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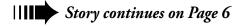
By the SEMA D.C. office

The House Energy and Commerce Committee ICEhas passed H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, and H.R. 4468, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act. These SEMA-supported bills seek to preserve vehicle choice for consumers and prevent the federal government and the State of California from choosing only one form of technology (such as electric vehicles) (EVs) over

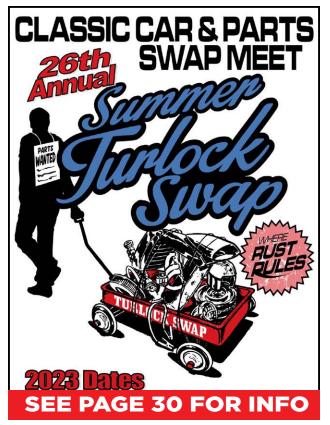
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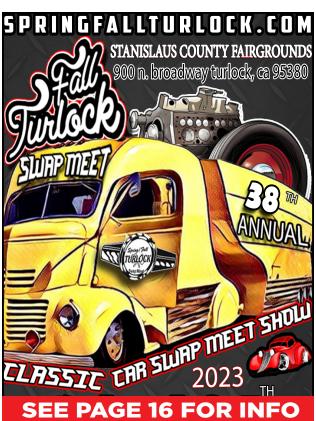
SEMA has strongly supported H.R. 1435, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," a bill prohibiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing a waiver to California for regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE) in the state by 2035. Rep. John Joyce's (R-PA) legislation is essential to stopping California's plan to ban new ICE vehicles, which requires the EPA to waive provisions in the Clean Air Act for the mandate to go into effect. U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), the co-chair of the Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus, recently introduced S. 2090, a Senate companion bill to H.R. 1435. Click here to send a letter to your Congress members asking them to support the Preserving Choice

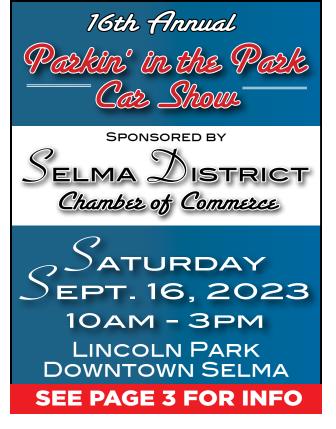
in Vehicle Purchases Act by co-sponsoring the bill.

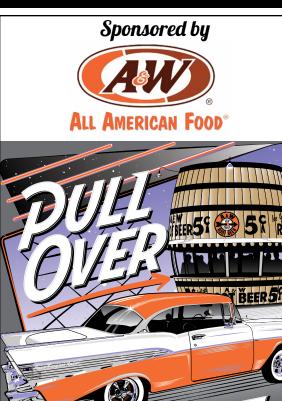












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The Bakersfield Scene

By Dave Wolin



Bakersfield and Kern County are gradually recovering from the Covid shutdown. There are now numerous Cars and Coffees; the Ol' Skool Clothing event, twice a month at Ol' Skool Clothing seems to be strong; perhaps due to the adjacent Starbucks., A couple of new ones; the Pharoahs of Bakersfield first time event went well as did the Bootleggers Pub event at Walmart on Allen Road. Lots of folks head to L.A. for the always impressive Super Car Sunday in Woodland Hills or similarly busy events in Simi Valley and Malibu.

Thursday nights at Chuys has suffered from competition from the ill advised hustlers with the bogus movie cars at Billy Bob's. That hopefully will change as their audience dries up. Salty's on Friday's is still going strong. The Car Club

Council used to somewhat police these events to avoid overlap, much as they did with car show dates but no longer seem to bother.

The Friday Night Chester Avenue Cruise is always popular. Watch for dates on Facebook.

As for car shows, after a somewhat dry spring and summer; with one successful event; the Chuy's Summertime Show, things are picking up for the fall with "Thunder on the Mountain" in Tehachapi in August, "Hot Rods, Burgers and Beer" on Labor Day weekend and the "Outlets at Tejon" show and "Fun in the Sun" show at the Kern County Museum, also in September and the "Cruisin' Downtown Bakersfield" show and the Wasco Elks show, both on the same weekend in October. The end of October brings the Bristol Hospice show at the Crest (now a KOA with a new name),





followed by the Minter Field event in early November. Again many South Valley residents head to LA., the Antelope Valley and the coast in search of events.,

On the racing scene; all the tracks are busy with something going on virtually every weekend; Famoso, Kern County, Bakersfield Speedway, Buttonwillow and Willow Springs

Best place to find all of these is on the Old Cars and Motorsports website and Facebook page.

Dave Wolin is a veteran racer, automotive historian and author who can be found at most events in the South Valley.



