

# Nor Cal Road Knights



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**Car Club**  
REDDING, CALIFORNIA

## Delivering Good News

Club Member Gary Lackey received good news on Monday, June 27. He was out camping when he got a call that a liver had been donated and he would be the lucky recipient. Gary's surgery was the next morning. It was a text-book case with no complications. His body seems to be accepting the new liver without any problems and Gary is on his way to a full recovery. He will be placed in a sterile living environment for the next five weeks to give him the best possible chance for recovery. We wish him well and look forward to reuniting with him.

# 50/50

Congratulations to JT Tholke for winning \$52 in the May 50/50 and to Pat Scott for winning \$32 in the June 50/50.

## Relay For Life

The Relay For Life walk at Shasta College was a fun and rewarding event. Many participants thanked the Road Knights for coming out to support them by cooking and giving away burgers and taking place in the walk. Some of our members were there throughout the weekend to show their support. **Special thanks to Kent at Kent's Meat Market for providing hamburger buns and Jeff at Lumberjacks for providing the meat.**



# Like Father, Like Son

BY KEVIN TEDDER



**W**hen my dad was sent to Korea, he owned a '50 Chevy. When he returned home, his brother owned a new boat! I am not sure if his brother figured he was not coming back, or if he just wanted the boat bad and figured his brother would not mind. Either way, that was my dad's first hot rod. A couple of years later he bought a '61 Chevy Impala SS. It had a 348 with three deuces. Dad said it had lots and lots of horsepower and that he did a little bit of street racing with it. Later he sold the Impala, he joined the police force (though the cars they used did not have near the horsepower or speed) and started to raise a family. Although he never replaced that car with another classic, he still has an appreciation for the classics, and in particular that '61 Impala.

Now, I have always been attracted to the tri five Chevy's. I love them all! I had probably stopped and looked at 200 or more tri fives over the years parked on the sides of roads or in people's garages with for sale signs on them before I was able to swing my own. I found my car (a '56 Bel Air 4-door) in someone's driveway in Corning with a for sale sign on it. Like all the others, I stopped to take a look. The body, paint, and other exterior refurbishing had already been done so it looked pretty good from the street in turquoise and white. Upon closer inspection, I found that the front seat was torn and the headliner was barely hanging on, but it was all original. The speedometer read 87,500. At the same time I thought, "Maybe I can actually buy this one," and, "That cannot be the actual mileage." So, I knocked on the door and talked to the wife of the owner. He was a truck driver and was out of town. If I was interested, I would have to come back in a couple of days and strike a deal. Of course, that was the long-



est two days of my life. When he got back, I found that he had lost his job and was selling the Chevy in order to hang onto his Harley. He was asking \$7600 and we settled on \$7200. Now, I only had \$2,000 so I made a down payment and called "Bank 'O Del Toro," otherwise known as my parents. They knew how long I had wanted a tri five, understood that this was a really good deal, knew I was good for it, and agreed to loan me the money. I was now the proud owner of my first classic car!

Now, I am not a mechanic, nor was I a "motorhead" in high school. I am however committed to doing as much work on my car as possible. So, I bought every manual I could get my hands on and have started buying parts, like a new speedometer cable (the mileage was more than 87,500), interior emblems, and next a power front disk brake setup. I am also working on assembling more tools now. I need to get the motor rebuilt, do some suspension work, have the interior done, etc. After visiting Dan Watson's house and seeing his lift, I think I need one of those things also. One thing at a time, and she will be beautiful.

As far as I can tell, once you own one classic, they get in your blood. I still look at tri fives on the side of the road for sale as I would ultimately love to own a '55 two door hardtop and a '57 wagon along with my '56 four door, and I look at other vehicles for sale that I like the look of or that I could make a rat rod out of because given my limited automotive experience I can't screw that up too much. I guess I better learn to weld, huh?

If I ever hit the lottery, the first thing I will buy is a '61 Impala for my dad. He loved that car and I would love to be able to replace it for him. Of course if I ever intend to own all three fives, I might need to hit the lottery, anyway!



# Picnic in the Park

The Roads Knights present the 3rd Annual  
**HOTROD PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
**Anderson River Park**

Sunday, July 31 beginning at 10:00 AM

Bring your own picnic lunch  
& your hotrod or classic car

Grills available for barbecuing

Cruise to Gene's for Ice Cream at 1:00 PM.

Questions?

Call Dan at 515-4876 or Lon at 941-3310 for  
more information.

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## Reservations

The restaurant in McCloud needs to know how many people to expect for dinner on the Saturday night of the campout. For those of you who plan to follow the wagon train up to McCloud in August for the campout, please let Deena Tatom know if you'll be dining out Saturday night. Details at the July meeting.

# 2011 Events

**Something to Look  
Forward To**

Here is a general list of events for the rest of the year. Details to come as each event gets closer.

August—McCloud Campout (get your reservations made now)

September—TBA

October—Lassen Park Loop

November—Weldin Spaghetti Feed

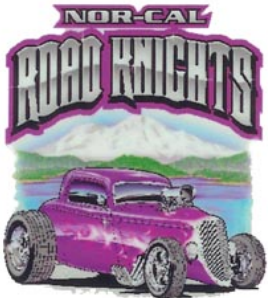
December—Christmas Party



The next general membership meeting is on Tuesday, July 5 at Caldwell Park. Dinner and socializing at 6:00. Please bring a side dish (there's been more dessert than needed). The meeting starts at 7:00.

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