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Toyota has solved their brake and acceleration problems with.....



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Mindless Mulling from the Prez

After taking an issue off, I have returned. Running the Inaugural / Stagecoach weekend so close to the holidays was changeling but also very rewarding. I do want to take this column to talk a little about that weekend and all people that helped make it such a success. I want to start by thanking our wonderful contestants they came and supported the event, and we hope you all enjoyed the experience. As much work as running an event like this is, we do it for you our contestants.

On a much more personal level I want to thank the committee, rallymasters and workers. Organizing such an event is not easy and all the people involved do it for the love of the sport. Jeanne English deserves huge thanks for all she did to ensure the events success. As club Secretary Jeanne filed all the appropriate paperwork to get these events sanctioned, got the word out to our national competitors, and made all the arrangements for lodging and headquarters location. No small task, but she continued to help by running two check-outs, helping measure the events, and working both of rallies. Larry Scholnick not only wrote a masterful rally with many interesting roads and varied beautiful scenery, but also checked-out and helped measure another rally, procured some nice and distinct trophies for both events, got Inaugural scored in record time, and made arrangements for the wonderful gathering at the finish location on Sunday. Joanna Paden

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Rally Info Available Online

Check out the SMSCC and Cal Club websites for road rally results, rally calendar, flyers for upcoming rallies, and other rally-related information (including a link to the SCCA Minor Waiver required for minors to participate). The Cal Club website has a photo gallery where we post pictures of rally winners - so get ready to smile when you are accepting your trophy!

SMSCC's website is www.smscc.org.

Cal Club's website is www.calclub.com/roadrally.

Minor Waiver Reminder

For a minor to participate in our rallies, both parents must sign the SCCA Minor Waiver. Each parent's signature is only valid if the parent signs in the presence of the rally registrar, or the parent's signature is notarized. You can download the SCCA Minor Waiver from:

<http://www.scca.com/documents/insurance/SCCAminorwaiver.pdf>

Rally Calendar

<u>when</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>where</u>	<u>who</u>	<u>more info</u>
Mar 27	Ocean's Eleven	Starbuck's, Encino	ITN	itnrally.org
Apr 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Apr 10	CBS checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Apr 14	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
May 1	Citrus Blossom	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
May 7	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
May 8	Rally School	Santa Barbara	PCA	zone8.pca.org
May 15	Cal Inland Rally	Lancaster	PCA	zone8.pca.org
May 19	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
May 22	El Camino Real	Santa Barbara	PCA	zone8.pca.org
Jun 4	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Jun 12	Rally to the Race	Fontana Speedway	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jun 16	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jun 19	NMF checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jun 26	Midnight Run	Harris Ranch	ITN	itnrally.org
Jul 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Jul 14	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jul 17	Not My Fault	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-271-7168
Aug 6	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Aug 18	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Oct 9	Eureka	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168

NOTICE

The SCCA Weekend Membership fee has been raised to
\$8 per car effective January 1, 2010

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chaired the event and kept everything running smoothly while chaos seemed to rule at some moments. She also took the time to help check-out both events and work both events while still managing her oversight duties. Rachel Smith also checked-out both events and worked them both including maintaining order at one double check point where her help was late in arriving. This committee is one of the best I could have asked for and all did a wonderful job to ensure the events success. Next time you see any of them please take the time to thank them, and those of you who already have thank you.

Other members of the club that were invaluable and worked both events are Dikk and Janis Jones, Doug Liedblad, Jim Paden and Paul Zahorecz. I also want to take a moment to thank some friends of the club that worked one of the rallies as well, Joe Akerman, Paul McGaffey, Nathalie, Revere Jones, Robert Day, Sally Kinsey, and David Budlong. Again, both personally and for the club I would like to give a huge thank you to all these people.

Lastly I want to remind you all that the next event in our Rally Series is Citrus Blossom Special on May the first. The Rally is written by Rachael Smith and is always a fun and scenic event. Also for those of you that don't run our Rally Series if there is anything we can do to make them more appealing or if you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail me or talk to me at any of our upcoming events.

New Laws for Motorists

During 2009, the California state legislature approved a number of new laws of interest to Auto Club members and motorists. Unless otherwise noted, these measures take effect January 1, 2010.

Video Displays. Assembly Bill (AB) 62 permits a person to drive a motor vehicle with a video screen that is displaying a TV or video signal, located in the vehicle's front-seat area, as long as the video screen is designed, operated, and configured in a manner that prevents the driver of the vehicle from viewing the show or video.

