

## CONTEMPORARY HISTORICAL VEHICLE ASSOCIATION, Inc.



### **OLD CARS AND NEW LAWS PLUS WHAATSUPP HERE AND THERE**

**Due to the pandemic, there are almost no new laws that pertain to our hobby.**

#### **CALIFORNIA**

**On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gov. Newsom signed an executive order that bans the sale of gasoline powered cars and other passenger vehicles in the state by 2035. The order does not prevent Californians from owning gasoline-powered vehicles or selling them on used car markets. This also applies to pickups and diesel vehicles. The date for the transition of diesel vehicles (trucks) is expected to be moved from 2045 to 2035.**

**The State Public Utilities Commission has approved a \$437 budget item towards achieving its 2030 goal of five million zero emissions vehicles on the road. Southern California Edison electric company will install 38,000 electric vehicle-charging stations. The program prioritizes multi-unit dwellings and disadvantaged communities because they face barriers to transportation electrification the Public Utilities say.**

**A study shows that the state-stay-at-home order shows that decreased traffic has resulted in fewer collisions with large animals. The University of California Davis study shows traffic declined by 75% after the emergency health regulation went into effect in March. The number of animals killed by autos fell, including a 58% decrease in fatal crashes involving mountain lions.**

**In 2016, to be more “green”, the L. A. Police dept. purchased several BMW S13 vehicles, but only used them for transportation, not police work. Now the department is selling the low mileage vehicles from \$13,000 to \$18,000. The**

**original cost of the vehicles plus the charging stations was \$10.2 million. The department say the vehicle's had been leased and the lease period was up.**

**In late August, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted to enact a sweeping complicated series of rules aimed at reducing the pollution output of heavy diesel trucks. The board voted in June to require manufactures of diesel trucks and vans to transition to all electric vehicles by 2045. While that rule focuses on reducing greenhouse gasses, the new regulation focuses on the health benefits of clean air.**

**Uber says that it is investing \$800 million to ensure that it will use only electric vehicles in California by 2030. Uber is opposing a state bill that would classify Uber drivers as employees, not independent contractors. If the bill passes, Uber says it may withdraw from California. Uber did not say if they would only use electric vehicles only in other states.**

**The price of gas will be going down soon as refineries switch from summer blend to winter blend. The change is set to begin September 15. Gas in California is expensive, ranging from \$2.50 to almost \$4 per gallon. Gas prices in Mississippi were listed at \$1.80 per gallon. However, California may increase the gas tax again to pay for road and bridge repairs.**

## **FLORIDA**

**The Florida Highway Patrol is testing two vehicles to catch high speeders. One is a Dodge Challenger R/T with a 370 horsepower engine and a Mustang GTwith a 460 horsepower engine.**

## **ILLINOIS**

**Some road construction projects slated to be completed this year could be delayed because of lower-than-anticipated gas tax revenues amid the pandemic.**

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

**The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is joining Boston and three suburban areas to create up to 14 miles of dedicated bus lanes that is hoped will improve reliability and reduce on-board crowding during the coronavirus pandemic.**

## **VERMONT**

**Speeding and traffic fatalities are both up in the state and state officials say this is due to fewer cops on the road to enforce traffic laws because of the**

**coronavirus. The state has seen 43 traffic deaths this year up from 21 in the same period last year. Also 125 motorists were cited for speeding faster than 99 mph, up from 107 in the same period last year.**

## **WHAATSUUP HERE AND THERE**

**Were you lucky enough to get one????**

**There were 3 BILLION robo-calls in May, down from 5.7 BILLION in October of 2019 because of the COVID-19 according to YOUMAIL, a call blocking app company.**

**A Tesla Model S driver on autopilot in North Carolina was arrested after he slammed into a police car while watching a movie on his phone. He was charged with not moving over for a police vehicle and viewing TV while driving. There are many accidents due to carless drivers putting too much faith in driver assist systems. Safety experts say that the various names auto manufactures put on their safety features are confusing and need to do more to educate drivers what to expect from these safety features such as autopilot and etc.**

**On September 9th, Lucid Motors (California based car company) unveiled their first electric car via an online broadcast from their headquarters in the Silicon Valley of Ca. They say the vehicle will have a range of 517 miles on a single charge. No release dates or prices were announced, but the price is expected be in the \$35,000 range.**

**Scammers are at work. Many scammers are buying vehicles that have been flooded during the recent storms. They clean them up, ship them to areas where consumers are less aware of what signs to look for in vehicles. Info on flooded cars is available from Consumer Reports and Car fax offers a free flood damage report.**

