

# DRIVING FORCE

OCTOBER 2007



## Tracking Down the Legislative Trail

**M**y name is Mark Hill, and I recently joined SEMA's Washington, DC, office as the new Research Coordinator. I look forward to continuing the successful job done by my predecessors. From attending auto shows with my dad as a kid to off-roading during college, the auto industry has always had an influence on my life growing up in Michigan.



While at Northern Michigan University, when I was not studying for my political science degree, my time was spent in a Jeep on the many trails of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I was your typical Jeep "just empty every pocket" owner as I constantly had a project I was working on. I have always enjoyed seeing the work done in the garage converted to performance on the trail.

SEMA now gives me the opportunity to use my education and experiences to help protect the rights that, as auto enthusiasts, you and I enjoy. I look forward to working hard so we can all continue cruising around town in a street rod or tracking down a trail in a Jeep. Please feel free to call me at 202/783-6007 ext. 38 or via e-mail at markh@sema.org, if you need any help.



## California Emissions Testing Bill Dead For the Year

### Enthusiasts Rally to Defeat Legislation Requiring Annual Smog Check

**I**n a major victory for enthusiasts in California, the Senate Appropriations Committee rejected SAN-opposed legislation (AB 616) that threatened to require annual smog-check inspections for vehicles 15 years old and older. After having been previously approved by the full California Assembly and the Senate Transportation Committee, the bill is dead for the year.

"Car clubs and individual hobbyists across the state loudly and forcefully objected to passage of this bill," said SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald. "Ultimately, the lawmakers in Sacramento heard their message."

Through thousands of phone calls and e-mails, SAN members were able to convince committee members that these vehicles constitute a small portion of the overall vehicle population and are a poor source from which to look for emissions reduction.

In correspondence to his constituents, Senator Dave Cox expressed his opposition to the bill, "I have not yet seen any evidence that 15-year-old vehicles pollute our air substantially more than 14-year-old vehicles. Declaring all vehicles 15 years or older are guilty of being gross polluters without any empirical data is backwards and does not reflect the spirit of the law."

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**—California State Senator Dave Cox**



**SAN members defeated legislation in California which would have required annual emissions testing for vehicles 15 years old and older.**

Of additional concern to the enthusiast community were provisions in the bill that would have required that funds generated through the additional inspection fees be deposited into an account which could be used to scrap older cars.

"We are especially indebted to those legislators who opposed the bill because it would have placed an undue burden upon car owners simply because their vehicle is older than an arbitrary date set in law," McDonald added.

The SAN would like to thank the countless individuals and car clubs whose dedication and persistence in contacting lawmakers in Sacramento as this bill moved through the legislative process. Special thanks to the Association of California Car Clubs for the coordinated effort by their member clubs in opposing this bill.

## CAUCUS CORNER

### New York Caucus Members Take Part in Vintage Car Show

New York State Assemblywoman Ginny Fields and Assemblyman Steve Engelbright recently attended the weekly Vintage Car Show at Oakdale Lighthouse Commons. For the past couple years, local vintage car owners have gathered every Thursday evening to showcase their restored cars of yesteryear and share their knowledge with local residents.

“As a car enthusiast, I've had a love and appreciation for classic automobiles for many years. I now own a '54 Kaiser-Darrin and participate in a weekly car show in my district that brings hundreds of other collectors of all generations.”

—New York State Assemblywoman Ginny Fields



Assemblywoman Ginny Fields and Assemblyman Steve Engelbright alongside Arlene Swenson and her fully restored '54 Kaiser-Darrin.

\* Visit [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com) for a full list of Caucus members.

## 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: Jason Tolleson, SEMA, 1317 F St. NW, Ste. 500, Washington, DC 20004-1105 or via e-mail at [jason@sema.org](mailto:jason@sema.org).



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## All in the Family

1972 Buick Skylark 350 Custom

Owner: John Franz

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Our family's '72 Buick Skylark 350 Custom has seen many miles and many changes. When my mom stopped driving in 1980, it became my daily driver. Several years later I was on my way home from work one day and was broadsided by a pickup. Unwilling to part with this family heirloom, the car sat in my driveway untouched for a year. While the body damage rusted and the carpet became moldy, the engine fired up every time.

