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WEST COAST NATIONALS



Jim Vickery Photos

ABOVE A large amount of food and wine simply vanished during the GoodGuys feast — but no one at this end of the table could identify the culprits.
RIGHT These guys weren't much help either...what are THEY grinning at?

Good Times at Annual GoodGuys P-Town Event

The GoodGuys 25th Anniversary West Coast Nationals drew larger crowds than we've ever seen. For many years, the cut-off date for cars was 1948. It was later jumped to 1957, and then this year to 1972. While the late model rides were an interesting addition to the event, the *real* action, as usual, was over on the lawn under the wide shade cloth, with the Santa Cruz Woodies gang. *More photos next page...*



GOODGUYS P-TOWN

Jim Vickery Photos



LEFT Walt and Nancy Nakamura always set-up this da kine display. Google Kualapuu Town, you can't get more country.



RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM It takes heavy-duty organizing to stage a feast for all the woodie folks and friends. Marilyn Bowman, Sue Vickery and Katie Atwood go over logistics... while pit bosses Doug Yugo and Jim Alves wait for the charcoal to turn gray. Line up boys, it's time to chow down.



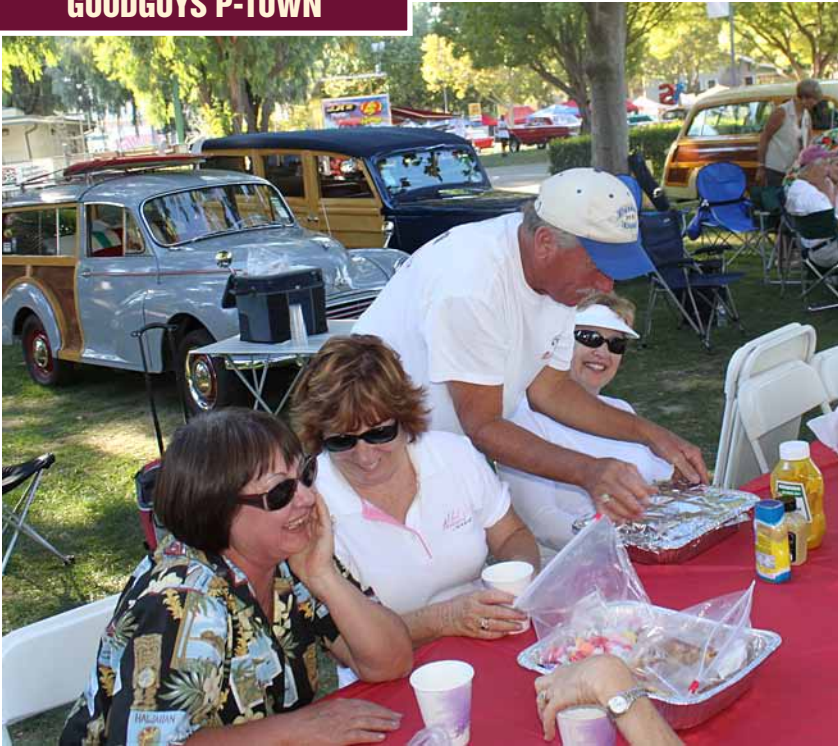
ABOVE Host and SCW member Gary Meadors provides us reserved parking in a grassy area with tons of shade — right in the center of the show. It's a pretty nice place to hang out when the temperatures lift into the nineties as they did this year.



ABOVE Tablecloths? At a picnic? You bet, this is the Santa Cruz Woodies and we are a class act. Just ask Membership Director Dottie Teague.



GOODGUYS P-TOWN



Jim Vickery

LEFT Can you hear the giggles? The gals met this handsome young waiter at a Chippendale's in Southern California and, on a whim, invited him up to the event. Can you imagine? He accepted.

BELOW Cheech & Chong go surfin'. Maybe it's my Inland Empire roots, but I REALLY dig this visored, tail-dragging, white-walled, fastback Chebbie. Pour me a 'CHELADA homes!

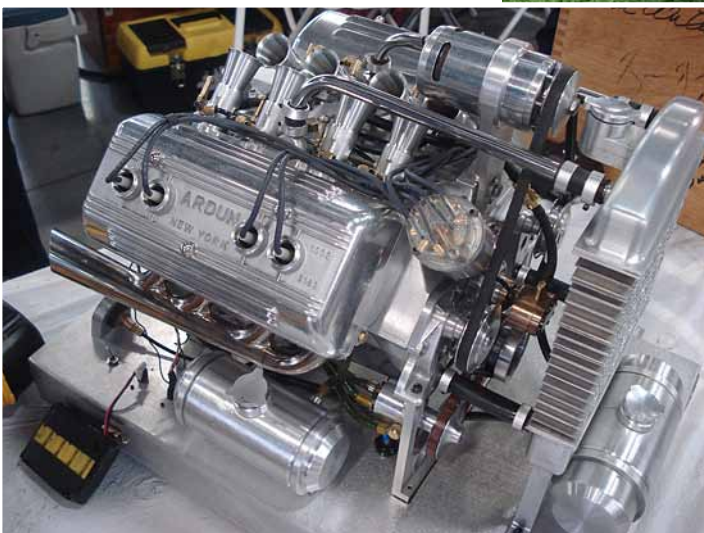


"Boones"

