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Street Rod and Replica Bill
Becomes Law in North Carolina



The roller coaster ride through North Carolina's legislative process came to a full stop when a version of SEMA-model legislation to create a vehicle registration classification for street rods, replicas and custom vehicles was approved by the legislature and signed into law by North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue. The new law is the product of more than two years of negotiations between SEMA, the extensive hobbyist network in North Carolina and hobby-friendly state legislators. The law is slated to take effect on Oct. 1, 2009.

In the end, the law retains the key components of the SEMA-model

bill while relieving vehicle owners of unfair title branding and inspection concerns. Among other things, the measure:

- Provides specific registration and titling classes for street rods, customs and replicas
- Allows for the use of non-original materials
- Creates a titling and registration criterion that assigns replica vehicles the same model year designation as the production vehicle intended to be replicated

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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 are its newest members:



CALIFORNIA
Assemblymember
Bill Emmerson



CALIFORNIA
Assemblymember
Ted Gaines

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LEGISLATIVE QUICK HITS

Indiana Antiques: SAN is working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and state hobbyist groups on a compromise to an agency proposal that would redefine the term “antique vehicle” in order to force more of these hobby cars into the emissions inspection program. Under existing law, an antique vehicle is defined as “a motor vehicle or motor scooter that is at least 25-years old.”

Under the regulation, the definition would be revised to require that the vehicle must be at least 25-years old, registered and plated as a historic motor vehicle, driven a maximum of 3,000 miles per calendar year, and include federally required pollution control equipment for that make and model year. Under the plan, the vehicle would be periodically forced into a vehicle emission test site to verify that these requirements have been met. IDEM indicated that it will issue a revised version of its proposal that will contain less burdensome requirements.



Cash for Clunkers Program: The \$1 billion vehicle scrappage program authorized under the “Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act” (CARS) began in late July and almost immediately ran out of cash. Lawmakers quickly authorized another \$2 billion in spending. Preliminary data indicated that consumers were replacing SUVs and pick-ups with smaller passenger cars. However, future data may reveal whether the scrapped cars were actually rarely driven second or third vehicles. SEMA convinced lawmakers to exclude pre-1984 vehicles from the program to safeguard vehicles that may possess unique historic or aesthetic value and are irreplaceable to hobbyists as a source of restoration parts. The program allows all parts to be recycled except the engine. During the scrappage debate, SEMA maintained that a better

environmental approach would have been to support vehicle repairs, installation of specialty equipment to reduce emissions and increase fuel economy, and engine recycling.

Ethanol-15: SAN submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opposing a request to allow the ethanol content of gasoline to increase to 15 percent (from 10 percent). SAN cited concern that the additional content could harm automobile parts of all ages, including special interest collector and historic vehicles. A number of other organizations expressed similar concerns. Tests using ethanol concentrations of up to 20% have shown a notable increase in wear on vehicle fuel systems produced up through model year 1995, and especially for pre-1990 vehicles. Fuel pumps, tanks, seals, hoses and other rubber components are particularly subject to failures. The EPA has until Dec. 1 to decide whether to grant or deny the request.

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- Requires that the title of a replica vehicle clearly indicates that the vehicle is a replica and not an original
- Requires that street rods, customs and replicas be designated as “specially constructed vehicles.”

In addition, for out-of-state vehicles that are 35 model years old or older and specially constructed vehicles, the law calls for a vehicle verification conducted by the License and Theft Bureau of the Division of Motor Vehicles. For these out-of-state vehicles, the inspection will only consist of verifying the vehicle identification number to ensure that it matches the vehicle and ownership documents.

“Street rods, custom cars and replicas are the same crowd pleasers that participate in exhibitions and as parade vehicles, and whose owners regularly contribute to charities and civic events,” said SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald. “This new North Carolina law recognizes the immeasurable amount of time, money and attention automotive hobbyists invest in their cars. For many vehicle enthusiasts in North Carolina and throughout America, building, maintaining and enjoying their vehicles is a favorite pastime. This legislation represents an opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to the hobby and to protect it for future generations.”