Vehicle Impoundment. AB 14 authorizes cities or counties to adopt local ordinances stating that if a person is arrested for using a vehicle to commit or attempt to commit a crime of prostitution or illegal commercial dumping, that vehicle may be considered a public nuisance and impounded for up to 30 days, if the person has at least one prior conviction for either of those crimes in the previous three years. AB 14 also requires vehicle-storage facilities to accept a bank credit or debit card or cash for payment of towing, storage, and related fees. Storage facility operators who refuse to accept a credit or debit card or cash shall be civilly liable for four times the amount of the fees, not to exceed \$500.

Driver's License Cost. The legislature has raised the cost of new and renewed driver's licenses from \$28 to \$31. A duplicate driver's license now costs \$25, and an identification card now costs \$24.

Higher Vehicle License Fees. Effective May 19, 2009, the legislature nearly doubled the effective rate of the vehicle license fee (VLF), raising it from

0.65 percent to 1.15 percent of the vehicle's assessed value. The higher VLF rate will be in effect until July 1, 2013, unless it is extended or made permanent.

Driving Under the Influence. AB 91 authorizes the DMV to create a pilot project requiring all convicted DUI offenders in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Tulare counties to install an ignition interlock device (IID) on every vehicle they own or operate as a condition of getting their driver's licenses back. The amount of time the IID needs to remain installed is based upon the number of DUI convictions. An evaluation will be conducted to determine if the IID pilots are effective at reducing DUIs. The Auto Club supported this measure. It will become effective on July 1, 2010.

Slow Down and Move Over. Senate Bill (SB) 240, which the Auto Club supported, makes permanent the Move Over law, which is intended to enhance safety around emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on freeways. Drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle or tow truck with its siren or emergency lights activated must proceed with caution and move into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle or tow truck. If such a move is not safe, practicable, or legal, the driver must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions. Under SB 240, motorists must also move over for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) vehicles.

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Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Nite
February 5, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>								
*1	Robert Friedman/Revere Jones	Subaru	TCSCC/PCA	0.04	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.15
2	Rob Tivy/Charlie Engel	Mini	SMSCC	0.54	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.61
3	Joe Akerman/Nathan Harris	Subaru	ITN	0.02	1.70	1.55	0.30	3.57
<i>CLASS D</i>								
*1D	Ted Knox/Jed Behar	Chrysler		0.51	2.34	1.11	2.77	6.73
* - Trophy D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck)								

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Nite
March 5, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>								
*1	David Budlong/Joe Akerman	Subaru	ITN	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.11
2	Larry Boone/Jenny Boone	Pontiac	Pumkin Rally 1	0.24	0.14	0.01	0.11	0.50
3	Rob Tivy/Charlie Engel	Mini	SMSCC	0.64	0.19	0.11	0.25	1.19
4	Dan Bailor/Don Bailor	Toyota		0.04	0.98	1.01	0.11	2.14
5	Revere Jones/Greg Bartlett	BMW	TCSCC/PCA	2.71	0.31	0.04	0.07	3.13
6	Paul McGaffey/Robert Dunlop	COBRA		4.83	0.19	0.00	4.12	9.14
<i>CLASS C</i>								
*1	Sam Weissen/Joanna Paden	Pontiac	SCCA/SMSCC	0.24	0.17	0.14	0.35	0.90
*2	Sean Ayers/Matt Voorman	Toyota	Prague Drinkin	2.43	0.95	0.21	0.28	3.87
3	Patrick Strong/Andrew Schark	Mazda	SCCA	2.88	0.64	0.74	0.06	4.32
C4	Sabrina Williams/John Hannon	Nissan		3.00	1.41	0.49	0.00	4.90
5	Doug Folkerts/Lance Pekala	Honda		2.49	2.21	0.14	0.16	5.00
6	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	5.00	2.15	1.47	1.62	10.24
7	Noel Furniss/Suzanne Grayk	Toyota		1.69	3.36	2.14	4.19	11.38
8	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		2.72	4.63	5.00	0.03	12.38
<i>CLASS D</i>								
*1	Steve Tompkins/Regina Tompkins	VW		2.25	0.80	1.52	0.34	4.91
2	Jim Schulz/Nicole Capote	Mazda		0.40	4.06	1.28	1.55	7.29
D3	Nathan Watanabe/Eric Watanabe	Honda		0.09	5.00	2.83	1.60	9.52
4	Nathan Hall/Michelle Hall	VW		3.56	0.80	5.00	0.36	9.72
5	Damien Sisley/Eric Sisley	Lexus		4.69	0.83	2.90	1.70	10.12
6	Vince Watanabe/Kristin & Cory	Toyota		5.00	5.00	1.55	2.49	14.04
* - Trophy D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck) C - best single leg in Class C (earns a Rally Buck)								



DISTRACTED DRIVING

As part of their push to make texting while driving illegal in all 50 states, the AAA has released some interesting statistics.

