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Highway Bound

Thousands of Hobbyists Pack Up For Another Unforgettable *Hot Rod* Power Tour

For those who haven't experienced it, the *Hot Rod* Magazine Power Tour is like going on a road trip with your extended family, only this family is comprised of thousands of fellow automotive enthusiasts. Although many participants may not have previously known one another or even share the same vehicle inter-

ests, the kinship that is created among the group by the Tour's end is inspiring. Throughout the journey, there are many opportunities to bond with others, both planned and unplanned: lunch detours, performance competitions and highway troubleshooting. In fact, Long Haulers (those who complete the entire route) make up only

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CAUCUS CORNER

Each month, *Driving Force* features members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. The SEMA-supported caucus is a bipartisan group of state lawmakers, almost 600 members strong, whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles.

Here are its newest members:



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Representative
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Assemblymember
Tony Jordan



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Delegate
Kelly Schulz



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Assemblymember
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Visit www.semasan.com for a complete list of caucus members.

Get In On the Celebration of Collector Car Appreciation Day!

July 13, 2012 Belongs to the Automotive Hobby

Summer is here and that means Collector Car Appreciation Day is quickly approaching! Events ranging from informal garage gatherings and barbecues to highly organized events like last year's Lowe's Cruisin in Abingdon, Maryland (pictured here) will be held in support of this annual celebration. Is your local event on our list? As always, the SEMA Action Network welcomes any level of participation in honor of this occasion.



Hundreds of events around the country will help celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day on July 13.

Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events of any size should contact SAN Director Colby Martin at 909/978-6721 or san@sema.org. The official logo and flyer are available for download from the homepage to help promote this special day. If you are unable to celebrate on Friday, July 13th, the SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July.

As many of you are aware, this is the third year in a row the SAN is seeking the support of a U.S. Senate resolution to help launch national Collector Car Appreciation Day. By taking part in these events around the country, automotive enthusiasts and related businesses are coming together to ensure that their passion continues to be honored and recognized.

Schedule your celebration today!

LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

Hawaii "Collector Car Appreciation Day": Two resolutions have been approved by the Hawaii State Legislature recognizing July 13, 2012 as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." Earlier this year, the SAN designated this date to mark the third commemoration in what has become an annual event to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. The SAN is again working to secure a U.S. Congressional resolution to recognize the day's significance. In the previous two years, thousands of Americans have gathered at car cruises, parades and other events to celebrate our nation's automotive heritage. By taking part in these events around the country, these automotive enthusiasts and related businesses ensured that their passion was honored and recognized.

California Emissions:

Legislation to exempt all motor vehicles prior to the 1981 model year from the emissions inspection requirement will not be reconsidered by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee after failing its initial vote. According to bill sponsor Senator Doug LaMalfa, "Although the bill was granted reconsideration, the opponents contend the exemption is intended as a means of ignoring the effects of pollution caused by older, high-emissions vehicles rather than a legitimate benefit for classic car collectors whose vehicles are rarely driven. My efforts to convince my colleagues of the merits of the bill have been unsuccessful, and therefore, the bill has been dropped for this year and, of course, I am very disappointed." This is not the first setback we've suffered at the hands of the California legislature nor is it likely to be the last. However, we can take comfort in the fact that lawmakers like Senator LaMalfa continue to push for fairness in how the state's vehicle inspection laws are applied, particularly to rarely used, well-maintained collector cars.



Put SAN on Your Mailing List!

We'd like to know what's going on with SEMA Action Network clubs and enthusiasts across the country; what charity events you're involved in; when and where the rod runs, car shows, trail rides, rallies and tech meetings are held; and what legislative and regulatory issues concern club members and individual enthusiasts.

One of the best ways to keep us abreast of what's going on and what's important to the vehicle hobbies nationwide is for us to receive your club newsletters and updates. Please consider placing SEMA on your mailing list. Send correspondence to: SEMA Action Network, 1575 S. Valley Vista Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765. You can also e-mail the SAN at san@sema.org.



What's Happening in Your State?

The SAN Tracks Hundreds of Legislative Initiatives Affecting the Motor Vehicle Hobby



So far this year, thousands of new legislative initiatives have been introduced across the U.S. and Canada, hundreds of which are being closely tracked and analyzed by the SEMA Action Network (SAN). We've already had several successes, most prominently in Maryland (historic vehicles), Virginia (backyard restoration), Utah (vintage trailers), Washington State (restoration and customizing) and Nebraska (special interest vehicles) with many more to come. Because of you, the SAN remains the premier hobbyist network of its kind.

