

CCM NEWS



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Events Coming Up.

- CCM General Meeting, September 6, 7 PM.
- CCM Board Meeting, September 20, 7 PM.
- CCM at CAM Display starts, September 24
- Carmichael Park BBQ/Show 'n Shine, September 25



CCM at the California State Fair
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CCM Club Picnic & Show n' Shine

The clubs annual Picnic and Show n' Shine is planned for Sunday, September 25 at Carmichael Park. The fun begins at 10:00 am. The club will provide the eats so bring your car, a chair and your appetite for a relaxed day at the park. There will be no awards given out for the show n' shine so bring what you can run. Carmichael Park is located at 5750 Grant Avenue at the corner of Fair Oaks Blvd in Carmichael. Contact Greg Kern for more information at (916) 791-4718.



CCM Cars Wanted for CAM Display

The California Automobile Museum will feature Capital City Mopars vehicles in

the Car Club Cavalcade display during the month of October. We are looking for 5 or 6 nice vehicles to represent the club. We will move in Saturday, September 24 at 10 am and move out on Saturday, October 29 at 9 am. Also needed is memorabilia to be part of the display. Contact Mike Hess at 916-987-1606 or hess_m@att.net if you would like to display your Mopar.



Veteran's Day Parade

CCM has been invited to participate in the Veterans Parade on Thursday, November 11. If you would like to participate, contact President, Bob Berry.

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What we're all about

Capital City Mopars (CCM) provides a place to share your enthusiasm and knowledge about Mopars and enjoy the company of other Mopar enthusiasts. CCM membership is open to anyone interested in Chrysler Corporation or American Motors vehicles who are eighteen years or older and have a valid drivers license. Annual membership dues are \$36 for regular members and an additional \$6 per co-member. One co-member is allowed for each regular member. The co-member must reside in the same household and be eighteen years or older. All members and co-members are required to participate as worker/chairperson in at least one function per year, and it is desired that, in addition, work at the annual car show.

next meeting

Tuesday, September 6
at 7:00 p.m.
at the

California Automobile Museum,
2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA.

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submissions

Articles written by members are not only welcome, they are vigorously encouraged. The **only** requirement on the content of the articles submitted to the **CCM NEWS** is that it be automotive or Mopar related. Articles can be submitted on CD (saved in "text" or MS Word format), e-mailed to the editor, typed/written on paper and mailed to the club post office box or presented to the editor. **Deadline is the 20th of each month to make the next month issue.**

Road Trip

By Mike Morrison

Dorothy and I recently returned home from our 4+ weeks road trip, covering over 6300 miles and 13 states. We saw a lot of the wonders of this country, The Teton Mts., Yellowstone, The Garden of the Gods, The Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and The Devils Tower. We visited all the museums we could find, The Ship Wreck Museum, the Ford Museum, The Chrysler Museum, The Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg Museum, The Museum at Ft. Mackinac on Mackinac Island, The Grand Ole Opry Museum, The Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Civil Rights Museum, as well as seeing an archeological dig of an old Sioux Indian site where Dorothy's grandson is working. But I wanted too spent a couple of moments sharing the auto museums. There are many that we could have seen, time permitting, as most cities have some sort of auto museum or air museum.

I looked forward to the Chrysler Museum with great

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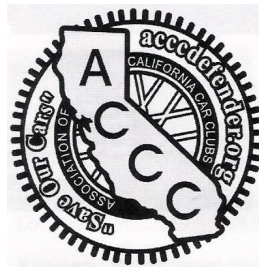


Note: Free car club member complimentary passes to the California Automobile Museum can be obtained from President Bob Berry or Treasurer John Leymaster. Passes can also be mailed with your newsletter when requested.

