

DRIVING FORCE

JUNE 2011



SAN Takes Off on Power Tour

Caravan of Collectibles Rolls From Space Coast to Motor City

Summer offers up many delights—barbecues, fishing trips, lazy afternoons—but none can compare with the chance to dust off the old rod and take it out on the summer trip of a lifetime, the *Hot Rod Power Tour*! The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is again traveling with the 2011 Tour as it lifts off from the historic space-shuttle launch site of Cape Canaveral, Florida, and winds north all the way up to the birthplace of American motoring: Detroit, Michigan. As we gather for the all-day kickoff at the Cape on June 4, we will be joined by our resident hot rodder in Congress, U.S. Representative Bill Posey. Congressman Posey represents the Florida citizens of district 15, including the Cape and surrounding areas and all its enthusiastic car guys and gals. As a former stock car racer and current car aficionado, he is excited to take part in this annual hot-rod celebration.

For those who are unfamiliar with *Hot Rod's* annual trek, it is a chance for hobbyists to drive their treasured classics alongside other fantastically rendered vehicles in a convoy following a path blazed by the iconic *Hot Rod Power Tour* bus. From classic '30s-inspired rods to musclecar creations, the tour route will offer up an inspiring sight.

As we move north from Florida, we will stop to give the cars a chance to cool off (and show off!) in day-long events in Valdosta, Georgia (June 5); Montgomery, Alabama (June 6); Nashville, Tennessee (June 7); Indianapolis, Indiana (June 8); Muskegon, Michigan (June 9); and finally, Detroit, Michigan (June 10). If you can't be part of the entire Tour, please join us at one of the stops...and make sure to come by the SAN booth to say hi. As always, we'll be there to enlist more enthusiasts in our efforts to impact laws and regulations that affect car and truck hobbyists of all kinds. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information about the 2011 *Hot Rod Power Tour*, go online to www.hotrod.com.

2011 HOT ROD MAGAZINE POWER TOUR

June 4-Cocoa Beach, FL ♦ June 5-Valdosta, GA ♦ June 6-Montgomery, AL ♦ June 7-Nashville, TN ♦ JUNE 8-Indianapolis, IN ♦ June 9-Muskegon, MI ♦ June 10-Detroit, MI

Lawmakers Clash on Wilderness Lands

Your off-road excursion ends when you see a “wilderness” sign since mechanized equipment is forbidden on land so-designated. When Congress enacted the “Wilderness Act” in 1964, it set aside 9 million acres of land. There are now about 110 million acres. In 2009, Congress added 2.2 million acres in nine states when it passed more than 160 separate wilderness measures as one massive bill.

A number of new wilderness bills have now been introduced in Congress. Here are just a few: Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act to designate 330,000 acres of land; Hidden Gems Wilderness to designate 342,000 acres in central Colorado’s Rocky Mountains; California Desert Protection to manage 1.6 million acres of federal land in Southern California as wilderness or under some other protective designation; Devil’s Staircase Wilderness to protect 30,000 acres in coastal Oregon; and Alpine Lakes Wilderness to add 22,000 acres to the existing wilderness area in Washington state.



While the SAN supports reasonable land use decisions, the SAN opposes legislation that threatens to prohibit recreation without sufficient public consensus and local community support. The SAN also seeks to protect existing roads and trails so that they do not receive the wilderness stamp and to set aside other land for motorized recreation activities. Wilderness laws are conse-

quential. For example, the 2009 law closed the Canaan Mountain Sawmill Road (Utah), Lostine River Road (Oregon) and a road in the Owyhee Canyonslands Wilderness (Idaho).

Lawmakers are expected to begin the process of holding Committee hearings and voting on the various new wilderness bills in the near future. The SAN remains concerned that there will be an effort to commingle scores of bills into a single measure later this year or next year. On the flip-side, the SAN has joined a number of other organizations to support legislation that would release 42 million acres of land from a wilderness designation. The lands have been set aside as “wilderness study areas” (WSAs) or “inventoried roadless areas.” WSAs are lands that have been identified as having wilderness potential. However, following extensive reviews, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service have identified the 42 million acres as not suitable as wilderness.

