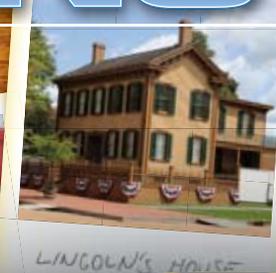


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## It's Tour Time!

### SEMA Action Network Hits the Road to Promote Pro-Hobby Legislation

It's that time of the year again when in cities around the country the air will be filled with the sweet smell of fuel and the sound of rumbling rods. That's right, it's Power Tour time! Each year the SEMA Action Network (SAN) hits the road for a wild ride with the *Hot Rod Magazine* Power Tour to enlist more enthusiasts into its legislative efforts.

Leaving from Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa, on June 5, the highways will be filled with hot rods as the tour makes six stops in five states before pulling up to the U.S.S. Alabama battleship in Mobile, Alabama, on June 12. In its 16th year, the Power Tour will bring hobbyists together from across the United States and Canada on this 1,300-mile journey.

For information on the *Hot Rod Magazine* Power Tour, visit [www.hotrod.com](http://www.hotrod.com).

I LOOK FORWARD TO GATHERING WITH THOUSANDS OF AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIASTS WHO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING ACTIVELY INVOLVED TO PROTECT OUR HOBBY. I INVITE EVERYONE TO DROP BY THE SAN TENT, LOCATED NEAR THE POWER TOUR BUS, TO SAY "HI!"

ETHAN LANDESMAN

## 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, nearly 450 strong, whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles.

Here are its newest members:

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>
Senator Roger Bedford	Representative Ron Boisvert
Senator Jack Harper	Representative Gene Charron
Senator Linda Lopez	Representative Philip Harvey
Representative Lynne Pancrazi	Representative Paul Ingersoll
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Representative Kay Hatcher	Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito
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Representative Joe Seiwert	Representative Marilyn Avila
<b>Kentucky</b>	Representative Rosa Gill
Senator Tom Buford	Representative Frank Iler
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Representative Shirley Randleman
Representative Tom Houghton	<b>North Dakota</b>
Representative John Siptroth	Senator Elroy Lindaas
Representative Tim Solobay	Representative Louis Pinkerton
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>
Representative Larry DeShazor	Representative Dan Hamilton
Representative Martin Griffin	Representative Tommy Stringer
Representative Kenneth Horn	<b>South Dakota</b>
Representative Eileen Kowall	Representative Charles Hoffman
Representative John Walsh	<b>Texas</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	Representative Wayne Christian
Representative Phil Sterner	Representative Ellen Cohen
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
Representative Curt Dougherty	Representative Mark White
Representative Tim Jones	<b>Vermont</b>
<b>Montana</b>	Senator Kevin Mullin
Senator Ryan Zinke	<b>Wisconsin</b>
Representative Mike Miller	Representative Ed Brooks
Representative Penny Morgan	Representative John Nygren
Representative Josh Peck	

Visit [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com) for a complete list of caucus members.

## LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

**Canada (Prince Edward Island) Nitrous Oxide:** The province of Prince Edward Island has introduced a bill to permit the installation of nitrous-oxide systems as long as the feed lines are disconnected or the canisters are removed while the vehicle is being operated on a public road. The bill largely mirrors SEMA-model legislation to better protect public road safety while ensuring legitimate off-road uses of nitrous-oxide systems.

**California Specially Constructed Vehicles:** The California State Assembly approved SAN-supported legislation to increase the registration limit for exempted specially constructed vehicle registrations



The legislation would allow for more specially constructed vehicles to be registered with an exemption each year.

from 500 to 750 vehicles per year. The Senate will now consider the bill, where it is likely to have a much tougher journey. Current law provides for emissions-system certification and a model-year designation for specially constructed vehicles. Under the law, vehicle owners choose whether a smog-test referee certifies the engine model year or

the vehicle model year. To determine model year, inspectors compare the vehicle to those of the era that the vehicle most closely resembles. If there is no close match, it is classified as a '60 vehicle. Only those emissions controls applicable to the model year and that can be reasonably accommodated by the vehicle are required. The Department of Motor Vehicles provides a new registration to the first 500 specially constructed vehicles per year that meet the criteria.

