

BAKERSFIELD CAR CLUB COUNCIL'S 24TH ANNUAL SUPER CRUISE RESCHEDULED TO SAT., AUGUST 29, 2020, AT CHUY'S MESQUITE BROILER (8660 ROSEDALE HIGHWAY), BAKERSFIELD

By: Bette Addington, BCCC Communications, baddington@addington.net

You're invited to drive your favorite ride and come participate in an event that has something for everyone and is geared to create a fun atmosphere for car enthusiasts. We regret that we were not able to reschedule the Super Cruise to be in conjunction with the Central Valley Sportsman, Boat & RV Show, as, unfortunately, the Kern County Fairgrounds was not available. So, in the spirit of teamwork, one of our Super Cruise major sponsor's, Chuy's, stepped in and offered to host this year's event so the show could still go on! Event is a ticipating in the 24th Super Cruise! And, you won't go hungry at this event as the Bakersfield Firefighters will

The Super Cruise Car/Truck/Motorcycle event takes place from 10am-3pm (pre-registration is still open for those who haven't registered yet for \$40 until Sat., Aug. 22). For those who pre-registered for the original date back in March, you are registered and we look forward to seeing you! Day-of registration is \$45, set-up and placement is from 7am-10am). Chuy's is taking their hosting of this event one step further they will be giving every driver a FREE lunch for participating in the 24th Super Cruise! And, you won't go hungry at this event as the Bakersfield Firefighters will be holding a Pancake Breakfast that morning and all proceeds will go to their Burn Foundation!

The Super Cruise event works hard to make it a fun, relaxing day for entrants giving away Merchant Awards. NEW for 2020, these Merchant Awards will be called the "Top 100 Picks." They are still being selected by many of the event Sponsors and Merchants.

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By Eric Farrenkopf

The year is certainly not what any of us expected. We have enjoyed our cars by cruising to our favorite diners or car hops and participated in lots of birthday or graduation parades. We are looking forward toward the end of summer and the start of fall when we look forward to a modified car show season. With this being said, a new entry to the menu of options of car shows is being brought to you by the Mission Oak High School Band Boosters as they host Motors at the Mission, August 29, 2020. A car show and community event to benefit the Mission Oak High School Music Department. This year Motors at the Mission (MATM) will be held in the Live Oak Middle School Parking in Tulare. Live Oak is located at 980 N. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA. MATM is set to be family friendly. The Show will be open to the public from 9:00 AM

until 2:00 with awards starting promptly at 1:30 Our judges will present trophies in the following areas: Best of Show: Muscle Car, Pickup Truck, Import Vehicle, Motorcycle, Lowrider, Hot Rod, Custom, Best Paint, and Student Ride. In addition, our current Mission Oak Band Booster President will award the Officers Award and the public will select the People's Choice Award.

Car Show Entry fee is \$20.00 now through August 1, 2020 and will be \$30 day of the event. Registration can be found online through our website. https://efarrenkopf.wixsite.com/mohscarshow or you can email us at mohscarshow@gmail.com

We hope you will be able to join us on August 29, 2020 for Motors at the Mission.

Eric Farrenkopf, Motors at the Mission, **Co-Chair**



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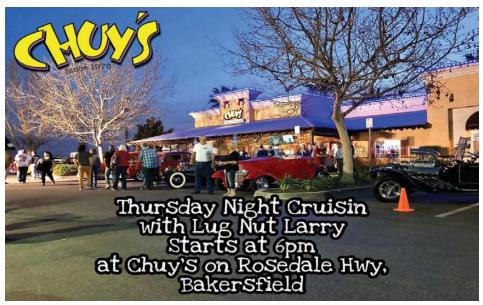


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Event will also give trophies for Best of Show, the Jarrel Black Memorial Super Cruiser, and the Rudy Gallups Perpetual award. In addition to that you are surrounded by car-related vendors and a variety of car clubs and who knows, you might just find a car club you want to join? Captain Morgan and the Fish, will be performing on the Chuy's stage accompanied by DJ Leroy Kelly and Lugnut Larry. There will once again be a Super Raffle with an array of items displayed by the stage and manned by staff/board members from the Society for Disabled Children of Kern County.

You can download an entry form or enter online by going to www.bakersfieldccc.org. Entry fee after August 22nd will be \$45. All proceeds from this event go straight to The Society for Disabled Children of Kern County. These proceeds fund the Society's annual Camp Blue Jay which enables children with disabilities to attend a week-long camp for a camping experience they will never forget! The BCCC has donated the proceeds from the Super Cruise event to the Society all 24 years since its existence.