Late last year, the BLM attempted to shape land use policy on its own when it launched a program to identify unspoiled back country that can be designated as “wild lands.” The SAN opposes the program since it usurps the exclusive authority of Congress to designate “wilderness.” OHV enthusiasts scored a temporary victory when Congress defunded the program for the rest of fiscal-year 2011. The SAN will continue to oppose the program moving forward.



Flat Black Falcon

1962 Ford Falcon

Owner: Jeffrey Lauer
Dover, Pennsylvania

My mom bought this car when I was 12 and told me it would be mine if I graduated high school. Needless to say, I graduated. Since then, I’ve taken the Falcon through three motors, four sets of wheels and three transmissions—from a four-speed to a C6 to a T5 five-speed out of a Mustang. Currently under the hood is a 347ci small-block Ford with 11.25:1 compression, Roush 200 heads with 1.7:1 rockers, and a Trick Flow Stage 3 cam with an intake/exhaust valve lift of .609-in./ .632-in. The raw fuel goes in through a Holley 750-cfm carb sitting on a single-plane intake and the burnt gas exits out 1½-in. long tube headers feeding a 3-in. exhaust and Flowmaster mufflers. Power is transferred to the ground through a Mustang T5 five-speed and a 9-in. equipped with Moser axles and 4.11:1 spool. Cal-Trac bars, sub-frame connectors and three-way adjustable shocks help stiffen the chassis and provide some grip for the wide 275/50R15 tires mounted on 15x8 Summit Racing Pulsar rims. Disc brakes up front with 15x4 Pulsars mounted with 165R15s provide some much needed stopping power.

The interior currently sports a 3-in. Moon tachometer, two old-style gauges under the dash, aftermarket racing seats, a Hurst shifter and a Grant Classic Chrome three-spoke steering wheel with black grip, and it is topped off with a fiberglass teardrop hood. The car is also equipped with a MSD Blaster SS Coil and a digital 6+ box rev limiter set at 7400.

I have also switched up the paint from red to a modern flat black, matte finish. This car is constantly changing as I try to make it better and different. Like any project car, it will never be truly finished, and that’s just the way I like it.

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

LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

Illinois Antiques: The SAN is supporting legislation to provide for an expanded-use antique vehicle registration class to allow antique vehicles and replicas to be driven without limitation during the warmer part of the year—from April 1 through October 31. Under the bill, expanded-use antiques are limited to traveling to and from car shows, exhibitions, servicing or demonstration from November 1 through March 31. Regular antique vehicle registration will still be available for a lower fee to hobbyists who would prefer operating their vehicle on a limited-use only basis year-round. The bill will now go to the full Senate for a vote.



Arizona Emissions Exemption: SAN-supported legislation to exempt all vehicles manufactured in the '74 model year and earlier from the state's mandatory biennial emissions inspection program was signed into law by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. Under previous law, only vehicles manufactured in 1966 and earlier and "collectibles" were exempt. The governor's signature acknowledges the relatively minimal environmental impact of older vehicles, such as the historic cars targeted for this exemption. These vehicles constitute a small portion of the vehicle fleet and are well-maintained and infrequently operated.

Massachusetts Aftermarket Exhaust Systems: SAN is opposing a Massachusetts bill to ban the "use and sale of any exhaust pipe that increases the sound emissions of any vehicle including motorcycles." An identical bill was introduced in 2009 by the same sponsor and was set aside for study without any committee consideration. Among other things, the measure does not supply law enforcement with a clear standard to enforce, allowing them to make subjective judgments on whether or not a modified exhaust system is in violation. The bill also ignores the fact that aftermarket exhaust systems are designed to make vehicles run more efficiently without increasing emissions.

