



August 2026

Hello Cruisers...

Keep It On The Road”

Back in the day, a man didn’t build a hot rod just to let it sit in pieces. You tuned it, tweaked it, maybe painted flames on the fenders if you were feeling wild—but most of all, you drove it. That is the whole point.

These days, too many of us get caught up in the teardown. One bolt turns into ten, and before you know it, your pride and joy’s up on jack stands for the third summer in a row. All for a “quick” winter project that started in 2019.

Truth is that projects always take longer than planned. And the bigger the dream, the longer the timeline. So, take it slow, keep it running, and enjoy it between upgrades. These machines were made to rumble down the road, not collect dust in the garage.

So shine her up, tighten what rattles, and hit the blacktop. Because there ain’t no trophy like the looks you get at a red light.

We are in the planning stages for:

- ❖ Newark Days Car Show and Classic Cruisers Annual Club Picnic Sept 19th
- ❖ San Mateo, FezOrama Shriners Show, Oct 4th
- ❖ Christmas Party! Save The date Saturday December 12th. (Club Members Only)

If anybody is interested in being a **“Members Spotlight”** in one of our newsletters contact myself or Donny Tofft.

SICK CALL:

Continue to keep our Classic Cruisers family and friends in our prayers and well wishes. Even those who choose to stay silent are still part of the circle and we want to lift them up with the same love, strength, and respect.



See you at our next meeting July 15th & August 19th Location TBD

SARGE

Check out our website classiccruisersusa.org for our monthly newsletter, gallery, and more.

Upcoming Events

- Fremont, Roses 🌹 Cars & Coffee, Lloyds Donut Kitchen, 1st Saturday Every Month 08:00-11:00
 - August 1st/Sep 5th
- Niles Flying A, 2nd Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
 - Sep 13th/Oct 11th
- Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 4th Wednesday Every Month 3:00-7:00
 - Aug 26th
- San Leandro, Elia's 2nd & 4th Thursday 3:30 until dusk
 - Aug 13th & 27th/Sep 10th & 24th

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- Aug 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Reno, HAN
- Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Turlock, Swap-meet
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Union City, Larry O Show
- Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Hot August Niles Show
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Fremont, Don King Memorial Car Show
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Castro Valley Cruise Night
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Pleasanton, Goodguys
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Cal State East Bay, ValerieBrown Memorial Car Show
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Danville, Hot Summer Sunday Car Show
- Sep 5<sup>th</sup> Alviso, Santos Family (Last Car Show)
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Willow Glen, Goombas Car Show
- **Sep 19<sup>th</sup> Newark Days and Club Picnic & BBQ**



- Sep 26<sup>th</sup> Livermore, Altamont Cruisers Car Show

***"Our Sister Club Established  
"1974"***



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# Wagenman's 57 Ford Country Sedan

BY: DONNY TOFFT



- 312 Y-BLOCK
- 245 HP
- 4 DOOR
- 6 PASSENGER
- 3 SPD AUTO
- POWER
- STEERING

**F**ord's 1957 Country Sedan is an American classic full size mid-level station wagon part of Ford's line up during the peak of big family oriented cars built for highway cruising and hauling families. Positioned between the base Ranch Wagon and less flashier than the upscale Country Squire the Country Sedan was the essential, practical option offering similar mechanics, but simpler trim. The long, low body with pronounce tail fins, single headlights, wide grill and clean side trim made it one of Ford's best selling wagons and an instant hit. Features included: seats up to 9 passengers with rear-facing third row, fold down rear seat for cargo and two piece dual action tailgate. Compared to earlier wagons the 57 looks more modern and aggressive which is why it's become popular with the classic car community and collectors today.

