

# AMERICAN GRAFFITI THE MOVIE (1973)

**American Graffiti** is a 1973 coming of age film directed and co-written by George Lucas starring Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Paul Le Mat, Harrison Ford, Charles Martin Smith, Cindy Williams, Candy Clark, Mackenzie Phillips and Wolfman Jack; Suzanne Somers was the blonde in the T-bird. Set in 1962 Modesto, California, the film is a study of the cruising and rock and roll cultures popular among the post-World War II baby boom generation. The film is told in a series of vignettes, telling the story of a group of teenagers and their adventures in one night.



**Director:**

George Lucas

**Writers:**

George Lucas, Gloria Katz

**Stars:**

Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Paul Le Mat

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Growing up in the 60's was a memorable time for us baby boomers. Our problems, well, I don't remember having any problems. Drive-in movies, drag-racing, spending days at the beach; "we had it made in the shade" – I bought my 1955 Black Chevy 2-door post, model 150 with radius rear fender wells and hood scoop in 1967. After several years of racing at the local drag-strips and having fun around town, I sold it to a guy and believe it to have ended up as the featured car in American Graffiti. I would recognize that hood scoop anywhere... For you officiates; I built a balanced 327 with 11:1 forged pistons, steel crankshaft, Howard aluminum rods, Corvette camel-backs, racing v-springs, Mallory dual-point distributor, Sig-Erson 505 Cam, Edelbrock dual-quad aluminum intake with Carter AFBs, (I tried factory Corvette fuel-injection which sounded great, but didn't perform). I then rebuilt a Muncie M21 4-speed, added a Shafer aluminum flywheel with 11" clutch assembly and Pontiac rear-end. This baby would rev to just over 8,000 RPM and radically idled at 2500.

**She was a wheel-standing dream...** Below is the official American Graffiti Photo



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