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THE WINNING EDGE Article #36

By Mike Lewis

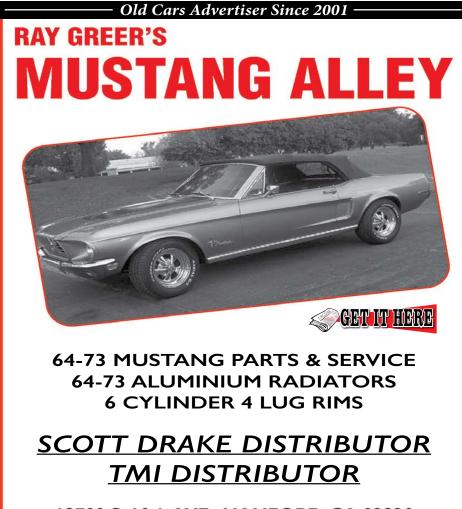
Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and in good health. It's a real bummer they had to cancel all the racing.

In the last Old Cars and Motorsports article I discussed exiting the cylinder head. In this article I would like to talk about entering the cylinder head. We have a similar situation only in reverse. As with the exhaust you can generally check the intake layout with the gasket, obviously making sure all points of the intake manifold runner fall inside the entrance to the intake runner in the head. You may find it necessary to make a paper template of one surface to lay up against the corresponding surface. Things get real simple when running a tunnel ram, blower manifold or intake where you can actually see the two surfaces come together. If your particular application incorporates running a V-type engine you need to consider where the intake manifold will land after the heads are actually bolted on. Depending on deck height, head milling, raised intake port, head gasket thickness and a host of other variables, checking intake port alignment is critical.

Most intake manifold manufacturers leave the runners small enough to eliminate this problem, but I still run across it from time to time. You may find it necessary to mill the intake to drop it down or use thicker intake gaskets to raise it up. If you find it necessary to open up the leading edge of the port in the head, don't get too carried away. The mismatch may be bad enough to warrant welding of the intake manifold runner or changing the manifold altogether. Whatever you decide to do it will be much better than the intake charge running into a wall.

In discussing the match between the intake manifold and head, it is generally not necessary that they align perfectly. In some instances it is advantages to actually leave a step in the bottom of the port. This will help reintroduce fuel that is puddling in the bottom of the intake manifold runner back into the air flow.

> Till next time, Mike Lewis, PRO TECH 4531 E. San Gabriel Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726-1230 559-227-4773 | www.protechracing.net (under construction)



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By Matt Case

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The Grand National Roadster Show took place the last weekend of January 2020. The Oakland Roadster show has been going on for over 72 years, it is the longest running indoor car show in the world. The show has been at the Fairplex in Pomona for the past 17 years.

There were over 500 entries that competed for awards inside and around the fairgrounds. Making sure you wear good walking shoes is very important.

Walking though the fairgrounds you can see anything from a car on TV to an old dragster that has been sitting in a barn for 50 plus years. Each of the buildings have a different type of vehicles inside, from vendors showing their newest build to vintage race cars and out of this world car builds. If you ever have a chance to attend this show you will not be disappointed, this show really does have some of the most beautiful hot rods around.





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By Vic Groah

When growing up in northwestern Oregon things were a bit tight in the money department. We lived in a house that was 16 by 20 feet. After outgrowing my iron crib I slept on the floor of the living room. We had no bathroom, electricity or running water in my early years. As might be expected there was little cash for extras.

While in high school I decided to be a vocational agriculture major. The Ag shop was the big draw. I wanted to learn how to work with iron. Welding and forging were part of the Ag curriculum. The one thing was that each student must have a project. I was not into having a sheep or something like that. I had worked on farms almost all my life. I worked in the fields with mom very early. I earned the money to buy my own clothes for first grade. By the time I was in high school I worked as a field Forman for a large farm. Since I had connections with the local farmers, one let me share crop one of his less productive fields.

Now I had the land, all I needed was equipment. My father was very strict but also very supportive. He found someone that had made a tractor out of a 1928 Chevrolet. It used a shortened car chassis with two transmissions and a T Ford worm drive truck rear axel. It had tractor rear tires. They had set up a separate brake pedal for each rear wheel to give it turning brakes like a real tractor. It worked great. It had the Chevy radiator and hood with a wood firewall and the gauges from the Chevy dash. It was a handsome thing to me and it was cheap. You don't buy much of a tractor for \$15. I talked to all the farmers I knew and was donated all the old drag equipment they no longer used. I was in business.

