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Cheap!

Scrappage Bill Defeated

By now, you may have heard of Senate Bill 517, a bill that would scrap any car over 15 years old. SEMA, SEMA-member companies, and car hobbyist nation wide opposed the old-car scrappage provision in the Energy Policy Act of 2002 (Section 822 of SB 517). Thanks to the hard work of SEMA getting the word out, there was enough protest for Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's (R-CO) to propose an amendment to eliminate scrappage from the legislation which passed by unanimous consent. The principal sponsor of the scrappage provision, Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), was not willing to oppose the Campbell amendment.

"This is fantastic work which would not have been possible without the enthusiastic and valuable support of Senator Campbell and the thousands of phone calls, faxes, e-mails and letters to U.S. Senators that SEMA-member businesses and SEMA Action Network, vehicle clubs, and individual enthusiasts contributed," reports SEMA News.

"Hobbyist efforts were cited by Senator Campbell and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) as a compelling force in defeating this scrappage provision. SEMA sincerely thanks everyone for their dedication, hard work, and willingness to protect the vehicle hobby today and to preserve it for our children."



What a crew. Members discuss the days activities after learning all about automotive plumbing.

Dues are Due

It's not too late to pay your dues. Members who have not paid their dues have an invoice in this month's edition of the *Sun Runner* and a red mark on your mailing label. You can pay at the next meeting, or mail your dues to the club mailbox.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

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Something to do

- May 4 Spring Plowing Demonstration, Palmer
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
- May 4 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet
a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 4-5 Mayday Mayday
a Rally Productions event 243-2122
- May 11 NSRA Appreciation Day at B & C (Car Quest) in Eagle River
a NSRA State Rep and Safety Rep event
- May 18 KOOL Cruise
- Jun 8 Ronald McDonald House Fund Run, Soldotna
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
- Jun 22 Transportation Expo, Transportation Museum,
Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry Wasilla
Fun, food, and entertainment for the whole family
- Jul 4 Parades in Anchorage and Chugiak
- Jul 12 14th Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
- Jul 13 Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
- Jul 13 After the Bear Paw Parade picnic at Olson's in Eagle River
a MSSRA event
- Aug 3 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show
a MSSRA event
- Aug 4 Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine
a MSSRA event on the Anchorage Park Strip
- Aug 10 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet
a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- Sep 28-29 Cottonwood Creek Toy Show, Wasilla
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
- Nov 26 Elections
- Dec 7 Annual MSSRA Christmas Party at the Petroleum Club

Lower 48 Events

- Apr 6-7 Portland Swap Meet, Portland OR
- Apr 17-21 Kool April Nites, Redding Convention Center, Redding CA
- Apr 18-21 Spring Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Apr 25-28 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth TX
- Apr 26-28 Western Street Rod Nationals, Bakersfield CA
- May 17-19 All-FORD Nationals Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Jun 2 Pomona Swap Meet. Pomona CA
- Jun 7-8 Antiques & Collectibles Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Jun 7-8 Goodguys 14th Hot Rod Nationals, Indianapolis IN
- Jun 14-16 All GM National Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Jun 21-23 Back to the 50's ,State Fairgrounds, St. Paul MN
- Jun 28-30 All Truck National Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Jun 28-30 NSRA Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals, Pueblo CO
- Jul 12-14 All Chrysler National Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Jul 14 Pomona Swap Meet. Pomona CA
- Jul 19-21 Goodguys 15th Pacific Northwest Nationals, Puyallup WA
- Jul 26-28 Carlisle Summer Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Aug 1-4 NSRA Thirty-Third Annual Street Rod Nationals, Louisville KY
- Aug 11-13 Kitsap's Hot August Nights, Silverdale WA
- Aug 18 Pebble Beach Concours D/Elegance, Pebble Beach CA

Our

Deepest Sympathy

*The members and friends of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of **DOROTHY B. KNOTT**, mother of member Victor Knott. Dorothy, 70, died of natural causes March 3, 2002.*

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Pres Sez

by Jack Hill



We had a good turnout for the second 2002 Garage Scene held on March 4 in Lenny Olsen's garage in Chugiak with approximately 12 club members present. Lenny and Steve Hill did an excellent job instructing on installation of fuel line and brake lines with input from other members. Lenny passed out copies of a good article on running brake and fuel lines (obtained from the Hot Rodder's Bible). He was also kept busy finding tools and parts and making brackets.

Mark Lewis did a short presentation on braided lines for show cars, dragsters, and other types of special installations.

Lenny held a door prize drawing for the participants and Ross Jardine was the lucky winner. As usual I encourage everyone to participate in these informal and instructional events.

The next Garage Scene is to be held on April 6 at 10 AM at Lenny Olsen's garage in Chugiak and it will cover how to do "flames".

Nat Gardner (and the committee) has been working hard on the Thursday Night Cruises and it includes three Saturday cruises and one Sunday cruise as well. She will be presenting a draft at the next meeting for member approval.

