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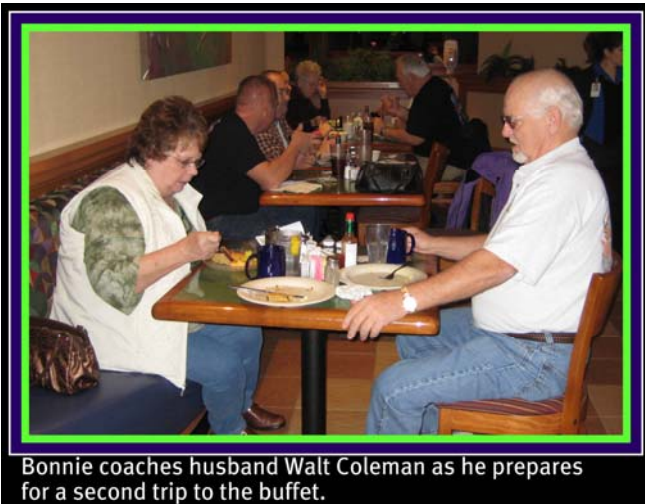
**Car Club**

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## Great Weather for Rolling Hills Ride



Bonnie coaches husband Walt Coleman as he prepares for a second trip to the buffet.



Saturday, February 15, ended up being a beautiful sunny day. We met at Kmart and headed south through the fog, making our way to Corning. We were joined by members of the Cam Club and the Classic Chevy Club.

About 35 car enthusiasts hit the brakes at the buffet at Rolling Hills Casino. After topping off the tanks at the pastry station, some stayed and played, and some were treated to a beautiful drive home through country sunshine.

## T-Shirts

See Deena Tatom if you would like to buy a t-shirt or other Road Knights merchandise.

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Can anyone name this car? It is rusting into infinity in the neighbor's yard behind my house. I have been staring at it for a couple of years and might consider saving it and turning it into a project car. What does anyone think it is worth? Give Kevin a call at 530-227-7060.



Welcome to Kathy & Frank Marquez who have a '46 Ford pickup.

# Calling All Cars

## A Street Rodder's World—Part 1

By Sandy Chambers

When you enter the world of true street rodders, you may feel as though you have entered a strange, new world where dreams become realities. Street rodders are a unique culture unto themselves. You will soon see, as in many cultures, street rodders have their own customs, rituals, dress, language, and of course, a whole set of unique problems.

Let me take you back to where it all began for me. I have always been fascinated with old cars. Even as a child, I preferred the old beauties to a shiny new car any day. Back as far as I can remember, I was always around classics cars. Though I can't remember the makes, models or even what year some of the first classics in my life were, I will never forget that special feeling I got just riding in them.

One of my favorite memories is of a 1958 Volvo station wagon we had when I was in my mid-teens. We called it the Green Hornet. My dad would sometimes let me drive it around the back-roads while we were camping. I even backed it into a tree once, but Dad didn't get upset because it was "just an old car." To me it was everything! I couldn't wait to get my license so I could take it out on the road, with me at the wheel. It was my dream to someday be the proud owner of a real classic car.

The first classic I owned myself was an old green 1954 Ford pickup truck with red rims. The interior was shot when I got it so I used some material I had on hand to redo the headliner and found a sort of matching seat cover. It wound up with a purple 3 inch fur headliner and an ugly purple, green, and brown seat cover. (Gaudy yes, but at



least no dingle balls!) If you were too tall the fur would rub against your head. Needless to say, not too many people wanted to ride in the truck with me. You should have seen my dad the first time he got in it. Without looking first, he jumped in and screamed! I thought he was going to have a heart attack. I guess he thought it was spiders or something equally disgusting. He never rode in it again. Go figure!

The engine was an overhead V-8 and I could make that baby purr like a kitten. It was really just an old beater, but it was mine! That old truck seemed to have a mind and personality of its own. For some reason, it only seemed to want to run right when I was at the wheel. It was a temperamental old cuss, but I loved it anyway. I babied that truck like it was one of my own kids. That is one of the first differences between a street rodder and a "normal person." We feel life in our cars as though they are children or even an extension of ourselves, whereas, to someone else, a car is just a car.