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THE WINNING EDGE #49

By Mike Lewis

Hi everybody, it has definitely been hot. I love it, but will admit it hurts a little more as I get older.

In the last article I discussed cams and compression. I would like to continue in that direction with more emphasis on competition compression ratios.

The compression ratio requirement for a competition engine hinges on one principle only, the production of maximum power. The question is, what compression ratio deliv-

ers the most horsepower and can it be acquired in practice? Many people say any gains from compression increase have more or less leveled out at about 14.5:1 to 15.0:1, so at least some kind of target compression ratio exists. To help simplify some of the various aspects of compression ratio lets look at what has already been done on successful race engines in different categories of competition.

If we look at some big block mountain motors used in unlimited class door slammer racing, we find compression ratios as high as 16.0:1 are being successfully used. Small

block motors with unlimited induction systems that are used in drag racing and wind as high as 10,000 rpm are running with compression ratios of 15.0:1. On the other hand nonrestricted Grand National and Winston Cup engines are utilizing compressions around 12.5:1.

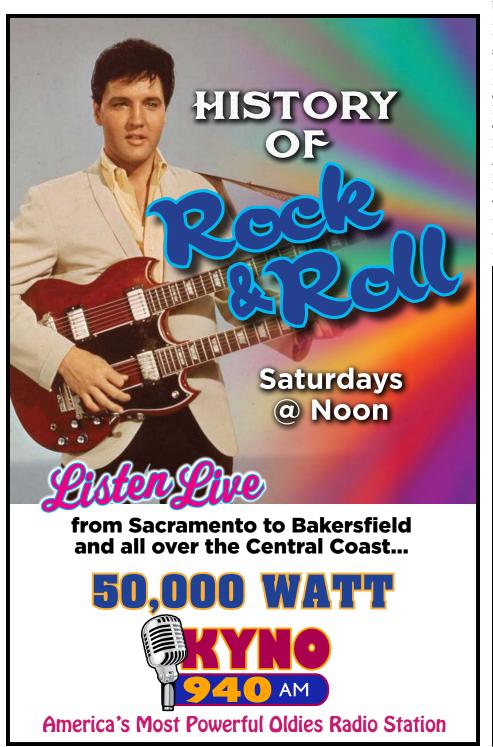
All of these different compression ratios are correct for their particular application. The influencing characteristic proves to be the engines volumetric efficiency. The mountain motors are in ef-

fect 600+ ci blocks under cylinder heads designed for a little more that 400 ci. This gross undervalving results in volumetric efficiency figures in the eighty-five to ninety percent range. Because of the low volumetric efficiency the static compression ratio of 16.0:1 runs out at a dynamic ratio of about 14.5:1. The high winding drag race small blocks are turning so many rpm they too are probably only operating around the one hundred percent volumetric efficiency figure.

The valve area per piston displacement of a small block engine turning 9,000 - 10,000 rpm is better than that of a mountain motor, but still inadequate. Successful engine builders do well to make one hundred percent volumetric efficiency, so a 14.0:1 to 14.5:1 compression ratio is cmpatible with what would be expected for maximum output.

On the other hand, Grand National engines with a single four barrel carb are achieving volumetric efficiencies in the one hundred fifteen percent region. That means the 12.5:1 static compression ratio becomes 14.0:1 to 14.5:1 dynamic compression ratio. When maximum power is needed, the engines volumetric efficiency must be taken into account, it also indicates that the dynamic compression needs to be in the 14.0:1 to 14.5:1 area.

Till next time, Mike Lewis, PRO TECH 4531 E San Gabriel Ave., Fresno, CA 93726-1230 www.protechracing.net 559-227-4773





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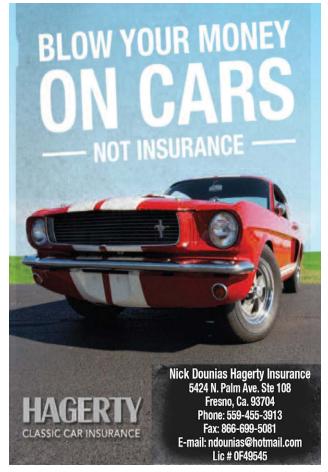
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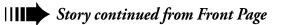




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House Committee Passes SEMA-Supported Bills to Protect Vehicle Technology Choice



U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) introduced H.R. 4468 in response to the EPA's proposed federal emissions standards for motor vehicles model years '27 to '32, which is designed to result in EVs making up 67% of all new vehicles sales by 2032. The SEMA-supported CARS Act would prevent the EPA from finalizing the proposed emissions standards on light- and medium-duty vehicles.

