

"And one more thing..." (to quote Steve Jobs) that I'll never do again, is the two color paint on the aluminum trim panel that is to mount to the trunk on my '68 Dodge GTS Dart. Back in '91 when I bought the car and was thinking about what it would take to restore the car, I came across an ad in *Mopar Collector's Guide* for a guy that provided a service to paint just such an item. Eye catching, it was, as the ad showed a nice photo of a finished panel. Well, as nice as black ink on newsprint at 72 dpi could show, anyway. The guy's ad copy was truly memorable, something like

"You send me your polished aluminum trunk panel, with all the scratches and dents removed and I'll paint it for \$450. And if you think that's too much money, then you try. And when you give up, send it to me. But the price will be \$450." Not only did I think this guy was a complete jerk, but I figured that he wouldn't be in biz for very long with that attitude. And I just didn't see that there would be that much trouble with painting this thing. It was, after all, just seven flat areas of three different widths, separated by standing ribs that are the full width of the panel. The flat areas get painted semi-gloss black, except for the center panel, which is argent silver. I thought of the words of that Great Philosopher Of Our Time, Jeremy Clarkson on the tv series *Top Gear*, "How hard can it be?"

Turns out, really hard. The ribs, now that they've been polished and had all dents removed, are no longer truly straight. And the flat areas are not really flat, either. The polishing rounded the intersection of the flat area to where the ribs start, no longer a crisp line. The aluminum looks great because it's so shiny, but the reflections make it really hard to see where to apply the (very expensive) vinyl masking tape.

So, I built a jig, which I fab'd out of a plywood panel and some 2x3's, to lay the tape down straighter than I could do by hand. Wasn't perfect, but got me close enough that I could finesse the tape to where it looked straight.

Then I needed to paint the large letters "D-O-D-G-E" semi gloss black that are de-bossed into the center silver flat area. That was an exercise in tedium. But, I must say, it turned out pretty well. Took me only 30 hours. Including building the jig.

I should've hunted up that old MCG and sent it off to that guy.

Nah. He's out of biz.

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

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Lotta showin' & racin'!!



Left: Mopars At The Strip, Apr 13-15, was cold. How cold? Jim Signorelli bought long pants and a jacket! Ben & Annie Giangiulio, & Julie Walker can't believe it!



Left: Truelines, Apr 29, Tiffany Patterson's Dart, Dave Lancaster's '56 Plymouth, & Linda Patterson's Sheriff's car.



Right: Spring Fling, Marc Viau's '64 Plymouth Savoy Hemi clone took 1st B-Body Restified '62-'67, AND Best of Show Restified. Nice workmanship by Aaron Bourdage & Marc.

Above Right: Ryan & Steve VanderSchaaf were there. Too bad Ryan got his daddy's guns.

Right, above: The Hemi engine in the '64 is a beautiful sight. Far Right, above: Marc also displayed his '64 Belvedere at his swap meet space.

Heartbeat Classic Show, Bates' Nut Farm, Sun Apr 29 Right: Eight Clubmembers attended en force with old and new Mopars. Well, except for Benny Giangiulio, who drove Ann's nice '55 Chev. Well, it was a BowTie show, after all.

Right: The big trophy winner was Carl Parrick who took Best Mopar and also Favorite Muscle Car with his GTX. Far Right: although the rest of us were skunked out of trophies, we didn't let that spoil our fun.



Bill Widman says "Howdy!" Above: Cliff Cunningham took 4th E-Body Restified



Above: Club Prez Larry at work. It paid off with 3rd, E-Body Restified



Jim Collins' '70 Road Runner took 2nd, B-Body '68-'72 Stock

Right & Below: Spring Fling, Van Nuys, Apr 21-22



Above: The Mooney's are thrilled that their Cuda took 1st in E-Body Stock, an All-Club resto by Lee Meyer & Jack Henton



Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!

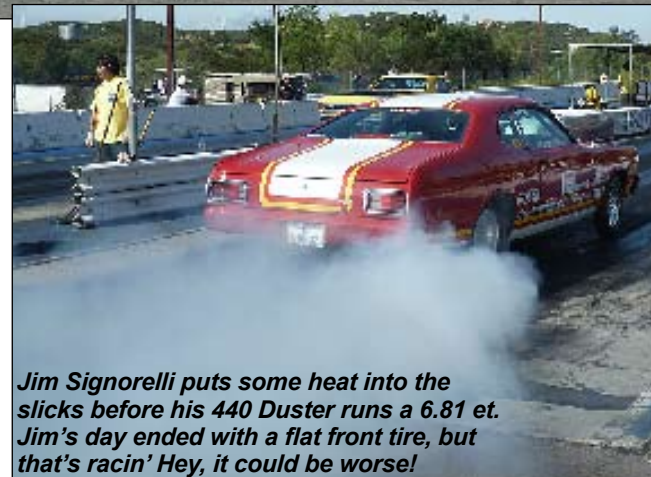
The 42nd Antique Drags were held April 6 and a lot of Club members were there to spectate and to race. The field was full of seriously fast race cars, and The Mopar Club was represented well with cars that ran the 1/8th mile in 10 second runs to passes that were knocking on the door of high five second elapsed times. The track was showing signs of wear at the water pit area, but the day was one of the most beautiful we've had this year. Some fun!



