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VUKOVICH TRIBUTE

By Dave Wolin

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Bill Vukovich, a Fresno native and Central Valley legend, is considered by many to be the greatest driver of his generation, With multiple midget championships and two Indy 500 wins (1953 - 1954), he was the only driver to lead the

most laps in three Indy 500's.

While leading the 1955 race, he was tragically killed in a multi car crash on lap 57. He was 36 years old.

He is honored in the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame, the Auto Racing Hall of Fame, the National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and the West Coast Stock Car / Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Dick Woodland and the Woodland Auto Display have created a Vukovich tribute with a collection of photos and scrapbooks donated by the Vukovich family and one of the winning midget race cars.

This Vukovich tribute is located in the Ken Clapp Annex at the Woodland Auto Display in Paso Robles – www.woodlandautodisplay.com – along with the exten-



sive Racing History Project research library and archive, the West Coast Stock Car / Motorsports Hall of Fame exhibit and the Jim Naylor diecast collection.

The Woodland Auto Display, open Thursday through Sunday, adjacent to the Estrella Warbirds Museum, has over 100 significant racecars, hot rods, classics and exotics. Don't miss it!! # Woodland Auto Display

Dave Wolin - The Vukovich family, legendary in the Central Valley has been beset by tragedy. I never got to know Bill, but considered his son Bill II a friend. A great driver with 158 starts in USAC / CART racing including 12 at Indy, he recently passed away. His son, Bill III, was Indy rookie of the year in 1988 and the first third generation driver to compete in the Indy 500. He was killed while testing at Mesa Marin in 1990.



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By Nathan Petroelje, www.hagerty.com

When the new Charger was revealed in March of this year, we learned of Dodge's grand plan to offer two significantly different powertrains beneath the same shape. You'll be able to have the new Charger with a gas-burning, twin-turbocharged straight-six, or you can go the all-electric route with the Charger Daytona EV.

The latter promised a simulated exhaust note, something the company announced at a preview of the concept back in 2022 but then quietly skipped over at the debut in March. When Dodge explained its "fratzonic" chambered exhaust, it said the system would utilize a real exhaust chamber to resonate sounds played through speakers that together would mimic the tenor of a Hemi V-8.

Yesterday, we finally got our first sample of the Fratzonic exhaust, courtesy of a short reel on Instagram. The clip shows a silver Charger Daytona EV accelerating through a tunnel, and you can hear the distinct whine of an electric motor (or a few) at the beginning of the clip, followed by the rising baritone thump of a Hemi V-8—although not a real one.

Dodge reportedly went through "hundreds" of iterations before picking the sound we assume to be the winner. We'd say the result is pleasant, if a bit sterile. Of course, we'd all love to hear an actual Hemi under the hood of Charger, but as we know, that's not likely to happen.









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Hi everybody, there is not alot of summertime left so we need to enjoy it while it lasts. In this article I would like to discuss flame propagation.

It is sometimes said that ninety percent of an engines power is made in the first ten percent of the power stroke. Though the numbers may be rounded off for convenience, this statement contains a lot of truth. Based on thermal characteristics alone, the maximum power would be developed if all the charge was instantly turned into heat immediately after TDC. Such a rapid conversion would cause mechanical problems similar to one giant detonation problem. If cylinder pressure rise is too rapid, rough full throttle running is brought about. This is because components are vibrating more severely. Therefore we need to modify our statement to say, the quicker the pressure rises, the better, within the mechanical limitations of the engine. This means getting the burn done as quick as possible without going overboard.

A wedge shaped combustion chamber has a relatively effective burn. While using a flat top piston, or even one with a small dome, all remains good. When high compression is needed and it is necessary to put a large dome on the piston, this changes the chamber shape. Using a flat top piston, the chamber has a nice uniform shape and the flame front can progress across the chamber easily without any interference from the piston dome plus the plug is situated near the main mass of the charge. On the other hand, using a large piston dome with no forethought as to its consequences can severely compromise burning characteristics. This results in a reduction of power.

I know of one instance where a single four barrel race engine was put together with a compression ratio initially at 14.0:1 . On the first hard pull the brake specific consumption was poor and the engine delivered only 385hp. After shaping the piston crowns based on the burn pattern seen on them the compression ratio was progressively dropped to 12.2:1. On the next pull the amount of ignition advance required was reduced, the BSFC improved and power climbed to 550hp.