The EPA's proposal intends to lower carbon emissions in a way that essentially forces battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) to become the only option for automakers to produce. Given the subsidies in place for EV purchases and production, EVs become the de facto choice to achieve the rulemaking's climate goals, as other options, such as hydrogen, new synthetic

fuels, and multiple renewables, do not enjoy a level playing field of subsidies.

SEMA and more than 100 stakeholder organizations recently sent President Biden a letter expressing concerns about the EPA's Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards. The letter stated, "EPA's proposals inhibit the marketplace from identifying the most efficient, lowest-cost opportunities to reduce GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions from vehicles and greatly restrict consumer choice." SEMA will continue to engage in any proposed regulatory action that may lead to ICE bans. You can read the joint letter here.

SEMA President and CEO Mike Spagnola provided official comments to the EPA in opposition to the agency's proposed new federal emissions standards for motor vehicles model-years '27-'32. In addition, SEMA's grassroots efforts have generated more than 7,700 comments by our member companies and enthusiasts from around the country.

For more information on these efforts, visit sema.org/advocacy/ice-bans





MODEL A FORD CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL ALL FORD TO BENEFIT AHC STUDENTS

A local car club is celebrating 21 years of raising money for students in Allan Hancock College's industrial technology program this September.

The Santa Maria Model A Ford Club will host its annual All Ford Car Show to benefit Hancock students on Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Orcutt Union Plaza, located at 201 S. Broadway, Santa Maria.

The club's long-running event has raised more than \$80,000 for scholarships benefiting Hancock's industrial technology students over the last 21 years.

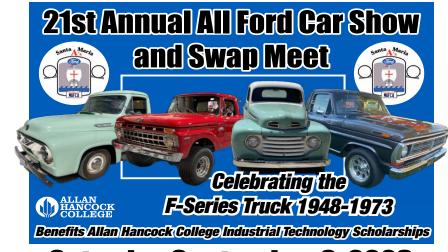
"This event is a great opportunity to come together and give back to our community and we look forward to hosting it every year," said Jay McCord, a Model A Ford Club member and car show chairman. "Many of the students that received past scholarships now have successful careers in their industry."

The Santa Maria Model A Ford Club has been a long-time supporter of Hancock's auto body and auto technology programs. Founded by Chuck Bailey, a former Hancock instructor, and Van Newkirk, the club started its partnership with Hancock with two scholarships for \$200 each.

To learn more about this year's All Ford Car Show and swap meet, visit https://www.santamariamodelaclub.com or call 805-598-8133.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony For Mearle's

By Laine Hale

After closing in 2006, the iconic Drive-In, Mearle's is making a comeback in Visalia. It will be located on Mooney Blvd and Avenue 264 with an expected completion time of sometime in 2025. Local business man Johnny George held a ground breaking ceremony at the site where the new restaurant will be built. The event was held on July 12th which was also Mr. George's 88th birthday. The event was attended by Johnny's wife of 69 years, Donna, who Johnny referred to as "his secret weapon" as well as four generations of the George family, some of which came from as far away as Italy to join in the ground breaking ceremony and to celebrate his 88th birthday.

Rollin George, Johnny's son, opened the ceremony by stating that he is "excited for people to relive childhood memories and make new ones". He also stated that the Central Valley Of California is home to one of the largest car cultures in the area and possibly the nation. One of the hopes the George family has for Mearle's is that it will become the main gathering place for many of the local car clubs and the premiere spot for car shows in the Central Valley. To this point, the ceremony had a strong showing by the Pharoah's Car Club of Visalia, the same "Pharoah's Car Club" featured in the movie American Graffiti.

The George family stated that this is " a way to give back to the community that has been so good to them for over 90 years". They recalled going to Mearle's before it was Mearle's in the early 1950's when it was Tad's Drive-In and then Nielson's Restaurant.

Mr. George said "This project is a team effort. We brought in the best designers, builders and people and we are using input from all of the hits we received on social media". Mr. George also stated that "Rick Mangini is an instrumental part of making this a reality".

The architectural plans were on display and closely recreate the original Mearle's layout with a few changes such as a second story with offices and a drive-in theatre on the east side of the building. Johnny George emphasized that the

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menu, quality of the food and portion sizes will mirror the original Merle's.



