

February 2016



**Fifth Anniversary of CLASSIC CAR CRUISE**



## Virtual Car Show

It's hard to believe but 5 years ago I approached O'Reilly Auto Parts about an idea of a car show on a cruise ship, a Virtual Car Show. They came on board as our first major sponsor.

For the past 5 years O'Reilly Auto Parts has furnished us with our trophies and auction items as well. We are so thankful for their support. With that said, we are sad to report that O'Reilly Auto Parts will not be partnering with Classic Car Cruise after this year. It has been a great ride and their friendship has been second to none. They gave us booth space at several national events to help us promote our cruise. So it is sad that we have to say goodbye, but the door is not closed and we will continue to stay in touch with them.

Please continue to support your local O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

# WELCOME

A little over 6 years ago, Kelly Bryant and I were sitting around her kitchen table brainstorming about cruise ideas. I said, how about a cruise for car enthusiasts. Thus the idea was born .

Ideas started flowing on things that we can do aboard the ship to enhance the experience. Showing movies, seminars, games, etc were all on the table. We even had the idea of a car show at sea, which has become one of the highlights of the cruise. Our seminars with our special guests have been great and I look forward to these segments every year. We have grown each year and hopefully that trend will continue as our passengers share their experiences with their friends and families. If you love cars, then Classic Car Cruise is for you. So don't hesitate to tell your fellow car guys and gals what a neat event this is. Plus, who can argue with being in a warm climate in the winter time, right! Of course, one of the many features is that we raise money for our charity of choice, which is America's VetDogs. Last year we raised a little over \$10,000.00 for this great cause. We have actually been able to name 3 puppies that are now in training, Tucker, Shelby ,and Cruiser. Hopefully we will raise enough money this year to do the same. So let's have some fun building on past acquaintances from our previous cruises and building new relationships with people we meet this year. Just remember our slogan -- It's All About the Car on CLASSIC CAR CRUISE.

For 2017 and beyond, we are looking for a partner that will take on our Virtual Car Show at sea. If you know of a company that might be interested in doing this, please let me know as soon as possible.

Speaking of a Virtual Car Show, I hope that by now you have your pictures all ready to go. If not what have you been waiting on? We will be registering on the 15th at the hotel as well as on board the ship. I am hoping for a record turn out this year. We had some fantastic cars last year, so who wants to bring home the bragging rights of winning a car show at sea? Won't be long now!

# Classic Car Cruise

## Special Guests



**Tim Strange** -- Hot Rod and Custom car builder will be back with us for 2016. Tim has built some prestigious cars over the years. One of which is in the Peterson Museum in California. If you haven't met Tim before, you will enjoy his seminars and of course we all love his sense of humor. Tim will be behind the mic for our live auction helping to raise money for America's VetDogs. If you are a fan of SEMA, Tim was honored this year with the Best Truck Award which was a C-10. Many pictures of the truck have circulated throughout the industry so I know you will want to congratulate Tim personally for this great accomplishment. Not only does Tim build cars, he is the official voice of Goodguys Autocross events and also sponsors several BMX race teams along with his wife Carrie. Carrie races BMX herself, and also manages several cheerleading teams that compete around the country. Big welcome once again to Tim and Carrie Strange

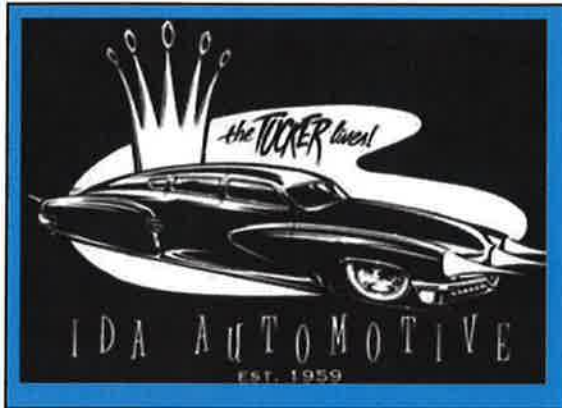


**Von HotRod** -- Coming back for his second Classic Car Cruise will be the master of the fine line, Von HotRod. Von, travels the world teaching his skills to thousands of people. He started something years ago called the PinStriping Circus. He is also an accomplished car builder. Von will be teaching striping classes aboard our cruise this year and I encourage you to attend his class to actually experience the art of pen striping. Like Tim, Von is very comfortable behind a microphone and will be hosting our Dance thru the Decades event. If you attend any of the larger car shows around the country, you more than likely will see Von doing what he does best striping on just about anything. We welcome Von aboard for this years cruise and I know you will enjoy talking to the "Master of the fine Line".



