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Frank & Louise Burnett's Story of their "Unusual" 40 Ford
You Know, the one with the crazy paint job.
This car has history and I thought you might like to know about it. So, here goes.

Several years ago at the MJC Show, I looked at what I thought was a very strange looking 40 Ford. This year, I heard several other people make comments about it, so I thought it was time to tell it's story.

The car belongs to Frank & Louise Burnett. Frank built the car in 1957 with a black paint job and went to the LA Roadster Show. Apparently 40 Fords weren't as rare then as they are now and the "people in the know" said, you will never win with a black car, you need a "wow" paint job to win.

So Frank went home and took the car to Gene Winfield (one of the most famous car builders of today). Between the two of them the Kaleidoscope Coupe was born. Gene charged him \$750 for a paint job that was way ahead of it's time.



Frank is still showing his Kaleidoscope coupe today.

Frank's car was recently written about in the Modesto Bee and photographed in Gene Winfield's shed where Gene first began painting cars. Frank's car was painted in the building shown above on Tully Road.

In 1959 Frank was in four major car shows and a few shows in 1961, but in 1962 he toured the nation and won many trophies and was the cover car and centerfold of Custom Craft Magazine. I've included a few of his photos.

The car is completely chromed underneath, which cost Frank a tidy sum of \$2,500 from Stockton Plating. It has a 350 Corvette engine and a 1956 Ford running gear.

Oh yes, before I forget, Frank & Louise also owned the Burnett's Restaurant on Crows Landing Road for 16 years. When I was about 10 my Dad took me to dinner there and said, Barbara Ann, don't buy another hamburger, you order a dinner. I was so shocked because it cost so much for a dinner compared to a hamburger. It cost \$2.25, but it was so good. We missed them when they sold their business.



Frank & Louise were married in 1953. He said he was lucky to find such a great lady to love that supported his car hobby and his "need for speed," as Frank was also quite active in racing.



Photo shown in Modesto Bee May 31, 2011 in shed where Gene Winfield began his career painting cars. The story is about the Century Toppers Car Club and its founding members.



The "40" as it was displayed in the day. The caption under the photo is, "displaying one of the most interesting paint jobs around, Frank Burnett's 40 Ford took the Street Coupe Class hands down."



Frank raced in the Sportsman Class for four years then the Grand Nationals. His racing days were from 1960-1975.

Frank raced number 43. He purchased his race car from Richard Petty just after Petty won Pike's Peak. You guys, have you ever dreamed of driving at Daytona, ask Frank what it's like...he has driven Daytona. Thank you Frank for taking the time to tell me a little about you and your 40 Ford, I had fun talking with you.

AMERICAN CHEVROLET & COOL HAND LUKE'S CAR SHOW 2011

Photos By Jean Cassle & Barbara Stewart



Rick Walker, Ralph Furio



American Chevrolet, Below Ray Coyle

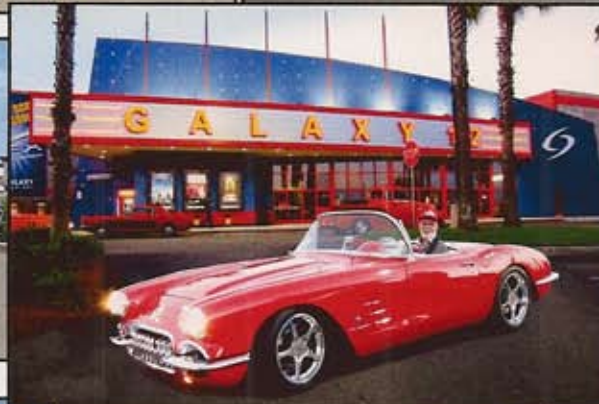
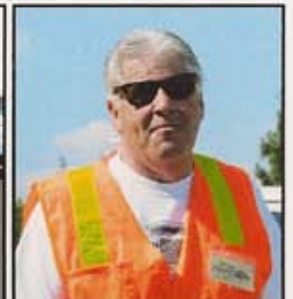


