

Something I've always wanted is for the PentaGram to be printed in color. The cars in our Club are so colorful, that it's a shame to see them in black and white. But that's what the Club can afford to print. The cost of color printing is around eight times more, so, unlike the Federal, State, regional, or City gumprints, the Club doesn't spend more than it has. And besides, with the advent of the internet, it saves the Club postage and printing money to send an electronic version. Some 45 members have signed up for that, and yeah, unless you have a color printer capable of printing an 11"x17" 2-sided copy, it's tough to take it into your personal library for some quality alone time with it. But the tradeoff, of course, is it's in color!

Well, I'm sure you've noticed that your copy of this issue is in full color! So, what happened? No, we've not raised dues on the top 1% of our membership to pull this off. Turns out that Clubmember Eric Bense, retired from the Xerox Corp. but still has some juice with their local facilities, has kindly offered to print the PentaGram. In full color. Just to provide a little perspective, that'd be around \$3.50 each if we paid for it. So, three cheers for Eric! Maybe his new 2012 Yellow Jacket SRT/8 Challenger will have to soon appear in these pages, as this will be happening only until further notice, because in spite of what the Gummint has been telling us, the economy still stinks, ya know...

But Eric stepping up like that is what makes our Club so downright cool. It's folks doing what they can do. In that regard, we are revamping our All-American Car Show in order to gain another location that doesn't charge us an exorbitant use fee for the parking lot, nor bury us with bureaucratic demands and miscellaneous fees. The new venue is the North Embarcadero Park, the premier location in San Diego, and we are joining up with the Pontiac Club as joint hosts. Never been done before, and yeah, I know, they don't drive our brand. But they're good folks just the same. And the membership of two clubs should result in a bigger and better show. So, as the show date of Sunday October 21 approaches, we'll need all the help we can get from our membership to team up with Pontiac Club members to make the All-American Pow Wow second to none. This'll be fun!

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

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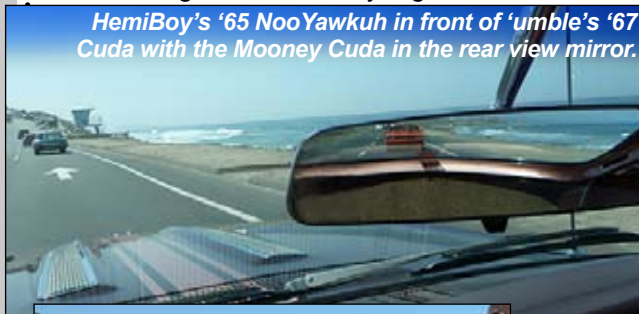
LX Show, Sat Mar 24, Orange Cty

On the right are all club cars except the black Charger at the far left belongs to Sean Ashcraft's brother, reports Christine Lawson. He says he's going to join, though. Also attending were the Johnson's, Walker's, Eric Reho, the Mooney's, Cliff Cunningham, Jim & Kay Signorelli, Chris Von Olnhausen and Donna, and



photo by Christine Lawson

HemiBoy's '65 NooYawkuh in front of 'umble's '67 Cuda with the Mooney Cuda in the rear view mirror.



new members Jim and Ellen Laramie. **1st Annual All Mopar Vets Cruisin' For A Cause, Sat Apr 7** Kano Williams and Jacob Cruz organized this Mopar Only event that was open to all makes (?) to announce their non-profit fundraising for vets and cures for cancer. The event began in Oceanside, and cruised the 101 down to the Midway Museum. The day was positively glorious. But the car, pedestrian and bicycle traffic was positively hideous. About thirty cars made the cruise.

Left: Kano and Jacob describe the route at the Oceanside start. Left, below: Mark and Carolyn debuted the Cooney Muda... no, the Moodey Cuna, no, that's not right. The Mooney Cuda! It was spectacular with beautiful body and paint by Clubmembers Lee Meyer, and Jack Henton's engine work.



Above: that's Hemiboy waving to an arrival at the start.

Far Left: Mark and Carolyn Mooney

Left: Charles and Linda arrived with several other restored cop cars, and Tiffany Patterson made the cruise in her Charger.

