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LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

Arizona Emissions Inspection: Legislation that would, among other things, allow the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules exempting new vehicles from the emissions-inspection program was approved by the state legislature. The bill now awaits the governor's signature before becoming law. If adopted, the emissions exemption would apply to new vehicles for the period before the sixth registration year after the initial purchase or lease.

California Annual Inspection: SAN-opposed legislation to require annual smog-check inspections for vehicles 15 years old and older was approved by the California Assembly. The bill would also require that funds generated through the additional inspection fees be deposited into an account which can be used to scrap older cars. Pre-'76 motor vehicles would remain exempt under the bill. The measure will now be considered by the California Senate.

California Gas Guzzlers: In a misguided attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, legislation in California to establish a progressive purchase surcharge for some new motor vehicles based on state calculations of carbon emissions was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Depending on the vehicle purchased, this surcharge could require owners to pay up to \$2,500 more for the vehicle. The bill was previously passed by the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Montana Exhaust Noise: SAN-sponsored legislation to permit vehicles with modified exhaust systems that do not emit an excess of 95 decibels as measured by SAE test standard J1169 was signed into law by Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer. Under the SAE standard, a sound meter is placed 20 inches from the exhaust outlet at a 45-degree angle, and the engine is revved to three-quarters of maximum-rated horsepower. The highest decibel reading is then recorded.

Hobbyists Hit the Jackpot

SEMA Replica Vehicle Bill Signed Into Law in Nevada

Car hobbyists scored another major victory when a version of SEMA-model legislation to create a statutory titling and registration class for replica vehicles was passed by the Nevada State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jim Gibbons. Under the law, replicas are defined as vehicles manufactured after 1968 to resemble vehicles manufactured before 1968. In addition, replicas will be exempted from all emissions-inspection requirements applicable to other vehicles in the state. Registration as a replica vehicle will be open to 100 such vehicles each year and use will be limited to occasional transportation and other hobby-related activities. Titles for these vehicles will list both the year of assembly and the model year that the body of the vehicle replicates. The law becomes effective July 1, 2007.

The new law, which gained the bipartisan support of the Nevada Legislature, is the product of consultation between SEMA, independent lobbying groups, Nevada businesses and hobbyist organizations. The measure was introduced by Nevada Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson and co-sponsored by members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus, Assemblymembers Mark Manendo, David Parks, Moises "Mo" Denis, Ellen Marie Koivisto and John Ocegüera.

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—SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs
Steve McDonald

“We are extremely gratified that Nevada will join the growing list of states that recognize replicas as distinct classes of vehicles,” said SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald. “We are especially indebted to state lawmakers for their continued efforts in coordinating the support of enthusiasts, lawmakers and state and local vehicle administrators.”

The new law recognizes the unique nature of these vehicles as hobbyist cars that are generally only used for occasional transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades and tours. For many vehicle enthusiasts in Nevada and throughout America, building, maintaining and enjoying their vehicles is a favorite pastime. This law represents an opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to the hobby and to protect it for future generations. These vehicles are the same crowd pleasers that participate in exhibitions and as parade vehicles, and whose owners regularly contribute to charities and civic events.

Nevada joins Arkansas and Virginia as states that have enacted similar laws in 2007. Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Rhode Island and Washington state enacted these laws in previous legislative sessions. SAN efforts are ongoing this year to work with the state legislatures in Florida, New York and Massachusetts on this initiative and to add states to that list in the coming legislative sessions.



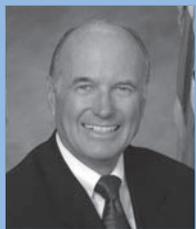
Under the new Nevada law, replica vehicles will be exempt from the state's emissions inspection program.



CAUCUS CORNER

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

Here are the newest Caucus members:



CALIFORNIA
Senator
Dick Ackerman



CALIFORNIA
Senator
Ron Calderon



CALIFORNIA
Assemblymember
Martin Garrick



NEW YORK
Senator
Tom Libous



NEW YORK
Assemblymember
Mike Cole



NEW YORK
Assemblymember
Jim Conte



NEW YORK
Assemblymember
Janelle Hyer-Spencer



TEXAS
Representative
Allen Vaught



* For a full list of
Caucus members, visit
www.semasan.com.



Attention Car Clubs, Event Organizers and Enthusiasts: 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: Jason Tolleson, SEMA, 1317 F St. NW, Ste. 500, Washington, D.C. 20004-1105, or by e-mail at jasont@sema.org.



Hey, That's
My Car!