Mike Cassle & his 55 Bel Air

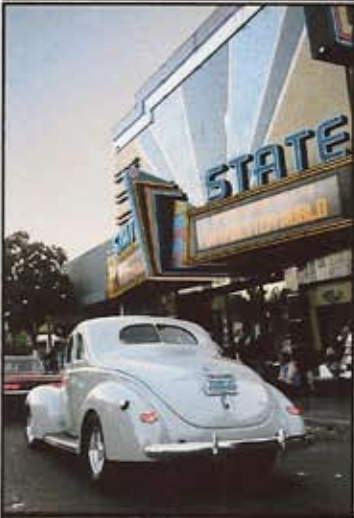


Monday: American Chevrolet
 Tuesday: Cool Hand Luke
 Wednesday: 5 Min Car Wash
 Friday: Cruise
 Sat./Sun MJC Car Show

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Cruisin' 2011





Cool Hand Luke, s con't
 Top L: J. Mercer's 40
 Vicki Flower & Louie
 Steve Pattee's 67 Nova
 Group
 Rick Walker's 55
 Skip Kosewicz's Olds
 Greg Stencil's 55



5 Minute Car Wash



Group Cars
 Louie Wyrsh's Nomad decked
 out by Jewell's picnic.
 Don & Gloria's 49 Cad
 Mike & Janice VanWey's 56
 Group

**Sam Autry's Saturday Break-
 fast will be held the 1st Satur-
 day of each month until further
 notice.**



Glen & Sandy Wild's Ford



Don & Margie Wood's 37 Ford



Louie & Jewell Wyrsh's 57 Nomad

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 2 *July Party & Meeting at Louie & Julie Wyrsh Home*
- 23 *McFarm Tour — See Info Below. Hosted by Jack Flower (531-3495).*
- 17 Stockton-Swap Meet & Car Show, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
- 24 Lodi— 4th Annual One Eighty Rods & Ribs, One Eighty Teen Center, 17 W. Lockeford St. 11-3. Entry 25— free meal.
- 24 Elk Grove—Sacramento American Classics Car Show, 8840 Southside Ave. 4th Annual Benefit for Project Ride. entry fee \$15—Vehicles 74 & older 10-2.
- 26-30 Grants Pass Oregon-Back to the 50's celebration, charity car show & classic car cruise. Entry fee \$30.

AUGUST

- 6 Lodi-6th Annual Stuck in Lodi Car Show sponsored by American Steel Car Club, pre 73 vehicles, fee \$30.
- 7 Sacramento—Classic Car & Parts Swap Meet (Arco Arena) 6 am—4 pm formerly Reno Swap Meet 916-955-8777
- 20 Folsom—Graffiti Night Sutter Street 1-8 pm, entry fee \$25, music, awards 916-988-6376
- 20-21 Turlock—Summer Swap Meet and Car Show, Stanislaus Fair Grounds
- 26-27-28 Pleasanton—25th Annual Goodguys West Coast Nationals, 72 and older, car show & swap meet.

Message From the Board:

Club Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of each month @ 7 PM. We are searching for a larger meeting place.

July 28 — Club Will Meet @ Perko's on Patterson Rd. & Oakdale Road in Riverbank

August 25—Ice Cream Social @ the home of Mike & Jean C Bring picnic
supper/snacks @ 5 pm. They will provide water & Lemonade or you can BYOB. Old cars welcome.

Board Meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at a club member's home.

July 14—Board Meeting, will be at Joe & Barbara S

August 11 - To be determined.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to You!

JUNE

- 3 Sam A
- 5 Kerry W
- 8 Dorothy K
- 12 Bonnie K
- 13 June B
- 21 Jeannie W
- 24 Gary W
- 26 Kathy F
- 27 Lee G

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Phil & Alberta C
- 16 Brian & Lisa F
- 17 Bob & Barbara M
- 19 Richard & Nancy J
- 20 Jerry & Terree B
- 24 Gordon & Becky E
- 26 Dave & Doris G
- 27 Jack & Vicki F
- 29 David & Pat G

JULY

- 4 Chuck & Paulette I.
- 7 Bobby G
- 7 Dave G
- 13 Nicole W
- 17 Skip K
- 22 Frank B
- 24 Don F
- 26 Barbara S

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Mike & Jean C
- 7 Rick & Val V
- 19 Glen & Sandy W
- 24 Gary & Wendy P
- 28 Steve & Karri P

McFarm Tour (Local) JULY 23 TOUR & LUNCH Hosted By Jack & Vicki F

We have been invited to the home of a friend with a unique car collection & memorabilia, old banners, motorcycles and parts. Mock 50's town. The tour will probably take one or two hours then we will go to Lunch.

MEET: 10 AM
**DEPART: FROM 76 GAS STATION ON
KEYES & GOLDEN STATE
ROADS.**
LUNCH: To Be Determined