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Political Rivals Square Off at the Polls

Winner Takes All

Voters Will Decide November's Victors in Heated Election

It's often said that 90% of success is showing up. In politics, this is especially true. At its core, our form of democracy is based on the idea of civic engagement. It is the right and responsibility of each citizen to participate in the political process and get engaged. The greatest tool at each citizen's disposal is the right to vote. Voting gives the people a voice in government, allowing one to choose leaders and shape the future of the country. On November 8, the nation will head to the polls in what could prove to be the most pivotal election in recent years. However, those being governed can't make a difference if they don't make their voices heard.

This fall, Americans will not only vote to elect a new president, but every U.S. House member, one-third of the U.S. Senate, and numerous state and local positions. There are many issues at stake that affect hardworking taxpayers.

For SEMA Action Network (SAN) members in particular, a lot is on the line. Not only will the next president guide automotive policy at the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but he or she will have the power to determine which federal lands remain open for off-roading. As we've seen in recent years, control over these agencies can be hugely consequential.

The next Congress will also have a lot on its plate. Potentially on its agenda could be the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act), which confirms that it has always been legal to convert a street car into a race car used exclusively at the track. While the SAN continues to push Congress to pass this critical legislation before the election, nothing is guaranteed. With the election approaching, lawmakers are spending less time in Washington and more time in their states and local districts. As a result, it may be the next Congress that ultimately decides the RPM Act's fate.

The future of ethanol could also be decided by the next Congress. By law, ethanol is added to most gasoline. Most of the gas found at the pump contains up to 10% ethanol (E10), but in order to meet the government mandate, the EPA approved the sale of 15% ethanol (E15). As we all know, ethanol can cause

metal corrosion and dissolve certain plastics and rubbers, especially in older cars. Higher concentrations of ethanol also burn hotter and pose a risk to high-performance specialty parts. Legislation to reduce the ethanol mandate and ban the sale of E15 gasoline is pending in Congress but likely will not get acted on until 2017.



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Perhaps the most direct impact of the November ballots on the auto hobby will appear at the state and local levels. Lawmakers within these ranks will be responsible for proposals affecting the majority of issues with the biggest impact on SAN members. The areas of titling and emissions requirements for collector vehicles, vehicle property taxes, backyard restoration projects, registration plate options, specialty parts usage, mileage fees and others all fall under jurisdictions on the state level or with local jurisdictions. Become familiar with candidates that are

vying for these local seats as much as those running for offices higher on the ticket.

With such an array of automotive topics on the horizon, make this year's Election Day a priority. Your elected officials will ultimately write or rewrite the rules affecting you and the future of the auto hobby. Begin preparing to make your voice heard by reviewing this issue's "Web Reserves." Information regarding voter registration dates and deadlines and other tips to maximize the opportunity are included. Don't let the power of your vote slip by!



Colby Martin

Choosing Wisely Starts With Deciding to Choose

When it comes to the sheer amount of options available, has there ever been a better time to be a gear-head? It's hard to ignore the endless selection of vehicles and parts easily accessible to auto aficionados today. A vast array of information is available at one's fingertips. A rare find is often as close as the time it takes to surf the internet using key search terms. The doors to one's imagination are now open wide.

An abundance of choices can also be found within the U.S. political process. While the nation's Founding Fathers sought to create a limited government that would fairly represent the interests of its citizens, it also provided for frequent elections that were intended to create a pool of talented and committed lawmakers. They also recognized the need for several branches that would share powers and check each other's actions. Of course, the federal government shares this responsibility with state governments that have their own executive, legislative and judicial bodies.

Every four years, come election time, the nation's political focus quickly shifts to the highest office above all others: the U.S. presidency. It comes as no surprise that the office of chief executive is the topic of most discussion among the electorate. Campaign slogans, advertisements, debates, interviews, conventions and related hype fill media channels long before the polls open. Today's 24-hour news cycle has allowed countless outlets to provide complete coverage of the latest drama. Gone are the days of decorum for public figures, especially politicians. This overload of information has converged to create one of the most unpredictable presidential races in recent memory.

This year, both major political parties had their fair share of surprises on the road to nominating their respective candidates. While the number of those vying for the nation's top leadership position has been winnowed, the number of opinions about them has multiplied. A common truth has emerged from the chaos of each camp: Americans are fed up with the status quo in Washington, D.C. Fresh approaches to running the nation and heeding the will of the people are being demanded in

both polite and more polarizing language. In the midst of this fuss, this year's choices are ranking at the lowest level of favorability in decades. What is clear is that all rules of traditional races have been broken. Will the outcome of November's big day be as much of a surprise as the rest of the journey has been?

