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President's Message!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



California Air Resources Board (CARB) and also develop worthwhile and lasting relationships with legislators, i.e. Senators Gaines, LaMalfa, Dutton, Huff, and Assembly Members Jeffries, Donnelly, Gatto, Gaines, Logue, Grove and others.

2012 was a year that both legislators and regulators requested information, help, views, and opinions from the ACCC regarding issues pertinent to the car hobby, i.e. smog regulations, SB100 registration regulations; and help in moving the Vintage License Plate Bill (AB1658); Specially Constructed Vehicle Bill (AB2289); and the Smog Bill (SB1224) forward.

2012 was a year when both ACCC Member Car Clubs, ACCC Individual Members, and ACCC Sponsors stepped-up with donations of time & money to make things happen inside the ACCC with programs such as the "Member Discounts Program"; the ACCC hosting the Sacramento Autorama "Clubhouse"; the ACCC Spring Legislative Conference; and the ACCC 40th Anniversary Celebration & Spaghetti Feed.

2012 was also the year that ACCC Directors and Officers visited and spoke to more Car Clubs; attended more shows and events with ACCC Information Booths and made more ACCC Presentations than ever before.

The ACCC Executive Board as well as the ACCC Board of Directors wants to once again thank all the California Car Clubs who invited us to speak at your meetings, to set-up booths at your car shows, and for your membership, support, and donations this past year.

The ACCC would not survive without the strong support of folks like you and we sincerely appreciate it! Happy and Safe Holidays from ACCC...See ya next year!

December is wonderful time of the year when we can all spend some time with family and friends.



It's also the time when we start the rigorous task of preparing for the New Year and what 2013 may bring in the way of legislation and/or regulations that may be harmful to the car hobby.

As I mentioned before, 2012 was relatively quiet when it came to legislation that threatened the car hobby which leads me to believe that we must be more vigilant that ever going into 2013.

2012 also brought a whole new spirit inside the ACCC; we were able to establish new and refreshing relationships with officials from regulatory agencies such as the California DMV; the California Bureau of Auto Repair (BAR); the

Happy Cruising! Rex Roden



Association of California Car Clubs "Partners in Sponsorship" For 2011/2012

The following Businesses and Car Clubs have stepped-up with not only their monetary sponsorships but in most cases their continued ACCC Membership and support as well. They all are to be congratulated for their generosity! On behalf of the ACCC Executive Board, the ACCC Board of Directors, and all the ACCC Individual Members statewide, I want thank all of our "Partners in Sponsorship" for their support and encourage all ACCC Members to patronize the businesses and clubs who support the ACCC. These are the ACCC All-Stars! Thank You!

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ACCC Legislative Status Report

Assembly Bill (AB) 1658, by Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Los Angeles) was signed by Governor Brown, establishing the California Legacy License Plate Program and will become law January 1, 2013.

The program will allow car enthusiasts to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for one of three iconic California license plate designs – the familiar "yellow with black lettering", "black with yellow lettering" and "blue with yellow lettering" – that adorned vehicles during the heyday of classic cars.

"California Government doesn't do much for the thousands of car enthusiasts up and down the state," said Gatto. "AB 1658 will enable the backyard auto restorer, the nostalgic, or the owner of a brand-new retro-styled automobile such as Camaros, Challengers, or Mustangs to choose a license plate that best matches the look of their car while making a little money for the state too."

AB 1658 specifies that the DMV will issue any one of the vintage plates once 7,500 paid applications for that design have been received state-wide.

Further, it stipulates that any monies remaining after the DMV recuperates its administrative costs be placed into other DMV-funded programs, which with recent budget cuts, have been short on funds.

California motorists will be able to apply to DMV for these license plates starting January 1, 2013 when the new law goes into effect. The measure has received an enthusiastic response so far, with many people contacting the Assemblyman's office asking when and where they can apply.