The farmer that I was in with had just purchased a brand new shiny red Farmall tractor with power three point lift. He kind of made fun of my rusty little Chevy tractor. It was great to me but to someone with a real tractor it was the ugly duckling. We gave it a tune up and started to plow. I only had 20 acres but the farmer was plowing another 20 next to mine with his new Farmall. By the end of the first day it was obvious that the little Chevy was plowing more land than the new Farmall. It was also using less gas. The real farmer stopped kidding me about my ugly tractor. By the time it was plowed, disked and ready to plant I was a day ahead of him. He was not happy. He took his new tractor back to the dealer to get it fixed. The dealer informed him there was nothing wrong with his tractor. He just expected too much from it. The Chevy four just had more power. With the two transmissions I could split the gears and have the perfect ratio for any use. It was a great tractor.

I used the little Chevy tractor for three years and it always served me well. It never gave a minutes trouble and always did a better job than the Ford, Ferguson and the little farmall tractors that the neighboring farmers were using. At the end of the three years I had a great crop every year but no price. I got an A in Ag but made no money. I stopped farming and dad scraped the little Chevy. I was sad to see it go but the rule was, if it was not used and did not have an immediate buyer it was scrapped. I was living under father's rules. There was no discussion or argument of any kind. That was that.



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Wow, What Strange Times We Are Seeing!

By Nick Dounias, Hagerty Insurance

We have all seen ups and downs, but what we have now is serious "Down"!

Rather than get into all the gloom and doom that is lavished on this Covid 19, I would like to take a different view. Perhaps we can try and find the positives that can be had, due to this crummy situation.

I had a new client contact me last week to look at insuring 3 cars, 2 pickups, and 2 motorcycles. I am always happy to talk with another gearhead, so we discussed his vehicles, their history, and what an understanding wife he had!

Having not been to any shows or events in 2020, I asked how it was that this gentleman had come to contact me at this point in time.

It turns out that he is a very busy contractor that had met me at a show 3 years ago and was interested in getting Hagerty Insurance on his collection. The demands on his time required to keep the business running kept him from connecting with me to get the coverage that he knew he needed. This forced break that he was taking provided an opportunity to get properly protected.

That being said, this crummy situation allowed my new client The time to deal with an issue that he had wanted to take care of for three years.

Is there something that you have been putting off, but that you now have time to take care of?

I have had numerous clients call me recently to see how

we could decrease their premiums, in order to save them some cash. We explored options and fortunately, I was able to assist most of them.

Because I now have my weekends free, I am suddenly able to spend more time working on my '53 GMC Panel Truck project. After two years of work, you will see me driving it by the time our car and motorcycle shows are allowed to return.

How about you? Have you found the time to start, or finish a project? Is there something you have been putting off due to lack of time? Now is that time!

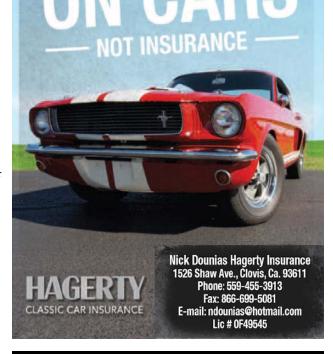
It is easy to get caught up in the dire reports on the news. While my wife is glued to the TV news each night, I have to get up and head to the garage. Avoiding the news does not change what is happening in the world, but allowing it to stop me from doing something productive, that is up to me. There are bolts to turn, gaskets to scrape, and wiring gremlins to chase down on all of my many projects.

I am suggesting that you try and do the same. Let's find a way to come out of this better than when we started, as we Americans always have.

I am choosing to take the lemons this shutdown has provided and make lemonade. If that doesn't satisfy, add some alcohol and make Limoncello!

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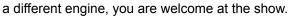
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By Jay McCord

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The 18th Annual Santa Maria All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet is almost here. September 12th is the date. We will again hold our Show in the Streets of Old Town Orcutt. Featured Car will be the Ford Victoria Automobile. We are celebrating this wonderful body style. We are hoping for a good display of Victoria's, So enter early!!

We want to remind you all that any car "Born a Ford" is welcome to enter. So, if your street rod, has



We feature 12 Classes 1st and 2nd Place with Trophies for Best of Show, Best Club Participation, Best Restored Model A and this year, a trophy for the best Victoria.