Whether the top of the 2016 ticket appeals to you or not, do not ignore your civic duty come Election day: VOTE! Your right to participate in this year's process is a privilege granted to you and all other citizens equally. After all, the presidency is only one race. The slew of other contests at other lower levels of government will have a much more direct impact on policies that matter most to you and to the auto hobby. To get an idea about how these



Make plans now to visit your polling place on election day. While some choices on the ticket may not be appealing, the choice to participate in the process of electing the nation's leadership on November 8 is the most critical decision.

elections will shape the future, read this issue's cover story. Finally, tune out the noise as you head to the voting booth. Just like picking that perfect ride for your garage, make the choice that feels right to you.

WEB RESERVES

Help Steer Our Nation's Leadership: Register to Vote Now!

Much ground has been covered since that frigid February night in Iowa when our nation's major political parties gathered at churches and in school gymnasiums to cast the first votes in this year's presidential election. What started with more than a dozen candidates has been narrowed to two: businessman Donald Trump, the Republican, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the Democrat. Not only will Americans choose the nation's next president, but voters will also elect 435 members of the U.S. House, 34 U.S. senators, 12 governors and thousands of state and local leaders too. With the finish line in sight, there is no better time to prepare for and fulfill our civic duty as U.S. citizens.

Election day is just around the corner. Even if you are not able to make it to the polls on November 8, you likely have the option to vote early or by absentee ballot. The Voter "Information" tool at www.semaSAN.com/SEMAvotes provides you with information on your state's voting dates and deadlines. In advance, find out if your state and federal representatives are affiliated with the hobby-friendly, SAN-supported caucuses at www.semaSAN.com/StateCaucus and www.semaSAN.com/FederalCaucus. Locate your elected officials under the "Legislators" tab at www.semaSAN.com.

Don't delay. Make your plan to vote today! Be a part of our democracy and make your voice heard in November's election.

The Class of 2016

A recruiting effort initiated in 2016 has once again brought an impressive number of lawmakers into the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. With almost 90 new members enlisting so far this year, the group now numbers more than 750 members, representing all 50 states. Founded in 2005 and supported by SEMA, the caucus is designed as a non-partisan group of state legislators whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles. Here is the complete list of those who have joined this year:



