

Sometimes words just can't describe a thing in action to somebody. And that's the case with how members of The Mopar Club banded together to work the Fleet Week Speed Festival this year. As in the past few years, members have generously volunteered their valuable weekend time, many both Saturday and Sunday, to support this event. And if anybody wanted to know how to run a car show, they should've made it a point to watch our teams in action. Duties not only included registration, parking, judging and awarding trophies, but we also were tasked with selling and scanning tickets at the car Corral/Car Show gate. The car show itself was a field of just under 100 cars, including those owned by our Club volunteers, but the gate traffic added some 1500 additional cars that entered the event. Our Registration Desk folks stuffed goody bags, handed out t-shirts, kept the entry list. It was Tom "Daddy" Bourdage, Debbie Johnson, Tom Ferreira, Dave Lancaster, Tiffany Patterson, and Jordan Pier who handled that. On Parking and Traffic, we had Charlie Shawl, Eric Reho, Dick Miner who arrived the day before from China, Milton Karahadian, John Prall, Aaron and Joe Bourdage, Kurt Brown, John Halpin and his friend Jeremiah, and Tom Ferreria's grandson, LJ Harland. On Scanners and Ticket Sales, we had John Boville and his son Anthony Groh, Larry Johnson, Nick Dreyfus and Steve Pearson with Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh's brother, Rick directing upstream traffic. From Fleet Week HQ, we also had the super competent help from HemiBoy's daughter, Rebecca Hartigan. This acorn, like Anthony Groh and LJ, did not fall far from the tree. And for judging the 21 classes of entries, everybody efficiently deployed into the car show field to pick the Saturday first place winners and the first and second place winners and Best Of Show on Sunday. And I sure hope I didn't miss anybody, because each and every one showed up early, make that really early, without complaint, on days that you probably could've been doing something more important.

But I want to tell you, your time **was** important. Our military personnel and their families directly benefit from your support of this event. A good thing.

And speaking of good things, Dan Smith reports that a new drag strip and museum facility is in the planning stages with a lot of community support in Lake Havasu City. Hoo-rah!!

—Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'r

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End of Summer goin's on!!!

Fleet Week Speed Festival & Car Show Sept 22-23 It was another terrific family event in support of our local military personnel with vintage and modern aircraft flyovers, SEAL skydive team, static displays of ships and aircraft, vintage car racing, and the car show sponsored

by JBA Race Shop that was staffed by members of The Mopar Club, who also handled ticket sales for 1500 Car Corral entrants. Our show had about 75 cars each day, plus those owned by members from The Mopar Club. Taking Best Plymouth trophies were Tom Ferreria's '69 Valiant on Saturday and Marc Viau's '64 Hemi Savoy on Sunday.

Wavecrest Woody Show, Encinitas, Thur

Sept 13 Clubmember Jim Collins showed his amazing Pontiac woody and took Best of Show out of 300 woodies on display. Jim's had a good month as his '65 Plymouth Hemi S/S tribute took Best of Show out of 100 cars at the Monterey Bay Mopar Club show on 29 September, which was also his birthday. **VA Hospital Car Show, Loma Linda, Sun Oct 7** Marc Viau's spectacular '64 Hemi Savoy S/S took a custom pinstriped serving bowl trophy out of 1100 cars entered.

Cruisin' Grand Nitro Night, Fri Sept 28 Grand Avenue was closed to car show traffic this night to allow for about 20 vintage nitro dragsters and altered to parade two at a time. The cars were started on nitro and idled the two blocks while being pushed by period-correct push trucks or wagons. Local dragsters were there as several from afar. "TV" Tommy Ivo was in the cockpit of his digger. The spectator crowd was

three and four deep on each side for the entire two blocks. It was an epic event.

The car Show had all sorts of cars from foreign, to rods, to restored, trucks, and even some bikes.



The Registration Desk



The Widman/Bogdan AAR



After the parking & judging, Milton, Joe, Dick and Kurt relax



Tom's '69 Valiant jumps a poor Z0-6 with Rick Baugh's help

What a crowd!



"TV" Tommy Ivo

not your father's station wagon...

Clubmember Milton Karahadian come by his preference for Mopars the old-fashioned way: he inherited it. Yep, Milton's dad, and for that matter his uncles, too, were dyed in the wool Mopar guys. For that generation of Karahadian's, the family motto was "Mopar Or No Car. One uncle had a '59 Chrysler 300 E and the other a '65 300 convertible.

But the car Milton remembers most from his childhood was his dad's Chrysler Town and Country station wagon. Milton loved that car. And who wouldn't? It sported the 331 c.i. Hemi V-8, the ultimate engine of its day.

But Milton eventually left the nest, married Chavonne, and soon had his own family with Micah and Mikaela. Those were big changes for the better in his life, but his love for Mopars didn't change. And what kind of car does a family man need? He had to look no further than the example set forth by his dad: a Mopar station wagon.