RIGHT Although he didn't choose to park with us, this guy builds some nice cars. I was told he paints all his woodies this color. Definitely a man of taste.



Dave Welles



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LEFT This little injected Ardun-flathead ran like a banshee. It was about ten inches long. The national meet-up of scale model machinists was held on the grounds of the event, and this motor was just one of dozens being demonstrated. One of the highlights was a scale model Duesenberg touring car that was fully detailed, right down to its running engine, shifting transmission, and operating gauges. Bumper-to-bumper the car was under two feet long.

Unknown Guy Nuptials Highlight Beach Event

Editor's Note: SCW member Ken Gilmour picked up his nickname when he was identified as "Unknown Guy" in a hastily-written caption in the Termites Times. Malibu Bill Sampson reports from Santa Barbara:

On Ken's 60th birthday, the same summer the infamous photo caption appeared, every one of his gifts was addressed to the *Unknown Guy*. Ken turned to me and said "This isn't going away is it?" It's a moniker that will undoubtedly grace his tombstone.

At *Woodies at the Beach* this summer Ken wed Pattie Fischer in a beautiful ceremony at which Reverend Moon(er) officiated.

To top it off, something simply PERFECT occurred. Pattie is part of a hula dance troupe, which performed for the crowd following the ceremony. At the conclusion of their three numbers their instructor announced how happy the troupe was for Pattie and, WITH THE MICROPHONE STILL ON, leaned over and asked what the name of the groom was. You can imagine the response from his friends. It couldn't have been funnier if it'd been planned.



Dave Holmes Photos

ABOVE Newlyweds Pattie & Jim "U.G." Gilmour.

FAR LEFT Malibu Bill and Rosemary Sampson in the spirit of the day.

LEFT Dave Holmes' Marmon-Herrington Mercury made it up to Santa Barbara for the festivities.



Bob Barbour



Alan Hilton

DOUBLE HALF-CAFF LATTE EXTRA FOAM



Jim Vickery'S Camera/Shooter Unknown

Sunday Morning Starbucks Round-Up

Prez Loren Steck has been encouraging members to organize club get-togethers. They're an opportunity to get the cars out and limbered up, and a chance to visit with friends in a casual, no-host setting. Mike Ginn, Phil Iatomase, Jim Alves and Jim Vickery did just that. They set a date, got on the horn, and rounded up a gang for coffee at the Starbucks in Menlo Park. It turned out great and, hopefully, we'll see more of these.



ABOVE Steve Stern, Jim Alves buddy from Atherton, arrived in his 1939 White Touring bus from Yellowstone National Park.

LEFT Shobox City. Three of your editor's favorites, all lined up together.

RIGHT Ron Wright, Mike Ginn and Loren Steck discuss the merits of a little Sunday a.m. caffeine and fellowship.

FAR RIGHT Mike and Beverly Dutra made the run up to Menlo Park.



LA SELVA BEACH

WOW Wrap-Up Party

Saturday, August 13, Joe and Arlene Solis hosted the annual *Woodies on the Wharf* wrap-up barbecue. Along with good friends and great food, it's an opportunity to review what went right (seldom does anything go wrong) at the WOW event.



Jim Vickery photos



ABOVE Club Secretary Patsy and Howie Benfield rate this event "Da Kine."

LEFT Dave Wilkerson, Alan Hilton and Dorma Baker dig in. This is a potluck and our member/cbejs pull out all stops to demonstrate their culinary competence. The food is incredible.

PATRIOT ACT

Stars and Bars

While the personal politics of our individual club members may range from *Love & Peace* to *Whistling Teapots*, there's no question that we all love our country and appreciate the opportunities it's provided us and our families. Summer events often give us a chance to parade our patriotism.



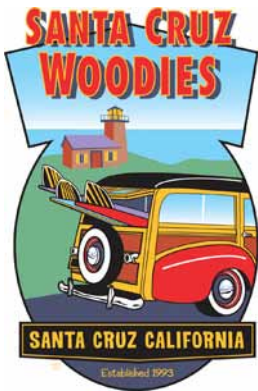
Terry Straehley



Jim Alves

ABOVE Jim and Malinda Alves decked out their '50 Ford with flags and kids to celebrate the 4th of July.

