**Popular Slang of 1961**

A Gas - A lot of fun

Ape - Used with "Go", "Gone" or "Went". To explode or go completely irate

Ball – To party

Batman – Highway Patrolman

Beat feet - Leave the scene in a hurry

Blast – A great time

Blew the doors off - Easily beat the other car in a race

Blitzed – Drunk

Boss – A great or cool thing

Bozo – Idiot

Bread – Money

Brew – Beer

Bug out – Leave the premises

Burn Rubber - To accelerate hard spinning the tires, making noise, and billows of smoke come from the rear of the vehicle

Cat – A guy

Chick – A girl

Chinese Fire Drill - Stop at a Red Light. Everyone on the Driver's side would run around and get in on the Passenger's side. Everyone on the Passenger's side would run around and get in on the Driver's side

Church Key - Before poptops, a Beer or Soda can was opened with one of these

Circus Wagon - A car, usually lowered, with an outlandish paint job, but in lousy shape, mechanically

"Climb it, Tarzan" - An act of defiance

Cooties - Someone who wasn't cool had them

Copacetic - Very good

Crash -Go to bed; go to sleep

Crop Duster - A car that burnt oil creating a cloud of smoke

Cut Out - To leave without ceremony

Daddy's Car -A car that was very conservative looking

Dead Soldier - An empty beer, wine or whiskey bottle

Decked Out - Dressed up

Dibs - Most always used with "Got"

Ditz -An Idiot

Don't have a Cow - Used when someone was "going ape" or perhaps being a "spaz."

Don't Sweat It - Don't worry about it

Drag - Someone or something that's boring or un-enlightening

Dude - In 1961, a dude was a geek or a panty waist

Easy - Another way of saying Goodbye

Fab - Great, fantastic, fabulous

Fink - A tattle tale

Five Finger Discount - Anything obtained by theft

Flake Off - Get outta here

Flee the Scene - See Bug Out

Flick – Movie

Get or Lay Rubber - To leave some rubber on the street while accelerating in a vehicle

Going Steady - If you were "Going Steady", you were dating only one special person

Gone - Cool, groovy, neat, neato; said of a person, as in He's a real gone cat

Greaser - A guy that used too much grease in his hair

Hairy - Large; out of control

Hanky Panky - Devious or mischievous activity

Heat - The Cops

Hip - Very good, cool

Hook – Steal

Ivy Leaguers - A type of men's pants with no pleats, made of polished cotton, and with a buckle in the back

Jelly Roll - Another way of combing your hair. You comb it up and forward on both sides and bring it together in the middle of the forehead

Keen - Someone or something that was Cool

Kipe - To steal

Kybo - The bathroom

Later - Goodbye; See you later

Lay it on me - Speak your piece

Loaded – Intoxicated

Main Squeeze - Primary Girl/Boy friend

"Meanwhile Back At The Ranch" - Used when someone who was telling a story would ramble off to another subject

Melvin - See Wedgie

Panty Waist - A mama's boy or a geek

Peepers – Glasses

Pin - To look hard at someone

Real Gone Cat - Someone who marches to his own drummer

Righteous - Extremely fine, beautiful

Scratch – Money

Shades - Sunglasses

Shafted - Cheated, Humiliated

Shine It On - Don't give it much thought

Shined Me/Them On - Ignored me/them, or their comments

Skag - An ugly girl

Skirt – A girl

Skuzz Bucket - An ugly car

Sponge - One big need. Everything you get comes from those around you. AKA; bum

Square - Someone who was not "Cool"

Stoked – Excited

Teach – A teacher

"The Most" - Something that is the best or the greatest

Threads – Clothes

Thicker than a $5.00 malt - Someone that's not too bright. Back then, malts were only 25 cents!

Tooling - To cruise or drive around without aim

Wedgie - When someone pulls your underwear up from the back and it ends up in the crack all on it's own

Wet Willie - A trick played when someone wets their finger and puts it in your ear

What's Your Bag, Man? - What's your problem

Zits - Pimples