We have live a band, a Raffle with many prizes, and of course, our Grand Raffle Prize, This year we have a weekend trip to the famous Ragged Point Inn. Also included in the Grand Prize will be a Santa Maria Gift Basket and a \$200 Gift Card for expenses.

Proceeds provide scholarships to the Allan Hancock Industrial Technology Students. Tickets and entry information are available at My805Tix.com or on our website, www.santamariamodelaclub.com. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets will also be sold at the show. Contact Jay McCord for more information. 805-598-8133 jemccord@aol.com

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- Best Club Participation Award Participants Choice Award for Best of Show
- Chuck Bailey Award for Best Original Model A Ford Best Feature Car Award



Charter Oak A's and Happy Honker A's News

By Phil Kneeland

Recently we've been driving our Model A's on some "Social Distancing Drives". You might ask what is a "Social Distancing Drive"?

We in the Model A World are getting a little stir crazy with all of these "shelter in place orders". Not that the orders are out of line.

Yes, we've kind of invented some really good reasons to get-out-and-about.

Our President of Charter Oak A's, Jason Deisman, had a family birthday party for his Mom and daughter Camryn, in Mom's front yard. We gathered 10 Model A's from our two Clubs at Lowes parking lot (staying 6 feet apart of course) and then paraded past their cul-de-sac home with our Ahooga horns "Ahooga'ing," running our "Wolf Whistles" and had some colorful balloons flying. We had a great time afterwards by parading down an "empty Main Street" and then going to Foster Freeze Drive through for their Tuesday \$1.00 ice cream cones (and of course keeping our social distancing).

We've had a couple more excuses to get out as we honored our Happy Honker Member, "Buzz Fisher" for her being honored with the coveted "Jacquie Conley Award":

"This prestigious award, which was established in 2002, is given to a person that has shown over a period of years that they are not only an active member but are willing to give of themselves to help others. An individual that has "Gone The Extra Mile" for their chapter and displays an enjoyment for the Model A way of life.

Jacquie Conley was well recognized for her love for the Model A and her willingness to help others. This is the highest award given to a member of the CCRG (Central California Regional Group of our National Club, MAFCA). "



We had about 20 members in attendance and 13 Model A's out to celebrate with Buzz on this fantastic occasion.

We are contemplating joining together, in the future, in our Club Membership Meetings in an open-air atmosphere to handle necessary Club business.

The big event we're contemplating coming up in September is our CCRG Grand Tour. This is a trip in our Model A's of about 1000 miles and this one is planned over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to Bishop and Mono Lakes, Bodie and then return over Tioga Pass back home again This will be about a 4 night trip with a lot of great sight-seeing involved.

We are also contemplating a Tech Seminar hosted by the Charter Oak Club on some portion of repair on your Model A Ford. These tech seminars are usually held in a member's garage and include about an hour or two on a Saturday that keeps us up to date on repair and maintenance of our cars. These are very interesting get-togethers in a very casual setting.

I do want to remind all of you "Car Nuts" that the EA.S.T. (Santa Margarita Ranch Time Trials) are coming up July 18th, 2020 and we are going to have a couple of our Charter Oak Members that will be participating. Come out and support them. For more info see the F.A.S.T. website at: www.hotforhotfours.com

Another more very important item we are "So Proud Of".....One of our younger members and son of our 2020 President Jason Deisman; Son, Jayden Deisman, graduated from Redwood High School last year in 2019. Now that is a great feat but more stupendous than that is that he (less than a year later) has graduated from COS with an A.S. Degree.....Now you say "that is great", but Jay has also been accepted to U.C. Davis next semester to major in "Sustainable Environmental Design".

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Jay also makes time to help Club members Model A major repairs and makes most Club events. Where does he get the time and energy?

The Club is so proud of Jay and we know that more young folks are needed in this hobby.

A couple of our active members in these Clubs have been submitting "Car Stories" and sending them to a lot of the Clubs around the U.S.A. and Canada. They feel that these home-spun stories will help to lighten these days of being sequestered and away from every ones car friends. These "Car Stories" have sparked the memories of other Car Enthusiasts and have had many stories of "days gone by" submitted to them and published for everyone to enjoy.

We encourage any of you to call me and get more info on joining these active Clubs. Phil Kneeland (559) 679-1980.



