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Cruizin-4-Charity is proud to announce the 9th Annual Streets of Bakersfield – Cruizin Shine Car Show, taking place October 8–10, 2026, in Downtown Bakersfield. This year's featured charity beneficiary will be Kern County Search & Rescue, supporting the dedicated volunteers who provide critical emergency response services throughout Kern County.

The annual event continues to grow as one of Bakersfield's premier automotive and community gatherings, bringing together classic cars, custom trucks, vendors, live entertainment, food, raffles, and families from across California — all while giving back to local organizations that serve the community.

Since its founding in 2017, Cruizin-4-Charity has proudly donated more than $240,000 back to the community, benefiting organizations that support first responders, veterans, youth programs, and local charitable causes.

Early Bird Registration Now Open
Vehicle registration is officially open at the Early Bird rate, and participants can now select their parking spots at the time of registration, giving car owners the opportunity to secure premium placement for the event.

"We are excited to support Kern County Search & Rescue this year and continue our mission of giving back locally," said organizers with Cruizin-4-Charity. "The support from our sponsors, participants, volunteers, and community has allowed this event to make a real difference throughout Kern County."

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Over my life time I have owned 84 cars and motorcycles, each one had a story of why they were important to me at the time, some mundane and some had to do with major life changes. Each car seemed to have a personality, usually female, some mischievous, some magnificent many were great companions. For us car guys, and girls, our cars often become part of the family, like a pet, sometimes like a child, to be nurtured and loved; they often become a family member. My wife, Linda has her first car that she bought when she graduated from high school and began college. That 1956 Corvette still has a place of honor in our garage. There are some we were very happy to have move on to better homes and some that we pine for and wish were still with us. I guess you love some of your kids better than others.

Looking back there are a few that were very special at the time they lived with me and I very much wish I could have back. Some of them have now become very expensive; I had an eye for great cars. One such dear friend came into my life at age 19. I was stationed at Castle Air Base in Merced California at that time. I had a hot rod Chevrolet coupe and was part of the base car community. There was a Master sergeant that befriended me that had a magnificent 1954 Jaguar 120 M roadster. This amazing white with red leather, silver wire wheeled beauty was as magnificent to look at as it was impressive to drive. This was in 1958 and although this car was four years old it was still very special. It had been ordered by a local federal judge as a race car from the factory. It had all the high performance options that were available from Jaguar. The Judge soon found this was way more car than she could handle and sold it to a master sergeant. In short order this amazing set of wheels

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Coffee, and Cruises, and Shows Oh My!

If you are reading this you are probably active or at the least interested in the collector car hobby. If you are and haven't yet attended a Cars & Coffee, Cruise Night, or a Car Show my question for you is, "What are you waiting for?". These events are welcoming, open to the public, and family friendly. Recently at the Visalia Pharoah's Cars & Coffee I was asking spectators and car owners alike why they come out to these different events. Many answered with the same things: they are fun, relaxing, they see cool cars, and/or they meet or catch up with friends. I know that Kim and I have met so many great people at these events and we have made some life-long friends in the process. She and I both feel that we have connected with more people at car events than in any other facet of our lives.



Cars and Coffee events are typically free (you might even get a free donut out of it), and less of a time commitment than a Car Show if you don't have a full day to dedicate. C & Cs tend to be very casual events found all over the central valley and beyond. The Cars & Coffee sponsored by the Visalia Pharoahs meets every Saturday morning at Mary's Vineyard Visalia year round (weather permitting) from 8 to 10AM. It is always a great time. Ed Dena sponsors a new Cars & Coffee at his Tulare Super Store on Mooney Blvd. the third Friday morning of each month.. The Clovis Pharoahs sponsor a Cars & Coffee Saturday mornings at The Frappe House in Clovis. Signature Auto Detail Supplies in Visalia. If you keep your eyes open you may find other C & C gatherings close to you most weekend mornings. If you know of other Cars & Coffee events that I did not list, please reach out to me on Social Media. (@ClassicAutoInspections).

Maybe you can't give up a day on the weekend because of a long "honey-do list"? Then Cruise Nights may be just what you are looking for! One of my favorite cruise nights is held in Clovis Friday nights from May through September. This weekly Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church [clovismbc.org] starts at 6pm and they grill up free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (donations accepted). Get there early for a great spot in the shade. In Hanford the last Saturday of the month starting at 5pm is another great Cruise Night sponsored by the KARR Car Club (King's Area Road Relics) at Hanford's Weinerschnitzel. Always fun evening with great cool people and hot cars. Kim and I always make poor food choices which we later regret, but the chili dogs ARE so delicious! The Rollin' Relics Car Club hosts a Cruise Night at Black Bear Diner on Olive in Porterville the 4th Saturday night March through November. Clovis Pharoahs sponsor a Tuesday night gathering at Triangle Burger on Shaw from 6 to 7:30 PM bring your hot rod or your daily driver. Visalia has a newer Friday night cruise night typically the last Friday of the month at 6pm on East Main Street sponsored by East Main Barbershop and Hard Core 4x4. All vehicles are welcome.

