

# DRIVING FORCE

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## LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

**Colorado Kit Car:** A version of SEMA-model legislation (H.B. 1176) to create a statutory titling and registration class for kit cars and exempt these cars from Colorado's emissions inspection program was approved by the Colorado House of Representatives. The bill was also passed by the Senate Transportation Committee and now awaits consideration by the full Senate. The bill defines a "kit vehicle" as a passenger-type motor vehicle assembled by someone other than a licensed manufacturer, from a manufactured kit that includes a prefabricated body and chassis and is accompanied by a manufacturer's statement of origin.

**Kansas Antique Military Vehicles:** SAN-supported legislation (H.B. 2882) to allow qualifying military vehicles to be registered and operated on public roadways as "antiques" was approved by the Kansas State House of Representatives. The bill defines an "antique military vehicle" as a vehicle, regardless of the vehicle's size or weight, which was manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained to represent its military design. The bill excludes fully-tracked vehicles from this definition. Under current Kansas law, "antique" vehicles must be more than 35-years old and are afforded a one-time registration fee of \$40.

**Massachusetts Street Rods/Customs:** SEMA-model legislation (H.B. 2212) 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 Massachusetts Joint Transportation Committee and now moves to the House Ways and Means Committee. 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 bill allows kit cars and replica vehicles to be assigned a certificate of title bearing the same model year designation as the production vehicle they most closely resemble.



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## Hobby-Friendly Lawmakers Grow in Numbers and Influence

STATE AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIAST LEADERSHIP CAUCUS NOW OVER 125 MEMBERS

In its continuing efforts to promote and protect the auto hobby, SEMA and the SEMA

Action Network (SAN) are working with state lawmakers from across the country through the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. Formed last year, the Caucus is a bi-partisan group of state lawmakers whose common thread is a love and

appreciation for automobiles. To date, over 125 state legislators from California to Maine and points in between are involved in the Caucus.

**"As the proud owner of a '38 Chrysler Royal rumble seat convertible I'd be pleased to join the Caucus."**

—Delaware State Senator  
Steve Amick

Montana State Senator and Caucus Chairman John Brueggeman. "By joining the Caucus, these legislators have demonstrated their commitment to enabling this enthusiasm for years to come."

Supported by SEMA's Government Affairs office in Washington, D.C., the Caucus is raising the motor vehicle hobby's profile in the state legislatures and in the eyes of the public.

"Over the past several years, the work of these lawmakers has brought a series of significant legislative accomplishments for the vehicle enthusiast community on a wide range of issues," said Steve McDonald, SEMA's vice president of government affairs. "Through the Caucus, automotive

**"I have always been into cars. We had a beautiful candy apple red 1967 Camaro and a 1970½ Z-28 (which would fishtail when you shifted into second gear). Boy, I wish I had those days back again. I miss them!"**

—Maine State Representative Carol Grose



STATE AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIAST LEADERSHIP CAUCUS

"From pre-World War II classics to street rods to 60s-era muscle cars to late model imports and everything in between, the automobile stands as a testimony to ingenuity and craftsmanship while serving as a source of recreation for tens of thousands of enthusiasts and collectors throughout the country," said

**"I would not be my father's daughter if I did not join. I have found memories of my dad loading us all into the car each September and we would make the rounds of the local car dealers to see the new models."**

—Kansas State Representative  
Judith Loganbill

enthusiasts will now be able to quickly identify which state legislators have chosen to be recognized for their support of this great American hobby."

For more information about the Caucus, including a complete list of its members, visit the SAN website at [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com).

## Caucus Corner

Each month *Driving Force* will feature members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. The SEMA-supported caucus is a bi-partisan group of state lawmakers whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles. Here are its newest members:

### Arkansas



Senator  
Denny Altus

### Colorado



Senator  
Ken Kester



Representative  
Larry Liston



Representative  
Nancy Todd

### Delaware



Senator  
Steven Amick

### Iowa



Representative  
Jim Lykam

### Kansas



Senator  
Chris Steineger



Representative  
Bob Bethell



Representative  
Judith Loganbill

### Maine



Representative  
Carol Grose



Representative  
Lawrence Jacobsen



Representative  
Everett  
McLeod, Sr.



