



## Altamont Cruisers Newsletter

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### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

Hello fellow Cruisers. At the start of this new year, it's time to think of some fun events you'd like to have. I'd love to get ideas that involve touring somewhere with our cars and ending up at a place where it's possible to socialize with safe distancing. I believe it was at the last meeting I talked about a drive-up Mines Road to the top of Mount Hamilton, where we could meet in the parking lot of the observatory. We could have a nice picnic there.

The picnic we had in the park by Duarte's garage was wonderful. For me, better than actually going to the garage. I think getting out and exercising our cars is as much fun, or more, as the ultimate destination. I don't even think this sort of thing has to be formally planned. Maybe somebody decides I feel like going to XY or Z destination and puts out an email on our website and anybody in the club wants to show up just shows up and goes.

We are blessed with an abundance of wonderful scenic roads in our area and our state, and we should take advantage of that. Maybe it's just to take a little drive through the hills and end up at our favorite restaurant. I want to enjoy driving my cars as long as I can, before the state decides we have to replace them all with bland robotic electric blobs.

Well, that's my rant for this newsletter. Let's all hope that this Covid thing settles down enough that we feel comfortable getting together. Like I tell my customers at the Ford dealership, "it's as much about the people as it is about the cars". Stay safe and I'll see you all soon.

Roger Bramble

### VP REPORT!

I am hoping to get the cars back on the road more this year. I do have a couple ideas that I think would be a good run, like maybe a brunch at Mel's in Brentwood, an overnight Wine run, tailgate run at a park for lunch and try to get Cruise "in going again, hopefully at same location.

I will need help with the Cruise 'ins. I have a few ideas that may work. I'll try to keep you informed of different car shows locally and weekend shows.

It's been a long time since I held an office and I'll give it my best.

*Let's get these cars back on the road!*

Ron Sweet

### Reminder!

Meeting January 11, 2022 at 7:00pm!  
**Important! By-Laws will be voted on!**

At the Livermore Ford Dealer:  
2266 Kitty Hawk Road  
Livermore, CA 94551

### 2022 DUES!

Annual membership renewals are due December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

I'd like to thank all the members who paid prior to the due date, 66% of the membership has renewed. It makes my job as Treasurer so much easier.

I will be sending out a two more emails, one in mid-January and another in mid-February as a reminder to those members who have not paid.

Per the club by laws, memberships not renewed by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the roster and the email distribution.

You can take it to the meeting, or mail it to

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OR just pay online, go to

[www.altamontcruisers.org/members](http://www.altamontcruisers.org/members)

**Thank you, Tom Duprey-Treasurer**

### Latest Roster!!!

You can find the roster by going to the Google group page at <https://groups.google.com>, then select the group "[altamont-cruisers](https://groups.google.com)". The shared folder contains the latest minutes, newsletter, and roster for the club.

### My 1947 Mercury Town Sedan



Around 2003 this original Arizona car experienced a "frame off restoration" (95% completed) but unfortunately the owners had apparently died shortly after, and the car sat outside next to a home in Cottonwood, Arizona for 10 years. The gel-coat paint on the top and one side of the car was fried, and the interior had been cooked and rotten in various places. Those ten Cottonwood, Arizona summers and winters were not kind to this car, I wished I had seen it or met the original owners. In my opinion, it needed to be saved.

I purchased this car September 27, 2013, on Ebay and had it delivered to my brother in Cherry Valley, California for a quick paint job (no body work was needed). Then in August 2014 it was reupholstered in Hayward, California by King Kustom. This was just in time for my oldest daughter's wedding.

Since then, it has also had the brakes re-done (all parts easily available), a steering box rebuild, a new Stromberg carb installed, and 4 new tires. It runs like a top, very reliable but without overdrive it's best that it stays under 55.

### The 1947 Mercury

This basic body styling was used for 5 years 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, and 1948. In 1947 there were 86,363 Mercury Eights produced (43,281 were Town Sedans), about 20% of the Ford production numbers. The 1948 model was almost identical to the 1947 and was the last year for this styling. The completely redesigned 1949 Mercury introduced the famous 'lead sled' models made so famous in movies to this day.



