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Capitol City Cruisers Mission Statement

Celebrating Our 15th Anniversary!

Our mission is to promote family enjoyment and interest in restoration and preservation of collector automobiles such as Antique Classic, Special Interest, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, Street Rods, and Modified Vehicles. To host and conduct car shows and fundraisers to benefit charitable organizations in the Greater Sacramento Area and to have a lot of fun along the way!

President's Message

Hello Cruisers,

I can't believe that February 2018 is behind us and we're heading into March and the car show season. A couple of quick updates...Our April SpringFest Show is confirmed and scheduled for Saturday April 21st. At the Palladio

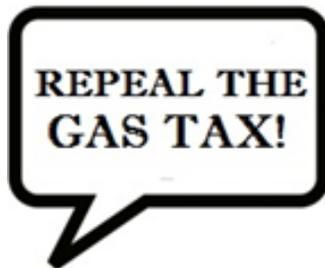


Starting to get excited about the Gold Rush Car Show coming up in Oroville May 11-12. This is a great show with a show at the Feather Falls Casino Friday evening and the main show Saturday. Last but not least...ongratulations to Jim Frasinetti on his award at the Sac Autorama!

Legislative Report

Last I heard the Gas & Car Tax repeal will be on the California November 2018 ballot for all registered voters to the vote on. That's all we ever wanted is to be able to vote on whether we needed a gas and car tax increase. The Sacramento

Bee just posted an article stating that California is a washed in money prior to the increase which could be used to fix our terrible roads.



Its Time the AutoWorld Took A Nostalgia Trip!

For better or worse, I am part of the generation that sent vinyl-record sales soaring to new heights last year, and whose hunger for all things analog prompted Polaroid to bring back its One-step camera and instant film. This is a strange phenomenon. Our nostalgia is entirely invented. Maybe it can all be traced back to a handful of Instagram influencers, or maybe it's caused by genuine interest in old technology.

Either way, it's time this analog nostalgia trip struck the automotive world. Bringing back the Mini and the Fiat 500 was a good start, but the main thing they have in common with their ancestors is their names. The original 500 was a rear-engine thing of beauty, albeit a dreadfully slow one, and the new Mini is no longer mini at all.

There are so many other discarded automotive inventions ripe for comeback: bench seats, whitewall tires, the pillar-less coupe, huge tailfins. Peak-fin was vogue in the late 1950s, when Cadillac had towering tails reaching nearly up to the roof. The 1959 Chevrolet Impala's trunk had wildly curvaceous sheet metal leading into horizontal fins that stretched the width of the car. Some fins incorporated brake lights, others were shod with chrome. They were dangerously pointy. Such exuberant design was a by-product of economic prosperity. The front bench seat still exists on many full-size pickups. Why not put it back in sedans, convertibles and station-wagons too? You get an extra seat, and a bed in a pinch.

Elon Musk tried to give the jump seat a comeback. For an extra \$5,300, you can have your Model S sedan fitted with two rear-facing seats in the back. Both come with racing-style five-point safety harnesses. Jump seats were once common in station wagons. Old Volvos – the V70R, for example – could be ordered with flip-up jump seats in the trunk. Similarly, old SUVs such as the Land Rover Defender and Toyota FJ40 had side-facing troop seats in the cargo area. Nothing better to make the daily trip to school feel like a safari.