 **ALASKA**
Representative
Mark Neuman

 **COLORADO**
Representative
Lori Saine

 **ARIZONA**
Representative
Richard Andrade

 **CONNECTICUT**
Senator Paul Formica

 **ARKANSAS**
Senator Jane English

 **CONNECTICUT**
Representative
Ben McGorty

 **ARKANSAS**
Senator Greg Standridge

 **CONNECTICUT**
Representative
Bill Simanski

 **ARKANSAS**
Senator Eddie Joe Williams

 **CONNECTICUT**
Representative
Jonathan Steinberg

 **ARKANSAS**
Representative
David Whitaker

 **GEORGIA**
Representative
Patty Bentley

 **CALIFORNIA**
Assemblymember
Jim Frazier

 **GEORGIA**
Representative
Billy Mitchell

 **CALIFORNIA**
Assemblywoman
Ling Ling Chang

 **GEORGIA**
Representative
Jimmy Pruett

 **CALIFORNIA**
Assemblymember
Mike Gatto

 **ILLINOIS**
Representative
Marc Gibbs

 **COLORADO**
Senator Tim Neville

 **ILLINOIS**
Representative
Marguerite McDermid

 **COLORADO**
Senator Laura Woods

 **KANSAS**
Representative
Blaine Finch

 **COLORADO**
Representative Polly Lawrence


 **KANSAS**
Representative
Linda Gallagher

 **KANSAS**
Representative
Tom Sawyer

 **KANSAS**
Representative
Troy Waymaster

 **KENTUCKY**
Representative
Terry Mills

 **LOUISIANA**
Representative
Mike Huval

 **LOUISIANA**
Representative
Barry Ivey

 **MAINE**
Representative
Donna Doore

 **MAINE**
Representative
Robert Foley

 **MAINE**
Representative Sheldon
Mark Hanington

 **MARYLAND**
Delegate Kevin B.
Hornberger

 **MARYLAND**
Delegate Matt Morgan

 **MARYLAND**
Delegate April Rose

 **MASSACHUSETTS**
Representative
Josh Cutler

 **MICHIGAN**
Representative
Wendell Byrd

 **MINNESOTA**
Senator David Senjem

 **MINNESOTA**
Representative Roz
Peterson

 **MISSISSIPPI**
Senator Charles
Younger

 **MISSISSIPPI**
Representative
Rebecca Currie

 **MISSOURI**
Representative
Delus Johnson

 **MISSOURI**
Representative
Donna Lichtenegger

 **MISSOURI**
Representative
Holly Rehder

 **MISSOURI**
Representative
Rob Vescovo

 **MONTANA**
Senator Gene
Vuckovich

 **MONTANA**
Senator Duane Ankney

 **MONTANA**
Representative
Vince Ricci

 **MONTANA**
Representative
Daniel Zolnikov

 **NEVADA**
Assemblyman
Chris Edwards

 **NEVADA**
Assemblyman
Glenn Trowbridge

 **NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Representative
Max Abramson

 **NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Representative
Tom Kaczynski

 **NEW HAMPSHIRE**
Representative
Shawn Sweeney

 **NEW JERSEY**
Assemblywoman
Gail Phoebus

 **NEW JERSEY**
Assemblyman
Parker Space

 **NEW MEXICO**
Senator Clemente
Sanchez

 **NEW YORK**
Assemblyman
Peter Lawrence

Federal Focal Points



EPA and Racing Parts: The SAN is working to advance the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act, which clarifies that the Clean Air Act allows for the modification of motor vehicles for race-use only and that making, selling and installing race products for this purpose is not unlawful. This was not in question until the EPA included a provision in a proposed greenhouse gas rule stating that this practice was illegal. While the EPA announced in April that it would remove the race-car language when

the final greenhouse gas rule is issued, the agency continues to assert its newfound authority to regulate race parts and its belief that converted street vehicles, even if used exclusively at the track, are illegal. The RPM Act has garnered strong support in Congress, including 111 sponsors in the House and 25 in the Senate. SAN members, along with SEMA member companies, other impacted trade associations, and racing enthusiasts are working together to oppose the EPA action and support the legislation.





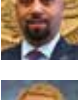



















Bonneville Salt Flats: Nearly 600,000 tons of salt were pumped onto the salt flats last winter and the summer has been relatively dry, creating prospects for a good racing season. Race organizers have identified at least one long course (8 miles) and two shorter courses. The SAN continues to work as a partner with the Save the Salt Coalition to pursue a long-term restoration program. The Coalition has presented a comprehensive plan to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that would dramatically increase the amount of salt brine being pumped every year onto the salt flats. Since the BLM has not previously pursued a restoration plan, the Coalition is turning to the U.S. Congress to support the effort.

Ethanol: A SAN-supported bill has been introduced in the U.S. Congress that will cap the yearly amount of ethanol to be blended into transportation fuel at 9.7%. The Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016 would replace ever-increasing ethanol mandates under the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The EPA is relying on expanded sales of E15 (gas that contains 15% ethanol) to meet the expanding RFS targets. Ethanol, especially in higher

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-  **NORTH DAKOTA**
Representative
Vernon Laning
-  **OKLAHOMA**
Representative
Chris Kannady
-  **RHODE ISLAND**
Senator Elaine Morgan
-  **RHODE ISLAND**
Representative
Anthony Giarrusso
-  **RHODE ISLAND**
Representative
Justin Price
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
Representative Carl
Anderson
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
Representative James
Mikell Burns
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
Representative
William Chumley
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
Representative
Gregory Duckworth
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Representative
Kevin Hardee
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
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Cezar McKnight
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Representative Dennis
Moss
-  **SOUTH CAROLINA**
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-  **SOUTH DAKOTA**
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Tilman Goins

-  **TENNESSEE**
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-  **UTAH**
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-  **UTAH**
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Lee Perry
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-  **VERMONT**
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Tom Walters



The Auto Hobby Has Its Day

Seventh Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day Revered by Auto Aficionados Worldwide

held throughout July in the United States and Canada to commemorate the day.

As in previous years, the occasion was designated by a SAN-requested U.S. Senate Resolution sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT). This document recognizes “that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.”

