

I've backed losers all my life, it seems. And I'm tired of taking a beating rooting for our local losers. It's so tough to root for the Padres. They just stink. Been in the World Series twice and were blown out. It's been how long since they've contended? The Chargers are about to give me a stroke. When they were good, two years ago and more, they couldn't get past round one of the playoffs, defeated not by better teams, but themselves. And let's not talk about their Superbowl game against the 49'rs, oh, so long ago. San Diego State's football team isn't much better. Nor is USD's. I can't get excited for San Diego's (make that El Cajon's) Jimmy Johnson. He's racing a Chevy in NASCAR. And after last weekend's crash, he's probably out of the championship points, anyway. And just last weekend Ron Capps in his Dodge for the fourth time finishes second in the NHRA Nitro Funny Car Championship at the Pomona Finals.

So, who to root for? Well, I guess I gotta go outside of San Diego and root for sure winners. In NASCAR, the Roger Penske Dodge driven by Brad Keselowski has a shot at the championship. But the way NASCAR races are run, who knows? With all the crashes and yellow, white, checker flag finishes, anybody can win a race, it seems. Besides, Penske has dropped Dodge for next year, throwing in with Ford. Dodge claims it can't get a team together in time for next year, so no Dodges. I'll pass on the NASCAR season for 2013.

But last weekend at Pomona, good things happened to us Mopar fans. Jack Beckman, with Capps losing in the semi-final round, was crowned Funny Car Champ for 2012. And heck, in Top Fuel, those are all Mopar Hemis. But the real Mopars are in Pro Stock, where Alan Johnson in his Team Mopar Dodge Avenger was crowned National Champ, defeating Vincent Nobile in the all-Dodge Avenger final.

I don't want to get into politics, but I've backed so many losers that I almost don't care any more. In high school is when I first got an interest in politics. If I was old enough to vote, I would've checked off Barry Goldwater for president. Good ol' AuH₂O. We know how well that went, and I've been voting for losers, mostly, ever since.

So nowadays our winners are Filner, Brown, Feinstein, Boxer, Peters, and Obama. We've voted in more taxes and a one-party state gummint.

With winners like that, I'm stickin' with the losers for a while.

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

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Fall happenins'!!!!

Carl Burger's Car Show, Fri Oct 12 Nick Dreyfus organized a fun event that hosted 100 cars or so of all makes as a Customer Thank You, featuring free hotdogs, sodas, and Hooters Hot Wings. The Club supported the event with 19 entries. Winning trophies were handed out to Leon Romer's '67 big block Cuda, Jerry Keller's race car, Marc Viau's '65 Hemi Plymouth and Mike Mattern took Best Of Show with his pro mod Challenger.

5th Avenue Show Case, Sun Oct 14 The Mopar Club supported this event with 17 entries and thanks to Larry and Debbie Johnson, who bought an entire city block, and we were all able to park together.

Ben and Ann Giangiulio's '63 Fury took 3rd place

in the Mopar division, while the triple black Cuda debuted by Milton Karahadian was not only first in class, but selected as Best Of Show over Ferrari's and a Delahaye!

Other Events include the Hot

Rod Reunion at the Famosa Dragway in Bakersfield, Oct 19-21, and the weather was terrific. Club members Jim Signorelli, Dick Miner and Joe Bourdage went up to support the race cars of Jerry Keller,

Pat Borovicka and Joel Miner. These guys were all trying hard to win AA/FX as they all either red lit or broke out. That's racin'! **Fall Fling, Sat Oct 20** at Woodley Park in Van Nuys was, I've been told, a beautiful day for a car show. **Cayucos Car Show Sat Nov 3** up by Morro bay where Jim Collins' Pontiac Woody took Best of Show.

From 4:00 Friday afternoon to 8 pm the Carl Burger lot featured collector cars.



Jerry's happy to trophy...



...Mike's happy to trophy...



...and Jim's happy that Kurt Brown got his keys out of his locked trunk!



Milton Karahadian's Best Mopar & Best Of Show Cuda on 5th Avenue



A fun bunch o' folks!



Ben & Ann's Fury



HemiBoy & Jim

All-American Pow-Wow

Sunday October 21

Hosted by The Mopar Club and the Pontiac Club of San Diego

Profile

The All-American Pow-Wow had it all: a great venue at the Seaport Village Embarcadero, two host clubs, a Gold Sponsor in Carl Burger's Dodge Chrysler Jeep World, several vendors, fantastic raffle prizes, Hot Rod Holly and Dave Stall selling tickets, celebrity guests Jim Wangers and Robert Genat, a terrific dj team in The Big Yellow Truck, trophy sponsors for some 33 trophies, Bitchin' Burgers. Except...good weather. Who'd a thought it would rain? Well, it actually didn't rain, rain. It drizzled. On and off all day. Such that half our pre-reg'd field stayed home, and day of show entries, also. But a great time was had by those that came and looked upon the weather as a challenge to keep their cars looking sharp. Prissy trailer queens need not apply.

Above: HomeFront's booth
Below: Jim Wangers signed books and brought two terrific Pontiacs from his collection



Above: a sweet Slant Six Dart convertible.