*SINGLE HEADLIGHT AND WIDE GRILL (BELOW) AND PRONOUNCED TAIL FINS (ABOVE) MAKE IT ONE OF FORD'S BEST SELLING WAGONS.*



**D**ale Wagenman's 1957 Ford Country Sedan Model 79D is a 4 door 6 passenger model. Sporting a 312 cubic inch Ford Y-Block V8 producing 245 horsepower backed by a Ford-o-matic 3 speed automatic transmission. A Carter AFB carburetor and dual exhaust complete the power package. Suspension up front uses angle-poised ball joints with rubber-bushed pivot points and the rear is handled with leaf springs. The rear differential is the 1st year of the Ford 9 inch with 3:54 gearing, drum brakes and bias ply tires all around complete the chassis. Power

steering, windshield washers, Town & Country signal seeking radio and heater are the only accessories that came with the wagon. Dale says that "the car has been in the same family since 1957". His father bought it brand new. The original style-tone exterior white and metallic brown paint with fairlane style trim complements the all original stock





interior and was manufactured at the Ford Milpitas, California plant. I don't plan on restoring the car but will continue to preserve and enjoy the car, he admits. "This car is a true survivor". When he was a young boy with a paper route his father would occasionally drive him around to deliver his papers while he sat on the back tailgate and throw the papers to the front door of his customers. Another fond memory Dale shared was, my brother, sister and I would put on our pajamas and we would go to the drive-in theater with our parents, while watching the movie we would all fall asleep in the back of the wagon with our blankets and when we got home our father would have to carry us to bed".



EARLY 70'S JEFFERSON HIGH STICKER IS PROUDLY DISPLAYED SHOWING DALE'S ALMA MATER WHERE HE DROVE IT TO SCHOOL.

**D**ale has been a member of the Classic Cruiser family since 2001 and was recruited to join by "Gotta Go Gil". and enjoys the camaraderie of the other members. As a retired truck driver for 44 years he spends his time with his 8 grandkids and working on his old cars. Also in the stable is a 1954 Ford Victoria 2-door hardtop.

I truly enjoyed our meeting together and appreciate Dale giving me the opportunity to feature his very cool wagon. This solid, original "Time Machine" has all the right patina in all the right places and if it could speak would tell stories of great adventure, daily driving and being loved and well cared for for over 70 years.



312 CI Y-BLOCK PRODUCING 245 HORSEPOWER



NILES MAIN STREET  
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# CAR SHOW ETIQUETTE

ASK BEFORE  
YOU TOUCH



DON'T LEAN  
ON THE RIDE



RESPECT  
THE PAINT



COMPLIMENT  
THE OWNER



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DRINKS AWAY



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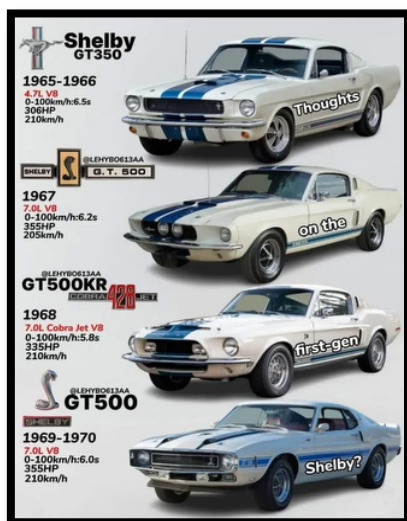
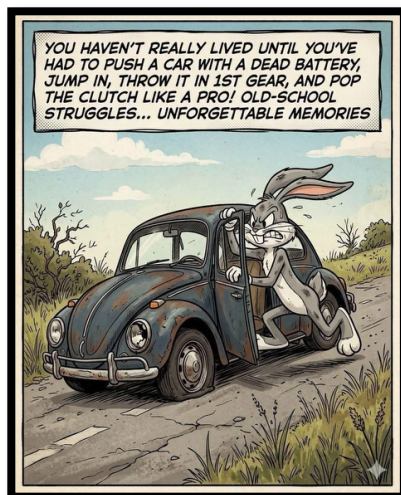


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## "Just Stuff" "



# Mission Statement

Since 1997:

Our club promotes camaraderie and enthusiasm for the classics, custom automobiles, trucks to bring back the memories of the past. The pride we have for our vehicles is shared with the community, by participating in car shows for local charities and civic organizations. The Classic Cruisers help spread goodwill and friendship through the pride and passion of the classic and custom cars we own. We hold weekly car gatherings during the summer months on Fridays 3:30 – 6:30 at the corner of Newark Blvd. and Jarvis Blvd. Safeway shopping center Newark. We hold an annual car show in May of each year. We enjoy sharing interests in all types of cars. We welcome all car owners and invite anyone interested in becoming a member to ask any member for more information.

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