

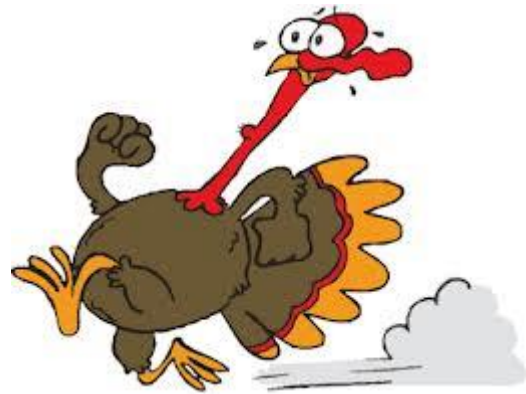


ROAD *and* TACH

The Cal Club Region of SCCA
and Santa Monica Sports Car Club present:



Highway Robbery
National Course Rally
Saturday, November 1, 2014



Turkey Traps
National GTA Rally
Sunday, November 2, 2014

2014 Issue 3 – June,
July, August

Presidential Mullings

2014 SMSCC Rally Series

	Points	Rallies Run
1 Jessica Toney	36	4
J Toney	36	4
Joe Batwinis	36	3+W
Andrew Schark	36	3+W
5 Nathan Harris	33	3+W
Joe Akerman	33	3+W
7 Stu Helfer	30	3
8 John Sears	28	3
9 Paul McGaffey	24	4
10 Dave Jameson	23	3
11 Larry Richardson	20	3
Jack von Kaenel	20	2
13 Robert Day	18	2
Sally Kinsey	18	2
15 Larry Boone	16	2
Jenny Boone	16	2
17 Karl Broberg	10	1
Dan Coplan	10	1
Brandy Rhea	10	1
Scott Kimbrell	10	1
Kyle Weichman	10	1
Dikk Jones	10	1
Janis Jones	10	1
Sebastian Rios	10	1
Shauna Rios	10	1
John Getchell	10	1
Nicole Saint	10	1
Brian McGaffey	10	1
29 Nathalie Karouni	8	1
Wayne Mattson	8	1
Daniel Peterson	8	1
Douglas Schauer	8	1
Thomas Frew	8	1
Allyson Valencia	8	1
35 Jack Rabell	6	1
Dick Rafter	6	1
Heather Molloy	6	1
Daniel Reyna	6	1
39 Dan Jameson	5	1
40 Noel Petrosian	4	1
Martick Saghetalin	4	1
Ron Dunlop	4	1
Tom Gould	0	W
Revere Jones	0	W

See you down the road!

Jeanne English,
SMSCC President



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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>
Sept 5	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Sept 13	Zone 8 Rally	Carlsbad	PCA-SD	www.zone8.org
Sept 17	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Sept 24	Dinner meeting	La Nuevo Posada	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Sept 27	Midnight Run	Lebec	ITN	itnrally.org
Oct 3	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 15	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 1	Highway Robbery	Hampton Inn, Sta Cirta	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 2	Turkey Traps	Hampton Inn, Sta Cirta	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 7	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Nov 19	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 23	Thanksgiving	Mom's family		you know the number

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Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
June 6, 2014

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
CLASS A								
*1	Dan Bailor/Don Bailor	Toyota		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
2	Greg Bartlett/Joe Mancewicz	Mazda	TCSCC/PCA	0.00	0.02	0.43	0.00	0.45
3	Joe Akerman/Nathan Harris	Subaru	ITN	1.98	0.02	0.38	0.63	3.01
4	Paul McGaffey/Ron Dunlop	Cobra	ITN	1.89	0.00	0.42	0.75	3.06
5	Revere Jones/Patrick Strong	Subaru	TCSCC/PCA/SMSCC	1.96	0.02	0.00	1.96	3.94
CLASS B								
*1	Paul Zahorecz/Sam Weissen	Ford	SMSCC	0.01	0.22	0.09	0.28	0.60
2	Joe Batwinis/Andrew Schar	Mini		3.05	0.23	0.39	1.54	5.21
CLASS C								
*1	Greg Whale/Greg Wright	Mitsubishi		0.84	1.35	0.25	1.76	4.20
2C	Mike Klein/Kevin Ayers	VW GTI	SMSCC/ITN/PCA	3.25	0.21	0.10	1.68	5.24
3	Tom Gould/Lisa Gould	Porsche	PCA	1.79	2.29	0.43	1.40	5.91
CLASS D								
*1	Mike Lin/Elizabeth Sun	Mercedes		0.71	2.33	1.53	5.00	9.57
2	Brent McLeod/Tammy McLeod	Tesla		4.81	2.37	0.72	2.08	9.98
3D	Teresa Phillips/Tanner Phillips	Honda	Pumkin Rally Team	2.09	4.26	0.53	5.00	11.88
4	Dave Ross/Stacy Sinclair	Mini Cooper		4.01	5.00	1.53	2.45	12.99
5	Andrew Folstad/Richard Folstad	Porsche	PCA	2.64	5.00	1.47	5.00	14.11

