

I threaded in a new set of NGK spark plugs. It'd been a while, so I replaced the old distributor cap and rotor, too. Checked all the fluids, packed up my tools, jackstands, mini jack and probably fifty pounds of spare parts. If you're gonna run cross-country in a forty-three year old car, you need to be prepared. This run was from Simi Valley to Morro Bay, the back way up SR 33 up the 5000 foot mountains through Las Padres National Forest. It was organized by *Car Craft Magazine* and they call it the Anti Tour.

We started off with a tour of the Turbonetics plant, where about 37 or so cars of all kinds showed up for the run. There were a couple of rods, various muscle cars, two Crown Vics and a Marauder. One of the Vics looked stock but sported a B&M blower. A '55 Chev would have probably taken the prize for the most horsepower: under the hood resided a big block Chev, probably stroked, with dual turbos. Marc Viau was there with his '72 Demon and so were Jim and Kay Signorelli in their new Challenger SRT/8.

The owner of Turbonetics personally conducted us through his plant. They make turbos for UAV's (Unmanned Aerial vehicles), big turbos for monster 90 liter diesels used in mining, and after-market set-ups for the new Camaro. He had his on display. It put 600 hp to the rear wheels, was as docile in traffic as a stock SS, and the gas mileage was improved. What's not to like?

After that we headed out at about 11:30. The run up the mountains was fun. Lots of switchback turns, quickly gaining altitude. The two-lane road was carved out of steep granite and as we rounded a blind righthander, a good sized stone was right in the center of our lane. With nowhere to go, I hoped the Cuda had enough clearance. It didn't. The hit made a loud noise and I pulled over at the first turnout but nothing seemed broken. I drove the rest of the way with one eye on the gauges. But the road wasn't done with us yet. Thirty miles short of Morro Bay, the right front valve stem split. I changed to the spare and in about 20 minutes were on the road again. A tire store in Morro Bay fixed it for free the next morning. I cleaned up the car and showed up with the other Anti Tour participants, luckily none the worse for the wear.

Marc and I had some issues with our old cars. That's why we ran together. Jim and Kay did not.

I think Jim might be on to something. —Bob

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

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25th Spring Fling!!!

25th Annual Spring Fling, Apr 16-17 Several members attended both days and on Sunday, Woody and Bill Widman in the AAR, Curt Bogdan in the Challenger 340, and Cliff Cunningham in his new R/T Challenger met up with me and Tom Ferreira in my Cuda at the Camp Pendleton rest stop and headed up to Woodley Park in Van Nuys. We made a nice convoy of two generations of Cudas and Challengers. Taking home awards were Curt, Jim Collins for his '65 RO tribute, Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh with his Rumble Bee and Mike Mattern with his '70 pro-street Satellite.

Rim Country Car Show, Payson, AZ Bruce Jamieson's '68 Road Runner took Best Mopar.

History Of The Muscle Car, UCSD

Tues May 3 Prof. Seth Cohen invited the Mopar Club to show some cars for the freshmen students in his class. Displaying their rides were

Steve VanderSchaaf, Jerry Keller,

John Prall, Eric Reho, Bill "Hemi-

Boy" Baugh, Chris Vonolnhausen,

Ben Giangulio, Bruce Jamieson,

Carl Parrick, Robert Genat with a new

Charger and Y'r Ed'tr. Oh yeah, Cathy

Jamieson infiltrated with her new Cam-

maro.

Simi Valley to Morro Bay, May 6-8 Car

Craft's Anti Tour, the snub of Hot Rod's Power

Tour, had 37 cars make the run, including

Marc Viau in his '72 Demon, Jim and Kay

Signorelli in their SRT/8 Challenger, and Y'r

Ed'tr and Mrs. 'umble. About 500 cars were

on display for Sat-Sun in Morro Bay on a

half dozen closed-off streets.

Great cruise, great show!



Cliff Cunningham's new R/T



HemiBoy's Rumble Bee



Jim Collin's Plymouth



Mike Mattern's Satellite



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Prof Hemi-Boy lectures the class



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3 Amigos at Turbonetics



Morro Bay car show



if they can't
beat ya,
join
'em

As a work/study student in his small hometown outside of Portland, Oregon, Clubmember Chris Vanolnhausen was blowing the cobwebs out of his 340/4-speed Duster. At 135, he was passing cars like they were fenceposts when he realized that the last one was a state trooper. Luckily, he came up onto the next exit before the trooper could get up to speed, and managed to duck under a shade tree on a side road to evade a touchy situation. And that wasn't the only time Chris ran from the law. And each and every time that he did, he amazingly managed to elude his pursuer.

Maybe it was luck. And maybe, it was because Chris was always in a Mopar. But that Duster was a well-known car in Chris' hometown, so he did what anybody in that situation would do: He sold the Duster, moved to San Diego, and became a County Sheriff.

But before all that, Chris was a born Mopar man. His dad always owned Plymouths and Dodges, and his uncle drove nothing but Chryslers. His long line of Mopars includes his first car, a '63 Sport Fury that he bought when he was 16 years old. A wrecked '70 Challenger 340/4 speed that Chris repaired with a front clip, a '69 Satellite 4-door, and a '73 Charger with a 2-bbl 400 were also owned and driven by Chris.