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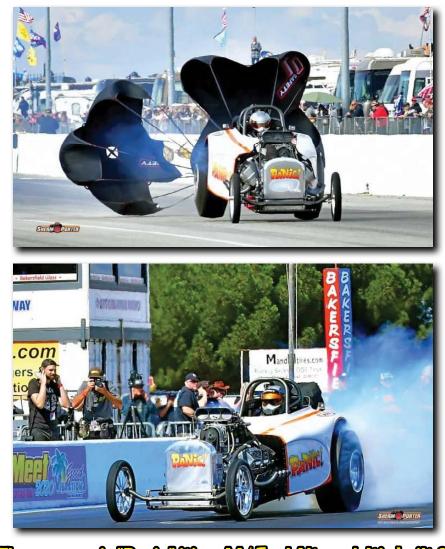
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SELF-DRIVING CARS WILL ELIMINATE ONLY A THRD OF CRASHES, IHS CLAIMS *New study shows causes of crashes are complex.*

By Michael Strong, www.thedetroitbureau.com



A new IIHS study suggests that self-driving vehicle systems won't be as effective has they've been pitched to be, cutting crashes by only a third.

Automakers have been investing heavily in the development of autonomous vehicles; however, a new study suggests that effort may not produce the benefits expected, claiming self-driving cars will only reduce crashes by a third.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, or IIHS, released the results of the study which says that most crashes involve a complex set of factors that a grouping of cameras, radar, lidar and sensors won't be able to counteract — at least not better than humans.

Experts say that roughly nine in 10 crashes result from human error and more than 36,000 people are died in U.S. car accidents last year. Proponents of the technology have long maintained that self-driving vehicles are part of our future and will cut down the number of crashes – and by extension fatalities – by numbers exceeding 50 percent.

The IIHS study took a deep dive into the causes of crashes, specifically the "human error" factor and what that



Waymo is looking to prove the IIHS researchers wrong.

really means in a practical sense. The organization reviewed more than 5,000 files and separated the driver-related factors that contributed to the crashes into five categories:

- Sensing and perceiving errors: driver distraction, impeded visibility and failing to recognize hazards before it was too late.
- Predicting errors: misjudging a gap in traffic, incorrectly estimating how fast another vehicle was going or making an incorrect assumption about what another road user was going to do.
- Planning and deciding errors: driving too fast or too slow for the road conditions, driving aggressively or leaving too little following distance from the vehicle ahead.
- Execution and performance errors: inadequate or incorrect evasive maneuvers, overcompensation and other mistakes in controlling the vehicle.
- Incapacitation: impairment due to alcohol or drug use, medical problems or falling asleep at the wheel.

The researchers also determined that some crashes were unavoidable, such as those caused by a vehicle failure like a blowout or broken axle. The researchers analyzed the crashes and determined the driver-related factors contributing to the crash.

They determined that 24% of the crashes were due sensing and perception errors and 10% were driver incapacitation, which are the only two "categories" they believed that autonomous vehicles would be able to resolve.

A Ford fusion sedan, modified by Argo AI to operate autonomously, is shown in Manhattan.

But most crashes were the result of more complex errors, such as making wrong assumptions about what other road users were going to do, driving too fast or too slow for road conditions, or making incorrect evasive maneuvers. Many crashes were also a combination of multiple mistakes.

"Building self-driving cars that drive as well as people do is a big challenge in itself," said IIHS Research Scientist Alexandra Mueller, lead author of the study. "But they'd actually need to be better than that to deliver on the promises we've all heard."

However, the study offers suggestions on how to improve the performance of autonomous vehicles, largely through eliminating some of the other factors contributing to crashes, first and foremost: speed.

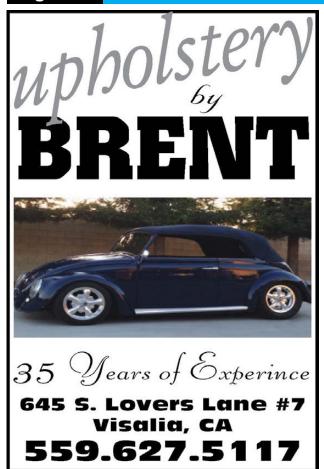


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In short, the vehicles need to be designed to prioritize obeying traffic laws over the preferences of drivers. With most Americans already not expressing many warm and fuzzy thoughts about self-driving cars, that choice may sway even more away from owning an autonomous vehicle.



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Crusin' Chester

By Dave Wolin

Back in the last century,, I lived in a cold snowy town in the east. No cruising there but I read about Van Nuys Boulevard in Rod and Custom, back when it was the 5 x 8 digest size.

Fast forward 70 years, the first cruise of the coronavirus season on Chester Avenue in Bakersfield, reminded me of Van Nuys Boulevard in the 60's and brought out a variety of vehicles; cars, trucks, motorcycles, all anxious to get out after a couple of months of quarantine.