LEFT Mickey and Jo Ann Christiason set up this display at Santa Barbara to honor the 911 victims and first responders. Mickey writes that he's been doing the display at events throughout the year.



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THE PREZ SAYS

It's a Wrap!



Homeland Security

I can tell that summer is over, because here on the coast it must be close to 90 degrees outside. It's hot – well, hot for us wimps who live near the ocean. Earlier this summer, I did brave the real heat in Fresno, where I put new radials on our woodie. Annette and I drove there on bias ply tires, and what a difference! The car drove home in a straight line, except when I actually wanted to turn.

I have some good news about our raffle. The final tally of ticket sales for June's WOW raffle was over \$6,300. We give 90% of the proceeds to charity, and here is how we decided to split it up this year. Your club gave:

- \$1,300 to the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum, a 100% volunteer-run organization which is also the oldest museum of its kind in the world;
- \$1,200 to the Ride a Wave Foundation, another 100% volunteer-run organization that helps children with special needs have a life-changing day at the beach;
- \$1,200 to the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, to support the families of children hospitalized with life-threatening illnesses;
- \$1,000 to O'Neill's Sea Odyssey, a program for 4th-6th graders that teaches a science-based curriculum about the ocean and its relationship to our environment; and
- \$1,000 to the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation, to support its new Education Center in Santa Cruz.

That is a total of \$5,700 -- a lot of meaningful gifts to charitable organizations that are hurting for money in this down economy, and that deserve our support. I hope you feel as good as I do about the good we are able to do with the proceeds from what was a pretty fun day on the Wharf.

Just because it is fall doesn't mean that it is time to put your woodie away. People love to see them going down the road. The waves are sweet this time of year, our monthly happenings are getting started, Doheny Wood will be later this month, and it is time to start planning for the Installation Dinner on January 14. Till then, I'll see you on the road or maybe in the water.

Loren

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Downtown Santa Cruz Christmas Parade 12/3

Meet at the corner of Pacific and Spruce Streets at 8:30 am. We'll have some time to decorate the cars, then the parade begins at ten. Watch for details via eMail. Mele Kalikimaka!



Termite TIDBITS

We just received word of Kathy Lackey's passing. Long-time SCW members, Kathy and husband John's '29 Model A is a fixture on Santa Cruz runs. Each June they welcomed us into their family-operated cabinet shop for assembly of the WOW goodie bags. Our condolences go out to John, and sons, Nathan and Jacob.

Heads Up! Keep your eye on you mailbox. The club will be sending out its annual membership mailing soon. It will contain:

- **Annual Dues Renewal**
- **Club Election Ballot**
- **Installation Banquet Menu and RSVP**

Please pay your dues, vote your ballot, and make plans to attend the upcoming banquet. (It's Saturday, January 16). A stamped return envelope will be included and your prompt response will be appreciated. Thanks!



Joe Cosgrave sent me a load of Art Car photos from this "Unusual Car Parade" in Houston, Texas. They included this beetle-esque woodiemobile. While it obviously features incredible craftsmanship, it begs that perpetual question: "Would they let it into Wavecrest?"

Cheryl Luchsinger has endured a rough road lately. After hospital stays and 35 days on intravenous antibiotics, she's back on her feet. Cheryl and hubby Dave are now off to Maui for some well-deserved R & R. Cheryl is the talented artist that makes the wonderful quilts we raffle each year at W.O.W. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Votes! Dues! RSVPs!

Your ballot for new officers, your membership renewal, and your reservation for the Installation Banquet will all be arriving in the mail soon. Watch for 'em – and if you've moved, be sure to get your new contact information to Dottie Teague. (See Page 7)

COMIN' UP

Fall Doheny Wood

...was last weekend

Sorry, this arrived too late to post.
Did anyone go? Send the *Termite* a report.

Christmas Parade

Santa Cruz, December 3

Contact Arlene Solis 831.761.2428

Installation Dinner

Saturday, January 16

Mark your calendar.
Details and RSVP will be mailed soon.
Contact Jim & Malinda Alves for details

NEW MEMBERS

Tony & Kathy Lloyd

Castro Valley, CA

Sean Riola

Capitola, CA

Chris Thompson

Richmond, CA
1967 Morris Minor Traveller

Dave & Cyndi Krill

Paso Robles, CA
Ford Country Squire 1951
Ford 1946 BR
Model A Wagon 1929

Tony & Kathy Lloyd

Castro Valley, CA

Craig McGovern

Nevada City, CA
Ford 1949

Steve & Shirley Opperman

Ford 1937 M

Sonny Perkins

Spring, TX
Ford 1940 Deluxe

ALOHA!!