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May 2023

Upcoming Club Events

- CCM General Meeting
 Tuesday May 2
- Eks Car Show
 Saturday May 6 8am
- CCM Car Show Meeting
 Saturday May 6 4pm
- CCM Brundh
 Saturday May 13
- CCM Board Meeting
 Tuesday May 16, 7pm
- ACCC Conference & Lunch
 Wednesday May 17
- Maxwell Car ShowSaturday May 20
- CCM Bowling & Pool Friday May 26
- CCM Lunch BunchWednesday May 31 tba
- CCM General Meeting Tuesday June 6
- CCM Mopars in the Park 2023
 Saturday October 7
- See page 6 for more details

Here's a few interesting websites to check out:

https://www.repairsurge.com/?hop = wikifree 21

(very thorough repair manuals on line)

https://www.rough-readydpw.com/

CASA ROBLES CAR SHOW A SUCCESS

A couple Saturdays ago CCM went to the Casa Robles annual car show. We love to support this event because all the proceeds go to support the Casa Robles Auto Program. There's very few Auto programs left anywhere, so we really want to see this one continue. Plus, there were nearly 500 cars at this year's show!

CCM made a good showing with 5 member's cars in attendance, and we spent a good portion of the day telling the other 15 or so Mopars about our Car Show - with a very enthusiastic reception. We're pretty certain to see a dozen of these Mopars at our show.

Maybe you'll come out to this show next year, you'll be glad you did.

April 28-30 was/is Autorama - happening as I type. Cap City Mopars has 10 vehicles entered, so we're well represented. And we'll be using the time there to promote our club and our Car Show. I hope we see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May is a busy month for us.

Join us for the Elks annual car show next Saturday. The Elks put on a good show with shade, good food and unique awards. Help us support our friends the Elks, and enjoy a relaxing day too

After the Elks show, please come to our Car Show Meeting. It'll be 4pm at Car Show Chairman Richard's home in Gold River. We have lot's to do in order to make this show a standout success, and we need your help. I think you'll enjoy it too.

The Saturday after that is the monthly

CCM Brunch. See the back page for details on this, and come join us for good victuals and conversation on whatever subject comes up.

Tuesday the 16th is our Board Meeting, all club members are encouraged to attend. This is where we handle the business that keeps our club going.

Wednesday May 17 is the annual ACCC Conference. These guys keep watch over our lawmakers, just to make sure they don't outlaw our collector cars while we're not looking. If you want to attend the conference, CCM will pay your way. We'll also need help at lunchtime that day - part of our support for ACCC is to keep them nourished. CCM provides lunch for the conference attendees, thanks to Bob Berry and Mike Allen for coordinating this, and call either of them to help out.

May 20 is the always excellent, always FREE Maxwell Rodeo Car Show, benefitting the Maxwell High School Sports Program, and run by CCM Member Randy Wilson. Join us for this show, and all you'll have to pay for is your gas there, and lunch.

Friday evening, May 26, we're going bowling and/or shootin' pool. Country Club Lanes on Watt Av is the spot, 6-10 is the time. This is a fun, non car related evening among friends (none of whom can shoot pool worth a darn).

Rounding out the month is the Lunch Bunch. Sign up with John Riordan and dine on something different the last Wednesday of each month.

If this is not enough events for you, check our pages 5 and 5 and 8 for other club's events throughout Northern California.

CAPITAL CITY MOPARS GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS,

April 4, 2023

<u>President:</u> Looking for members to volunteer and cook hot dogs for monthly CCM meeting. Member to purchase materials, cook & clean (May through October). Kevin volunteered for May 2nd, 2023.

Newsletter: Mark -In process for May.

Membership: Eric SiefertLegislative: AbsentWebmaster: AbsentCompetition: Absent

Activities: Mick Dadisman updated members on upcoming CCM events in April/May.

<u>Car Show:</u> Pending final confirmation & pricing from Hagan Park. Richard to provide update. First Car Show meeting on April 8th at 10:30 am (Location: Mark & Cindy's home).

