

DRIVING FORCE

JUNE 2008



Madison or Bust!

SEMA Action Network Hits the Road With Hot Rodders From Across the Country



If you ever wanted to take a 1,200-mile road trip with 2,000 of your closest friends, then this is the event for you. In its 14th year, the *Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour* draws hobbyists from across the country on an exciting trek through the heartland of America. Leaving from the Arkansas State Fairground in Little Rock on June 7, the highways will be filled with hot rods as the tour visits seven cities in seven states before pulling into the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, on June 14.

"I look forward to meeting with countless SAN members who stop by the SAN booth in front of the *Hot Rod* bus throughout the event," said SAN Director Jason Tolleson. "Whether they are in for the long haul or just stopping by at one of the events along the way, it's great to connect with those who help drive the SAN and its legislative efforts."

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

Leaded Fuel Ban on Hold for One Year

Environment Canada Delays Restriction on Leaded Fuel for Competition Motor Vehicles

The Canadian Department of the Environment has delayed action for one year on a proposal that would terminate the current exemption from environmental restrictions for leaded gasoline used in competition motor vehicles. Under the revised regulation, the exemption will remain in place until January 1, 2010.

The extended period will allow all racing events in 2008 and 2009 to proceed while providing time for regulators to conduct further studies on the health risks of leaded fuel use at race facilities. The last study of this type was conducted in 1997.

In 2006, competition motor vehicles comprised only 1.5% of all leaded gasoline consumed in Canada. The aviation industry, which owns a permanent exemption from the ban, accounts for the other 98.5%.

In their announcement, government officials highlighted the significance of the economic impact a leaded fuel ban would have on



Citing the need for better scientific data, Canadian regulators have delayed action on a proposal that would ban leaded fuel use for competition vehicles.

race tracks, local and racing-related businesses. With an estimated 165 racing facilities across Canada, the closure of these facilities would also have a negative effect on restaurants, campgrounds, motels and other small businesses.

“While this is just a temporary reprieve, it does provide an opportunity to further educate

regulators on the vital role the racing industry plays in the Canadian economy,” said SAN Director Jason Tolleson. “The additional time should provide ample opportunity for the development of a fair policy that will balance the interests of the racing community and the economy with any environmental concerns.”

A special thanks goes to the National Association of Antique Automobile Clubs of Canada Corporation for mobilizing their membership against this short-sighted proposal.

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 its newest members:



CALIFORNIA
Assemblymember Joel Anderson



CALIFORNIA
Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes



NEW JERSEY
Assemblymember Gary Chiusano

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

LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS



Delaware Street Rods: SAN-supported legislation to exempt street rods from the state’s regular safety inspections was approved by the Delaware State Legislature. Under an agreement reached with state regulators, the registration and titling process will be changed administratively to allow street rods to be assigned a registration and titling designation bearing the same model year that the body of the vehicle resembles. The bill next moves to the governor for his signature and enactment into law.

Kentucky Project Titles: Pro-hobbyist legislation to create classic motor-vehicle project titles was approved by the Kentucky State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Steve Beshear. The SAN-supported law applies to vehicles at least 25 years old, not road-worthy and currently without a title or with a title from another state. Under the law, a classic motor-vehicle project title would prohibit the use of vehicles bearing these titles on the highway but, once restored, a regular title could be issued.