Nevada New Car Emissions Exemption: Legislation to extend the emissions inspection waiver for new vehicles has been approved by the Nevada Senate Natural Resources Committee. Under the bill, new cars will be exempt for the first three years after their initial registration. The bill also changes the state's emissions inspection program so that vehicles will only be required to undergo testing every two years. Current law requires annual emissions inspections for passenger vehicles and exempts new vehicles only for the first two years after initial registration. The bill will next be considered by the Senate Finance Committee.

Oklahoma Racing: SAN-supported legislation to allow municipalities to issue permits for sanctioned motor-vehicle racing events on public streets and highways within its geographical jurisdiction has been signed into law



by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. Introduced as the "Municipal Motor Vehicle Racing Act," the new law promotes legal racing in Oklahoma, boosts the state's tourism sector and streamlines the process for race promoters to obtain a racing event permit. An exemption from regulations governing "public or private nuisances," including noise limits, is also provided for in the new law. To obtain a permit, the racing event must be sanctioned by a nationally or internationally recognized racing organization.

SAN Joins Coalition to Save the Bonneville Salt Flats

The SAN joined a number of prominent organizations in forming the "Save the Salt Coalition" to protect the Bonneville Salt Flats (BSF) from continued deterioration due to salt brine removal from potash mining. The Coalition is now working with government officials, mine operators and others to develop a permanent program to replenish the salt.

In addition to the SAN, founding members of the Coalition include the Bonneville Nationals (BNI), Save the Salt Foundation, Source Interlink Media, Southern California Timing Association (SCTA), SEMA and Utah Salt Flats Racing Association (USFRA).

The BSF is a unique geological formation that is also central to the history of motorsports and the industries that support motorsports. Scores of world land speed records have been set on the densely packed remnants of a huge prehistoric lake. The BSF has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

For more information, please visit the "Save the Salt Coalition" website at www.savethesalt.org.



Oklahoma Rebodyed Vehicles: Legislation to provide for certificates of title to be issued for "rebodyed" vehicles has been signed into law by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. Under the new law, a rebodied vehicle is defined as a vehicle which has been assembled using a new body or new major component part that is of an identical type as the original body or major component part. The law requires that new parts used to assemble a rebodied vehicle be licensed by the manufacturer of the original vehicle. Other original, new or reconditioned parts may also be used. Titles issued to rebodied vehicles will identify the year, make and model of the originally manufactured vehicle and include a notation that states: "This vehicle has been assembled with new major components licensed by the original manufacturer." Upon application, the Oklahoma Tax Commissioner will assign each rebodied vehicle a new VIN.

Tennessee Emissions Exemption: Legislation to exempt vehicles registered as "antique vehicles" from the state's annual emissions inspection and maintenance program was signed into law by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. Antique vehicles are defined as unmodified vehicles more than 25 years old used for club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and general transportation on Saturday and Sunday.

Texas Street Rods/Customs: SEMA-model legislation to create a vehicle registration classification for street rods and custom vehicles and provide for special license plates for these vehicles was approved by the full Texas House of Representatives. The bill defines a street rod as an altered vehicle manufactured before 1949 and a custom as an altered vehicle at least 25 years old and manufactured after 1948. The measure provides for the use of non-original materials and creates a titling and registration criterion that assigns these vehicles the same model-year designation as the production vehicle they most closely resemble. The bill will now be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee.

