



CCC Newsletter # 01-14

Hey hey hey; It's 2014, and I'm really late! My wife and I spent the New Year's week on an RV trip with friends . . . at a park that was having trouble with it's wifi system. Thanks to my phone I could check emails, but not get this newsletter out. But I'm back home now and here we go.

First, a few requests from me! I'm always looking for something to post on the home page of the website, so I'm reaching out to all of you. I'd love to have you send in any interesting pictures of your car, a club activity etc. Include a paragraph or two along with the picture so everyone will know what it's about.

And secondly, submit shows!! This time of year the calendar always looks bleak and depressing, so get the shows rolling in! Thanks!!

Now our trivia question. Let's go back to the days of the floor mounted 3 speed transmission. Think about this; if you wanted to go backwards, you pushed the shifter **forward** into "reverse"; to go forward, you pulled it **backwards** (into first). That seems odd, why not the other way, pull the shifter back, to go back? Well one manufacturer did make it that way. Who was that, and why did they change? As always, answer after the shows.

So now, the shows!

January 2014:

9th-12th:

- **San Jose, CA:** *Silicon Valley International Auto Show*; at the McEnery Convention Center, 150 West San Carlos Street. Info:
<http://www.motortrendautoshow.com/sanjose>

12th:

- **Phoenix, AZ:** *Arizona Concours D'Elegance*; At the Arizona Biltmore, 2400 East Missouri Avenue. Featuring Packard, and 100 years of Maserati. Info:
<http://www.arizonaconcours.com/>

February 2014:

- Can you believe I've received no submissions for any February car events????? Come on gang!!

March 2014:

22nd:

- **Chino, CA:** *12th Annual Corn Feed Run Car Show & Cruise*; presented by Kiwanis Club of Chino and City of Chino. The show runs 8am till 3pm and will be located in downtown Chino at the City Hall, 13220 Central Ave. Entry fee is \$20.00 before March 8th; \$25.00 after and includes tee shirt; spectators admitted free. Open to all pre '72 cars, all working show trucks and all motorcycles. 430 vehicles last year! 13 block cruising from 10:00 to 1:00; open header contest; awesome trophies; huge raffle plus great food and music. We have a huge display of operating antique engines set up by the WPA. All proceeds go to Local youth & senior charities of the Chino Kiwanis. General info Walt Pocock cornfeedrun@aol.com or 909-591-4162. Vendor info Josh Munch jmunch@cityofchino.org or 909-334-3488 [Click here for the flyer](#) and [here for the registration form](#).

22nd-23rd:

- **Pomona, CA:** *O'Reilly Auto Parts Street Machine & Muscle Car Nationals*; Presented by Lucas Oil. The coolest collection of high performance muscle cars, pro-touring cars and street machines roll into the Pomona Fairplex for a weekend of vintage vehicle fun! Car fans from across the country will descend on Fairplex to take a spin in their own muscle cars on the Autocross timed obstacle course, cruise their classics on the cruise lanes, smoke some tires in the Mickey Thompson Tires Burnout Contests and more. Show goers will also enjoy a Miss Street Machine Nationals Contest; pro car builders and their custom creations and live music as well as games, products, demos and displays in the Performance Midway. Info: Shelbi Okumura, Spin Communications at 415/380-8390 or email shelbi@spinpr.com

28th-29th-30th:

- **Orlando, FL:** *NOPI National Supershow*; At Speed World Dragway.

And now this very important announcement!!! The **2014 Pontiac/Oakland Western Regional Convention** is coming! Planned for next September, it will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the GTO. It will be happening at the same location as the 2005 & 2008 conventions were held, the Pines Resort at Bass Lake. It's being planned as a four day event and will be so much fun you will wish for more! Currently plans are being worked on for a train ride, a melodrama play, boat rides on the lake, a hospitality evening with wine and cheese tasting, a great car show and a fun filled banquet! And of course, what is a GTO celebration with out the "Godfather"! Yes, the convention will be blessed with the presence of one Mr. Jim Wangers . . . "God willing".

Details will start coming quickly now as we get closer, and I don't want to fill the pages of this newsletter with details that my Ford and Mopar friends aren't interested in. So . . . if you would like updates on the 2014 Pontiac/Oakland/GMC Western Regional Convention, bounce this back with "Pontiac" in the subject line and I'll add you to a separate distribution list.

And now, answer to the trivia question:

The Dodge Brothers made their transmissions so that to go into reverse, you pulled the shifter back; Ford on the other hand didn't. But then the Feds got involved and wanted to standardize the shift pattern. Ford had much more lobbying presence than the Dodge Brothers had, so they won out. Since then you have to push the shifter forward, to go backwards. Oh well.

Look here, I'm at the end of the newsletter already! Gads! OK everyone, please be sure to send in your show so that it can get posted here for all the world to see. I'll do my part to make sure February doesn't look so bleak in the future.

As always, if you do not wish to receive this email, simply bounce it back with "remove" in the subject line. If you've received this from a friend that forwarded it to you (bless them for that) and want your own copy, you can simply email me with "Add Me" in the subject line.

You'll also notice no ads this time around. If you would like your ad to reach several thousand gearheads, let me know. (The rates are cheap!)

Thanks for listening, and I wish you all the very best of New Years!

Brian