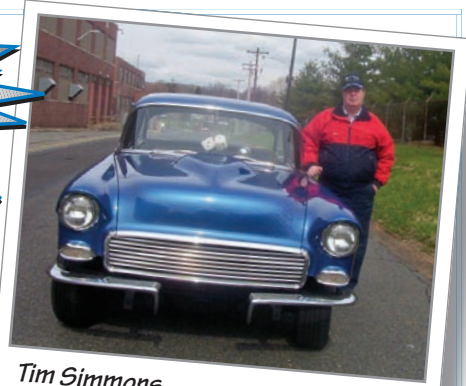
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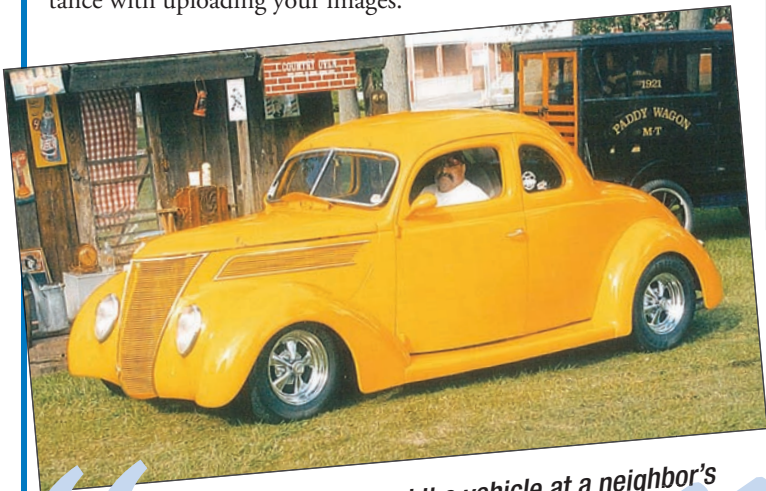
Show 'Em What You've Got!

Whether it has been handed down through the generations, an ultimate barn find or a vehicle that just needed your own personal touch, the SAN would like to give you an opportunity to share your passion for your car and truck with the rest of the automotive hobby. A vehicle will be selected each month to be featured in *Driving Force*, as well as on the SEMA Action Network website.

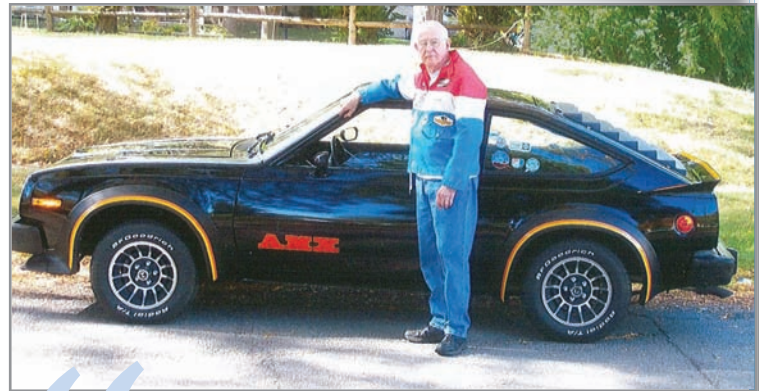
To submit your photo and story, visit www.semasan.com and click on the "Hey, That's My Car!" link on the homepage (the SAN will contact you if additional photos are needed). Please e-mail Jason Tolleson at jason@sema.org if you have any questions or need assistance with uploading your images.



Tim Simmons
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania



My journey began when I found the vehicle at a neighbor's yard sale. I have always loved older cars and wanted one of my own, so when I saw it, I decided it was finally my time.
—Terry Kemp
Bay City, Michigan



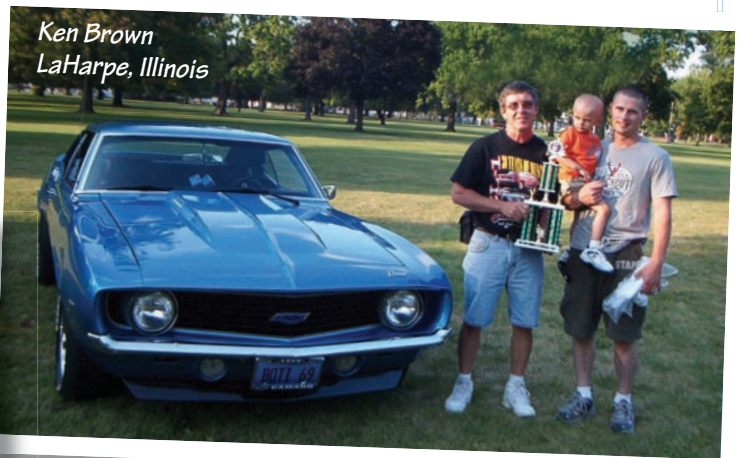
I have always had a thing for AMC cars, including my latest toy—an '80 Spirit AMX. My connection with AMC began in 1969 when I met an AMC employee in Cleveland, Ohio. Needless to say, I was hooked right from the start.