Representative  
Nancy Smith

### Michigan



Representative  
Rick Jones

\* For a complete list of Caucus members visit [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com).

### Minnesota



Representative  
Duke Powell

### Mississippi



Representative  
Pat Montgomery

### Missouri



Representative  
Sherman Parker



Representative  
James Whorton

### Montana



Senator  
Jeff Essmann



Senator  
Jon Tester

### Nevada



Assemblymember  
Ellen  
Marie Koivisto



Assemblymember  
John Ocegüera

### North Dakota



Representative  
Alon Wieland

### Rhode Island



Senator  
William Walaska

### South Carolina



Representative  
J. Gary Simrill

### Tennessee



Representative  
John Tidwell

### West Virginia



Representative  
Robert Beach

## A Golden Opportunity

### ANNUAL CAR CLUB LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TO CONVENE IN SACRAMENTO

By Bob Stearns

President, Association of California Car Clubs

As the hobby continues to grow, so do the challenges and opportunities that face it. In addition to your membership in the SEMA Action Network (SAN), individual enthusiasts and clubs can help in this effort by participating in the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC).

Formed in 1972, ACCC consists of thousands of automobile hobbyists throughout the state who are interested in California laws and policies regarding collector automobiles. It is a volunteer organization of regional representatives who keep member clubs, individuals and business members across the state informed of issues that impact the hobby.

To ensure that our message is heard by state officials, ACCC holds a Legislative Conference each year in Sacramento at the Towle Automobile Museum. This conference allows automotive hobbyists to discuss challenges and mutual issues directly with legislators, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Highway Patrol and other officials in the state government. The dates for the 2006 conference are as follows:

- **May 9, 2006** - A car show on the West steps of the Capitol building. The show will include vehicles from early 1900's up to the present. We have reserved space for 40 vehicles.
- **May 10-11, 2006** - Presentations from the California Highway Patrol, Department of Motor Vehicles, California Air Resources Board, Bureau of Automotive Repair, and our friends from the SEMA Action Network. In addition, Assembly Member Mike Villines will address the group on pending legislation before the legislature regarding year of manufacturer plates.



*California Assemblymember Michael Villines addresses participants at 2005 ACCC Legislative Conference about the importance of getting involved in the legislative process.*



*ACCC President Bob Stearns recognizes Assemblymember Villines for his continued support for the automotive hobby in California.*

I invite all interested collectors, hobbyists and car enthusiasts to visit our website at [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org) for additional information and registration forms for the Legislation Conference.

United, we can make good things happen for the State of California.

*[Editors Note: The SAN is truly grateful for the efforts of the ACCC and its membership in continuing the fight on behalf of the hobby in California. We look forward to working with them in 2006 to promote hobby-friendly legislation.]*

## Legislative Quick Hits

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**Mississippi Blue Dots:** A SAN-supported bill (H.B. 489) to allow antique vehicles and street rods to display a blue, violet or purple light as part of the vehicle's rear stop lamps was signed into law. Mississippi defines antique motor vehicles as those manufactured more than 25-years ago and street rods as modified vehicles produced by an American manufacturer in 1948 or earlier and used as a safe, non-racing vehicle. The new law follows in the tradition of similar laws enacted in other states, including recently in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana and Rhode Island.

**Ohio Inoperable Vehicles:** A bill has been introduced in Ohio that would further restrict the ability of state vehicle hobbyists from maintaining inoperable vehicles on private property. The bill provides authority to townships to remove inoperable vehicles deemed to be "junk," including collector cars, from private property. Under current Ohio law, a junk motor vehicle must be "three model years old or older; apparently inoperable; extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, engine or transmission." The SAN supports legislation that permits the outdoor storage of a motor vehicle if the vehicle is maintained in such a manner as not to constitute a health hazard. These vehicles could be located away from public view, or screened by means of a suitable fence, trees, shrubbery, opaque covering or other appropriate means. The Ohio bill, however, makes no concession for even properly maintained project cars.