Seeing the Skylark in disrepair, a neighborhood teenager approached me and wanted to use the car in demolition derbies. The thought of the car I inherited from my mother being mangled and destroyed spurred me into action. It was time to restore it.

A local shop fixed the body damage and repainted it with a GM Medium Garnet Red. I even decided to remove the white vinyl roof and paint that red as well.

The original Rochester two-barrel was replaced with a Holly 650, and the transmission was rebuilt using a B&M shift kit. Final touches to the interior include black carpet and re-dyed white seats.

When my great-nephew turns 16 this year, I plan to pass along the Buick and look forward to many more miles of cruisin' ahead.



### SPECS

**UNDER THE HOOD:** Stock 350 with Holley 650 Double Pumper; TH350 with B&M shift kit; dual exhaust with side exit

**OUTSIDE:** GM Medium Garnet Red poly paint; stock factory chrome wheels with Firestone Firehawk tires

**INSIDE:** Stock interior with Summit dash-mounted tach, CD player

# Lobby for the Hobby

## 10 Tips to Effectively Lobby Your Lawmakers

For many people, after hearing about everything that goes on in politics and government, lobbying has become a dirty word. However, it's important to remember that our system of representative democracy was created to give citizens a voice in government operations. Getting involved in the political process and staying vigilant are the best ways you, as a hobbyist, can help keep the automotive

hobby thriving and protect it from unfair laws and restrictions. Joining the SEMA Action Network is a great first step in getting informed about the issues, with *Driving Force*, Legislative Action Alerts and the SAN website all at your disposal. The next step is learning how to put these resources to good use. The following are some tips that will allow you to most effectively lobby your elected officials:

### 1 Develop and Maintain Relationships with Your Legislators and Their Staff

Make contact and develop productive relationships with individual legislators. It is the most effective form of grassroots lobbying. It's also important to develop a relationship with their staff who monitor ongoing legislative and community initiatives.



### 2 Educate Legislators About Our Hobby and Our Issues

Educate your legislator about the hobby and emphasize the positive impact it has on the community.

### 3 Maintain a Positive Attitude

Develop a positive relationship with your legislator. The next time an enthusiast-related issue comes up, that same legislator may be needed to support your cause.

### 4 Stay Informed

Keep up-to-date on SAN Action Alerts, newspaper articles and hearing notices.

Share this information with fellow enthusiasts.



### 5 Get Involved in the Community

Join with other community groups to build positive exposure. Holding charity runs and fundraisers provide a great opportunity to show local residents and politicians that auto clubs are a positive community force.

### 6 Build Relationships with the Local Media

Contact local newspapers and radio/TV stations to publicize car shows, charity events, etc.



### 7 Invite Officials to Participate in Your Events

Give legislators a platform to reach an audience of constituents.

### 8 Build an Automotive Coalition

Create coalitions to add strength in numbers and ensure that the rights of ALL vehicle enthusiasts are represented. Actively participating in regional and statewide councils will develop a unified message to lawmakers. These types of pro-hobbyist groups can be an influential political force.



### 9 Spread the Word

Tear off this page of *Driving Force*, and take it to your next club meeting, cruise night or post it on your online forums. Share this information with other enthusiasts who are willing to help lobby for the hobby.

### 10 Register to Vote

Exercise your right to support pro-hobby candidates. Constituents are an elected official's number-one priority. Without you and your vote of support, they would not be in office. So make sure you're registered, and get out and vote.



To download a copy of the SAN Lobbying Guide, please visit our website at [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com).