"This is an easy way for the state to make life a little more enjoyable for those of us who appreciate the classic era of automobile design," said Gatto. "I look forward to continuing working with the California car clubs and car enthusiasts who have been so supportive in passing this bill. We are ready to start the drive to reach 7,500 orders!"

It is imperative that members of the car hobby state-wide get behind this bill and get the word out to all hobbyists and folks who may have an interest in the Legacy Plates. Check the ACCC website for more information.



ACCC Scheduled Events & Meetings Going Into 2013



Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend two of the greatest indoor car shows west of the Mississippi! The Grand National Roadster Show-January 25-27, 2013 in Pomona & the Sacramento Autorama- February 15-17, 2013.

The ACCC will have a complimentary information booth at the Grand National Roadster Show thanks to John Buck and Rod-Shows. We will also be conducting our quarterly business meeting at the show as well. Stop by and say hello and get caught-up on all the happenings inside the ACCC with legislation; regulations; etc.

You also won't want to miss The Sacramento Autorama! The 'CLUBHOUSE' is back for a second year and will be hosted by the ACCC and will be bigger and better than last year. Here are a few improvements for 2013.

- There will be a special CLUBHOUSE award ceremony with plaques and cash on Saturday night!
- There will be "Live" music in the CLUBHOUSE on both Friday & Saturday nights!
- There will be more promos & announcements about the CLUBHOUSE in 2013.
- New in 2013, the Saturday "Cruise-In" will be held in the area between Building "C" and the Pavilion creating a great outdoor car show and walking aisle.
- All entries are non-judged/non-comp entries and there is a \$50.00 entry fee. All entries will receive two "Official Set-Up Day Passes" for the Thursday before the show opens, and a full time parking pass to park within the Cal Expo grounds. The entrants will also receive 2 full time passes to the Autorama.
- The ACCC will have an Information Booth on site and invite all Car Guys and Car Gals to stop by and say hi!

The CLUBHOUSE sold out last year and space will be assigned to local car clubs on a first come first served basis and will go fast so don't delay...Contact Butch Gardner at 530-677-4761 and reserve space for your club today!

27th Annual ACCC Spring Legislative Conference

To be at the California Auto Museum on Friday & Saturday April 5-6, 2013.

ACCC "SAVE OUR CARS" Car Show

Will be Saturday Aug. 3, 2013. Event will be presented by Dick Bertolucci of Bertolucci's Body & Fender Shop and hosted by Darold Kohout, owner of Sacramento Vintage Ford in Rancho Cordova, CA. There will be Dash Plaques, Awards, Food, Vendors, T-shirt Sales, 50/50 Raffle, DJ Music & Live bands.





Assemblyman Gatto's office next week to get the program up and rolling.

In closing we thanked all for their pro-active approach to these issues and also reminded them that we were just one bill away from re-introducing this bill again so let's all work together to make this program work for the hobbyists.

NSRA Calls It Quits In Sacramento!

"Thanks for the Ride!!"

The Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) and all the collector vehicles owners in the Sacramento and surrounding areas of Nor Cal would like to "Thank" the National Street Rod Association (NSRA) for a great eleven year ride at the Golden State Street Rod National Plus event held at the Cal Expo State Fairgrounds.

This event became a reality after many years of planning by a dedicated NSRA staff, the very first NSRA event held in Sacramento was limited to Pre-1949 vehicles but as years past and ideas changed any vehicle manufactured over 30 years ago was allowed to participate in this National Automotive event. Over the years more than 1300 plus restored, hot rods, customs, sports, muscle, pony cars and trucks participated yearly.

The ACCC would like to extend our sincere "Thanks" on behalf of all those participants to Mr. Dave Cahal, the NSRA Western Director and Mr. Jerry Kennedy the NSRA Western Events Director for their hard work and dedication to not only the Sacramento area automotive hobbyists but to all collector vehicles owners statewide.

Whether it was a lack of vehicle participation, spectators, advertising, automotive business/vendor support or just a string of terrible economic years in a Capitol City dominated in the media by politics, the NSRA is a business and a business decision had to be made!

