home with cash and a trophy. What a way to spend Labor Day Weekend !!



Our final round face-off featured Marvin Smith in his Custom 300 against Joe Gerardi from Sebastian, FL, (or was that NY?). Marvin would take the win light as well as the \$100.

At the Expo , cont'd



New member Joe Hickman drove his '57 Custom, powered by late F1 5.0 and T5 od trans.

Larry Nichoson's beautiful black Cusotm 300 runs 429 big block power.



Joe Gerardi completed the buildup of this Custom in 10 days with help from his brother and friends. Custom runs 390 FE power.

Nice looking Ranch Wagon ran in the Y-block shootout, and belongs to Ford answer man, John Vermeersch.



Randy Conner drove this E-code Fairlane from Hayward, Wisconsin. In doing so, he won our Long Distance award. He left before being presented with it, so it's in the mail.

This little 6 cylinder Custom is the real deal. A 13-K mile original car bought from the famous little old lady.





Top finishing '57 Ford in the Y-Block shootout belonged to Terry Allan. He faced Marv Smith for Top Gun '57 honors.



Cool old '57 Ranch wagon was a sherriff's car in Colorado. Powered by a 312 and 3 speed OD trans, the car was driven to the event from Colorado by new member Ronnie Crawford.



In typical fashion, I failed to get the names of the owners of some of these '57 Fords. If anyone can help me out with those, I appreciate it. One outrageous mistake I made was done on Saturday. I had the misfortune of having the batteries run down in my digital camera, and missed taking some photos of our Club Pick winner. Member Sam Poole brought his '57 Fairlane 500 and parked in our show-n-shine area on Saturday. His car was chosen to receive the Club Pick award. His '57 is powered by a 312 Y block, and is mostly stock except for Cragar SS mags. Congratulations, Sam. If any of our members got pictures of this car, please send me a copy.

Winner Takes All

Text and Photos by James Potter

Little did Maj. Marv Smith realize, when he pulled through the gates on Friday, that he would be leaving with an extra \$175 and a trophy for defeating all challengers in the shootout. He did just that, taking his 429 powered Custom 300 to victories over Allan White and Joe Gerardi, and finally, Terry Allan.

Marv bought his '57 as found in a field, where it had sat some twenty years in the Louisiana weather. Since Marv is in the military, he sees quite a bit of our country, and in this section he found his car. Once the car was brought home, it was cleared of any items not to be reused, and readied for more modern motivation. His original intention was to install a 390 FE, but when the little old lady deal of a '72 LTD with 429 came up for sale cheap, he jumped on it. The only deviation from stock in the current 429 is the Holley carburetor and the Crites headers. Marv spent some time in the swap meet area and I spotted a set of DOVE-C heads in the back of his car before he left. Watch out next year guys. The 429 is backed by the original C6 trans and original 3.10 gear out back. The rear wheels are Stockton steelies in 15X8 size.



The Custom was originally Raven black, but was resprayed in red and white. Marvin did a good job getting the old '57 back from the wilds of the deep south. In the process, he's built a car that is fun to drive, and that can be driven anywhere with stone reliability. Great job and Congratulations on your wins at Ford Expo 2003.

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

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 **SOLD**

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

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

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

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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. \$350 . JPotter@57Fordsinternational.com 423-570-2364

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

See Ya Next Year Guys !!



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.
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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.
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Wanted: Complete bumper jack assembly for 1957
Ford. Contact Bob Santa Lucia at cruise57@localnet.
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Need a jack, part# 17080, and a jack handle part#
17035. Contact Terry Freihage at tandjsuper@cs.com

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T-Shirts Anyone?

At the present time, I am looking into the possi-
bility of purchasing equipment to make custom t-shirts
and possibly hats for sale, since I feel that I can make
quality, attractive shirts at a better cost than places I have
checked with. Without the equipment, I can produce only
a few shirts at a time. If I find that there are enough
members who would like a shirt, I would likely go ahead
with my purchase and make the shirts available. Since as
a club, we are a not-for-profit organization, we cannot sell
t-shirts. Since I would be purchasing the equipment on
my own, the shirts would be made available by me, pro-
duced by me, and shipped to you by me. The cost for
each t-shirt would likely be around \$10, plus \$2 shipping.
Golf shirts would be \$14, plus \$2 shipping. If any mem-
bers would be interested in a t-shirt, or a golf style shirt,
take a minute to send me a letter stating which you would
prefer if made available. If there is enough demand, I will
go ahead and start making plans to proceed with this. I
produce my own designs, but if there is something you
would like to see, let me know.

Contact me at:
James Potter
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Again, this is just speculation at this time, so if you want
to see it happen, let me know. You can ask our Shootout
participants how they like their shirts !!

Event Calendar

Oct 1-5
2003

Fall Carlisle
Carlisle, PA
Carlisle Fairgrounds

Oct 5-12
2003

Cruisin` The Coast
Gulfport, MS
Cruisin, racing, swap meet

Nov 27-30
2003

Turkey Run
Daytona Beach, FL
Daytona Int'l Speedway

Send in your events, local or otherwise. I will get
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