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62nd Annual Kragen O'Reilly Grand National Roadster Show Customs: Then and Now

Featured at this year's Grand National Roadster Show will be a classic collection of the most notable and historic custom cars. Building 9 at the Fairplex in Pomona will be filled with over 75 different members of custom car royalty. It promises to be a room full of chopped up beauties, dripping with impeccable colors and intricate paint. Aesthetic detail and flowing body lines will please the eye as you stroll through the exhibit and feel the history of the cruisin' custom days.

This exhibit is sure to represent this car class with pride and will, without a doubt, bring you back to the days when the era began. Though it won't take place on your high school's field, we hope it brings you joy as you remember the adventure of creating a unique car that responded to the lack of individuality that marked the 1950's.

Once you step into the building, you will be transported through a progression of the custom vehicle. Sleek and modified beauties could be found dotting the streets of the LA Area. Famous cruising spots, like Bellflower Avenue, were the place to be and show off your custom paint job or lowered body. The creativity of each car was brought to a new level once competitions began.

With the endless possibilities of channeling, chopping, decking, frenching, lowering, nosing or sectioning, modifying the vehicle beyond its "make and origin" became a priority. Added beauty in the details and different interior, wheel covers, custom paint jobs and chrome pieces meant the finished product would be breathtaking. Builders such as Barris, Hines, Westerguard, Watson and Winfield designed creations that constantly challenged each previous build.

Presented by *Kustoms Illustrated Magazine* and *O'Brien Truckers*, this customs exhibit is gaining excitement across the country and the world! Confirmed customs from every corner of the United States will be present, including very early customs that haven't seen the light of day in close to 50 years. Join us and make history at January 28-30, 2011.

Customs Meet & Greet Autograph signing party: Building 9, Saturday January 29 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Confirmed Meet and Greet Attendees:

George Barris
Jack Stewart
Steve Stanford
Rod Powell
Penny Pichette
Paul Bragg
Rik Hoving
Dean Jeffries

Blackie G
Howdy Ledbetter
Bill Hines
Gene Winfield
DeRosa Sr.
Greg Sharp
Sam Foose
Frank Livingston