It is possible to lose a great deal of horsepower by not paying attention to combustion efficiency. Basically make sure that as much of the charge as possible resided on the spark plug side of the piston dome. Also, the piston dome needs to be shaped as smoothly as possible over the top so the flame front can progress smoothly to the extraneous parts on the far side of the

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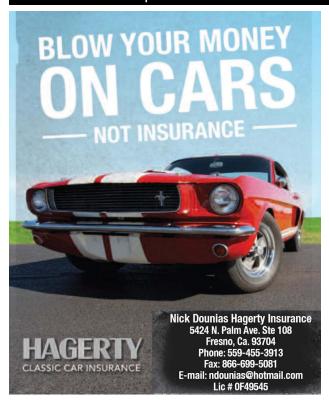
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THE LEGACY OF DAVE MACDONALD

By Dave Wolin



Here's MacDonald at Riverside in 1962

Dave was a notable Southern California road racer who first made a name for himself in Corvettes. Carroll Shelby selected him to drive Cobras and King Cobras and Mickey Thompson picked him to drive at the Indy 500, where he was tragically killed in 1964 at the age of 27.

In 1961, financed by the manager of Paramount Chevrolet, Jim Simpson, he hired Max Balchowsky of 'Ol Yeller fame to build a lightweight Corvette and take on the big bore modified sportscars of the day. The car was a success, winning a number of races - 1800 lbs, tube frame, powered by a fuel injected Corvette motor. Later sold to a drag racer, it disappeared from view.

Dr. Ernie Nagamatsu, long time vintage racer, commissioned a build from scratch of this spectacular car, duplicat-

ing the chassis, lightweight body and fuel injected 283 to create once again this iconic and once lost car.

We were invited to a test session recently at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, CA to watch the car in action. And it did not disappoint – bringing back memories of SCCA races of 1962.

Watch for it at vintage races next year.

Dave Wolin, retired racer, historian and author, only wishes he could drive this magnificent beast!!



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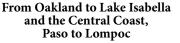
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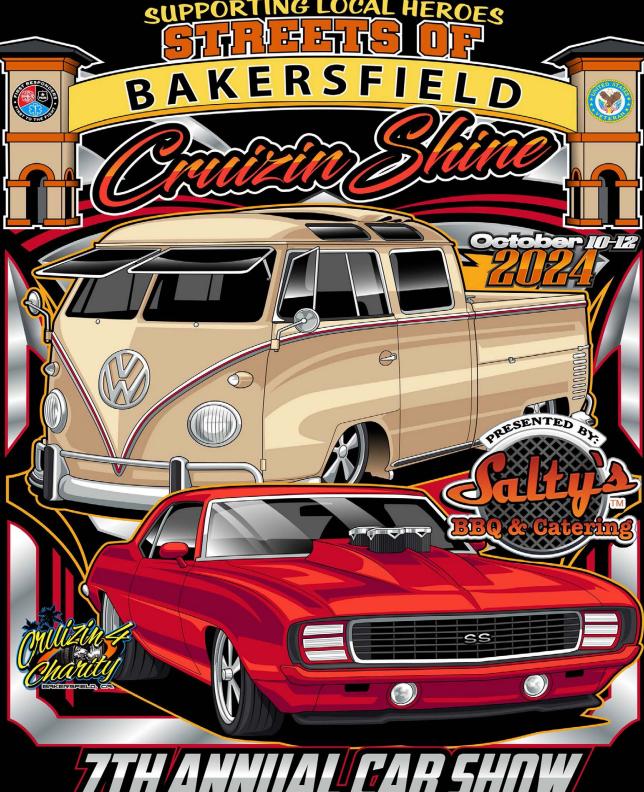
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By Vic Groah



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For those of us that are more sedimentary there has been a wealth of parking lot and street shows in every town in the area, some quite large and most very well organized. Just kick back and show your beautiful ride and visit with the passing admirers. One of my favorites is the weekly Saturday morning cars and coffee events, like the one at Mary's Vineyard shopping center in Visalia. From 7 am to11 am every Saturday morning, year around, no fee, no judging, just hang out and make new friends. Like I said, just check the listings in The Old Cars newsletter, Matt is always on top of things and knows where the action is.



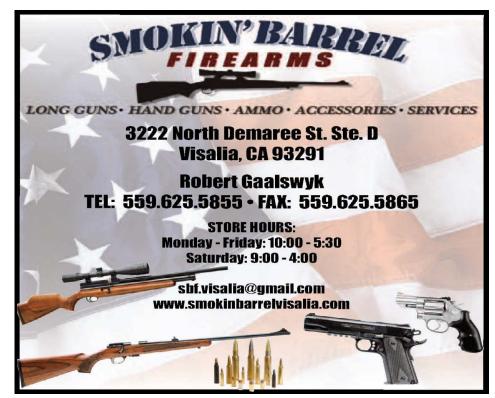
As we use our pet cars we also have little problems, yes, like us the cars are wearing out. They are not brand new anymore, things are calling for attention. Damn, after all the work and money put in it is supposed to last forever, well, they don't. My own modest stable of cars is calling out for attention. Our 1938 Cadillac has a fuel leak at the fuel pump, leaking \$5 a gallon gas into the engine compartment is not a wonderful thing, the 1938 Chevrolet has a problem with the speedometer and the clock has stopped working. The Model A Ford has a leaking head gasket, the 1936 Ford is starting to shimmy on the front wheels under certain conditions. You get the picture;

there will be plenty to keep me occupied over the off season.