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SUPPLEMENT

## OCTOBER 2007 SAN CLUB EVENTS

### ALABAMA

#### October 12-14, Moundville

12th Annual Car & Tractor Show  
Sponsor: Rollin-Oldies Antique Vehicle Club  
Information: 205/371-2803

#### October 13, Auburn

Festival of Wheels  
Information: www.elegantcars.com

### ARIZONA

#### October 13, Sierra Vista

20th Annual Cars in the Park  
Sponsor: Sierra Vista Car Club  
Information: www.sierravistacarclub.org or  
520/378-3096

#### October 13, Phoenix

Phoenix in the Fall  
Sponsor: Mopars Unlimited of Arizona  
Information: www.moparsunlimitedofaz.com/  
show or 623/322-5194

#### October 17-21, Lake Havasu City

Relics and Rods 30th Annual Run to the Sun  
Sponsor: Relics and Rods  
Information: www.relicsandrods.com or  
928/855-0933

### ARKANSAS

#### October 5-7, Arkadelphia

ASRA Show  
Sponsor: Arkansas Street Rod Association  
Information: 501/941-0803

#### October 6, Benton

Car and Truck Show  
Sponsor: Dixie Car Club  
Information: 501/316-0552

#### October 20, Jonesboro

Car Show and Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Crowley's Ridge Cruisers  
Information: 870/932-6110

#### October 26-27, Little Rock

Big Cruise Fest  
Information: www.bigcruisefest.com

### CALIFORNIA

#### October 5-7, Sacramento

Golden State Nationals  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: www.nsra-usa.com

#### October 7, La Palma Park

38th Annual All Ford Picnic and Car Show  
Sponsor: Early Ford V-8 Club of America,  
Southern CA Region #11  
Information: 949/675-4234

#### October 8, Tustin

All-Chevy Show  
Sponsor: VCCA, Orange County Region  
Information: www.ocvcca.org or 714/633-8210

#### October 21, Huntington Beach

Das O.C.T.O Fest 2007  
Sponsor: Orange County  
Transporter Organization  
Information: www.octo.org or 714/374-7506

### CONNECTICUT

#### October 14, Stafford Springs

Fall Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Ty-Rods Auto Club  
Information: 860/649-3697

### DELAWARE

#### October 7, Wilmington

CCND Annual Corvette Show  
Sponsor: Corvette Club of Northern Delaware  
Information: www.vetteclub.org or  
302/479-0012

### FLORIDA

#### October 12-14, Tampa

Southeast Nationals  
Sponsor: NSRA  
Information: www.nsra-usa.com

#### October 13, Tampa

Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup  
Sponsor: Mustang Club of Tampa  
Information: www.mustangcluboftampa.com or  
813/961-3223

### GEORGIA

#### October 6, Atlanta

9th Annual Southeast Regional AMC  
Car Show & Swap Meet  
Sponsor: Peach State AMO  
Information: www.peachstateamo.com

#### October 13, Ellijay

19th Annual Apple Classic Auto Show at  
River Park Civic Center  
Information: 706/273-3011 or 404/626-2350

#### October 20, Atlanta Motor Speedway

Corvettes Against Breast Cancer 5  
Sponsor: Corvettes Serving America  
& Pacesetters Club  
Information: www.csafoundation.org or  
404/944-4771

### INDIANA

#### October 14-15, Bristow

15th Octoberfest Car Show  
Sponsor: Wayne & Friends  
Information: 502/937-9781

### IOWA

#### October 13-14, Cedar Rapids

AACA Cedar Rapids Region Swap Meet  
Sponsor: AACA, Cedar Rapids Region  
Information: 319/378-3873

### KENTUCKY

#### October 12-14, Richmond

Boonesborough Boogie Nationals Show  
Sponsor: Southern Knights of Central Kentucky  
Information: www.southernknightscentral  
kentucky.com or 502/863-3960

#### October 20, Louisville

Hot Rod Cruise Night  
Sponsor: Okolona Street Rods  
Information: www.okolonastreetrods.com

### LOUISIANA

#### October 27, Lafayette

Bayou Bug Bash VW Show  
Information: www.cajunvw.net

### MAINE

#### October 14, York

York Harvestfest Classic Car Show & Craft Fair  
Sponsor: Twin State Cruiser's Car Club  
Information: 603/834-3955

### MARYLAND

#### October 27, Stevensville

Kent Island Cruisers Halloween Cruise-In  
& Car Show  
Sponsor: Kent Island Cruisers  
Information: 410/643-4582