CALIFORNIA

June 4-5, Pleasanton

18th Summer Get-Together

Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association

Info: www.summergettogether.com

June 5, Escondido

19th Annual Buicks at Bates Nut Farm Car Show

Sponsor: Buick Grand National Club

Info: 714/772-6201

June 5, Fremont

21st Annual Mopar Rally

Sponsor: Mopar Alley

Info: www.moparalley.org

June 11, El Segundo

3rd Annual El Segundo Education Foundation Car Show at the Automobile Driving Museum (ADM)

Info: j.mull@sbcglobal.net

June 4, Lincoln

2011 Downtown Lincoln Classic Car Show

Sponsor: Rods & Relics

Info: 916/543-0464 or www.rodsnrelics.net

June 9-12, Santa Rosa

All-American Cruise-In and Show & Shine

Info: www.peggysuescruise.com

June 11, Palmdale

Rusty Relics Swap Meet

Info: 661/285-3212 or 661/917-5657

June 16-19, Pismo Beach

26th Classic at Pismo Beach

Info: www.thepismoeachclassic.com

June 17-19, Eldorado National Forest

Hi-Landers Poker Run

Info: 916/331-2256 or martin4x4@sbcglobal.net

June 24-26, Bald Mountain in the Sierra National Forest

Moonlight Madness

Sponsor: Clovis Independent 4-Wheelers

Info: www.cal4wheel.com or 559/297-4542

June 24-26, Buellton

Central Coaster Car Event

Sponsor: Buellton Rotary Club

Info: 805/688-1121 or

www.rotarycentralcoaster.com

June 25, El Segundo

So Cal Region Orphan Car Show

Sponsor: Southern California Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Info: 323/356-9029 or rapsr844@aol.com