But after a few years in San Diego, Chris had a hankerin' for another Mopar. In 2001, he came across this '69 Dodge Dart GT that was being



wasn't installed. The car was fitted with subframe connectors, and the battery was moved to a stainless steel box in the trunk. The

trunk volume was reduced by virtue of installing minitubs for the big rear wheels. All four wheels are bolted onto long race studs with thru nuts

Below: The built 430 features a single plane Edelbrock Strip Dominator intake, aluminum radiator and a Holley carb. Most of the aluminum parts including the valve covers, water pump and manual steering gearbox are polished.



as required by the rules of many race sanctioning outfits.

The clutch is heavy and the mufflers, 2-chambered Flowmasters installed by Ed Hansen, are loud. But the one thing that tells you this Dart is set up for racing is the 4.56 gears in the differential. The car launches hard and gets through the four gears quickly.

That's just what Chris needed to evade the police in his younger days. And now that he's recently retired from 31 years with the sheriff's department, what are the chances he'll relive his misguided youth?

After all, he knows how both sides work.

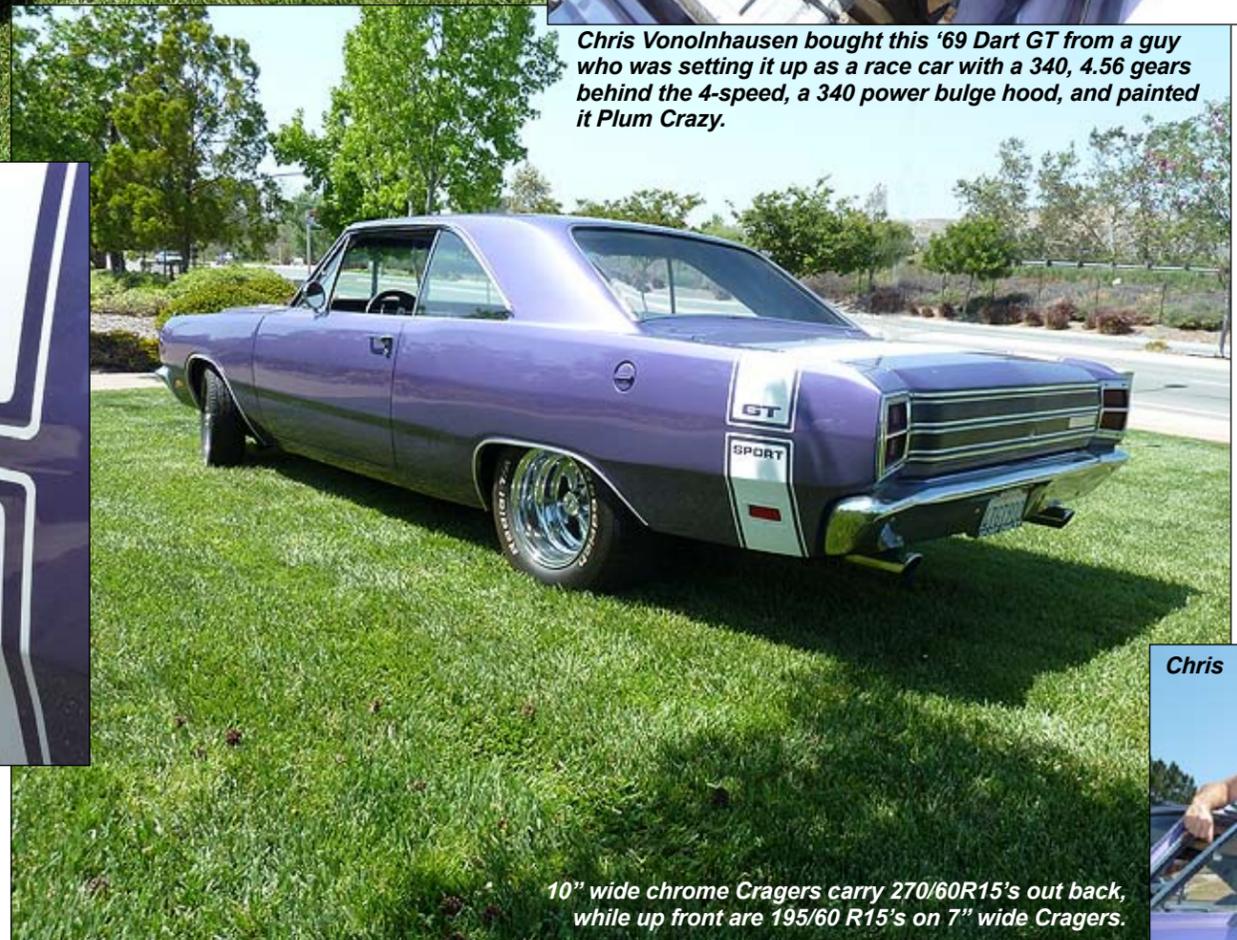
Chris Vonolnhausen bought this '69 Dart GT from a guy who was setting it up as a race car with a 340, 4.56 gears behind the 4-speed, a 340 power bulge hood, and painted it Plum Crazy.