While a longer time commitment than a Cars & Coffee or a Cruise Night; Car Shows are fun! In the central valley you can find multiple shows almost every weekend during the two main car show seasons which are separated by the hot valley summer months. The kickoff to the first car show season usually begins at the end of February with the Hot Rodders for Robin Memorial Car Show in Easton and often extends through Father's Day weekend. The second car show season begins the end of August with the Visalia NAZ Remembrance Car Show in Visalia and typically goes through the beginning of November. Kim and I love hanging out at the shows often saying that we don't own show cars - we have cars that go to shows. Car shows are full of cars in various conditions with some being show quality, and most being drivers. We even see a few under construction vehicles. Those are great as we get to see the "before" and hopefully get to see the "after" down the road.

We enjoy the camaraderie with friends, enjoy meeting new people who all share in the car hobby. Cars, Music, Vendors, and Food are all staples of these weekend events. So much work, time, and planning typically goes into hosting a car show. If you have hosted or volunteered, you know how much pre-planning goes into a well-run show. Many car shows are fundraisers for larger organizations. If you haven't yet actively planned or assisted with planning a car show, it is an education to be sure. If you complain about the price of some of these shows, you haven't taken a good look on how EVERYTHING has gotten so much more expensive. Show sponsors are trying to keep their prices low why trying to absorb the never ending costs like awards, printing, t-shirts, and advertising.

If you're still reading this, the most important take away from this is that our cars don't like to sit. That's why you hear the phrases, "You've got to drive them!" or "Drive them don't hide them." Take them for a drive while the weather is good, and your health allows! We hope to see you at one of these events! Make sure to say hello.

Paul Raheb is the owner/appraiser/inspector for Classic Automobile Inspections and Appraisals of Central California. He is married to Kim Raheb, and they own a 1965 Galaxie convertible and a 1965 Mustang GT coupe.

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got him in very deep trouble. Sarge had a drinking problem and soon got his fourth DUI at excess of 100 MPH. He was in jail and the car was too. He was a good friend so I went to the jail to visit him. I was the only one who did. He was angry at all his buddies and told me if I would go to his girl friend she would give me the title for the car and he would sign it over to me. I took the signed title to the Merced police department and was informed it would cost me $525 to bail it out. That was a lot of money for a 19 year old in 1958. I was able to put it together and took the damaged Jaguar to the base auto shop where I restored it. In the chase from the police he had spun it out and taken out a hedge backwards at 100 MPH. This was a mostly aluminum body and was a challenge to repair. Fortunately while in high school I had worked in a body shop for a while and had the skills to repair and paint the damaged Jaguar.

I immediately joined the base sports car club with the best car in the club. I was the only enlisted person in the club. All the other guys were commissioned officers. Because of this many of my friends were officers and I tended to hang out with a different group than most airmen of my rank.

One was a major that was also teaching at the college where I was working on my degree. I had the high score in his advanced English class and was given a special final exam; the officer's candidate entrance test, which I passed and therefore was offered a commission. I decided to leave the Air Force but was treated very differently from that time on.

I drove that wonderful 150 MPH Jaguar 75 thousand wonderful miles. What a great time that was, many adventures like weekend trips to Washington State for dates with a girl. 100 to 120 miles per hour through eastern Oregon, in 1958/59 that was a fantastic rate.

I married a local girl who wanted to have babies. There was no room for a stroller and such in a 120 roadster so we traded the magnificent Jaguar for a lowly 1957 Chevrolet Nomad with only 20 thousand miles. Neither the Nomad nor the girl worked out and when she left she took the Nomad with her. My next girl had a two four barrel solid lifter Corvette. 60 years later I still have that girl and that same Corvette; looks like it was a win in the long haul; but that is another story.

Yes, your choice of cars just might change your life, be careful of what you get, that choice may have dramatic results.



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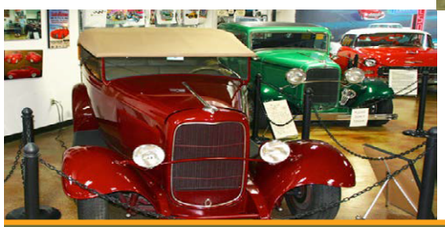

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The Winning Edge

Hi everybody, I don't know if you got to watch the Indy 500. I watched parts of the race and the finish was unbelievable. I was impressed.