Now that we are five months into the new legislative season, we have compiled an updated list of new bills that may be of interest to vehicle enthusiasts. The most pressing of these bills will continue to be the subject of Action Alerts that are e-mailed to SAN members and highlighted here in our monthly publication, *Driving Force*. The compilation is available on the SAN website, www.semasan.com. Along the top menu bar of the website you will find 'LEGISLATION'. Select 'State' and then choose the state of interest to view a list of pending legislation.

Some of the bills listed on the site will not advance past introduction; others will go on to become the laws of tomorrow. As bills progress through the legislature, the SAN aims to inform our contacts and continue to encourage their participation in the legislative process through e-mails and phone calls to state representatives. Such correspondence has a proven and direct impact on the decisions of legislators.

We encourage you to visit www.semasan.com. The information on this site will provide you with the tools you need to help affect real change, protect the hobby from detrimental state laws, and proactively support favorable ones. Please contact Greg Dooley at gregd@sema.org if you have any questions. He would be happy to provide you with any bill's full text, current status and committee information.

Ethanol Update

SAN Opposes EPA Action to Allow E15 Despite Continuing Threat of Automobile Damage

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) continues to oppose decisions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to permit the sale of gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol (E15). The EPA has previously granted waivers to market the fuel for model year 2001 and newer vehicles, despite industry concern that it poses a risk to older vehicles and certain high performance specialty equipment of any age. The EPA has now begun approving E15 registration applications, the next step to permitting the fuel to be sold commercially.

The SAN opposes the sale of E15 based on scientific evidence that it causes corrosion with incompatible parts. Ethanol increases water formation which can then create formic acid and corrode metals, plastics and rubber. Ethanol also burns hotter and can cause some engines to stall, misfire and overheat.

The EPA's decision to permit the sale of E15 for newer vehicles was based on limited scientific research. The SAN supports federal legislation (HR 3199) that would direct the National Academies to conduct a comprehensive assessment of E15 and E20 gasoline. Under the bill, the research would include an evaluation of the safety, durability, and performance effects on engines and related equipment for motor vehicles and boats.

The EPA agrees with the SAN that E15 poses a risk to an estimated 74 million pre-2001 vehicles in the marketplace, including many collector cars. The SAN opposes the EPA's solution, which is simply to require a gas pump warning label and make it "illegal" for the consumer to fuel older vehicles with ethanol-blended gasoline. The agency makes it the vehicle owner's responsibility to understand the potential threat posed by E15 and does not provide immunity to gas stations, automakers or others in the market from lawsuits if a consumer alleges equipment failure from E15.

The SAN will continue to oppose E15 until there are conclusive scientific findings that demonstrate that it will not harm automobiles of any age as a result of corrosion or other chemical incompatibilities.



ALASKA

June 30, Anchorage

Corvette Birthday
Sponsor: Anchorage Corvette Association
Info: www.alaskacorvette.net

CALIFORNIA

June 2, Ontario

Inland Valley Street Rods Rally and Cruise
Sponsor: Inland Valley Street Rods
Info: wsutt@aol.com

June 3, Valley Center

Buicks at Bates Nut Farm
Sponsor: Buick Grand National Club
Info: 714-772-6201

June 23, Sacramento

River City Classic
Sponsor: Burgiemmen Car Club
Info: 916-549-0851 or www.burgiemmen.com

June 29, El Segundo

Hot Rod Magazine Cruise Night
Sponsor: Automobile Driving Museum
Info: www.theADM.org

COLORADO

June 22-24, Pueblo

28th Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals Plus
Sponsor: National Street Rod Association (NSRA)
Info: www.nsra-usa.com

CONNECTICUT

June 3, Waterford

25th British by the Sea
Sponsor: CT MG Club
Info: mgclub.homestead.com

June 18, Wallingford

43rd Annual CT Dragway Reunion
Sponsor: CT Street Rod Association
Info: www.csra.org

