JUNE 2007

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Taking the Show on the Road

SEMA Action Network Joins With Hot Rodders in Annual Tour

It’s that time of year again! So check your tires, fill up the gas tank and get ready for the long haul. In its 13th year, the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour draws motor vehicle enthusiasts from across the country. Kicking off from the International Exposition (I-X) Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 2, the convoy of collectibles will travel over 1,400 miles before pulling into the State Fairgrounds in Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 8. Over the seven days, participants will pass through eight states, stop at venues in seven cities and the SEMA Action Network (SAN) will be there covering every mile of it.

Whether you're a long hauler or are just planning to attend one of the stops along the way, be sure to stop by the SAN RV and meet with Jason Tolleson, director of the SAN. Bring your fellow car guys and gals and have them join this nationwide partnership between vehicle clubs, enthusiasts and members of the specialty automotive-parts industry who have bonded together to oppose harmful legislative initiatives and promote hobby-friendly legislation. The more people that get involved, the more we can all stand up to protect our hobby. And best of all… it's free!

For more info, visit www.hotrod.com.

HOT ROD MAGAZINE POWER TOUR

Saturday, June 2
Cleveland, Ohio—International Exposition Center (I-X)

Sunday, June 3
Kalamazoo, Michigan—Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Monday, June 4
Racine, Wisconsin—Downtown Lake Front

Tuesday, June 5
Springfield, Illinois—Illinois State Fairgrounds

Wednesday, June 6
Evansville, Indiana—Roberts Stadium

Thursday, June 7
Memphis, Tennessee—Memphis Motorsports Park

Friday, June 8
Little Rock, Arkansas—Arkansas State Fairgrounds
**LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS**

**Georgia Inoperable Vehicles:** A version of SEMA-model legislation has been introduced in Georgia to exempt certain owners or occupants of municipalities from ordinances or land-use regulations that prevent automobile collectors from pursuing their hobby. Junked, wrecked or inoperable vehicles, including parts cars, stored on private property are only required to be maintained out of ordinary public view.

**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 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 the maximum-rated horsepower. The highest decibel reading is then recorded.

**Montana Collector Items:** SAN-supported legislation that would clarify that owners must pay only a minimal one-time registration fee for collector motor vehicles was approved by the Montana State Legislature and signed by the governor into law. Under Montana law, collector vehicles must be more than 30 years old and not used for general transportation.

**Nevada Replicas:** A version of SEMA-model legislation to create a registration category for replica motor vehicles was approved by the Nevada State Assembly. Under the bill, replicas are defined as vehicles manufactured after 1968 to resemble vehicles manufactured before 1968. Replicas would be exempted from all emissions-inspection requirements applicable to other vehicles in the state. Registration as a replica vehicle would be open to 100 such vehicles each year and use would be limited to occasional transportation and other hobby-related activities. Titles for these vehicles would list both the year of assembly and the model year that the body of the vehicle replicates. The bill will be considered by the Nevada Senate next.

**West Virginia Abandoned Vehicles:** SAN members in West Virginia defeated a bill that would have further restricted the ability of West Virginia vehicle hobbyists from maintaining inoperable vehicles on private property. The legislation sought to redefine “abandoned motor vehicles” to include vehicles or vehicle parts which are either unlicensed or inoperable, or both, are not in an enclosed building and have remained on private property for more than 30 days. Under current law, the abandoned-vehicle law applies primarily to vehicles on public property. The SAN opposed the bill as it made no legal distinction between an owner using private property as a dumping ground and a vehicle enthusiast working to maintain, restore or construct a vehicle.

**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 Dennis Hollingsworth
- **CALIFORNIA**
  - Assemblymember Kevin Jeffries
- **CALIFORNIA**
  - Assemblymember Bonnie Garcia
- **NEW JERSEY**
  - Assemblymember Charlotte Vandervalk
- **TEXAS**
  - Representative Solomon Ortiz

*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!

Give Us Your Best Shot

Whether it was the ultimate barn find, a complete restoration or a car 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. Your pictures and stories will be put in Driving Force, as well as on the SAN website for others to see. Visit www.semasan.com, and submit your photos online (the SAN will contact you if additional photos are needed). Please contact Jason Tolleson at jasont@sema.org if you have any questions or need assistance with uploading your photo.

Chad Reynolds
Allen, Texas

Bill and Deb Haegele
Centreville, Virginia

Al Judd
Durham, North Carolina

Lenny and Dana Schaeffer
Burlington, Massachusetts

Cheri Embree
San Diego, California

Jim and Peggy Sue Day
Loomis, California

Carol and Rich Papp
Longmont, Colorado

John & Susan Vukovich
Newport News, Virginia

Bob Hibbs
St. George, Utah

Tyler Small
South Berwick, Maine

Gary Bohlen
Bartonville, Illinois
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.

**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.

**Montana:** SEMA model enacted in 2005.

**Wyoming:** SEMA model reintroduced in 2007.

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

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


Rhode Island: SEMA model enacted in 2004.

Virginia: Custom vehicle portion of SEMA model enacted in 2007.
## JUNE 2007 SAN CLUB EVENTS

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<td>Pueblo Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals</td>
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<td>June 19</td>
<td>Anamosa Cruise Night 2007</td>
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<td>Barrington 5th Annual All Pontiac Car Show</td>
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**Check out this early July 2007 event**

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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.

**ANTIQUE AND CUSTOM VEHICLES**

*Massachusetts SB 2066:* Creates a $36 registration fee for antique vehicles that’s collected every two years.