North Carolina joins Washington State, California, Illinois, Missouri, Rhode Island, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, Colorado, Arkansas, Virginia, Nevada, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Tennessee, Wyoming and Utah as states that have enacted legislation based on the SEMA model.

The SAN is especially indebted to North Carolina Senators Hartsell and Berger, and Representatives Goodwin, Barnhart, Crawford and Frye for sponsoring the legislation and shepherding it through the legislature. The SAN also acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Jim Lore, local chapters of the Antique Automobile



Club of America and the National Corvette Restorers Society among other vehicle enthusiasts and enthusiast groups who actively engaged legislators in pursuing this bill.

It's Been a Good Run...

It is with sadness as well as a sense of excitement for future challenges that I share with you that I will be stepping down as director of the SEMA Action Network. Over the last five years, it has been an honor and a privilege to work with such a dedicated and passionate group.



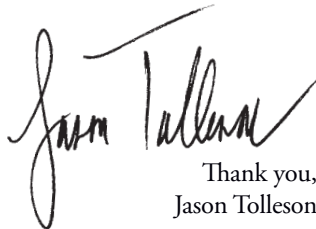
Rest assured I won't be going far as I will be working in another department within the SEMA organization. In this new role I will be helping to support our industry in these tough economic times.

While there are far too many people to thank, including the SEMA Government Affairs team and the SEMA staff who worked to produce a quality newsletter each month, I am grateful for the support demonstrated by so many SAN members during my tenure as director. I truly value the friendships that I have made with so many of you.

I frequently commented that while I was fortunate to be behind the wheel of the organization, it was and always will be the commitment of enthusiasts to protect this hobby that truly drives the SAN. Countless phone calls and e-mails to lawmakers demonstrated the true power and effectiveness of our collective voices. I take comfort in knowing that every day there are more individuals and car clubs joining the SAN to help carry on that fight.

I pass the torch now to Ethan Landesman, who has been brought in to lead our hobbyist crusade in the years ahead. I leave the SAN in good hands. Please give Ethan the same support you've shown me over the past five years.

Again, I share my deepest and sincere thanks for your support. As my contact information will remain the same, please feel free to e-mail me at jasont@sema.org if I can be of any assistance in the future.


Thank you,
Jason Tolleson

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.

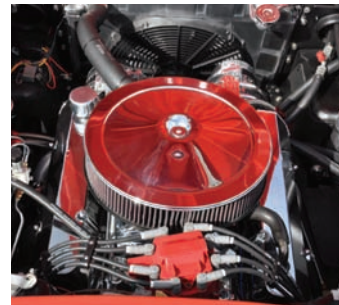
HEY, THAT'S MY CAR!

"A True Barn Find"

1960 Chevrolet Corvette

Owner: Garry Yoder
Boynton Beach, FL

The car is a "true barn find." I saw a small ad in the local weekly newspaper in 1982 for this car and found it was located in a barn less than a mile from my home in rural Cincinnati. I purchased it for \$5,000 and towed it home. The original owner raced the car for 10 years and then sold it to his 17 year old neighbor for \$1,200.00. The kid wrecked it in one week! It then sat for 10 years in his mother's barn as he was never able or motivated to repair it.



I bought it in that condition. I did a 20 week frame-off with the help of a friend. This was in the summer of 1983. Then I put the car away in my shop where it sat for another 17 years!

I was into other Corvettes over those years with my two sons. Finishing this one was not on the priority list. When I retired to Florida,



I paid a highly recommended restorer in the area to re-assemble the car from the boxes of parts I had accumulated over the years.

The car had 1949 technology, was not real dependable, or fun to drive, but it sure looked nice! I drove it

approximately 500 miles before deciding to do the resto-mod after seeing huge prices paid for resto-mod C1 vettes at auctions such as Barrett-Jackson. I shopped several builders and due to none of them meeting my strict standards, or being able to take the job in less than a couple of years, I decided to do the job myself.