### Tennessee Custom Vehicles:

SEMA model legislation (S.B. 3222 / H.B. 3344) to create a vehicle registration and titling classification for custom vehicles was passed by the Tennessee Senate. The measure defines a custom as an altered vehicle over 25 years old or manufactured to resemble a vehicle 25 years old or older. Under the bill, kit cars and replica vehicles will be assigned a certificate of title bearing the same model year designation as the production vehicle it most closely resembles. The bill exempts customs from periodic vehicle inspections and emissions inspections and from a range of standard equipment requirements. The legislation also provides for a one-time registration fee of \$25, valid as long as you own the custom vehicle. The bill will next be considered by a House Transportation subcommittee.



**West Virginia Antiques:** SAN-supported legislation (H.B. 4307) that would amend the state's current law governing antique motor vehicles to permit their use on Friday evenings was signed into law in West Virginia. Under the previous West Virginia law, use of antique vehicles



was strictly limited to club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, testing, obtaining repairs and for recreational purposes only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.



Hey, That's  
My Car!

## A Street Rod Named "Dezire"

### 1932 Ford Victoria

**Owner:** Grady and Echo Burrell  
Juliette, GA

The work on our Ford, which we nicknamed "Dezire," first started in November, 1995. While the main body is fiberglass, the rest is steel. In 2001 we took her to T&T Customs in Canton, GA, for some updating and by the following February it was back on the road in time for the Detroit AutoRama. As a contender for the Ridler Award, we came home with the First Place Street Sedan and Outstanding Street Rod of Show awards. What an adventure!

Although the body is stock size, there are many modern features in the car. Along with the power windows and seats, it is equipped with air conditioning, a remote CD player/changer and power brakes. With a Cadillac NorthStar engine, it will scoot on down the road and we have driven many miles to various shows in the east.



### SPECS:

**Drivetrain:** 300 h.p. Cadillac NorthStar; 700 R-4 Trans.

**Chassis:** ACS Frame rails, Pete & Jake's Center Cross member, Kugel front & rear independent suspension

**Brakes:** Four-wheel-power disc

**Wheels:** Halibrand

**Paint:** PPG Global, base coat/clear coat, black

**Interior:** Custom leather



Thanks to all who have sent in or e-mailed us photos. Please continue to send us photos of your trail rides, restorations in progress, rod runs, car shows, charity events and drag races. Kindly submit pictures to: The Driving Force, SEMA, 1575 South Valley Vista Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765. You also may send high-resolution digital pictures (minimum resolution of 300 pixels per inch; minimum 5 inches wide) by e-mail to [carw@sema.org](mailto:carw@sema.org).

## MAY 2006 SAN CLUB EVENTS

### ALABAMA

**May 13, Prattville**

Seventh Annual Open Car Show  
Sponsor: Heart of Dixie Mustang Club  
Information: [www.hodmc.org](http://www.hodmc.org) or 334/277-5822

### ARIZONA

**May 13, Prescott**

Rod and Custom Car Show  
Sponsor: Mountain Top Street Rodders  
Information: 928/636-6167 or  
[k.s.gilmore@netzero.net](mailto:k.s.gilmore@netzero.net)

**May 13, Prescott**

Mopars on the Mountain  
Sponsor: Mopars Unlimited of Arizona  
Information: [www.moparsonthemountain.com](http://www.moparsonthemountain.com) or  
928/445-4970

**May 20, Tucson**

Fords on Fourth  
Sponsor: Southern Arizona Mustang Club  
Information: [www.samctucson.org](http://www.samctucson.org) or 520/622-6118

### CALIFORNIA

**May 5-7, Pomona**

9th Pomona Nitro Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com) or 925/838-9876

**May 5-7, Riverside**

Show and Go 2006  
Information: [www.showandgo.us](http://www.showandgo.us) or 951/780-4055

**May 7, Tulare**

Thirty-Second Annual Car and Parts Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Charter Oak A's, MAFCA  
Information: [carnut@sti.net](mailto:carnut@sti.net)

**May 13, Yucaipa**

18th Annual Fun Run and Classic Car Show  
Sponsor: Past Pleasures Car Club  
Information: 909/790-1313

**May 27, Rio Linda**

Thunder in Depot Park #5  
Sponsor: The Thunderbolts  
Information: [www.capitolautoclub.com](http://www.capitolautoclub.com) or  
530/677-4761