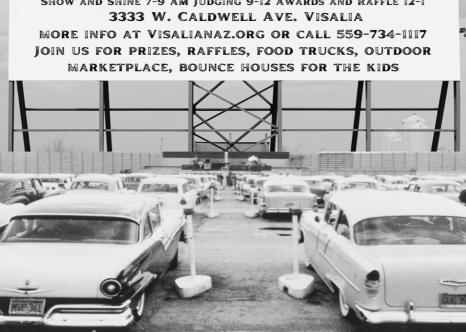
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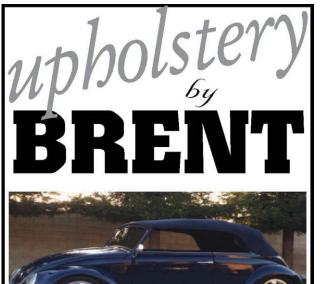


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By Dave Wolin



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The construction is unique; the road base is 100 % re-

cycled from an I-5 construction project, ,ground concrete, which is very strong and when screened, watered, compacted and final graded. The rubberized asphalt is made from a minimum of 25 % recycled asphalt, with rubber pellets from shredded tires helping sustain consistency through hot weather track conditions.

The facility includes a tower building and restaurant, which will includes a race car display, restrooms with showers, garages, and thousands of square feet of shaded cover for race car parking. Tesla has already installed a dozen supercharger stations, awaiting the next Tesla track day

For those who haven't been there, the track is located at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Lerdo Highway, a central location for racers from both the Bay Area and Southern California and a short drive for those of us in the Central Valley.

Buttonwillow Raceway Park already contains three separate tracks with over 40 different configurations, the longest being 3.1 miles, as well as a .7 mile kart track and skid pad. More information is available on their website, www.buttonwillowraceway.com

Dave Wolin, the author, veteran racer, automotive historian and long time Buttonwillow hanger on says " this looks to be challenging and fun to drive. Can't wait to try it out".









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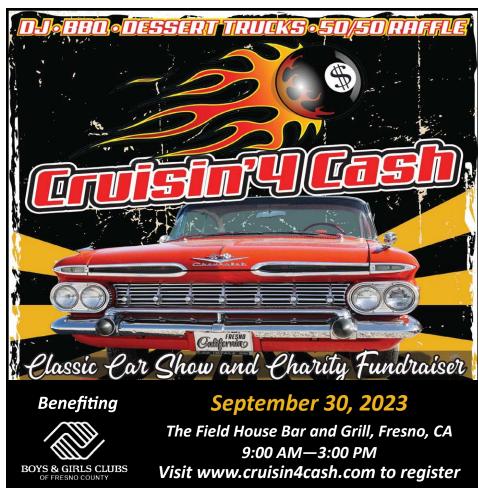
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I went to Reedley college and took graphic arts and art classes and got an AA degree in art. I gained an interest in non-traditional drawings of objects, using stretch, shading and other techniques. I used a number of computer programs including Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop to help with layers and fills to make my work different.









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San Joaquin Valley Mopars Fall Finale

By Leann Gajarian Keeler, Board Secretary and Car Show Committee member

San Joaquin Valley Mopars, Inc. is a non-profit (501c)

organization that hosted its 1st annual "Fall Finale" Moparonly car show in October 1994, and has been in continuous service to the membership and Central Valley ever since.

> The mission of the SJV Mopars car club is to be a contributing member of the local community we serve, all while enjoying the beauty of the Mopar cars we love and the connections we make with other auto enthusiasts.

> As a non-profit group, our goal is to use proceeds from our annual car show to benefit local charities.

> > In addition, through-

out the year, we collect and donate in-kind goods, for example; Toys for Toys, Marjoree Mason Center, etc.

Over the years, San Joaquin Valley Mopars has donated tens of thousands of dollars to various organizations throughout the valley. Most recently, benefactors have included; Huntington's & Juvenile Huntington's Disease Research, Wounded Warriors Project, Saint Agnes Holy Cross and John W. Well Youth Center.

Mopars from all over the West, will be coming to Bicentennial Park in Clovis on September 30, 2023 for the 30th Annual "Fall Fling" car show. Come join us and enjoy beautiful cars, food trucks, music, and playgrounds for the kids! You might even find that part you've been looking for in the swap meet section. Spectators are free. Gates open at 7:30 am and awards are at 1:30 pm.