Since resto-modding the car, I have had it in 10 shows, won 10 trophies, and driven the car about 1,100 miles. The craftsmanship and finish are top notch.



Have your car or truck featured in a future issue of Driving Force. Submit your high-resolution photos online at www.semasan.com

SEPTEMBER 2009 SAN CLUB EVENTS

ARKANSAS**September 11-13, Little Rock**

21st Annual Fall Street Machine Nationals
Information: <http://www.streetmachinenationals.net/event/90> or 317/236-6515

CALIFORNIA**September 11-12, Eureka**

Cruz 'N' Eureka
Information: <http://www.cruzneureka.org> or 707/839-1192

September 12, Alhambra

Labor of Love Car Show
Sponsor: Undertakers So. Cal Car Club
Information: 626/483-9522

September 13, Long Beach

Belmont Shore Car Show
Sponsor: Bay City Rodders
Information: <http://www.baycityrodders.com> or 714/894-8411

September 20, Coronado

16th Annual Fall Classic Car Show
Sponsor: Camaro Club of San Diego
Information: <http://www.camaroclubofsandiego.org/fc15.html> or 619/670-1394

COLORADO**September 19-20, Arvada**

26th Annual Colorado English Motoring Conclave
Information: <http://www.thecoloradoconclave.com/pages/welcome.htm> or 303/755-1926

September 19, Aurora

3rd Annual Colfax Ave Cruise
Sponsor: Old Car Council of Colorado
Information: <http://www.oldcouncil.org/Cruise-ins.html> or 303/699-4819

CONNECTICUT**September 13, Manchester**

30th Annual Mustang Power Show
Sponsor: Mustang Car Club of New England
Information: <http://www.mccne.com> or 508/584-8848

DELAWARE**September 12, Delaware City**

2009 Annual Car Show
Sponsor: British Car Club of Delaware
Information: <http://www.bccdelaware.com>

GEORGIA**September 6, Atlanta**

10th Annual Dixie Fried Car Show
Sponsor: Road Kings
Information: <http://theroadkings.com/##>

September 12, Augusta

6th Annual Augusta Vintage Nationals
Information: <http://augustavintagenationals.com> or 706/790-6607

September 25-27, Hiaqassee

Southeastern MG Fall Gathering of the Faithful
Sponsor: Southeastern MGT Register
Information: <http://www.semgr.org> or 770/457-4561

ILLINOIS**September 10-12, Cordova**

2009 AMC Nationals
Sponsor: National American Motors Drivers & Racers Association
Information: 262/843-4326

September 12-13, St. Charles

14th Annual Fierorama
Sponsor: Northern Illinois Fiero Enthusiasts
Information: <http://www.fierofocus.com> or 630/983-6434

September 18-20, Joliet

Chicagoland Nationals
Information: <http://www.chicagolandnats.com/#> or 925/838-9876

September 20, Lemont

14th Annual Fall All Pontiac/GMC Car Show
Sponsor: Illinois Chapter of Pontiac-Oakland Club International
Information: 815/245-2308

September 25-27, Springfield

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival
Information: <http://www.familyevents.com/event/87> or 317/236-6515

INDIANA**September 18-20, Indianapolis**

28th Annual Fall 4Wheel Jamboree Nationals
Information: <http://www.4wheeljamboree.com/event/12> or 317/236-6515

IOWA**September 12, Roseburg**

Wine, Wheels and Art
Information: <http://www.uvwineartandmusic.com> or 541/440-2697

KANSAS**September 4-6, Kansas City**

8th Mid-Western Nationals
Information: <http://good-guys.com/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventid=09-624> or 925/838-9876

KENTUCKY**September 11-13, Carrollton**

12th Annual September in the Park
Sponsor: Derby City Mustang Club
Information: <http://derbycitymustangclub.com/> or 502/254-2606

MARYLAND**September 12, Columbia**

21st Annual All Chevy Show
Sponsor: Maryland Camaro Club
Information: <http://mdcamaroclub.com/2006allChevy/default.htm> or 410/877-0380