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### October 7, Webster

Dudley Lions Club Yesteryear 2007 Auto Show  
Information: 508/943-9343

Check Out This Early  
November 2007 Event

### MARYLAND

#### November 3, Glen Burnie

3rd Annual Hot Rod Jalopyrama  
Sponsor: The Rusty Nuts H.R.G.  
Information: www.jalopyrama.com or  
440/437-3763

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### October 21, Brookline

Swedish Car Day  
Sponsor: Volvo North America  
Information: [www.mot.org](http://www.mot.org) or 617/522-6547

### October 28, Brookline

Studebaker Day  
Sponsor: Ocean Bay Chapter,  
Studebaker Owner's Club  
Information: [hagney@mot.org](mailto:hagney@mot.org)

## MISSOURI

### October 6, Aurora

23rd Annual Car & Truck Show  
Information: [auroracoc@mo-net.com](mailto:auroracoc@mo-net.com)

### October 12-14, Branson

Fall Festival Car Show Extravaganza  
Information: [carsplusvettes@wmconnect.com](mailto:carsplusvettes@wmconnect.com)

## NEVADA

### October 26-27, Boulder City

Las Vegas AMC Reunion  
Sponsor: Southern Nevada AMC Club  
Information: 702/985-7647

### October 28, Las Vegas

World Premier Concours d'Elegance  
Information: [www.lasvegasconcours.com](http://www.lasvegasconcours.com)

## NEW JERSEY

### October 7, Bridgeton

Wheels of Thunder 10th Car Show  
Sponsor: Wheels of Thunder Classic Car Club  
Information: [www.wheelsofthunder.org](http://www.wheelsofthunder.org)

### October 7, New Brunswick

20th Annual Picnic/Meet at the  
Agricultural Museum of New Jersey  
Sponsor: NY-NJ Slant Six Club of America  
Information: [www.bencar.freeyellow.com/NYNJSLANTSIXCLUBOFAMERICA.html](http://www.bencar.freeyellow.com/NYNJSLANTSIXCLUBOFAMERICA.html)

## NEW YORK

### October 7, Rockville Center

Fall Ford and Mustang Showdown  
Sponsor: Crossbay Cruisers  
Information: [crossbaycruisers@yahoo.com](mailto:crossbaycruisers@yahoo.com)

## NORTH CAROLINA

### October 26-28, Charlotte

14th Southeastern Nationals  
Sponsor: Good Guys  
Information: [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com)

## OKLAHOMA

### October 12-14, Tulsa

Super Chevy Show  
Information: [www.superchevyshow.com](http://www.superchevyshow.com)

## PENNSYLVANIA

### October 3-7, Carlisle

Fall Carlisle  
Information: [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

### October 5-6, Lititz

18th Annual All-Mack Truck Show  
Information: [www.aths.org/shows.asp](http://www.aths.org/shows.asp)

### October 7, Northampton

Truck Show  
Sponsor: Greater Lehigh Valley  
Antique Club of America  
Information: [prtildy@aol.com](mailto:prtildy@aol.com)

### October 10-13, Hershey

AACA National Fall Meet  
Sponsor: AACA  
Information: [local.aaca.org/hershey/](http://local.aaca.org/hershey/) or  
717/566-7720

## RHODE ISLAND

### October 6, Exeter

Warwick Rotary Car Show  
Information: 978/249-0435

### October 7, Newport

6th Annual Middletown Rotary  
"Ft. Adams Fall Car Festival"  
Information 401/619-0964

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### October 7, Lancaster

Sound Off Link Up Show  
Information: [smkoss@excite.com](mailto:smkoss@excite.com)

### October 18-20, Myrtle Beach

The Year One Myrtle Beach Fall Cruise  
Sponsor: Right Coast Association  
Information: [www.rightcoastcars.com](http://www.rightcoastcars.com)

### October 18-21, Myrtle Beach

Return to the Beach 8  
Sponsor: Carolina PT Cruisers  
Information: [www.returntothebeach.com](http://www.returntothebeach.com)

