

DRIVING FORCE

JULY 2009



Saved From The Scrapyard

Hobbyist Protections Added to Lessen Impact of Cash for Clunkers Program

It seemed inevitable. In response to the economic tsunami, nations around the world have enacted cash for clunkers programs to help jump-start new car sales. The United States has now joined the crowd. But, there is good news. The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and the SEMA Action Network (SAN) persuaded Congress to spare cars 25-years and older from the scrappage heap and expand parts recycling opportunities under the new law.

Congress passed the controversial program in June. Consumers who voluntarily participate, will receive a voucher to help buy a new car in exchange for scrapping a less fuel-efficient vehicle. The SAN was able to ease the program's effects by convincing lawmakers to include a requirement that the trade-in vehicle be a model year 1984 or newer vehicle. This provision will help safeguard older vehicles that may possess 'historic or aesthetic value' and are irreplaceable to hobbyists as a source of restoration parts. The measure also allows all parts to be recycled except the engine. Lawmakers were convinced to permit the drive train to be recycled if the transmission, drive shaft or rear end are sold as separate parts.

The cash for clunkers war had two battles. The first ended in mid-February when President Obama signed a clunker-free stimulus bill into law. For the previous two months, thousands of SAN members responded in force by deluging lawmakers with e-mails, faxes and phone calls in opposition to a scrappage program.

The second battle began on March 30 when President Obama embraced the idea as part of a financial aid package to help a struggling auto industry. The signal was sent—when, and not if a scrappage program would be initiated. The SAN then focused its efforts on lessening the impact of the program on the hobbyist community.

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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 its newest member:



NEBRASKA
State Senator
Heath Mello

* Visit www.semasan.com for a complete list of caucus members.

LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

California Emissions Tests: SAN-opposed legislation to require annual Smog check inspections for vehicles 15 years old and older was held in the California Assembly Appropriations Committee and is essentially dead for the year. The bill would also have required that funds generated through the additional inspection fees be deposited into an account which could have been used to scrap older cars. Pre-1976 motor vehicles would have remained exempt under the measure. The SAN launched a statewide lobbying campaign to oppose the bill.



California Scrappage: SAN is opposing a California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposal to spend roughly \$30 million annually to augment the State's existing vehicle scrappage program. The proposal would provide incentives for vehicles not currently eligible under the Consumer Assistance Program by removing the existing requirements that vehicles be subject to and fail Smog Check to participate. CARB is specifically targeting for scrappage pre-1976 vehicles that are not currently required to undergo Smog Check inspections. According to CARB, allowing

vehicles that are not currently undergoing registration or that have passed their Smog Check to participate greatly expands the vehicle population that can be retired. Participants would receive \$1,000 per vehicle or \$1,500 per vehicle if they meet low-income requirements. The proposal would also establish a pilot voucher program in the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley air basins that targets the highest-emitting vehicles and requires their replacement with newer, cleaner vehicles. Consumers would retire their vehicle at a participating dismantler, receiving an immediate compensation of \$1,000–\$1,500 for vehicle retirement. Consumers could then redeem their voucher at participating car dealerships toward the purchase of a replacement vehicle. CARB is proposing that the voucher compensation be \$2,000 or \$2,500 per vehicle depending on income level.

Michigan Inoperable Vehicles: A version of SEMA-model legislation has been reintroduced in the Michigan State Legislature that would outlaw local zoning ordinances that prohibit the hobby of collecting and restoring motor vehicles. Junked, wrecked or inoperable vehicles, including parts cars, stored on private property could still require screen-

ing from public view by fencing, vegetation or other means. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

Ohio Street Rods/Customs:

SEMA model legislation to create a vehicle registration and titling classification for street rods and custom vehicles and provide for special license plates for these vehicles



has been reintroduced in the Ohio State Legislature. 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 that the body of the vehicle was constructed to resemble.