* - Trophy C - best single leg in Class C D - best single leg in Class D
(earns a Rally Buck) (earns a Rally Buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

See you at the next FFN on

July 4!!

Bring your friends! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!! Bring your friends!!!

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
July 4, 2014

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total
CLASS A							
*1	Larry Boone, Jenny Boone	Toyota	Pumkin	0.04	0.37	0.05	0.46
2	Joe Akerman/Nathan Harris	Subaru	ITN	0.03	1.28	0.03	1.34
CLASS C							
*1C	Joe Batwinis/Matt Woodruff	Mini		0.19	0.38	0.34	0.91
2	Mike Klein/Shari Liebeskind	VW GTI	SMSCC/ITN/PCA	0.74	0.60	2.40	3.74
3	John Dillon/Christine Robinson	Audi	Widget Rally Team	0.58	0.80	4.11	5.49
CLASS D							
*1D	Mike Lin/Elizabeth Sun	Mercedes		0.71	2.33	1.53	4.57

* - Trophy C - best single leg in Class C D - best single leg in Class D
(earns a Rally Buck) (earns a Rally Buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

See you at the next FFN on

August 1

Bring your friends! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!! Bring your friends!!!

September 5

* - Trophy C - best single leg in Class C (earns a Rally Buck) D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck)

See you at the next FFN on

Thank you for running Not My Fault! We hope you enjoyed it.

* - Trophy

RALLY ITALIA SARDINIA
June 6-8, 2014

1. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	
VW Polo R	4:02:37.8
2. Mads Ostberg/Jonas Andersson	
Citroen DS3	4:04:00.9
3. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	
VW Polo R	4:04:10.6
4. Andreas Mikkelsen/Ole Floene	
VW Polo R	4:05:17.1
5. Elfyn Evans/Daniel Barritt	
Ford Fiesta RS	4:07:19.6
6. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek	
Ford Fiesta RS	4:08:43.1
7. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor	
Ford Fiesta RS	4:09:53.6
8. Robert Kubica/Maciej Szczepaniak	
Ford Fiesta RS	4:14:56.8
9. Lorenzo Bertelli/Mitia Dotta	
Ford Fiesta RS	4:17:59.9
10. Khalid Al Qassimi/Chris Patterson	
Citroen DS3	4:19:27.1

RALLY POLAND
June 27-30, 2014

1. Sebastien Ogier/Julian Ingrassia	
VW Polo R	2:34:02.0
2. Andreas Mikkelsen/Ola Floene	
VW Polo R	2:35:09.7
3. Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul	
Hyundai i20	2:36:15.5
4. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen	
Ford Fiesta RS	2:36:34.4
5. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	
VW Polo R	2:36:35.1
6. Juho Hanninen/Tomi Tuominen	
Hyundai i20	2:36:51.9
7. Kris Meeke/Paul Nagel	
Citroen DS3	2:38:29.9
8. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard	
Hyundai i20	2:38:34.1
9. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor	
Ford Fiesta RS	2:39:01.0

10. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek
Ford Fiesta RS 2:40:13.3