## TENNESSEE

### October 6, Columbia

3rd Annual Charity Car Show  
Sponsor: New Life Antiques  
Information: [nlcarshow@hotmail.com](mailto:nlcarshow@hotmail.com) or  
931/388-7533

### October 6, Lynchburg

Whiskey Runners Cruisin' the Hollow 2007  
Sponsor: Whiskey Runners Car Club  
Information: 931/759-6500

### October 13-14, Knoxville

SCMC/Ted Russell Mustang and  
Ford Show/Dragon Run VII  
Sponsor: SVT Cobra Mustang Club  
& Ted Russell Ford  
Information: [www.svtcobraclub.com](http://www.svtcobraclub.com)

### October 20, Franklin

AACA Battlefield Region's 18th Annual Show  
Sponsor: AACA Battlefield Region  
Information: 615/794-1432

## TEXAS

### October 5-7, Fort Worth

15th Lone Star Nationals  
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association  
Information: [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com)

### October 5-7, San Antonio

Super Chevy Show-San Antonio Raceway  
Information: [www.superchevyshow.com](http://www.superchevyshow.com)

### October 20, San Antonio

25th Annual Car, Truck and Model Show  
Sponsor: Mopar Muscle Club of San Antonio  
Information: [www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org](http://www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org) or  
210/863-0355

### October 21, Conroe

5th Annual Fall Classic  
Sponsor: Conroe Cruisers  
Information: [www.conroecruisers.com](http://www.conroecruisers.com) or  
936/856-4480

## UTAH

### October 13, 2007

Hugs for Life Car Show  
Sponsor: Hugs for Life  
Information: [www.hugsforlife.info](http://www.hugsforlife.info) or  
801/718-0321

## VIRGINIA

### October 13, Virginia Beach

Fordtoberfest  
Sponsor: Southeastern Virginia Mustang Club  
Information: [www.sevmc.org](http://www.sevmc.org) or 757/630-0056

### October 26-28, Newport News

5th Annual Virginia Fall Classic  
Sponsor: Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council  
Information: [www.vafallclassic.org](http://www.vafallclassic.org) or  
757/926-7204

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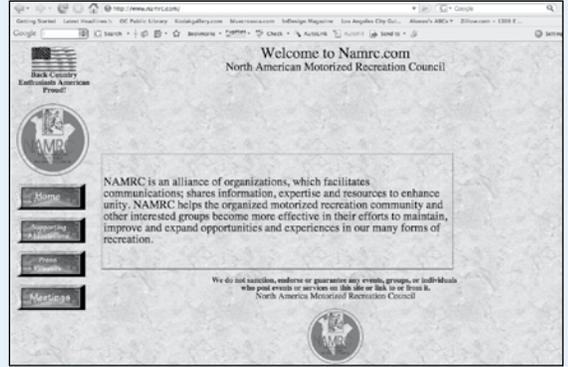
### It's All About Access

The North American Motorized Recreation Council (NAMRC) meets twice a year to promote motorized recreation and our interests in it. NAMRC is an alliance of organizations, which facilitates communications and shares information, expertise and resources to enhance unity. NAMRC helps the organized motorized recreation community and other interested groups become more effective in their efforts to maintain, improve and expand opportunities and experiences in our many forms of recreation.

Two of the original founders of NAMRC, Del Albright with the BlueRibbon Coalition and Sugar Fields of the East Coast 4WD Association, still nurture this organization after 10 years of activism. According to Albright, "Nothing can be more important in the battles for our recreational pursuits than to participate in national collaborative efforts, such as NAMRC, wherein businesses and grassroots folks can work together to ensure our future."

The SAN is a proud supporter of NAMRC and its efforts to bring organizations, clubs and supporters of motorized access together on equal ground to develop national solutions to common problems that plague our public and private lands all across the country.

The next NAMRC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29 in Las Vegas. For more information on NAMRC and its upcoming meeting, visit [www.namrc.com](http://www.namrc.com).



NAMRC's website contains useful information about the council, as well as a list of participating organizations.

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