



## July 2026

### ***Hello Cruisers...***

We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for making our 24th Annual Car Show such a huge success!

To all our participants — thank you for bringing your incredible vehicles and sharing your passion, pride, and hard work with everyone who attended.

To our volunteers and staff — your dedication behind the scenes kept everything running smoothly. From the raffle booth, parking attendants, registration booth helpers, DJ John Pappas and Dave for the awards presentation and everyone who stepped in wherever needed, we truly could not have done it without you.

***Special Thanks to Denise LaCentra, Ron Brutvan and Tony Vargas for all the hard work behind the scenes pre-show!***

A special thank you to Dino's generous staff for providing breakfast and helping kick off the day in a terrific way.

To our sponsors — thank you for your generous support and for adding so much value to this event.

To our judges — thank you for your time, fairness, and for appreciating every detail that went into these amazing vehicles.

And finally, to our amazing attendees and community — thank you for showing up, supporting the event, and helping create such a welcoming and exciting atmosphere for everyone.

This event would not have been possible without all of you. Thank you again for making our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show one to remember! 🚗🏆

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***We are in the planning stages for:***

- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> of July 🇺🇸 Pancake Breakfast, Alameda County Fire 🔥 Dept. ***(We are the host club, this is for Club Members Only)***
- ❖ Newark Days Car Show, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ San Mateo, FezOrama Shriners Car Show, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

### **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 June 17<sup>th</sup> Location TBD**

### **SARGE**

Check out our website [classiccruisersusa.org](http://classiccruisersusa.org) for our monthly newsletter, gallery, and more.



# Upcoming Events

- Fremont, Roses 🍷 Cars & Coffee, Lloyds Donut Kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Every Month 08:00-11:00
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>/August 1<sup>st</sup>/Sep 5<sup>th</sup>
- Niles Flying A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
  - July 12<sup>th</sup>/Aug
- Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Every Month 3:00-7:00
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup>/Aug 26<sup>th</sup>
- San Leandro, Elios 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 3:30 until dusk
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>/Aug 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

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- **July 4<sup>th</sup> 🇺🇸 Newark, Alameda County Fireman's Pancake Breakfast. We are the host club (Club Cars Only)**
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Stockton, Swap-meet
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Hayward, Super Auto Upholstery Car Show
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Redwood City, American Legion Car show
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Gustine, Linguica Run
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Union City, Kennedy Park, Nor Cal Carpenters Union Car & Bike Show
- Aug 1-8 Reno, HAN
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Union City, Larry O. Show
- Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Niles, Hot August Nile's Show



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NO. 4

# AMERICAN ICON 32 FORD 5-WINDOW DEUCE COUPE

- 305 CHEVY
- TURBO 350
- FORD 8"
- KILBOURNE  
BODY
- HEIDT'S IFS
- HIGH BOY

By Donny Tofft

**A** true American Hot Rod Icon: The 1932 Ford Coupe, or "Deuce Coupe", named for the "2" in 1932, is an iconic American car famously introducing the affordable flathead V8 engine. Its lightweight steel body and 65-horsepower V8 made it the ultimate post-WWII hot-rodding canvas. The 5-window variant is distinguished by its two door windows, two back windows and one rear window look providing a sleek, sportier minimalist design. In the 1940s and 50s, veterans and youths modified these cars often chopping the roof and adding more power making them staples of California dry lake racing, drag racing and a



*Dino's Friday night hangout*

symbol of American automotive youth, freedom and a rebellious culture. It was immortalized by The 1963 Beach Boys song "Little Deuce Coupe" and the featured car in the 1973 George Lucas film American Graffiti.

**L**arry and Becky Strouse's example of that iconic custom deuce coupe is one to be truly admired. A fully boxed American Stamping Rails frame provides the foundation. Heidt's superide independent up front with discs was matched with a Ford 8"

tri-link using Aldan coil overs for that perfect stance. The 5 window coupe sports a small block chevy 305 with Edelbrock performer intake, 600 cfm carb





and mild cam. HEI ignition, block hugger headers and turbo mufflers for that classic rumble. Power transfers through a turbo 350 with a shift kit and remote cooler. Keeping things cool is a Walker Cobra Z-series radiator with 16" electric fan. Chrome brackets and alternator, billet air cleaner, pulleys and the Edelbrock finned valve covers complete the engine bay. Fully polished American Torque Thrust 14x6 front and 15x8 rear handle the General XP2000 185/70 front and 255/70 tires. A Kilbourne Rod Shop 3" chop graffiti style body with steel Rootlieb hood was sprayed in a stunning PPG Deltron single stage 1992 Chrysler Viper Red with white and yellow flames pin striped in purple complement this show stopper. Interior was wrapped in cloth/vinyl sandstone using Trans Am seats. VDO gauges, Vintage heat and air, tilt column add to the comfort. Added features include power windows, door openers,

am/fm cassette and tinted glass.