The 1947 Mercury Town Sedan originally cost \$1,660. Some other facts on this car:

- Weight 3,298 pounds
- Manual transmission 3 Speed on the Column
- Suicide Doors
- Flathead V8 engine 239 cubic inch 100 hp
- No power steering
- No power or disc brakes
- Originally 6 Volt, was converted to 12 Volt during the 2003 restoration
- Wheelbase is 118 inches, width is 73.3 inches, and overall length is 201.8 inches.
- Zero to sixty in 19 seconds
- Miles per gallon is roughly 14 to 18

It is a hoot to drive and gets lots of reactions, kind of looks like a gangster car with the whitewalls...



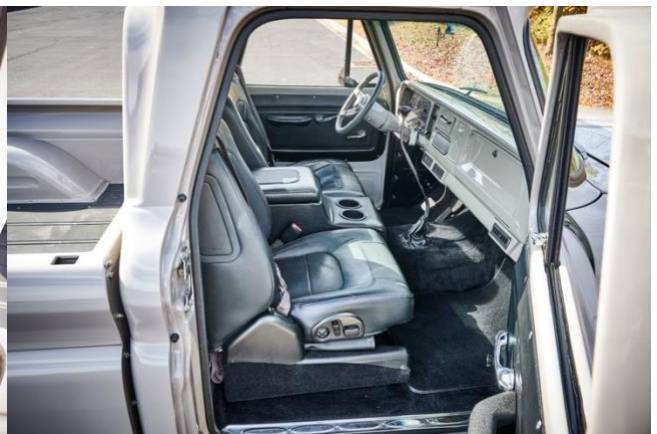
Kelly O'Hair (former Editor)

### NEWS FROM PAST PRESIDENT!

After months of negotiations, I finally bought a new toy! It will be picked up in St. Louis on Thursday and will be delivered the following Wednesday. It has 437 miles on a complete body off build. Power Rack and pinion, coil overs, tubular control arm, LS power 4I60e 4 speed auto. Cadillac Escalade interior.

Submitted by Kurt Kile (Former President)





**ATTENTION: CONTEST!!**

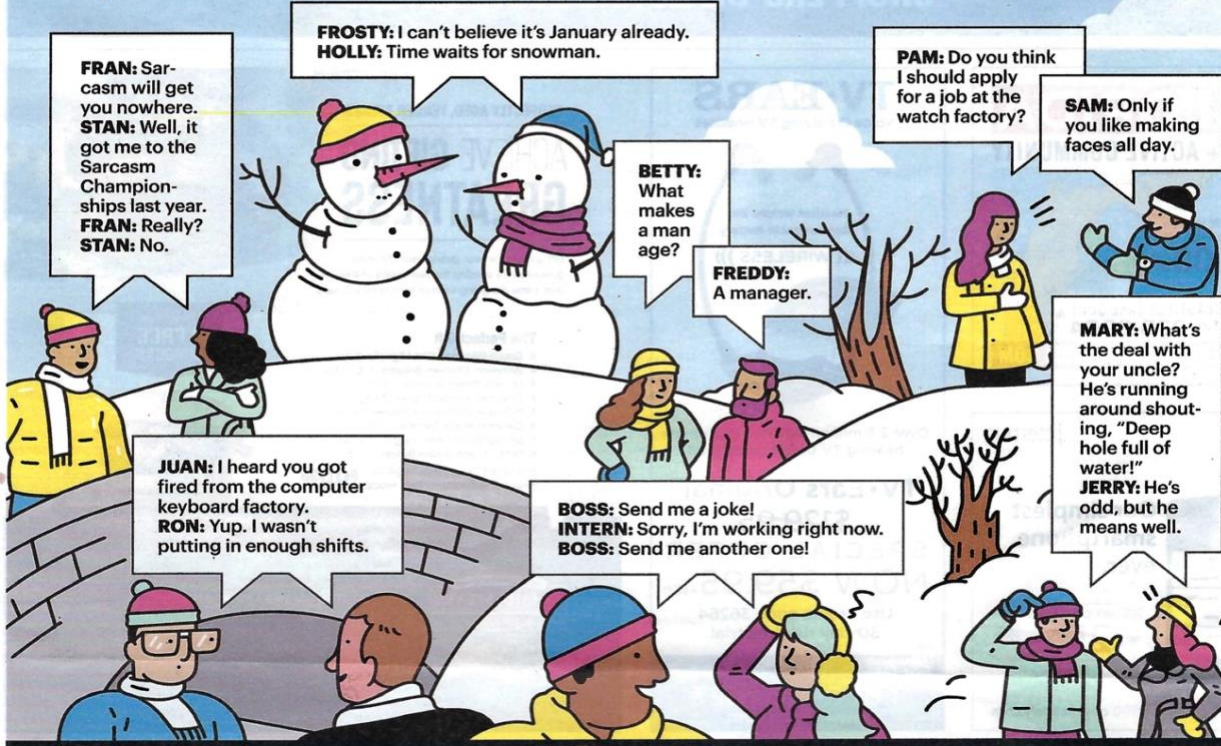
**Tell 5 people about our car club or bring someone to the General Meeting and be entered into a drawing for a gift card!**