With our hobby’s “holiday” continuing to grow, lawmakers in states, provinces, counties and local areas all over the United States and Canada are issuing their own resolutions

to mark the day’s significance in raising awareness of the vital role the automotive pastime plays in our society. In fact, the states of Louisiana, West Virginia and Wisconsin, as well as the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, officially marked the occasion.

A detailed summary and online photo gallery of CCAD festivities is available on the SEMA Action Network’s (SAN) website at semaSAN.com/CCAD. Special thanks to everyone who made this year’s celebration a memorable one. Stay tuned for the announcement of next year’s CCAD!

On July 8, 2016, thousands paid tribute to the automobile in honor of the seventh annual Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD). Intended to honor the classics of the past and the future, a wide range of official events (numbering nearly 125) were



Annapolis, MD



Moline, IL



El Paso, TX



Newcastle, CA



Albuquerque, NM



Dawson Creek BC, Canada



Phoenix, AZ



Buena Park, CA



Goldsboro, NC



Clovis, CA



Lutherville, MD



Turners, MO



Key West, FL



Danville, CA



Hershey, PA



Lebanon, OR



Simi Valley, CA

LEGISLATIVE FRONT LINES

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concentrations such as E15, can cause metal corrosion and dissolve certain plastics and rubbers in automobiles produced before 2001 that were not constructed with ethanol-resistant materials. The SAN has joined with more than 50 other organizations from the auto and boat industries to the food, energy and environmental community to support passage of the legislation.



Utah Public Lands Initiative: Members of the Utah Congressional delegation introduced a bill to finalize land-use designations covering more than 18 million acres of land in seven eastern and southern Utah counties. Spearheaded by Reps. Rob Bishop (R-UT) and Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), the Public Lands Initiative (PLI) is the product of three years of work and more than 1,200 meetings with stakeholder groups, including local communities, off-road groups, environmentalists, logging, grazing and energy interests. Of particular interest to the off-road community, the PLI creates motorized recreation zones in San Juan and Grand Counties encompassing more than 375,000 acres, along with a 93-mile red rock OHV trail connecting towns in Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties. The SAN supports the PLI's collaborative approach to making final designations in order to provide certainty regarding how land is managed, including wilderness, conservation and recreation areas. Lawmakers are seeking House and Senate consideration of the legislation this fall.

Re-opening Clear Creek: The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill that requires the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to re-open the 75,000-acre Clear Creek National Recreation Area (NRA) in California's San Benito and Fresno Counties for recreational use. The legislation would provide for OHV access to more than 240 miles of public trails. The bill now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration. Clear Creek NRA was closed in 2008 due to concerns about exposure to asbestiform minerals that occur naturally in the area's rock and soil. However, an independent asbestos risk assessment study requested by the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission concluded that strategies could be effectively employed to allow OHV use while shielding the public from unacceptable exposure risks. The bill ensures that the Clear Creek NRA will be managed in way that permits responsible recreation, while also providing for the safety of all of the area's visitors.



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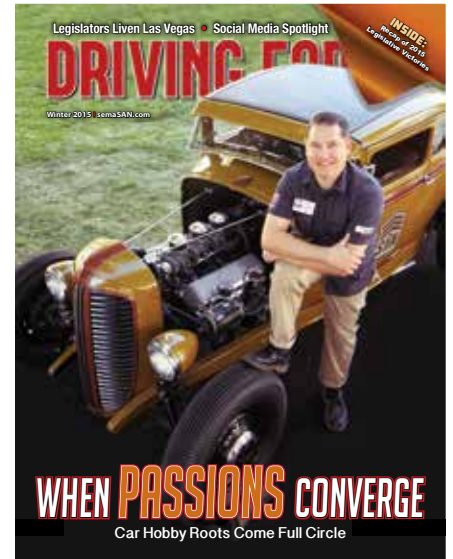
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Driving Force Takes the Cake...Again!

Top Honors Awarded to SAN Newsletter in International Competition

For the second consecutive year, the SAN's *Driving Force* newsletter received the highest recognition at the International Automotive Media Awards in Plymouth, Michigan. In addition to the bronze award for the illustrated Summer 2015 cover and gold award in the "Best Single Issue: Newsletter" category for its Winter 2015 edition, the title also took the 2015 Award for "Best of Public Relations." The International Automotive Media Competition (IAMC), a function of the International Society for Vehicle Preservation, is a peer-judged awards program that recognizes excellence in all forms of automotive media. Newsletter staff and the entire SAN force are honored by these prestigious honors.



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