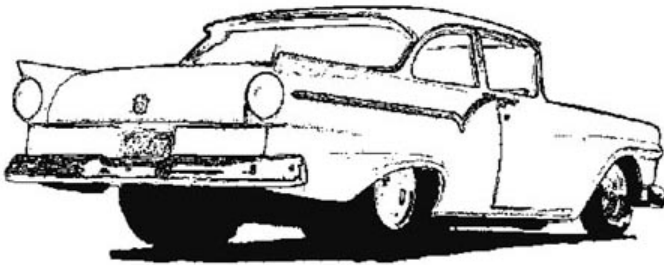


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The Brothers Two



**A Pair
of Brothers
Recreate a
Blast From
The Past**



**Randy
Conner
Drives
his
Restored
E-Code!!**



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From the Editor

Time Keeps on Slipping, Slipping, Slipping . . .

Another year has come and gone. It seems like yesterday was the beginning of 2003, and here we are about to enter 2004. This year has been a good one for us, having gained a membership of nearly 120. We have members from many states, and have formed some lasting friendships. Our first annual `57 Ford Shootout was a success despite the rain and low crowd turnout. We are moving forward with plans to accommodate our West Coast members with an event in the California/Oregon/Washington area. I will be making several phone calls in the coming days to determine where we will be having such a meet. Any ideas will be welcomed. I would like to stay away from Good Guys type "all-run" events, sticking with an all-Ford style event instead. I believe that would be in our best interest for the time being. Besides, who wants to clutter up our event with a bunch of Brand X automobiles?

I will still be looking for some Cali-area members to help run an event. Pretty much all that would be required of a volunteer is to set up a parking area for our members, having members who show a car to fill out a registration form and window card, and setting up a table to display our club membership applications and business cards. All of these documents would be provided, however, the people who volunteer will need to provide a table, and if desired, a tent and chairs. Those wishing to take on this responsibility, contact me by either of the methods listed below. West Coast members, this is your event. If it is to happen, we'll need some help since most of our administration is on the "right" coast. Our West Coast man, Duncan Scotland is working with us, but it is not a one man job, I can assure you.

If our West Coast event comes to pass successfully, we are already in the beginning stages of an event in the Texas area. More details on that as it formulates. The main thing to remember about these events, is that to have them happen, we need your help. For the most part, the work is easy, you can still have a great time, and our club can get our name out there. I had the best time ever at the Ford Expo this year, and next year will be better, as we will have a pre-registration process set up on line and in the newsletter ahead of time. This will allow us to see how many awards to get, parking spaces to allow for, and so on. Also, it will allow our event coordinators to better control the goings on, and have a more enjoyable experience. Be in contact with me, and let me know what you want in an event. Additionally, be watching our newsletter for a survey concerning the coming events. Your input is important, and will determine what happens in the coming two years.

Above all, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.


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Driving the E-Code

Text by James Potter, Randy Conner Photos by James Potter, Randy Conner

It was a warm fall morning as I pulled into member John Gambill's driveway to pick up some supplies for the Ford Expo. Before I even got to John's, though, I noticed the beautiful brown and cream '57 Victoria sitting there, glistening in the sun. As I pulled in, I saw the Wisconsin plates, and knew who it was. Member Randy Conner was there, and not trailered, as one would be suspect to imagine with such a finely restored car. This car was driven from his home in Hayward Wisconsin, without any convenience options like heat, AC, radio, even power steering is absent on this car. A glance at the dash revealed a row of delete plates. Driving that car, 800+ miles, with no radio was the sure sign of a hardcore enthusiast. Not only that, but he brought his lovely wife along as well, and she endured the trip quite well. In addition, after a weekend of cruising and racing, (yes, he ran in the Y-Block shootout !!), he and his wife loaded into the '57 again, and headed out for Maine, another 7-800 mile jaunt! All this in a 312 2 X 4 Y-block with a column shifted Borg Warner T-10 4 speed !! Read on for more of his account of his multi-thousand mile journey in a restored E-Code '57.