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EARLY OCTOBER 2009 EVENTS

CALIFORNIA**October 4, Anaheim**

40th Annual All Ford Picnic & Car Show
Sponsor: Early Ford V-8 Club of America—Southern California Region
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/club-sites/socalearlyfordv-8> or 714/538-3957

October 2-4, Sacramento

Golden State Nationals
Information: <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/143> or 901/452-4030

October 11, Burbank

Throttlers 2009 Car Show
Sponsor: San Fernando Valley Model T Club
Information: 818/648-6982

GEORGIA**October 10, Ellijay**

21st Annual Apple Classic Autoshow
Sponsor: Apple Country Auto Club
Information: 706/273-2582 or 706/635-2221

NEW JERSEY**October 4, North Brunswick**

22nd Annual Meet
Sponsor: NY/NJ Slant-Six Club
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frame-set.cfm?club=nynjslant6> or 732/549-0188

NORTH CAROLINA**October 9-10, Myrtle Beach**

Pow Wow at the Beach
Sponsor: Palmetto Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club
Information: <http://www.palmettopontiacs.org/palmettoevents.html> or 864/923-3668

PENNSYLVANIA**October 11, Houston**

14th All Pontiac Car Show
Sponsor: Western PA. Chapter of Pontiac-Oakland Club
Information: 412/922-0616 or 412/833-1441

SOUTH CAROLINA**October 10, Ladson**

22nd Annual Show & Shine
Sponsor: Lowcountry Mopars
Information: <http://www.geocities.com/scmopar/show> or 843/797-3246

TEXAS**October 2-4, Ft. Worth**

17th Lone Star Nationals
Information: <http://www.lonestarnats.com/> or 925/838-9876

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MASSACHUSETTS**September 5-6, Falmouth**

Dream Cruise by the Sea
Sponsor: Falmouth Classic Car Club
Information: www.falmouthdreamcruise.com
or 508/540-7426

September 13, Dedham

16th Annual Vintage Era Days & 1st Annual
Chrome, Color & Fins
Sponsor: Bay State Antique Auto Club
Information: <http://bsaac.com> or
781/459-8800

September 26, Weston

Weston & Wayland Rotary Club Antique and
Classic Car Show
Information: <http://www.westoncarshow.com>

MICHIGAN**September 11-13, Kalamazoo**

Street Rod Nationals North
Information: <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/141> or 901/452-4030

MINNESOTA**September 7, Hugo**

9th Annual Labor Day Car Show
Sponsor: North Star Chapter of the Stude-
baker Drivers Club
Information: <http://www.northstarwheel.com/>
or 763/560-9191

MISSISSIPPI**September 18-20, Tunica**

9th Annual Delta River Cruise
Sponsor: Memphis Street Rods
Information: <http://www.memphisstreetrods.com/>
or 901/360-8600

MISSOURI**September 19, Earth City**

11th Annual Car Show
Sponsor: American Roadhouse Car Club
Information: <http://www.americanroadhouse.org/2009showflyer.pdf> or 636/462-1775

NEBRASKA**September 6, Bennington**

2nd Annual All Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show
Sponsor: Midwest Early Corvettes
Information: <http://www.midwestearlycorvette-club.com/> or 402/334-5730

NEW HAMPSHIRE**September 19, Manchester**

Cars for a Cause Car Show
Information: 603/836-2247

NEW JERSEY**September 19, Ocean Grove**

12th Annual Brits on the Beach
Sponsor: Positive Earth Drivers Club
Information: <http://www.pedc.org>

NEW MEXICO**September 13, Albuquerque**

17th Annual Make-A-Wish Benefit Classic
Car Show
Sponsor: Rio Grande Corvette Club
Information: <http://www.rgcc.us/Events.html> or
505/440-5675

NEW YORK**September 11-13, Lake George**

21st Annual Adirondack Nationals
Information: <http://www.adirondacknationals.com>
or 518/821-6237

