



VENTURA VINTAGE RODS

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Note from the Editor

May 25th we celebrate Memorial Day. We know that we all owe a great deal to our military and veterans' that previously served. Many of our service men and women gave their all for our security and wonderful American way of life and our freedom. I'm sure among our VVR members we have several veterans. **THANK YOU** for your service! And also remember the service member families that remain home while their loved one is defending our freedoms in a hostile, often times deadly area.

While you are enjoying the holiday weekend take a minute to remember our military personnel in harms way and give them a personal Thank you in your own way.

There are also many former police and fire fighter/First Responders among our members that have been there when we needed them.

Thank You also goes out to our former police and fire fighters.

NOTICE!! The May 26th VVR Tuesday General Meeting will be held at Carrows, Harbor Blvd, Ventura. Join us at 6pm.

April VVR Meeting Highlights

Lisa Bidwell reminded everyone about the May 31 tour of the Food Share operations. After the tour we'll meet at BJs in the Esplanade Center, Oxnard for lunch.

Discussed the June Fillmore to Santa Paula event. Ted will provide details on payment plan, schedule, etc. Expect to have participants simply contact the FWRR directly to make payment arrangements.

- Willie B reminded the members of the club run to the NSRA Western Street Rod National in Bakersfield @ Kern County Fairgrounds, April 24 – 26, 2009. If your interested, contact Willie for "the plan". More details @ the NSRA Website. <http://nsra-usa.com/index.php/site/evdet/135>

The Cowans thanked everyone for making the Mendenhall Museum run a great success. Everyone had a tremendous and personal tour.

Chaz reminded the members about the April 24 Shoes and Sox event Haycox Elementary School 5400 Perkins Oxnard This was a Rotary event with our participation.

The next VVR General Meeting will be at the Carrows, Ventura, May 26, join the dinner crowd for eating @ 6:00PM. Remember the meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Sharon Osborne announced that Jim and Lynne Perske are taking over the Harbor Run permit process. Since they assisted Sharon last year they are familiar with what needs to be done. However the City/County/Harbor bureaucracy is very dynamic.



Lynne Perske discussed the potential for a local wine tasting tour called "Wine Adventures – The Great Escape". Price is \$95.00 per person and includes transportation and wine tasting at four wineries in Santa Inez Valley.

Chaz announced that the Shuman's and the Roark's cars were selected as Club vehicles for the Harbor Run 19 logo during an informal meeting at the Mendenhall. The Logo artwork is underway.

Jerry L and Chaz met with Aswell Trophy to discuss their assistance with the info plates for the HR 19 trophies. Aswell will be doing the trophy info plates. Also we have 5000 car show flyers for everyone to enjoy and help distribute.

Bob Osborne offered that HARTRODS in Ventura have signed on as a primary sponsor. HARTRODS website is <http://www.streetrodparts.tv/>. Also, Bob O discussed possibly club having made tote bags that advertise our major sponsors as done in prior years.

Bob Osborne auctioned off some former Harbor Run "Thank You" awards for members to display as garage art.

There was a recommendation also by Bob O for the club to purchase a new and perhaps larger American flag to fly at HR 19. The current flag is a bit tattered and small. The members agreed and Bob will make it happen. Jerry L mentioned that a flag roughly 10x15 would cost about \$400.00

A recommendation was also offered for the club to fly a VVR logo flag with the American flag. The members agreed and Pres Chaz will take the lead.

Ron Cowan offered to take the lead to get HR 19 advertised in various local/national hot rodding calendars. Sharon O will pursue write up in "Wheels" portion of the Star.

Mike Hildebrand discussed a Shooter's Paradise outing on April 30. Mike reminded folks that they do sell ammo at Shooter's Paradise and that they require lead free ammunition only to be fired. Mike also mentioned that he had some hats still for sale, but we need to replenish the inventory. A motion to order more hats seconded and carried.

- Future scheduled events (tentative & subject to change):

- Ron C discussed a run to the Bent Axles car show, July 17 – 19. Ron has reserved 6 rooms. For more info contact Ron to participate.

- Ted/Daphne – June 5th trip on the Fillmore Western Railway on the Shake Rattle & Rail.**

- http://www.fwry.com/2009_shake_rattle_rail/2009_SRR.html

- Shake Rattle & Rail Details. Contact the Fillmore and Western Railway @ 805 524 2546 to purchase tickets. Specify you're with the Ventura Vintage Rods. That way they will make sure we're seated or placed together. The train departs Fillmore @ 5:30 PM and returns to at approximately 9:00PM. If you have any questions contact Ted @ 805 218 9025.**



-Sharon Osborne – August

The 2009 General Meeting Schedule Meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Famous Carrows Restaurant, Harbor Blvd/Seaward Ave (UNLESS otherwise decided by the members), Ventura at 6:30 PM ish. You are always welcome to join the earlybirds for food at around 6:00PM. Mark your calendar! May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 24, December TBD.

