

# Cruiser News

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## Capitol City Cruisers Mission Statement

### Celebrating Our 13<sup>th</sup> 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,

Well July is here and its hard to believe that 2017 is over half way gone. The car show season is well underway. There are several shows coming up in July...July 4th is the Terra d Oro Winery Show in Plymouth, CA. This is a great car show. Also, Grillin' & Chillin' in Dixon, AutoXpo in Fortuna, and the Poor Boys show Midnight Mass in Woodland. Happy Cruisin' and I'll see you at the next car show...Rex



## ACCC Report

Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) is seeking an initiative to repeal gas tax and vehicle fee increases signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown that will raise \$5.2 billion annually for road repairs and mass transit.

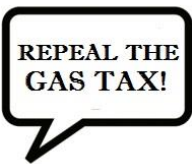
Allen filed papers with the state attorney general to prepare a ballot title and summary so he can work to collect 365,000 signatures from registered voters in 150 days to put the measure on the ballot.

He noted that the bill signed by Gov. Jerry Brown will raise taxes on a gallon of gas by 12 cents on Nov. 1, while adding 20 cents per gallon to the tax on diesel. It also will create new vehicle fees.

“Jerry Brown’s decision to push through the largest gas tax increase in California’s history without the approval of voters demonstrated a complete disregard for ordinary Californians,” Allen said. “This ballot initiative will correct Brown’s failure and allow the people of California to decide for themselves if they want to raise their taxes.” Others, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., also have been discussing possible initiatives to repeal the gas tax. If Allen collects enough signatures, the initiative would be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

The gas tax and registration fee increases will be hard on low income Californians and folks on fixed incomes. In addition, the increase in the fuel taxes on diesel will cause the prices everything to increase, groceries, clothes, staple items, will all cost every Californian more.

It has been reported that there is more than enough money to fix the roads and infrastructure provided that the money isn’t diverted as it has in the past decade. Every Californian that drives a vehicle will be affected and every Californian needs to sign the petition!



## Steps to Successfully Move a Transporting A Classic Car With Ease

With so many scam-brokers flooding the internet today, finding a reliable auto transport company to successfully move your luxury car to your preferred location can be challenging. Interestingly, the dramatic increase in compliant of auto transport scam has led The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to develop a reliable method that reduces auto scam. Although, there are several methods to move classic cars to their preferred location, here are 5 steps to successfully move them with ease.

**#1 Lookout for a reliable auto transport company:** When shipping your classic car across the country, finding a reliable vehicle shipping company is one of the most important steps to take. As a vintage car enthusiast, it is very important to deeply research on the best auto transport company that can successfully ship your classic car without you worrying about the risk of damages. Below are 4 basic questions that will help you spot out the best.

- Is this auto transport company fully insured?
- Is this auto transport company fully licensed and authorized by the Department of Transportation?
- Do they have good online reviews?
- What type of testimonies have people been saying about them?

Responds from these questions will definitely help you make a better decision. Don't stem your trust or reliability on just what some brokers said about their service.

**#2 Study and understand the company's classic carrier options:** Does your auto shipping company have the best carrier options to safely move your classic car? This is one of the paramount steps you shouldn't joke with. Studying and understanding their carrier options is very vital. Since there are so many car transporting companies that cannot arrange for the delivery of expensive cars due to their consistent provision for bulk transport services (multiple carriers); it is necessary to verify if your choice auto shipping company has the best carrier options that can treat your classic car with uttermost care. Meanwhile, there is no doubt that the auto transport quotes for transporting your classic car with an enclosed carrier option is very expensive compared to an open carrier option—which is more susceptible to many dangers while moving the cars.

**#3 Get your classic car ready for shipping:** After

completing the above steps, you have to get your car ready to be shipped. How do you get your classic car ready for shipping?

- You may want to drain the fuel in the car to avoid some unforeseen casualties.
- Check the oil and coolant level and ensure that they're gauged.
- Check whether the tires are in good condition and fully gauged.
- Check if your battery is charged and fixed in its position to avoid shift while shipping.
- Double check the exteriors like the wheel-screen, side mirrors and safe guide them with protective sheets if necessary
- If your classic car has some defects, let's say, brake failure and gear problems or body scratch; please ensure that you inform the transporter before it is being shipped.

After putting all these in place, your luxury car is set for shipping.

**#4 Avoid extra luggage that isn't approved by DOT:** With respect to the regulations laid by the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration licensed only the transportation of some household goods and some personal property. So, if an auto transporter is found moving a classic car loaded with "extra stuff" that is not approved by FMCSA, it will incur a great penalty and the company might lose their license. With such strict rules, many classic vehicle transporters always advise their customers to remove all extra items in the vehicle before transporting them.

**#5 Study the weather before your ship:** If you want to successfully move your classic car to your preferred destination, you mustn't joke with this step. Do you know that transporting your luxury car during harsh weather is very dangerous and could result to some unforeseen casualties like hurricanes, blizzards, thunderstorms and so on? So, if you're shipping your classic car to a totally different part of the country that you've never lived before or you are new in; it is highly advisable that you do some research on their local climate.

Actually, this will not only safely prepare you for an entire different weather that you're likely to experience, but it will also ship in some clue on different ways to ship a car successfully without being affected by the in-climate weather.

## What You Need to Know About Carburetors

A carburetor's main job is to combine fuel and air in order to ignite an internal combustion engine. As technology has advanced, few mainstream automobiles still contain a carburetor. If a person owns a car with a carburetor or is rebuilding a car with a carburetor, there are a few things to know.

### Types of Carburetors

A carburetor measures the pressure of air that gets drawn into an engine and adjusts the amount of fuel to match. A carburetor that draws air in from the side is called a side draft carburetor. When it is drawn from the top, it is called a downdraft carburetor.