- Texting drivers are 23 times more dangerous than attentive drivers.
- 51 percent of teens say they text message while driving.
- 2500 messages sent by a texting teen every month, on average.
- 6000 people die in the U.S. annually in distracted driving crashes.
- 500,000 injuries result from distraction related crashes.

AAA accepts the fact that not all distraction is from texting but considers a major factor in such accidents. Their hope is to have text messaging banned in all 50 states by 2013.

BIG BROTHER BUGATTI IS WATCHING

In a recent interview with the U.S. sales manager for Bugatti automobiles he mentioned that all Bugattis are in constant communication with the headquarters so that all mechanical/electronic information about the functioning of the car is tracked anywhere in the world. So, it seems reasonable that if they can pickup all the information they can also tell where the car is. If you are planning to purchase one of their vehicles keep in mind that they know where you are and probably if you have been bad or good.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Following is the latest legislative update of pro-posed laws that will affect the collector car hobbyist. As always this information comes from the Association of California Car Clubs.

AB859 (Jones); Among other things this bill would require annual inspection for vehicles 15 years old or more by January 1, 2011.

AB986 (Mendoza): This bill was originally sub-mitted in January, 2009 and has been placed into a 2 year session. Bill would allow a peace officer to arrest any person that he determines to be engaging in a contest of speed and impound the car. [Bill is supposedly aimed at street racers, but there does not appear to be any definition of 'speed contest' so a 'rally' be considered such a contest? RM]

SB385 (Wright): Among other provisions this bill would exempt vehicles with historic license plate from smog inspections if the owner signs a statement under penalty of perjury that the vehicle will be used for specified purposes and if the owner owns 2 or more currently registered vehicles that are not registered as historic.

As a car hobbyist you owe to yourself to make your opinions of these bills known to your legislators and also to the sponsors. As always, the ACCC can be located on the web at <accdefender.org>. You should Consider joining.



SNO*DRIFT RALLY
Atlanta, MI; Jan. 29-31, 2010

1. Travis Pastrana/Christian Edstrom	Open	
10 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi		2:31:01.1
2. Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Richard	Open	
09 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X		2:32:38.8
3. William Bacon/Peter Watt	Open	
06 Mitsubishi Evo IX		2:37:40.8
4. Andrew Comrie-Picard/Jeremy Wimpey	Open	
07 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo		2:45:28.2
5. Travis Hanson/Terry Hanson	SP	
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi		2:48:05.1
6. Dave Mira/Derek Ringer	Open	
10 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi		2:55:50.9
7. Carl Decker/Adam Craig	Open	
93 Subaru Imprezza		2:58:08.2
8. Piotr Wiktorczyk/Grzegorz Dorman	SP	
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi		2:58:21.1
9. Byron Garth/Sky Pinnick	SP	
Subaru WRX		2:59:30.4
10. Arkadi Gruszka/Dominik Jozwiak	Open	
06 Mitsubishi Evo IX		2:59:42.1
27. Nick Allen/Eric Hansen	2WD	
86 Volkswagen Golf		4:19:52.4

RALLY SWEDEN

Karlstad, Sweden; February 12-14, 2010

1. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09		3:09:30.4
2. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena		
Citroen C4 WRC		3:10:12.7
3. Jari-Matti Latvala/Mikka Anttila		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09		3:10:45.8
4. Daniel Sordo/Marc Marti		
Citroen C4 WRC		3:12:12.0
5. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia		
Citroen C4 WRC		3:13:45.7
6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08		3:14:53.8
7. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08		3:17:24.3

8. Mads Ostberg/Jonas Andersson		
Subaru Imprezza WRC		3:18:52.6
9. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills		
Citroen C4 WRC		3:19:47.9
10. Per Gunnar Andersson/Anders Fredrikson		
Skoda Fabia S2000		3:21:39.3
21. Marcus Gronholm/Timo Rautiainen		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08		3:33:04.3
30. Kimi Raikkonen/Kaj Lindstrom		
Citroen C4 WRC		3:47:17.6

DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP
(after one event)

1. Mikko Hirvonen	25
2. Sebastien Loeb	18
3. Jari-Matti Latvala	15
4. Daniel Sordo	12
5. Sebastien Ogier	10
6. Henning Solberg	8
7. Matthew Wilson	6
8. Mads Ostberg	4
9. Petter Solberg	2
10. Per Gunnar Andersson	1

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
(after one event)

1. BP Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	40
2. Citroen Total WRT	30
3. Citroen Junior Team	14
4. Stobart M-Sport Ford RT	14



RECALL LOG

GM: 2005-06 Corvette Z06; 2005-07 Corvette, both with removable roof. Adhesive between roof panel and frame can loosen - worst case - roof panel could detach from car. 22,090 units. GM recall # 090230.