But wait, does there really need to be an off season? Weren't these cars driven all year around when new, will It really melt if a rain drop falls on it? Last winter Linda and I went to the cars and coffee almost every week, sometimes the attendance was a bit small, once only six cars, but we had six great families enjoying the brisk but fun morning. Some weeks there would be 20, 30 cars. Yes, there are hard core car folks out there using these old rigs all year around. We got rained on a couple of times but the car did not melt, we just toweled it off when we got home. Have a cup of hot chocolate and reminisce about the great people you have met and enjoyed the company of, and yes maybe, just maybe one of them will admire your special car, and you know in your heart it is very special indeed. If it wasn't why would you have it?

Linda and I are looking forward to seeing you out there. Let's enjoy our cars, and the wonderful owners all we can all year long.







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> Beer, wine, and bottled water provided by Kiwanis at an extra charge.

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\$25 pre-registered / \$35 at the gate

- Pre-registered vehicles will receive a goody bag and dash plaque.
- 15 Class Categories
- Class Winner Plagues
- Gates open at 8:00am for participants.

Special DJ music from 9am - 2pm with a LIVE PERFORMANCE from

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Fun for Kids and Adults DROGROGE 10am to 11am Sponsored by: GN Corvettes

> Bring your own hot wheels car to race or use ours.

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For more information contact event coordinator: Bill Mayhew (626) 806-2513 or wmmayhew@aol.com









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LOCAL AUTO SHOPS RALLY TO SUPPORT FIRE-STRICKEN PASO ROBLES WRECKING YARD

By Camille DeVaul, www. pasoroblespress.com

805 Community Car Care Center to host Car Show and BBO Fundraiser for damaged business on Oct. 26

PASO ROBLES — Some local auto body shops are getting together with the community to support one of their own. At the end of June, a fire destroyed multiple vehicles and structures at Paso Robles Wrecking Yard, costing the owner over \$500,000 in damages.



Newly founded group 805 Community Car Care Center is comprised of a growing group of local auto body repair shops. Formed about four months ago, their goal is to give back to the community and provide support for one another. They are currently working towards becoming a certified nonprofit.

"We come together every third Tuesday of the month, and then we talk about how we can give back to the community," Jimmy Purdy, owner of Shift'n Gears Auto Repair and president of 805 Community Car Care Center, told Paso Robles Press.

Currently, there are about 11 local repair shops who are members of the group. Their first project was easily decided — to help Paso Robles Wrecking Yard owner Mara Giroux get the business back on its feet.

"She's [Giroux] been around since I started in the industry, and I think for everyone else, she's just been a staple to the community, going out to the auto wrecking and being able to look around and see what you need. And she's always willing to help," said Purdy.

The two-alarm fire occurred early on a Saturday morning and was extinguished by several responding departments, including CAL FIRE SLO, Paso Robles, Atascadero, San Miguel, and Camp

"Over the years, even for me, starting before I owned a shop, I could go out there and find a part if I needed it," Purdy said. "Or if I'm confused about how something went back together on a vehicle, she [Giroux] was more than willing to let me go look at something that's refreshed my memory. She's always just been super caring and super nice and helpful and definitely put the community before [herself]."

The 805 Community Car Care Center will be hosting its first Car Show and BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Estrella Warbird Museum. All makes and models are welcome to joining the car show and all of the entry donations will go towards rebuilding the Paso Robles Wrecking Yard. Purdy says some locals are creating custom trophies to be handed out to car show winners as well.

The car show is planned to be family friendly with entertainment for kids, music, as well as a tri-tip dinner available for purchase that can be taken to-go or eaten at the event.

The 805 Community Car Care Center is opening its next meeting to the community and anyone who would like to help with its upcoming fundraiser barbecue. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Cal Coast Beer Company at 6 p.m.

Some of its current members include Shift'n Gears Auto Repair, Rainbow Auto Body, Spring St. Mobile, Autolimits Auto Repair, Paso Robles Auto Repair, Allegiance Auto Repair, G&H Auto Body, Calderons Auto Body, Waterfield Motorsports, Taps Truck & auto, and Napa of Paso Robles.

The group is looking forward to holding more events in the future to support the community. It is hoping to create an annual soapbox derby car race and debut it next year.



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- 3) Read for Life is a nonprofit organization committed to breaking the cycle of illiteracy in Tulare County. Read for Life accepts monetary donations as well as gently used books.
- 4) The Brave Project Visalia honors Tulare county military heroes with banners hung along our roads throughout the county. They aim to honor and appreciate the selflessness and dedication of our local service members who are serving our country both at home and abroad. We believe that there is no better time than the present to celebrate and recognize these inspiring individuals.

If you would like to make a donation or find out more about these great organizations you can contact them at:

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