*South Carolina SB 679:* Reduces the number of antique vehicle sales a dealer must make before he or she is issued an antique dealer license plate.

**EMISSIONS/INSPECTIONS**

*Massachusetts SB 2046:* Exempts new vehicles from inspection for 24 months or 24,000 miles after their date of purchase, whichever comes first.

*New York SB 5347:* Establishes the Climate Change Solutions Program Act to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from all sources, including vehicles.

*Vermont HB 540:* Requires new vehicles to be labeled with emissions information, with a score for each vehicle’s emissions for buyers to compare vehicles.

**EQUIPMENT**

*New York SB 4606:* Prohibits the attachment of grille guards to the chassis of a motor vehicle. Violation would result in a fine and failure of motor-vehicle inspection.

**HYBRIDS**

*New York SB 5074:* Exempts new motor vehicles meeting the clean-vehicle standard from retail sales and compensating use taxes.

*New York AB 7626:* Exempts the sale of hybrid vehicles and high-efficiency vehicles from state sales and compensating use taxes, and authorizes cities and counties to grant such exemptions.

**LIGHTING**

*Alabama HB 599:* Prohibits any vehicle except an authorized emergency vehicle from displaying a blue light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

*Louisiana HB 747:* Prohibits the operation of off-road vehicles on public roads, including the shoulders of such roads.

*New York SB 5303:* Creates the all-terrain vehicles trail development, maintenance and enforcement fund for the operation and registration of such vehicles. Creates an additional fee when registering all-terrain vehicles to contribute to the fund.

**RACING**

*Louisiana SB 215:* Changes the racing reference in Louisiana code from “race” to “street race” and increases the penalties for street racing resulting in injuries.

**SCRAPPAGE**

*Louisiana HB 783:* Authorizes the owner or manager of a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale to dispose of abandoned, stored or junked motor vehicles.

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**JUNE 2007 SAN CLUB EVENTS**

**NEW YORK**

*J une 2, Conshohocken*  
Conshohocken Antique & Classic Car Show  
Sponsor: The Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania  
Information: www.historicallcarclub.org

*J une 10, Rochester*  
33rd Annual Street Machines of Rochester Auto Show  
Sponsor: Street Machines of Rochester  
Information: www.streetmachinesofrochester.com or 585/663-0393

**NORTH DAKOTA**

*J une 1-3, Devils Lake*  
15th Annual Devils Run  
Sponsor: Greater Dakota Classics  
Information: www.greaterdakotaclassics.com or 701/662-7222

**OHIO**

*J une 9, Mount Vernon*  
12th Annual Car Show  
Information: 740/694-3596

*J une 16, Marysville*  
All GM Car & Truck Show  
Information: 800/ROBYUSA

**OREGON**

*J une 14-17, Medford*  
Medford Cruise 2007  
Sponsor: Medford Cruise  
Information: www.medfordcruise.com

**PENNSYLVANIA**

*J une 1-3, Carlisle*  
Carlisle AACA Nationals  
Information: carlisleaaca.com or 717/243-7855

*J une 1-3, York*  
Street Rod Nationals East  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: www.nsra-usa.com or 901/452-4030

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

*J une 8-10, Black Hills*  
Black Hills Overdrive  
Information: www.bhoverdrive.com

*J une 23, Rapid City*  
14th Mopars In The Hills Car Show  
Sponsor: Black Hills Mopars  
Information: 605/787-5695

**TENNESSEE**

*J une 29-30, Nashville*  
2nd Nashville Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys  
Information: www.goodguys.com or 925/838-9876

**VIRGINIA**

*J une 9, Richmond*  
Richmond Region’s 38th Annual Car Show, Corral and Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Richmond Region AACA  
Information: www.richmondaaca.com

*J une 16, Fredericksburg*  
Antique Car Celebration & Meet  
Sponsor: AACA, Historic Fredericksburg Region  
Information: 540/372-6896

**WISCONSIN**

*J une 10, Wauwatosa*  
2007 Renner Oldsmobile Show  
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of Wisconsin  
Information: 262/966-3702

*J une 15-17, Warrens*  
26th Annual Car Show  
Sponsor: Wizards of Rods  
Information: 608/374-2458

*J une 30, Grafton*  
2007 Rods N Relics Car Show  
Sponsor: Rods-N-Relics Car Club  
Information: www.rodsnrelics.org

*J une 30-July 1, Waunakee*  
Paking Lot Gone Wild II  
Sponsor: Wisconsin Corvette Club & Kettle Moraine Corvette Club  
Information: 262/965-5255
Club Spotlight
Classic Legends Show They Care

Each year the Classic Legends Club hosts the Memorial Day Car Show, and this show does more than display timeless classics. The funds from the show are contributed to benefit charities, such as Make-A-Wish, hospice care programs and local efforts to help families during the cold winter season.

Over the past ten years, Classic Legends has given over $110,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation—the primary charity for the Memorial Day Car Show—to help the non-profit organization give hope and joy to children with life-threatening conditions. The Classic Legends Club started with just a few families who had the noble intention of helping children through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and today the club consists of 50 families who still utilize their love of classic automobiles to donate to charity. Each year the show draws a greater number of cars and crowds.

The Classic Legends Club is very proud of their show, and they have every right to be. This American hobby is at its finest when great people who love cars come together to help make children’s dreams into reality.

The SEMA Action Network is proud of the members of the Classic Legends Club for their continued efforts in their community. For more information on the club and their Memorial Day Show, visit http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/classiclegends/.

Please send your club spotlights to jasont@sema.org.