—David Macy
Toledo, Ohio



After our children moved out of the house, my wife decided that I needed a project to keep me occupied. She came to the conclusion that a '69 Ford Mustang would be the best way to keep me busy and give her some peace and quiet at the same time.

—Robert Thompson
Scottsdale, Arizona



Ken Brown
LaHarpe, Illinois



Ron Serianz
Newington, Connecticut

Street Rod/Custom Vehicle Legislation Roundup

SEMA has produced model legislation to create titling and registration classifications for street rods and custom vehicles, including kit cars and replicas. Under the SEMA model, eligible vehicles are titled as the production year they most closely resemble, are required to meet the equipment standards for that model year and are exempt from periodic vehicle inspections and emissions inspections. For updates on a particular state, or to download a copy of the bill, visit www.semasan.com.

Washington: Enacted in 1999. Portions based on SEMA model.

Idaho: Replica vehicle portion of SEMA model enacted in 2008.

Oregon: The SAN worked with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to adopt new state regulations that will exempt newly built street rods, custom cars, replicas and assembled vehicles from the state's mandatory emissions-inspection program.

California: Enacted in 2001. Allows 500 specially constructed vehicles each year, including kit cars, to be held to the emissions standards for the model-year that the body of the vehicle represents.

Hawaii: Enacted in 2004. Portions based on SEMA model.

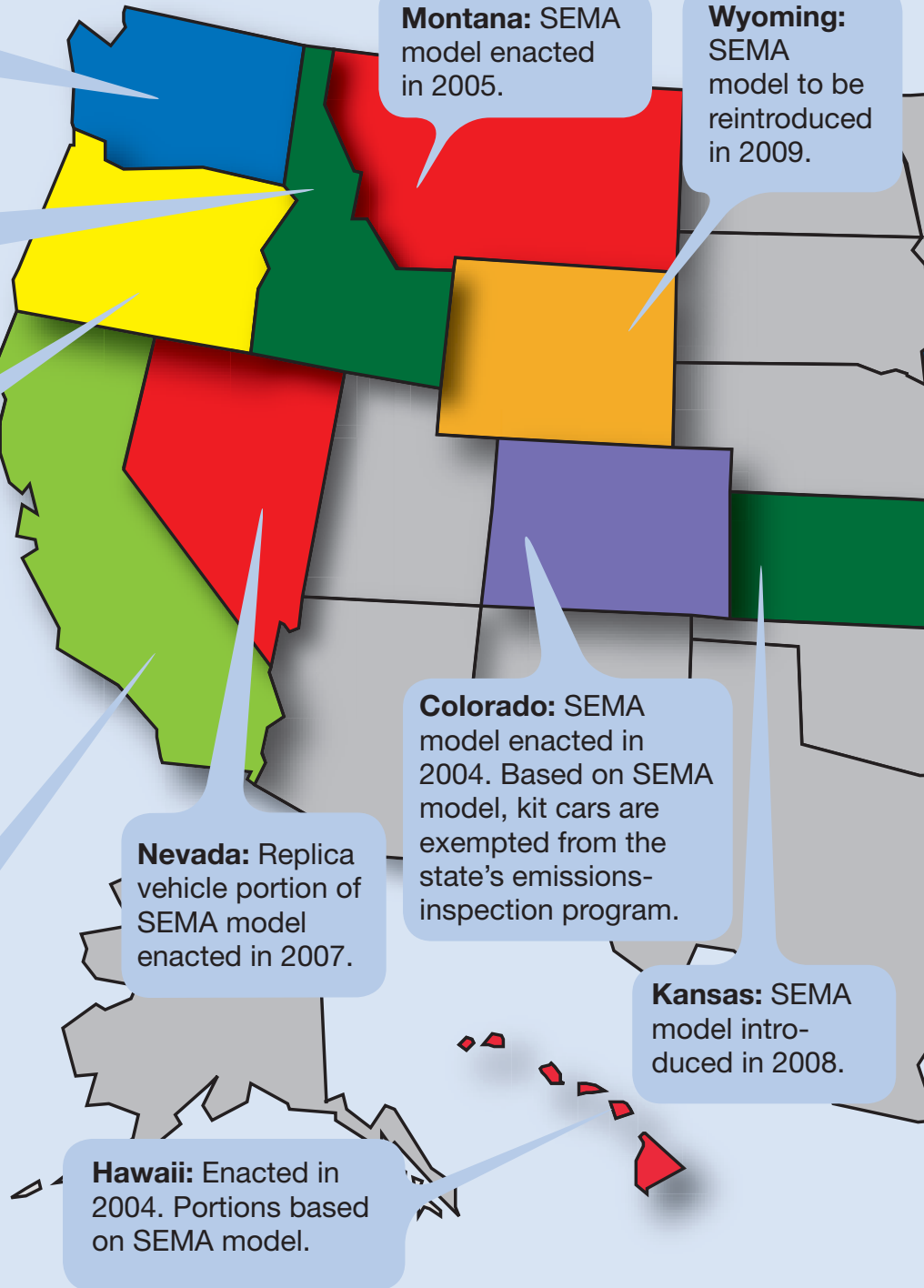
Nevada: Replica vehicle portion of SEMA model enacted in 2007.