Nova Scotia (Canada) Altered Height Vehicles: The SAN investigated reports out of Nova Scotia that a regulation had been adopted that would require proof that all suspension lift products had been approved by a certified engineer. The SAN expressed concerns that the criteria for passing the inspection were not documented and could then be subject to the sole discretion of the engineer. The Ministry agreed that the lack of an objective checklist posed potential problems and compromised public acceptance of the program. The inspection regulation will be put on hold while the regulatory agencies conduct an impact study which could take the better part of a year. The SAN is hopeful that the study period will allow for an opportunity to engage the Ministry further to clarify these procedures.

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“SEMA and the SAN are disappointed that Congress ignored evidence that vehicle scrappage programs will not achieve claimed environmental benefits,” said Steve McDonald, SEMA's Vice President of Government Affairs. “However, we are pleased that lawmakers agreed not to include the older cars and parts that help drive the passions of many in the automotive hobbyist community.”

Under the program, consumers who agree to scrap a trade-in car that gets 18 miles per gallon or less (15 mpg or less for heavy pick-ups and vans) will receive a voucher to buy a qualifying new car. The voucher will range from \$3,500 to \$4,500 based on the new car's fuel efficiency. The program primarily targets SUVs and pickups since most passenger cars manufactured during the last 25 years get more than the 18 mpg combined city/highway requirement.

The car buyer will receive a \$3,500 voucher if they buy a new passenger car that was rated at 4 mpg higher than the older vehicle, or a new pickup truck/SUV that was at least 2 mpg higher than the old truck. They will receive a \$4,500 voucher if the passenger car was at least 10 mpg higher and the truck/SUV was at least 5 mpg higher.

Lawmakers want the program to last one year but have only set aside \$1 billion to fund car purchases made from July 1–Nov. 1, 2009. They will seek another \$3 billion later this summer to fund the program into 2010.

“It took countless meetings with lawmakers and their staff in order to secure the 25-year exemption and recycling provisions,” said SEMA Director of Regulatory Affairs Stuart Gosswein. “While it proved impossible to kill the scrappage program, lawmakers were keenly aware of the SAN's opposition to the program and wanted to remove any unintended consequences to the hobbyist community. Your voices were heard.”

Neighbors to the North

Car Club Association Fights for Enthusiasts in Canada

The National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada (NAACC) is made up of car clubs from across the country who develop positive working relationships with government officials in support of the collector car hobby. Through these efforts NAACC members seek to promote and encourage the preservation of the automobile and its historic lore.



Working with the SEMA Action Network, the NAACC identifies and informs its membership of legislative and regulatory proposals that have an impact on hobbyists in Canada. To further their influence on policy issues, the NAACC is an Associate member of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA).

The leadership of the organization is comprised of approximately 20 directors representing nine of the Provinces in Canada. In addition to guiding NAACC's policy agenda, the directors also bring local issues to the attention of the association.

Since its creation in the early 1960s, the association has a proven track record in defending the collector car hobby. In the early 1980's the NAACC spearheaded a successful movement to have duty on collector cars and parts 25 years old and older removed. In 1996 NAACC members were successful again in dealing with Federal proposals that were to remove all 1978 and older vehicles from the public highways. With the expansion of the SEMA Action Network's efforts into Canada in 2007, the two groups were successful in obtaining an extension for the use of competition leaded racing fuel to the end of 2010.

The NAACC also offers programs and benefit packages for its members, including officers and club members' liability insurance for both incorporated and non-incorporated organizations. They also have negotiated member discount packages with numerous travel and work-related businesses throughout the country.

In addition to their affiliation with the SAN, Canadian car clubs are urged to join the NAACC. For more information or to join NAACC please visit www.naacc.ca or contact NAACC President John Carlson at Carlson44@shaw.ca.

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.

HEY, THAT'S MY CAR!