Well Worth the Wait

1955 Chevrolet Sedan

Owner: Tim Simmons
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania

I have always loved the look of the '55 Chevy all the way back to the days when they were first introduced. Since then I've owned three. I bought this one right after college and my wedding in 1969 for \$40. It was green, white and ugly, but I knew it was solid. Its transformation began with a 327-ci, 300-hp engine and a four-speed Muncie transmission. Not too long after that though, marriage turned into a family with three children, and the project turned into 35 years of storage and finding the money to complete it. After the kids grew up, it was time to finish my car.



In 2000, the car was stripped to bare metal with glass and sealed with epoxy primer. I towed it to a body shop in Doylestown, Pennsylvania and had them rework the body. I was pleased with the job they did and purchased all the required parts and trim needed to make it road-worthy.

I had it repainted in GM '90 Bright Metallic Blue and then went to putting back all the trim and bumpers. For the interior, the shop and I came up with black rolled and pleated vinyl outlined in gold piping on the seats to match the gold metalflake steering wheel. I had to keep the steering wheel; my wife gave it to me as a birthday gift in 1965.

The brakes were upgraded to power discs, and the rally-style wheels were switched to 15-inch ones with Michelin extra-narrow whitewalls. I have a few other minor changes in store, but for now I just enjoy driving the car to cruise nights several times a week. It has certainly come a long way from its green and white beginnings, and so have I.

SPECS

UNDER THE HOOD: 327 300-hp V8, four-speed Muncie transmission, Hurst shifter

OUTSIDE: 15-inch Michelin extra-narrow whitewalls; paint is '90 GM Bright Metallic Blue

INSIDE: Seats are bench, black-rolled and pleated with gold-colored piping

...And in Local News

Thousands Learn About SAN During Annual Tour

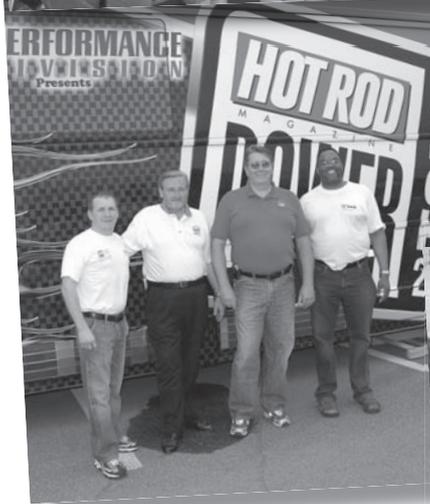
With thousands of spectacular vehicles on display, the SEMA Action Network joined with long haulers and local spectators alike in the annual *Hot Rod Magazine* Power Tour. Starting in Cleveland, Ohio, and winding its way through the Midwest to Little Rock, Arkansas, the event brought together car enthusiasts young and old and vehicles of all makes and models.

"I would personally like to thank all of the enthusiasts who signed up for the SAN while on the Power Tour," said SAN Director Jason Tolleison. "Each day of the tour, I had the opportunity to meet with countless individuals who understand the importance of becoming involved in influencing the laws that impact our hobby."

In addition to signing up new SAN members, SEMA staff were also on hand to photograph and distribute more than 500 press releases to local newspapers promoting the SAN's participation in the event.

Editor's note: For you long haulers out there who had your cars featured in your local papers, please send a copy to:

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Washington, D.C. 20004



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JULY 2007 SAN CLUB EVENTS

CALIFORNIA

July 4, Rancho Cucamonga
4th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Southern California
Chevelle Camino Club
Information: www.socalchevellecaminoclub.org

July 10-14, Burbank
31st Annual Professional Car Society Meet
Sponsor: Professional Car Society
Information: Lou Farah at 818/558-5701

July 20-22, Santa Maria
Annual Cruise and Barbecue Weekend
Sponsor: Bent Axles Street Rod Inc.
Information: John at 805/937-2391

COLORADO

June 29-July 1, Grand Junction
17th Annual Mopar Magic Weekend
Sponsor: Mopars Unlimited Colorado
Information: www.moparclubco.com or
970/434-7756

July 20-24, Salida
14th Annual Rocky Mountain Rendezvous
Information: www.rmhr.org or
303/838-8505

CONNECTICUT

June 30-July 1, Uncasville
Elite Dream Machines Car Show and
Rock 'n' Roll Weekend
Information: Paul at 508/428-8055

July 8, Guilford
Corvette Show & Swap
Sponsor: Club Corvette of Connecticut
Information: Michael at 203/865-3456

July 8, Simsbury
6th Annual Valley Classic Wheels Car Show
Sponsor: Valley Classic Wheels Car Club
Information: www.valleyclassicwheels.com or
860/658-7122

July 22, Durham
29th Annual Time Machines Car Show
Sponsor: T-birds of Connecticut
Information: www.tbirdsofconn.org/timemach.html

ILLINOIS

July 4, Effingham
Firecracker Car Show
Sponsor: Classic Pony Car Club
Information: www.classicponycarclub.com or
217/536-5162