Montana: SEMA model enacted in 2005.

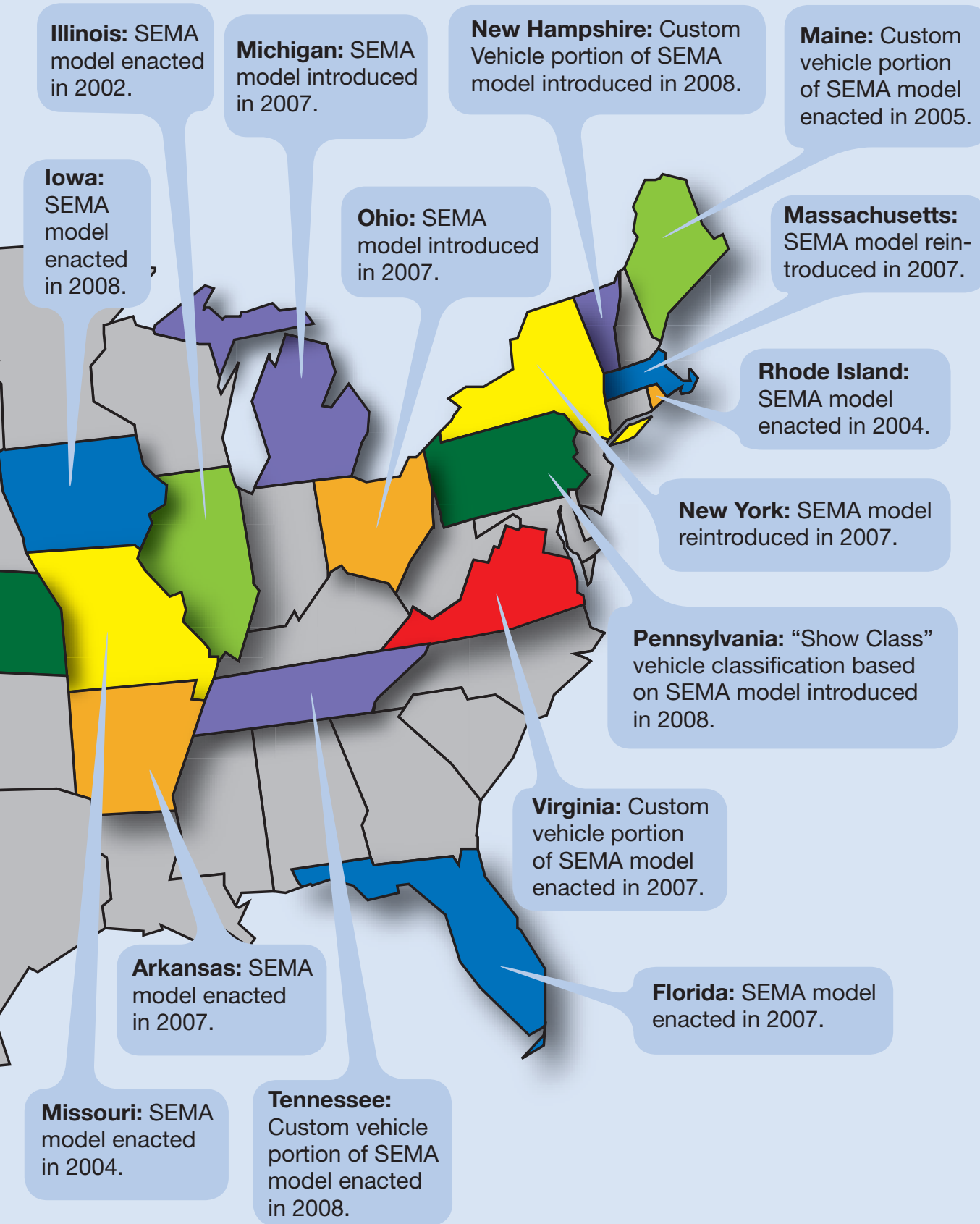
Wyoming: SEMA model to be reintroduced in 2009.

