I predict that the dreary winter is over. I'm not basing that on the warmer temperatures and blue skies that have suddenly defined our days. Rather, I base that prediction on activity having to do with cars.

The months of January and February were pretty darn cold, with just enough rain splattering from the wind blown clouds that, but for a couple of car shows and cruises, the car scene was all but non-existent in San Diego.

But that's all changing, and as suddenly as the weather. To lead off, CruiseMeisters Jim and Kay Signorelli have planned a back country tour for all Club members and their cars. It's on Saturday, March 24. We'll meet at Casa Machado parking lot and depart about 9:30 am for a springtime tour of the Laguna mountains. We'll wind up, as usual, at Casa Signorelli for a picnic of burgers, dogs, and sodas, on the Club. It doesn't matter if you're in a vintage car or not, just come on out and get on the road. But if you are in your older pride and joy, bring some tools, just in case. Plan on about 90 miles of driving. The scenery should be spectacular.

For Mopar fans in southern California, the Mopars At The Strip event is always looked forward to. This year it's from March 30th thru April 1st. No foolin'. Several members are planning to go, some towing show cars or race cars, others driving what they plan to race. The Vegas 1/4 mile strip is one of the best in the country. Last year, a dozen or so Hemi S/S cars were on the track and that was something to see. The vendors arrive from all over the country and are eager to part you from your wallet for some gotta-have-it doodad for your Mopar. Last year, I succumbed to to temptation in the Keisler Automotive Engineering tent and bought a 5-speed for my Cuda. This year, I'm thinking of driving it to Vegas.

And on May 5th and 6th, the XXI Spring Fling at Woodly Park in Van Nuys is scheduled. As usual, a caravan from our club will be organized. Interestingly, on May 3rd at Willow Springs Raceway is an organized track day for Mopars, old and new alike. Check it out at www.alltimeracing.com, and click on "track days" for entrants and photos.

And not least, our All-American Car Show will be on July 14th, hopefully in Carlsbad. We intend to draw a couple hundred cars in support of our active military. The car show committee is going to need your help with that.

Don't you love the smell of 105 octane in the spring? -Bob

-Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr /Prez

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Swappin', showin, & shootin!!!

La Jolla Concours Sun Jan 14 The report on this show was overlooked by Y'r 'umble Ed'trial Staff due to the huge funk caused by the Chargers on the same day. Jim Collins reports that his pristine '70 Road Runner took 1st in Stock Muscle Car over 12 cars including a Shelby GT350 and GT500 and a highly modified pink Challenger, which somehow took 2nd. **Big 3 Swap Meet Feb 23-25** The Club once again set up its usual space under the trolley tracks and had a number of items for sale. Most important, the space served as mess tent on Sat & Sun, with dogs, burgers, chips and sodas for Club members. **Magazine Photo Shoot Sun Mar 4** Acclaimed automotive photojournalist Robert Genat got a call on Feb 28 from the editor of MOPAR, a magazine produced by Daimler-Chrysler. It seems the Ed'tr put the cover shot off to the last minute. How does that happen? Anyway, the shot was ok'd on Fri Mar 2, and The Club assembled 18 new & old Mopars in an Encinitas shopping center for a difficult night scene. Turns out what Robert pulled off looked like what happens every Saturday night at the slab: performance Mopars, Club members in Club jackets, and hoods up. You know, lots of attitude. The magazine agreed and bought a shot for the cover. The magazine will be at your Mopar dealer, soon. Bringing cars to the shoot not shown here were Steve Carter, Shannon Corkill, Bill Ruhlman, Larry & Debbie Johnson, and Cliff Cunningham. Stay tuned for an overall Club photo session later this year. **5th Bradley Collision Car/Bike Show, Lake Havasu Sat Mar 10** Paula & Dan Smith attended as they live there, these days. Paula drove their T/A Challenger to the event. and says they are enjoying the desert car scene, with a show or cruise every month. -Paula Smith, Desert Ed'tr-At-Large

A swarthy band of parts traders it was at The Mopar Club's Big 3 swap meet space.