NESTE OIL RALLY FINLAND
July 31 – August 3, 2014

1. Jari-Matti Latvala/Mikko Anttila	
VW Polo R	2:57:23.2
2. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	
VW Polo R	2:57:26.8
3. Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	
Citroen DS3	2:58:13.8
4. Andreas Mikkelsen/Ola Floene	
VW Polo R	2:59:15.7
5. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen	
Ford Fiesta RS	3:00:12.9
6. Juha Hanninen/Tomi Tuominen	
Hyundai i20	3:01:52.2
7. Elfyn Evans/Daniel Barritt	
Ford Fiesta RS	3:02:49.0
8. Hayden Paddon/J. Kennard	
Hyundai i20	3:03:41.0
9. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor	
Ford Fiesta RS	3:09:30.2
10. Karl Kruuda/Martin Jarveoja	
Ford Fiesta S2000	3:12:07.9

DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

	Finland	Total
1. Sebastien Ogier	21	187
2. Jari-Matti Latvala	27	143
3. Andreas Mikkelsen	12	95
4. Mads Ostberg	0	66
5. Mikko Hirvonen	10	62

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Finland	Total
1. VW Motorsport	43	305
2. Citroen Total Abu Dhabi	15	130
3. M-Sport WRT	16	106
4. VW Motorsport II	12	94
5. Hyundai Shell	8	88
6. Jipocar Czech National Team	0	34
7. RK M-Sport	2	21
8. Hyundai Motorsport N	4	12

The Cal Club Region of SCCA and Santa Monica Sports Car Club present:



Highway Robbery National Course Rally Saturday, November 1, 2014

Turkey Traps National GTA Rally Sunday, November 2, 2014

RALLY PHILOSOPHIES

Highway Robbery is a course rally that will test your ability to stay on course and on time.

Turkey Traps is a trap-gimmick rally on which you do not have to stay on time, so you have time to re read the rules, and to go back to re check a sign or an intersection, and to actually THINK about what you're doing.

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START / HEADQUARTERS

Friday, October 31, 2014:

Hampton Inn, 25259 The Old Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91381, 661-253-2400. \$109 per night includes breakfast, free internet, and other good stuff. Mention Highway Robbery when you make your reservation. The hotel is located close to Six Flags Magic Mountain.

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/index.html> national Hampton Inn website, <http://tinyurl.com/9aqyg65> Santa Clarita

DIRECTIONS

From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) (about 40 miles): Exit airport East on Century Blvd. Right/North onto Interstate 405. Merge onto Interstate 5 North. Exit at Calgrove Blvd. Left on Calgrove (at end of offramp). Right at traffic light onto The Old Rd. The hotel is on the left within 1.3 miles.

From Bob Hope Airport (BUR) (about 20 miles): Exit airport East (on Thornton Ave.). Left/North onto Hollywood Way. Left onto Interstate 5 North. Exit at Calgrove Blvd. Left on Calgrove (at end of offramp). Right at traffic light onto The Old Rd. The hotel is on the left within 1.3 miles.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY and TURKEY TRAPS
November 1 and 2, 2014
ENTRY FORM

DRIVER

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone (_____) _____ Zip _____
E/Mail _____ @ _____

NAVIGATOR

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone (_____) _____ Zip _____
E/Mail _____ @ _____

SCCA Member? Yes / No Under 19? Yes / No
SCCA Region _____

SCCA Member? Yes / No Under 19? Yes / No
SCCA Region _____

CLASS: (for each event, check the class you are registering for)

Highway Robbery (Course Rally) **Equipped** ____ **Limited** ____ **Stock** ____
Turkey Traps (GTA Rally) **Experienced** ____ **Novice** ____

Vehicle

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
Vehicle License # _____ State _____

If the vehicle is *not* owned by either Driver or Navigator:

Owner _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____

Driver License # _____ State _____ Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

By signing this form, entrants certify that they will comply with all rules and equipment requirements specified in the 2014 SCCA Road Rally Regulations. These include, but are not limited to:
Class Limitations, 2-way Radios, Vehicle Safety and Operation, etc.

The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of \$25,000/\$40,000/\$10,000 is in force for each vehicle entered

Driver _____ Date _____ Navigator _____ Date _____

ENTRY FEE SCCA Members: (Check one) ____ \$75 (1 event) ____ \$140.00 (both events)
ENTRY FEE non-SCCA: (Check one) ____ \$80 (1 event) ____ \$150.00 (both events)

Mail entry check (payable to SMSCC) to:

Jeanne English 310-372-7168
30 – 13th St, Apt E
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Fireworks on the Fourth The July FFN

By EAN 21

SMSCC puts on rallies called the First Friday Niters. We are always there on the first Friday – rain, sun, holiday. We sometimes get questions, as we did for the July FFN, asking if we will be changing an FFN to a different day because the first Friday is a holiday – in this case, it was the Fourth of July. Our answer this time was, “No, we will not be changing the date of the FFN. If it’s the first Friday of the month, we will be there. See you on the Fourth!”