**L**arry and Becky bought the coupe in 2010 in Hemet, CA and Larry drove it home with their two sons. They have been Classic Cruiser members for 6-7 years and enjoy the clubs events and socials and they participate generously in the Christmas toy run and Cripps court cruise. When I asked Larry how he got interested in hotrods he said he "purchased off his parents a 55 Chevy in high school and changed the motor out and began cleaning it up". At the young age of 20 Larry was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam to serve our country. Thankfully upon his return he spent the next 37 years working for Cal Trans working as a lead worker supervisor and specialized in bridge work, welding and operated heavy equipment. Other interests outside of hotrods are 5 grandkids (1 on the way), camping, lake and stream fishing and are members of the Elks Lodge. First off I would like to thank Larry for his

service and for taking the time to give me the opportunity to feature him. It is a real pleasure to get to know him better and I enjoy hanging out at our Friday Dino's get togethers. This deuce coupe is stunning in every way and I hope they both enjoy that hotrod for many years.



Small Block Chevy 305 / Turbo 350

# Classic Cruisers USA May 7th & 8th San Antonio CAR SHOW 2026





## 18th Silicon Valley Cruise

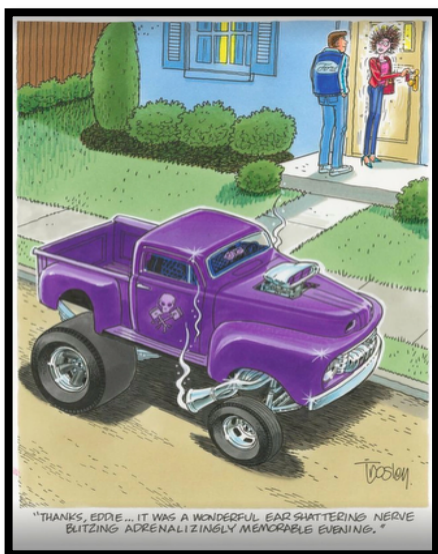
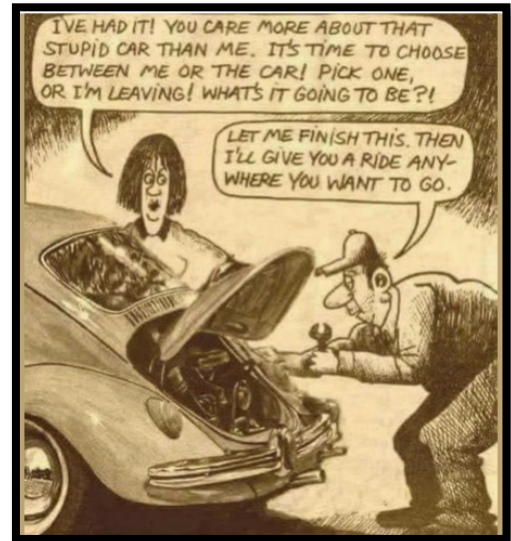
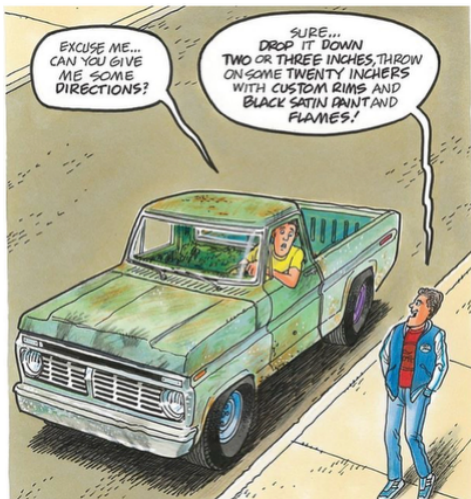
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Silicon Valley Chapter



## "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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