During the 2009 Power Tour the SEMA Action Network was on hand to photograph cars and trucks for public service advertisements. These ads will be featured in magazines and online publication to help promote the legislative efforts of the SAN. Special thanks to all those who allowed us to use their vehicles. Here are just a few of them:



TOM BROWN



RICK BOTTOM



JERRY STEPHENS



GREG MALSKI



KRISTIN RICKER



JERRY HALLBERG



MILLARD THOMPSON



JIM McLAUGHLIN



DAVE OLNSTEAD



RYAN MAJCHROWSKI



JOSHUA SMITH

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SUPPLEMENT

JULY 2009 SAN CLUB EVENTS

ALABAMA

July 18, Florence

W.C. Handy Festival
Sponsor: Shoals Car & Truck Club
Information: <http://www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com> or 256/766-7955

CALIFORNIA

July 21-25, Sacramento

40th Annual National Meet
Sponsor: Chrysler Products Restorers Club
Information: <http://www.chryslerclub.org/meetinfo.htm>

July 11, Fontana

Annual Family Picnic in the Park
Sponsor: Inland Mopars Car Club
Information: <http://www.inlandmopars.com>

July 11-12, Dana Point

Dana Point Concours d'Elegance
Sponsor: Porsche 356 Club
Information: <http://www.porsche356club.org> or 949/697-4499

COLORADO

July 3-5, Grand Junction

Mopar Magic Weekend
Sponsor: Mopars Unlimited of Colorado
Information: http://www.moparsunlimitedofcolorado.com/mopar_magic_weekend_flyers.html or 970/361-2478

July 10-12, Montrose

Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show
Sponsor: Black Canyon Classic Car Club
Information: http://www.blackcanyonclassics.org/car_show.htm or 970/249-6051

July 31-August 3, Salida

16th Annual Rocky Mountain IH Rendezvous
Sponsor: RMIHR
Information: www.rmihr.org or 303/838-8505

CONNECTICUT

July 26, Guilford

31st Time Machines Car Show & Flea Market
Sponsor: Connecticut Area Classic T-Birds
Information: <http://www.geocities.com/tbird-sofconn/timemach.html>

IDAHO

July 12-17, Boise

2009 Chevrolet Nomad Association Convention
Sponsor: Chevrolet Nomad Association
Information: <http://www.chevynomadclub.com/CNACONVENTION.html>

ILLINOIS

July 25-26, St. Charles

19th Annual Indian Uprising All Pontiac Weekend
Sponsor: Cruisin' Tigers GTO Club
Information: <http://www.cruisintigersgto.com>

INDIANA

July 17, Huntington

Flashback to the 60s
Sponsor: The Country Cruisers
Information: <http://www.flashbacktothe60s.com> or 260/356-0621

IOWA

July 3-5, Des Moines

18th Heartland Nationals
Information: <http://www.good-guys.com> or 925/838-9876

MASSACHUSETTS

July 17-19, Ipswich

2009 VCOA National Meet
Sponsor: Volvo Club of America
Information: http://www.bostonvolvoclub.com/2009_VCOA_National.html

July 19, Marlborough

25th Annual Mustang & Fords Summer Round-Up
Sponsor: Mustang Car Club of New England
Information: <http://www.mccne.com> or 508/674-5462

MICHIGAN

July 18, Sanford

2009 Annual Show
Sponsor: Michigan Fiero Club
Information: <http://www.michiganfieroclub.com/2009show.html>

MINNESOTA

July 10-12, Duluth

37th Annual North Shore Rod Run
Sponsor: The Vintage Times Car Club
Information: <http://www.duluthrodun.com/rodrun.htm>

July 17-19, St Paul

Summer Nationals
Information: <http://www.familyevents.com/event/99> or 317/236-6515

NEW YORK

July 17-19, Syracuse

Syracuse Nationals
Sponsor: Right Coast Association
Information: <http://www.rightcoastcars.com/shows/syn/> or 800/753-3978

July 19, Rochester

49th Annual Antique and Classic Car, Street Rod & Truck Show
Sponsor: Genesee Valley Antique Car Society
Information: <http://www.gvacs.com> or 585/624-1071

OHIO

July 4, Xenia

44th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet
Sponsor: Greene County Antique and Classic Car Club & Miami Valley Chapter, National Corvette Restorers Society
Information: <http://greencountyantiqueandclassicarclub.com/julyshow.htm> or 937/429-0717

