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O Canada!

SAN Expands its Efforts North of the Border

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) announced that it has broadened its legislative advocacy activities to include the Parliament of Canada and the provincial governments. This effort is in collaboration with hobbyists, car clubs, provincial and national hobby organizations to further the grassroots lobbying effort in Canada.

"Cooperative efforts of the automotive hobbyists and car clubs who participate in the SEMA Action Network have resulted in numerous legislative successes across the United States," said SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald. "Canadian enthusiast groups face identical challenges. We are confident that by working with Canadian enthusiasts and hobbyist groups, we can add our voice to the debate and help legislators identify reasonable and responsible solutions to the array of issues affecting the automotive hobby."

In the United States, the SAN regularly rallies the support of 3,500-plus car clubs, thousands of individual contacts and 100-plus consumer automotive publications, with an estimated reach of 36 million enthusiasts nationwide; sends out action alerts to generate an abundance of responses to state and/or federal legislative actions and regulatory proposals; and issues timely updates of legislative and regulatory developments.

"We are excited by this effort to expand the SAN into Canada," said SAN Director Jason Tolleson. "In cooperation with the various organizations and clubs, we look forward to developing a pro-hobby platform to help protect the rights of enthusiasts across Canada."

For more information or to register for the SEMA Action Network, visit www.semasan.com.

From Sea to Shining Sea

Caucus Chairman Announces Growth of Legislative Coalition to all 50 States

With the enrollment of Alabama State Representative Randy Woods, the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus now has members in all 50 states. The Caucus, which consists of state lawmakers whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles, now has over 230 members nationwide.

"Since assuming the position of Chairman, I have made it my number one priority to grow our membership so we can ensure that this hobby is protected for years to come," said Caucus Chairman and New York State Assemblymember Bill Reilich. Since January of this year, 116 state lawmakers have joined the Caucus.

This bipartisan coalition of state lawmakers has helped raise the motor-vehicle hobby's profile in the state legislatures and in the public's eyes. Working in state capitals, many of these legislators have sought to preserve and protect the hobby by seeking the amendment of existing motor-vehicle statutes and creating new programs to safeguard and expand the hobby.

"By informing state representatives throughout the United States of the need to monitor legislation that would either harm the hobby or friendly legislation that would protect those who invest their time and resources into restorations and modifications, we are paving a path for future generations of car enthusiasts," added Reilich.

Since its inception in 2005, Caucus members have achieved a series of significant legislative accomplishments for the vehicle enthusiast community on issues ranging from equipment standards to registration classifications, and from emissions-test exemptions to hobbyist rights. Through the Caucus, SAN members have been able to easily identify and develop relationships with these pro-hobby lawmakers.



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on the SEMA Action Network website at www.semasan.com. For more information involving your state lawmakers in the Caucus, please contact the SEMA Action Network at 202/783-6007, ext. 39.



New York State Assemblymember and Caucus Chairman Bill Reilich recently announced the expansion of the Caucus to all 50 states.

"The automobile is part of our culture and history," said Reilich. "I am extremely pleased at how the membership numbers have increased, however, our work is not done. I will continue to help educate and encourage participation by our state governmental leaders and work toward my personal goal of having at least 500 members actively participating in the Caucus." In working to reach this goal, Reilich has enlisted the support of his colleagues. This year alone, he has recruited 35 new Caucus members from the New York State Legislature.

A complete listing of Caucus members can be found on page 3-4 of this issue, as well as

Busy Month in Boston

Enthusiasts in Massachusetts had a busy October as state lawmakers considered two pieces of legislation which would have greatly impacted the hobby. One bill would have done considerable harm to the hobby, while the other would have helped make it easier to enjoy street-rod and custom vehicles.

