



Southwest Classic Car Club

~ Things To Do ~

2/21/2025 Friday - New Cruise In at IHOP Restaurant, 7061 S Desert Blvd., (at the Outlet Mall) 6 to 9 PM, 3rd Friday of Every Month

2/22/2025 Saturday - Cruise In at NAPA, 5500 Doniphan at Redd Road, 9:00 am - Noon. 4th Saturday Every Month

3/1/2025 Saturday - 3rd Annual Thunder Car Show, (Zia Middle School) 1300 West University Avenue, Las Cruces, NM, 12:00 PM ~ Mr. Torres (915) 216-9614

3/1/2025 Saturday - Twin Peaks Restaurant Car Gathering, 955 Sunland Park Drive, El Paso, TX 11 am - 2 pm.

3/8/25 Saturday - Caffeine & Octane Car Gathering at the corner of North Mesa Street at Balboa from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

3/15/25 Saturday - Arrive & Shine & Dine: Car Gathering at Rudy's Bar-B-Q Restaurant at the corner of 6401 South Desert Blvd and Artcraft, El Paso, TX from 9:00 - 11:15 am.

3/22/2025 Saturday - Cruise In at NAPA, 5500 Doniphan at Redd Road, 9:00 am - Noon. 4th Saturday Every Month

3/29/2025 Saturday - Sun City Car, Truck & Bike Show, VFW Post 10354, 9170 Cananea, El Paso, TX, 12 pm - 4 pm

4/5/2025 SATURDAY - CLUB TOUR: Smokin' Oldies Car Show at Courthouse Park, Deming, NM. Show Info: Derinta Holly (575) 494-7072

4/19/2025 Saturday - Festival of Fords Car Show, Sunland Park (Casino), NM. Arthur (575) 317-4324 svtmustangelite.com

4/26/2025 Saturday - Sisbarro Spring Fest Car Show, 425 W Boutz Rd., Las Cruces, NM, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Jeff Jansen (920) 248-1122

4/27/2025 SATURDAY - CLUB TOUR: "Go fly a kite" at the Westside Community Park, 7400 High Ridge Dr., El Paso, TX. 11 am



Provided by Rick B.



Provided by Linda

The club had another great Monthly Tour on February 15, 2025. Thank you to Rick B. for organizing lunch at the Riviera Cocina & Cantina Restaurant, 5218 Doniphan Drive, El Paso, TX. Thirteen members met at the restaurant and enjoyed good conversation and food! After the tasty lunch, members drove to the Keystone Heritage Park, 4200 Doniphan Drive, El Paso, TX. It was a nice sunny day to visit the Botanical Garden which is home to desert plants and wildlife.



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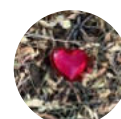
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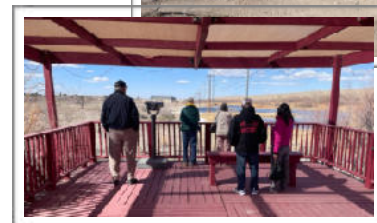
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On February 8th, 2025 a few club members attended the "Caffeine & Octane Car Gathering" at the corner of North Mesa Street and Balboa. It was a beautiful day, good overall attendance...



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See the link below for a video Ed O. created of the event.

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A Member's Car Story by Rick B.

In 1968, a few months after I was discharged from a 3-year hitch in the Army, I made my way back to Southern California and enrolled in College again. On the weekends, I'd ride my motorbike around the neighborhood, looking for "old cars." I found a few pretty interesting ones, but none in my price range.



Purchased my 1931 De Luxe Tudor Sedan on May 2, 1968
from Ed Seaburg of Canoga Park California for \$100

Finally, I stopped in front of an old house just three blocks away from my apartment. Beyond the gate, I saw the back of a car under a tree, on blocks, with no wheels. It looked like a Model A. As I was looking at the car, I spotted an old man in the yard. I asked if the car was for sale. He was 88 years old and had owned the Tudor sedan since 1942. The license plates on the car were from 1951.

He'd been refusing to sell it for years, but as "luck" would have it, he'd been told by his doctor to move out of the LA area to a less smoggy climate. "I'll have to get \$100 for it", he warned. I smelled a good deal! Except for the wheels and tires, the car was amazingly complete - only the rear bumpers, the radiator cap, and the oil filler cap were missing! It was a complete rust ball, but otherwise it was mummified and complete.

I borrowed some 18" wheels and tires from a friend in the Model A club and got her up on wheels. A friend with a 1957 Chevy towed me the three blocks to my apartment.

With my limited funds as a college student and part time worker, I was able to get the car running within a year and began cleaning and searching for parts.

After graduation, got a job in San Francisco and drove the car there, 400 miles on US 101, getting 19 mpg and 100 miles on a quart of oil.

Over the next 20 years, with several moves and 2 wives, and several jobs, I finally completed the restoration in 1993, just in time for my 24-year old daughter's wedding in San Mateo California. She hadn't seen the car in over 15 years and was amazed at the restoration. A friend chauffeured them from the Church to the Wedding Reception.



I've been enjoying "Betsy" in her restored condition for over 30 years. She's part of the family.

On a beautiful warm day, a couple club members participated in a Cruise on February 6, 2025 with other Car Owners. The cruise started in Canutillo, TX across from the Speedway gas station at 10:30 am, then they drove the scenic Country Road NM-28 to the Sonic Drive-In in East Anthony, TX. ~ Great conversation and good exercise for the cars !!! ~



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