Back in the day, Chester Avenue was THE place to cruise on Friday nights and Saturdays. Business complaints and strict law enforcement brought it to a halt.

Now, Loco Banditos car club member Jordan Tyack has organized a monthly cruise, benefitting local restaurants. Jordan is a busy guy, working in the family tire business daily, constructing a very cool chopped and sectioned '54 Chevy. He also organizes, with gal pal Debbie Lee, the fall "Cruz'n For a Cure" charity event at Kaiser Permanente Sports Village in Bakersfield.

Jordan said; "the idea for a Chester Avenue cruise had been kicking around for a while. Then when we proposed it on Facebook, with a plan to get people out and help local businesses in the process, the response was overwhelming and it's just taken off."

The first event brought a couple of hundred enthusiasts,

all of whom had been missing the cancelled car shows, to rendezvous at the Speedway market north of Bakersfield. They proceeded south on Chester, picking up a few, dropping off a few through town with many restaurants welcoming stopping cruisers.



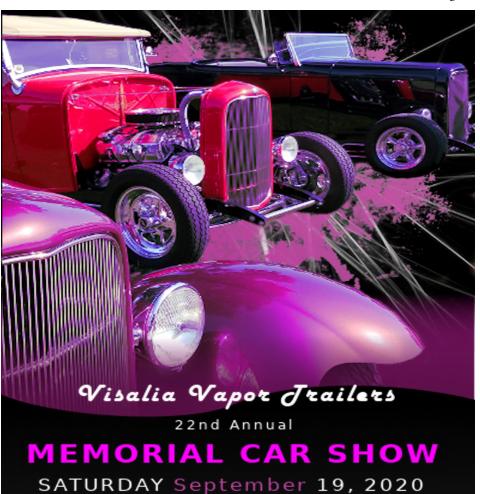
Some commented that it was the busiest night they had since the public dining shutdown began.

Future plans call for a once a month cruise, on the 3rd Saturday, perhaps with additional meeting spots around the area. Keep up with Bakersfield cruise scene on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/592456938294517 or on the Bakersfield Car Club Council website; www.bakersfieldcc.org

Dave Wolin is a veteran hot rodder and racer and operates a marketing consultancy specializing in the racing and high performance industry.







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General Motors had changed the rules of the game in 1949 when Cadillac and Oldsmobile introduced their similar but unrelated - modern overhead-valve V-8s. These engines' over square proportions meant that a cylinder's bore was larger than its piston's stroke, a relationship that would become standard across the industry within the next several years. That acceptance was guaranteed by the advantages it offered over older designs, everything from reducing the engine's size and weight to allow higher revving and the capability to adapt to future fuels and demands.

Cadillac's new engine was remarkable given that it replaced a well-regarded V-8 that was larger, less powerful and a flathead. The difference at Oldsmobile's Landmark with its mating was more dramatic as its new engine replaced a straighteight flathead. Do not forget that Olds placed their new V-8 in their smaller bodied car that was the standard engine in the bigger luxury 98 model. The combined package transformed it in to a highway screamer. The Rocket engine quickly became legendary. The competition saw what was happening and began planning is response with Studebaker and Chrysler providing the first new arrivals. Studebaker's engine displaced 232.6 cubic inches and produced 120 hp, but the Chrysler was a 331 V-8 good for 180 hp. While its displacement was identical to that of the Cadillac V-8, Chrysler beat it by 20 hp. It would be years before anyone spoke of the "horsepower race," but Chrysler had won the early battle with its Firepower V-8. Granted that it was a great name, its hemisphere combustion chambers ensured that it would come to be known as the Hemi.

In 1955 Chrysler launched the C-300, named for its 300 hp. The new model was targeted at drivers wanting both high performance and luxurious appointments.

More important than the name, however, was the fact that When a car Was Made out of CAR!

Chrysler installed the Hemi not only in its top Imperial and New Yorker, but also in its Saratoga. Thanks to some shuffling of the model range, the Saratoga was no longer on the New Yorker's wheelbase, and now rode the smaller - and lighter - Windsor platform! The difference was only about 200 pounds on the club coupe and Chrysler wasn't the first automaker to place a big engine in a smaller body, but the timing was right as performance would come increasingly into focus as the decade continued. Straight-eights were gone, base models and economy cars were becoming the last refuge for flatheads and Chrysler was advertising the C-300 as "America's Most Powerful Stock Car." It was a "brilliant new low-slung beauty" with "the throaty roar of 300-horsepower" and it went on from there.