The first bill, which SAN members in Massachusetts know all too well, seeks to ban the sale and installation of aftermarket exhaust systems. During an October 2 hearing, the Joint Transportation Committee heard testimony but did not conduct a formal vote on the bill. The chairman has asked interested parties to work together to find a compromise. The SAN is hopeful that the SEMA-model legislation to create a decibel limit under an industry-recognized test procedure will be the basis for that compromise.

The second measure, which was heard before the same committee on October 11, would create titling and registration classes for street rods and customs vehicles. Based on SEMA-model legislation, this bill has been enacted in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington. 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 they most closely resemble.

During the hearing, Committee members heard testimony regarding the difficult process enthusiasts face in trying to title and register these custom vehicles. Lawmakers agreed and passed the measure out of the Committee. SAN members in Massachusetts should stay tuned for e-mail action alerts as this bill moves through the legislative process.

Off-Road News

Federal Government to Close 100,000 Acres to OHV Use in Utah

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced the closure of approximately 100,000 acres in the Indian Creek Corridor of San Juan County, Utah. While OHV use will be permitted on existing roads and trails, all "cross-country" OHV activity within the designated area is prohibited. This closure will remain in effect until the BLM completes a review of its existing management plan for OHV use in San Juan County.

Large-scale public land closures are consequential to SAN members as they deny access to off-roaders, further limiting recreation



activities for this increasingly popular hobby. The SAN is actively working with the other land-access groups on reasonable land-use policies that protect motorized recreation and our nation's natural wonders.



Hey, That's My Car!



Swap Meet Special

1970 Ford Torino

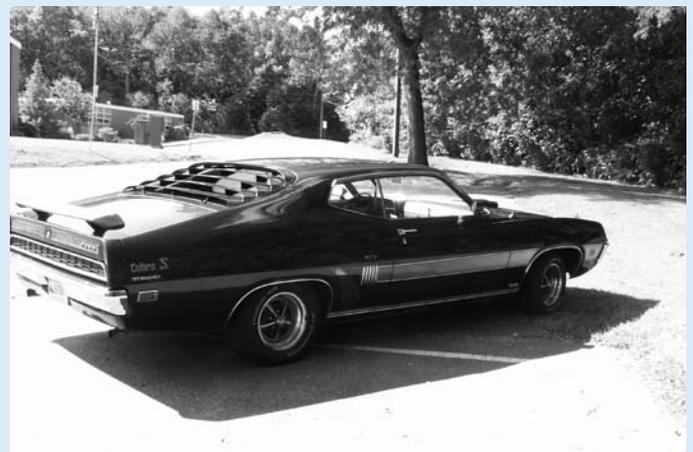
Owner: Ron Serianz
Newington, Connecticut



The restoration of my '70 Ford Torino almost ended before it even began. I found it listed in a local paper, and although it lacked an engine, I couldn't pass up on the chance to own one of these. I got it home just in time as Hurricane Gloria was barreling down on the Connecticut coast. I parked the car in my garage and hoped for the best.

It survived the storm unscratched, and it was clear to me that it was time to begin the restoration process. I went from swap meet to swap meet looking for the necessary parts, starting, of course, with an engine. I found a disassembled 429 Cobra Jet at a swap meet, and later I would add more swap meet finds, including a shaker air cleaner and hood. To help add to the car's style, I added a Mustang spoiler, rear window covers and Magnum 500 wheels. Once again, all items were courtesy of my local swap meets.

The paint job was the hardest part of the restoration. To help reduce costs, I decided to wet sand and buff the car myself. After putting in 40 hours of work, I was satisfied that the job was done right. In addition to the blue base coat, I picked a red-orange laser strip and placed a Cobra emblem on the rear. The final product looked very sharp. Not bad for a couple days at the local swap meet!