**Email me if interested.**

[Lydiavetere@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lydiavetere@sbcglobal.net)

NEW YEAR COMICS!

Witty & Wise



Quotables

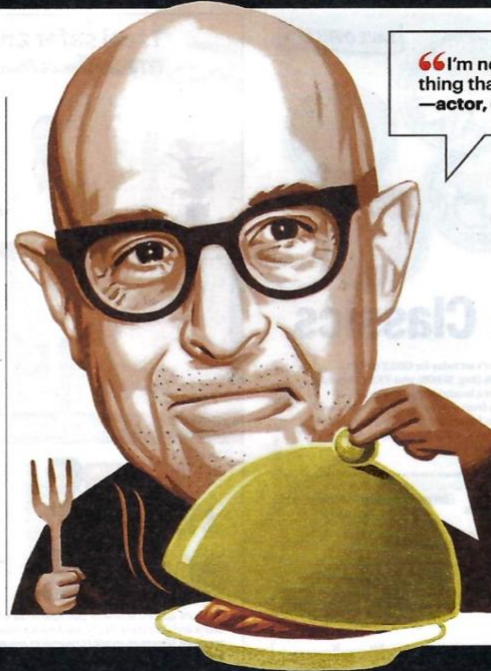
“The only way I can retire is if I can't walk. And even then, there's always a wheelchair—or roller skates.”  
 —actress Rita Moreno, 90

“I never wanted to do the big retirement tour, then take a year off and come back. That's kinda cheesy.”  
 —country star Alan Jackson, 63

“When I am in the audience, whether you come out with a ukulele or a marching band, all I ask is you give me everything you've got to give. That's what I did for the last 50 years.”  
 —rocker David Lee Roth, 67

“In Florida, it's kind of a retiree state. So I feel like I can play and then just glide into retirement.”  
 —Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady, 44

“I think I was the answer to what's missing on Twitter: a grownup.”  
 —singer Dionne Warwick, 81, who has become a social media star



“I'm not a religious person, but if there is one thing that's holy, it would be food.”  
 —actor, director and foodie Stanley Tucci, 61

“I've had men and women come up to me and tell me, 'I'm so scared of you.' I love that!”  
 —actress and martial arts expert Michelle Yeoh, 59

“I love that people think we make choices about what roles to take and not. I went where the work was.”  
 —actress Edie Falco, 58

“Given the chance, wouldn't you jump at the chance to make someone's day just by simply showing up?”  
 —actor Mark Hamill, 70, on why he makes time to visit fans

“Today, I too am gray and loving it, although I can no longer blame my dog for the white hairs on the couch!”  
 —New York Times columnist Jane E. Brody, 80

Why don't I have any tattoos?  
 For the same reason you don't put a bumper sticker on a Ferrari.

**Board & Reminders**

**2022 Board**

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<b>Car Show Chairman</b>	Tom Duprey



<b>Club Second Saturday Breakfast</b> Only once a month then back to Second Sunday	Jan 8 @9AM
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Jan 11 @7PM
<b>Club Meeting</b>	February 8 @7PM
<b>Club Meeting</b>	March 8 @7pm

**EDITOR'S LAST WORD!**

*“You can buy anything except more time!”  
Make every moment count!*

***With Gratitude,  
Lydia Vetere-Newsletter Editor 2022***