**Workspport, a manufacturer of truck accessories, plans to launch a pickup bed cover with built in solar panels that will take power from the sun for bed mounted batteries and use it to power tools and appliances at jobsites or anywhere else where an outlet is not available. Many pickups have outlets in their beds, but not solar powered. The system will fit pickups from 2010 forward. Several**

**manufacturers of forth coming electric pickups are very interested. Some manufacturers of electric pickups are also working on similar projects. The solar panel bed covers could also help increase the range of electric pickups. Workspport say the system will be available to 12 to 24 months. There are several companies besides the big 3 working to develop electric pickups.**

**Toyota has introduced a new RAV4 plug in hybrid (RAV4 Prime) that just went on sale. The price of the vehicle is \$38,100 for the SE model and \$41,425 for the XSE model. A full charge takes about 2.5 hours at 24om with the optional 6.6kw fast charger. A 3.3kw charger is standard. Electric vehicles are required to emit a sound to alert pedestrians and Toyota settled on a whale-song-in-distress note for the RAV4 Prime.**

**The American Consumer Satisfaction Index shows that Fiat-Chrysler (FCA) maker of Ram trucks and Jeep SUVs show that the company improved its satisfaction rating by consumers improving its score over last year, but GM and Ford show deep declines. Ford had the lowest score of the three companies.**

**Remember the “good ole days” when you purchased gas, the stations had people who put the gas in your car, checked the oil and the air in your tires and cleaned your windshield? In the depression days of 1929, the cost of gasoline dropped to 10 cents a gallon. Most cars did not have gas gauges, so wooden sticks were often used to measure the gas in the tank. The first gas pumps were tanks upon a rack with a hose hanging down to dispense the gas. Stations improved greatly over the next few years with new pumps and employees in uniforms serving customers and some stations doing maintenance and repairs. During the war years (1941 to 1945), women served as station employees since most of the men were serving in the military.**

**Registration for diesel cars in Germany has dropped to its lowest level since 2009 in July of this tear. Diesel cars were only 29.2% of new car sales. Germany was once the largest seller of diesel cars. Sales of hybrids and plug-in electric cars have tripled in the first half of 2020 compared to the same period last year.**

**England plans to end production of diesel, petro and plug-in hybrid vehicles by 2035. A research group say that England must install 507 electric charging points (stations) a day to be ready for the phase-out in 2035 according to a research group. The group estimates that 2.8 million charging points will be required to be ready by 2035.**

**GM and Honda have signed an agreement to establish North American alliance that will share a range of vehicles sold under each company's brands, as well as cooperation in purchasing, research and development and connected services. Both companies plan to collaborate on purchasing supplies by leveraging their scale to gain costs savings.**

**Each time a new Hyundai is sold, a portion is donated to Hyundai Hope- On- Wheels to help find a cure for pediatric cancer. Since 1998, Hyundai has donated 172 million dollars that has supported over 1,000 research grants for childhood cancer.**

**According to Isearch, a vehicle value tracking site, new vehicles depreciate as much as 39% in the first 3 years, trucks depreciate 34% in the same period, but electric vehicles drop 52%, but Tesla vehicles only drop 10% due to tesla's technological advantages.**

**Mac Truck Company has developed electric garbage trucks that will be available by 2021. The vehicles are currently being tested in New York City by Republic Refuse Services.**

**The new VW ID.4 electric SUV comes with 3 years of unlimited free charging by accessing VW's Electric America U.S. network of 470 charging stations and over 2,000 fast charging units.**

**Super Buy!! Aston Martin is reducing prices as much as \$14,000 on some models in order to be more competitive. The new price on the Vantage Coupe will start at \$142,000 and the Vantage Roadster will drop \$14,000 to only \$150,086.**

**The National Highway Safety Administration say that pedestrian deaths in the U.S. were 6,283 in 2018 which is a 28 year high. That figure is up 46% from 2010.**

**Some of the reasons for the big increase are drivers see pedestrians as a nuisance to their driving requiring giving them the right away to cross streets, police are not tracking distracted driving adequately as virtually everyone uses their phone while driving . SUVs are much more likely than passenger cars to kill pedestrians when collisions occur. Blacks, Hispanic's and Native Americans pedestrians face a greater risk than white people of being killed, according to a book by Angie Schmitt titled "Right of Way".**

**A travel app called WAZE or Wazeon, promises to help with your travel. Information on the app is available on You-tube. The app contains trip suggestions, recent locations, Amazon music, Lane guidance and best travel times.**

**To make-up for lost revenue from gasoline taxes, many states have increased their gasoline taxes. The lost revenue is due to fewer miles driven during the pandemic. More states are expected to increase their gasoline tax after the election and the increases will become effective on January 1 or July 1.**

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