For those that participated for all eleven years or just one year, we should all again "Thank" the NSRA for a great event and their past and I'm sure their future support of the ACCC and hopefully all the NSRA members will continue to support the NSRA's other events in the West.

Other West Coast NSRA events include:

- Western Street Rod Nationals Plus
April 26 - 28, 2013, at Kern County Fairgrounds in Bakersfield, California
- Northwest Street Rod Nationals Plus
June 28 - 30, 2013, at Clark County Event Center in Ridgefield, Washington

DMV Meeting Goes Well

Thursday October 18, 2012 members of the ACCC met with officials from the California DMV to discuss SB100 registration issues regarding Specially Constructed Vehicles (SCV's).

Director Butch Gardner; Past ACCC President and current ACCC Secretary Andy Nantz; and Rex Roden met with Andrew Conway, Chief of Vehicle Registration; Pat Barrett, Assistant Legislative Officer; and a DMV staffer who took notes of the meeting. As I mentioned the meeting went very well, was very informal, and to the point. We voiced our concerns and Andrew addressed those concerns in the order that they were brought.

After our first meeting in June 2012 Andrew did some investigating and found that he was in error when he stated that SB100 problems at DMV were "isolated instances" and weren't that big of an issue.

Andy Nantz had some problems with SB100 application process when working with Woodland DMV and we hooked Andy up with Andrew and after working with Andy Nantz, Andrew changed his outlook and agreed to implement training in each of the 170 DMV field offices to address these SB100 issues.

He stated that he wanted to be "hands-on" in the beginning and that he will be available personally as he was with Andy Nantz to resolve issues with SB100 applications and SCV registrations that may arise.

He stated that the infrequency of SB100 applications often causes some of the problems in the program and is committed to more frequent field office training regarding the SB100 program.

Andrew also mentioned that this SB100 program was for the individual hobbyists and DMV Investigations was looking at monitoring the program closer so that folks who were not individual hobbyists were not illegally taking advantage of the program.

He offered to send to the ACCC the proposed SB100 DMV training guides and stated that the first and most important thing that a local DMV office will be instructed to do when working a SB100 application was to call the main DMV office and check the status of available numbers.

He had an up to date count of the SB100 numbers yesterday and it stood at 351 numbers used which leaves 149 available.

We also discussed the Vintage License plate program and he stated that DMV was motivated to make the program work and had meetings scheduled with

Association of California Car Clubs, Inc.-Partners in Sponsorship Form

Thank you for your interest and support of the Association of California Car Clubs, Inc. (ACCC). You may have read all the information contained on our website; the “deFender” our quarterly newsletter; our new Face Book page; or you may have heard a briefing by one of our Directors; and you may ask “What can I or my business do to support this Collector Vehicle organization?” The ACCC offers seven levels of annual ACCC Partnership Sponsors. Listed below is what each “Member at Large Partner Sponsors” receives in addition to the knowledge that they are helping by supporting the ACCC’s actions and efforts to “Save Our Cars”.



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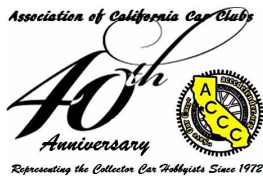
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ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CAR CLUBS INC. Membership Application



Thank you for your interest in joining the Association of California Car Clubs, Inc. Please complete the information below and mail with your payment to address listed below. All of us at ACCC look forward to the opportunity of serving the Collector Vehicle Hobby and working hard to "Save Our Cars"!

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(\$40.00) "Two for Forty" Two Years Membership and 2 year subscription to deFender Newsletter. (Save \$10.00)
(\$40.00) "Two for Forty" Two Individual Members for \$40.00. Send both apps in together. (Save \$5.00 each)
(\$100.00) Five years membership and 5 years subscription to the deFender Newsletter. (Save \$25.00)

Name: Phone: Address City State Zip Email Car Club Affiliation

Club Membership: Includes 1 Year Membership and 1 year subscription to the ACCC deFender Newsletter. Distributed to the Club President.