We’ve done this before, and have noticed several things – the attendance can vary widely from only 2 cars to as many as 20, many restaurants are closed in the evening on the Fourth, and people still want to see fireworks.

We can’t do much about the attendance except cross our fingers and hope for the best. But we can solve the food and fireworks problems. This time, they sort of went together – I had to find a place to watch the fireworks that was at last kind of close to a restaurant.

I started by trying to figure out where the fireworks would be. On a previous Fourth of July FFN, many years ago, the rally ended in the industrial park across the freeway from Magic Mountain on a street where we could easily see their fireworks. I thought that would be a great idea for this rally, but I wasn’t sure what time the fireworks started. So I called them up and asked – and was told that they were not doing any fireworks! What?! I thought they did them every night! The person on the phone said that they stopped doing them a few years ago because of the fire danger (yes, the drought has been a problem for a while).

What to do? I still wanted to have the rally run near Magic Mountain. One of my brothers and his family live in that area, so I emailed him looking for help. His wife sent me a list of where and when things were happening along with her suggestion of where to watch the fireworks. I looked at a map, plotting where the fireworks displays were going to be and looking for a good place for a checkpoint where we could watch, and found what I thought would be a great location. The checkpoint was in the same industrial park I had used previously, but facing south instead of west.

And the location worked out great. The cars came through there soon after the end of the odometer check for an early checkpoint, then went away for a while and did a DIYC while they were gone, and finally returned to the same checkpoint location where everyone parked and watched the fireworks. From where we were, we could see two different displays as well as random fireworks from other places. The rally was shorter than usual, but that was necessary to get to the last

checkpoint in time to see the fireworks – and no one seemed to mind the shortened rally.

As for where to go to do scoring and awards, there is a ‘fast food row’ very close to the last checkpoint and one of the restaurants, Tommy’s, was open. Their signs and ads say they are open 24/7, so once I knew where the rally was going I called them to verify whether or not they would be open on the night of the Fourth. Yes, they would be open! So we all headed over there for some food (I like their chili tamales, but their chili burgers are a big hit also) and to do scoring and hand out awards.

It worked out well – it was a beautiful night for a rally and some fireworks, and the six cars that showed up all seemed to have a great time.



RECALL LOG

Mercedes-Benz: 2008-11 C300, C300 4Matic, C350, C63AMG. Poor electrical connection can result in dimming/failure of tail lights. 252,867 units. NHTSA #14V177.

BMW: 2010-12 [many models]. Bolts holding camshaft adjusters can loosen or break causing engine to reduce power or stall. 150,137. NHTSA recall # 14V176.

Honda: 2014 Odyssey. Shorting terminal in air bag may prevent deployment. 24,889 units. Honda recall # JE2.

Mazda: 2014 Mazda6. Possible to fill fuel tank beyond rated capacity. 19,000 units. Mazda recall # 7414D.

Ducati (M/C): 2012-13 1199 Panigale, Panigale S. Left handle bar switch for electrics can fail. 2083 units. Ducati # RCL-14-001.

GM: 2007-08 Saturn Aura with 4speed auto trans. Transmission shift cable can break. 56,214 units. GM recall # 14152.

GM: 2005-07 Corvette. Problem with low beam illumination. 103,158 units. GM #14203

GM: 2014 Chevrolet Malibu with 2.5L engine and auto start/stop. Can suffer loss of brake boost assist. 140,067 units. GM recall # 14201.

Hyundai: 2011-14 Tucson. Steering wheel air bag assembly can come loose. 137,500 units. Hyundai # 118.

GM: 2014 Buick LaCrosse, Chevrolet Malibu with 17 inch brake rotors. Wrong rotors installed. 8208 units. GM recall # 14128.

Suzuki (auto): 2004-08 Forenza; 2005-08 Reno. Heat can build up in headlamp switch melting it. 184,244 units. Suzuki recall #XA.