Colorado: SEMA model enacted in 2004. Based on SEMA model, kit cars are exempted from the state's emissions-inspection program.

Kansas: SEMA model introduced in 2008.



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SUPPLEMENT

JUNE 2008 SAN CLUB EVENTS

CALIFORNIA

June 1, Fremont

18th Annual Mopar Rally
Sponsor: Mopar Alley
Information: <http://moparalley.org> or 408/356-4752

June 8, Van Nuys

10th Annual All GM Vehicle Show & Swap Meet
Sponsor: Los Angeles Chapter Buick Club of America
Information: www.buickclub.org/losangeles/news1.htm or 818/999-6626 or 818/999-6626

June 8, Burbank

19th Annual Picnic in the Park and Car Show
Sponsor: Road Kings of Burbank
Information: www.roadkingsburbank.com/car_shows.htm or 818/842-5464

June 23-27, Ventura

CORSA International Convention
Sponsor: CORSA West of Los Angeles
Information: <http://conventions.corvair.org/2008> or 805/497-5586

COLORADO

June 27-29, Pueblo

Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals
Information: <http://nsra-usa.com.s18903.gridserver.com/index.php/site/evdet/20> or 901/452-4030

CONNECTICUT

June 1, Waterford

21st Annual British by the Sea
Sponsor: Connecticut MG Club
Information: <http://mgclub.homestead.com>

FLORIDA

June 27-28, Melbourne

33rd Annual Corn Boil
Sponsor: Space Coast Street Rods
Information: 321/727-2810 or 321/254-4099

GEORGIA

June 13-15, Atlanta

2nd Southern Nationals
Information: www.good-guys.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=08-610 or 925/838-9876

ILLINOIS

June 8, Lake Villa

17th Annual Fun Run
Sponsor: Kroozers of Northern Illinois
Information: 815/943-2115 or 815/861-5370

June 28-29, Springfield

2nd Annual Midwest 4Wheel Jamboree Nationals
Information: www.4wheeljamboree.com/event/9

June 20-21, Jeffersonville

13th Annual Mustang and All Ford Weekend
Sponsor: Fall City Mustang Club
Information: http://fallscitymustangclub.com/car_show/index.htm or 502/223-1369

INDIANA

June 6-8, Indianapolis

20th Hot Rod Nationals
Information: www.good-guys.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=08-601 or 925/838-9876

IOWA

June 1, Marion

27th Annual Chevy & Chevy Powered Car Show
Sponsor: Hawkeye Area Classic Chevy Club
Information: <http://geocities.com/haccc57//carshow2> or 319/438-1422

KANSAS

June 21-22, Lindsborg

2008 VCOA Midsommar
Sponsor: Volvo Club of America
Information: <http://midsommar.vcoa.org>

MARYLAND

June 29, Crofton

Muscle Car Mania
Sponsor: Corvette Club of America & Maryland Camaro Club
Information: www.mdcamaroclub.com/image/DragRace1.pdf or 301/854-2014 or 204/506-6283

