What a great weekend. The SpeedFest was an absolute blast, and watching the vintage racers on the track and in the pits was a rare privilege. Clubmember Shannon Corkill took on the organizational duties, but was transferred out of state. He handed off to the capable Bill "Hemi Boy" Baugh. With only minor grievances by some hoity-toity car owners the car show was a great success. Oh, and as point man at the gate, Bill had to endure countless ploys by car show entrants to get in for free.

Also, Mikko Niska, a Mopar guy from Finland, looked us up through our website, explaining that he was in town the weekend of the SpeedFest. We arranged for a two day pass and Mikko had a great time. He went for a demo ride at the SRT autocross course. In a Viper. Clubmember Bill Ruhlman also showed him some horsepower in his Viper in a tour of the race track by two dozen Vipers. Mikko was smiling pretty large. He may never go home, as he probably thinks we do this every weekend.

But I feel it's my responsibility to pass on this note that I received from one digruntled car show entrant. I hope it is accepted as positive critique, as it is intended. It reads as follows:

*Dear Show Chairman* (that you, Bill?) *Overall, the car show was a great success with a wide variety of show cars, foreign and domestic, some beaters and some concours. But I am seriously peeved at the manner in which the judging was conducted. You see, I entered a humble car that I feel was dissed in judging. It was the only one of its kind at the show but it is painted Blend In Brown. Now, I have it on good authority that my car lost a coin toss for first place to a yellow car with a bling-bling engine that got the same number of votes. That's ok, it's probably a better car. Except I didn't get the second place trophy. That was awarded to a car that got less votes. A Camaro, I think. Only it was painted a hideous shade of non original orange that ripped one's retinas to look upon it. No self-respecting manufacturer of American cars would offer such a shocking color. And this car had flamboyant vinyl graphics on its sides, with a cheesy, ill-fitting fiberglass scooped hood probably bought from Manny, Moe and Jack. Please do a better job next year.*

*I harbor no hard feelings.*

*Sincerely,*

*Anon E. Moose*

Wow. Me neither, Bill. —Bob

-Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble E'dtr & Prez

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# SpeedFest!!!

**Mopar Club at SpeedFest Oct 6-7-'07**

Clubmembers Shannon Corkill and Bill "Hemi Boy" Baugh were co-chairs for the inaugural two day car show component of SpeedWeek. In spite of too little space reserved for the 150 or so cars, everyone had a good time. Except the prissy Ferrari and phony Cobra owners who thought the Darts of Aaron and Joe Bourdage were not worthy of display.

***Above: Aaron's Dart, sporting a Slant Six HyperPack. Left: Joe's '68 Dart Below: Dave Lancaster's Charger tribute to Richard Petty Also there were John Prall Cuda, Doug Light Super Bee and Woody Widman AAR Cuda, which trophied.***

***SpeedFest's all about vintage racers, mostly of the road course variety. But a lot of folks were interested in the 1/4 mile warriors like the '64 Plymouth lightweight "Wedge Express" displayed by Joel Miner top left, and the '63 440 Dodge of Jerry and Kristy Keller, bottom left.***

***Bill Ruhlman prepares to take Mikko Niska of Finland for a lap on the track in his Viper. Mikko is in San Diego on corporate biz, and through the Club website, contacted members who got him into the SpeedFest. Mikko drag races his 11 second '73 Valiant 440. Mikko is a member of the Finnish Dart & Valiant Association and the Finland Hot Rod Association.***

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# it's all in the numbers –

Clubmember Ted Montano was fourteen years old when his dad, Livy "The Mopar Man" brought home a brand new 1970 Challenger. Back then, Livy worked as a mechanic at the Dodge dealership in Belen, New Mexico. Well, like a lot of teenagers, Ted thought that Challenger was about as cool as it gets. Unfortunately for Ted, Livy sold it just before Ted got his learner's permit. Probably for the best as Ted was, in his words, a terror on the streets once he got his license. And he was driving in his grandad's hand-me-down '65 Coronet with a Poly 318 engine, at that. When Ted reached seventeen, he left home for a life of adventure that only the US Navy could promise. While stationed on westcoast shore duty, he finally obtained a Challenger that fulfilled his dreams. It was '71 with a 383 V-8 and 4-speed tranny. Ted spent every free hour evenings and weekends street racing that Dodge. But, as Navy personnel often do, Ted got orders to report for extended sea duty. The Challenger had to go. After the Navy, Ted married Polly and they started a family. "Street Racer" Ted became "Conscientious" Ted as husband and dad, and dreams of muscle car ownership gave way to the reality of practical four door sedans.

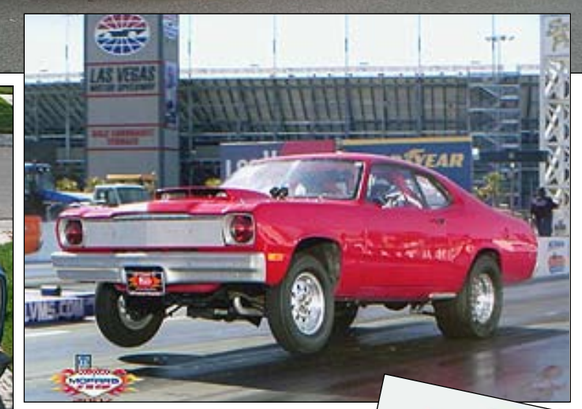
But in 2004, Ted and his wife, Polly, went to La Mesa to check out the cruise scene. They had a great time looking at the cars and Ted was thinking he needed to get back into muscle cars, again. He was thinking a Camaro would be cool, except there were a jillion of 'em. That's when Ted saw Clubmember Paul Giret's Challenger parked on display, and his jaw dropped. All those memories came flooding back. Ted had to have a Challenger once again.