Don't need no stinkin' radio.

converted into a GTS clone with a hot 340 engine. But the seller ran out of money or ambition or both, and Chris took it off his hands in exchange for some greenbacks. The seller had done a lot of work, including painting the car Plum Crazy purple. The engine was set up with an Edelbrock single plane intake manifold, a Holley carb, and an extra-capacity Milodon oil pan. He'd also had in mind to pipe in some nitrous oxide

for a little more horsepower, but the system



10" wide chrome Cragers carry 270/60R15's out back, while up front are 195/60 R15's on 7" wide Cragers.

Upcoming Events

- Next Club meeting will be 7pm Wed., June 8 @ Casa Machado. For events: www.goodoleboysandiego.com
- **RaceLegal** at The Q May 14, June 10, drags & concerts, \$30/race, \$8/spectator
- **Barona Drags** may 21, June 3, 18 www.baronadrags.com
- **Spirit Of America**, May 13-14 Our Lady Of Perpetual Help, 14209 Lakeshore Dr, OLPChurch.org
- **Auto Product Recycle**, sat May 14, 9a-1p, 5571 Kearny Villa Rd
- **V8's in the Vineyard**, May 21-22, Menghini Winery, Julian, Christi Edelbrock as Grand marshal honoring Trans Am racers JulianClassicMotoringShow.com
- **14th American Heritage Car Show**, Sat May 28, 9-3, Grape Day Park, Escondido \$25 at gate www.escondidohistory.org
- **Cliff Cunningham Club Cruise**, Sun June 5, meet at Dalton's Roadhouse at 10 am, 775 Center Rd, cruise Vista, Fallbrook, De Luz Canyon picnic stop, rsvp 760/789-5151
- **Mopar Club @ Escondido**, Fri July 8, 4-8
- **All-American Car Show XIII** hosted by The Mopar Club, Sat July 16, be sure to register! Also volunteers are needed!
- **Cars & Coffee on the Mesa**, Sun June 12, 8am, JBA Auto Center 5675 Kearny Villa Rd. San Diego, www.greenspeedoco.com
- **Clairemont Cruisers**, begins Sat Apr 23, 4821 Clairmont Mesa Blvd near Woodie's Hot Dogs
- **Santee Lakes** 3pm Season Begins April 1st info 619-315-1060 http://www.MobileEventRadio.com
- **Cruisin' Grand**, Escondido season begins Fri Apr 1, spiderwaldron@yahoo.com
- **Cajon Classic Cruise** begins Wed Apr 6 thru Oct 27
- **Jack's La Jolla Classic Cruise**, every Sun 7am, 7300 Girard Ave
- **East County Cruisers** 6:30p Tuesdays, Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd, El Cajon
- **Ramona Cruise**, Sun 4p-8, on Main St in Albertson's pkg lot
- **Cruisin' Italian Style**, Pernicano's, 1588 E. Main, El Cajon, ea. Thur nite
- **The Classic Malt Shop** every Friday, 5p, 3615 Midway Dr.
- **Home Town Buffet** 1st Sat each month 9am, 2nd/4th Tues 5:30pm, Main St, E.C.
- **Dalton's Roadhouse** 1st Sunday each month 12-4p 775 Center Dr. San Marcos
- **Good Ole Boys Breakfast** 10am 2nd & 4th Wed, Denny's 2642 Jamacha
- **Coco's Restaurant** 11a-3p, 3rd Sun 16759 Bernardo Center Dr, R'cho B'rdo
- **Ruby's Diner** Carlsbad Company Stores 7-9:30am last Sat 5620 Paseo Del Norte
- **Bonita Donuts**, Bonita, Sat 8am, 4414 Bonita Rd. Vons Shop'g Cntr
- **Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers** Alpine, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 5pm
- **Donut Derelicts** Huntington Beach, ea. Sat 6:30am Adam's Ave. Donuts, Magnolia @ Adams
- **Cars & Coffee @ Ford PAG Mazda HQ** 7a ea Sat 7905 Gateway Blvd, Irvine



Chris

Classifieds

As a tangible benefit to being a member of The Mopar Club, you get free ads. Give Bob a fax 858/292-5344 or better e-mail bobgough@san.rr.com

For Sale: 1968 Dodge Dart GT hard top, 360 auto, console, needs interior, 8.25 rear, 4-1/2" bolt power disc brakes, new black vinyl top, water pump, recore 4 row radiator, hoses, front end rebuilt in 2003, dark blue Maaco in '03 Dale 858-349-0677

For Sale: two - 15" x 7" Keystone Klassic wheels. 5 lug on 4-1/2" Excellent condition w/ center caps, washers & open end lugs. Asking \$225.00 pr. Larry 714-553-2971

For Sale: 1961 Plymouth Valiant - 225 slant six push button automatic - \$250
1960 Dodge Seneca (Dart) 225 slant six three speed on the column - \$700
Both are non-op
William Ohlerich, 760-803-4031
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