For questions contact Carl Bischel-SJV Mopar, Club President @ (559) 250-3482





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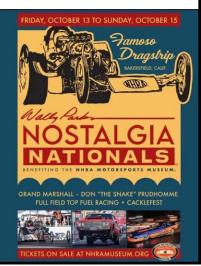
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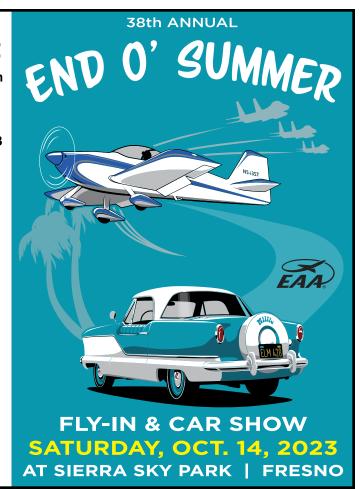
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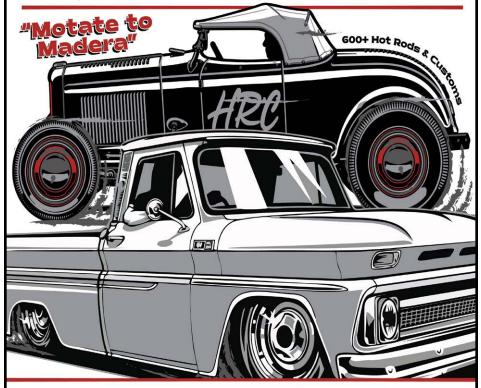
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THE VALLEY'S PREMIER **HOT ROD GATHERING** Valley Nationals October 13th - 14th

I need to confess something that I've been hiding for 20-plus years. I am bored to death with our local car show scene! I promise, you heard it right. That is why thirteen years ago I drafted up a business plan to pitch to my wife, Layla Granata, I needed her blessing before I could act. I was determined and passionate about creating automotive events that were active and full of exciting entertainment so that you could avoid acquiring bed sores from sitting in your lawn chair all day. I say that will all do respect. Each weekend enthusiasts have multiple options on where they want to show their car. Churches, strip malls, assisted living facilities, non-profit organizations, everybody is putting on car shows. However, they are definitely not all created equal. Most have good causes and intentions, but are stale and HRC is determined to change that.

With that said, I am pleased to announce that this year's Valley Nationals will be a hootenanny of a good time, full of entertaining aspects that will help you not wear out that prized lawn chair. The success of Hot Rod Coalition is humbling, but it is with great pride that our team and I have the privilege to announce that the 6th Annual Valley Nationals is returning to the beautiful Madera Fairgrounds October 13th–14th, 2023. This is a really big deal for us as an events company because we haven't been back to Madera since Covid first broke. Due to popular demand and sponsorship donations, we are so excited to bring the Valley Nations back to Madera, CA. Our last installment of the Nationals was all the way back in 2019. That event in particular was nothing short of a dream come true for HRC. The gathering drew national attention from magazines, online forums, and the traditional hot rod community. We believe the Valley Nationals is one of the best "all-inclusive" events from Bakersfield to the Bay Area.

I'd like to personally invite you to enjoy this event that we've thoughtfully planned out for the classic car community's enjoyment. Check out some of the exciting activities going on this year at the Valley Nationals.

A few of the exciting elements you can look forward to at this year's event include:

- Indoor Show: This year, thanks to our organizer Cody Clem, each and every car will be 100% handpicked. Each car is either debuting for the first time or of an undeniable caliber. The indoor portion will be full of Cody's creativity and his eye for detail.
- Pinstripers Lounge: The Pinstripers Lounge and low-brow art show is quickly becoming a destination for the hot rod artist
- Live Music: We've been searching high and low for the perfect mix of music and I think we've locked down the perfect bands. As an enthusiast community, we will enjoy hearing at least six bands throughout the day.
- Swap Meet: Austin Thorton, better known as @thehotmerchant, will be hosting his first-ever auto swap. One of the most well connected gentlemen in the hot rod game! He is bringing his friends and counterparts to the Valley Nationals Auto Swap. With aspirations of making this a premier West Coast auto swap destination. This year HRC is expecting more than 500 vendors. A limited number of 20 x 20 swap spaces are available for only \$25.00! Spaces may be reserved by calling (559) 260-1199 or emailing lanesells32@gmail.com
- Food Trucks & Firestone Walker: Some of the area's favorite food trucks will be in attendance, offering lots of food options that many of us have come to love. The boys at Firestone Walker Brewery will be keeping everybody hydrated all day while entertaining you with some games and giveaways.
- Hot Rod Vendors: Hot Rod Coalition is passionate about gathering hot rod vendors together so we can create a quality marketplace for our fans and participants. If you're looking for a painter, upholstery shop, or full-service shop, the Nationals will have numerous options for you to explore.
- Pin-Up Contest: Years ago, the ladies from the Rockabilly Mafia hosted the first-ever Valley Nationals Pin-Up Contest. It was for sure a crowd pleaser. These sophisticated ladies participated in a first-class contest that was a highlight of the event and they'll be back this year to transfer the crown.
- Truck Exhibition: Nothing is hotter right now than classic trucks and HRC is here for it. We have expanded our footprint for the show and dedicated a space just for trucks. In fact, we have room for 500 of them! Coordinated by Mario and Philip, they are a part of the world famous Cen Cal C-10 club and they are looking forward to hosting hundreds of pickups.
- Friday Night Kick-Off Party: New to the Valley Nationals for 2023 is our Kick-Off Party. While yendors and swappers are setting up, spectators and participants will be treated to live music, food options, and a birds eye view of the event coming together. We are also working tirelessly to try to make a cruise happen. We look forward to gathering as a classic car community for an evening of fun!
- Other Highlights: Top 50 Awards, Car Club Olympics, High School Auto Shop Shootout, Live Fabrication Demonstrations, Vintage Drag Race Display by Eagle Field Drags and HRC Drag Racing