On driving the old 57---I look at it like this. On our way down to Columbus, we ran 85+ along side a dude in a Lincoln Navigator. I haven't price one of those babies but---I would bet you could get one Fairlane E code like mine and maybe half of another for what that guy laid out for that Lincoln. Plus, I pay \$170 a year for full coverage insurance on my 57 Fairlane and never see one just like it coming towards me down the freeway. And, if I ever get tired of it and want to give it a new home, I bet you I will get all my money back on the car and maybe even enough extra to buy a malt!!!!!! And too, it's a good feeling to let people see what Detroit used to build. That's just my way of looking at it.

We ran out to Maine after we ran (*the car*) down in Columbus. Drove the E code to New York, around the lake to Toronto and up the east coast of Huron to the locks and back home to Hayward, Wisconsin. Well, a couple weeks after we got home, we took the old E code out to Washington State, Seattle, to be specific. We drove south to Portland, Oregon and east along the Columbia River gorge to Idaho, to Montana (Yellowstone Park), thru Wyoming, S. Dakota (Mt Rushmore), Wall Drug, and thru Minnesota back to Hayward. We averaged 16 MPG over the 4200 mile trip. Most of the time we ran 80+ on the freeways although we put many miles on the state and county highways while trying to see more of the beauty of our country. Probably should have checked out some club members along the way. Any way, the 57 was flawless the whole trip!!!! Thought the guys would get a kick out of it. Take care, Randy



The Brothers Two

Text: James Potter, Joe Gerardi Photos: James Potter, Joe Gerardi

Sometimes when you go to the drags, you can rarely expect to see a competition version of your favorite car. The Ford Expo is a little different, in that it is an all Ford event, and the chances of seeing your favorite make and model going down the track go up considerably. I already knew I would be seeing John Feis-tritzer's awesome Hoosier Hurricane, and Dave Fuzner's cool Custom 300 tube car. Upon strolling through the pit area, imagine my surprise when I happen upon Joe Gerardi's white '57 Custom, decked out in Weld Draglites, Crites ram air hood and full lettering! This '57 is a winner in my book, powered at the expo by a 13 second 390 FE, present because the 427 FE wasn't ready. I was surprised again, when the car's owner turned out to be one of our new members. Joe made his way to our tent, and registered for our '57 Ford Shootout, where he ended up taking runner-up honors, as well as low ET and top speed. Read on to see Joes account, and if you have web access, check out [HTTP://WWW.NOSTALGICCARSUSA.COM](http://WWW.NOSTALGICCARSUSA.COM). The sites owner has a feature on Joe's car, where he and his brother and some friends do a 10 day makeover on this car, taking it from sows ear to silk purse.

The 57 ford was cloned after a car my brother Ronnie Gerardi had in the 60s. It has a 427 motor bored .020 over with JE pistons and balanced and .627 lift cam. a light weight Fluidamper, Edelbrock Performer aluminum heads, Edelbrock Performer aluminum intake with a 850 Holley carb. MSD ignition, aluminum radiator and water pump. It has a C6 trans with shift kit, TCI flex plate and TCI 10 in. Street Fighter converter. A B&M shifter, a 3 1/2 in. drive shaft, 9 in. ford rear with 4.11 full spool. 3 way adjustable Competition engineering drag shocks, traction bars and spring clamps stop any wheel hop. Weld Draglite wheels with M/T ET Drag slick dot approved tires help with hole shots. The car will run high 11s with this combo. Many thanks to Ronnie G. for all the hours and phone calls he spent to get the right combo.

Next the body work, Walter Nowak said he could do all the body work in 3 days. But with the help of Jimmy D'allesandro, Rich Coyne, Rich "nostalgicarusa.com" Solgot, it took 10 days....sorry Walt. After Walt painted the car we took it up to Sign Quick in Melbourne Florida for the graffix. Many thanks to A.G. "Tennessee" from Orlando for the contribution of any parts needed to complete this project. To Joe Decaria, Crosby Blair from CB Cycles and Customs in Sebastian in helping. My wife, Terry for running for supplies and opening the checkbook. We also have a spare stock 390 engine that turned 13.4s in the 1/4 mile in this car.