Attitude: Ted Montano's Challenger, above & below, Jerry and Kristy Keller's Hemi Dodge

photos by Debbie Johnson

Joe Garrett's Hemi Belverdere

Above: Joe Bourdage's Dart between Diane McCain's Charger & Mark's Ramcharger

Dave Lancaster's Belvedere & Rob Carley's Dart

Profile

Mr. Krylow's opus

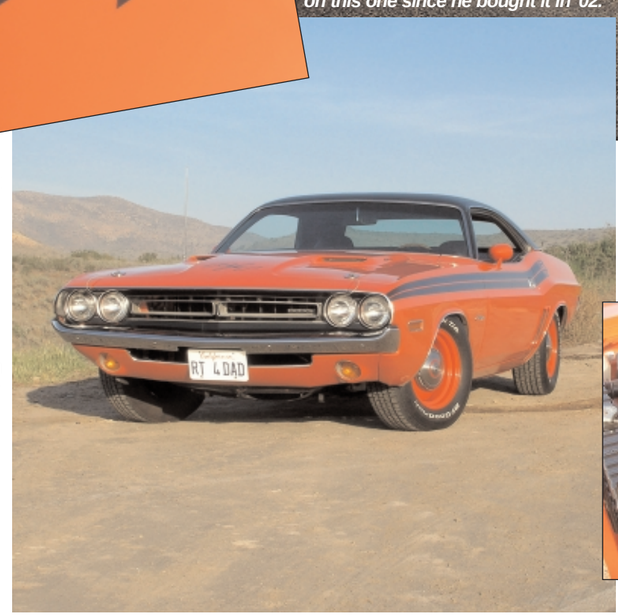
Clubmember John Krylow grew up in a family that was all about cars. In fact, John's dad started and operated the Rancho Oldsmobile dealership on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, one of the first car dealers to locate in that particular area of San Diego. In those days John and his older brother spent hours with their stacks of car magazines and model cars. And back then, John's favorite car was a '70 Dodge Challenger T/A.

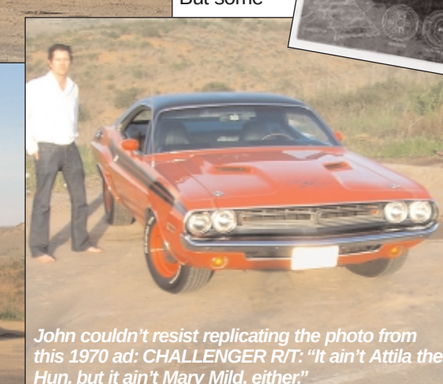
But John grew up and today earns his living as a high school band and orchestra teacher. His love for the Dodge Challenger never waned, however, so, it's no surprise that in 2002 when John decided to acquire a muscle car, that he'd be looking for a Challenger. But he got over that boyhood infatuation with the T/A in favor of the '71 model. Yassee, over the years, John became an *aficionado* of the Dodge Challenger. And that particular year just appealed to John as the ultimate in Challenger styling, with its *faux* vents ahead of the rear wheel arches and the split grille design. But the car that he was looking to buy couldn't be any '71 Challenger. Nossir, John's had to be a big block R/T, equipped with a 4-speed. In Hemi Orange paint.

Well, John met a gentleman at a car show, who claimed to have such a car. It was in his collection of thirty or so cars in Oklahoma, and was for sale along with a few others, in order to raise cash for a Hemi Challenger. No, it wasn't perfect, needing among other items, a rebuild of its engine, which was blown by a previous owner's high school kid. But it was presentably painted Hemi Orange, it was an original R/T, and was equipped with the 4-speed Pistol Grip shifter. So, in 2002 John decided to part with some of his hard earned bucks that he earns as a music teacher, and buy the car of his dreams.

When he got the Challenger back to San Diego, John took assessment of his acquisition. The two fender tags indicated a heavily optioned car that was built with power front disk brakes, power steering and an 8.75" rear axle with 3.91 gears. The interior was also equipped with the rare houndstooth insets, trimmed in black vinyl. But some work was needed to bring the R/T up to John's goal of having a car that could be reliably driven and also shown at car shows. First, the 383 c.i. V-8 block was bored to 0.030" over and rebuilt with a stock camshaft and 8.5:1 compression ratio pistons. On top, the correct for '71 heads were freshened up and installed with correct intake and exhaust manifolds, and the original four-barrel carb was rebuilt. And while he was at it, the entire engine bay was painstakingly restored to as-new condition, including rebuilds of the power brake booster and master cylinder. John has been diligent in returning all engine bay accessories to their original finishes, including those items that came from the factory with cadmium finish. John spent many hours gathering original nuts and bolts, hose clamps and fasteners in good condition, and faithful reproductions of wiring loops for his restoration.