Club Membership Dues: Clubs are \$5.00 per member with a \$500.00 Maximum

Our club has (number) members and we remit \$

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The ACCC Is Looking For Few Good Car Folks!

The ACCC needs directors statewide to help in our battle to “Save Our Cars” and to also help to get the word out to collector vehicle enthusiast’s through-out California. We currently have Directors in Northern California, Southern California, and Central California but we’re in need of directors in the Bay Area; specifically San Jose, San Francisco, and the East Bay. We have 4 directors in Southern California but we could use more due to the size and population of Southern California.

We’re looking for a few good folks to help us spread the word. Job duties include making informative presentations to car clubs around the state specific to your local area, spreading the word at car shows, and promoting the ACCC whenever and wherever possible. We have found over the years that there is strength in numbers and numbers are what get our voices heard over the others at the Capitol in Sacramento. We have a team of supportive Directors who can help along the way. We also supply presentation tools and marketing kits to assist Directors with presentations. Please contact any of the Board members listed in this newsletter if you are interested in becoming an ACCC Director or if you have questions or concerns and thanks.

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Welcome New Members!

Individual New Members

INDIVIDUALS

Hank Feldman, Long Beach
Warren Martin, Redwood City
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Lanny Bright, Antioch

New Business Member

California Auto Museum - Sacramento

New Member Clubs

Sacramento Valley Thunderbird Club, Galt
El Dorado Region Kaiser Frazer Club, Chico
Classic Corvairs of River City, Sacramento
Bakersfield Car Club Council



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ACCC Features The California Auto Museum!

California Auto Museum – Sacramento - In 1982, a group of volunteers met to discuss the concept of an auto museum to be located in Sacramento--the first auto museum in the West to be established in perpetuity. Before the close of the meeting, a challenge was made by an attendee, who produced a one hundred dollar bill and asked who among the group would match it. Five additional one hundred dollar bills came forth and the plan was born. The paperwork was begun to form the non-profit corporation and foundation, and the fruition was seen exactly one year later, on October 5, 1983, when the California Vehicle Foundation was established. The group adopted the slogan "On the Road to a Car Museum" and meetings were held each week for the direction of museum development. The Mission Statement of CVF became: to develop an every-person auto museum. The first auto to be donated to CVF was a restored 1938 Buick sedan, a gift from John Joyce, president of the Golden One Credit Union, which is still on display at the museum.

In 1985, Edward Towe, a Montana banker owning the largest collection of Fords in the world, sent a letter inquiring if there was any interest in his Ford collection as it was in danger of losing its space in Deer Lodge, Montana. After a search of the area, it was determined that the best available location for the car museum might be a 72,000 square foot warehouse, located in the shadow of the interchange of Interstates 5 and 80, near Old Sacramento. With supervision and commitment by the City of Sacramento, a CVF committee negotiated the purchase of the property for the City in exchange for a long term lease from the City for the Museum. In June 1986, Hadley Auto Transport offered to haul the auto collection to Sacramento, at no cost to CVF. A very busy summer of 1986 began the transformation of changing the warehouse into a Museum. Cleaning and painting, both inside and out, were monumental tasks. The Towe cars arrived at the Museum on



September 27, 1986 at 10:30 a.m. A large crew of enthusiastic people was assembled to unload the cars from thirteen transporters and push the cars into the building.

On May 1, 1987 the Towe Ford Museum opened to the public, displaying the personal collection of Edward Towe, which included one of almost every car Ford ever made, from the pre-Model T to the Pinto. The Museum flourished in its early days, attracting locals and visitors to this new attraction. In the mid-90's, however, in a tax dispute with Mr. Towe, the IRS slapped a lien on the cars. When efforts to find a buyer for the cars failed, the most extensive and complete collection of Fords was put on the auction block. The 1997 auction broke up the Towe Ford Collection and that could have been a death sentence for the Museum. Not so. The newly renamed Towe Auto Museum, on the banks of the Sacramento River in the shadow of Old Town, began displaying vehicles of all makes and models, creating a much broader story of the automobile through history.

