

California Car Clubs Newsletter

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I'm starting this month's newsletter with something that makes me sad. As well as having a passion for cars, I have been an avid motorcycle rider; making Sturgis twice. I have been a careful rider, but also lucky; my time in the saddle has spanned 49 years, 6 bikes and just over 250,000 miles . . . with no accidents! But all good things come to an end, and now it's time to sell my Harley. (No I'm not to old, but my wife and I are spending more time Rv'ing, so it's a case of "to many hobbies, not enough time".)



Check out all the info on the website; along with a fully restored 1956 Thunderbird just added. Go to www.californiacarclubs.com/forsale.htm Don't forget, there is no charge to list *your* classic!

With that out of the way, let's move on! I hope you're all getting ready to put your Valentine in your classic and take her (or him) to a nice dinner. In my case it will be a club cruise to a nice lunch somewhere. Always fun.

Thank you all who have been sending in shows. The calendar is beginning to look not quite so bleak. There are a lot of shows out there, but they won't be in this newsletter unless someone sends it in.

A few weeks ago I came across something I found very interesting. What would you say to getting 84mpg in a vehicle that was not a hybrid, but gasoline only powered, and could reach 100mph? And, what would you say if your were told that it is 100% American Made! And what would you say if your were told you could purchase a brand new one for \$6,800.00? Well I'm telling you! It's an Elio; a three wheel, fully enclosed, two passenger car (OK, technically it's a motorcycle). While not a vehicle for everyone, it is a vehicle that could be a blessing for those with long commutes, or a lot of "around

town” driving (without a big family). It will be very interesting to see if it can meet the target price and mileage when it hits the market later this year.




Find out more at: <http://www.eliomotors.com/>

On my way home from the store the other day, I quietly slipped my 6 speed into first gear while rolling along at about 10mph. That started me thinking, “I wonder who developed the fully synchronized transmission”. You guessed it, trivia time!

1. So the obvious question; who invented the “fully synchronized” transmission?
2. And; what automaker was the first to use it as standard equipment?

As always, answers at the end of the show listings.

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Now on to the shows!

February 2015:

7th:

- **Menifee CA:** *Motte Historical Museum Open House*; 10:a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 28380 State HWY 74. Please join the museum as they celebrate

another year of business in the community. Admission to the museum is free, plus enjoy the oldies tunes of Jerome Robinson formerly with the new generation of the Platters. Meet and greet the Motte Family, view the 22 classic cars & learn community history. Complimentary refreshments and free drawings for prizes. Info: 951-928-3210 or www.mottemuseum.com

- **Firebaugh, CA:** Eagle Field Runway Drags; Info: 559-351-3537.



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12th-15th:

- **Pomona, CA:** Winternationals; Los Angeles County Fairgrounds.

14th:

- **Temecula, CA:** Sweetheart Car Show; 10am till 1pm. Info: 951-609-6948 or email chrisjunger25@gmail.com.

14th-15th:

- **Sacramento, CA:** Sacramento Autorama; At the fairgrounds. Info: 877-763-7469.

15th:

- **Sacramento, CA:** Cars & Coffee; At Pavilions, by Insight Coffee from 9am till 11:30am. Info: 916-505-1511.

16th:

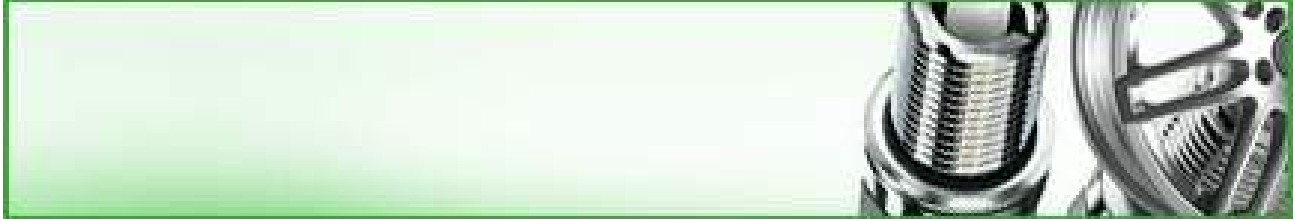
- **Norco, CA:** President's Day Car Show; Free Event!! Pie Walks, Raffle & Award! Special appearance by Vic Slick and the LOLA Crew, with the Street Machine! 2Pm till 5pm at Bob's Big Boy, 3521 Hamner Ave. Info: 951-280-3388 [Click here for the flyer](#).

