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# LUG NUT NEWS

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Time is flying by this year and it's already May. Let's get our cars out and enjoy them and the weather. I want to give special thanks to Bob Bosley for allowing our club to meet at his museum for our last quarterly meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and again at the next quarterly meeting on **June 7**. There will be lunch offered at \$10 (not pizza this time!). Please RSVP [here](#) at the Meetings page on the Aloha Region [website](#).

I'm working on setting up some cruises to veteran homes across Oahu. The visits will be mid-day mid-week and also Saturday mid-day. This is a good way to say Mahalo to the men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. Let's bring a smile to their faces when they see the cars of yesteryear. Let me know if you have a relationship with a specific veteran facility - that would help out greatly.

## APRIL RECAP

The club was very active last month at events around the island. Here's a recap of last month's adventures, cruise outs and awards.



The **26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Food Drive and Show and Shine**, April 6, 2025, was a big success for our club. The weather was excellent. There were food vendors, stunning hula dancing, a yard sale, and car judging contest. That being said, Sydeney, with her beautiful metropolitan, received a nice trophy. Congratulations Sydeney!

The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual CHS Auto Club Car Show and Fundraiser**, Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Castle High School in Kaneohe. It was exciting to see the students share their auto activities such as how a Dyno worked pulling 9K RPM on an engine they modified that we stood next live in their shop! The event also produced a winner for our club member, Jeff Griffith, with his Nash Ambassador. He received a great looking trophy.



## APRIL RECAP (cont.,)



The **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Youth parade**, April 16, 2025, was a great opportunity to expose our club to the community. The lead car was Bob Bosley's 1931 Packard 840. Talk about bling! The Packard carried some local dignitaries.

The **Pearlridge Rooftop Cruz**, Saturday, April 26, 2025. We met up at the Waialeke Lowe's parking lot, 94-805 Lumiaina Street, next to the food trucks at 3pm. We all cruised down to the Pearlridge mall and parked next to each other. We had a new member, Joe Kiefer, follow us with his great looking 1957 Thunderbird.



## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



### **Joseph Kiefer, 1957 Ford Thunderbird**

Our newest member is Joe Kiefer, proud owner of a 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Joe was born in Ohio in 1940. His family moved to San Diego in 1948. Joe met his wife Gail while at San Diego State College and they were married in June 1964. After three years in the U S Navy followed by graduating from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Joe, Gail and their children Rick and Karen moved to Hawaii in 1971. Joe practiced law in Hawaii for 31 years until retiring as the General Counsel of Bank of Hawaii in 2002. Gail worked as a Domestic Violence

Prevention Specialist at the Kaneohe Marine Base until her retirement in 2000. Joe has kept busy in his retirement years by working as a flight instructor and as a volunteer tour guide on the USS Missouri Memorial. Joe and Gail have traveled extensively in retirement and, until they sold it in 2014, spent a lot of time at their second home on Molokai. Joe always wanted a classic Thunderbird. He still regrets that he was too stubborn to come up with another \$50 to the \$1,900 asking price for a '56 when he was 22. He made up for that mistake 59 years later when he finally became a classic Thunderbird owner (at a considerably higher price) in 2021.



## NEW MEMBERS

**Nick Gathings**, 1962 Ford F100, Ewa Beach - Nick is rebuilding his childhood pickup. Nick retired from the Army after 21 years of service and calls Hawaii home now.

**Ed Kemper**, 1972 Pantera, Honolulu

**Joseph Kiefer**, 1957 Ford Thunderbird, Kailua

**Frank O. Hay**, 191 Essex Touring, Kapaa

**Kris Salzer**, 1966 Mercedes Benz 230sl, Honolulu

**Jim Wayman**, 1929 Packard, 640 Phaeton, 1954 Porsche Cabriolet, Fallbrook, CA

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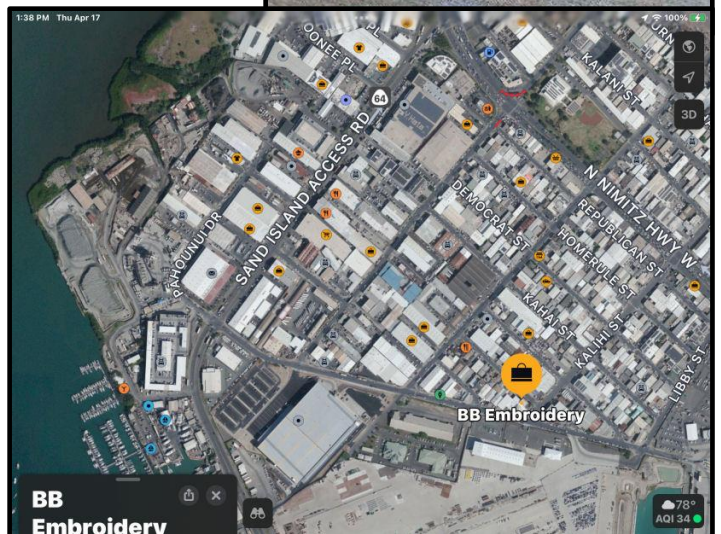
We have arranged with BB Embroidery of Honolulu, to produce embroidered shirts, hats, bags and anything else you want to show your affiliation with the Aloha Region. You may bring in anything that you purchase from outside vendors and they will embroider our emblem in single color thread for a cost of \$12.50 per item. If you wish a larger emblem, it will be an

addition cost. We will have samples at the next quarterly meeting.



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## WEEKLY MEETUPS

**Saturday nights** 6PM Wendy's parking lot next to the new Don Don Donki store in **Kapolei**

**Wednesday nights** 6PM Walmart parking lot across from O'Reillys in **Mililani**.