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CCM Products for Sale

Car Show Dash Plaques	\$1.00
Club Logo Patches	\$3.00
CCM Decals	\$1.00
CCM Pins (Members)	\$3.00



The Capital City Mopars is a proud member of the Association of California Car Clubs and the California Automobile Museum.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Zoom Zoom Woof Woof Car Show, El Dorado Hills Town Center, 10am-3pm, 916-933-3558
4	5 Labor Day Car Show, K-Mart Shop- ping Center, 2344 Sunrise Bvkd. 8am, 530-622-6608	6 CCM General Meeting, 7 pm	7 Red Robin Cruise Night, 110 1 Riley St, Folsom, 5-9pm	8	9 Auburn Cruise Nite, 5pm, Auburn	10 Classic Car Show for Guide Dogs, Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova, 7am-3pm, 988-0634
11 Swap Meet, Consumnes River College, 5am, 916- 635-3064	12	13	14 Red Robin Cruise Night, 110 1 Riley St, Folsom, 5- 9pm	15 Fudd Thursday, Fuddrucker, Citrus Heights, 5-9pm	16	17 Hot Chili and Cool Cars, Pacific Street, Rocklin, 10am-4pm, 624-2548
18 Swap Meet, Auburn Fair Grounds, 6am-2pm, 916-539- 3383	19	20 CCM Board Meeting, 7 pm	21 Red Robin Cruise Night, 110 1 Riley St, Folsom, 5- 9pm	22	23	24 CCM at CAM Car Club Caval- cade starts
25 Carmichael Park BBQ, 10 am	26	27	28 Red Robin Cruise Night, 110 1 Riley St, Folsom, 5- 9pm	29	30 Vintage Friday, Vin- tage Ford, 5-9pm	

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anticipation, and when I saw the Chrysler building from the freeway I was in awe. The Chrysler complex is located in Auburn Hills, a suburb to the north of Detroit. We got to the museum early in the morning and were greeted by docents that gave us an overview and told us how the museum was laid out, that Jeep was the specialized vehicle for this cycle, and that there were more vehicles on the second floor as well as the basement. But most important was that these were only about a quarter of the vehicles the museum owned, as some are off site, even as far away as Toledo, OH. They rotate the vehicles in and out about 4 times a year, so it would take 4 trips to see all the vehicles that are in their possession. There was a lot to like there; one of the first Plymouths, a '39 Plymouth P8 Deluxe Convertible, a '29 Desoto, a '48 Chrysler Woody Town and Country, quite a few concept cars, and vehicles like Hudson and AMC that Chrysler obtained. There were also a lot of displays of innovative parts and tools that were on display. In the basement they had a row of classic trucks from the '30 to the late '50's, lot of Jeeps, as they are the featured vehicle, along with a mini-race track with 8 racecars, going

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back to the '20 thru the '80. It was a nice clean museum, with elbowroom, so nothing seemed cramped. It took over 2 hours to walk around and touch and read, and was quite enjoyable and worth returning for another visit.



We left Auburn Hills and headed east to Lake Shore Drive to see how the Auto Barons of 100 years ago lived. Some beautiful homes facing Lake St. Clair. The street becomes Jefferson Blvd, and goes thru the center of Detroit. Having been to western ghost towns in Nevada and Calif. they are almost no different than Detroit except for the construction material, one being wood that eventually dissolves, the other concrete and brick, which stays. By continuing south and then west we come to another suburb of Detroit, Dearborn, home of the Ford. One of the things we noticed both at Ford and Chrysler were the big 3 to 5 story buildings in the compounds, and no cars in the parking lots. There were many building in this condition at Ford adding to the desertion of Detroit.

The Ford Museum is a huge complex, not just for autos, but an Imax theater, an American History museum, a machine museum, a GE museum, a railroad museum, a farm machine museum, a furniture museum, a small gun museum, and an aviation museum (since Ford did build planes), as well as an auto museum. Unfortunately for us, the auto museum was closed for remodeling, so there wasn't a lot for us to see. Many folks were upset, and why didn't they do that during the winter and not in the summer... Oh well...

Then it was on to Auburn, IN. and was I excited about going there. The Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg Museum is something I longed to see and thought I would never be in Indiana. I also found out there are 4 other museums in that small town, the National Auto and Truck Museum, the WWII Vehicle Museum, an air museum, and a noted art museum. Auburn is a nice little town but swells to 300K people during Labor Day weekend when it is Car Week,

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CCM 2011 Annual Holiday Dinner & Awards Ceremony

The CCM annual Holiday Dinner & Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 9 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave. No host bar will be at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Awards/gifts will follow after the dinner. Cost will be \$25 per person, refundable when attendance is confirmed. Questions? Contact Rex Barnes (916) 416-2861. **Reservations must be received no later than Friday, December 2, 2011.** If anyone has an idea for some good entertainment, give Rex a call.