Left: About the only time Pat Borovicka, or anybody else for that matter, got ahead of the monster nitrous-fed Plymouth of Bill Kitterman was when he got to the start line first.



Above: Joe Bourdage and his '65 Town & Country were in the pits to lend a hand to anyone in need.



Jim Signorelli puts some heat into the slicks before his 440 Duster runs a 6.81 et. Jim's day ended with a flat front tire, but that's racin' Hey, it could be worse!



Left: Pat Borovicka runs the S/S & A/FX vintage events with his 440/6 '66 Coronet, dubbed the "Red Sled". The carbs take some massaging between 7.03 second passes. At left, drag race groupies, and race drivers themselves, Kristy Keller and Kay Signorelli, kick back.



Dave Lancaster heats the skins on his #43 Petty Charger before one of his many runs.



Left That's Jerry Keller pushin' his 440 Cross-Ram in the staging lane. Jerry was breaking in his brand new engine, running 7.44 et's. Below: The lettering on the trunk thanks some special folks that have helped Jerry.



Left: disguised as a mild-mannered banker by day, Bill Ruhlman runs 6.1 et's in his great big stroker small block Valiant. The car is as gorgeous as it is fast and if this was a car show, it would be up for Best Of Show. Below, left, Bill's Sunday office. Below, right: a glimpse of the car as Bill heats up the hides. This rear fender is what most big block cars see of Bill's Valiant.



Left: Steve "Hollywood" Williams tends to pit chores on Bill's Valiant. Steve was instrumental in putting the car and engine together.



Right: Joe Bourdage takes in this old timer "Barn Find #15", not a Club car, but it's what American drag racin' is all about: take whacha got & go as fast as ya can. Appearing to be built in the '50's, it now sports a Mopar Leaning Tower Of Power Slant 6 with 3 SU carbs.



Upcoming Events

- Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed June 13 For events: www.goodoleboyssandiego.com
- RaceLegal at The Q, May 18 drags & concerts, \$30/race, \$8/watch
- Barona Drags May 19-20, Salute To Military; Jun 2-3, www.baronadrags.com
- 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
- May Ride & Car Show, Sat May 19 must pre-reg, clintaugust@gmail.com, 8a-4p, Biggs Harley-Davidson, 1040 Los Vallecitos Ave #113, San Marcos
- 10th Run To The Hills, Sat May 19, \$25 day of, 9a-3p, in Pine Valley on Old Hwy 80 george 619-440-6168
- American Heritage Car Show, Sat May 26, Grape Day Park Escondido, \$25 inc t-shirt pre 5/18, 760-743-8207
- 47th Fallbrook Vintage Car Show Sun May 27, 9:30-2pm, Potter Jr HS, 1743 Reche Rd, fallbrookvintagecarclub.org
- 3rd Truck & Auto Show, Sun Jun 3 10-3, Nat'l Auto Parts 8701 Siempre Viva 619-203-2584
- Rex Taylor's Cool Swap & Expo, The Q, Mon June 28, sandiegoswapmeet.com
- Spirit Of The 4th Car Show, Wed July 4 9a-2p, Webb Park Rancho Bernardo, free/limited to 130 cars, pre-reg req'd earl. asbury@powaycruisers.com
- 10th Simpson's Car Show Sun Jul 15, pre reg \$25 w/shirt, lunch, day of \$25, 13925 Campo Rd, Jamul, 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, 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



Classifieds

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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

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

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.



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760-598-9809, or djialj@sbcglobal.net

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 **Wanted:** E/B Body w/ Trans Am racing or E/B body road race project set up for Trans Am/Road Rally. Trades plus cash or Pink for Pink depending on car, interested in race cars, race projects, 4 Speed Cars, Hemi's and convertibles. Also parts to convert auto to 4 spd on '70 Challenger (Trans, cross member, shifter, linkages etc.), Steve. Berroth@ngc.com



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