GEORGIA

June 6-10, Dillard

NAMGBR Annual Gathering
Sponsor: Peachtree MG Registry
Info: mg2012.webs.com

ILLINOIS

June 9, Moline

Open Run Car Show
Sponsor: Quad City Cruisers
Info: www.quadcitiescruisers.org

INDIANA

June 16, Flora

Hog Jog Cruise-In
Sponsor: Idlers Car Club
Info: idlerscc@yahoo.com

KANSAS

June 23, Olathe

28th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Mustang Club of Greater Kansas City
Info: www.mustangclubofgreaterkc.com/activities/annual-show

KENTUCKY

June 14-16, Bowling Green

10th Annual Holley NHRA National Hot Rod Reunion
Sponsor: Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum
Info: Museum.NHRA.com

MAINE

June 16, Winterport

Annual Nostalgia Drag and Show
Sponsor: Gassah Guys
Info: 207-215-5663 or www.winterportdragway.com

June 21-24, Freyburg

27th Annual Rod Run
Sponsor: Rod and Custom Kreuzers
Info: 207-346-6611

June 23, Sanford

Sanford Dragway Reunion
Sponsor: Sanford Dragway
Info: 207-636-6664

MARYLAND

June 9, Glen Burnie

Lost in the '50s Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Lost in the '50s Car Club
Info: 410-491-9969

MASSACHUSETTS

June 3, Marlboro

Marlboro Main Street Show
Sponsor: MA Association of Auto Clubs
Info: www.massautoclubs.org

June 3, Danvers

19th Annual Marque Antique Show
Sponsor: Mass Street Rod Association
Info: 978-979-1422

June 3, Norwood

8th Annual Norwood Arena Reunion
Sponsor: Mass Street Rod Association
Info: 781-784-7857

June 10, Maynard

23rd Annual Autofest
Sponsor: Maynard Area Auto Club
Info: 978-897-3445

June 15-17, Springfield

21st Annual East Coast Nationals
Sponsor: Good-Guys
Info: www.good-guys.com

June 15-17, Lenox

British Motorcar Festival
Sponsor: CT MG Club
Info: berkshiremotorcarfestival.com

June 17, Peabody

13th Annual Father's Day Cruise
Sponsor: Mass Street Rod Association
Info: 978-922-4723

MICHIGAN

June 3-4, Dearborn

37th Annual Show and Go
Sponsor: Shelby American Automobile Club
Info: sasgroup@comcast.net or www.saac-mcr.com

MONTANA

June 9, Missoula

Fifth Annual Montana Benefit Car Show
Sponsor: Montana Auto Tech
Info: www.mtbenefitcarshow.org

NEVADA

June 21-23, Reno

33rd National Convention
Sponsor: AMCRC
Info: amcowner@ccomm.net

June 21-24, Stateline

10th Annual Corvettes at Lake Tahoe
Sponsor: Lake Tahoe Corvette Club
Info: www.laketahoecorvetteclub.org

NEW MEXICO

June 2, Albuquerque

2012 Mopar Challenge Series
Sponsor: Mopar Muscle Club of NM
Info: 505-896-8115 or www.moparclub.com

June 16, Rio Rancho

2012 Mopar Fest Car Show
Sponsor: Mopar Muscle Club of NM
Info: 505-896-8115 or www.moparclub.com

NEW JERSEY

June 9, Ho-Ho-Kus

A Touch of England
Sponsor: New Jersey Triumph Association
Info: 201-825-9754 or smithw1@optonline.net

NEW YORK

June 2-3, Syracuse

2nd Annual King of Trucks All Truck Supershow
Sponsor: Right Coast Association
Info: www.RightCoastCars.com

OHIO

June 3, Fort Meigs

14th Annual British Return to Fort Meigs
Sponsor: Lake Erie British Car Club
Info: tenntony@roadrunner.com or www.lebcc.org

PENNSYLVANIA

June 1-3, York

39th Annual Street Rod Nationals
Sponsor: National Street Rod Association
Info: 901-452-4030 or www.nsra-usa.com

June 15-17, Prospect

36th Annual Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama
Info: www.pittsburghparts-a-rama.com

June 23, Jamison

42nd Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes
Sponsor: Corvette Club of Delaware Valley
Info: 215-938-7722 or www.CCDV.com

Highway Bound

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Each stop on the Power Tour attracts an array of unique cars and the participation of generations of hot rod enthusiasts.

a part of the spectacle; many of the rides will join the Tour for only a portion of it. Even the local residents along the way turn up in great numbers to witness the Tour's eye candy.