GM: 2004-08 Chevrolet Aveo with DRL. See above. 218,000 units. GM recall 14236.

GM: 2015 Cadillac Escalade & Escalade ESV. Front passenger air bag could fail to deploy properly. 2838 units. GM # 14220.

GM: 2014 Cadillac CTS. If wipers are left in 'on' position when engine turned off, when restarted wipers may not work. 19,225 units. GM recall # 14157.

BMW (M/C): 2013 R 1200 GS. Pressure build up in transmission can cause seals to leak. 1420 units. NHTSA recall # 14V211.

BMW: 2014 X5 SAV equipped with Soft Close Automatic option. Child safety lock may not work. 6400 units. NHTSA 14V202.

Federal Corp.: Couragia A/T LT245/75R 16 tires. Can have cracks from steel belt separation. NHTSA recall # 14T004.

Toyota: 2004-11 Sienna sold or registered in 'salt belt' states. Spare tire carrier can corrode. 419,520 units. NHTSA # 14V273.

Nissan: 2014 Rogue. Wrong bolt used in steering system. 1644 units. NHTSA 14V218

Chrysler: 2014 Dodge Durango, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Grand Cherokee SRT, with adaptive cruise control. Vehicle may continue to accelerate after accelerator pedal is released. 6120 units. Chrysler recall # P31.

Ford: 2011-13 Explorer. Electric steering can intermittently switch off. 179,027 units. Ford recall # 14S06.

Ford: 2010-14 Taurus sold/registered in 'salt belt' states. License plate assembly can corrode/short out. 183,425 units. Ford recall # 14S08.

Ford: 2008-11 Escape, Mercury Mariner. Fault in electric power steering. 740,878 units. Ford recall # 14S05.

Toyota: 2014 Highlander/Highlander Hybrid. Flaw in front passenger seat belt system. NHTSA recall # 14V272.

Chrysler: 2013-14 Fiat 500E. Coolant from battery system can leak. 4141 units. Chrysler recall # P23.

Toyota: 2002-04 Sequoia, Lexus SC; 2003-04 Corolla, Corolla Matrix, Tundra. Passenger air bag can rupture on deployment. 844,277 units. NHTSA recall # 14V312.

GM: 2003-04 Pontiac Vibe. See above.

Honda: 2013 Fit. Passenger side driveshaft can break. 1038 units. Honda recall # JE4.

GM: 2012 Chevy Sonic equipped with 6 speed auto trans and 1.8L four. Transmission turbo shaft may fracture. If being used in 1st or 2nd trans will not upshift. If in 3-6 it won't operate. 21,567 units. GM recall # 14234.

GM: 2012 Buick Verano; Chevy Cruze, Sonic, Camaro. Driver air bag can short and not deploy. 31,520 units. NHTSA recall # 12V522, 13V023 expansions.

Kia: 2014 Cadenza with 19" non chrome wheels. Wheels can fracture. 3107 units. Kia recall # SC107.

Mazda: 2008-11 Tribute. Steering torque sensor may not read driver input. 33,000 units. Mazda recall # 7614E.

Toyota: 2013 Lexus GS350. Pressure switch may not read properly and not illuminate the brake lights. 10,462 units. NHTSA rec-all # 14V270.

GM: 2013-14 Cruze. Driver's air bag inflator made with wrong part. 29,019 units. GM recall #14305.

GM: 2005-09 Buick LaCrosse; 2006-11 Buick Lucerne; 2000-2005 Cadillac DeVille; 2006-11 Cadillac DTS; 2006-14 Chev Impala; 2006-07 Monte Carlo. Ignition switch. 3,141,731 units. GM recall # 14299.

GM: 2010-14 Camaro. Ignition switch. 464,712 units. GM recall # 14294.

BMW (M/C): 2014 R1200 RT. Piston rod within rear shock can break. 950 units. NHTSA recall # 14V320.

Ford: 2014 F-150. Electronic power steering can have incorrectly installed gear motor sensor. 4629 units. Ford recall # 14S09.

BMW (M/C): 2012-14 C 600 Maxi-Scooter, C 650 GT Maxi Scooter. Cam shaft chain tensioner may not function properly. 1360 units. NHTSA recall # 14V264.

