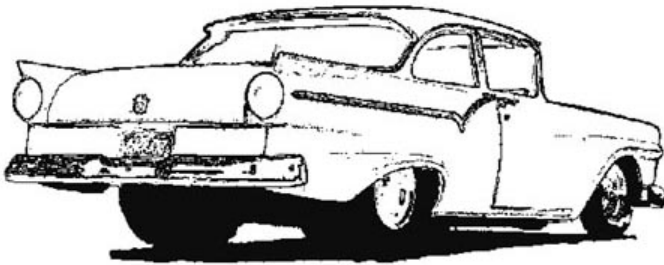


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New Site Coming !

New Season of Events !

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From the Editor

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The holidays are finally over, and hopefully, we've all begun to settle back into our daily routines. I know I had a great holiday season, and I hope every one of you did as well. Some went a bit better than others, maybe due to a sickness or injury, (By the way, get well soon, Larry Nichoson, hope the ol` bones heal up the way they're supposed to. We're all gunning for you this fall in Ohio !!). Some spent the holidays traveling, visiting family and friends half a country away. Whatever the case, I trust everyone had a good, restful time, and that everyone is ready to begin a new year. There are several events close to all of us this year, and although only a couple of them will have our club participating as a group, there are many opportunities to show off that `57 at a Ford show near you. We will be launching a new club website this March, so be watching our old site for further details, concerning the domain name, and other related items. This move will save our club a good bit of money, plus give us better service. This move will also include a move of our message board, as our current board is a web freebie, and doesn't offer us the control our new site will. The message forum is the format used throughout the internet, and allows us total control over every facet of its operation. This will not make some of you happy, but it is the best move for the club, as our current web based board costs us about \$40 every 6 months to keep the advertising off of it, whereas, we will own the new one, and not have to pay anything. Appearance-wise, it will look very similar, and the options for member photos, avatars, and custom smilies are endless. Additionally, we will have a member photo gallery where members can upload their own photos, without having to send them to me first. As long as we keep it clean, anything goes.

As far as events for this year, we will be planning two events again. Our event in Ohio during Labor Day weekend, the Ford Expo, will go on as usual. This year, we will be doing some things differently. Instead of plaques for the shoot-out portion, we will be taking donations for all cash purse, with a framed certificate for the winners. We will still have the trophies for the club choice and Top Gun `57. We will still have dash plaques as well. Our California event may change as well, but we will talk about that more in the coming months. If we here from enough Texas area members, including OK, KS, NM, and AZ, we may discuss having an event in the Texas area maybe later this year, or early next year.

All in all, 2004 was a very good year for `57 Fords International. We hope that 2005 will bring many good things for us as a club, and each of us as individual members. Work with us on our events, as these things do take a lot of time and planning for the organizers. When you run into them at events, make sure to tell them thanks, because take it from me, it's a lot of work. Get out this year and enjoy driving that Ford, wherever and however you do it.



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California 500

Text by James Potter Photos by Courtney Hansen, Bob Lee



Sunny California seems to produce a lot of clean, great looking old cars, not just Fords. One such example comes to us this month from Courtney Hansen, of Cypress, California. Courtney's beautiful Fairlane 500 features subtle changes that enhance the good looks Henry's boys built into it back in '57. They say first impressions are the most important: what catches your eyes first is the flawless body covered in a cool shade called Viper Blue. The

wheels are American Torq Thrusts with Candy Blue spokes and polished rims. Rears are 15X8s, fronts are 15X7s. The side chrome inserts have had the gold aluminum removed, the remaining space painted body color, with dark pinstripe flames added for accent.

Power comes from a vintage 390 FE. The FE features components from Edelbrock such as intake, carburetor, air cleaner and valve covers. The entire package comes together into an eye pleasing mix of vintage and modern.



Subtle body mods include select trim removal, and frenched antenna. The interior has been upholstered in the street rod style with grey and blue tweed materials. The instrument panel is custom, with trick aftermarket gauges keeping tabs on the vitals. Some of these shots were taken at our Gathering West where Courtney participated, and we thank Courtney and Bob Lee for the photographs.

California 500



Being in sunny California, I imagine Courtney takes every opportunity to drive this fine '57 Fairlane. The workmanship displayed here is impeccable. Just goes to show you that the old saying that you can't judge a book by its cover, doesn't always ring true. This one is awesome, cover to cover.