In this article I would like to talk about something I have ran across much more than normal in the last couple of months. That is cylinder heads actually being hurt rather than helped, even though it was done with the best of intentions. I'm sure there are very few of you that actually port your own heads, or have a buddy do it. If you or your buddy know exactly what you are doing, great but if you are not 100% sure please try to find access to a flow bench.

Keep in mind that bigger isn't always better. You can generally pick up cfm with a bigger port but, air velocity is equally important. You don't want to go in and open the port if you don't see an increase in cfm. In certain instances it may be beneficial to change the contour of the port in a certain area. This can be influenced by cam profile, combustion chamber shape, engine rpm, ect.

Generally one of the things you can do to make the port more efficient without sacrificing velocity is to narrow the valve guide bosses. Under certain circumstances you may be able to actually shorten the guide.

Another reasonably safe modification is pocket porting. Do nothing other than smooth out the form in the bowl. This entails putting a smooth radius on the short turn side and blending out the bowl on the long side into a consistently smooth form. While doing this, blend the port carefully into the seat area. If doing anymore in this area you should check your work with a flow bench.

In general concerning the rest of the port, just get the excess lumps out from casting irregularities, blend in the sharp edges and smooth out the rough spots. If you want to enlarge the port make sure you incorporate the use of a flow bench. Also keep in mind that anything you do in one area of the port will affect air flow in other areas of the port.

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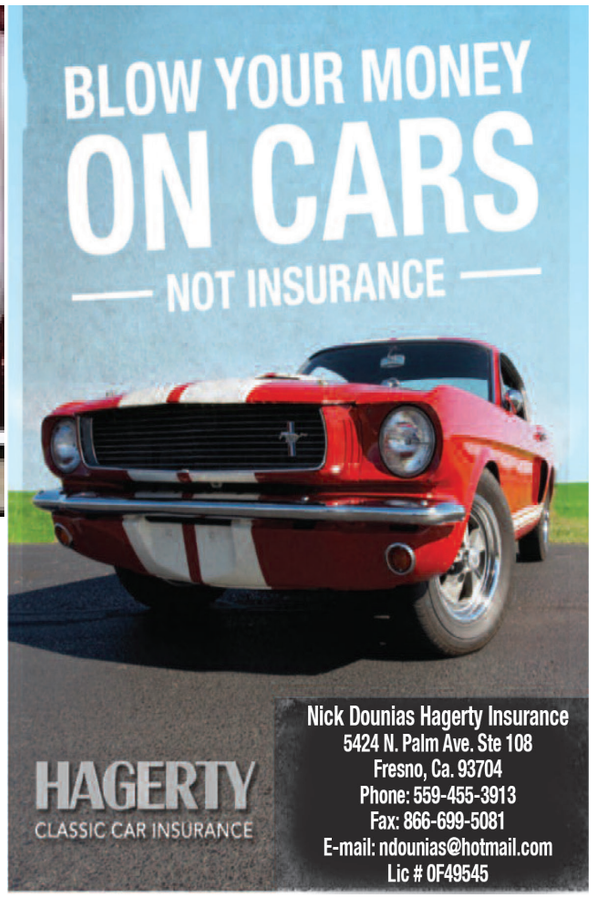

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California just sent a loud message to drivers across the state, and a lot of enthusiasts are not going to like it. In a single 24-hour enforcement blitz, the California Highway Patrol handed out 11,767 speeding tickets, including 200 cases involving drivers allegedly traveling over 100 mph. For those drivers, the consequences could go far beyond a fine.

Under California's newer enforcement rules, some motorists accused of extreme speeding may not even make it to court before losing their license. That's where this story stops being just another traffic crackdown and starts turning into something much bigger.

The enforcement operation ran from 6 a.m. on April 28 through 5:59 a.m. the next day. CHP flooded highways statewide during what it called a Maximum Enforcement Period, with officers focusing heavily on speed violations. By the end of the operation, officers had conducted 23,087 enforcement actions and issued 19,564 citations overall.

The numbers are staggering when you actually break them down.

California officers averaged roughly 815 citations every hour during the operation. That works out to more than 13 tickets every minute for an entire day straight. Speeding made up the bulk of the crackdown, with 11,567 citations issued for drivers traveling below 100 mph but still above the legal limit.

That means CHP was writing nearly eight speeding tickets every single minute.

And then there are the 200 drivers who crossed the 100-mph threshold.

According to California law, those cases now carry far more serious risks than many drivers probably realize. The state has expanded the DMV's authority to revoke licenses in situations involving extreme speed or reckless driving. That means some drivers could lose their ability to legally drive before they ever stand in front of a judge.

That detail matters.

For years, traffic tickets generally followed a familiar process. A driver got cited, appeared in court if necessary, paid fines, and dealt with insurance hikes or points afterward.

California's newer approach shifts some of that power directly toward administrative action through the DMV, especially in higher-risk speeding cases.