June 25, Placentia

14th Annual Orange County Model T Ford Club

Pre War Parts Exchange & Car Show

Info: 714/542-0906 or 714/963-2724 or www.ocmodelt.com

COLORADO

June 3-5, Loveland

14th Colorado Nationals

Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association

Info: www.coloradonats.com

June 10-12, Glenwood Springs

59th Annual Glenwood Rallye

Sponsor: MG Car Club-Rocky Mountain Centre

Info: 303/915-3070 or http://mgcc.org

June 18, Aurora

4th Annual Cruizin' Havana

Sponsor: Collector Car Council of Colorado

Info: www.oldcouncil.org

June 16-19, Steamboat Springs

23rd Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup

Info: www.rmmr.org

June 24-26, Pueblo

27th Annual NSRA Rocky Mountain

Street Rod Nationals

Info: 209/474-0103

FLORIDA

June 3, Cape Coral

Cruise-In at the Shops of Surfside

Sponsor: Shops at Surfside, Serge Ruggio and Tom Brooks

Info: 941/815-1945 or Serge6046@aol.com

June 6, Fort Myers

Merchants Crossing Cruise-In

Info: 239/772-9941

June 7, North Fort Myers

Victory Lane Café Cruise-In

Info: Billie Jo at 239/995-0340

ALBERTA, CANADA

June 10, Red Deer

Flaps n' Fenders Show & Shine

Sponsor: Cruisers Club of Red Deer

Info: 403/886-5541

June 18, Lloydminster

Just Kruzin Show & Shine at the Lakeland College Campus

Sponsor: Just Kruzin Specialty Vehicle Club

Info: 780/205-2313 or www.justkruzin.com

June 26-July 1, Pincher Creek

Cowboys & Coalmines Tour-Model T Fords Only

Sponsor: The Foothills Model T Ford Club-Calgary

Info: 403/931-2628 or www.cowboysandcoalmines.com

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

June 10, Radium Hot Springs

Brits Best 2011

Sponsor: Calgary MG Car Club

Info: 403/819-3330 or CalgaryMG@gmail.com

June 10, Port Charlotte

Cruise In at Cochran & Tamiami Trail

Sponsor: Charlotte Classics & Cruisers

Info: 941/815-6204

June 18, Port Charlotte

Cruise-In at Denny's & Hooters

Sponsor: Charlotte Classics & Cruisers

Info: 941/766-1464

ILLINOIS

June 4, Chicago Ridge

3rd Annual Car Show

Sponsor: Men's Auxiliary for VFW McDonald Linn Post #177

Info: 708/636-3220

June 23-26, Joliet

Sixth Annual Nitto Tire NMRA/NMCA Super Bowl of Street Legal Drag Racing

Sponsor: NMRA and NMCA

Info: www.nmradigital.com or www.nmcadigital.com

INDIANA

June 25-26, Indianapolis

32nd Annual Mustang & All Ford Show and Swap

Sponsor: Mustang Club of Indianapolis

Info: 317/244-2935 or cobra66@ici.net

MARYLAND

June 4, Hagerstown

Charity Cruise In at Barefoot Bernies and Cancun Cantina West

Sponsor: Heart of Maryland Classic Chevy Club

Info: 301/514-2207 or www.hmccc.50G.com

EARLY JULY 2011 EVENTS

ILLINOIS

July 3, Grayslake

Skip's Show & Swap Meet

Info: 630/876-1042

IOWA

July 1-3, Des Moines

20th Heartland Nationals

Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association

Info: www.heartlandnats.com

KANSAS

July 4, Pittsburg

2011 4th of July Car Show

Sponsor: Rollin' Nostalgia Car Club

Info: 620/231-8343 or rollin-nostalgia@cox.net

NEW YORK

July 10, Rochester

51st Annual Car Show

Sponsor: Genesee Valley Antique Car Society (GVACS)

Info: www.GVACS.com or 585/377-0940

The SAN is still collecting events for this year's Collector Car Appreciation Day, scheduled for July 8, 2011. Send your event information to ashleya@sema.org. For a full list of Collector Car Appreciation Day events, visit www.semasan.com/collectorcarappreciationday.

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June 11-12, Ocean City

Mason Dixon Classic Chevy Club Annual Show
Info: 302/289-3560 or peroyvrs@aol.com

June 25-26, North East Community Park

24th Annual Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show and Swap Meet
Sponsor: Maryland Chevelle Club and ACES Northeast Region
Info: www.mdchevelleclub.com

MASSACHUSETTS

June 5, Marlboro

3rd Annual Marlboro Main Street Car Show
Sponsor: Pushrods Car Club
Info: 978/562-7484 or 508/481-5469

June 12, Maynard

23rd Annual Autofest
Sponsor: Maynard Area Auto Club
Info: 978/897-3445 or http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/maynardaac/fest.html

June 19, Fitchburg

Father's Day 32nd Annual Auto Meet
Sponsor: Mid-State Antique Auto Club
Info: www.midstateaac.org

MICHIGAN

June 12, Peotone

39th Annual Swap Meet, Car Show and Car Corral
Sponsor: Tri-Chevy Association
Info: 630/200-0755

June 12-13, Dearborn

SAAC-MCR Show and Go 36
Info: 586/776-4836 or www.saac-mcr.com

June 23-25, St. Ignace

36th Annual St. Ignace Car Show
Info: 906/643-8087 or www.nostalgia-prod.com

June 25, Petersburg

Pirolli Park Charity Car Show
Info: 734/279-1487 or www.pirollipark.com

MINNESOTA

June 4, Pequot Lakes

Sponsor: Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club
Info: 218/820-1215 or bs_daycare@hotmail.com

MISSOURI

June 17-19, Springfield

39th Annual Pre-'49 Rod Run & Show
Sponsor: Rods & Relics Car Club
Info: 417/831-1031 or 417/299-9740

NEBRASKA

June 4, Omaha

First National Bank Corporate Cup Committee's Second Annual Car Show
Sponsor: Nebraska Advanced Manufacturer's Coalition (NAMC)
Info: tmprobyn@fnni.com or 402/935-0974

NEW JERSEY

June 4, Woodbine

Car Show
Sponsor: Cohanzick Antique Auto Club and Gentilini Ford
Info: 856/692-8050 or KVetFamily@cs.com

NEW YORK

June 5, Farmington

Sports Car and Vintage Auto Festival
Sponsor: MG Car Club Western New York
Info: 585/394-3915 or www.mgcarclub.com

June 5, Oyster Bay

3rd Annual All American Charity Car Show
Sponsor: Long Island Super Sport Team (LISST)
Information: 516/633-1195 or www.lisst.com