July 16, Union Grove
CGH Drag Day/Car Show
Sponsor: Chicago Gearheads
Information: 630/918-5552

**Check out this early
August 2007 event**

KENTUCKY

August 2-5, Louisville
Street Rod Nationals
Sponsor: NSRA
Information: www.nsra-usa.com

July 17-21, Chicago
WPC Club National Meet
Sponsor: Northern Illinois Region WPC Club
Information: www.chryslerclub.org

IOWA

July 3, Williamsburg
Always on the Square Classic Show
Information: Mary at 319/668-1651

July 6-8, Des Moines
16th Annual Heartland Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com or
925/838-9876

KANSAS

July 21-22, Great Bend
Shelby Owners of America Performance Show
Information: www.shelbyowners.net

KENTUCKY

July 17-22, Bowling Green
2007 Oldsmobile Nationals
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of America
Information: www.oldsclub.org

MAINE

July 7-8, Owls Head
Fabulous '50s, '60s, & '70s Show
Information: www.owlshead.org

MARYLAND

July 8, Brookeville
16th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: National Capital Early Ford V8 Club
Information: Sandi at 410/560-0237

July 8, Glen Burnie
17th Christmas in July Annual Toy Run 2006
Sponsor: Lost in the 50's Car Club
Information: 410/224-6406

MASSACHUSETTS

July 8, Dedham
36th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Bay State Antique Auto Club
Information: 781/326-2008

July 22, Bridgewater
25th Annual Rod Run
Sponsor: South Shore Street Rods

MICHIGAN

July 1, Algonac
20th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Spare Parts Car Club
Information: Richard at 810/765-3473

July 6-7, Detroit
Car Show
Information: 313/834-5601

July 13, Ann Arbor
The Rolling Sculpture Car Show
Information: 734/668-7112

July 21-22, Belleville
Dearborn '07 Swap Meet and Corral
Sponsor: Ford & Mercury Restorers Club of America
Information: Bob at 248/328-9113

MINNESOTA

July 4, Stewartville
Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Stewie Cruisers
Information: www.stewiecruisers.com or
507/273-2127

July 13-15, St. Cloud
4th Annual Bad Boyz Car Show
Information: www.badboyzcarshow.com or
320/252-5498

July 15, Perham
Annual Sweet 16 Car Show
Sponsor: Perham Area Cruisers
Information: Erv at 218/758-6956

July 20-22, St. Paul
2007 Car Craft Summer Nationals
Sponsor: Family Events
Information: www.familyevents.com

July 22, Bemidji
24th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet
Sponsor: Paul Bunyan Vintage Auto Club
Information: Jerry or Dodie at 218/333-3916

MISSOURI

July 14, Licking
Route 63 Car Show
Sponsor: Route 63 Car Club
Information: Larry at 573/674-8203

NEBRASKA

June 29-July 1, Lincoln
2007 O'Reilly Auto Parts Rod & Custom
Magazine's Americruise
Sponsor: Family Events
Information: www.familyevents.com

NEVADA

July 27, Reno
Charity Show-N-Shine
Sponsor: Classic Chevys of Reno
Information: www.classicchevyclubreno.com or
775/827-7268

NEW MEXICO

July 21, Belen
2nd Annual Belen Classic Car Show
Sponsor: Classic Chevy Club of Albuquerque
Information: 505/385-1410

NEW YORK

July 14, Kingston
25th Annual Vintage Car Show
Sponsor: Hudson Valley Mustang Association
Information: 845/473-7329

July 15, Blenheim-Gilboa
Antique Auto Show
Sponsor: Schoharie Valley Region AACA
Information: Ronald at 518/234-7495

July 20-22, Syracuse
Syracuse Nationals
Sponsor: Right Coast Association
Information: www.rightcoastcars.com or 800/753-3978

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SUPPLEMENT

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

Note: The following state bills are not laws. They were recently introduced and are currently under consideration by the respective state legislatures:

EMISSIONS

Pennsylvania SB 871: Charges a fee for vehicles exempt from emissions and exempts vehicles driven less than 5,000 miles in a 12-month period from emissions inspections.

Pennsylvania SB 872: Charges a fee for vehicles exempt from emissions inspections.

Pennsylvania SB 873: Provides a sales-tax exemption for the cost of parts and labor necessary for a motor vehicle to comply with emissions-inspection standards.

EQUIPMENT

Louisiana HB 398: Allows the driver of a vehicle to use technology that provides a visual display of the front of the vehicle.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

New Jersey AB 4172: Impounds certain vehicles for illegal operation on public lands and holds them until proper fees are paid; revises law concerning registration, insurance and operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

New York AB 8551/SB 5706: Amends the economic development law, in relation to preparing a report on the economic impact of ATV-related tourism in the state of New York.