**Judy Wallace** -- The matriarch of the Wallace Racing Family joins Classic Car Cruise in 2016. You will enjoy meeting, visiting and getting to know Judy. Her husband Russ was the racer in the family and with 3 boys it was inevitable that the boys would follow in their Dad's footsteps. Judy also raced some in the powder puff derbys and usually cleaned house. Of course, the oldest son Rusty went on to become Winston Cup Champion in 1989. Mike, the middle son, retired from racing a couple of years ago after a good career in NASCAR and now is helping his son Matt come up thru the ranks. Kenny, the youngest, just retired from NASCAR but does a great job commentating on Fox Sports and Sirius Radio as well as racing his dirt modified around the country.

## Special guests



**Rob Ida** - Rob and his family will be joining us for this year's cruise. Rob is from New Jersey and the owner of Rob Ida Concepts. He has built some incredible cars over the years and had the honor of walking away with BEST OF SHOW at SEMA last year for his 1940 Mercury. Rob will be sharing with us many things that he does at the shop. Rob is also working very closely with the TUCKER family bringing back not only the original 1948 Tucker, but building the concept car Tucker Torpedo as well. Can't wait to meet Rob and hear all about the Torpedo's progress. As I understand it, the build is being filmed and once completed will be shown as a special on TV. So it is with great pleasure we introduce you to Rob Ida.

## Ft Lauderdale Antique Car Museum



Our Bon Voyage party this year will be held at the Ft Lauderdale Antique Car Museum on the 15th of February. We will spend much of the evening enjoying the great cars, the history, as well as the automotive memorabilia. Don't forget to bring your cameras. The Ft Lauderdale Museum was established as a non-profit foundation for education to ensure the preservation of the history of the Packard Motor Company and to show the progress and development of skills in American engineering. Founded by Arthur O. Stone, former CEO of Burning the Florist, Inc, the museum has assembled a collection of pre-war Packard automobiles and other memorabilia, which represents Mr. Stone's love for this unique automobile. There is also a gallery dedicated to the late President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The event is from 6 pm to 8:30 pm and we will be serving appetizers, drinks, and dessert. You won't want to miss this ! We hope you enjoy this event to kick off our 2016 cruise.

2017



On February 11-19, 2017, Classic Car Cruise will embark on the 6th annual cruise "Where It's All about the Car". We are going to be changing it up a little for 2017. For the first time, we will be joining Princess Cruise Lines on the "Caribbean Princess" for 8 days heading to the Southern Caribbean. Stops will be Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire. We will also be having our Bon Voyage party on February 10th, so keep that in mind. You won't want to miss a chance to head to the southern Caribbean which is very tropical with a lot to see and do. We will be talking more about this on this year's cruise so stay tuned.

# AUCTION

Besides having a blast and talking cars, we also raise money for our charity of choice, America's VetDogs. This organization gives service dogs out to our military folks that have various types of needs. The dogs are specifically trained and give purpose to the lives of many of our veterans. This year we want to top the amount we raised last year which was \$ 10,000.00. ALL proceeds from our silent auction and live auction go to America's VetDogs. Once again we will have many neat and unusual items for auction.

Since we are having Judy Wallace on board this year, I am going to be offering up some of my Rusty Wallace and NASCAR items, some of which are very rare and would be an excellent addition to any collection. Secondly, we are offering something very special from a good friend of mine and Classic Car Cruise. This will be a once in a lifetime chance. If you feel the need for speed then you won't want to miss out on this opportunity. Don't want to give it away, but you will hear more on the cruise. Stay tuned.



MEMORIES FROM 2015

Classic Car Cruise 2016