May

Birthdays

Ron Anderson	4 th
Connie Fain	6 th
Sandy Nickerson	12 th
Lois Hildebrand	18 th
Ginny Ethier	21 st
Jim Eubanks	26 th

Anniversaries

Sharon & Paul Schuman	13 th
Mike & Lois Hildebrand	27 th

“Technical Corner”:

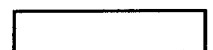
As part of the recent government stimulus legislation was a provision for accelerating scrapping of older cars. The attached letter is from the Specialty Equipment Market Assn (SEMA) to congressional leaders and the president with some hobby alternatives.

If you have any news you'd like to share please pass to Ted, by email: bowtied@aol.com; or phone 988-0330, or fax: 278 9639 The goal is to publish the newsletter the week prior to the General Meeting; your inputs are requested by the 15th of the Month to include most anything you'd like to share or for future news.

Best wishes to All

“BE SAFE OUT THERE”

Ted H Editor



May 12, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable John Boehner
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate
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Re: Two Provisions To Improve Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Legislation

Dear Speaker Pelosi, and Leaders Reid, Boehner, and McConnell:

The U.S. Congress is finalizing accelerated vehicle retirement legislation to provide a government voucher to consumers who buy a new car in exchange for scrapping a less fuel-efficient vehicle. The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) is on record as opposing so-called 'cash for guzzler' programs which would unnecessarily crush perfectly good cars. *Nevertheless, SEMA believes the accelerated vehicle retirement legislation under consideration would be substantially improved if Congress includes two provisions: (1) requiring scrapped vehicles be less than 25 years old, and (2) allowing the engine/drive train to be recycled so long as it has been disassembled.*

SEMA represents nearly 7,500 member businesses nationwide that design, build and sell products that improve motor vehicle performance, appearance, comfort and control. Many SEMA members are engaged in the business of restoring older cars to help preserve our nation's automotive history.

The following outlines reasons in support of the two provisions:

- Don't Spend Program Funds Purchasing Rarely-Driven Older Cars: Precluding vehicles from being turned-in that are 25 years old or older has major benefits and no downside. The provision would guarantee that the U.S. taxpayer is not spending \$3,500 or \$4,500 on a vehicle that is rarely driven, does not contribute to the nation's dependence on foreign oil, and may only be worth a few hundred dollars. A 25-year exclusion would also guarantee that older cars that have an historic or aesthetic value are not inadvertently crushed. These vehicles are valued by hobbyists or may be a source of recyclable parts for use on restoration projects.
- Recycled Engines & Transmissions Are Eco-Green: The intent of the legislation is to make sure the engine/drive train cannot be directly installed in another vehicle without being recycled. This can be easily accomplished by simply requiring that the engine

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block and drive train be disassembled as the vehicle is scrapped. It then allows recycling and rebuilding to occur, which saves precious natural resources and reduces CO2 emissions. For example, rebuilt engines require an estimated 80% less energy to produce than a new engine and cost 30-50% less since the core has been salvaged. Critical internal parts are replaced so the final rebuilt product is one that meets or exceeds original equipment performance standards. The engine/transmission can even surpass new car technology with the simple addition of retrofit equipment.

SEMA urges Congress to include these two provisions in the accelerated vehicle legislation under consideration. The provisions would preserve the intent of the plan while also helping to minimize the harm a motor vehicle scrappage program would impose on thousands of independent repair shops, auto restorers and recyclers, customizers and their customers across the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Kersting
President & CEO
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)

cc: The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Jay Rockefeller, Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
The Honorable Diane Feinstein (Sponsor, S 247)
The Honorable Steve Israel (Sponsor, HR 520)
The Honorable Betty Sutton (Sponsor, HR 1550)
Brian Deese, Special Assistant to the President on the Auto Industry

SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association founded in 1963, represents the \$38.1 billion specialty automotive industry of 7,358 member-companies. It is the authoritative source for research, data, trends and market growth information for the specialty auto parts industry. The industry provides appearance, performance, comfort, convenience and technology products for passenger and recreational vehicles. For more information, contact SEMA at 1575 S. Valley Vista Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765, tel: 909/396-0289, or visit www.sema.org and www.enjoythedrive.com.