**Louisiana Inspection Exemption:** A SAN-supported bill to exempt antique vehicles 25 years old and older from the motor-vehicle inspection requirements was passed by the Louisiana House. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration. Current law only exempts vehicles 40 years old and older. The bill makes the inspection exemption consistent with current state law defining an antique vehicle as a vehicle that is 25 years old or older and used primarily for shows, parades, tours and other special uses and not for general transportation. Vehicles in Louisiana are subject to an annual vehicle inspection, including a safety-equipment inspection and, for vehicles registered in selected parishes, an additional emissions inspection. The emissions inspection consists of a visual anti-tampering check and a gas-cap-integrity check. Vehicles manufactured in 1995 and later are also subject to an on-board diagnostic (OBD-II) emissions check.

**New York Historic Vehicles:** The SAN is backing legislation in the New York Assembly to provide that historical vehicle owners only pay a one-time registration fee of \$100 upon initial registration. The bill has been referred to the New York Assembly Transportation Committee for consideration. The reduced registration fee would be available to owners of historical vehicles owned and operated as an exhibition piece or collector's item and used for club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses. Under current New York law, a historical motor vehicle is either a vehicle manufactured more than 25 years ago or one which has unique characteristics and which

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# Collector Car Appreciation Day Slated for July 9

## Lawmakers Acknowledge Importance of Collection and Restoration of Historic and Classic Cars

The United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 513 (S. Res. 513) at the request of the SAN, designating July 9, 2010, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" nationwide. The Resolution 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.

The resolution was sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus members Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC). Senator Tester and Senator Burr have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and their sponsorship of S. Res. 513 reaffirms their understanding of the cultural importance of collector cars. The caucus is an informal, non-partisan group of federal lawmakers that pays tribute to America's ever-growing love affair with the car and motorsports. The caucus recognizes the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for motorsports.



Collector cars of all types and paint schemes will be recognized on July 9, thanks to the Senate resolution sponsored by Senators Jon Tester and Richard Burr.

The resolution was the result of an effort undertaken as a means to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald said, "We greatly appreciate the United States Senate's recognition of the important role classic car restoration serves in our country. As Americans gather at car cruises and other events in conjunction with 'Collector Car Appreciation Day' on July 9, these vital contributions will be honored and preserved."

"At a time when governmental intrusion, intentional or otherwise, is often negatively affecting the hobby, this is a positive move," added Tom Cox, president of Southwest Virginia Car Council. "The automotive hobby has many tentacles that support jobs, manufacturing, small business and families. It's nice to see some official recognition of the beneficial impact automobiles and our hobby have made to America and the world."

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is determined to be of historical, classic or exhibition value. The \$100 one-time fee would replace the current annual fee of \$28.75.



Once signed by the governor, the new law will provide protections to automotive hobbyists by exempting them from restrictions imposed on salvage yards.

**Vermont Inoperable Vehicles:** Legislation, supported by the SAN, to provide an exemption to automotive hobbyists from the restrictions on salvage yards has been approved by the Vermont Legislature. The bill seeks to increase the regulation of salvage yards and automobile graveyards in the state

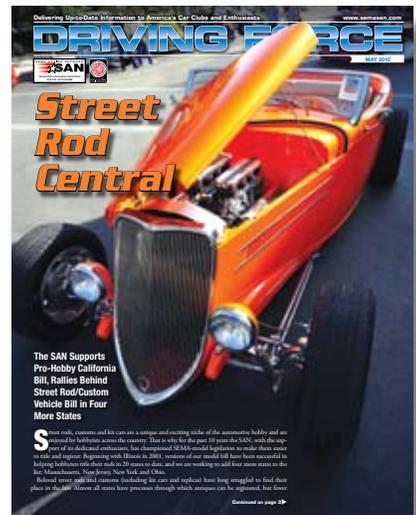
but includes a provision stipulating that hobbyists are not to be confused with the owners of automobile graveyards. The bill defines an "automobile hobbyist" as a person not primarily engaged in the sale of vehicles and parts or dismantling junk vehicles. Further, the definition of "automobile graveyard" does not include an area used by an automobile hobbyist for storage and restoration purposes, provided their activities comply with federal, state and municipal law. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature and enactment into law.

### Attention Car Clubs, Event Organizers and Enthusiasts: Put SAN on Your Mailing List!

We like to know what's going on with SAN 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.