Since the Museum no longer housed the Towe Collection, in 2009, the Board of Directors officially changed the name of the Museum to the California Automobile Museum, reflecting the expanded mission it has grown into over the last 25 years, which is to educate and entertain while preserving and promoting the automobile and its influence on our lives. "We are deeply indebted to the Towe family for providing the car collection that began the Museum," said Karen McClafin, Executive Director. "But over the years, the Museum has outgrown that role. The new name more accurately reflects our current mission and the broader number of programs we offer."

Many of the cars are set off in eye-catching displays, as a place to educate people about cars; to tell the story of the development of the automobile and its effect on our lives. Approximately 25% of the vehicles are currently owned by the California Vehicle Foundation and the rest are displayed by private exhibitors. Some of the cars are on loan for a month and some for five years, so the display is a constantly changing exhibit of rolling stock.

Visitors are encouraged to come frequently to enjoy this outstanding invention that so affected our lives and culture. The museum is open 362 days a year from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; we take our last customer at 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



January will be Classic Car Auction month in Scottsdale, AZ. There will be upwards of 4 auctions to choose from. For you folks thinking about or planning on buying a car at auction be sure to check out the auction buying tips below!

A Few Basic Tips on Buying Collector Cars At Auction

Do your homework - Experienced buyers and professionals and are usually prepared for the excitement of the auction arena. It's easy to get caught up in the action though, and following just a few simple guidelines before arriving at the auction venue and while bidding can assure that your purchase decisions are wise.

Inspection & Appraisal - There are quality appraisal and inspection options available to buyers. Research traditional print publications; examine web-based services and sites to determine all available information that could help. Print publications, manufacturing materials, original product brochures, club sites, specific vehicle registries, and online magazines. Check market reports and auction sales results on selling sites such as Barrett-Jackson, Silver Auctions, Heming's, Old Car Price Guide, and Collector Car Trader Online. These are all valuable resources. Be an educated buyer!

Arrive at the auction early to preview and inspect the cars. Make a list of the cars you're interested in (list 2, 3, or more cars of interest, you may not win your 1st choice). After careful inspection and research, write down the price you are willing to bid on vehicles on your list. Try to stick to this price and not bid any higher...don't get caught up in the excitement and frenzy of the auction.

Listen closely to the auctioneer. Most auctioneers will announce the price that is bid and the price they are asking for. For example, "I have \$10,500, will you bid \$10,600?" Also, most auctions will have Bidder Assistants in the ring that can assist you with the bid price, in bidding, or with questions regarding the vehicle. Utilize their services.

Don't miss your dream car! Vehicles are sold sequentially by lot number and sales on the auction

block average approximately 25 vehicles per hour. You can establish an approximate sales time by simply looking at the lot number and this will allow you to see the car running as it is staged for auction.

Transportation - Remember that when you buy a vehicle that you have to get it home. There are normally quality transportation services available at the auction site. Get transport quotes prior to bidding on vehicles. Know how much it will cost you to get the vehicle home.

Insurance - Protect your investment by making arrangements with your existing insurance carrier to adequately insure your purchase investment or by acquiring insurance through one of the insurance vendors available at the auction site.

Last but not least – Enjoy the auction experience. Be an educated buyer and make the vehicle purchase of your dreams!

Collector Car Auctions in January in Arizona

- Barrett-Jackson January 13th-20th Scottsdale
<http://www.barrett-jackson.com/>
- R&M Auctions January 17th-18th Phoenix
<http://www.rmauctions.com/>
- Russo-Steele January 16th-20th Scottsdale
<http://www.russoandsteele.com/>
- Silver Auctions January 18th-20th Ft McDowell
<http://www.silverauctions.com/>

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BABY BOOMER GAME MEMORY TEST

1. What builds strong bodies 12 ways?

- A. Flintstones vitamins
- B. The Buttmaster
- C. Spaghetti
- D. Wonder Bread
- E. Orange Juice
- F. Milk
- G. Cod Liver Oil

2. Before he was Muhammed Ali, he was...

- A. Sugar Ray Robinson.
- B. Roy Orbison...
- C. Gene Autry.
- D. Rudolph Valentino.
- E. Fabian.
- F. Mickey Mantle.
- G. Cassius Clay.