July 7-11, Dayton

2009 GTOAA & POCI Co-Venture
Sponsor: Ohio Valley GTO Association & Grand Prix Specialty Chapter of POCI
Information: <http://www.gtoapocinationals.com> or 513/276-6906

July 10-12, Columbus

12th Goodguys Nationals
Information: <http://www.good-guys.com> or 925/838-9876

July 25-26, Canfield

Truck & Jeep Fest
Information: <http://www.truckandjeepfest.com/event/100> or 317/236-6515

OREGON

July 4, Philomath

Philomath Classic Car Show
Information: <http://www.philomathclassic.com/pc/index.cfm> or 541/929-6381

July 11, Roseburg

Stray Angels Show & Shine
Sponsor: Stray Angels Car Club
Information: <http://www.strayangelsclub.com> or 541/679-7868

July 24-25, Grants Pass

19th Annual Back to the 50's
Sponsor: Valley Classic Chevys
Information: <http://www.rvclassicchevys.com> or 541/476-5773

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EARLY AUGUST 2009 EVENTS

KENTUCKY

August 5-8, Louisville

40th Annual Street Rod Nationals
Sponsor: National Street Rod Association
Information: <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/96> or 901/452-4030

MICHIGAN

August 9, Novi

21st Annual Mustang Memories Car Show and Swap Meet
Sponsor: Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan
Information: <http://www.mocsem.com> or 313/304-5244

WISCONSIN

August 2-3

Summer Elkhorn Car Show and Swap Meet
Sponsor: Madison Classics
Information: <http://www.madisonclassics.com/car-shows/summer-elkhorn.php> or 608/244-8416

August 9, Waukesha

Waukesha Old Car Show
Sponsor: Waukesha Old Car Club
Information: <http://www.waukeshaoldcarclub.org> or 262/547-5212

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:

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Michigan SB 590: Communities would be prohibited from creating any zoning ordinances that restrict the collection and/or restoration of vehicles when they are blocked from public view.

MISCELLANEOUS

Michigan HB 4948 & HB 4949: Creates penalties for individuals who cause accidents due to video screens within view of the driver.

New Jersey SB 2874: Permits the installation of a GPS system on the front window of a vehicle, so long as it does not obstruct the driver's view.

STREET RACING

New York AB 8438: Changes the penalty for those convicted of street racing to a felony with up to one year and one day in prison.

Pennsylvania HB 1497: Drivers convicted of street racing for a second or any subsequent offense would be charged between \$200 and \$1,000; or imprisoned for up to 6 months; or both.

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a vibrant seven year old girl who died in March 2007 from injuries sustained in a house fire.

During the week of July 15-19, the Allegheny Rockets Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) will be hosting the 2009 OCA National Meet at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The event will draw well over 1,000 participants from across the United States and Canada, as well as hundreds of spectators who will enjoy the classic cars on display and browse the Swap Meet area.

Since 2001, the Allegheny Rockets Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America has assisted members and the general public in understanding, preserving, restoring, and appreciating vehicles built by Oldsmobile. A non-profit organization, the Allegheny Rockets Chapter supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Salvation Army.

Additional information about each of these clubs and their shows can be accessed at the following websites, www.alleghenyrockets.org and www.pennmustangs.com.

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PENNSYLVANIA

July 5, Newfoundland

35th Annual Antique—Classic—Custom Car Show

Sponsor: Wayne-Pike Region AACA
Information: <http://local.aaca.org/waynepike/Flyers.htm> or 570/253-0545

July 10-12, Bloomsburg

22nd Annual Summer 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals

Information: <http://www.4wheeljamboree.com/event/98> or 317/236-6515

July 12, Quakertown

Mustang Muscle

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Mustangs
Information: <http://www.pennmustangs.com/carshow>

July 15-19, Seven Springs

2009 Oldsmobile National Meet

Sponsor: Allegheny Rockets Chapter of the OCA
Information: <http://www.alleghenyrockets.org/or412/466-0529>