The inside of today's Ford Focus looks inspired by some alien craft. What happened to the clean, simple dashboards of older cars? Belying its messy name, the cabin of the 1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia 1750 GT Veloce was minimalist perfection: a horizontal strip of leather atop a horizontal strip of wood, interrupted only by two round instrument dials and a steering wheel. There may have been a heater and radio in there somewhere, too. What more do you need? The dials themselves were a minor work of industrial art – so much so they've inspired an entire line of wristwatches by Autodromo. Because modern cars are so packed with features and adjustable settings, minimal design is probably impossible. So, go the other way. Bring back real buttons. Give us a centre console that looks like a stack of vintage McIntosh amplifiers, with dials and buttons galore. The Lamborghini Miura or Lancia Delta Integrale are fine examples. Either one would be a welcome departure from modern touchscreen controls. Entire genres of automobile have disappeared over time. Some are certainly ripe for a nostalgic comeback à la Polaroid. It would be lovely to see "shooting brakes" return to showrooms. Modern examples of these two-door station wagons exist, but they are exotic treats. The lovely Ferrari GTC4Lusso springs to mind, as does the new limited-edition Aston Martin Vanquish Zagato Shooting Brake. Older, more affordable models, such as the BMW Z3 M Coupe or the Volvo P1800 ES, could use a remake.

Older, more affordable models such as the Volvo P1800 ES, could use a remake. Pillarless coupes faced a similar extinction. They're defined by their lack of B-pillar, which makes for an open, breezy driving experience. Classic examples include the late-eighties Mercedes-Benz C124, the Jaguar XJC, BMW 8 Series, Bentley Brooklands Coupe and countless big American coupes from the fifties, sixties and seventies. The typically American phenomenon of the four-door convertible is also worth a nostalgia trip. Think: a modern version of the 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible.

The four-door convertible, pillarless coupe, jump seats and most of these other nostalgic automotive features have one thing in common: They were unsafe. They would crumple like a tin can in a modern crash test. As a result, they were quite rightly relegated to the annals of automotive history. But what if the brightest engineering minds in the automotive industry – instead of working on perfume atomizers and massaging seats – were working to make new, safe jump-seats or tail fins? These are not insurmountable engineering problems. In 2020, we could be listening to vinyl,

taking photos on instant film and driving four-door convertibles with fins and whitewalls again. There's no question cars are far better over all now than they were, but we have lost some good things along the way.

Sacramento Autorama



Well the 68th annual Sacramento Autorama just wrapped up in February and it may go down as one of the best ever. Over 600 cars filled 10 buildings at Cal Expo. In addition, there were another 250 cars in the Butch Gardner Clubhouse from over 25 local car clubs. On Saturday and Sunday another 350 cars drove in for Weekend Drive-In. All in all, over 1100 cars were in attendance. This is a good indication that the collector car hobby is healthy and in good shape. A huge thanks goes out to John Buck and his staff for their generous sponsorship and support of the ACCC at both the Grand National Roadster Show and the Sacramento Autorama.

Congratulations to Jim Frasinetti on winning 'Best Ford' and also to Rex Roden on winning the 'Favorite Hot Rod' in the Butch Gardner Clubhouse.



Upcoming Car Shows in the Greater Sacramento Area.

- March 17, 2018 Casa Roble High School Car Show - Orangevale
- March 24-25, 2018 – GoodGuys 36th All American Get Together Pleasanton
- April 21, 2018 Capital City Cruisers SpringFest Palladio in Folsom
- April 27-29, 20-18 Kool April Nights – Redding
- May 5, 2018 Thunderbolts Electric Thunder III Sierra College
- May 11-12, 2018 Gold Rush Car Show Oroville
- May 19, 2018 Townsmen Car Show Loomis
- May 20, 2018 Cruisin' For K9's Fry's Electronics Roseville
- June 2, 2018 - June 2, 2018 - Downtown Lincoln Classic Car Show
- June 3, 2018 Pioneer Day Car Show Meadow Vista
- June 9, 2018 Recycled Relics Show & Shine Loyalton
- June 23, 2018 Burgiemmen Car Show West Sacramento
- July 28, 2018 Nostalgic Cruise of Dreams Folsom
- July 27-28-29, 2018 Fortuna Auto Expo Fortuna
- August 3-4, 2018 Hot August Nights Virginia City
- August 7-12, 2018 Hot August Nights Reno
- September 14-15, 2018 Big City Rod Run Sierra City



More shows will be listed as the dates become available

Always call before you go!