June 11, Badgerow

2011 Super Cruise
Sponsor: Street Machines of Rochester
Info: 585/278-7658 or www.streetmachinesofrochester.com

June 12, Rochester

37th Annual Outdoor Auto Show
Sponsor: Street Machines of Rochester
Info: www.streetmachinesofrochester.com

June 24-26, Rhinebeck

20th East Coast Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Info: www.eastcoastnats.com

OKLAHOMA

June 15-19, Tulsa

37th Oklahoma All-Ford Meet
Info: 918/256-7121 or www.midamericafordmeet.com

PENNSYLVANIA

June 3-5, York

38th Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals
Info: 303/776-7841

June 3-5, Carlisle

All Ford Nationals
Sponsor: Carlisle Events
Info: www.carlisleevents.com

June 12, Bloomsburg

20th Annual Auto Show
Sponsor: Dream Machines Motor Club
Info: 570/275-0748 or 570/784-9665

June 24-26, Carlisle

GM Nationals
Sponsor: Carlisle Events
Info: www.carlisleevents.com

RHODE ISLAND

June 26, Cumberland

21st Annual All Chevy Show
Sponsor: Rhode Island Chevy Owners Association
Info: 401/647-7823 or 401/728-7059

UTAH

June 5, Roy

Mountain West Street News Picnic
Info: 801/773-8438

June 30-July 2, Logan

Cache Valley Cruise In
Sponsor: Cache Valley Cruising Association
Info: 435/787-7414 or www.cachevalleycruisein.net

VERMONT

June 11-12, Manchester

Antique/Classic Car Show at Dorr Farm
Info: 800/362-4144 or www.manchestercarshow.com

VIRGINIA

June 11, Newport News

16th Annual Truck Show for Li'l Red Express, Warlock, and 1972-1985 Dodge Pickup Trucks
Sponsor: The Li'l Red Express & Warlock Owners Club
Info: 757/875-5270 or skipgibbs@cox.net

June 10-12, Winchester

Spring Fling
Sponsor: Big Dogs Offroad
Info: www.bigdogsoffroad.com

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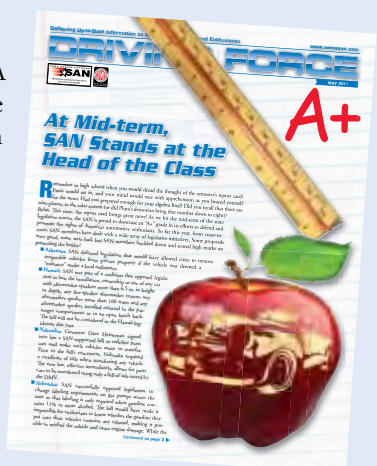
June 25, Grafton

21st Annual Rods-N-Relics Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
Info: www.rodsnrelics.org

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 (SAN), 1317 F St., N.W., Ste. 500, Washington, D.C. 20004-1105. Or by e-mail at ashleya@sema.org.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing
Coalition, Dream It. Do It.**

Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition's Dream It Do It, is a statewide program designed to attract young people under the age of 26 to exciting career paths in manufacturing, including all aspects of the automotive industry. Its 350 volunteers are involved with high schools, community colleges and universities. Students are exposed to such state-of-the-art programs as robotics and associated controls for automotive manufacture and controls, including electric-drive vehicles.

Last year, the Coalition put on the First National Bank Corporate Cup Committee's Car Show with proceeds benefitting the American Lung Association. Fifty cars participated and prizes were awarded in the following categories: Ford, Mopar, GM, Truck, orphans (such as Olds and Pontiacs) People's Choice and Ambassador's Choice. The Ambassador's Choice was awarded to a '72 Detomaso Pantera. This year's Show is scheduled for June 4 and will again benefit the American Lung Association.



Attendees admire cars on display for last year's show to benefit the American Lung Association.

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