The 1960 300H used a 413-cid V-8 producing 380 hp, dual 4 bbl carbs, was "the car that first brought the designation Grand Touring back to the American automobile."







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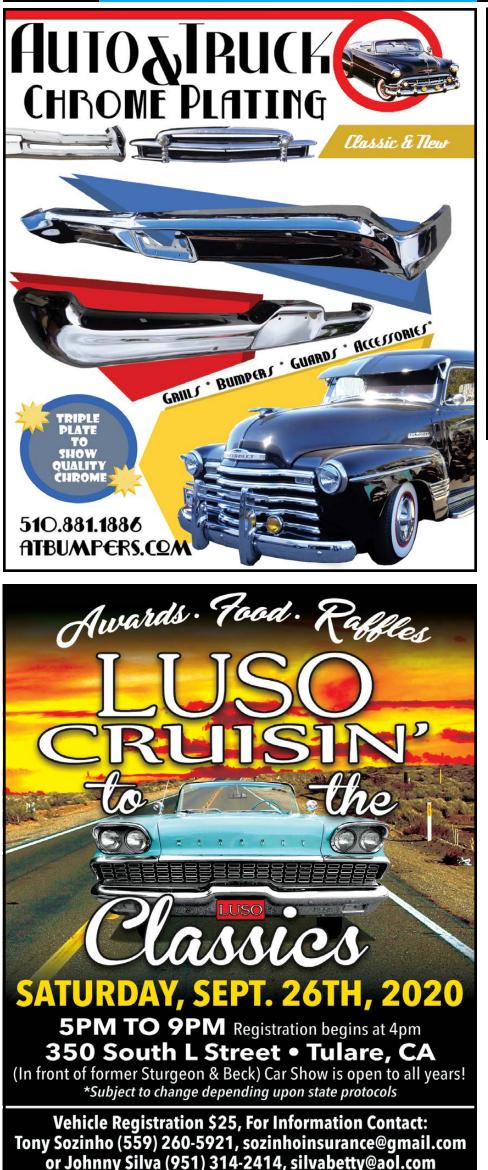
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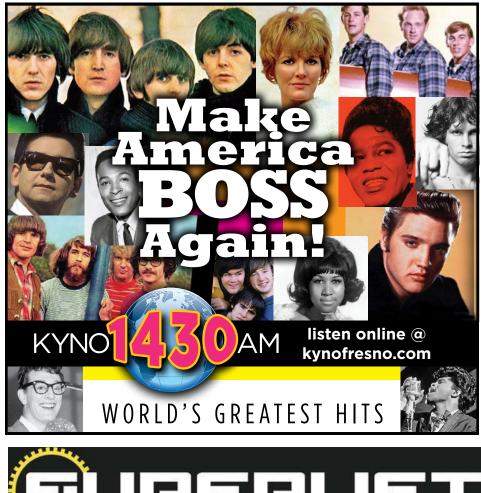
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Intended to celebrate the classics of the past and the future, the U.S. Congress has helped launch CCAD by introducing resolutions each year at the SAN's request. The previous resolutions were sponsored by co-chairs of the SEMA-supported Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus. These Congressional leaders have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and recognize the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for the automobile's unique historical place in our history.

A list of officially scheduled events to commemorate America's time-tested love affair with the automobile is posted in the link below. Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing in-person events or virtual gatherings (online event, livestream, digital gallery, etc.) may submit the details of their July celebration at no cost using this link:

https://pages.message.sema.org/ccad-event-submission-form/

Participating organizers will be awarded a copy of the Congressional resolution for display at their registered event. For those unable to celebrate on July 10, the SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July 2020.

Help promote this special day: download the official logo and flyer, post on social media using the hashtag #CCAD and tag the celebration's Facebook fan page (@ CollectorCarAppreciationDayCCAD).

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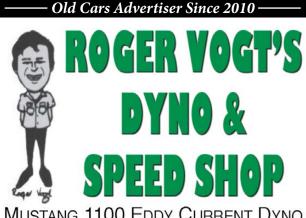
ATTEND an official vehicle-inspired event or web-based celebration.

HOST your own safety-minded gathering, club meeting or online gallery.