Cruisin` the Coast

Text and Photos by: James Potter

This past October, I was able to go to probably one of the coolest cruising events I have ever attended. An old friend of mine who lives in Gulfport, had been asking me to come down there for this event since he moved there, about 5 years ago. Since my primary interest is racing, I never really gave it much thought. This past year, *Cruisin` the Coast* added a drag night to its schedule. I had already planned to attend anyway, so I loaded my slicks and tools into the van, along with my `57 on the trailer. Now keep in mind, this is one of the largest car cruises in the United States, with 2003s event having almost 10,000 registered entries, not including the people who, like me, just show up for the spectacle of that many old cars. This cruise takes place on 26 miles of beachfront highway in Gulfport, Mississippi. It last a whole week officially, but people start showing up for it 2 to 3 days early, and hang around a couple days after it's over. The main headquarters features a large swap meet, both indoor and outdoor, and a big manufacturers midway. Several of the Hotel/Casinos in the area host smaller car shows, and one can be found at any given location throughout the length of the cruise. The time I was there, about 4 days, it rained a lot, due to the 4 hurricanes that had buffeted the southern coasts for most of the fall season. At any rate, about 8:30 or 9 pm, it would stop raining, dry up a bit, and the cruisin began full force. Since it rained the racing portion out, I stayed on the beach cruisin the entire time I was there. It was awesome. I wasn't able to get a lot of photos, since I was driving. I counted probably thirty or so `57 Fords there, but only got a few photos of them. Next year, I'll be ready, as my friend will be driving, and I can snatch pics. Until then, enjoy these photos from Cruisin the Coast 2004.



Cruisin' the Coast



This was by far, one of the most fun events I have been to. Even though the racing was cancelled due to the rain, the cruising was something to see. Any car you can imagine was out there driving around, wasting gas, and the owners having a blast. I know my old '57, pictured above, racked up over 350 miles, and burned almost five 16 gallon tanks of gasoline. We had a blast, and get ready, Gulfport, MS, we will be back in October 2005 !!



GARAGE SCENE OHIO

For those wondering about the progress on member John Gambill's low mileage Custom, I have received some updated photos. If you are just now coming into '57FI, last summer, John bought this beautiful low mileage '57 Custom, complete with original 223 Mileage Maker six cylinder and automatic trans. This car is basically as it left Ford, with the exception of the wheels and tires, and the original owner added white paint to appear like the two-tone beauties of the day. As delivered, this car was all blue. When John took delivery of the car, it had a little over 14,000 original, documented miles. Included were all paperwork for all maintenance work done on the '57 since new, the dealer invoice, and other such materials. Since John has had it, he has replaced the front brakes with disks, the wheels and tires are now Weld Racing Rod Lites with Cooper Cobras. Further work included removing the faithful old 6 cylinder power plant, and after completely detailing the engine compartment, the crown jewel was lowered into place. The '57 is now home to a fully detailed and authentic F-code Y-block. The beautiful old 312 will soon mount an original low mileage VR58A Paxton supercharger. The Paxton is a Ford service replacement from back in '57, and was only run for a short time before it was removed and the car sold. John was lucky to receive it from the original owner. Once it is installed and the car sorted out, you can expect to see John at most of the east coast and Midwest shows such as Good Guys, Ford Expo, and other local shows and events. John always does a fabulous job with his old Fords, and I can see this one will be no different. Great work, John Gambill.



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, JAPotter@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

15,000 mile 223 Mileage Maker 6 cyl, complete eng, trans, radiator, all hoses, brackets, exhaust system front to back, etc. Very complete, **SOLD** Other nice parts available. Contact John Gambill, gambill@1957ford.com, www.1957ford.com

1957 Ford fiberglass fenders, A bit rough, but useable. **SOLD**. Also, decent upper grille panel, no rust, but some filler. Take \$25. James Potter, (423)314-8798, or JAPotter@57fordsinternational.com

Watch here for further information on the online parts board. Since we will be getting a new website in the coming weeks, our present board will be deleted.



www.speedmaven.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. **SOLD**. JAPotter@57Fordsinternational.com 423-314-8798

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: Useable body for Custom or 300. As long as
it has closeable doors is fine. Needs to at least have
metal to weld to. Building a `60s gasser.
JAPotter@57fordsinternational.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.
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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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Tech In a Sec *By James Potter*

Getting a larger diameter exhaust system into that
`57 can be troublesome with the original crossmem-
ber, where the pipes were intended to run between
the member and the floor. Also, installing a later,
overdrive trans is hampered. When I got to the point
of installing a trans in my `57, I saw that the T5 I
originally installed would not bolt up to the cross-
member without mods. Instead of fighting with it,
knowing that I would also be installing 3 inch ex-
hausts, I raided my parts car supply, and came back
with a tubular crossmember from a `91 Mercury
Grand Marquis. This is a bit wider than what I
needed for the `57, so it was shortened the proper
amount and the ends flatted and drilled. Next, I got
two pieces of 1/4 inch thick, 2 inch L-brackets,
which were also drilled and slotted, so the cross-
member could slide fore and aft. Once these L-
brackets were positioned properly on the frame rails,
they were welded. Now, when installing my engine
and trans, instead of fighting the OEM crossmember
into the wedge-fit, it takes less than a minute to slip
the crossmember in and fit the 1/2 inch grade 8 bolts.
Additionally, the crossmember has a double-hump
feature to clear whatever size exhausts you choose to
run.

Event Calendar

March 5-6	FFW Spring Break Shootout Orlando, FL
March 11-14	NMRA Spring Nationals Bradenton, FL
March 11-13	Good Guys March Meet Bakersfield, CA
April 2-3	Ford Spring Swap Columbus, OH
April 1-3	FFW Cajun Nationals Belle Rose, LA
April 14-17	FFW Peach State Nats Atlanta, GA
May 12-15	World Ford Challenge St Louis, MO



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