3. Pogo, the comic strip character said, 'We have met the enemy and....

- A. It's you.
- B. He is us.
- C. It's the Grinch.
- D. He wasn't home.
- E. He's really me and you.
- F. We quit.
- G. He surrendered.

4. Good night, David.

- A. Good night, Chet
- B. Sleep well.
- C. Good night, Irene.
- D. Good night, Gracie.
- E. See you later, alligator.
- F. Until tomorrow.
- G. Good night, Steve...

5. You'll wonder where the yellow went...

- A. When you use Tide
- B. When you lose your crayons.
- C. When you clean your tub.
- D. If you paint the room blue.
- E. If you buy a soft water tank.
- F. When you use Lady Clairol.
- G. When you brush your teeth with Pepsodent.

6. Before he was the Skipper's Little Buddy, Bob Denver was Dobie's friend...

- A. Stuart Whitman.
- B. Randolph Scott.
- C. Steve Reeves...
- D. Maynard G. Krebs.
- E. Corky B. Dork.
- F. Dave the Whale.
- G. Zippy Zoo.

7. Liar, liar...

- A. You're a liar.
- B. Your nose is growing.
- C. Pants on fire.
- D. Join the choir
- E. Jump up higher.
- F. On the wire.
- G. I'm telling Mom.

8. Meanwhile, back in Metropolis, Superman fights a never ending battle for truth, justice and.....

- A. Wheaties.
- B. Lois Lane.
- C. TV ratings.
- D. World peace.
- E. Red tights.
- F. The American way.
- G. News headlines.

9. Hey kids! What time is it?

- A. It's time for Yogi Bear.
- B. It's time to do your homework.
- C. It's Howdy Doody Time.
- D. It's time for Romper Room.
- E. It's bedtime.
- F... The Mighty Mouse Hour...
- G. Scooby Doo Time...

10. Lions and tigers and bears....

- A. Yikes.
- B. Oh, no...
- C. Gee whiz.
- D. I'm scared...
- E. Oh my.
- F. Help! Help!
- G. Lets run.

11. Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone....

- A. Over 40.
- B. Wearing a uniform.
- C. Carrying a briefcase.
- D. Over 30.
- E. You don't know.
- F. Who says, 'Trust me'...?
- G. Who eats tofu.

12. NFL quarterback who appeared in a television commercial wearing women's stockings...

- A. Troy Aikman
- B. Kenny Stabler
- C. Joe Namath
- D. Roger Staubach
- E. Joe Montana
- F. Steve Young
- G. John Elway

13. Brylcream...

- A. Smear it on.
- B. You'll smell great.
- C. Tame that cowlick.
- D. Grease ball heaven.
- E. It's a dream.
- F. We're your team.
- G. A little e dab'll do ya.

14. I found my thrill...

- A. In Blueberry muffins.
- B. With my man, Bill.
- C. Down at the mill.
- D. Over the windowsill.
- E. With thyme and dill.
- F. Too late to enjoy.
- G. On Blueberry Hill.

15. Before Robin Williams, Peter Pan was played by...

- A. Clark Gable.
- B. Mary Martin.
- C. Doris Day.
- D. Errol Flynn.
- E. Sally Fields.
- F. Jim Carrey.
- G. Jay Leno.

16. Name the Beatles...

- A. John, Steve, George, Ringo
- B. John, Paul, George, Roscoe
- C. John, Paul, Stacey, Ringo
- D. Jay, Paul, George, Ringo
- E. Lewis, Peter, George, Ringo
- F. Jason, Betty, Skipper, Hazel
- G. John, Paul, George, Ringo

17. I wonder, wonder, who.

- A. Who ate the leftovers?
- B. Who did the laundry?
- C. Was it you?
- D. Who wrote the book of love?
- E. Who I am?
- F. Passed the test?
- G. Knocked on the door?