Ted acquired his '71 Challenger soon after that, from a couple in Arizona. He followed up with a '66 Charger, a '72 Cuda, a '72 Dart, a '66 Barracuda, a '73 race Duster with a stoker 340 built by Clubmember John Boville, and a '65 Satellite. That's a lot of cars that Ted's collected in a short time, and he has plans for all of them.

The 383 Charger was Ted's first attempt at a rebuild and features a fresh turquoise metallic paint scheme with a darker custom stripe. The Challenger was optioned with the rare chrome nose trim, and Ted plans to resto-mod it with a stroker small block for the street. The '72 Cuda will be painted white with silver trim and is for Polly to drive to car shows with Ted in his Challenger. The Dart is painted gold metallic, has a 318 V-8, and is Felicia's car that she drives to and from high school every day. As for the '66 Barracuda, Ted wants to build a small block for it with an autocross type suspension and enter it in drifting contests. The A-body Fish will be metallic gold with black Formula S stripes. The '73 Duster has been raced by Ted to a best 1/4 mile et of 10.41 seconds at 128 mph. That was at Famoso Dragway, but Ted and John have towed to Fontana and Las Vegas tracks several times, as well. The '65 Satellite is currently undergoing restoration to stock trim, and the '74 Duster is Ted's daily driver.

No, Ted's not been in the hobby for very long.

But with eight projects currently in the works, he has more on his "To Do" list than most Mopar enthusiasts.



*Above: Ted with a few of his cars.*
*Top left: Ted's 71 Challenger*
*Left: Daughter Felicia at the wheel of her '72 Dart.*
*Below: Ted's '65 Plymouth*

*Above: Ted plans to restore this '66 Barracuda to the gold with black stripes like the ad, and then enter drifting contests.*

*Left: Ted's first rebuild, his '66 Charger in Turquoise with contrasting custom stripe.*

*Top: Ted plans on restifying this '72 Cuda for his wife Polly in white with silver trim.*
*Above: "El Picoso" (The Hot One) leaving with wheels up at The Strip in Las Vegas. Ted and john Boville trailered their cars there to try out for the TV series, "Pinks". John just missed, but Ted and El Picoso were selected. Unfortunately, Ted's engine spun a bearing. Ted has a nice website www.diegotedracing.com*

## Upcoming Events

•**8th Cruise In** Sat Oct 13, 8a-2p, Sonrise Church, Santee, required free registration kencrcsd@aol.com or 858/676-3325
•**1st El Cap Car Show** Sun Oct 21 9-2pm El Cap H.S. 10410 Ashwood, Lakeside, $15/entry benefits girls soccer team
•**5th El Cajon Halloween Cruise** Wed Oct 24 5-8pm, free
•**Auto Waste Recycling** Sat Oct 27 9a-1p Montgomery H.S., 3250 Palm Ave @ Hawaii, oil, oil filters, batteries, anti-freeze
•**Mopar Club Cruise** Sun Oct 28 meet at the home of Jim & Kay Signorelli, 90 mile back road cruise to Mike Mattern's home, BBQ, rsvp Jim/Kay 760/789-4445
•**Golden State 400** Nov 3-4, vintage car run, overnight in Palm Springs, www.goldenstate400.com
•**'08 Challenger Presentation** Wed Nov 14 Casa Machado 7pm Mopar Club meeting. Come and meet the designer of the new Challenger. He will make a presentation of its design process from sketches to prototype
•**Toys for Tots** Qualcomm Stadium, Sun Nov 18 6a-2p, $5 wwwsandiegoautoswap.com
•**MCRD Car & Motorcycle Show** Sat Dec 1, 10a-2p, $10 entry + unwrapped toy, 619/524-5240

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•**Monday Nite Car Club** 6:30p Tuesdays VFW Hall 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside www.mncc.cc
•**East County Cruisers** 6:30p Tuesdays, Tyler's taste of Texas BBQ 576 N. 2nd St, El Cajon
•**Fallbrook Rods & Relics** 7-9p, Sat. Sunrize Cafe, State Rt 76 @ Mission Rd., Bonsall
•**Clairemont Cruisers** 5-8p 4th Sat Woodies Chili Dogs Clairemont Town Square
•**Santee Lakes** every Fri. 4-8p, $2 for entry
•**Crusin' Italian Style**, Pernicano's, 1588 E. Main, El Cajon, ea. Thur nite 619/338-5225
•**Chicken Pie Diner**, 14727 Pomerado Rd., Poway, ea. Wed, 6-9p
•**The Malt Shop** every Friday, 6p, 3615 Midway Dr.
•**Home Town Buffe**t 1st Sat each month 9am, Main St. El Cajon, host King Pins
•**Dalton's Roadhouse** 1st Sunday each month 12-4p 775 Center Dr. San Marcos
•**Cruise Nite Ramona** 5-7p Sun, Denny's State Rt 76 @ Main St. 760/789-0513
•**Boll Weevil/Chief Auto Parts** 6-8p last Tues of month, 169 Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos
•**Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers** 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat ea. month, 2754 Alpine Blvd, 5p
•**Coco's Restaurant** 11a-3p 3rd Sun 16759 Bernardo Center Drive, R'cho Bernardo
•**Casa De Oro Cafe** 5p 2nd & 4th Sat, 9809 Campo Rd, Spring Valley

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