20th-22nd:

- **Palm Springs, CA:** McCormick's Collector Car Auction. Info:
- **San Diego, CA:** Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange; The 49th annual antique and collector car parts exchange and swap meet will be held at Qualcomm (old Jack Murphy) Stadium. The BIG 3 Auto Swap is held annually and has grown to be the largest old car event held in the San Diego area. This auto swap attracts participants from all over the country. This entire event is totally operated by volunteers. Info: <http://www.big3partsexchange.com/index.html>

21st:

- **El Segundo, CA:** Hot Rod Cruise Night; at the Automobile Driving Museum.
- **Whittier, CA:** Whittier Area Classic Car Show; Info: email waccarshow@gmail.com



22nd:

- **Long Beach, CA:** Early Times Mid-Winger Rod Run; Info: 310-339-3268.
- **Daytona, FL:** NASCAR Daytona 500; Does racing get any better?

27th-28th:

- **Pomona, CA:** Pomona Car Show; 7am till 10pm; Info: 612-834-1869 email; david.strait@graybar.com

28th:

- **Los Angeles, CA:** Corvette Anniversary; Info: 323-964-6325 or email shill@petersen.org

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March 2015:

1st:

- **Pomona CA:** Pomona Swap Meet; Rain or shine, the largest swap meet on the West Coast! At the Fairplex from 5am till 2pm. Info; <http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com/>
- **Balboa, CA:** Balboa Car Show; At the Fun Zone! Free to enter, just show up.

5th-8th:

- **Bakersfield, CA:** NHRA March Meet; Presented by Good Vibrations Motorsports at Famoso Raceway. Info: <http://famosoraceway.com>

6th-7th:

- **Temecula, CA:** Temecula Rod Run; Friday night cruise, and a Saturday Show and Shine from 9am till 4pm. Info: <http://temeculaevents.org/temecularodrun/>

7th:

- **Fresno, CA:** *15th Annual Chinatown Parade & Car Show*; On behalf of Fresno Chinatown Revitalization Inc. and the entire Fresno Chinatown community, we'd like to cordially invite you to the 15th annual Chinese New Year parade and festival as we celebrate the Year of the Ram. The festival will take place from 10:00AM – 3:00PM. Our celebration will be filled with amazing food, free kids activities, merchants, music, a car show and of course the parade which step's off at 12:00PM. Your participation as a float and/or informational, merchant, or food booth will help us make this celebration one for the record books. This is a great way to promote your organization or business to the large crowds of families who attend our parade each year. Info: [Click here for the flyer](#).
- **Selma, CA:** *9th Annual Selma Swap Meet*; Hosted by the Reedley Blossom Trail A's. Located at Highway 99 and Mountain View Ave. Gates open from 6am till 3pm. \$5.00 at the gate. Info: <http://selmaswap.com/>
- **Sanger, CA:** *27th Annual Blossom Days Festival & Car Show*; Event runs from 9am till 4pm at 7th & N Streets in downtown. Arts and crafts, food and fun! Info: <http://www.sanger.org/index.php/component/jevents/icalrepeat.detail/2015/03/07/29/-/27th-annual-blossom-days-festival-18th-annual-runner-of-the-year-points-race-9th-annual-chamber-of-commerce-blossom-car-show?Itemid=1>
- **Lakewood, CA:** *Fuddruckers Classic Car Show*; 5229 N. Clark Ave. Show runs from Noon till 4pm. \$1.00 donation. Open to pre '78 Street Rods and Classics. Hosted by Bill, Anna and Roger! Every First Saturday! Info: 562-408-1555.
- **Los Angeles, CA:** *Annual Porsche and Vintage VW Literature, Toy/Model, & Memorabilia Swap Meet*; at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. Info: <http://www.lalitan toyshow.com/>
- **Palm Desert, CA:** *Cruise-In*; Open to all special interest & vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles. Rain or shine at 72-840 Highway 111. Info: www.palmspringscruisinassociation.com

8th:

- **Anaheim, CA:** *5th Annual So Cal All Porsche Swap and Car Display*; At the Phoenix Club, 1340 South Sanderson. Info: <http://356club.org/event/4th-annual-so-cal-all-porsche-swap-and-car-display/>

13th-14th:

- **Visalia, CA:** *Woodies in the Valley*; If you love Woodies, this is the show not to miss! Hosted by Central Valley Woodie Club, this three day event is packed; there will be a dinner, a cruise and a great show! Info: <http://valleywoodies.com/> or call 559-967-1357.