If any one else has another ideas for something fun and/or interesting, please present it at the next meeting. As always, let's all have fun and remember street is neat!

New Federal Agency

Almost 150 years ago, President Lincoln found it necessary to hire a private investigator, Mr. Alan Pinkerton. He was actually the beginning of the Secret Service.

Since that time federal police authority has grown to a large number of agencies - FBI, CIA, INS, IRS, DEA, BATF, SS, ATF, etc. Now Congress is considering a proposal for another agency: the "Federal AIRPORT Transportation Airport Security Service."

Can't you see it now, the new service in their black outfits with their initials in large white letters across their backs? FATASS!

BELIEVE IT OR DON'T

THE WORDS 'RACECAR' AND 'KAYAK' ARE THE SAME WHETHER THEY ARE READ LEFT TO RIGHT OR RIGHT TO LEFT.

Membership Report

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| Life Members | 9 |
| Members* | 119 |
| Total members as of January 31, 2001 | 128 |

Prospects

Main, Bruce '57 Chevy

* Includes 49 members who have not paid 2002 dues.

Easter Bunny

Dawson was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place.

Dawson, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful bunny was dead. Dawson felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked Dawson what was wrong. "I feel terrible," he explained. "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed him. There may not be an Easter because of me. What should I do?"

The woman told Dawson not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp dead bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!!! Dawson was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?"

The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair Spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

*GOD GRANT ME THE SENILITY TO FORGET THE PEOPLE I NEVER LIKED,
THE GOOD FORTUNE TO RUN INTO THE ONES I DO,
AND THE EYESIGHT TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE.*

Prints Raffeled at the next Two Meetings

Artist Don Hudson donated three high quality framable prints for us to use as a fund raiser. We will raffled the first print at the February meeting and it was won by Nat Gardner. The next two prints will be raffed at the March and April meetings.

The prints are available in three sizes. 17"x 25"-High quality museum grade Giclee print on Hahnemuhle German watercolor paper. Limited Edition of 350 signed and numbered for \$350.00.

10.5" x 14" High quality midsize print on archival mat paper limited edition of 950 prints signed and numbered for \$50.

9" x 12" High quality small print on 80 lb exact matte coated paper. Open Edition-each print signed for \$20.00.

Buy a chance on a print at one of the next three meetings. If you miss out, you can contact Doug Hudson at 360-715-8798 or check out his web site at classic-art-spirits.com.



This months raffel print is a '50 Ford. It is in front of an old store in Hope, Idaho. The car is from another location.

News Worth Repeating

New MSSRA Web Site

We now have a great web site, thanks to Jordon Blackson, our webmaster who designed it. You'll find the latest news like the next meeting, or a hot event coming up on the home page. There's a listing of Upcoming Events to keep you busy and a For Sale section get rid of your treasures. There are pictures of members' rides, pictures of past event, and links to neat sites. If someone wants to join, there's an application form and links to neat sites. Even recent issues of the Sun Runner are available on the web site.

Let us know what you think of the web site. Send your comments the webmaster, Jordy B, or Sun Runner editor Ray Elleven. You'll find their e-mail address in the contacts section of the web site.

You can find the web site at <http://mssra.tripod.com>.

VERY INTERESTING

IN SCOTLAND, A NEW GAME WAS INVENTED. IT WAS ENTITLED:

GENTLEMEN ONLY LADIES FORBIDDEN

AND THUS THE WORD GOLF ENTERED INTO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

McDonalds Fun Run

Dave Holmes, President of the Corvette Club has invited us to join them on a run to Soldotna, June 8th to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Fund Run, in Seattle/Tacoma. Plans haven't been finalized, so watch of details.

Special Olympics Golf Tournament

Carquest stores in the Valley and Anchorage are sponsoring a golf tournament for Special Olympics. Tammy Hocking, manager of the Eagle River Carquest store, asked us to come up with four golfing members for a team.

The cost is \$35 per person and the money goes to Special Olympics. The tournament will be held at Eagle River Indoor Golf Center. Call Tammy at 694-4223 to sign up for the MSSRA team.

Summer Solstice Rumble

The Rumble planning committee is open to anyone who wants to help out. They will meet with other participating clubs on the first Wednesday in April to discuss and decide whether, or not, to do a potluck barbeque like we did last year; how to accurately count club member cars for the perpetual trophy provided by Carquest; adult games; the Run Amuck Race for RC cars; and the biggie, laying out the PARKING! Join the planning committee April 3, at 6:30 at the Bella Vista in Peters Creek.

From Driving Force

The official electronic newsletter of SEMA

Two Arizona Bills Would Exempt Older Vehicles From Emissions Inspections

Arizona's old car hobbyists are in a unique position. Two separate bills seeking to ease the emissions testing burdens on older vehicles have been introduced in the Arizona legislature.