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 is a complete list of its members:

State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus Chairman

Assemblymember Bill Reilich
(New York)

Immediate Past Chairman

Senator John Brueggeman
(Montana)

Alabama

Representative Randy Wood

Alaska

Representative David Guttenberg

Arizona

Senator Ron Gould
Representative Bill Konopnicki
Representative Nancy McLain

Arkansas

Senator Denny Altes
Representative Johnny Key
Representative Mark Martin

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Senator Dennis Hollingsworth
Senator Tom McClintock
Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod
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Assemblymember Bonnie Garcia
Assemblymember Martin Garrick
Assemblymember Bob Huff
Assemblymember Kevin Jeffries
Assemblymember Doug La Malfa
Assemblymember Nicole Parra
Assemblymember Alberto Torrico
Assemblymember Michael Villines

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Representative Larry Liston
Representative Nancy Todd

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Representative Dave Deyoe
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Representative Terry McLachlan
Representative Shirley Palmer
Representative Michael Peterson
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Representative Lawrence Jacobsen
Representative Everett McLeod Sr.
Representative Peter Rines
Representative Nancy Smith

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Delegate Cheryl Glenn
Delegate Barry Glassman
Delegate Benjamin Kramer



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California State Assemblymember Mike Duvall

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Delegate Richard Weldon

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Representative Rick Jones
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Representative Ron Shimanski

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Representative Pat Montgomery
Representative Dannie Reed
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Missouri

Representative Bruce Darrough
Representative James Whorton

Montana

Senator John Brueggeman
Senator Jeff Essmann
Representative Jill Cohenour
Representative Gordon Hendrick
Representative Bill Nooney
Representative Wayne Stahl

Nebraska

Senator Don Preister

"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



Maine Representative Peter Rines

"I would not be my father's daughter if I did not join. I have fond 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

Nevada

Senator Bob Beers
 Senator Bob Coffin
 Assemblymember Chad Christensen
 Assemblymember Moises (Mo) Denis
 Assemblymember Ellen Marie Koivisto
 Assemblymember Mark Manendo
 Assemblymember John Ocegüera
 Assemblymember David Parks

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Senator James McCullough
 Assemblymember Richard Merkt
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New Mexico

Representative Nathan Cote

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 Senator Thomas Libous
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 Assemblymember Marc Butler
 Assemblymember Nancy Calhoun
 Assemblymember Mike Cole
 Assemblymember James Conte
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 Assemblymember Joseph Errigo
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 Assemblymember Gary Finch
 Assemblymember Mike Fitzpatrick
 Assemblymember Dennis Gabryszak
 Assemblymember Joseph Giglio
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 Assemblymember Janele Hyer-Spencer
 Assemblymember Brian Kolb
 Assemblymember Peter Lopez
 Assemblymember Donna Lupardo
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 Assemblymember Marcus Molinaro
 Assemblymember Bob Oaks
 Assemblymember Thomas O'Mara
 Assemblymember Jack Quinn
 Assemblymember Andrew Raia
 Assemblymember Bill Reilich
 Assemblymember Joseph Saladino
 Assemblymember Teresa Sayward
 Assemblymember Mark Schroeder
 Assemblymember James Tedisco
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 Assemblymember Rob Walker

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 Representative Phillip Frye
 Representative Mitchell Setzer
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 Senator Robert Spada
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Representative Wallace Collins
 Representative Scott Inman

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 Representative Jeff Barker

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 Representative Patrick Harkins
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South Dakota

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 Representative Richard Engels
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 Representative Steve Kestell

Wyoming

Representative Stan Blake
 Representative Pat Childers

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SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER 2007 SAN CLUB EVENTS

ARIZONA

November 16-18, Scottsdale

10th Southwest Nationals
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com
or 925/838-9876

CALIFORNIA

November 3, Lucerne Valley

Candy Cane Classic Car Show
Sponsor: Lucerne Valley Roadrunners
Information: 760/248-9606

November 10-11, Pleasanton

18th Autumn Get-Together
Sponsor: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association
Information: www.good-guys.com
or 925/838-9876