The 390 powerhouse that sent Joe to the finals in our Fall Shootout



The Brothers Two , cont'd



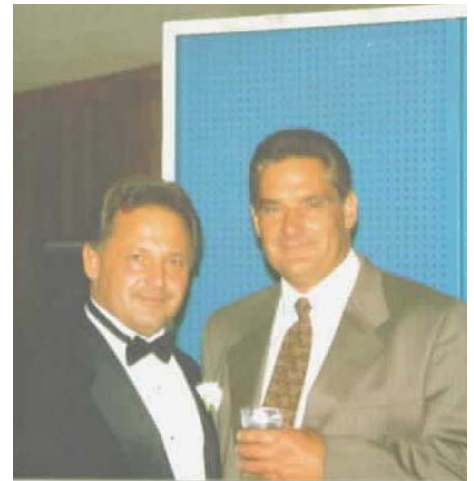
Rich Coyne, Ronnie Gerardi & Jim Dell, the force behind The Brothers Two '57 Ford. This picture was taken just before the makeover began.



Getting lettered and ready for race day.



This photo is among my favorite of all the ones I took at the Expo. Joe faces off with Larry Nicholson in the first round of our Shootout. For those interested in attending next year, start making plans now. Don't miss it.



The forces to be reckoned with. Joe and Ronnie Gerardi. Watch them fly next year.



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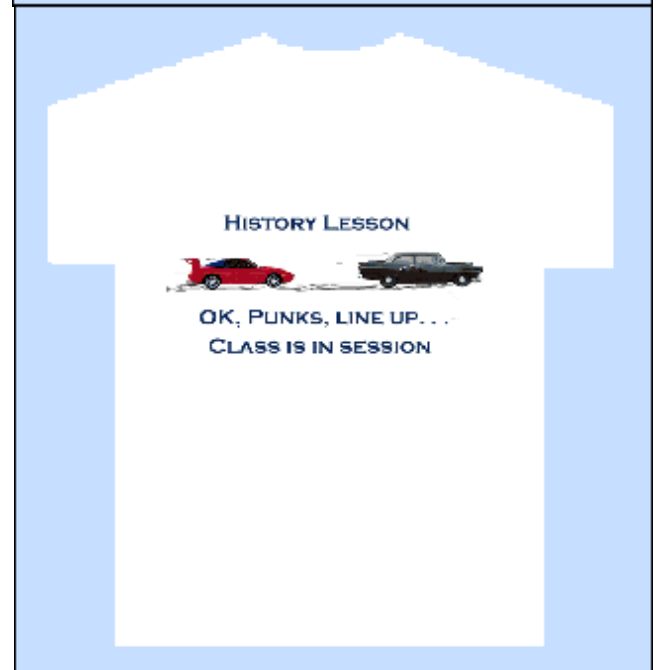
Turn Me On



T-Shirts Anyone?

I will be offering a few t-shirts in limited numbers for a short time, to gauge interest. These shirts will all be \$10 for S through XL, \$12 for XXL, including shipping. The images below depict the back of the shirt. The front will have a small image on the left breast of the shirt. Two of these are black and white, two are full color, printed on white t-shirts, first quality. If a large image like the back is desired on the front as well, the cost will be \$12 including shipping. Below is a small selection I have worked up. To order, mail image of your choice to:

James Potter
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Dayton, TN 37321



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

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:

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

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

10 more months guys!!



Classified Ads

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.. Contact John Gambill at gambill@1957ford.
com

Wanted: Complete bumper jack assembly for 1957
Ford. Contact Bob Santa Lucia at cruise57@localnet.
com

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

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phone number, fax, email or other contact .
All ads are free for members. Include your
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Rebop Castings

Owner: Frank Rice

Y-Blockers, step up to some of these high quality
aluminum and iron castings from Rebop Castings, owned
by member Frank Rice. Frank offers many all new parts
for the venerable Y-block. Some of the parts are an all
new timing cover, cast of aluminum. Crank pulleys, su-
percharger brackets, air bonnets, etc. I have seen these
parts first hand and can say that the quality surpasses that
of the OEM parts in most if not all cases. The casting is
superb, the machining and detailing is second to none.

**Rebop Castings
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Bristol, IN 46507**



Event Calendar

Nov 27-30
2003

Turkey Run
Daytona Beach, FL
Daytona Int'l Speedway

Take the rest of the year off....

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year !!**

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