MASSACHUSETTS

June 15, Fitchburg

29th Annual Father's Day Antique & Classic Auto Show
Sponsor: Mid-State Antique Auto Club
Information: <http://midstateaac.org/fathersdayflyer.htm> or 978/534-7127

MICHIGAN

June 1-2, Dearborn

33rd Annual Motor City Show & Go
Sponsor: Shelby American Automobile Club-Motor City Region
Information: www.saac-mcr.com/ec/showgo or 734/956-1636

June 20-21, St. Ignace

12th Annual Antiques on the Bay
Information: www.stignacecarshow.com or 906/643-8087

June 20-22, Detroit

Round Up 29
Cosworth Vega Owners Association
Information: <http://www.cosworthvega.com> or 313/388-1026

June 27-28, St. Ignace

33rd Annual St. Ignace Car Show and Swap Meet
Information: www.stignacecarshow.com or 906/643-8087

MINNESOTA

June 20-22, Minneapolis/St. Paul

35th Annual Back to the '50s
Sponsor: Minnesota Street Rod Association
Information: www.msra.com/BackToThe50s.htm

NEBRASKA

June 8, Omaha

32nd Annual Midwest Early Corvette Club Car & Truck Show
Sponsor: Midwest Early Corvette Club

NEVADA

June 21, Reno

"Classics in Paradise" Car Show
Sponsor: Classic Chevys of Reno
Information: www.classicchevyclubreno.com or 775/424-6824

NEW JERSEY

June 14, Pompton Plains

26th Annual Thunderbird Car Show
Sponsor: New Jersey Thunderbird Association
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=njtbird> or 732/432-6797

June 28-29, Augusta

7th Annual Motor Jamboree
Sponsor: Freewheelers Car Club
Information: www.freewheelerscarclub.com/jamboree2008.html or 973/347-1419

CHECK OUT THESE EARLY JULY 2008 EVENTS

IOWA

July 4-6, Des Moines

17th Heartland Nationals
Information: www.good-guys.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=08-602 or 925/838-9876

WISCONSIN

July 5, Cedarburg

18th Annual Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show
Sponsor: Rods-N-Relics Car Club
Information: www.rodsnrelics.org/sitebuilder-content/sitebuilderfiles/rodsnrelics2008flyer.pdf or 262/242-3834

July 6, Augusta

Augusta Bean & Bacon Days Auto, Truck & Tractor Show
Information: 715/456-2880

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NEW MEXICO

June 6-7, Carlsbad

Car-A-Fair 2008

Sponsor: Carlsbad Automotive Restoration Society

Information: www.carsclubofcarlsbad.com/CARAFair.html or 505/887-8853

June 15, Los Lunas

12th Annual Cruzin South Rt. 66 Summerfest

Sponsor: Los Lunas Victory Riders

Information: <http://loslunasnm.gov/DocumentView.asp?DID=307> or 505/352-3596

June 14, Albuquerque

1st Annual Duke City Mopar Fest

Sponsor: Mopar Muscle Club of New Mexico

Information: www.moparclub.com or 505/896-8115

NEW YORK

June 15, Auburn

17th Annual Father's Day Car Show

Sponsor: Prison City Ramblers

Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/prisoncityramblers/mission.cfm> or 315/252-6318