November 16-18, Palm Springs

Palms to Pines
Sponsor: Porsche 356 Club
Information: 213/665-2040

FLORIDA

November 2-3, Pinellas Park

32nd Annual Car Show & Swap Meet
Sponsor: Florida West Coast Region, AACA
Information: 727/595-7554

November 8-11, Panama City Beach

Emerald Coast Cruizin
Information: www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com

November 18, Bradenton

16th Annual Super Sunday Mustang
and Ford Show
Sponsor: Mustang Club of West Central Florida
Information: 941/351-3789

November 22-25, Daytona

34th Annual Daytona Turkey Run
Sponsor: Daytona Beach Street Rods
Information: www.turkeyrun.com
or 368/767-9070

November 23-24, Ormond Beach

50th Gaslight Parade, Block Party and
Antique Car Show
Sponsor: Volusia Region Antique
Automobile Club of America
Information: www.aaca.org/volusia
or 386/441-7793

ILLINOIS

November 17-18, Rosemont

26th Annual Fall Chevy Vettefest
Sponsor: Nickey Chicago
Information: www.chevyvettefest.net
or 248/373-1700

INDIANA

November 3-4, Richmond

35th Annual Indoor Rod & Custom Car Show
Sponsor: Vintage Wheels
Information: 765/966-0541

MARYLAND

November 3, Glen Burnie

4th Annual Hot Rod Jalopyrama
Sponsor: The Rusty Nuts H.R.G.
Information: www.jalopyrama.com
or 440/437-3763

PENNSYLVANIA

November 4, Wayne

The Cruisers Memorial Toy Run
Sponsor: Chester County Cruisers
Information: 610/647-0401

NORTH CAROLINA

November 3, Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby

Hog Happening Bikes Cars Barbecue
Information: www.hoghappnin.com

November 3, Wilmington

9th Annual Brits and Battleship Car Show
Sponsor: The British Motor Club
of the Cape Fear
Information: www.bmccf.org or 910/799-2753

TEXAS

November 9-10, Bastrop

Bastrop Veterans' Day Car Show
Sponsor: Bastrop Area Cruisers
Information: www.bastropareacruisers.com
or 512/303-6775

November 11-12, 2007, Houston

2007 SVT Cobra & Shelby GT 500 Nationals
Sponsor: SVT Cobra Mustang Club
Information: www.svtcobraclub.com

November 16-18, Jasper

7th Annual Rod Run
Sponsor: Lakes Area Cruisers
Information: 409/384-8745 or 409/565-4913

November 22, Houston

48th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts AutoRama
Sponsor: Millwinders
Information: www.autorama.com or
936/344-9441

Check Out These Early December 2007 Events

GEORGIA

December 1, Forrest Park

2nd Annual Santa Cruise
Sponsor: Georgia Street Rod Association
Information: www.gsr.com or
478/757-8552

MARYLAND

December 1-2, Timonium

East Coast Indoor Nationals
Information: www.eastcoastindoornat.com

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.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**Street Rodders
Playing Santa**

With over 1,100 members and growing, the Georgia Street Rod Association (GSRA) has worked to bring together auto enthusiasts from across the state of Georgia. Since its inception in 1976, GSRA has been committed to working within the community and preserving the great street-rod tradition. Even though it's a street-rod association, members welcome anyone interested in the car hobby. You don't even need to own a car. As a strong member of SAN, GSRA continues to push for pro-hobby legislation in the Georgia Legislature, including recent efforts to have the SEMA Street Rod/Custom Vehicle Bill introduced.

In its ongoing effort to support community programs, GSRA hosts an annual "Santa Cruise" to benefit the Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots program. While over 650 vehicles participated in last year's event, GSRA has already planned for bigger and better things by moving to a venue that can host over 1,000 vehicles. This year, the GSRA hopes to collect over \$10,000 worth of toys for the deserving cause.

For more information on the Georgia Street Rod Association and the 2nd Annual Santa Cruise, visit www.gsra.com or call 478/757-8552.



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