

Rockabilly at Lake Havasu

Photos/information: Terry Madsen

Terry shares there were a lot of cars and great music! Looks like fun.



Rockabilly Continued...



Tortilla Flat Continued...



Jon said he, Lisa and Scott and Cris had a good time in Arizona. Tortilla Flat was a fun stop along their way. They also visited the largest Harley Davidson retail store in the US, and it was amazing. Then Barrett Jackson is always a good time. Apparently they did not bring back a new car or bike so maybe next year.



"Sweet Thang" Photo: Gary Johnson

A picture of Sweet Thang in about 1965-66? Looks like a drag strip, possibly Keystone. Sweet Thang was owned, tuned and raced by Roger and Eugene Johnson, Gary Johnson's older cousins. Without Sweet Thang, Roger and Eugene the Swanks Car Club in Casselton would not exist. Roger and Eugene introduced a young Gary to hot rodding.

Cooking Corner

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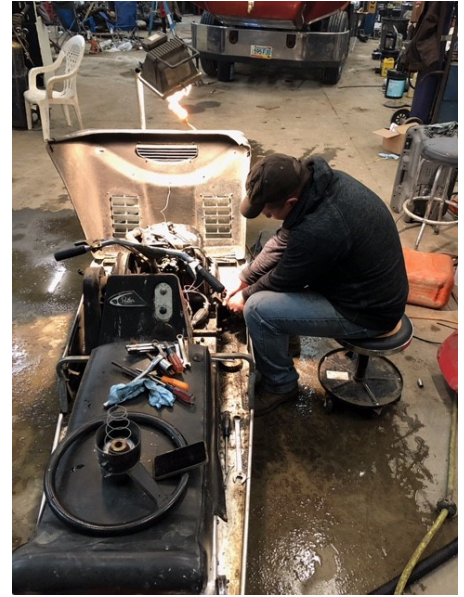
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Why Car Building Takes Sooo Long

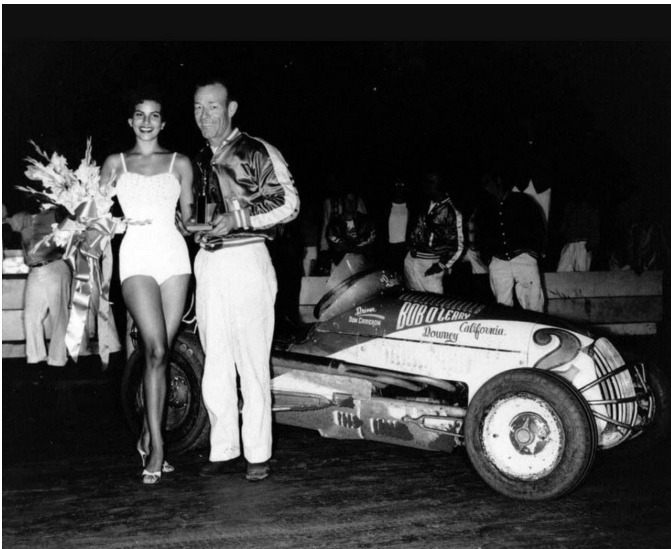
Gary Johnson sent in this picture and he said, "What the heck that is not a 55 Chevy". Gary's statement got me thinking about people commenting on how long it takes car restorers to build a car, so I came up with some reasons it takes so long to build an old car.

- Time: most car enthusiasts have many responsibilities with work, family and other obligations time can be a precious commodity for car builders.
- Money: with responsibilities most car guys/gals have a limited number of resources for their hobby.
- Parts: building an old car requires one to hunt down parts that are not usually in great supply, sometimes even requires making parts at times and \$\$\$\$.
- Friends: help with a project can be move a project along, but in my unscientific study I have found that if you have a beer fridge, what you think is a help may very well slow the project immensely. Now if your spouse is a foody and enjoys feeding your friends the project could come to a complete standstill.



Mark taking a break from the 55 to repair a snowmobile for the family.