Hot Rod Coalition and I would like to personally invite you to be part of our Valley Nationals this year. We are very proud of the event we've created and want to share it with our local and abroad hot rod community. We hope you will be able to join us! Those who pre-register will be allowed into the event first so that you can find your desired parking spot. To pre-register, iust fill out the registration form online at WWW.HOTRODCOALITION.COM. You may also register at any of the last two Rods on the Bluff events being held on September 1st and on October 6th. Or if you'd prefer to use the US Postal Service you can easily download and print the registration form from our website. We anticipate your arrival at the Valley Nationals on October 13th & 14th at the Madera Fairgrounds!



LOCAL CAR-TOONIST, BY JETSTER1

I also started photographing cars and other vehicles and displayed my results at county fairs in Fresno and Tulare, winning a number of ribbons.

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth is one of my main inspirations for cartoonizing cars and he influenced my interest into the Hot Rod and Kustom Culture. I attended car shows and found there was interest from owners to have their cars drawn.

I began doing art commissions in 2017, and offered pencil sketches, pen and ink drawings, and fully colorized finished products. I did many of these 'while you wait' and other more time-consuming projects I did at home after photographing the car and sent the finished file or print to the owner.

I recently had the honor of having a 4-hour one-on-one meeting with a Disney animator at his home in Pasadena. That meeting gave me more Impetus to keep my drawing habit going.

I continued doing on the spot art commissions since 2019 at a car show in Dinuba, CA. and elsewhere. It aided my art evolution. That enabled me to take on creative challenges and getting out of my comfort zone drawing cars I've never drawn before in a short period of time. It's been a crea-

tive learning experience. I really enjoy meeting people who have a lot of pride in their one-of-a-kind vehicles

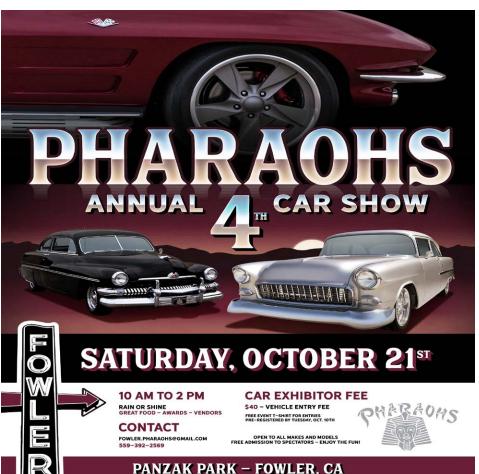












TEXAS ROADHOUSE FIRST ANNUAL 7-1-6 BLOCK PARTY

By Laine Hale

The first annual 7-1-6 Block Party hosted by Texas Road-



house was a great success in spite of the triple digit heat. Why 7-1-6, you might ask? Mary Escalera, Local Store Marketer for Texas Roadhouse explains: "Our Visalia location is store #716 so I thought a block party on July 16th (7-16) would be a great way to show our thanks to Visalia and surrounding towns for the support we have received since the restaurant opened its Visalia location". Mary stated "This event was also a way to give back to the community by collecting donations of school supplies which will be given to local organizations".

The Pharoahs Car Club were enlisted by Mary to bring out the classic cars in support of the block party and they did not disappoint showing up with 25 cars.

Some of the vendors that braved the heat were #TazHandcraftJerky, #RamosSucculentShack, #Goshen-StoreDunkTank, #AmvetsOne, #Tillys, #SugarBuzz559, #BeckysBoutique, #TonysYearRoundSnow, #VisaliaVet-

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As usual, the Tulare County Community came through in a big way. Some of the donations received included 61 notebooks, 31 boxes of crayons, 21 boxes of color pencils, 3 backpacks stuffed with back-to-school items, 4 binders, 13 folders, 7 packs of filler paper, 7 binder pouches, 14 packs of erasers, 18 boxes of markers, 16 boxes of pencils, 9 boxes of pens, 5 pencil sharpeners, 3 packs of index cards, 2 paint, and 2 highlighters. Mary said "We collected so many awesome things already and we are still collecting donations in the store!".

