

# CARS & COFFEE

THE NEXT GENERATION

Cars & Coffee was resurrected at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, thanks to Doug Cavanaugh, founder/President of Ruby's Diner, who negotiated the deal with The State of California and the Marketplace. It will be held there every Saturday from 7-9AM (however, in order to get a parking place, I recommend that you get there closer to 6 rather than 7).

I arrived about 6:40 and was met by long lines of classic cars trying to enter the fairgrounds. The planners had no idea what turnout to expect, but it was impressive....400 parking places and about 700 cars! Cars were creeping in slowly, many overheating (including me!) and revving to keep running. The planners had decided to hold the event in the parking area for the weekly swap meet, which doesn't provide enough space for the cars coming to Cars & Coffee. There were metal barriers that slowed entry and the space provided prevented many classic cars from entering the main display area, and they had to park in the surrounding parking lot with the everyday vehicles. I'm sure improvements will be made to these procedures.

There were some celebrities and famous cars there; Dan Gurney, Barry Meguiar





and several Petersen Museum executives; the Steve McQueen's XKSS Jaguar, Gurney's Ford GT40 and a Shelby Daytona Cobra. Of course, Doug Cavanaugh was there, along with the Ruby's Diner van serving food and coffee & doughnuts. The Petersen Museum has committed to bring additional classic cars from their inventory to future events.

There was an impressive array of cars attending vintage American cars, Hot Rods, Rat Rods, sports cars, exotics, etc. Like the Irvine Cars & Coffee, anyone could enter but they discouraged modern cars and may even turn away some cars in the future.

Only time will tell if this reincarnated version will be as popular as its predecessor in Irvine...and what will become of the smaller regional gatherings that have popped up Enderle Center and in Aliso Viejo and San Clemente.

Attending from our club were Ken & Teddy Roche, Jeorg & Marina Hubl, and me with our Healey, Marty Hovivian with his newly acquired Aston Martin and Phil Caliva in another of his classic cars.