

It was recently announced by a certain politician that his thinking and opinions have "evolved". I ain't touchin' that with a 10 foot pole as I'm not near as smart as a politician, but I always thought that evolution applied to physical attributes. Take my 12 year old grandson, Adam, for example. The way his thumbs fly over his iPod game gizmo, I predict that we humans will lose all but one finger on each hand and the thumb will develop huge bicep muscles. You can see this everywhere, as folks use a finger on each hand and their thumbs flying at a furious pace while they multi-task at walking and, unfortunately, driving. The problem, is, of course, these folks think they are situationally aware. They find out otherwise when they trip into a fountain or drive into the back of a truck in front of them, as seen by this grim photo, submitted by Clubmember Kristy Keller from the internet, for your consideration:



The caption reads: "Vette Tail Lights For Sale". Hopefully,

it was the truck driver texting while in reverse and therefore failed to notice the parked 'Vette.

At any rate, I think car manufacturers are making a bad situation worse. Yeah, cars have become greatly improved due to technology, making them more powerful, more fuel efficient, and even more reliable overall. New safety features like side proximity warning, abs and traction control, rear-view camera, and multiple "smart" airbags have made the new cars safer, and that's all good. But the product planners have succumbed to market demands and cars are now equipped with electronic doo-dads that display your route on a touch screen, dock your iPhone or iPod, connect you by cell phone, and play satellite radio. Not only is this stuff just that many more things that can, maybe even will, break, but they come at the expense of the driver paying attention to Task One. This is all fine and dandy, but it all needs to be worked without the driver taking his/her hands off the wheel. Which is being held by two fingers and two huge thumbs, at the nine o'clock and three o'clock positions.

*Bob*

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

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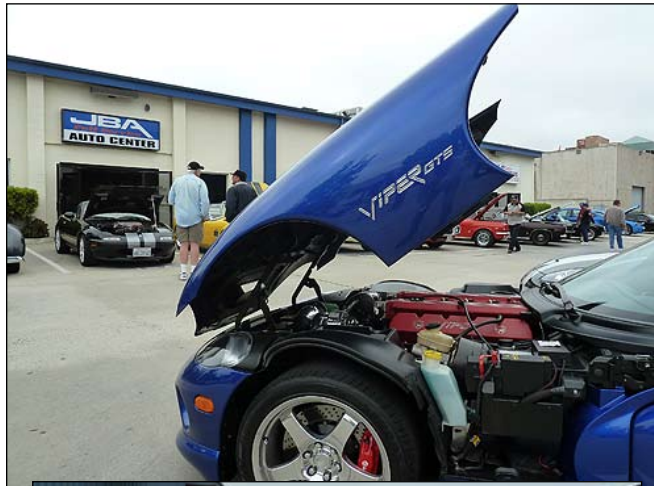
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## May Gray slowdown!!

### JBA Racing, Coffee & Donuts, Sun Jun 10

Ya never know what's gonna show at this 2nd Sunday of the month gathering at J's shop in Kearny Mesa. This month, not only was there a plethora of Mustangs, new and vintage, but the Poncho crowd was there, too. No, not so much vintage cars from the Pontiac Club, as most of these were owners of the modern GTO. Amazing how the aftermarket has stepped up to provide go-fast parts for 'Stangs & Goats, from superchargers, suspensions, and who knows what else. These cars sound mean, too. But the vintage set was well represented, also. Among them was a 429 Boss Mustang, a

Fairlane 500 with a supercharged 428, and an original (!) 289 Cobra. It was easily the most valuable car on the lot, even though an Aston Martin blown V-8 Vantage tried to steal his thunder. Pontiac Club member Jim Thompson was there with his immaculately restored '68 Firebird convertible and so was Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh with his '67 Grand Prix convertible. Hmmm, there seems to be a theme there. A couple of nice Viper GTS coupes were in attendance, also. J always has donuts & coffee, hence the event's name, to go with the bench racin'. And his large concrete parking lot is very conducive to burnouts upon departure, which are encouraged. HemiBoy got sideways with the Grand Prix's burnout and scared a parked Javelin. But the real burnout king is a barely streetable '67 Belvedere with a 440 with line lock. I did my burnout right before he did his. His act is way too tough to follow.



**Top:** all sorts of high performance cars can be found at JBA's Cars & Coffee. **Middle:** Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh is putting miles on his recently rebuilt '67 Grand Prix convertible, a rare 428 c.i. car stroked to 455 c.i. And didn't he make that engine pretty? **Left:** Hey! Somebody's got to be there for the Club





## the evolution of Eric & Brenda...

...Bense, fellow Clubmembers, into Mopar enthusiasts took a while. Originally they were Ford folks, both driving comfortably large, V-8 powered, rear wheel drive T-Birds. But Eric's 'Bird was getting a little long in the tooth, er beak, and Brenda suggested that he needed a new car. Well, by then it was 2007 and Ford decided to drop all rear drive cars except the Crown Vic and Mustang. Eric figured the Vic to be what old men drive. And the 'Stang was too much a boy racer, not too mention uncomfortably small. So, what American brand offered what he wanted?