You can send correspondence to Attn: Ethan Landesman, SEMA, 1317 F St. NW, Ste. 500, Washington, DC, 20004-1105 or via e-mail at ethanl@sema.org.



## HEY, THAT'S MY CAR!

# Show 'Em What You've Got!

Whether it has been handed down through the family, 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. Each month, a vehicle is selected to be featured in *Driving Force* as well as on the SEMA Action Network website, [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com).

To submit your photo and 200–300 word story, visit [www.semasan.com](http://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). Contact Ethan Landesman at [ethanl@sema.org](mailto:ethanl@sema.org) if you have any questions or need assistance with uploading your images.



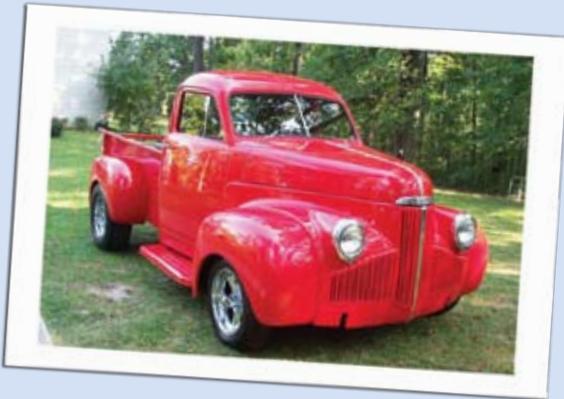
1969 Camaro SS/RS (October 2009)  
Patrick Schatz  
Tipp City, Ohio



1968 Chevrolet Camaro  
(December 2009)

*“Getting my license at the very end of the musclecar era, I always wanted to own a Camaro. After kids and a divorce, I was ready for some ‘me’ time. After a long search, I found the ultimate Southern California project, a first-generation ragtop Camaro. This car is a blast to drive. I love my Camaro!”*

—Lane Ochi  
Beverly Hills, California



1964 Studebaker M-5  
(March 2010)  
Randy Wilkin  
Hillsboro, Ohio



1969 AMC SC/Rambler (April 2010)  
David Furlin  
Wisconsin



1964 Ford Fairlane 500  
(May 2010)  
Don and Cheryn Wilson  
Sonoma, California

*“One of the many monumental events my Cutlass was involved in was the birth of my son. When he was born, we brought him home from the hospital in it. Now, 20 years later, he is the third generation of my family driving the car.”*

—Eric T. Brubakken  
Marietta, Georgia



1967 Oldsmobile  
Cutlass Supreme  
(November 2009)

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SUPPLEMENT

## JUNE 2010 SAN CLUB EVENTS

### CALIFORNIA

#### June 5, Pleasanton

Summer Get Together  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Info: www.good-guys.com

#### June 5, Chino

3rd Annual Steve McQueen Car Show  
Sponsor: 356 Club of Southern California  
Info: www.porsche356club.org

#### June 6, Van Nuys

Eleventh Annual All General Motors Car Show at Woodley Park  
Sponsor: Los Angeles Chapter of the Buick Club of America  
Info: www.buickclub.org/losangeles

#### June 6, Fremont

20th Annual Mopar Rally  
Sponsor: Mopar Alley  
Info: www.moparalley.org

#### June 26, Rancho Cordova

Mopar Day in the Park 17:  
All Mopar Car Show and Swap  
Sponsor: Capital City Mopars  
Info: www.capitalcitymopars.com or 916/962-2655

#### June 26, Lodi

Picnic at the Grove: Street Rod Car Show  
Sponsor: Franklin Syndicate Auto Club  
Info: www.franklinsyndicate.com

### COLORADO

#### June 4-6, Loveland

13th Colorado Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Info: www.good-guys.com

#### June 19, Aurora

Third Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run  
Sponsor: Stevinson Toyota East & Scion  
Info: www.onhavanastreet.com

### CONNECTICUT

#### June 4, Waterford

23rd Annual British by the Sea  
Sponsor: Connecticut MG Club  
Info: http://mgclub.homestead.com

### IDAHO

#### June 18-19, Coeur d'Alene

Car d'Alene Cruise and Car Show  
Info: 208/667-5986

### ILLINOIS

#### June 5, Homer Glen

9th Annual Spring Fling Car Show  
Sponsor: Lemont Classic Car Club  
Info: 708/301-8899 or smoscato167@cs.com