Mary and Texas Roadhouse would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in the First Annual 7-1-6 Block Party and look forward to next year's event (with, hopefully, cooler weather)!



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Remember When?

By Vic Groah



Do you remember when we had to do hand signals for turns and stops? No signal lights in those days. Yes some of us have lived through the developing days of the automobile. Things have changed over just one generation. I must admit I am a bit older than most of you but looking back it is a different world now than when I was young; I started driving at age 12. I too am an exception as I began driving cars that were old and primitive even then. I have driven cars that were not equipped with electric starters that needed to be hand cranked; that you had to light the head lights with a match. As a kid I drove on non paved gravel surfaced roads.

Yes, times have certainly changed.

One of my first regular drivers was a 1927 Star Car, made in Oakland California. Top speed 45 MPH, open touring car, the only window was the windshield. All open. A bit damp in the rainy Oregon winters; took my future wife on our first date in that car; yes she married me anyway. When I moved from Oregon to California in 1958 on what is now Interstate 5 it was a two lane road with about 400 of the 800 miles with a speed limit of 25 or 35 MPH, the rest 55. My 1946 Chevrolet felt right at home at those speeds. Most of the cars of that time were hard pressed to drive much faster. We drove stop sign to stop sign block at a time through each and every city on the route. Of course the Chevy was manual shift so you had to shift up and down each and every block. It had three on the tree, that is a three speed transmission with the shift leaver on the steering column. Automatic transmissions were just coming in then and were offered as an extra cost option only in higher priced cars, some of those transmissions were poor like Chevrolets two speed power glide.

It rains a lot in western Oregon, the windshield wiper on the Star car was hand operated, you just reached up and operated a hand crank to clear the windshield. You were driving 25MPH on gravel roads so it was not much of a hazard. The 1946 Chevrolet had wipers operated from engine vac-

uum. This was better but they stopped working every time you accelerated or climbed a hill as the engine vacuum would go away under higher throttle settings. At 45 to 50 MPH this could be dicey, especially if it was snowing.

Let's fast forward, When Linda and I moved to Tulare County from Fresno, we had collected several antique cars as well as our Corvettes. This was 1971. By that time highway 99 from Fresno and Tulare was four lane divided almost modern highway. It is amazing that there were at that time many of the old slow cars still on the road and traffic moved at a much slower pace than now.

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Entries Now Open for 1st Annual Vikings Charities Classic Car Show

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SOLVANG, CA (July 27, 2023) – Applications for participation in the 1st Annual Vikings Charities Classic Car Show are now being accepted. The VCCCS event serves as the successor to the popular, 20+ year, Wheels & Windmills Car Show which concluded last year.

Three days of vehicle oriented special events will take place Friday, October 6, 2023 through Sunday, October 8 in Solvang as well as neighboring Buellton and Santa Ynez highlighted by the Saturday, October 7 car show.

Beautiful downtown Solvang, famous as the Danish capital of America, will be transformed into a classic car (and motorcycle) mecca as more than 200 pre-1990 impeccably restored, stock and customized vehicles of every make, model and type including hot rods, sports cars, muscle cars, vans, pickups, trucks, motorcycles and other special interest vehicles fill the streets of and be on display, competing for coveted prizes. An awards ceremony will take place in Solvang Park in the late afternoon. To assure no bias, independent judges not affiliated with the event or any participating club, will determine awards in more than two dozen classes including muscle, sport and truck.

Car show participant applications and additional information are now available of the show web site: www.viking-charitiesinc.com/carshow.

Admission to the car show is free to the general public.

Other Saturday special features will include music throughout the day, a VCCCS beer and wine garden and Viking burger bar as well as the famous Vikings of Solvang parade longboat for inspection and tour. A family "Poker Walk" courtesy of the Solvang Chamber of Commerce will also be offered and a 50/50 ticket raffle.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Endowment Fund of Vikings of Solvang, a 49-year-old social and philanthropic 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, which provides funding for the medically related needs of qualified individuals and health care organizations in the Santa Ynez Valley and throughout Santa Barbara County. Vikings has donated more than \$3 million in medically related aid since its founding.

VCCCS weekend activities kick-off Friday evening with a gala fundraising dinner at unique, renowned, Mendenhall's Motor Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana in Solvang-adjacent Buellton. A delicious Santa Maria style BBQ top-sirloin meal with all the "fixins" will be prepared by the expert Vikings of Solvang BBQ team and guests will be treated to hosted super premium local beer and wine. Dinner will conclude with dessert, silent and live auctions featuring one-of-a-kind items. Tickets are \$100/person.