His local Dodge dealer had the new 2007 Charger which met all of Eric's criteria and a trade-in deal was negotiated. Brenda was very happy to be seen in her new Tor Red Charger and Eric took the old 'Bird. A couple of years later, that remaining 'Bird was in need of replacement and Fiat announced it was taking over Chrysler. Eric figured their small-car mentality

would kill the Challenger and as soon as he heard the news the second 'Bird was traded on a 2009 5.7 liter Hemi R/T Challenger in Deep Water Blue paint.

But a trip last year in the Charger to Montana's snowy roads proved the wisdom of all-wheel drive, and the newly restyled 2011 Charger appealed to Brenda. So back to the dealer they went, who traded them an R/T Max with all-wheel drive (July 2011 *PentaGram*).

Meanwhile, Eric loved his 5.7 Hemi Challenger. But it lacked the rarity of the limited production SRT/8 version and a couple of months ago



The Yellow Jacket Challenger is a rare SRT/8, featuring special 20" wheels, Stinger Yellow paint, with blacked-out rockers, front splitter and rear lower valence.



Any questions?



Left: paddle shifters and, above, Yellow Jacket embroidery on SRT bolstered seats.

Eric decided that he needed to trade up for more Hemi power and SRT exclusivity.

At the dealer, Eric found all the power he was looking for with the upgrade to 392 cubic inches (6.4 liters), and even more of the exclusivity factor in this one-of-1000 2012 Yellow Jacket SRT/8 Challenger. It features all the comfort he's grown accustomed to plus the new engine delivered 470 hp/470 ft lbs of torque. The Yellow Jacket package includes unique 20" diameter wheels, custom side stripe and seat stitching, and the eyeball warping "Stinger Yellow" paint. The tires are Goodyear F-1's staggered at 245/45Z fronts and 255/45Z's at the rear. Eric's Challenger is a paddle shifted automatic so it includes the MDS system, shutting off 4 cylinders at cruise for fuel economy. Along with the usual SRT stuff is a NAV/GPS/Satellite radio, huge Brembo brakes and heated seats and steering wheel. The only missing option is a sunroof.

But Eric was not infatuated with the SRT exhaust sound. It just didn't have enough bark. So he researched aftermarket exhausts and opted to have it replaced with a larger Corsa system. It not only makes the right sounds to Eric's ear, but it adds a guaranteed minimum 9% more horsepower. And while he was at it, Eric installed a cold air intake. The Yellow Jacket was then chassis dyno'd with these modifications and to Eric's surprise, the printout showed 527 rear-wheel horsepower.

So, in just five short years Eric and Brenda, long-time, dyed-in-the-wool Ford folks, have stepped up into hot Dodges in a big way. Darwin would approve. ★



Eric, fully evolved.

### Upcoming Events

- **Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed July 11** For events: [www.goodoleboyssandiego.com](http://www.goodoleboyssandiego.com)
- **RaceLegal** at The Q, Jun 15 drags, \$30/race, \$8/watch, [racelegal.com](http://racelegal.com)
- **Barona Drags** Jun 15-16, [www.baronadrags.com](http://www.baronadrags.com)
- **48th LA Roadster Swap Meet** Jun 16-17, Pomona fairgrounds, [www.laroadsters.com](http://www.laroadsters.com)
- **6th restoration Ranch Car Show**, Sat Jun 16 10a, Christian fellowship Church 12150 Woodside Ave, Lakeside, 760-787-9432 [www.restorationranch.com](http://www.restorationranch.com)
- **Mopar Club @ The Fair** Sun Jun 24, contact Bill at [hemi-boy@msn.com](mailto:hemi-boy@msn.com)
- **El Camino HS** Jun 24 10a, 400 Del Oro, Oceanside, [www.elcaminowildcatfoundation.com](http://www.elcaminowildcatfoundation.com)
- **1st Scripps Rock Dental Car Show** Sat Jun 30 9a, 12112 Scripps Sunset Dr [scrippsrockdental@gmail.com](mailto:scrippsrockdental@gmail.com)
- **Cops & Rodders**, Sun Jul 8 Liberty Station, 9a 619-366-4104
- **MCRD Car Show** Sat Jul 14 10a 619-524-5240
- **10th Simpson's Car Show** Sun Jun 15, pre reg \$25 w/shirt, lunch, day of \$25, 13925 Campo Rd, Jamul, [eastcountycruisers.com](http://eastcountycruisers.com)
- **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
- **Back To The 50's**, La Mesa, ea. Thur begins June 7
- **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, **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, J will have a roach coach, 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
- **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



## 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

**For Sale:** Reduced: Like new/never abused wheels/tires off '09 Challenger R/T (13k miles; no TPMS sensors), great upgrade for modern Challenger SE, Charger, Magnum, etc, w/ 17-inch wheels: \$575 set/OBO. Also, original '09 R/T shocks and springs (13k miles): \$150/ OBO. Jeff Walker: jc.walker16@gmail.com.



**For Sale:** '70 Super Bee, full resto, excellent mech and cosmetics, #'s match, correct F8 color. 383 Auto column shift bench seat \$34,000.00 OBO Steve.Berroth@ngc.com



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