Cindy & Mark will be sharing ideas on detailing cars, starting 1 pm.

<u>Old Business</u>: February event - 6 cars attended St. Patty's parade Old Folsom Powerhouse Tour (attendance - 11 members)

New Business: CCM Board meeting on April 18th at 7 pm (Mark & Monica's Pizza)

May 17th ACCC Conference - participation & lunch (need volunteers for lunch

Announcements:

- 1. Autorama packages arrived for the 10 members. April 26^{th} turn in date.
- 2. Casa Robles High school car show on 4/22/23 meet at Leatherby's at 8:30am (Citrus Heights).
- 3. May events Elk's Lounge Car Show & Maxwell Car Show.

Open Forum: Share additional ideas and events that members will attend.

Raffle: collected \$60









TRUCK INN PRESENTS

JIM ARUTA B-DAY & CAR SHOW

FREE EVENT

MAY 23, TUES 4PM UNTIL ??
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REST IN PEACE, CRAIG BREEDLOVE

The legendary land speed racer has died at 86. courtesy Phillip Thomas, Hot Rod Magazine



HOT ROD has received confirmation that Craig Breedlove passed away on April 4, 2023, after an apparent battle with cancer. He had just recently turned 86 years old.

Breedlove's record-breaking machines were known as the Spirit of America, and when you look at what defined his life in land speed racing, he really did embody the American spirit; he was largely self-taught in his craft, uniquely entrepreneurial, and displayed relentless persistence in pursuit of the ultimate land speed record. He became the first driver through the 500- and 600-mph barriers in the process, piloting his own series of jet-powered streamliners.

The original Spirit of America looked as if it

were picked right out of The Jetsons, but it set in motion an incredible fight for the land speed record. The thrust era had begun with Breedlove's first 407-mph record, thanks to the GE J47 Turbojet-powered, three-wheeled streamliner. His battle on the salt with the Arfons brothers went on for two years, during which the record would change hands a half-dozen

times, and resulted in Breedlove's infamous photo of Spirit of America pinned underwater on the salt bed in 1964 after it lost the chutes at over 500 mph. He returned with the new Sonic 1 and pushed the bar to just over 600 mph by 1965, ending the fast feud with the Arfons. At the same time, he put his wife, Lee Breedlove, into the seat of Sonic 1 to claim the Women's record of 308 mph.

When the British reclaimed the land speed record in Thrust2 and were looking at the sound

barrier with ThrustSSC, Breedlove stepped up with the Spirit of America Formula Shell LSRV project, his bid for 700-plus mph. Poor weather

would be the pivotal problem for the program, when a crosswind blew Breedlove and the LSRV onto just two wheels, causing it to suddenly arc off-course in a 675-mph U-turn. Miraculously, he was able to recover the machine, while narrowly avoiding an RV, and bring it to a safe stop, but sadly the chassis was too damaged to quickly repair, with

vibration and handling issues that proved difficult to quell, and the program was shelved. That loss didn't diminish the genuine respect he had for his rivals in speed, however, and Breedlove congratulated Andy Green in person when ThrustSCC accomplished its goals.

But that didn't mean Breedlove was idle. He didn't just have active plans to restore the original Spirit of America, but also to build a brand-new streamliner, and he stayed in the background at the Salt Flats, periodically meeting and talking with racers, and keeping close to the sport that challenged him to accomplish what few others on this planet will ever claim.



Leon Warner was working at Scaled Composites when a coworker recommended him to Breedlove in 1994 for building composite parts for the Spirit of America Formula Shell LSRV project. He'd shape Craig's hand-drawn, and sometimes "floor-drawn," sketches into carbon-kevlar reality. "It takes a different breed of person to jam across the desert at over 600 mph," Warner recalled, but he said the most important lesson Breedlove taught him was this: "Don't take yourself too seriously. I was regarded as pretty serious as I was out there, and he'd have to

remind me sometimes, but I put some serious hours on that thing." Breedlove's showmanship and humor showed at the end of his many dangerous mishaps at speed, perhaps most famously after crashing Spirit of America into the brine ponds, when, standing on the top of it, he shouted, "For my next trick, I'll set myself afire!"