Rick Bobick showed his '65 Dodge 5.7 Hemi



Chavonne presents Best of Show to John & Nancy Coons' 62 Chevy Impala



Left: the USO booth
Far left: Best Convertible went to Earl Asbury's '65 Caddy
Way left: the Big Yellow Truck professional sound & dj team

Far Left: Best GM went to George Coman's '37 Buick Custom



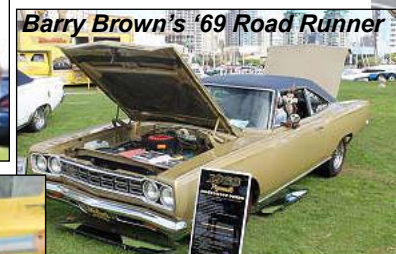
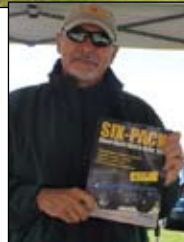
Leon Rower's '67 Cuda



Two nice Pontiacs



Above: '48 Plymouth Coupe of Harvey Williamson
Left: Hot Rod Holly sold tickets & took Best Truck
Right: author Robert Genat was on hand to sign his books



Barry Brown's '69 Road Runner
Best Pontiac of David Baun, '65 Catalina 2+2



Best race car went to Dwayne of San Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association and his '73 Datsun 510

Below: Chavonne worked the Raffle Board



The Mopar Club

Left: Hemi Plymouth wagon of Sue Hirsch was Best Sleeper
Right: Dave Stall & Holly twist Charlie's arm to buy tickets
Left: Best Mopar, the '56 Plymouth of Chauncy and Janice Newlin



Above: Three amigos from Mexicali (2 shown) made the scene with beautiful Challengers, one of which trophied



Above: Fabulous '40 Ford in two-tone orange & white
Left: The main field, lookin' good. Rain? What rain?

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Upcoming Events

- No Club meeting at Casa Machado in Dec next meeting Jan 9
- RaceLegal at The Q Nov 16 & 30, Dec 14 drags,\$30/race, \$8/watch, racelegal.com
- Barona Drags Nov 17, Dec 1 & 15
www.baronadrags.com
- 2nd Fall Goodguys Del Mar Nats Nov 23-24, Del Mar fairgrounds, adults \$18, kids 7-12 \$6, www.good-guys.com
- Bo Huff Rock- A-Billy Extravaganza Nov 24 Car/Bike show, Riverside Airport 6951 Flight Rd, Riverside, entry \$10, cars \$25, 909-208-0706
- Peterson Auto Museum Swap Meet Sat Dec 1, 2nd-3rd flr parking garage 6060 Wilshire Blvd @ fairfax, LA, parts, cars, memorabilia, \$40 for swap space, \$30 car, truck, \$20 bike (323) 94-6325 to register
- Mon Nite car Club Toy Drive Dec 1, 11-3 Albertson's pkg lot, 2955 Alpine Blvd, entry donation for military families, www.mon-daynitecarclub.com
- 1st Cafe 67 Toy Run, Sat Dec 8, 9am, Harvest Christian Fellowship, 12150 Woodside Ave, Lakeside, toy gets 10% off Cafe 67
- 27th Cruise For Kids Sun Dec 9, 8-2, Torrey Pines HS 3710 del mar Hts Rd, new unwrapped toy dobnation, free brkfst, raffle
- Cajon Classic Cruise Parade of Lights Wed Dec 12, 5-8pm, Main & Magnolia
- Mopar Club Xmas Party Sun Dec 16 1p-? rsvp Kay & Jim 760-789-4445, bring a pot luck & wrapped Evil Santa gift for Club hosted Xmas dinner at Casa Signorelli 1328 Welsh Way Ramona
- Xmas Day Cruise w/ Dave Stall & Hot Rod Holly meet at KUSI 6a, cruise Hwy 80 to Flynn Springs Inn, donation for Kaylie Michalski's wheelchair van
- 26th Pepper Tree Frosty Burger Run Jan 12, 6a, 270 Santa Fe, Vista, \$10 pre 1/3, \$15 760-744-3340
- Bonita Donuts Cruise, 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 Sun ea month, NEW! 3rd Sat ea month dawn-noon
- Hot Rod Rummage Sale, bring your old parts to sell, J has 2 spaces/seller, FREE! 5675 Kearny Villa Rd, www.jbaracing.com.
- 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
- 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: '70 Super Bee, full resto, excellent mech and cosmetics, #'s match, correct F8 color. 383

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Steve.Bertho@
ngc.com



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: All are OEM parts from my 1971 Dodge Challenger. Complete A/C Heater box w/blower motor, excellent used condition, no cracks \$300 R/T Hood mint condition w/squirter nozzles, w/o inserts, bottom is hemi orange, top is gray primer. \$475 Front bucket seats, white w/tracks, good condition \$300 saxman318@hotmail.com 619-764-3121 Joe Bailey

For Sale: Wheel Vintique rallye wheels, two 15x7 and two 15x10 with beauty rings and center cones in excellent condition. 650.00 OBO; 2 Goodyear F1 245/45ZR 20 tires off 2010 Challenger R/T with approx. 2k miles. 150.00 firm John 619-730-9174

For Sale: '62 D-100, Scorch Red, needs paint, lo miles 440 w/ rebuilt 727, 3.23 s.g, \$5500. Many assorted Mopar parts for sale, please call Ismael Luna 619-517-8391

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