Dyno Testing

Midnight Performance in Rancho Cordova will be providing dyno testing for CCM members. The date is Sunday, September 18 starting at 8 AM. The charge is 2 pulls for the fantastic price of only \$20. Call Jake Rosen at 205-9336 to get on the list and for any other information.



Sirens of Chrome: The Enduring Allure of Auto Show Models

July 23, 2011 - September 25, 2011



Traveling photography exhibit from National Automotive History Collection and the Detroit Public Library based on the book Sirens of Chrome by Margery Krevsky. Sirens of Chrome takes visitors on a visual joyride through auto

show history and features a treasure trove of rare images of turn-of-the-century goddesses, 1950s sex symbols and today's highly trained product specialists. The exhibit showcases posters and photographs of human hood ornaments along with the fast cars they promoted

This exhibit has been on display at the Detroit Public Library, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the Henry Ford Museum, and following its West Coast Premier here at CAM, it will travel to the Studebaker Museum in Indiana.

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anchored by the Auburn Car show, and all those beautiful '20s and '30's classics come to town. Would like to go, but way to many people.

The A-C-D Museum is in the main building that was the Auburn Manufacturing plant until they went out of business in 1939. The show room remains in its original Art Deco from that period, from floor to ceiling. Again a docent met us and walked with us telling us about the vehicles on the first floor. He told us how far ahead of its time the Cord was, with front wheel drive, directional signals, and hydraulic brakes, and of course most of those classic cars of



that time had headlights that turned with the front axle. The first floor had many nice vehicles, but the upstairs had many more including some one of a kind, prototypes, cutaway chassis, so one could see the working of the front wheel drive. Not only were the cars

beautiful, but also this museum could easily become a destination in itself.

The National Auto and Truck Museum is located directly behind the A-C-D Museum in one of the old factory building. There is no class here, just lots of cars in rows, and car enthusiasts that take care of them. Many of the vehicles are on loan to the museum, and the owners come in and take care of the car if something is needed. They do have some unique vehicles, displays, and memorabilia like old gas stations set ups, signs, and lots of very old trucks. In the basement it is almost all dedicated to International Trucks, from the earliest to some modern con-

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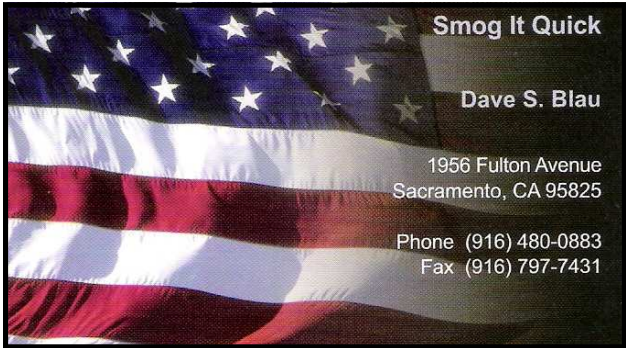
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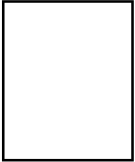
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cept vehicles. I was impressed with all that was in the basement, and history that it represented.



When we got to Bowling Green, KY, we had planned on going to the Corvette Museum that was there. But we kept seeing all these Pontiacs on the street, and

after inquiring about what was happening, I found out that the National Pontiac Club was having its annual show at the racetrack in Bowling Green. So we headed off to the park like setting and saw some very beautiful Pontiacs. Course I headed for those from the '50 and earlier, although there was only 1 that was before 1950, but also admired what they called the Road Warrior Class, those that drove their cars to the event, and it had to be over 100 miles. Could not believe that there were 2 guys from San Antonio that drove to the event in this class. But it was a good show, with lots of very nice cars.

So this is just a few of the museums that we stopped at along the way. All were nice and I was enthusiastic about them all. For some reason I don't know why we overlooked the Bow Tie Museum (GM Heritage Museum). I know it must be in Detroit someplace, but it just didn't get on my agenda. So if you get the chance to visit any of these places, don't forget these great pieces of history. **Editors Note: For the newer members of the club, Mike Morrison is a lifetime member of the club who built the clubs website, developed the computer software for the club's car show, photographer for the club's car show as well as many other things. He relocated to Texas a few years ago but is still into Mopars and stays in touch with his old CCM friends.**