Graco (child seat): All models with "snug-ride" in the name. Graco: 1-877-766-7470. NHTSA recall # 14C004.

Chrysler: 2009-10 Dodge Journey; 2008-10 Dodge Grand Caravan, Chrysler Town & Country. Ignition key can get turned to "off" position by accident. 525,206 units. Chrysler recall # L25.

Subaru: 2005-09 Outback, Legacy; 2008-11 Impreza; 2008-14 Impreza WRX/STi; 2009-13 Forester all sold or registered in 'salt belt' states. Brake lines can corrode. 660,238 units. Subaru recall # WQK-47.

Hyundai: 2010-12 Elantra Touring. Head-liner support bracket can come loose in a crash and cause additional injury. 35,000 units. Hyundai recall # 117.

Lotus: 2008-11 Elise, Exige; 2011 Evora. Oil cooler hose can separate from fitting causing fire. 860 units. Lotus recall # 201401R & 2014/02R.

Subaru: 2003-04 Legacy, Outback, Baja; 2004 Impreza. Front passenger air bag can rupture. 8557 units. Subaru # WQL- 48.

Chrysler: 2011-14 Dodge Durango, Jeep Cherokee. Sun visor vanity lamp can short/fire. 651,130 units. Chrysler recall # P36.

Hyundai: 2015 Sonata. Poor connection in wiring harness can loss of power steering or locked shifter. 2138 units. Hyundai # 119.

Honda: 2013 Acura ILX, ILX Hybrid. Excessive around headlight bulb can cause loss of output. 14,078 units. Acura recall # JE9.

Harley-Davidson: 2014 Touring, CVO with ABS. Brake line can be pinched between frame and gas tank. 66,421 units. NHTSA recall # 14V319.

GM: 2004-11 Saab 9-3 convertible. Seat belt retractor can break causing belt to not retract & wear out. 28,789 units. GM 14222.

BMW: 2000 323i, 328i; 2001-05 325i, 325xi; 2001-06 M3. Front passenger air bag can deploy with too much pressure. 573,935 units. NHTSA recall # 14V428.

GM: 2014-15 Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra; 2015 GMC Yukon, Chevrolet Suburban, Tahoe. Electrical short can cause transfer case to shift to neutral. 392,459 units. GM recall # 14192.

GM: 2013-14 Cadillac ATS; 2014 Cadillac CTS. Transmission shift cable can detach. 90,750 units. GM recall # 14179.

Kia: 2014 Soul. Plug that secures pinion gear to steering gear can loosen. 51,641 units. Kia recall # SC108.

Chrysler: 2005-07 Jeep Grand Cherokee; 2006-07 Jeep Commander. Ignition key can be knocked out of position by driver's knee. 643,618 units. Chrysler recall # P41.

VW: 2015 Golf, GTi. Steering stabilizer link fasteners can loosen. 2001 units. VW recall # 40K9/1W.

Hyundai: 2015 Sonata. Manufacturing error can cause front brake calipers to fracture. 5650 units. Hyundai recall # 120.

Mazda: 2003-04 Mazda6; 2004 RX-8. Passenger air bag can rupture causing fragments of metal to fly out when deployed. 18,050 units. Mazda recall # 7714F.

Nissan: 2002-03 Maxima, Pathfinder, Infiniti I35, QX4; 2002-04 Sentra; 2003 Infiniti FX. See above. NHTSA recall # 14V361.

GM: 2011 Cadillac CTS. Drive shaft vibration can cause roll over sensor to deploy roof rail air bag. 16,932 units. GM recall # 14233.

GM: 2015 Silverado 2500, 3500 HD; GMC Sierra 2500, 3500 HD. Power steering hose clamp can disconnect. 57,192 units. GM recall # 14356.

GM: 2011-12 Buick LaCrosse, Regal, Chevrolet Camaro; 2010-12 Cadillac SRX, Chevrolet Equinox, GMC Terrain, all equipped with power height adjustable front seats. Bolt that secures adjuster can fall out. 414,333 units. GM recall # 14271.

GM: 2014 Spark. Lower control arm bolts not tightened properly. 1919 units. GM re-call # 14453. GM advises DO NOT DRIVE.