Events like the Power Tour embody the same spirit we encourage at the SEMA Action Network (SAN): gathering enthusiasts together, regardless of style preferences, to unite and enhance the camaraderie inherent in our all-American hobby. Throughout the week's adventure, the SAN staff will once again meet a great number of the Network's supporters, and gain many more. Thousands of new members have become involved with the SAN's cause based on participation in this event over the years.

The journey this year will stop at in the following cities: Detroit, Michigan (June 2); Muskegon, Michigan (June 3); Champaign, Illinois (June 4); Madison, Illinois (June 5); Miami, Oklahoma (June 6); Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 7); Arlington, Texas (June 8). Please visit us in front of the official Power Tour bus if you're able to make any of the stops. See you on the road!

For information about the event, visit www.hotrod.com

Club Spotlight

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teens, the point had been made and the tours faded away. For many years, participation was restricted to the earliest automobiles. In 1982, after recognizing an increasing interest in cars of later eras, the club instituted the Chrome Glidden Tour® specifically for cars of the '30s, '40s and '50s. Several other annual National Meets and Tours have also been added over the years. Antique vehicle and motorcycle eligibility for these events is based on the year of manufacture cutoff guidelines for each.

The SAN applauds the VMCCA and its long history of supporting the old car hobby. Like the club, the SAN also "likes old cars and loves to see them driven!"

HEY, THAT'S MY CAR!

Termite Delight

Genuine "Woodie" With a Certified Surfing Pedigree

1940 Plymouth Deluxe Station Wagon

Owner: Larry Fator, San Dimas, California



After dreaming of owning a "woodie" as a youngster, Larry has enjoyed driving this issue's cover model for over 25 years. At the height of the surfing craze in 1963, he first ran across an old station wagon that was modified for trips to the beach much like the ones he'd seen in magazines and heard about in songs. The long-lasting impression of that wagon, as well as countless others in the years that followed, inspired the purchase of this Plymouth in 1986. Larry bought the car, one of only a handful left in existence, from a local who had owned it for about two weeks. Prior to that, the vehicle had only been registered by one family since it was new. Originally purchased as one of three New York hotel transportation vehicles, this wagon was finally given to the son of the hotel's owner in the early 1960s after being retired from duty. Soon thereafter, the son drove it to the West Coast where it was used for surfing trips and daily driving duties until being parked for many years.



Although this woodie was purchased in a good original state, including its unique wooden floorboards, Larry has made some small modifications over the years. A pinstriping and lettering artist by trade, he opted to paint over the Hampton Beige with another factory color, Spring Cream. A slightly larger 230 c.i. flat-head 6-cylinder engine has replaced the factory-installed 215 c.i. version. For improved freeway driving, a Borg-Warner overdrive was added. Finally, performance and surfing-themed decals complete the 1960s throwback. This vintage vehicle is only one in a collection that includes a small-block Chevy-powered 1971 Datsun flatbed pickup and a 1946 Chevy sedan delivery finished 1960s "gasser" style.

Have your car or truck featured in a future issue of *Driving Force*.
Submit your high-resolution photos online at www.semasan.com

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The Journey Is The Destination

Veteran Motor Car Club of America Counts Miles, Not Trophies

According to the mission of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA), the club's purpose is "to encourage preservation, restoration, and use of antique and historically significant automobiles." This is not a military Veteran's organization, rather the "veterans" name refers to the nature of the cars, not the people. The Club's specialty is touring events, where the members' cars are driven to interesting places like auto shops, museums, national parks, historic theatres and retirement communities. Much like the *Hot Rod Magazine* Power Tour participants, the club's members have fun meeting new people and visiting old friends while onlookers get to see, hear and enjoy vintage cars driving on the highways.



VMCCA member June Prade sits proudly behind the wheel of her restored Ford Model T.

VMCCA was founded in December, 1938, when twelve men met at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Massachusetts, and formulated plans for the Club. From those humble beginnings in New England, the group has grown to include 3,000 members in 20 Regions around the United States. The Club provides its members with event starter kits that include tour applications & owner/driver commitment/release forms to help organize and ensure safe excursions.

VMCCA also organized the revival of the Glidden Tour® and has helped support the event annually since 1946. The AAA Glidden Tours originated early in the Twentieth Century and were intended to demonstrate to the public the reliability of the automobile. By the early

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