North Carolina HB 2008: Requires all off-road vehicles to be registered with the DMV and creates a trust fund to be used to acquire new lands, manage lands and develop off-road vehicle parks, trails, facilities and a new Off-Road Recreation Program.

RACETRACKS

Alabama HB 843: Includes a county motor park, speedway, racetrack or facility for testing motor vehicles in county project designations.

SCRAPPAGE

Ohio HB 206: Establishes new record-keeping requirements for scrap catalytic-converter dealers.

WINDOW TINTING

Pennsylvania HB 1282: Prohibits "unfair methods of competition" and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices," including tinting windows in a vehicle in a way that would violate inspection laws without notifying the customer first.

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OHIO

July 4, Xenia
42nd Anniversary Car Show and Swap Meet
Sponsor: Greene County Antique & Classic Car Club
Information: 937/372-3405

July 6-7, Dublin
25th Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In
Information: www.arthritisautoshow.com or 614/876-8200

July 13-15, Columbus
10th Goodguys Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com or 925/838-9876

July 14, Wyandot County Fairgrounds
4th Annual Danny Garza Memorial Fundraiser Show
Information: 419/273-2957

July 19-22, Perrysburg
44th Central Meet
Sponsor: VCCA
Information: 419/475-5737

July 28, Delaware
14th Annual Blast from the Past
Sponsor: Vintage Auto Club of Delaware, Ohio
Information: 740/363-3545

PENNSYLVANIA

July 6-8, Carlisle
Carlisle All Chrysler Nationals
Information: www.carlisleevents.com or 717/243-7855

July 12-15, Hershey
Atlantic North Central National Meet
Sponsor: VCCA
Information: 570/897-6151

July 13-15, Bloomsburg
20th Annual Summer 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals
Information: www.familyevents.com or 317/236-6522

TENNESSEE

June 29-July 1, Nashville
2nd Nashville Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com

July 14-15, Paris
Tennessee Kruzin Nationals
Information: www.bluegrasscarevents.org

TEXAS

June 28-July 2, Dallas
Lone Star Nationals
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of America
Information: www.oldsclub.org or 517/663-1811

July 16-19, San Antonio
19th Annual Chevrolet Nomad Association Convention
Sponsor: Chevrolet Nomad Association
Information: 785/472-5457

UTAH

July 6-8, Tooele
SAAC-32
Sponsor: Shelby American Automobile Club
Information: www.saac.com

July 21, Spring City
Spring City Car Show
Sponsor: Sanpete Cruisers
Information: 435/436-8310

July 27-29, Salina
4th Annual Blast from the Past Car Show
Sponsor: Forever Young Car Club
Information: 877/473-8368

VERMONT

July 20-22, Stratton
New England Concours d'Elegance
Sponsor: Hemmings
Information: www.hemmings.com/concours

WASHINGTON

July 7-8, Westport
Annual Super Cruz Show and Shine
Information: 360/268-1280

July 27-29, Puyallup
20th Pacific Northwest Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com or 925/838-9876

July 25-29, Seattle
2007 Buick Club of America National Meet
Sponsor: Buick Club of America
Information: www.buickclub.org

WEST VIRGINIA

July 14, Capon Bridge
4th Annual Bash at the Bridge Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
Sponsor: USMCF-MAIA
Information: www.musclecarfederation.com or 304/856-3446

WISCONSIN

July 12-15, Iola
Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of Wisconsin
Information: woldsclub@wi.rr.com

July 13-15, West Allis
Milwaukee Nationals
Sponsor: National Street Rod Association
Information: www.nsra-usa.com or 901/452-4030

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Club Spotlight

Massachusetts Club Does Its Share

The Bristol County Street Rod Association of Massachusetts, a SAN-member club of about 40 people, has been around since 1974. The club hosts fun-filled events with free food on Memorial Day weekend to jump-start the cruising year, and the Labor Day Lay-Back, an event where everyone can wind down as the hot summer days come to an end. The club uses these events to support local charities and community programs. One such organization is the Society for Human Advancement through Rehabilitation Engineering (SHARE).

The Bristol County Street Rod Association, along with SHARE, started a car show 13 years ago to help raise funds for people with various disabilities, including cerebral palsy; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), aka Lou Gehrig's disease; multiple sclerosis; and accident or stroke-related conditions. The organization relies upon volunteers and donations, such as the funds from this auto show. This year, the show will be held on August 12 and all makes and models are welcome to attend.

For more information about the Bristol County Street Rod Association, the SHARE Foundation and their event, please contact, "Woody" Woodward at 508/222-7518.

Attention Car Clubs: Please send information and photos about your club's activities to Jason Tolleson at jason@sema.org.



The Bristol County Street Rod Association plays host to the SHARE Foundation Auto Show; the proceeds are donated to provide specially adapted computer systems for people with disabilities.

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