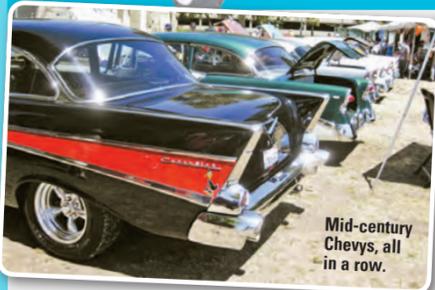




# The Car Club



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Mid-century Chevys, all in a row.



Food trucks at the car show.



The hubcap of a late-1940s Ford V8.



A mid-'50s Chevy, complete with a curb service tray on the right window.

## An Oasis of Cars (and Food)

A visit to LAPD Valley Traffic's annual car show.



A "La Bestione Rusty One" – actually a one-off that Gary Wells hand-built from a 1910-era American LaFrance fire engine. Wells claims this chain-drive beauty can reach more than 100 miles an hour.



The engine bay from "La Bestione Rusty One."



An LAPD Air Support chopper was on display.



A 1950s Oldsmobile restomod.



A 1957 Chevy restomod.



Military vehicles were on display.



A Lamborghini that the LAPD uses in public relations.



There's no mistaking the interior of a Bug.

It was 10:30 a.m. and about 90 degrees in Woodland Hills on May 31. The inside of my car was about 10 degrees hotter and lacked the modern convenience we refer to as air conditioning. "I knew I should have come earlier," I told myself. Twenty-five minutes later, I finally found a parking spot, only after rubbing the passenger side of my '59 El Camino against the curb. You can only imagine what I said. I regrouped and continued on like a soldier carrying out a mission.

After a short walk, I finally arrived to an oasis in the middle of the Sahara - gleaming paint from classic cars, the shade of trees, green grass, and a plethora of food trucks. The oasis was named Warner Center Park and was host once again to the 11th annual "Still Saving Lives" Car Show, sponsored by the LAPD.

Warner Center Park is really a great place for any event. It has plenty of shade and room for kids to play. It also has a stage for live music and shows. The

LAPD Valley Traffic Division and Advisory Council (say that four times really fast) made sure to keep things upbeat by bringing in veteran KTLA weatherman Mark Kriski to host and keep things moving along. LAPD helicopters flew overhead, and one was even on the grass for display. Military vehicles were also on display and open for kids to use as their jungle gym.

If you happened to get hungry and thirsty after all the walking and drooling over cars, there was an assortment of food trucks. The choice between barbecue, Cuban food, sandwiches, burgers and tacos was tough because it all looked and smelled good, but Cuban eventually won my heart over.

With a camera full of pictures, a head full of ideas for my own projects, and a stomach full of two Cuban sandwiches (I was hungry!), I was ready to head on down the road. I had a great time and encourage all of you to join next year.



A pristine 1950s Pontiac convertible.



The Batmobile!



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