The most basic carburetor has one barrel for airflow. A multi-barrel carburetor has multiple barrels to let more air into the engine. This is necessary for large volume engines.

There are fantastic products such as the new STABIL 360° fuel treatment that helps fight corrosion and keep your carburetor in peak condition.

### How to Choose a Carburetor

When a person is rebuilding or restoring a car that needs a carburetor, it is important to understand what part to use. Not all carburetors work the same for a specific purpose. One of the best carburetors for everyday use will be the Rochester Quadra jet. A better carburetor for high performance is a Holley. If a person is confused about choosing the best piece of equipment, it will be helpful to seek the advice of an experienced technician.

### Signs of Carburetor Problems

There are certain things that signal a carburetor problem. Diagnosing a problem early may help to prevent serious engine damage. For instance, black smoke from the exhaust pipe may mean that the carburetor is letting in too much fuel and not enough air into the engine. When a car gets stuck at high idle, it may also signal a carburetor problem. Finally, when an engine misfires, it may be an early sign that the carburetor is malfunctioning.

Today, most cars have fuel injected engines. However, it will be helpful to understand how carburetors work in order to fix or restore older vehicles. The above information should offer some insight and help diagnose problems.

## Single-family owned 1967 Corvette, with 8,533 miles, sells for \$675,000



According to NADA, high retail value on a 1967 Chevrolet Corvette coupe with the 427-cu.in., 435-hp V-8, a four-speed manual transmission, power windows and a telescopic steering wheel is just under \$170,000. That assumes a restored car in pristine condition, but what about an example that's spent its entire life with the same family, covered just over 8,500 miles and is entirely original except for battery and mufflers? Last Saturday, a 1967 Corvette coupe matching this description sold at Mecum's Indianapolis auction, achieving an impressive hammer price of \$675,000 and easily cracking the sale's top 10.



When Keith Richard Litavsky returned from Vietnam in 1966, he'd earned a pair of Purple Hearts and reportedly would have been nominated for a Congressional Medal of Honor, had his commanding officer not been killed in a subsequent helicopter crash. During his time in-country, Keith sent money home, saving what he could to purchase the car of his dreams – a Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray coupe. Two days before Christmas in 1966, his tour of duty over, Keith walked into Jack Douglass

Chevrolet in Hinsdale, Illinois, and ordered a 1967 Corvette built to his specifications.

Starting with the drivetrain, Keith selected the L71 V-8, topped by a trio of two-barrel Holley carburetors and mated to the M21 close-ratio four-speed transmission. Torque went to the rear wheels via a Positraction rear with 4.11:1 gearing, and for optimal handling, the F41 Special Performance Suspension was chosen. Inside, his Corvette was ordered with the AM/FM push-button radio, a telescopic steering column, tinted glass, and the speed warning indicator. As for color, Keith opted for Marina Blue over a Bright Blue vinyl interior.



From delivery, he was said to be meticulous about the care of his new Corvette, driving it only on sunny days, yet never parking it in direct sunlight longer than he needed to. Every drive was documented, including the time and date the car was started, the maximum RPM achieved, how well the car ran and any issues encountered. When the car was parked, it was placed upon carpeted jack stands to take the weight off tires and suspension, and Keith even told his family not to discuss the car, for fear that it might be stolen from his Illinois home.



While no one can truly see the future, Keith believed his Corvette would make a solid investment, particularly when rumors began swirling that the second-generation (and likely,

third-generation) Corvettes would be the last of the line. Though the coupe wasn't driven often, it was surely enjoyed on the rare occasions it was exercised, and for some, the ownership of such a rare car is more gratifying than its use.

In 1993, Keith died of cancer, and the beloved Corvette was passed on to his son, Matt, who trailed the car to his own climate-controlled garage. Over the past 15 years, it's been driven just



15 miles, and in its entire 50-year history has never been publicly shown or judged. Selling it was a hard decision, but as Matt explained, the car that once served as a bond between father and son will live on in his memory.



The winning bidder quite likely walked away with the most original 1967 Corvette remaining, along with documentation that outlines the car's entire history, from production to auction. As a benchmark for future restorations, or as a preservation-class concours entry, this coupe represents an important part of Corvette history.





## 1910 Ford Model 'R'

The year is 1910 One hundred seven years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

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The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas , Nevada , was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.

Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health. Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U. S. A. !



# Upcoming Car Shows 2017

## Greater Sacramento/Northern California Area!

- **Tuesday July 4th Terra d Oro Winery Car Show-Plymouth, CA**
- **Saturday July 15 Grillin' & Chillin' Dixon, CA**
- **Sunday July 16 Antique Trove Car Show Roseville, CA**
- **August 8-13 Hot August Nights**
- **Sunday August 13 Antiques Trove Car Show Roseville**
- **Saturday August 19 Butch Gardner Car Show-Sac Vintage Ford**
- **Sunday August 20 Andy's Picnic - Jackson**
- **Saturday September 2 Clayton Car Show**
- **Sunday September 3 Diamond Springs Fire Dept Car Show**
- **Friday-Sunday September 8-10, 2017 Roamin' Angels**
- **Friday -Saturday September 15-16, 2017 Big City Rod Run**
- **Sunday September 17, 2017 Motor Madness 8 Rocklin, CA**
- **Saturday September 23 Mel's Diner Car Show Auburn, CA**
- **Saturday September 23 Park Community Church Car Show Cameron Park, CA**
- **Saturday September 30, 2017 Cops & Rodders Cameron Park**
- **Saturday October 7, 2017 OctoberFest Car Show & Toy Run – Palladio Folsom**
- **Sunday October 29, 2017 Arbuckle Car Show**

**Dates and locations subject to change. Verify before you go!**