NORTH DAKOTA

June 6-7, Mandan

Classtiques Rod & Custom Rod Run '08

Sponsor: Classtiques Rod & Customs Club

Information: www.classtiques.com/RodRun08/rodrun08.pdf or 701/222-2069

OHIO

June 14, Mount Vernon

13th Annual Car Show

Sponsor: Ohio Eastern Star Chapters of District 12

Information: 740/694-3596 or 740/366-4180

OKLAHOMA

June 7, Sapulpa

19th Annual Route 66 Car & Truck Show

Sponsor: Dragin Masters Car Club

Information: <http://vette-granny.tripod.com/id15.html> or 918/224-5709

PENNSYLVANIA

June 6-8, York

Street Rod Nationals East

Information: <http://nsra-usa.com.s18903.gridserver.com/index.php/site/evdet/21>

or 901/452-4030

June 8, Washington

Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac,

GMC Truck Show

Sponsor: Western PA Chapter of

Pontiac-Oakland Club International

Information: 724/843-5195 or 412/833-1441

June 21, Trexlertown

Classy Cruisers Show & Shine

Sponsor: Classy Cruisers Club of Lehigh Valley

Information: www.classycruisersclub.com/carshow.htm or 610/758-9111

TENNESSEE

June 27-29, Nashville

3rd Nashville Nationals

Information: www.good-guys.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=08-607 or 925/838-9876

VIRGINIA

June 6-8, Newport News

The Li'l Red & Warlock Nationals 2008

Sponsor: Li'l Red Express &

Warlock Owners Club

Information: <http://home.att.net/~theadventurer> or 757/875-5270

WISCONSIN

June 7, Burlington

26th Annual Oldsmobile Show

Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of Wisconsin

Information: http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/ocw/pdf/2008_Lynch_Flyer_2.pdf or 262/966-3702

June 13-15, Warrens

27th Wizards of Rods Fun Run

Sponsor: Wizards of Rods Car Club

Information: 608/985-8040

ONTARIO, CANADA

June 14, Fort Francis

Scott Street Show & Shine

Sponsor International Early Iron Car Club

Information: 807/274-2345 or 218/283-4938

Land of 10,000 Lakes? Try 13,000 Street Rodders!

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In working with the SEMA Action Network over the years, the MSRA has been very successful in having hobby-friendly legislation enacted, including the adoption of the Street Rod License Plate; an ethanol mandate exemption for collector vehicles; a law permitting the use of blue-dot tail-

lights; and an exemption for collector vehicles from a bill that establishes the California emissions requirements in Minnesota.

To inform and gain additional support from enthusiasts, the Legislative Committee will be on hand at the "Back to the '50s"

Extravaganza (see show information on p. 6) later this month. All these efforts ensure that street rodding will be around for a long time in Minnesota.

As it proudly states on their website, "MSRA is still about Friends, Food, Fun and Fellowship...but most about having fun with cars! So lean back and let's go cruisin'!"

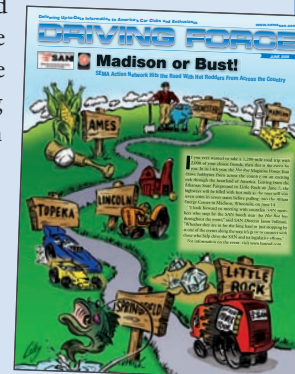


In what most certainly left a lasting impression on lawmakers, more than 70 street rods were parked across the lawn of the State Capitol Building during the MSRA "Run to the Hill."

Kudos to Colby



We at the SEMA Action Network take great pride in putting together *Driving Force*. This issue is no exception, as SEMA's own Colby Martin put his artistic talents on display through the first-ever illustrated cover of *Driving Force*. Over the years he has designed several creative items for the SAN, including the artwork on the SANT-shirt, which he illustrated at the ripe old age of 17.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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Since its founding in 1967, the Minnesota Street Rod Association (MSRA) has worked hard to ensure the future of automotive hobby in the North Star State. With the original 12 members meeting at a pizzeria in Minneapolis, the MSRA now has over 13,000 members worldwide. Their annual Back to the '50s Show attracts more than 11,000 cars and more than 100,000 spectators.

Through all of this, the MSRA has always kept its focus on building good relationships with state lawmakers and regulators. For the last 15 years, the MSRA Legislative Committee has organized a "Run to the Hill" to inform legislators at the State Capitol on how the pending bills they are considering will impact the hobby. In years when there are no pressing issues, MSRA members use the event as an opportunity to educate lawmakers about the organization. These relationships are of great benefit when support is needed on an issue that may cause problems for the hobby.



With their annual "Run to the Hill" the Minnesota Street Rod Association has become a powerful in protecting collector cars hobbyists in the North State State.

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