Now, that old truck wasn't even close to being



show quality but I didn't care. It was beautiful to me. I hadn't heard of Street Rodders back then and I didn't really know about the car show scene either. I just knew I had the

loved of the old classics in my heart. I hadn't yet discovered the real joy that comes from owning a show car. That was yet to come and boy was I in for a wonderful surprise!

# French Gulch Ride



There's nothing this newsletter editor enjoys more than eating breakfast out on the weekend. Maybe it's because I'm so unimaginative when come to breakfast variety in my own kitchen. Maybe I'm just not ready to start applying myself until after breakfast. Fortunately, Karen Studva is looking out for me and those of you who don't usually whip up a quick Eggs Benedict for breakfast in front of the TV.

On Sunday, March 20, the Road Knights will be cruisin' to the French

Gulch Hotel to enjoy a hot-n-tasty breakfast. Full breakfasts start at \$5.75 for a scrambled egg breakfast, \$7.75 for omelets or Eggs Benedict, and the Ultimate Brunch for \$12. Or get biscuits and gravy, or a waffle, or French toast for \$4.50. The Sunday Brunch menu is online at [www.frenchgulchhotelbandb.com](http://www.frenchgulchhotelbandb.com). We will meet at Sunset Market and leave at 10:00 a.m.



PHOTOS

Please forward any club event photographs from 2010 to Marilyn Weldin. Call her at 275-5436 or mail the photos to 21444 Squaw Grass Trail, Redding CA 96003.

## 2011 Events Something to Look Forward To

Here is a general list of our events for the year. Details to come.

- February—Will be discussed at February 1 meeting.
- March—Brunch at French Gulch Hotel (see details above)
- April—Kool April Nights
- May—Cops & Rodders
- June—Relay For Life
- July—Picnic in the Park
- August—McCloud Campout
- September—Fall Fever
- October—Lassen Park Loop
- November—Weldin Spaghetti Feed
- December—Christmas Party



## Cops & Rodders

May 21 is the Cops & Rodders Car Show. The proceeds benefit Redding Police Department K-9 Unit and the Police Explorers.

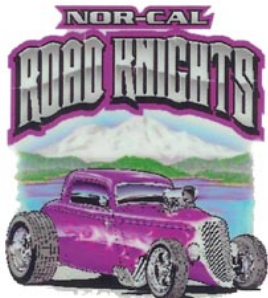
The Road Knights will be serving breakfast and lunch at the show. This year we will be advertising in advance that breakfast will be available, since last year's attendees were taken by surprise and many had already eaten breakfast.

We will need shifts of volunteers for the day. Please contact Darrell Chambers at 241-2136 to sign up.

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT

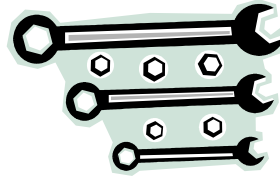
Dues must be renewed by March 1 to continue membership. Dues are \$35 per family this year. Annual dues cover the calendar year and are not pro-rated. A membership form must be completed each year and turned in or mailed to the post office box. Call Mike Frazier at 275-6544 for an application. To sponsor the club through advertising, fill out the bottom section of the application.

**FOR SALE:** Former member Ty Kindall has two Road Knights jackets for sale. One is an XL and one is a XXL. They are \$20 each. They are black satin with a flannel lining and the Road Knights logo on the back. Call Ty at 547-5774.



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**Congratulations** to Michael Flannery for winning \$40 in the 50/50 raffle at January's membership meeting.



Your friendly Sgt at Arms Kevin Tedder is looking for some help with his '56 Bel Air. I was never a "gear head," I just had an appreciation for classics. So I am hoping someone in the club would be willing to mentor me in the ways of "knuckle busting" and classic restoration. I am happy to help work on your car in exchange. I would like to go over my car with someone and come up with a shopping list and priority order then start banging away at it one at a time. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks, Kevin Tedder 227-7060.

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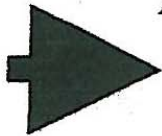
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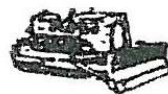
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