Steve Watt, who leads the Speed Demon program with George Poteet, was once in talks about designing a new streamliner with Breedlove. "His attention to detail is far superior to anything I've ever seen," Steve said. "He knew in his head what he was going to do before he did it. He had pictured this car in his head years ago, and he puts it to paper and rolls up to my shop with rolls of paper. When he put them on the bench I go, 'Holy cow, this thing is state-of-the-art.' While he hadn't been racing, Breedlove had kept up with the current crop of vehicles, including the Bloodhound."

"If there was a school project about someone I looked up to, I always did one on Craig," said Andy Nish, the descendant of Terry and Mike Nish and the youngest driver to enter the SCTA 300 Club. "I thought he was a cool person to teach people about, there were a lot of milestones in racing that had been broken, and he was the first guy to do a lot of that stuff, so I thought it was the coolest thing ever."

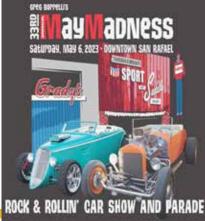
Years later, Nish would meet Breedlove on the Salt Flats, sharing a brief but thorough conversation about car control. "I asked him, 'What does the car do at 600 mph? Does it float, does it hunt?' And he went into pretty good detail on what the car did. I actually use a lot of that today in my streamliner, and what he talked to me about was being ready for movement that's coming,

being ready for it to start hunting, and thinking ahead far enough to start gathering it up before it happens." It left a mark on Nish that Breedlove took the time to chisel through details and walk through what he had learned. There's a certain investment into the future of racing that only comes from these passed-down lessons learned at speed.

Perhaps George Poteet said it best, after mentioning that he was most inspired by Breedlove's cover on HOT ROD's October 1963 issue: "He'll always be the king of speed."



May 21, 2023 9am - noon



















Saturday

May 6, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dr. Powers Park

900 N. Lowell Ave Tracy, CA (Tracy Blvd. & Lowell) \$20 pre-register by May 4th \$25 at the show



15th Annual Golden State Classics Car Show

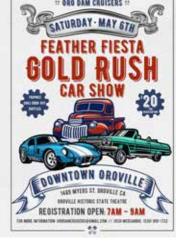
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Saturday May 27, 2023 9am - 2pm



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REGULAR EVENTS: EVERY WEEK OR EVERY MONTH but always check to make sure

- every Saturday 7-9:30 am, Hiway 50 & Latrobe Rd
- every Saturday 8-10 am, 430 Palladio Parkway
- every Saturday 8-10 am, 2405 Butano Drive
- Granite Bay: The 916 Cars and Coffee is every Saturday morning from 8am to 10am at Bill's Donuts, 8749 Auburn Folsom Road.
- Lincoln: Rockstar Rides is the first Saturday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at the Rockstar Music Academy, 801 Sterling Parkway.
- Lodi: The Central Valley Classics and Customs Cars and Coffee is the first Saturday of the month, 7am to 11am at Starbucks, 514 W. Kettleman Lane.
- Sacramento: The Cars and Coffee Country Club is the first Saturday from 8am to 10am at Country Club Plaza, 2310 Watt Avenue.
- Sacramento: The Florin Fat Fenders Cruise Night is every Saturday from 4pm to 8pm at Burger Junction, 7900 Florin Road.
- Elk Grove: Mike's Tuesday Night Cruise is every Tuesday night from 4pm to 8pm at the Original Mike's Diner, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd.
- Folsom: The Cappuccino and Cars Cruise In is every Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm at That Dam Place, 1013 Riley Street.