18. I'm strong to the finish...

- A. Cause I eats my broccoli.
- B. Cause I eats me spinach.
- C. Cause I lift weights.
- D. Cause I'm the hero.
- E. And don't you forget it.
- F. Cause Olive Oyl loves me.
- G. To outlast Bruto.

19. When it's least expected, you're elected, you're the star today.

- A. Smile, you're on Candid Camera.
- B. Smile, you're on Star Search.
- C. Smile, you won the lottery.
- D. Smile, we're watching you.
- E. Smile, the world sees you.
- F. Smile, you're a hit.
- G. Smile, you're on TV.

20. What do M & M's do?

- A. Make your tummy happy.
- B. Melt in your mouth, not in your pocket.
- C. Make you fat.
- D. Melt your heart.
- E... Make you popular.
- F. Melt in your mouth, not in your hand.
- G. Come in colors.

Below are the correct answers:

- 1. D - Wonder Bread
- 2. G - Cassius Clay
- 3. B - He is us
- 4. A - Good night, Chet
- 5. G - When you brush your teeth with Pepsodent
- 6. D - Maynard G. Krebs
- 7. C - Pants on fire
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- 13. G - A little dab'll do ya
- 14. G - On Blueberry Hill
- 15. B - Mary Martin
- 16. G - John, Paul, George, Ringo
- 17. D - Who wrote the book of Love?
- 18. B - Cause I eats me spinach
- 19. A - Smile, you're on Candid Camera
- 20. F - Melts in your mouth not in your hand

Ford unveils 'new' 1940 Coupe

1940 Ford Coupe Joins List Of Ford-Licensed Products: The popularity of the reproduction Mustang body shells, including one for the 1965 Mustang Convertible and another for the '67 model, has prompted Ford to approve yet another reproduction of one of its most cherished models, this time a 1940 Ford Coupe hot rod. Like the previous Mustang reproductions, the new Ford Coupe comes just as a shell, either with its doors and hood attached or without them should the customer desire.

It is constructed of high-strength steel and is assembled using modern welding techniques. The



shell also comes fully rustproofed from the factory and is ready to be assembled as a custom hot rod or as a faithful tribute to the original.

The shell is available with a stock firewall that accommodates the original flathead V-8. However, for those looking to use a modern powertrain, it can alternatively be ordered with a recessed firewall that will allow much larger engines to be installed.

You'll find that in addition to owners of original 1940 Ford Coupes looking to do some restoration work, there are many in the performance scene looking to build their perfect hot rod from scratch, which this shell would be ideal for. Thankfully, there are licensed versions of all the necessary parts as well.

The shell is available now for ordering through Dennis Carpenter Ford Restoration Parts, though it doesn't make its official debut until next week's 2012 SEMA show. It is priced from \$11,900 for the basic model and ranges close to \$15k once all the panels are included.

The story of the how 1940 Ford Coupe reproduction came to be is an interesting one. Dennis Carpenter, the man behind Dennis Carpenter Ford Restoration Parts, originally was having trouble locating a good used set of dash knobs for a 1940 Ford Coupe he was restoring--and still owns--so he approached Ford and obtained permission to reproduce the knobs using original factory blueprints and designs. This was more than 40 years ago, and since he then he's expanded the number of parts licensed by Ford, including this entire shell.

Hot Rod Organizations and Custom Car Clubs

In the 1950s, the formation of hot rod organizations like the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) was an important step toward respectability, but much work needed to be done. When night fell and cruisers gathered at the drive-ins, the scene often became loud and rowdy, and sometimes got out of control.

This caused concern for city fathers, police, and neighboring residents. Street racing was a frequent occurrence, and so were accidents. It was illegal, dangerous, exciting, and fun -- a sure cocktail for disaster. But this wasn't the only thing drawing the ire of parents and the constabulary.