July 18, Nazareth

33rd Annual Nazareth Day

Sponsor: Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/club-sites/lehighvalleythunderbird/> or 610/867-2301

July 19, Clarks Summit

38th Annual Auto Show, Flea Market & Car Corral

Sponsor: Scranton Region AACA
Information: 570/346-3771 or 570/650-3634

TEXAS

July 4, McKinney

Red, White and Boom Car Show

Information: <http://www.mckinneytexas.org/Associations/144/data/forms/1159/Car%20Show%20Entry%20Form%20-%20RWB.pdf> or 972/547-2662

UTAH

July 2-4, Logan

27th Annual Cache Valley Cruise-In

Sponsor: Cache Valley Cruising Association
Information: <http://cachevalleycruisein.com> or 435/787-7414

July 4, Tooele

8th Annual 4th of July Car Show

Information: 435/830-9714

July 18, Salt Lake City

Keep On Rollin'

Information: <http://keep-on-rollin.com/index.html> or 801/750-4833

VIRGINIA

July 15-18, Bridgewater

2009 Milkmen's Reunion & Convention

Sponsor: Divco Club of America
Information: 703/754-6046

WASHINGTON

July 24-26, Puyallup

22nd Pacific Northwest Nationals

Information: <http://www.good-guys.com> or 925/838-9876

WISCONSIN

July 9-11, Green Bay

Roundup 30

Sponsor: Cosworth Vega Owners Association
Information: http://www.cosworthvega.com/upcoming_roundups.html or 920/434-3652

July 9-12, Iola

Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet

Information: <http://iolaoldcarshow.com/index.asp> or 715/445-4000

ALBERTA, CANADA

July 18, Calgary

2009 European Classic Car Show

Sponsor: Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary
Information: <http://www.vsccl.ca> or 403/281-0363

July 25, Lake Chestermere

AMCA Show & Shine

Sponsor: American Motors Club of Alberta
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frame-set.cfm?club=amcalberta> or 403/272-5354

BRITISH COLUMBIA

July 31-August 3, Whistler

Thunder in the Mountains

Sponsor: British Columbia Corvette Club
Information: http://www.bccorvetteclub.ca/Misc/BCCC_2009_whistler_invitation.pdf or 604/888-5138

NEW BRUNSWICK

July 9-12, Moncton

The 2008 Atlantic Nationals

Sponsor: Greater Moncton Street Rods
Information: <http://www.atlanticnationals.com>

ONTARIO

July 19, Thunder Bay

9th Annual Car Show

Sponsor: Northern Ontario Classic Cruisers
Information: <http://www.northernontarioclassic-cruisers.com> or 807/577-6078

SASKATCHEWAN

July 2-5, Moose Jaw

48th International Old Car Meet

Sponsor: Regina Antique Car Club
Information: <http://reginaantiqueauto.ca/2009%20international/main%20page.htm> or 306/584-7214

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**Two Clubs, Two Car Shows,
Two Great Causes**

Pennsylvania Clubs take Center Stage with July Car Shows

During the summer months you can find a car show almost every weekend. For enthusiasts in and around Pennsylvania there are two clubs who are doing their part to make that possible and support worthwhile causes at the same time.

PennMustangs was created in order to provide Mustang owners from in and around Pennsylvania a way to interact with other local mustang enthusiasts. Through their website and forums, members discuss all things having to do with Ford Mustangs.

PennMustangs will hold their annual Mustang Muscle at Montana West Show on July 12.



A supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Salvation Army, the Allegheny Rockets will be hosting the 2009 Oldsmobile Club of America National Meet on July 15-19.



PennMustangs will host their Annual Mustang Muscle at Montana West on July 12 in support of the Nicole Reppert Foundation.

This event attracts 200 Mustang owners and brings in over 400 spectators. More than 25 awards are given away plus many random prizes through-out the show. This event is also used to raise money for the Nicole Reppert Foundation and Scholarship Fund, which was created in memory of

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