GM: 2010 Chevrolet Equinox & GMC Terrain. Faulty software can cause HVAC system to fail. 59,031 units. GM recall # 090298.

BMW [M/C]: 2008-10 F650GS, F800GS. Water can get into fuel vapor recovery system causing stalling. 4498 units. NHTSA recall # 09V499.

Hyundai: 2006009 Azera. Front passenger seat belt tension sensor can fail & not allow air bag to deploy. 65,226 units. Hyundai recall # 094.

Honda: 2006-07 Ridgeline. HVAC wire harness under right side of dash can be kicked causing shorting or overheating. 7600 units. NHTSA recall # 10V001.

Dorel Juvenile Group (DJG) [child safety seat]: Manufactured between 1-1-00 & 9-30-01 under the Cosco & Eddie Bauer names. Tether webbing fails FMVSS 213 re abrasion resistance. 3,957,826 units. NHTSA recall # 02C026.

DJG [child seat]: Manufactured under the Cosco brand. Fails FMVSS re sunlight deterioration. 54,400

units. NHTSA recall # 002C053.

Chrysler: 2009-10 Dodge Ram; 22010 Sebring, Avenger, Nitro, JJeep Commander Grand Cherokee & Liberty. Bad or missing brake booster input rod retaining clip may allow sudden brake failure. 224,177 units. Chrysler recall # JJ37.

Toyota: 2005-10 Avalon; 2007-10 C10 Camry, Tundra; 2008-10 SSequoia; 2009-10 Corolla, Matrix, RRAV 4; 2010 Highlander. Pedals may develop condition that makes them hard to use. NHTSA recall # 10#10V170.

GM: 2009 Pontiac Vibe. See above. Same recall #.

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Toyota: 2008-10 Highlander; 2009-10 Corolla, Matrix, Venza. [more] models of Toyota have potential problems with the accelerator pedal. 1,093,000 units. NHTSA recall # 10V023.

GM: 2009-10 Pontiac Vibe. Accelerator pedal can stick in open position. NHTSA recall 10V024.

Honda: 2007-08 Fit. Under severe conditions water can enter through driver's window and cause master control to short. 141,000 units. NHTSA recall # 10V033.

Toyota: 2010 Camry with 4 cylinder engine. Power steering hose can rub on left rear brake line causing leak/loss of braking. 73 14

units. NHTSA recall # 10V040.

Toyota: 2010 Lexus HS, Prius. ABS brake system may need to be re-programmed for proper actuation. 148,549 units. NHTSA recall 10V039.

Honda: 2001-02 Accord; 2001-03 Civic; 2002 CRV, Odyssey; 2003 Pilot, Acura 3.2 CL; 2002-03 Acura 3.2 TL. Driver's airbag inflator can produce excessive pressure. 379,000 units. Honda recall # Q96; Acura recall # R13.

GM: 2004 Saab 9-3. Front seat belt retractors can fail. 14,126 units. GM recall #E090273

Toyota: 2010 Tacoma. Front axle prop shaft can crack. 8000 units. NHTSA recall #10V042.

Chrysler: 2005-06 Chrysler Town & Country, Dodge Caravan & Grand Caravan. Front air bag sensors can suffer leak damage & not operate. Primarily units in snow belt. 312,442 units. Chrysler recall # J38.

Honda: 2005 Odyssey. Struts on power lift gate can fail causing tailgate to fall. 21,776 units. NHTSA recall # 10V055.

Mazda: 2010 CX-9. Heated seats can over heat in extremely cold temps. 12,300 units. Mazda recall # 5810B

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

2010 Specials

Zero Bucks

Contestants are awarded 'Rally Bucks' for getting zeroes—

Class A contestants get 1 Rally Buck per zero,

Classes B and C get 2 Rally Bucks per zero,

and Class D contestants get 3 Rally Bucks per zero.

Rally Bucks can be accumulated and used like cash for FFN entry fees.

All specials subject to the whim of the SMSCC board. Get in on it while you can.