September 13, Wampsville

49th Annual Antique Car Show & Flea Market
Sponsor: The Mohican Model A Ford Club
Information: <http://www.mohicanmodela.org/index.php> or 315/736-1928

OHIO**September 11-13, Springfield**

20th Annual IH Scout & Light Truck Nationals
Information: <http://www.midnitestar.org>
or 937/525-9781

PENNSYLVANIA**September 13, New Alexandria**

Pittsburgh Classic All Volkswagen Car Show
Sponsor: South Eastern Volkswagen
Association
Information: <http://www.sevwa.com/pittsburghclassic.htm> or 919/616-2183

September 19, York

York on Wheels
Information: <http://www.yorkheritage.org/specialevents.asp?id=6> or 717/848-1587

September 25-27, Long Pond

5th Annual Great American Nationals
Information: <http://www.greatamericannats.com>
or 925/838-9876

TENNESSEE**September 11-12, Pigeon Forge**

Shades of the Past Hot Rod Roundup
Information: <http://www.shadesofthepast.com/>
or 865/995-9097

September 18-20, Nashville

30th Annual Music City Convention
Sponsor: Mid-Tenn Classic Chevy Club
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/club-sites/mtccc/> or 615/824-8256

September 24-26, Sevierville

The Great Smoky Mountain Auto Fest
Information: <http://www.smokymtnautofest.com>
or 865/680-4193

September 26, Pulaski

26th Annual Antique Car Show
Sponsor: Pulaski Area Car Enthusiasts
Car Club
Information: <http://www.pacecarclub.com> or
931/424-6559

TEXAS**September 5, Big Spring**

Early Cars
Sponsor: <http://www.earlycar.com> or
432/263-0693

September 19, Seguin

9th Annual Classic Car Show
Sponsor: South Central Texas Chapter of POCI
Information: <http://www.classicpontiac.org/CarShow.asp> or 830/386-0338

VERMONT**September 17-19, Burlington**

17th Annual Northeast Street Rod Nationals
Information: <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/142> or 901/452-4030

September 18-20, Stowe

The British Invasion
Information: <http://www.britishinvasion.com/index.html>

WASHINGTON**September 12, Olympia**

25th Annual Corvette & High Performance
Open House
Information: <http://www.corvhp.com/open-house.htm> or 360/754-7890

WISCONSIN**September 6, Sheboygan**

24th Annual Riverfront Custom Car Show
Sponsor: Kettle Moraine Corvette Club
Information: <http://www.oopcd.com/kmcc/BH.09flyer.pdf> or 920/565-3224

September 13, Ixonia

The President's Cup
Sponsor: Wisconsin Region of Antique Auto-
mobile Club of America
Information: <http://local.aaca.org/wisconsin/> or
414/236-9961

September 18, Wisconsin Dells

2009 Quadstate Oldsmobile Show
Sponsor: Oldsmobile Club of Wisconsin
Information: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/club-sites/ocw/Quad2009.htm> or 920/232-9031

September 26-27, Madison

Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Information: <http://www.madisonclassics.com/car-shows/fall-jefferson.php> or 608/244-8416

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**September 18-19, Radium Hot Springs**

Columbia Valley Classics Show & Shine
Sponsor: Columbia Valley Classics Car Club
Information: <http://radiumcarshow.com> or
250/347-9331

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Driving Force Receives Multiple Automotive Press Awards

Recently, the SEMA Action Network received a series of awards from its colleagues in the automotive publishing industry. First off, *Driving Force* received Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals from the International Automotive Media Awards for multiple editions and cover designs in 2008. The newsletter was also recognized by Old Cars Weekly News & Marketplace with their 'Golden Quill' award for "outstanding efforts in the communications field of the old car hobby."

While extremely honored and grateful for the recognition, the SEMA

staff that produce *Driving Force* in return thank the numerous car clubs and individuals who have submitted stories and profiles for each issue. By allowing us to share your story we are able to provide great examples of the positive impact this hobby has on our communities. Most of all we have fun doing it.

A big "Thank you" to all of you for making the SAN and *Driving Force* what it is today.



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