Raquel Welch



Raquel Welch, actress, model, and entertainer passed away this past February at the age of 82. Welch developed a unique film persona that made her an icon of the 60's and 70's. She was well known for entertaining the troops with Bob Hope during the Vietnam war. As a teenager she started her entertainment career by working as a trophy girl for the local race-tracks.

Once upon a time



El Zagal Duster's Car Show Bismarck North Dakota

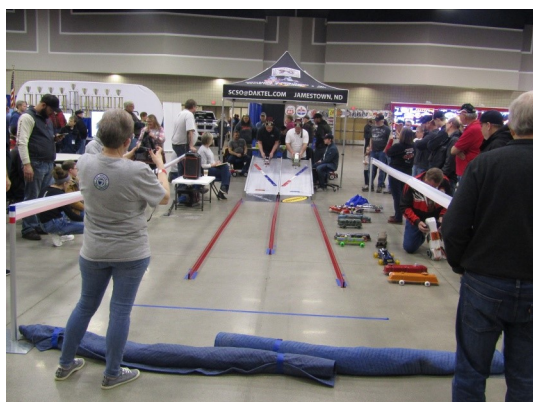
Photos/Words Ron Dahley

On March fourth and fifth the El Zagal Duster's of Bismarck ND held their 2nd annual car show. After several month locked in the house without car shows and seeing many car buffs it is a treat to once again visit these indoor car shows, check out some new builds, see some old cars and hang out with motor heads for a little while. This is my fourth car show this winter and it has done a lot for my spirits as we slowly enter spring. One reason the El Zagal's are doing the car show is that their traditional circus is changing and may not even exist soon so they need some fund raising opportunities to keep their charities afloat. A new indoor car show is welcome to me as we are losing a good show in the Sioux Falls indoor show next year.

The NDSRA had a booth, the NDSRA Pick of the year, Chase Frueh's 51 Chevy was there as well as some nice rods and customs that I had not seen before. The Duster's invited the Jamestown Car Guys to bring their valve cover race track and it was a hit on Saturday with several rounds of racing in the morning and grudge racing in the afternoon. They were featuring racing on Sunday also with trophies for 1st and second place each day. My valve cover racer was too slow in Jamestown but went pretty straight, in Bismarck with new wheels it seemed to be fast but would not go straight, maybe I will be more competitive next time.



Chase Frueh's 51 Chevy



Bismarck Car Show Continued...



Dances of Havasu

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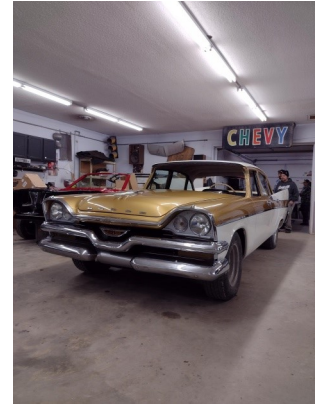
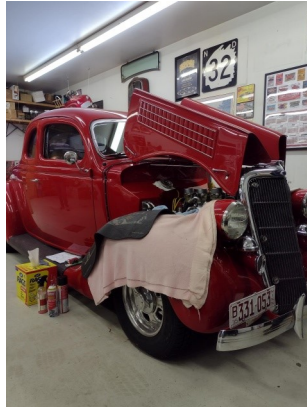
Thank you Terry Madsen



Swanks Garage Tour 2023

Photos: Johnny "Rocket" Nustad & Ted Bryans

Inclement weather caused a redo of accommodate the Swanks Garage Tour, the second try went off without a hitch. The garage tour was scheduled for March 11th but due to the weather had to be postponed to the 18th and in turn caused a schedule change as two garages could not accommodate the changes. Hopefully we will visit them again soon. Thanks to Mark Kieffer, president of the Swanks C.C. and all the members who helped him put on another great garage tour. Thanks to John Nustad for photographing the day for our records and especially thank you to all the gracious folks who opened up their garages for us to visit.