- **Long Beach, CA:** *Hot Roddin' At Huffs*: At Huff's Restaurant, 8105 Wardlow Rd. Every 2nd Saturday from 7am till 10am. Info: www.underoathcarclub.com

13th-15th:

- **Scottsdale, AZ:** *Goodguys 6th Spring Nationals*: 16601 North Pima Rd. Info:

14th:

- **Orcutt, CA:** *Saint Patrick's Day Car Show*: The show will be at St. Louis de Montfort Church, 5075 Harp Road. Open to all cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles! Music, prizes, food, vendors and proceeds benefiting youth scholarships! Hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. Louis DeMontfort Council #11137. Info: www.kofc11137.org, or email james@jamesjepson.com or call David at 805-868-1739 [Click here for the flyer and registration form](#).

14th-15th:

- **Pomona, CA:** *Street Machine and Muscle Car Nationals*: At the Fairplex, 9am till 4pm. Info: <http://www.streetmachinenationals.net/event/276>

15th:

- **Roseville, CA:** *Cars & Coffee*: At Nugget Market, 771 Pleasant Grove Blvd. from 9am till 11:30am. Info: 916-505-1551.
- **Oxnard, CA:** *30th Annual Studebaker Winter Meet*: At the Murphy Auto Museum from 9am till 3pm. Info: www.studebakersla.com

20th-22nd:

- **Fontana, CA:** *Autoclub 400*: NASCAR at it's best! Info: www.autoclubspeedway.com

21st:

- **Brea, CA:** *7th Annual Brea Baptist Church Car Show*: 9am till 3pm 217 E. Birch St. (In the church parking lot and on the street.) Over 25 awards and a grand cash prize of \$200.00. Info: ronolsen@att.net
- **El Segundo, CA:** *Remembering the Pontiac*: Hosted by The Automobile Driving Museum (ADM), a non-profit automotive museum that preserves and educates of historic automobiles. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 610 Lairport Street. Jim Wangers "The God Father of the GTO" will be the special guest speaker delivering his "Royal Pontiac" presentation. Jim Wangers, autobiographer of Glory Days and the marketing genius that worked for the division's contract advertising agency, McManus, John and Adams is most known for his work with Pontiac. The legendary "ad man" and the marketer behind the Pontiac GTO and several other Pontiac specialty cars, Wangers helped establish the "muscle car" of the Sixties to its rightful niche in the history of American car marketing. Royal Pontiac became the "unofficial" testing garage for Pontiac's high performance cars and equipment. Wangers organized the entire Royal Pontiac program, which remains to this day one of the most respected and important landmark mail-order performance automotive sources ever established. A Royal "Bobcat" is today one of

the hobby's most collectible muscle cars. Requested donations of \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children (11-17) and 10 and under are free. Info: visit: www.theADM.org. Twitter @TheADMorg, and Facebook at /TheADMorg.

21st-22nd:

- **Huntington Beach (Surf City), CA:** 15th Annual "Beachcruiser Meet": Open to all BEACHCRUISIN vehicles manufactured thru 1972. All Station Wagons, Sedan Deliveries, Convertibles, VW Transporters, Nomads, Woodies, Chevelles, Pick-Ups and other Stock and Modified Beachcruisers of the era are welcome. If you hauled your board, your buddies or your babe in it, it's a beachcruiser! We also welcome Vintage Travel Trailers of the same era Pierside both days. As usual, the Meet will be held on Main Street, Huntington Beach, from Pacific Coast Highway inland 3 blocks to Orange Avenue and on the Pier Plaza on the West side of PCH and in the Beachfront Parking Lot just West of the Pier. The event starts at 7:00am both days. Army Color Guard presents Colors on Main Street at 9:00 AM Saturday. Trophies will be presented in all classes at 2:30pm Saturday at the corner of Main and Walnut at the conclusion of musical entertainment. On Sunday additional Sponsor Trophies will be presented pier side courtesy of Jack's, Duke's, Chris Messano Woodworks, Meguiar's, D&P Chevy, Danchuk, Woodies USA, Crevier Classic Car Co, Hobie Cat and C&G Early Ford Parts. Registration for both days is \$30 in advance or \$35 after March 15th. You may attend either day or both for the same total fee. There will be hourly "opportunity drawings" with someone claiming the Hobie Beachcruiser model SUP. Vintage Longboards courtesy of the Longboard Collectors Club will be on display both days. Goodie Bags will be provided upon check-in at the Pier side Beachcruiser booth. Info; go to www.hbcruisers.com, email us at hbcruisers@yahoo.com, call Bob Jimenez (714) 915-7494 or Tom Long (760) 468-2115. Free tow trailer parking is available in the North lot. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

22nd:

- **Perris, CA:** Forbidden Fantasy Show & Shine: Info: 951-485-2633
- **Arcadia, CA:** 8th Annual Car Show: 10am till 4pm. Info: 714-915-7494.

25th:

- **Fresno, CA:** Cars & Coffee: First meet of 2015 will be at Clovis Community College, 10309 N. Willow Ave. Event runs from 8am till 10:30am, \$5.00 entry fee.

28th:

- **Riverside, CA:** Wings and Fins Aircraft & Car Show: Pancake breakfast; air show with aerobatics, vendors and model demos. At the Riverside Airport, enter on Adams St at Arlington by the Harvest Church. Only \$10.00, no pre-registration. Info: 909-815-7531 or 626-390-0603. [Click here for the flyer.](#)
- **Chino, CA:** 13th Annual Corn Feed Run Car Show & Cruise: presented by Kiwanis Club of Chino and City of Chino, show located downtown Chino on the lawn, parking lot and streets surrounding City Hall, 13220 Central Ave, Chino 91710, \$20.00 entrant fee, \$25.00 after March 21, includes tee shirt for all entrants, spectators admitted free, 607 vehicles last show, open to all pre '75 cars, all working show trucks and all motorcycles, 13 block cruising from 10:00 to 1:00, open header contest, vendors, awesome trophies, huge raffle, 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. Info Walt Pocock cornfeedrun@aol.com or 9095914162. Vendor info Josh Munch Munch.joshd@gmail.com or 909-334-3488 [Click here for the flyer](#) and [Click here for the registration form](#).

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I know you're all so excited you can't breath, so here are the answers to this months Trivia Questions!

1. The transmission adopted by most car makers in the early days, was the Panhard-Levassor sliding gear manual transmission, which required coming to a full stop to shift into first gear. It was engineer *Earl A. Thompson* who developed a synchronizing system that permitted drive and driven gears to be brought into mesh with each other smoothly, and without clashing.
2. In 1928 Earl's fully synchronized transmission was introduced as standard equipment by his employer, Cadillac. An improvement to the design, patented by Porsche, is still widely used today.

I hope you're all enjoying a good Super Bowl Party somewhere, I will be. But don't forget . . . on February 22 is the Daytona 500! My home will be host to about 30-40 gearhead friends as I host my 4th annual "Daytona 500 Party"! You might consider doing so too; it's a lot of fun.

Now The Legal Stuff:

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When you are submitting a show, my preference is for them to be submitted in the format you see used. As an Example:

City, State: Name of the car show; description, including time, activities, sponsors, hosts, awards, location, etc. (Feel free to be a bit gabby.) Info: Name of contact person(s), phone, email address, registration information or website.

You ask "why this way?" Because I'm lazy and it makes it easy to "cut n paste" your show into my web program. Feel free to attach a flyer. PDF preferred, but jpg or word docs are fine too. The smaller the file size the better! That means it will load faster for those (still quite a few) without high speed connections.

And one last thing, before I sign off; take the time to check out this version of *God Bless America* at <http://biggeekdad.com/2014/09/john-wayne-1970/#.VCHJXVfNNJ8.email>

Thanks for reading!

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