- Citrus Heights: The Hot Rod Bookstore Cruise-In is every Thursday from 4pm to 7pm at Classic Rea Service, 7975 Auburn Blvd.
- Fair Oaks: The Fair Oaks Food Truck Mania & Classic Car Show is the first Thursday from 5pm to 8pm at Fair Oaks Park, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd.
- Sacramento: The Mean Machines Cruise In Car Show is the first Friday of the month from 4pm to 8pm at Stardust Vintage Emporium, 9580 Micron Avenue.
- Loomis: The Taylor's Thursday Cruise-In is every Thursday evening from 5pm to 8pm at Taylor's Restaurant, 3636 Taylor Road.
- Roseville: The Cruise Night at the Squeeze is the 2nd Saturday from 3pm on, at Squeeze Burgers, 106 N. Sunrise Avenue.
- Davis: The Davis Cruise-In Car Show is the third Saturday from 5pm to 7pm at the University Park Inn & Suites, 1111 Richards Blvd.
- Galt: Classic Thursdays at Valensin Vineyards is every third Thursday from 6pm to 9pm at 10675 Valensin Road.
- Woodland: The Mojo's Hot Summer Nights Car Show is every 3rd Thursday from 5pm to 8:30pm at Mojo's Lounge & Bar, 428 1st Street.
- Rio Linda: Hot Cars and Coffee is every other Saturday from 8am to 11am at the American Legion, 6700 8th Street.
- Fair Oaks: The Fair Oaks Village Car Show, hosted by the Vintage Cruisers.
 First Sunday of each month, 8-10:30am







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Differentials



CCM Event Schedule (club events in bold)

date event location more info / contact

**Please RSVP if you can for events, so we know how many and who to look for. It's also a good idea to verify the event before you come out. phone numbers for events contacts: Mark 916-956-8863, Mick, 916-842-9643, Ryan 916-529-5681, Cindy 916-759-5772

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| May 2, 7pm | General Meeting | CA Auto Museum | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| May 6, 8-2 | Elk's Car Show | Carmichael Elks | Mark or Ryan | confirmed |
| May 6, 4pm | CCM Car Show Meeting | Richard Teerlink's home | Richard | confirmed |
| May 13, 11am | CCM Brunch | Waffle Barn 1050 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville | Mark | confirmed |
| May 16, 7pm | Board Meeting | Mark & Monica's Pizza, 4751 Manzanita Av | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| May 17 | Lunch for ACCC Conference | CAM | Bob or Mike | confirmed |
| May 20, 9am | Maxwell Car Show | meet at Chevron 2700 Del Paso Road | Mark | confirmed |
| May 26, 6-10pm | Bowling & Pool | Country Club Lanes 2600 Watt Av | Mark or Cindy | confirmed |
| May 31 | Lunch Bunch | tba | John | confirmed |
| | (Roseville Tuesday Nights starts in June | 2) | | |
| June 3 | Lincoln Car Show | Lincoln | | |
| June 6, 7pm | General Meeting | CA Auto Museum | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| June 10 | CCM Show-n-Shine | details tba | Ryan | tentative |
| June 17, 11am | CCM Brunch | The Barn, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove | Mark | confirmed |
| June 20, 7pm | Board Meeting | Mark & Monica's Pizza, 4751 Manzanita Av | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| June 25 | Coloma Gold Poker Run | Sac to Coloma Gold Discovery Site and back | Mark | tentative |
| June 28 | Lunch Bunch | tba | John | confirmed |
| July 1 | Independence Day Parade | tentative | Cindy | tentative |
| July 4 | Independence Day Parade | Carmichael | Cindy | tentative |
| July 8, 11am | CCM Brunch | Leatherby's 2333 Arden Way | Mark | confirmed |
| | (Leatherby's does not serve any breakfast items) | | | |
| July 11, 7pm | General Meeting | CA Auto Museum | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| July 15 | Rally to Downieville Museum | Sierra Nevada Foothills | Mick | tentative |
| July 18, 7pm | Board Meeting | Mark & Monica's Pizza, 4751 Manzanita Av | Mark or Norm | confirmed |
| October 7 | CCM Mopars in the Park Car Show | Hagan Park (tentative) | Richard | confirmed |



The "Original" FREE Car Show of Northern California

Parade (optional): 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. CAR SHOW: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Car show parking and registration: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Early Bird Parking 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (parade closes show access between 9:30-10:30 a.m.)



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CCM Brunch

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