### COLORADO

**May 6, Pueblo**

6th Annual Riverwalk Car Show  
Sponsor: Outlaws Rod and Custom Club  
Information: [gchipman@allvantage.com](mailto:gchipman@allvantage.com) or  
719/320-2359

### FLORIDA

**May 26-28, Jacksonville**

8th Spring Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com) or 925/838-9876

### ILLINOIS

**May 7, Grayslake**

41st Annual Grayslake Auto Show  
Sponsor: Waukegan and North Shore Chapters,  
AACA  
Information: [www.aaca.org/illinois](http://www.aaca.org/illinois)

**May 27, Fairfield**

Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Show  
Sponsor: Wayne County Misfits  
Information: 618/842-9971

### INDIANA

**May 7, Raub**

Spring Fling Car Show  
Information: 815/432-2133

**May 13, Sellersburg**

11th Annual Mustang and All-Ford Show  
Sponsor: Falls City Mustang Club  
Information: [bigblockgt@fallscitymustangclub.com](mailto:bigblockgt@fallscitymustangclub.com)  
or 812/283-6543

**May 19-21, Nashville**

29th Shelby Spring Fling  
Sponsor: Indiana SAAC  
Information: [jcyates@indiana.edu](mailto:jcyates@indiana.edu) or 812/988-7146

### KENTUCKY

**May 13, Madisonville**

6th Annual West Kentucky Car Show  
Sponsor: Show and Go Car Club  
Information: [traceydurham@bellsouth.net](mailto:traceydurham@bellsouth.net)

### MISSOURI

**May 6-7, Springfield**

9th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts 4-Wheel Jamboree  
Information: [www.familyevents.com](http://www.familyevents.com) or 317/236-6522

**May 26-28, Springfield**

Mid-America Street Rod Nationals  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: [www.nsra-usa.com](http://www.nsra-usa.com) or 901/452-4030

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

**May 26-28, Laconia**

Laconia Nationals  
Sponsor: Right Coast Association  
Information: [www.rightcoastcars.com](http://www.rightcoastcars.com) or 800/753-3978

### NEW MEXICO

**May 7, Albuquerque**

18th Annual Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Route 66 Rodders  
Information: [www.route66rodders.org](http://www.route66rodders.org) or 505/299-0570

**May 21, Albuquerque**

NMCCC/Albuquerque Museum Annual Car Show  
Sponsor: NMCCC  
Information: [oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net](mailto:oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net) or  
505/884-7912

### OHIO

**May 19-21, Lima**

21st Annual Advance Auto Parts Spring 4-Wheel Drive Jamboree Nationals  
Information: [www.familyevents.com](http://www.familyevents.com) or 317/236-6522

### PENNSYLVANIA

**May 5-7, Carlisle**

Carlisle Performance and Style 2006  
Sponsor: Carlisle Productions  
Information: [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com) or 717/243-7855

**May 19-21, Carlisle**

Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals  
Sponsor: Carlisle Productions  
Information: [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com) or  
717/243-7855

**May 19-21, Hershey**

2nd Dupont Great American Rod & Custom Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com) or 925/838-9876

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## 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 Tolleason, SEMA, 1317 F Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20004-1105. Or by e-mail at [jason@sema.org](mailto:jason@sema.org).

## 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/INSPECTIONS

**Colorado SB 221:** Eliminates the emissions inspection program for vehicles and raises vehicle registration fees by \$10.

**Connecticut SB 660:** Creates a sales tax adjustment program for motor vehicles according to the amount of greenhouse gas emissions generated from the motor vehicle. Those that pollute more would pay an increased sales tax on vehicles, while those that pollute less would pay a decreased tax or no sales tax at all.

**Minnesota SB 2816:** Requires adoption of California standards regarding low emission vehicles and updates emissions standards to comply with the federal Clean Air Act.

**Missouri HB 2012:** Suspends operation of vehicle emissions inspection program on or before Jan. 1, 2007.

### EQUIPMENT

**Delaware HB 364:** Prohibits any person from covering, painting, spraying, masking or taking any action which results in a vehicle's license plate not being able to be photographed, videotaped, or have its image recorded.

**Minnesota SB 3441:** Requires ten percent of manufacturer's new motor vehicles offered for sale in Minnesota to be flexible-fuel vehicles by 2008, 15% in 2009, 20% in 2010, 25% in 2011, and 30% in 2012.