#### June 19-20, South Barrington

6th Annual Dadfest Car and Bike Show  
Info: www.willowcreek.org/dadfest

### INDIANA

#### June 11-13, Indianapolis

22nd Hot Rod Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Info: www.good-guys.com

#### June 19, Flora

2010 Hog-Jog Cruise In  
Sponsor: Idlers Car Club  
Info: 574/967-4666 or idlerscc@yahoo.com

### KANSAS

#### June 12, Garnett

16th Annual Lake Garnett Cruisers Auto & Motorcycle Show  
Info: www.lakegarnettcruisers.com

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### June 6, Danvers

17th Annual Marque Antique Auto Show  
Info: Ron at 978/979-1422 or www.hubcapcafe.com/calendar/2010/99224.htm

#### June 13, Maynard

Autofest 2010  
Sponsor: Maynard Area Auto Club  
Info: 978/897-3445 or http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=maynardaac

#### June 19, Woburn

3rd Annual Open House  
Sponsor: Chop Shop Customs  
Info: www.chop-shopcustoms.com

#### June 26-27, Topsfield

Car Show, Kruse Car Auction, Flea Market and Auto Corral  
Sponsor: North Shore Old Car Club  
Info: www.nsocc.com

### MISSOURI

#### June 18-20, Branson

38th Annual Rods and Relics Rod Run  
Sponsor: Rods and Relics Car Club  
Info: www.rodsrelics.com

### NEW MEXICO

#### June 19, Rio Rancho

15th Annual Mopar Fest Car Show  
Sponsor: Mopar Muscle Club of New Mexico  
Info: www.moparclub.com

### NEW YORK

#### June 3-5, Canandaigua

AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Sponsor: Genesee Valley Region AACA  
Info: www.aaca.org

#### June 25-27, Rhinebeck

19th East Coast Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Info: www.good-guys.com

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### June 4-6, Carlisle

Third Annual National Meet and Car Show at the All FORD Nationals  
Sponsor: Lincoln Mark VII Club  
Info: 267/825-3017 or http://TheLincolnMarkVIIClub.org

#### June 15, Harrisburg

5th Annual Motorsports Day at the Capitol  
Sponsor: PA House Motorsports Caucus  
Info: www.aacamuseum.org/events/event.aspx?id=290

#### June 18-20, Prospect

Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama  
Info: www.pittsburghparts-a-rama.com

### UTAH

#### June 11-12, Bountiful

Cruisin' the Boulevard Coats for Kids  
Sponsor: Bountiful Rotary Club  
Info: 801/557-8572 or thompsonsterry7@comcast.net

#### June 26, Salt Lake City

8th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure Classic Car Show  
Sponsor: Utah's Cruisin' for a Cure Inc. & Stampede for Men's Health  
Info: www.utahcruisinforacure.org

### VIRGINIA

#### June 11-12, Newport News

15th Annual National Truck Show and Club  
Sponsor: The Li'l Red Express & Warlock Owners Club  
Info: 757/875-5270 or skipgibbs@cox.net

## EARLY JULY 2010 EVENTS

### IOWA

#### July 2-4, Des Moines

19th Heartland Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Info: www.heartlandnats.com

### UTAH

#### July 1-3, Logan

Cache Valley Cruise-In  
Sponsor: Cache Valley Cruising Association  
Info: www.cachevalleycruisein.net

### ALBERTA, CANADA

#### June 12-13, Wetaskiwin

History Road: The Ultimate Car Show  
Sponsor: Reynolds-Alberta Museum  
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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# California Car Clubs Rally for the Cause

### Annual Legislative Conference Convened in Sacramento

In working with the SEMA Action Network to ensure that California enthusiasts have a voice in Sacramento, the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) consists of thousands of hobbyists throughout the state who advocate on California laws and policies regarding collector and classic automobiles.

Formed in 1972, the ACCC 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.

This past May 5–6, the ACCC held their annual legislative conference in Sacramento to ensure that state officials are responsive to the concerns of hobbyists. The conference allowed automotive hobbyists to discuss mutual issues and challenges directly with legislators, the Air Resources Board, the Bureau of Automotive Repair, the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles and other government officials.

The SAN thanks the ACCC for taking a leadership role in protecting this great American hobby in California. For more information on the ACCC, visit [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org).



Collector cars from many different ACCC member clubs were on display in front of the California state house in Sacramento.

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