For drivers, that changes the equation completely.

A suspended license is not just an inconvenience. It can mean lost work, major insurance increases, legal headaches, and long-term financial consequences. In a state where millions of people rely heavily on personal vehicles just to function day to day, losing driving privileges can quickly spiral into something much larger than a speeding ticket.

CHP is framing the crackdown around safety concerns, particularly the dangers associated with high-speed driving. Higher speeds reduce reaction time, increase stopping distance, and make crashes significantly more severe. Those are realities nobody can ignore.

But here's where things get complicated.

Speed enforcement is also one of the easiest categories for police to aggressively pursue because it operates in a very simple framework. A driver is either above the posted limit or not. Unlike tailgating, reckless lane changes, or other dangerous behaviors that can involve more subjective judgment, speeding is easy to document and easy to process in large numbers.

That helps explain why CHP placed such overwhelming emphasis on speed during this operation.

The agency did not spotlight other common highway dangers with the same intensity. Reckless driving, drivers moving too slowly for traffic conditions, and aggressive tailgating all create serious risks on crowded California highways. But speed remains the cleanest and most efficient enforcement target.

And efficiency clearly mattered during this operation. The scale of the crackdown suggests California is doubling down on aggressive traffic enforcement strategies statewide. This was not a small visibility campaign with a few extra patrol cars sitting on medians. Officers saturated highways across the state specifically looking for speed violations, and the results speak for themselves.

For enthusiasts, this creates another growing tension between performance culture and increasingly strict enforcement policies.

Modern performance cars are quicker than ever. Even relatively affordable vehicles now reach triple-digit speeds with shocking ease. Many new sports sedans, muscle cars, and SUVs can blast past 100 mph in seconds without much drama from the cabin itself. That capability has become normal in the modern automotive market. At the same time, states like California are responding with tougher penalties and broader enforcement authority.

This is where the story turns. The issue is no longer just about whether speeding is dangerous. Most drivers already understand that excessive speed carries risks. The bigger debate now centers around how aggressively states should punish drivers before the judicial process fully plays out.

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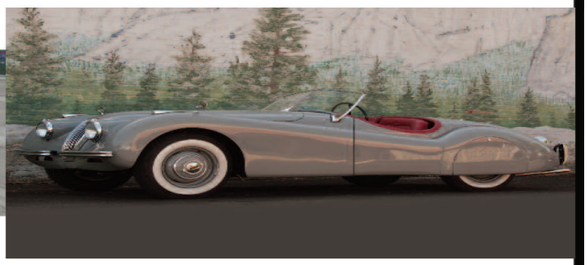

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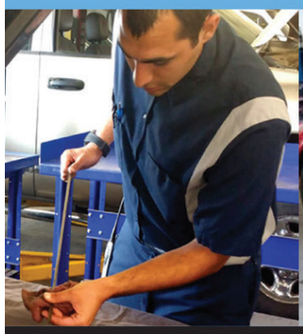



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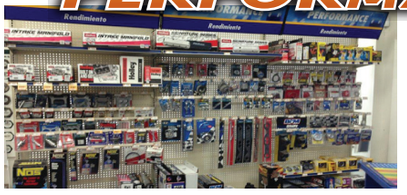



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California Proposing Lowrider License Plates

A Los Angeles lawmaker Tuesday announced a proposal to create California license plates honoring lowrider culture — with proceeds funding community programs — as the measure advances in the state legislature. California Assembly Bill 2541 (2025-2026), introduced by Assemblymember Mark González, proposes the creation of specialized "Lowrider" license plates by the DMV to celebrate California's lowrider culture. The bill aims to establish a Lowrider Arts and Culture Fund, with fees from the plates supporting non-profit, youth-focused, and cultural preservation programs.

License Plates: The DMV would create and issue special "Lowrider Plates" if 7,500 paid applications are received by January 1, 2032 Under the measure, funds generated from the sale of the plates would be directed to programs and nonprofit organizations supporting lowrider culture across California.

"As California once again looks to uplift our lowrider community, we must center ourselves and remind each other what lowriding is truly about," González said in a statement. "It's never been just about the cars, it's about cultural, pride, and making the invisible visible."

Supporters said the bill is aimed at recognizing the historical significance of lowriding, which originated in California decades ago as a form of artistic and social expression, particularly within Latino communities.

"Low riders are an important expression of culture, values, and creativity," said state Sen. Susan Rubio, West Covina. "We should not shrink our culture or our identity. This bill is crucial for preserving this art form, along with highlighting the impactful contributions and initiatives occurring within our communities."

The effort follows a 2024 state law that legalized lowriding after years of restrictions and local anti-cruising ordinances that advocates said disproportionately targeted the community.

Backers of the bill said the license plate program would provide a dedicated funding stream to preserve the tradition and support future generations.



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