Clubmember John Krylow has loved the Dodge Challenger since he was a kid. Now grown up, John has grown especially fond of the'71 model in R/T trim with Hemi Orange paint. He's worked on this one since he bought it in '02.





John couldn't resist replicating the photo from this 1970 ad: CHALLENGER R/T: "It ain't Attila the Hun, but it ain't Mary Mild, either."

CHALLENGER R T

It ain't Attila the Hun, but it ain't Mary Mild either.

John replaced the dash pad with an NOS piece, but the carpet and headliner remained original. The seat covers were acquired from Legendary Interiors and installed by Jim's Upholstery. The gauges were restored and a working radio was located and installed, as a music teacher obviously has to have his tunes.

John then had Clubmember and master Mopar mechanic Jack Henton lay his hands on the A-833 4-speed tranny. Jack did a complete rebuild with a new clutch, Z-bar and fork and John reports that the shifts are smooth and positive. Jack also rebuilt the front and rear suspensions, so the R/T rides like new. One departure John made from the original as-delivered condition of the Challenger was the full wheelcovers. John decided to go with the poverty cap look with the steelies painted body color. The wheels now sport new 225/70x15 BF Goodrich T/A radials for that muscle look.

Left: John's R/T sports a date-correct 383 V-8, rebuilt to stock specs and pump gas. John put a lot of work into the engine bay using as many NOS parts as he could find. Above, black vinyl with houndstooth inserts and a Pistol Grip shifter.

John and his wife Tara have cruised with the Mopar Club on a couple of our back-country tours, and shown the R/T at local events, most recently at the Coronado SpeedFest. They also have a nineteen month old daughter, Kalin. She really enjoys the rumble of the big block.

But that's just the kind of sweet music that you'd expect the daughter of a music teacher and Mopar muscle enthusiast to like.

Upcoming Events

- **RaceLegal 1/8 Mile Drags** At the Q, 6p-12, Fridays Mar 23, Apr 6, May 11 www.racelegal.com
- **3rd Thursday** Mar 15 7-9pm at Automotive Museum Balboa Park, Dave "Big" Deal, cartoonist, author, 619/231-2886
- **Mopar Club Cruise** Sat Mar 24 meet at Casa Machado @ 9:30am for a 90 mile back-country cruise, arriving at Casa Signorelli for dogs/burgers
- **Mopars At The Strip**, Las Vegas, Mar 30-Apr 1 www.moparsatthestrip.com
- **Goodguys Del Mar Fairgrounds** Mar30-Apr 1 8a-5p Sat, 8-3 Sun $9 spectator, kids under 12, $6, parking $9, 858/755-1161, www.good-guys.com
- **1st Credit Unions & Cars for Kids** car show Sun Apr 22, 9-2p Fun Bike Center, 5755 Kearny Villa Rd. $30 reg by Apr 1, $40 after www.sdcapter.org, 619/588-9155
- **Spring Fling XXI** Woodley Park, Van Nuys, May 5-6, show & swap, www.cpwclub.com
- **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 760/723-4020
- **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 Buffet** 1st Sat each month 9am, Main St. El Cajon, host King Pins
- **Dalton's Roadhouse** 1st Sunday each month Noon-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, Alpine, 5p, food/ cash
- **Clairemont Cruisers** 4th Sat 5-p, Woody's Hot Dogs in Cl'mont Town Square
- **Monday Nite Car Club** Tues 6:30p, VFW Hall 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside
- **East County Cruisers,** Tues 6:30p, Tylers Texas BBQ 576 N. 2nd St, El Cajon
- **Coco's Restaurant** 11a-3p 3rd Sun 16759 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo
- **Casa De Oro Cafe** 5p 2nd & 4th Sat, 9809 Campo Rd, Spring Valley
- **Cajon Classic Cruise**, begins Wed Apr 11, 5-8pm

Classifieds

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