

May 2026

Hello Cruisers…

We are gearing up for our 24th Annual Car Show on Saturday, May 16th, and we are asking for your help!

We are currently seeking SPONSORS to help make this event a success. Sponsorships are the fuel that keeps our club running and allow us to give back throughout the year.

Your support helps fund programs and community organizations such as:

• LOV Newark

• Crippsmas Place Charity Fundraiser

• Toys for Tots Drive

• Our Local Fire Department

• And many other club and community events

When you sponsor our show, you're not just supporting cars you are supporting our community.

If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please coordinate with Denise LaCentra, our Sponsor Chairwoman.

Let us make year 24 our best one yet!

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

We are in the planning stages for:

- ❖ Newark Days Car Show

HELP WANTED For Our Car Show:

- *Set Up/Tear Down*
- *Parking*
- *Raffle table!*
- *Registration*
- *Garbage pickup throughout the day*
- *Sponsors*

SICK CALL

Continue to keep our Classic Cruisers Family and Friends, in your prayers and well wishes!

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See you at our next meeting April 15th, El Patio Restraunt 37311 Fremont Blvd. @ 7:00. Shoot the breeze, eat something from 6:00-7:00

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
    - May 2nd/June 6th
- Niles Flying A, 2nd Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
    - May 9th/June 13th
- Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 4th Wednesday Every Month 3:00-7:00
    - May 27th/June 24th/July 22nd/Aug 26th
- Livermoore, Altamont Cruisers Monthly Cruise-In. Last Saturday of the month, 3:00-6:00
    - May 30th/June 27th/July 25th/Aug 29th/Sep 26th
- Willow Glen Cars & Coffee 1st Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
    - May 3rd/June 7th/July 5th/Aug 2nd

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- May 2nd Silicon Valley Cruise
- May 3rd Turlock Swap-meet
- May 3rd Niles Spring Fling Car Show
- May 10th "Happy Mothers Day"
- ***May 16th Classic Cruisers 24th Annual Car Show***
- May 25th Memorial Day
- May 31st Pleasanton, Norms BBQ Car & Vintage Bicycle Show
- June 20th Castro Valley Car Show




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High School Sweetheart

By Donny Tofft





In August 1978 at the beginning of his senior year of high school Tony saved his money and secured financing to purchase his 1969 Pontiac Firebird 400 coupe for a modest sum of $2200.00 from a Hayward car dealership. The vehicle adorned in a yellow paint job featured a three-speed automatic transmission and stock interior and suspension.

Over the years Tony underwent a series of transformations on the Firebird. In 1980 he stripped down the daily driver and repainted it in a fresh yellow. He acquired a stock original 400 hood and installed Enkei 15 x 7 wheels.

During the mid-1980s, the Firebird underwent another refresh. It was totally disassembled, stripped down, and meticulously repainted in a brilliant lacquer red within the confines of Tony's garage. His dedication struck again in 1989 he underwent an engine overhaul including the installation of headers, an aluminum intake, and a four-barrel carburetor. While the engine was out of the car being overhauled



Left: *The early days painted yellow with Enkei wheels, knock-offs and traction bars.*

Below: *A sad August 2018 day coming home from the Good Guys Car Show the unfortunate happens.*



he sprayed the engine compartment with a gloss black paint, cleaned and detailed it before reassembly. In the late 90's with a urethane base coat clear coat the car received another complete paint job in a brilliant red. It was time to attack the interior and in 2009, with the help of Stitch on Wheels seats, door panels, carpet and the instrument panel were freshened up and the stock 400 rally gauges were added. In the mid 2010's the suspension was the focus and Hotchkis sport suspension was installed with 1 1/2" lowering springs and leafs. Wilwood 4 wheel disc brakes were added shortly after and finished off with Torque Twister 17x7 - 235's up fronts and 17x8 - 245's in the rear. A 10 bolt posi with 411 gears and 5 speed manual finish off the drive train.

The unfortunate happened on the way home from a Good Guys show in August of 2018 when a car pulled out in front of him and with nowhere else to go Tony hit the car wrecking the front end. Not to be discouraged he once again disassembled the car took the shell to Steve Silva's Auto Body and Restoration where they sourced and replaced the sub frame, grill, bumper, fenders and spray it in a beautiful Porsche Guards Red. He brought the finished shell back to his garage and reassembled it better than ever. Tony grew up in Newark, join the Classic Cruisers USA in 2011 and became VP 4 years ago. He enjoys the camaraderie and friendship the club offers and enjoys water skiing, jet skiing and camping. Tony mentioned that one of his biggest achievements was being awarded 2nd place at the 1989 Oakland Grand National Roadster show. "The most rewarding and proudest part was that I did all the work myself" he says humbly. "I'm pretty much done with it" he added "I still want to be able to cruise and enjoy it." Tony is a unpretentious guy with many talents and wears many hats for our club. A true honor hearing Tony's long journey with his bird and all the success and attention it receives. The craftsmnship and attention to detail are outstanding. "Well Done Mr. Vice President!"



Goodguys Judge's Pick and Award of Excellence are just a couple of the many awards Tony and the Firebird have brought home.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Ford ELITE

"Cruise To Jims Country Style Restaurant"


















Ronnie's Morning Get Together
CAMBRIAN PARK PLAZA
FEB. 14TH






















East Bay Ford F-100
13th Annual
Halfmoon Bay Run
Robert Martinez Memorial















“Model A’s”









“32 Fords”









Classic Cruisers

FRIDAY NIGHT HANGOUT























“Just Stuff” “



Never regret a
day in your life:
good days give happiness,
bad days give experience,
worst days give lessons,
and best days
give memories.







A young Isky posing with his Model T Roadster. It's powered by a flathead V-8 wearing a set of Maxi cylinder heads that moved the exhaust valve from the block into the head. The roadster is currently on display in the Museum of American Speed. *Historic Vehicle Association*

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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