

For those of you who have made The Slab a Saturday nite tradition, well, things have changed. As you can see the photo, Jack In The Box has vacated the premises. In years gone by, during the summer, we'd see not only our Mopars, but Chevs, Buicks, Fords and all makes showin' up. Many of these guys were settin' up races out on Kearny Villa Road. But most were just gettin' out, hangin' with like-minded rodders, and spin-nin' lies about how fast



we were. We still meet at The Slab but we've been bouncing around to Cotixan's in the same lot, even going up the street to Denny's. Many a burger and fries were bought at the Jack's. But not enough, I guess.

But another tradition is trying to take hold at JBA Racing: the Saturday Nite Hot Rod Movies. J shows a vintage movie on his block wall, starting around 9:30. Lotsa fun, but if you go, take a sweater. Last week the Bense's,

Shaw's, Walker's and Eric Reho made the showing of "Gumball Rally".

And Benny G's Club nameplates, a good suggeston, were passed out at Cruisin' Grand/Mopar Nite. They look real sharp. Now, nobody will have an excuse to not remember his/her name. But in my case, a typo was made. The joke is on me and I



JBA Hot Rod Movie Nite

now know the ignominy that comes with having one's name misspelled. Like, from time to time, the *PentaGram* editorial staff doesn't get somebody's name spelled right. Lessee, usually that's Tom Ziarkowski, or Ben and Ann Giangiulio. And maybe the most often mis-spelled name is that of Steve VanderSchaaf. Steve says, "if you can spell 'school'", you can spell his name. So, Steve, it's Vander-Schoof? Right?

It's something that shouldn't be taken personally. But now that it's happened to me, I can see how it can. So, on behalf of everyone on the 'umble *PentaGram* editorial staff, to all those who've been slighted with a mis-spelling of your name, let me say this: I can feel your pain. And I promise from now on that as Ed'tr, evree ffort will be b made to run spelchk.

—Bob  
-Bob Gaugh, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr(?)



## The Newsletter of the Mopar Club/San Diego

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## Hot summer days and nights!!

### Club Kruse, Sat July 21

The Club deployed at least a dozen cars that started from Casa Machado at 9:30 ayem, and we picked up another 4 or five on the way to Randy's Drag Racing Museum in Lake Elsinore. And what treats lay in store for us! Owner Randy Haapala has on display 17 Nitro Funny Cars, 103 driver suits, 134 Wally's and untold hundreds of memorabilia items like die cast models, engine parts, crew shirts and posters. Take a look at his website, [randysdragracingmuseum.com](http://randysdragracingmuseum.com). Thanks



Jimmy conducts the Driver's Meeting



Randy's Drag Racing Museum should be a National Monument

Randy! And also to Steve Ramos and Jim Signorelli for the cruise

and BBQ back at Casa Signorelli.

### Main Street America, Sun July 22

The Club displayed 12-1/2 cars including those from the Mooneys, the Johnson's, Tom Ferreria, Dan Harp, Eric Bense, HemiBoy, Bruce Jamieson, the Walker's and the Giangiulio's. But only get 1/2 credit for the '55 Chev owned by



Goin' over the breakfast menu



Carl Parrick & daughter Leanne



Marc Viaw

Ann. Carl Parrick's GTX took a second in class and Marc Viaw's '64 Plymouth Hemi Sa-

### voy took a first. Mopar Club at Cruisin' Grand, Fri

**July 27** On hand were about 26 Club cars, anchoring a total of 59 Mopars that enjoyed reserved parking on Mopar Nite. Bill Andrew's A-12 Super Bee took the Best Mopar award. High Impact colors. Hemi's. Super Stocks. It made for quite a night!

### Clairemont Neighborhood Car Show, Sat Aug 4

Tom Ziarkowski's 'Cuda, Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh, Dave Lancaster's Charger and Tom Ferreria's Valiant made the scene. Out of 75 cars, HemiBoy's '66 Satellite took a trophy.

**Above right: It's tough to photograph 60 Mopars in one shot. So this'll have to do.**

**Right: Bill and Debbie Andrews await their award.**



Dave's Charger



**Below: from the back is Tommy Z, Tommy F, and HemiBoy, linen' up.**



# just like old times...

Time was, Clubmembers Jeff and Julie Walker were so fond of their '68 Plymouth GTX, that they had a name for it: Goliath. They acquired the QQ1 Electric Blue B-Body in May of 1970 that Julie spotted on a Plymouth dealer's used car lot. They really enjoyed the torque from the mighty 440 cubic inch V-8. Jeff enjoyed it so much he wanted more of the same. So he installed headers and a Holley 4-barrel carb. But Jeff and Julie were just starting out as a newly married couple back then, Jeff a Third Class Petty Officer and Julie a cub reporter in their Navy station assignment of Oak Harbor, Washington. As gas shortages caused prices to skyrocket, the Walkers sold Goliath in '79.

And Jeff and Julie have been kickin' themselves in the head ever since. So much so that they've been lately tapping into the internet and watching the auctions for another one. Last October, a black GTX came up for sale in San Antonio. As it happens, the Walkers planned a family reunion trip back there so they checked it out. Nice car, but a little too pricey, so they decided they would wait it out until a QQ1 GTX could be found. Well, two weeks after they returned, Julie found a classic car dealer on the web advertising just such a car. He, too, was in San Antonio. To avoid another trip, the Walk-

ers hired a professional appraiser to check it out. He sent them many photos, researched its history which included an engine rebuild in 2000, and recommended an offering price a few grand under what he was asking. The offer was accepted, and the Walkers arranged an enclosed transporter for shipping. Due to breakdowns and hitting a deer, the GTX finally arrived two weeks later, sharing the ride with a hot rod Mustang, a Bentley and a new Ferrari 559, all of which had to be off-loaded to get the GTX on the ground. When done with the first three cars, the driver said,

"Oh boy, now I get to drive the Mopar!" When he turned the key, the bark of the exhaust note had Jeff and Julie pretty giddy, too.