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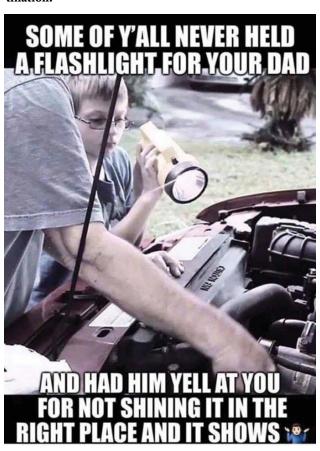
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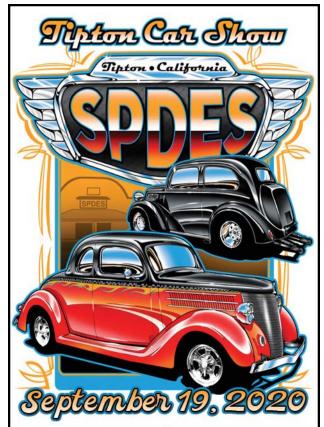
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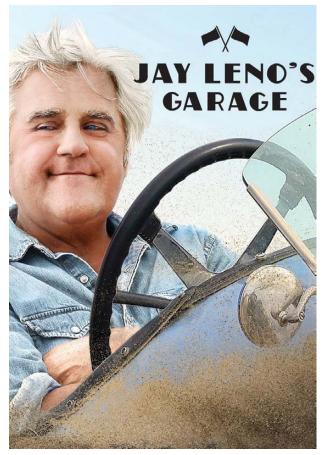
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1921 BENZ-MERCEDES RABBIT THE FIRST VISITS JAY LENO'S GARAGE



By Stephen Edelstein, www.motorauthority.com

The Mercedes-Benz name we know today was established in 1926. Before this date, Mercedes and Benz were separate brands, and that's how this Benz-Mercedes Rabbit-the-First became to be.

Owned by Jay Leno and featured on a recent episode of his online series "Jay Leno's Garage," the car was built in 1921 with the purpose of racing, using a Benz engine originally developed for an aeroplane and an old Mercedes chassis.

Leno describes this Benz-Mercedes Rabbit-the-First as a "low-flying aircraft." It's based on a 1908 Mercedes chassis, stuffed with a 1914 Benz 230-horsepower aero engine salvaged from a crashed World War I plane. The car is chain driven, and uses a period Mercedes transmission with a modern clutch.

At the turn of the century, airplane engines were like bigger, more powerful versions of car engines, so swaps like this were fairly common, Leno noted. The

engine was indeed pretty advanced for its time, featuring four valves per cylinder. However, 1,800 rpm "is about the end of the world" when it comes

to revs, according to Leno.

The car was built to run at Brooklands, lapping the British racetrack at 113 mph. Today, it will still do an "honest 100 mph," Leno said.

After its racing career ended, the car passed through numerous owners, with a restoration sometime in the 1960s. Leno said the car ran when he got it, but just barely. The steel cylinder water jackets had rusted, requiring a complex engine rebuild that included replacing the jackets with brass pieces.

The car also got some modern upgrades. The original drum brakes were also replaced with discs, and an additional cooling fan was added. However, the car retains its original oiling system, with a chain-driven pump and exposed drip cups that drench the driver in oil

It ultimately took about 10 years of on-and-off work to get the car sorted. Watch the full video to see it in action on the streets of Los Angeles.





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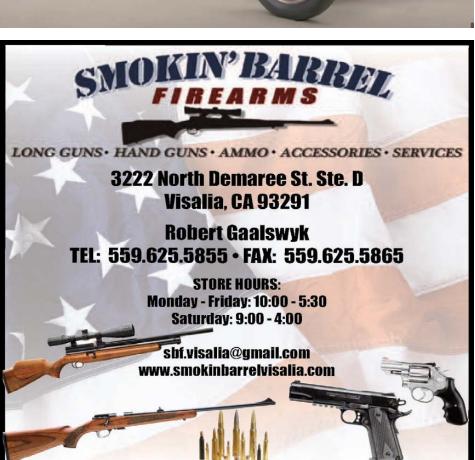
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Basically a de-stroked T-bird/Lincoln 460, the 429 had a wedge combustion chambers derived from up-to-date performance technology. The CJ-R utilized large valves, a hydraulic cam, 4-bolt mains, re-worded porting and a 700-cfm Quadrajet carb (sourced from GM). A Ram-Air induction system was included. A Drag Pack option, with either a 3.91:1 Traction-Lok differential or a 4.11:1 Detroit Locker axle, was mandatory. This option also included an oil cooler for when things really got hot at the drag strip. Other 429 SCJ-R performance features included solid valve lifters, adjustable rocker arms, drop-forged pistons, and a 780-cfm Holley carb.



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