



GARY GOLTZ, CELEBRITY IMPRESSIONIST, TO ATTEND COPS AND RODDERS 2008... "Is that Chief Dan Mathews of the Highway Patrol?"



This year the [Cops and Rodders Car and Truck Show](#) is pleased to announce the participation of California Car Show celebrity **Gary Goltz**. Gary's specialty is his portrayal of **Broderick Crawford** of the 1950's Television program, "[Highway Patrol](#)." Gary will be coming to Tucson in his 1955 Buick replica Black and White Highway patrol car. His impersonation of Broderick Crawford and the replication of the vehicle makes him an uncanny look alike that causes a double take from those who remember the show. Gary says, "He was a real hero, enforcing law and order, while serving as judge and jury too. There were no lawyers, bondsmen, or even Miranda rights. The good guys always won and the bad guys got just what they deserved, and Crawford, as no-nonsense Chief Dan Mathews, drove a '55 Buick."

Goltz went on to say, "Actually, during the series' production from 1955 to 1959 (it's been in reruns around the world ever since), Mathews drove everything from a '54 Olds 88 through a '59 Dodge Coronet; but that '55 Buick personified the character as much as his crisp fedora and snub-nosed .38. The first cars were actual California Highway Patrol units, borrowed from the CHP," explains Goltz. "They had the Special 48 coupe body, Century engine, and Roadmaster brakes. These were among the first cars built specifically for police use." Buick built 270 of these "Century 68" two-doors, half with three-speed column-shift manual transmissions and half with slushy Dynaflow automatics. All served with the CHP and just two are known to survive." And Gary can take care of himself as well, being a 7th degree black belt in Judo.

Come out to the show and meet Gary and his "Highway Patrol" 1955 Buick; he'll be putting on a great display as Chief Dan Mathews, with autographs and photos available. Thanks Gary for helping to add history and realism to our 2nd annual Tucson Cops and Rodders Car and Truck Show! 10-4! See you at the show!