Since then, Jeff and Julie have replaced the 1970 date-coded tires, installed seat belts and front buckets with head rests and lumbar support, tti headers, a Firm Feel Stage 2 gearbox, a stiffer front sway bar, a new MSD distributor and ignition, new motor mounts, re-built the

front suspension, and acquired new re-pop tail lights and trunk trim panel. Future improvements include new fuel lines, and converting the A-833 four speed to a Passon five speed trans-

mission. After all, Jeff and Julie plan on putting some miles on their new GTX, just like when they drove Goliath. And like their first one, this one's been given a name, too: "G2".



Part of Plymouth's Rapid Transit System for 1968, the GTX was the top dog, with a full appearance package including standard bucket seats and console, and your choice of a 440/4-Barrel or the 426 Hemi engine. When a GTX cruised into the drive in back in the day, the younger street rodders looked sharp, because the only guy or gal they knew who could afford a GTX was ...the boss. Hence, legend has it that on the street the GTX was nicknamed The Boss, a moniker trademarked by Ford for the Mustang designed Larry Shinoda the following year.



Clubmembers Jeff and Julie Walker are truly havin' a Blast To The Past with the acquisition of this '68 Plymouth GTX. It sports an A-833 4-speed trans and a 440 c.i. V-8 and is very similar to the automatic GTX they owned from 1970 to '79, at right. Except for the side stripes, the QQ1 Electric Blue paint color, available only in '68, and with Magnum wheels, it's the same. Julie found that one long ago and named it Goliath. She found this GTX, too. Is Jeff a lucky guy, or what?



Left: the 440 c.i. 4-barrel was the base engine on the '68 GTX. This one was rebuilt by a previous owner and Jeff has added an MSD distributor and ignition box, plus headers.



Left: Jeff's upgraded the original white interior with modern buckets and plans to swap in a Passon 5-speed.



Left: these days, Jeff and Julie are reliving their good ol' days.

## Upcoming Events

- Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed Sept 12 For events: [www.goodoleboyssandiego.com](http://www.goodoleboyssandiego.com)
- RaceLegal at The Q, July 27, Aug 10, Sept 7 drags,\$30/race, \$8/watch, [racelegal.com](http://racelegal.com)
- Barona Drags Aug 11, Aug 24-26 [www.baronadrags.com](http://www.baronadrags.com)
- 23 Vista Rod Run, Sun Aug 5 9-3p, pre-'72, \$20/\$25, downtown Vista, 760/414-9391
- SoCal RockaBilly Fest III Aug 10-11, Oceanside Drive In, 3400 Mission Ave
- Ramona HS Car Show, Sat Aug 11, 4-8p, \$20/\$25, [ramonachargers.com](http://ramonachargers.com)
- Norsemen Car Show, Aug 11, 9-2, \$15/\$25, Valhalla HS 1725 Hillside Rd El Cajon
- Charger Steve's Wild Rides, Sun Aug 19, 6-3p, Pacific Beach, \$30/\$38, 760-440-0896
- 13th Classic Car Show, Sat Aug 25, 9-1, Faith Chapel, 9400 Campo Rd, S.V., 619-660-9834
- Picnic By The Bay, Sun Aug 26, Embarcadero, 9-3, \$25/\$30, 858-569-0738
- 19th Fall Classic, Sept 8, 9-2, Tidelands Park Coronado, \$15/\$20, 619-548-3135
- Greatest Show On Turf, Sept 11, 9-2, Liberty Station, \$30, 619-398-0307
- SpeedWeek Car Show, Sept 22-23, NASNI, Call Bob 858-292-5344 to help out
- Cruisin' Grand Escondido every Fri beginning March 30 July 27 Mopar Nite!
- Santee Lakes every Fri beginning April 6
- Chikin' Pie Diner Poway every Wed beginning Apr 18
- El Cajon Cruise every Wed begins April 25
- Back To The 50's, La Mesa, ea. Thur
- Bonita Donuts Cruise, 8a, 4414 Bonita Rd in Von's shopping Center, 8am every Sat
- Fallbrook Rods & Relics, 7a every Sat, Sunrise Cafe, Hwy 76 @ Mission Rd, Bonsall
- Cars & Coffee on the Mesa, 2nd ea month, NEW EVENTS! 3rd Sat ea month start Jun 23 dawn-noon Hot Rod Rummage Sale, bring your old parts to sell, J has 2 spaces/seller, FREE!; Each Sat nite July-Aug Hot Rod Movies will be shown. Bring your chairs, FREE! JBA Auto Center 5675 Kearny Villa Rd, [www.jbaracing.com](http://www.jbaracing.com)
- Clairemont Square Cruise, 4th Sat, 5p, near Woodie's Hot Dogs & Outback Steaks
- 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
- Gearhead Gathering, 1st Sat 10-noon & 3rd Sat 6-8p behind Chevron & Foster's Freeze off Waring Rd, [www.sdmustangs.com](http://www.sdmustangs.com)
- 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.
- 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
- Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers Alpine, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 5pm
- San Marcos Old Restaurant Row 1st Sun, 2-5, 1020 W San Marcos Blvd.





## 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:** '74 Dodge Charger, '73 Hi Po 360, Edelbrock heads, TCI TorqueFlite, tti headers, electric cutouts, 8.75" diff, Petty Blue paint, Reduced asking price \$15,000 obo, call Dave 619/861-3222

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