

Nor Cal Road Knights



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Car Club
REDDING, CALIFORNIA

French Gulch Ride

DATE CHANGE!

Now Sunday, March 6. Meet at Sunset Market on Eureka Way. We will leave the parking lot at 10:00 a.m.



Bridge Bay Ride



About 19 people, including two from the Cam Club, rode up to Bridge Bay on Sunday, February 20, for breakfast at the Tail O' the Whale. Thanks to Dave Rudh who brought some coupons, the members had a great breakfast at a great price.

Calling All Cars

A Street Rodder's World—Part 2

By Sandy Chambers

It was in the fall of 1996 that I guess I would call the turning point in my relationship with classic cars. That is when I met this real character some of you may already know. His name was (and still is) Darrell Chambers. He was soon to be the love of my life and my husband!

When we met, he had a beautiful 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery: a true street rod for a true street rodder. Now, you have to understand that just because you may have a classic car, it does not necessarily make you a "Street Rodder." True street rodders are people who plan their lives around car shows, cruises, and other car and club functions. We get up on a frosty spring morning before the sun is even fully awake to meet with other insanely devoted rodders at some pre-scheduled hide-away. Then we hit the road in our trusty and sometimes rusty old street rods, in a line, down long country highways. Some days you might even see us heading down the freeway all spiffed out in our fancy rides.

We generally wind up at some predetermined destination for a bite to eat. Then we all sit around talking about our cars and the shows and events we plan to attend, or just gossip about some poor schmuck who didn't make it to this function. "His car is just an old *Trailer Queen* anyway. He's afraid to drive it for fear he might chip the paint or something. I'll bet those tires have never even seen the road." It's kind of our philosophy that the only reason you put your car on a trailer is if it is riding along behind a motorhome on its way to a distant show or it's broke down on its way to the shop. Otherwise, you **DRIVE** your car! And when a street rodder is not driving to cruises and shows, he can usually be found swapping gossip at a local hang out or in his garage cleaning, painting, or modifying his car so he can show it off the next time he takes it out.

As the wife of a street rodder, I have found that I lead a completely different sort of lifestyle than I was used to. Now my life is planned around car shows and other car related events. For instance, when I was attending a few



classes at Shasta College, I had to plan my class schedule around car events. I couldn't take Tuesday or Thursday night classes. Those were the nights our car club had its meetings or we all got together down at Gene's Drive-in, one of the local hangouts. Even the date of our wedding was planned around car shows! This is what we went through trying to pin down a date for the grand event:

Darrell suggested, "Let's have the wedding the last weekend in July." I replied, "We can't do it that weekend. That's the Quincy show." (I'm glad we went to that show, too! We won, so our '40 was on their next years' T-shirt!) "How's the following weekend look?" "No can do, that's Grants Pass and the weekend after that is the Tahoe show." Finally, after some thought, Darrell announced smugly, "Okay, so how about we get married Labor Day weekend? That's the Last Bash in Reno. We can get married right at the car show! All of our friends will be there anyway! We'll have a captive audience. And we can do our reception with the cake at the fancy banquet they have at the Peppermill!" "Yeah, and we can use the cruise they already have planned to Virginia City as our wedding procession!" I exclaimed.

So, it was settled! We got married at the Last Bash car show in Reno, Nevada. The Obsolete Iron car club was putting the show on

and they were ecstatic when we asked if it would be okay! They decorated the park where the car show/wedding was to be and everything. We decided on a Hawaiian theme for the wedding. It was wonderful! A member of their car club made us an awesome cake that was beautiful and tasty too. During the wedding, they decked out our '40 as well as all of the other hot rods that would be going on the cruise. Karen Studva, who was the treasurer of our car club at the time, was my Maid of Honor. Another member of our club made our bouquets, my floral head wreath, and Darrell's lei. The photographer was a member of the Reno car club. Even the minister was a street rodder from a car club in Minden, Nevada. We still go back to the Last Bash from time to time to celebrate our anniversary with them.

It is not unusual to hear about fellow street rodders scheduling birthday parties, other major family events, and even surgeries around classic car events. Welcome to our world!



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Car clubs are welcome to attend the Kool April Nights Committee meeting on March 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of CR Gibbs at the Best Western Hotel.

The Road Knights will be grillin' up food at the event again this year. Please sign up for a shift to help set up in the morning, barbecue hamburgers, grill hot dogs, help serve lunch, or take down and pack up at the end of the day. We need your commitment to help raise money for the club. It's a fun time, too! Contact Terry Hillenburg at 275-3250 to sign up for a couple of hours. Set up is on Wednesday evening, April 13; grilling on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2011 Events

Something to Look Forward To

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

March 6—Brunch at French Gulch Hotel
April 13 to 16—Kool April Nights
May 21—Cops & Rodders
June 11—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



We're rolling out the red carpet to welcome new members Howard and Terri Stubblefield who own a 1944 Ford Sedan.

See you at the March 1 meeting at Cool Hand Luke's. Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.



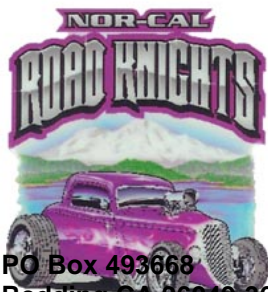
Congratulations to Dan Watson for winning \$25 in the 50/50 raffle at February's membership meeting.

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.



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