Hyundai: 2001-06 Santa Fe registered or sold in 'salt belt states'. Front spring corrosion. 225,000 units. Hyundai recall # 124.

Hyundai: 2011-14 Sonata. Shift cable can detach from shift lever. 883,000 units. Hyundai recall # 123.

Hyundai: 2011 Sonata. Can have brake fluid leak. 133,075 units. Hyundai recall # 122.

Hyundai: 2007-12 Veracruz. Can leak oil from front cylinder bank. 61,122 units. Hyundai recall # 122.

Harley-Davidson: 2014 FXDL Dyna Low Rider. Engine vibration can cause ignition to turn off. 3361 units. NHTSA recall 14V413.

GM: 2014 Corvette. Bad weld on rear shocks can cause separation. 1939 units. GM recall # 14302.

GM: 2013-14 Caprice; 2014 Chevrolet SS. Wiper motor can strip gears. 4794 units. GM recall # 14295.

Suzuki: 2004-06 Verona. Heat generated in DRL module can cause it to melt. 25,899 units. Suzuki recall # XC.

VW: 2009-14 Tiguan. When using winterized fuel, can get bubbles in fuel. 151,389 units. VW recall # 24AV/2W.

GM: 2005-07 Saab 9-7X; 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT, GMC Envoy XL; 2006-07 Chevrolet Trailblazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainer, Isuzu Ascender. Fluid can enter driver's door power switch module and cause short/fire. 184,611 units. GM recall #14309.

VW: 2009 Routan. Ignition key can be knocked from 'on' position. 18,526 units. VW recall # 28G1/U8.

GM: 2014 Chevrolet Impala. Poor electrical ground in Power Steering Module can cause loss of power steering. 57,242 units. GM recall # 14330.

GM: 2013-14 Buick Encore, Cadillac ATS; 2014 Cadillac CTS, ELR, Chevrolet Caprice, SS; 2014-15 Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra. Improper weld on front seat bracket. 124,007 units. GM recall # 14340.

Jaguar/Land Rover: 2010-15 LR2; 2012-13 Range Rover Evoque. Problem with electronic control unit can result in an air bag being disabled. 40,551 units. J/LR recall # P046.

Ford: 2012-14 Ford Edge, Lincoln MKX; 2013-14 Ford Taurus, Lincoln MKS; 2013-14 Ford Flex, Lincoln MKT. Circlip holding half-shaft can come apart. 83,250 units. Ford recall # 14S10.

Mazda RX-8 Review

(when you are the editor, you can pick your own car)

The October, 2009, Car & Driver (right on top of things, as usual) had an article on \$20,000 best used car bargains. One of the selections was the 2004-08 RX-8. The article goes on to state:

When Mazda introduced the RX-8 for 2004, brand purists feared that the insertion of back seats would mark the beginning of the end of the rotary powered sportiness. In fact, those loyalists had nothing to fear. The car turned out to be amazing to drive, and its four place configuration gave the RX-8 one of the most practical cabins of any sports car. With two comparison test victories and 10Best awards, the RX-8 is a perennial C/D favorite. And as it turns out, used examples are shockingly affordable.

In 2008 Mazda retroactively extended the engine warranty on '04-'08 RX-8s to eight years/ 100,000 miles due to the Renesis rotary's bad reputation.

Lapping GingerMan Raceway, the RX feels solid, with no shakes or rattles, and draws praise for the obedience it shows in corners despite wearing all season rubber. The steering is direct and pleasantly weighted, never too light or heavy. As we've said in the past, we crave more oomph than the 238 HP and 159 pound-feet of torque on tap from the 1.3 liter rotary, but the engine charges to its 9000 rpm redline, and the six speed manual's shifts are crisp. So, while straight line speed is not the RX-8's forte, as one editor noted, "The RX-8 teaches the value of precision and momentum - and it's very good at precision."

On public roads near the raceway, this RX-8 disguised the g-hungry monster within - its compliant ride makes it a sensible daily driver. If you're looking for something to split duties as both a commuter and a weekend track toy, the RX-8 is a near perfect choice. [the specific vehicle tested was a 2005 with 30,000 miles]

Concerns: the RX-8 has a big thirst for oil, so check it frequently. Premature engine failures and cold start issues have led Mazda to extend the warranty, and there are over 60 active service bulletins.

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