The first bill (H.B. 2045) would exempt all vehicles 20 years old and older from the state's mandatory emissions inspection and maintenance program. Currently, only 1966 model year and older vehicles are exempt from emissions testing requirements. The exemption the bill provides for is similar to those recently signed into law in Missouri, Virginia, Washington and California. H.B. 2045 recognizes that older vehicles are driven less frequently, compose a very small percentage of the vehicle fleet and are often collector cars that are meticulously maintained.

The second bill (H.B. 2496), pushed heavily by the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council, seeks a different solution. H.B. 2496 would exempt qualified "collectible vehicles" from emissions testing requirements. Under the bill, collectible vehicles are defined as 15 years old or older, of unique or rare design, of limited production and objects of curiosity. Collectible vehicles would be required to carry collectible or classic automobile insurance to qualify for the emissions inspection exemption and cannot be used as daily drivers. SEMA has alerted the Arizona SEMA Action Network community to both of these bills.

California Exhaust Noise

SEMA submitted a proposal to the California Legislative Counsel's office for a new bill that would provide for a state-wide exhaust system testing program. Under the legislative proposal, owners of vehicles deemed by law enforcement officers to be in violation of California's 95-decibel exhaust noise limit would be issued a notice to correct the violation. Upon delivering proof that a test of the exhaust system was performed at a licensed muffler certification station and the exhaust system was found to comply with the prescribed decibel limit, the violation would be certified as corrected.

SEMA Director of Government Affairs Steve McDonald commented, "Hopefully, this new legislation is the final step in SEMA's ongoing effort to protect hobbyists from receiving erroneous exhaust noise tickets simply because their car is equipped with a customized exhaust. While this new legislation will still allow the authorities to issue "fix-it" tickets, it also allows hobbyists to objectively prove that their exhaust systems comply with California law."

Senator Maurice Johannessen (R-4) has agreed to introduce the bill on SEMA's behalf. You may remember Johannessen as the author of S.B. 1081, the bill that was signed into law last session that compelled law enforcement to tie exhaust system noise citations to a 95-decibel limit.

We commend him on his continuing efforts to provide a clear and reasonable standard for exhaust noise, and for his dedication to California's automotive hobbyist community.

Growing Older

Now that I'm 'older' (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
 My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
 I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
 All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.
 If all is not lost, where is it?
 It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
 Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
 I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
 Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
 It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
 The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
 If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
 When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
 It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
 The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
 These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm hereafter.

Ramblins



Mark Lewis gives Ed Park a lesson in automotive plumbing.



The group watch host Lenny Olson and Steven Hill bend them lines.



Ross Jardine, Alaska's Oldest Teenager, watches Steve Hill bend and twist brake lines.

Swap Shop

Swap Shop ads are a service of the Sun Runner and the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association for it's members and other individuals who wish to advertise an item or vehicle for sale. Advertisements are printed on a space available basis. Contact Ray Elleven, Editor of the SUN RUNNER at the address located elseplace in this newsletter or call him at 337-5860. All phone numbers listed are area code 907 unless otherwise noted.

1965 Ford F-100 Custom Cab - long bed, Primo, 352 w/ 4 speed, all original inside and out, 39,000 actual miles. Purchased from original owner in Fairbanks last June. Must see to appreciate (etc, etc, etc) \$6,000 obo. Call Mike at 343-7016, days or 332-6206, evenings and message. (5/02)

1969 Lincoln Mark III - 2 door, rebuilt 460 engine with approximately 10,000 miles. Exterior in good shape, interior in bad shape. \$3000. 495-7970 work or 495-6627 home. (5/02)

1970 Chevrolet Fleet Side Short Bed - 2 wheel drive project truck. \$500.00 or reasonable offers considered. Call Victor at 349-7228 (3/02)

1971 Chevelle SS Coupe - 350, Powerglide \$10,000 plus invested must sell \$5,000. Call Don 907 357-9221.(4/02)

1985 Ford F-150 4X4 - New summer & winter tires, all mounted. New clutch, pressure plate, flywheel, throughout bearing, fuel pump, power brake booster. \$3,600. Call 522-1790 (3/02)

1985 GMC S-15 "Jimmy" - 350 Chevy Engine (.30 over), 750 CFM Holley Carb, B&M ratchet shifter, Headers with 2" Flowmasters, Performance gauges, Ladder Bars, Fast. A fun little summer street or strip ride. Only \$5,000 or best offer. Contact: Jim Hart 488-2276. (3/02)

Chevy 10 bolt Posi - brackets removed, ready for leaf spring mount set up, 58" between wheel flanges. Came from 79 Monte Carlo w350. Only \$125.00. Just in time for winter. MTD Snow blower, 5 Hp Tecumseh 20" cut \$125.00. Call at Ted 337-0174. (3/02)

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