### VEHICLE RACING

**Minnesota HB 3521:** Makes vehicle racing a reckless driving offense no matter if the speed was in excess of the maximum speed limit. Also defines exhibition driving, which can be evidenced by screeching tires, throwing of gravel, etc.

### WINDOW TINTING

**Louisiana SB 359:** Increases penalties for window tinting violations by sellers, installers, manufacturers, and distributors of sun-screening devices.

## May 2006 SAN Club Events

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### **May 21, Perkasio**

Lake Lenape Jamboree  
Sponsor: Goodtime Motorvators  
Information: 215/257-5706

### **May 21, Scott Township**

34th Annual Rod Run  
Sponsor: Vintage Tin of Western PA  
Information: 412/833-7050

### **May 27, Valley Forge**

The Brits Are Back  
Sponsor: Delaware Valley Triumphs  
Information: www.delvaltrs.org or 610/825-2617

### TENNESSEE

#### **May 5-7, Knoxville**

Street Rod Nationals South  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: www.nsra-usa.com or 901/452-4030

### WASHINGTON

#### **May 12-14, Omak**

13th Annual Swap Meet / Flea Market  
Sponsor: Friendly OK Car Club  
Information: schukar@bossig.com or  
509/826-3154

#### **May 26-28, Seattle**

2nd Northwest Nostalgia Drags  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: www.good-guys.com or 925/838-9876

### WISCONSIN

#### **May 13, Concord**

30th Annual Car Show and Fish Fry  
Sponsor: Boondockers Street Rods  
Information: www.boondockersstreetrods.com or  
920/261-9880

#### **May 21, Hartford**

2nd Annual OCW Car Season Kick-Off  
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of Wisconsin  
Information: wioldclub@wi.rr.com or  
262/966-3702

#### **May 21, Milwaukee/Cudahy**

Wisconsin Early Mustangs' 24th Annual All-Ford Show and Swap  
Information: www.wemustangers.stangnet.com  
or 414/764-6726

#### **May 28, Millston**

6th Annual Spring Car Show  
Information: 715/284-0461

### WYOMING

#### **May 27-29, Casper**

Cruisin' With the Oldies  
Sponsor: Oil Capitol Auto Club  
Information: www.oilcapitolautoclub.com or  
307/265-7314

## Check out these early June 2006 events

### CALIFORNIA

#### **June 3-4, Pleasanton**

13th Summer Get-Together  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: www.good-guys.com or 925/838-9876

### COLORADO

#### **June 2-4, Loveland (Larimer County Fairgrounds)**

Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: www.good-guys.com or 925/838-9876

### CONNECTICUT

#### **June 4, Windsor Locks**

20th Annual 4C's Auto Show and Aircraft Exhibit  
Sponsor: Connecticut Council of Car Clubs  
Information: www.ctccc.org or 860/623-3906

### FLORIDA/NEW JERSEY

#### **June 3-10, Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour**

Kissimmee, FL to Englishtown, NJ  
Information: www.hotrod.com

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### **June 2-4, York**

Street Rod Nationals East  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: www.nsra-usa.com or  
901/452-4030

### WISCONSIN

#### **June 1-4, Greenfield**

Dells Run  
Sponsor: Fiero Fanatics  
Information: www.fierofanatics.com or  
414/282-3577

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## OFF-ROAD NEWS

# Off-Roaders Lose Round In Fight to Restore Access to California Dunes

In a blow to Southern California off-roaders, a federal judge struck down a plan by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to allow off-roading on large sections of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area that were originally closed in 2000. The court ruled that the BLM violated the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws in proposing to reopen approximately 49,000 acres in four areas of the desert dunes to dune buggies and other all-terrain vehicles. In its ruling, the court stated that BLM relied on a flawed report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which concurred that the dunes could be reopened without "jeopardizing" the existence of the Peirson's Milk-Vetch, an abundant desert plant which was placed on the endangered species list in 1998. The court ordered all parties to file briefs by March 28 outlining potential uses for the closed portions of the dunes. While the SAN supports a balanced approach between land access and conservation, it is disappointed that the court did not accord more deference to the federal agencies that are best suited to determine which areas of the dunes should be open for public access.



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