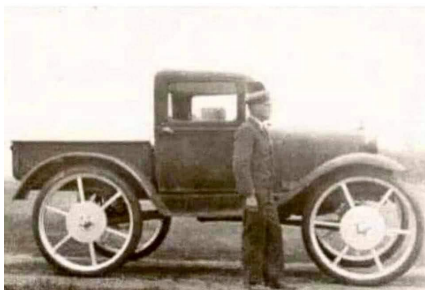
McCulloch Car Show Lake Havasu AZ.

Photos: Bolten Photography

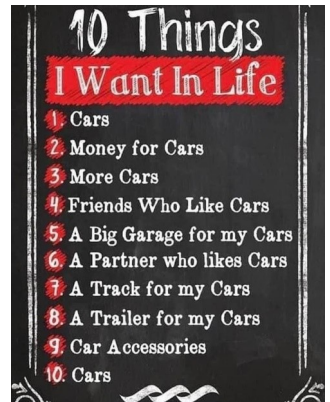
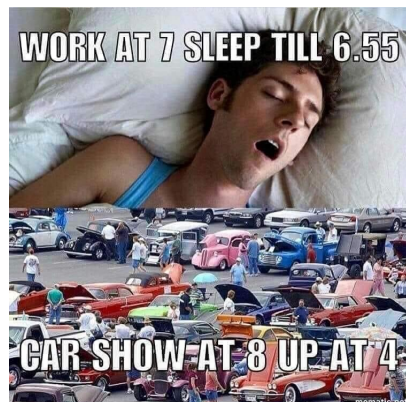
Thursday evenings in Lake Havasu one can attend the McCulloch car show on the main street of Lake Havasu. The show is named after Robert Paxton McCulloch the man who founded Lake Havasu. Robert McCulloch was an interesting man, born in Missouri in 1911, he inherited a fortune at the age 14 and attended Princeton and Stanford pursuing degrees in engineering. Robert got interested in racing both midgets and hydroplanes with great success. He formed McCulloch Engineering in Milwaukee Wisconsin, and we know some of his work through McCulloch Super Chargers and McCulloch Chain Saws. Later in his career he became more interested in marine motors and so he founded Lake Havasu so he could test his marine engines. He also bought the London Bridge and had it moved block by block to Arizona and rebuilt it in Lake Havasu. McCulloch companies have been sold but they are still around under the name of Husqvarna. His superchargers can be had under the name Paxton Super Chargers.



On this day in history: In 1927, Ricky Dale Everclear becomes the first man to put oversized rims on his truck with his girlfriend's tax return.



Camping with style in a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air station wagon with a 'treehouse' camper on top.



Grand National Roadster Show 2023

Speedway Motors

2023 AMBR Winner

You may recognize the name Jack Chisenhall as the man behind Vintage Air. He's no stranger to cool hot rods, and it's not surprising at all that he helped with the build of this '32 roadster in his own shop. It's powered by a 355-inch early Hemi and features Indy roadster-inspired details throughout. We've seen plenty of more garish cars end up with the big trophy at the GNRS, and we're thrilled to see a bad, black, traditional roadster at the top of the heap this year.



'29 Ford Model A. Owner and builder: JF Launier



'36 Ford. Owner and builder: Danny Hyde



'32 Ford. Owner: Sandie & Charlie Chadd.
Builder: Rad Rides by Troy



'32 Ford. Owner: Ken Sapper.
Builder: Dominator Motorsports



'32 Ford. Owner: Joe Kugel.
Builder: Kugel Komponenten



'32 Ford. Owner: Scott Williams
Builder: Swillco Speedshop

Tim Holt, a member of the Swanks Car Club, an active member in the 60's, is now retired from Hot Rod Marketing LLC. In Tucson Arizona. Tim was the owner of the company which is a marketing & advertising, automotive event production company. HRM is the producer of the finest quality hot rod, custom and class classic car events in the West. Hot Rod Marketing, LLC, established in 1996, has produced and directed many well-known automotive events including the Grand National Roadster Show from 2000-2005.

Yes a Swanks member has produced and directed the Grand National Roadster Show!