The activities conclude on Sunday with an admission free "sneak peek" behind the scenes of the Santa Ynez Valley's premier private and commercial garages. Starting at Santa Ynez High School Pirate Auto Shop in Solvang-adjacent Santa Ynez, participants will pick up their list of Santa Ynez Valley participating custom garages to tour. Following the

tour there will be a BBQ at the Pirate Garage at 1 p.m. with lunch tickets offered at \$10 each. Funds raised from this event benefit the Santa Ynez High School Pirate Garage.

Vikings Charities Classic Car Show is co-chaired by long-time car enthusiast, Wheels & Windmills participant and Solvang Viking, Dr. Roger Lane. "We have an outstanding group of volunteers working to make our first annual event one that honors the tremendous history and tradition of Wheels & Windmills. We're dedicated to making the VC-CCS weekend fun, memorable and a must-do event for participants and spectators," commented Dr. Lane.

For more information on Viking Charities and VCCCS, please visit www.vikingcharitiesinc.com.

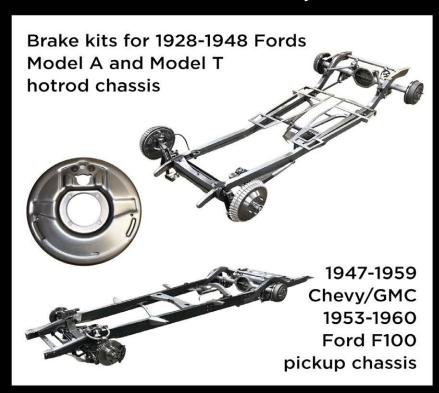
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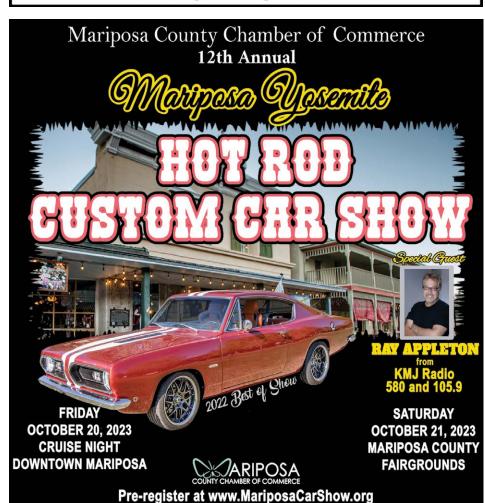
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By Darren Angelos, Old Cars & Motorsports

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Sponsored by the equally cool collector and long-time hobbyist, vintage historian Dave Eyre of RODTOSSERS Car Club, this truly is a gathering of automotive aficionados all in one very special place.

If you have always wanted to see screen used movie cars and custom vehicles in pristine condition, you will want to attend this event.

The Winfield and Watson Gatherings started in 2008 and in the past has had car enthusiasts and legends on Gene's guest list such as Bill Hines, Dean Jeffries, George Barris, Dick Jackson, Blackie Gejeian, the Roth Boys and Sam and Chip Foose just to name a few.

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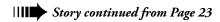












Remember When?

When we moved our 1914 Overland, 1917 Cadillac and 1931 Chevrolet we just drove in the slow lane with complete safety and assurance we would be just fine purring along at 40 MPH. That would be a death wish today!!! Anything under 65 in the slow lane is unusual and 75 more common; that is in the slow truck lane.

Am I wishing for the good old days? Absolutely not! I love my 6 speed automatic transmission in our sport sedan that is very comfortable at 140 MPH with climate control air conditioning. On the old cars the air conditioning was a tilt out windshield or a flip up cowl vent. Our modern car gets 30 miles per gallon at 100 MPH and in sport mode will smoke the tires. The old 1946 Chevy got 16 mpg at 50. No tire smoking there. The power anti lock brakes stop in one half the distance of the old drum brakes on the old Chevy.

I am not alone in wanting modern upgrades. Look at the tri five Chevys, Cameros, and early Mustangs at the car events; almost all have modern upgraded engines, transmissions, brakes and suspensions, added air conditioning, power steering etc. Yes they are modern cars under an old skin. We want the comfort and go of a modern car in our vintage iron.

I recently drove my grandson's 2023 new car with the self driving features. It is a bit scary for this old guy to just let go

of the steering wheel with the idea it will take me where it is programmed to go, slow or stop if the traffic ahead does. The crazy thing gets 40 MPG at 75 MPH, is quiet comfortable and has a warranty that is amazing. Then there are the fully electric cars. I have driven some of those too. I am a bit concerned about the range and time to recharge but other than that for around town driving that makes sense too if you have a good solar system on your house and at work.

Yes I remember when you actually had to drive your car. I remember when they were a challenge to drive but damn, we sure had fun doing it.







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