The Patterson's John P. Cohltrain's pohleece car



where old meets new...

It's not uncommon for a teenaged son to not see eye to eye with his daddy. And sometimes, things can get downright testy. But that wasn't close to what happened when Clubmember Kurt Brown got his first car as a gift from his dad.

His dad, yassee, owned a couple of Texaco stations and a Phillips 66 in San Antonio and the service bays were used to work on his door-slammer '57 Chev that raced in Super Stock or AHRA hot rod classes. Even his mom raced it. So when his dad gave Kurt a '57 for his own, Kurt refused. The performance of that car was just fine, sporting some after-market engine hop ups. It was the paint. His dad had the custom paint on the Chevy re-sprayed chocolate brown. The color that the family had as a last name. You know, as in "Here's Kurt Brown up to the line in his Brown Chev". Well, Kurt thought that would be too much to live down. So he refused his dad's gift. Kurt later found a '68 Camaro SS/RS that became his first car.

But Kurt always liked the Mopars, too. And race boats. That's a story for another time, but let's leave it to

say that Kurt lost some enthusiasm when he flipped his boat at 160 mph and then got run over, leaving him with dislocated joints and broken bones.

To feed his boat and car hobby, Kurt became a Mercedes mechanic. But the

savings and loan crises in the '80's sucked all the maintenance money out of owners pockets. So, Kurt did the only reasonable thing and enlisted in the Navy. After twenty years, he's been out now for three years or so,

and he's been looking for a street rod. Well, a member of the Street-masters, a club to which Kurt is also a member, recently decided to sell his '48 Plymouth Special Delux Coupe. He'd done some work on it that Kurt found interesting, namely, replacing the original engine with a 5.7 liter Hemi from an '04 Dodge truck. Which seemed to Kurt like a pretty cool way to keep the retro look of a Mopar that you don't see every day, and have all the reliability, horsepower and convenience of a modern powerplant. And, it's a Mopar engine and automatic transmission, to boot, with all the accessories, including a/c.

The fella also installed a nice set of Stewart Warner vintage-look gauges and chrome wheels from Vintiques with Baby Moons. The rear is a Ford 9" and the steering is from a Mustang with disk brakes.

All that appealed to Kurt just fine. But there some items that don't. The main issue is the bright yellow paint. The color not being brown is ok with Kurt, but the quality doesn't measure up. And there are some sheetmetal modifications that could've been accomplished to a higher standard. For example, the trunk lid was shortened to accommodate a gas filler hatch in the rear deck, and the execution leaves room for improvement. But the purchase price was better than right, so Kurt figured he's got a lot of room in his budget for corrections and upgrades.

In the meantime, Kurt's found that the Plymouth drives real nice. He got 20 mpg on last month's Club Cruise, and he even drove up to Mt. Palomar and Hemet after the final stop at the Deer Park Winery and Car Museum just for the fun of it.

And ain't that the point of it? Even Kurt and his dad would agree on that.