Some hot rodders and custom car owners adopted a look, brought back with them from the war. They wore leather jackets, blue jeans, and T-shirts with cigarette packs rolled into sleeves. It has become a cliché, but at the time it was meant to convey an antisocial, edgy distinction from what was acceptable. The look was part of the point of the whole hot rod and custom car phenomenon: To create a different lifestyle for adolescents from that of their parents. It was teenage rebellion. It was the beginning of the youth culture. Though similar in appearance and ideology, there were differences between hot rodders and custom car owners. Hot rodders bought their parts from speed shops and

performed most of the work on their cars themselves. The custom car crowd sought out the expertise of shops that performed mild-to-wild body alterations. And therein lies the difference and the rub.

Some rodders felt disdain for custom cars because they were "low and slow" and most of the work was performed by outside shops, not the owners themselves. They derided custom cars as "lead barges" or "lead sleds" due to their sometimes abundant use of lead as a body filler. Custom car owners shot back at hot rodders with names like "shot rods" and "Ricky racers." Rodders tended to be "gearheads" that weren't as interested in the aesthetics of their cars as custom car fans. Custom guys concentrated on looks and cared little for performance. These two groups are intertwined in our modern view of their activities, but they were actually quite different and could be antagonistic toward each other.

Some feel that the custom car was a direct offshoot of the hot rod. That view doesn't jibe with the vastly different approaches the two factions had toward their cars. Yes, some rodders drove custom cars and vice versa, but it wasn't the norm. Owning two cars was beyond the reach of most hard-working young men. And the abilities required to master engine and chassis modifications, as well as body customizing and fabrication, were rarely found in a single person, or even among a whole peer group. That's where the custom car shops came in. Barris Kustoms was the best known of the early custom shops. Located in Lynwood, California, the shop was in what some call "the nest" for its concentration of custom-related enterprises. Gaylord's Custom Upholstery, which specialized in Carson-type tops, was just around the corner from Barris Kustoms, and Larry Watson, Ed Schelhaas, and Dean Jeffries were also located within the nest.

Also in the L.A.-area were Link Paola, Jimmy Summers, the Carson Top Shop, Gil and Al Ayala, and Valley Custom. Northern California had its players, too. Gene Winfield operated out of Modesto, and Joe Bailon and Joe Wilhelm worked in the Bay Area. By the mid-1950s, Dean Jeffries, Von Dutch, Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, Junior Conway, Dick Jackson, and Larry Watson were all plying their custom painting and/or pin striping talents either at Barris' or within the nest. Some, like Von Dutch, were already established names, and the rest

would become famous in the custom car world as the '50s progressed.

For the hot Rodder or drag racer who wanted performance beyond the means of a shade-tree mechanic, some of the shops in the nest also catered to hot rodders and drag racers. The Chrisman clan, which included brothers Art and Lloyd and Uncle Jack, started their engine building and racing careers in Lynwood, as did Keith Black, who pioneered the development of the Chrysler Hemi engine in drag racing's early days. Back on the streets, car clubs formed all over the L.A. basin with names like Renegades, Road Runners, and Night Riders.

They were fraternities of like-minded rodders or custom car owners. Toward the end of the decade, a distinction even developed among dry-lakes racers, drag racers, and the "street" hot rodders who were organizing clubs like the Pasadena Roadster Club and L.A. Roadster Club. Some members of the street roadster clubs raced, but the main point was to bring together owners with similar tastes and to change the public's perception of them as riotous renegades unable to stay within the bounds of the law and accepted behavior.

The clubs also organized social events for their members and hosted car shows that allowed members to showcase their cars to the general public. With car club-peer recognition, car-show competition, and magazine coverage rewarding the best cars, the level of craftsmanship ramped up greatly. For the most part, hot rods and especially custom cars were well-built, attractive cars that met or exceeded anything coming out of Detroit. Competitive drag racing would soon take off -- on both coasts -- with the help of the NHRA.





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