

# Goodguys kick off their national season in Scottsdale

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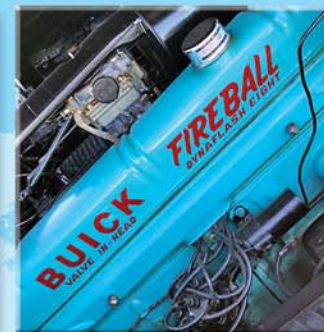
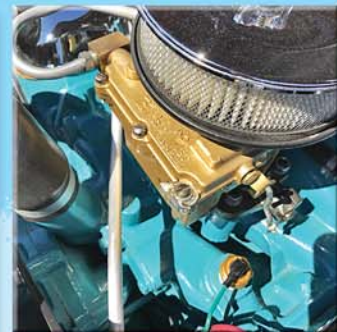
Goodguys Rod & Custom Association throws top-tier car shows coast to coast, but they both start and finish their season in Arizona, at Westworld in Scottsdale. You'll find a wealth of top show quality American sheet metal and engineering, in cars and trucks from the 1930s to early '70s.

Things got underway on Thursday night, as host club Over the Hill Gang again held a Hot Rod Road Tour with over a hundred cars ending up at Mods for Rods in Fountain Hills for lunch. Friday evening included a 2017 Goodguys season kickoff party hosted by Brown's Classic Autos. AutoCross starts on Friday, with big competition on Saturday. Almost 50 lead-foots participated, in five classes. And K&N Filters All American Sunday lets late model owners display their cars or run the AutoCross course.

Dozens of awards are presented at Goodguys, with the categories often as entertaining as the cars and trucks themselves—Ya Gotta Drive 'Em, One Fine Deuce, Wildcard Just 'Cause It's Neat, Suede & Chrome, Mighty Mustang and many, many more. A tiered voting process leads to 12 Winner's Circle special award winners and ten All Ways Hot Rods Builder's Choice Awards. Plan on spending a full Sunday morning taking in all these final results.

This year's 8th Spring Nationals drew a record 2,500 cars on a beautiful warm March weekend. Figure you may take 20 photos of each car—that's 50,000 photos you might bring home. Staggering but true. Multiply that by the tens of thousands of spectators on hand, and you have two and a half billion photos to document the event. Here are just a few of our favorites.

Goodguys returns to Westworld this fall to wrap up their calendar year with the 20th Southwest Nationals, November 17-19, 2017. ■



Main photo: Winner's Circle on Sunday. // Left page insets: the engine of Best Wide Whites winner 1950 Mercury, Andra Albani, Wittman AZ. Interior of Rodders Rep Pick winner '32 Ford pickup Moon rod, Brian Snyder, Glendale AZ. One of three Rochester 2G carburetors comprising the original tripower setup in GTO Pick winner 1965 GTO, Reggie Hughes, Phoenix. // Insets above: Andra Albani's Best Wide Whites winning 1950 Mercury. Chopped and Dropped winner 1958 Edsel wagon, Floyd Dutton, Harrah OK. Steinegger & Eshenbaugh blower on Traditional Homebuilt Heaven winner 1930 Ford rod, Mike Combest, Phoenix. Wire wheels on Bitchin' Buick winner straight 8 DynaFlow 1952 Buick Roadmaster, Mike Stewart, Scottsdale AZ. Beautiful silver over red '63 split window Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray, Randy Lasater, Greenwood Village CO. Headlight detail on Goodguys Staff Pick 1960 Plymouth Fury by Loose Cannon Customs with 572 HEMI, Scott Truss, Calgary, Alberta. Flame detail on Hot Wheels-themed Hottest Hot Rod winner 1940 Ford custom coupe with air ride, Tony Wille, Tucson. Buick Fireball straight 8 in Mike Stewart's Bitchin' Buick winning '52 Roadmaster. Awesome Autocross Hot Rod Winner 1936 Pontiac Silver Streak with LS1 turbo and 5-speed, Tom Hull, Mesa AZ.