Upcoming Events

- **Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed May 9** For events: www.goodoleboyssandiego.com
- **RaceLegal** at The Q, Apr 20, May 4 & 18 drags & concerts, \$30/race, \$8/watch
- **Barona Drags** Apr 21-22, 42nd Antique Drags May 6; May 19 www.baronadrags.com
- **10th Mopars At The Strip**, Las Vegas, Apr 13-15, www.matslv.com
- **Hot Rod & Chili Cook Off**, NEW DATE: Sat Apr 21, Simpson's Nursery, \$25 gate, 619-807-4437
- **28th Trueline Customer Appreciation**, Sun Apr 15, 210 W Bradley, El Cajon, 619-258-1800. Get there early!
- **26th Spring Fling**, Apr 21-22, Woodley Park Van Nuys, www.cpwclub.com, 818-759-1779, Club convoy meet @ Camp Pendleton rest stop Sat/Sun, departs at 6:30am
- **Car Show Fundraiser**, North Coast Calvary Chapel, 1330 Poinsettia Ave, 10a, pre-'74, rejoicere@sbcglobal.net
- **Motorcars on Main Street**, Sun Apr 22, Isabella & Orange in Coronado, \$30 before 4/15, \$35, www.coronadomainstreet.com
- **Bulldogs Car Show**, Sat Apr 28, Ramona HS, 9a, 858/774-4374
- **14th Heartbeat Happening**, Sun Apr 29, Bates Nut Farm, \$25 before 4/15, \$30, 760-745-2064
- **39th Streak**, May 11-13, Campland on the Bay, \$50 entry
- **10th Run To The Hills**, Sat May 19, Pine Valley, \$20 by 5/12, \$25 gate, 619-440-6168
- **American Heritage Car Show**, Sat May 26, Grape Day Park Escondido, \$25 entry, 760-743-8207
- **Cruisin' Grand** Escondido every Fri beginning March 30
- **Santee Lakes** every Fri beginning April 6
- **Chikin' Pie Diner** Poway every Wed beginning Apr 18
- **El Cajon Cruise** every Wed begins April 25
- **Bonita Donuts Cruise**, 8a, 4414 Bonita Rd in Von's shopping center, 8am every Sat 619/426-1882
- **Fallbrook Rods & Relics**, 7a every Sat, Sunrise Cafe, Hwy 76 @ Mission Rd
- **Cars & Coffee on the Mesa**, 2nd ea month, JBA Auto Center 5675 Kearny Villa Rd, 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
- **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



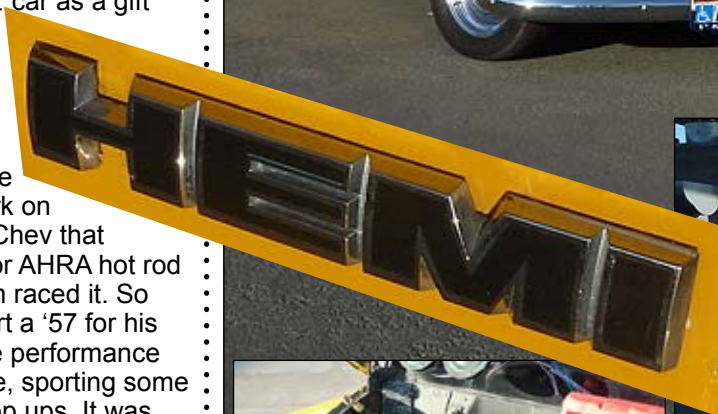
Right: The dash sports Stewart Warner gauges in custom mahogany, that Kurt intends to detail. As for that knob on the custom high-rise gear selector lever, well, you'll have to ask Kurt.



Above: The front bucket seats are black & white vinyl and Kurt plans on getting the back seat done up to match.



Left: The Special Delux Coupe resembles the Business Coupe. The difference? The Special has a back seat while the Biz coupe has none. The stance and wheels look just right, and there's enough trim left to accentuate the lines.



Above: It may be tight, but it all fits. Kurt is presently devising a custom cover to hide all the intake and accessory stuff.



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, \$16,500 obo, call Dave 619/861-3222

Wanted: Stock oil pan for 426 Hemi. Also Club Member to convert auto to 4 spd on a 1970 Challenger or parts required for sale (Trans, cross member, shifter, link-ages etc.), Steve.Berroth@ngc.com

For Sale: '70 440/6 Cuda project car w/ orig engine, stored 20 yrs, serious only pls John at bambam13@cox.net

For Sale: 440 max wedge with 4 speed and red interior, 3:55 rear end. Car is fresh & engine has less than 1k miles on it. Asking 50K. Rick Reed 951-837-0079 rickreed39@me.com



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For Sale: AWB hemi fan \$250, '65 426-S aircleaner assy., \$225, 340 block, 30 over, needs sleeve, \$250, '69 340 AVS carb \$125, some avs carbs and parts, 273 Hi-Po air-cleaner assy. \$150, 318 crank, \$35, Duster sill plates \$20, stock 340 used cam, \$20.... Tom 858-531-3092, email uncltz@aol.com

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