So when Dodge introduced the Magnum for 2003, Milton was interested. When he found that the optional engine was a 5.7 liter Hemi V-8, he became more than interested. He and Chavonne immediately began a savings plan to acquire one.

It says somewhere that all good things come to those who wait. And while waiting for his cash to pile up, Chrysler came out with the announcement of the SRT/8 program late in

'05, with the first 300, Chargers and Magnums equipped with the 6.1 liter Hemi to be 2006 models. And to bring the basic LX platform up to the performance level of the new 425 hp engine, the SRT/8's would feature 20" alloy wheels with Goodyear F-1 tires, Brembo brakes, and a firmer suspension. For the Magnum SRT/8, visual clues such as added trim to the lower rocker panels and revised front and rear fascias gave the SRT version a more aggressive look. The interior of all SRT/8's featured unique leather upholstered seats, and the front buckets are heavily bolstered.

But the SRT/8 option package considerably raised the price of the Magnum. And after thinking about it, Milton resolved that he would wait a little longer until he saved up enough for the top dog. And once again the "he who waits" philosophy paid off. When Milton bought his '08 Magnum, the new version received a sporty hood scoop and an even more

aggressive front grille, all to his liking.

Turns out, 2008 was the last hurrah for the Magnum, as one Chrysler executive on the Daimler Benz team killed the model.

But Milton and Chavonne love their Magnum. It's fast, comfortable, lots of room for the kids, balls, bats, bikes, surf boards and Chavonne's stuff too, and all that comes with being a family man. And that 6.1 Hemi is what Milton really loves about his Magnum, which delivers too much horsepower. Of course, that's not enough for a hot-rodder like Milton, so he began looking into what he could do to extract even more ponies from the Hemi. His research led him to inquire about what Vortech Engineering, makers of aftermarket supercharger systems, might have to offer. "Nope", a representative informed Milton, "we don't have a system for the Mopar 6.1 Hemi in the '08 Magnum SRT/8. But we want to

design a system. Would you be interested in providing your Magnum as our prototype?"

And so it was that Milton's Magnum became equipped with the first Vortech supercharger kit for the 2008 Magnum SRT/8. The advantages are an increase from 425 to 560 horsepower, torque from 420 to 510 at 7.5-8.5 psi of boost. The Vortech kit includes a self-lubricated supercharger and upgrades to fuel delivery and engine management software. Their complete systems are 50-State smog legal and warranted.

Milton has logged some 34,000 miles on the odometer, with about 24,000 of those with the supercharger. He's ecstatic about the Magnum's performance and the supercharger upgrade. He knows his dad would love it. These days, he wonders why Chrysler killed its practical performer.

Well, he's not alone. None other than Ralph Gilles, head of the SRT division, wonders the same thing. He stated that a lot of Chrysler product planners really like the Magnum. When asked if the Magnum would return, he coyly said "Stay tuned. Great things are on the way".

That's just the kind of good news that Milton and Mopar die-hards like to hear: it's all about product improvement. And speaking of product improvement, staying tuned and good things on the way, Milton also owns a vintage Plymouth. He's owned it since 1978 and lately he's been, umm, improving it. You'll see it soon at upcoming car shows. To match his SRT/8 Magnum, let's leave it that Milton likes to serve his fish blackened.

Above: The Magnum keeps Milton happy. Left: heavily bolstered leather seats with all the electronic bells and whistles keep tabs on the SRT/8's supercharged Hemi.

Upcoming Events

- **Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed Nov 14** For events: www.goodoleboyssandiego.com
- **RaceLegal** at The Q, Oct 19, Nov 16 & 30 drags,\$30/race, \$8/watch, racelegal.com
- **Barona Drags** Oct 20, Nov 3 & 17 www.baronadrags.com
- **3rd Carl Burger Car Show** Fri Oct 12, arr 3pm- 8p Fri Oct 12, great prizes, hot wings, Hooter Girls, come out & support Carl Burger with your ride! FREE! carlburger.com
- **Santee Car Show/BBQ** Santee, Riverview Pkway @ Mission Gorge 9am Oct 13, santeecarshow.com
- **4th Studebaker Drivers Club Cool Classic Car Show**, 9:30am Oct 13, Spanish Landing Park, www.studebakersandiego.com
- **4th Pal Joey's Car Show** 8am Oct 14, 5147 Waring Rd, \$30
- **4th Fifth Avenue Auto Showcase**, San Diego, 11am – 4pm, contact Larry & Debbie Johnson 760-598-9809
- **17th Fall Fling** Oct 20, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, meet @ Camp Pendleton rest stop, depart at 6:30
- **7th Historic Highway 80 Road Trip**, Starts at Simpson's Jamul - 8am, Oct 20 619-445-0180
- **All American Pow Wow**, Sun Oct 21, hosted by Mopar & Pontiac Clubs at Embarcadero @ Seaport Village. Be there!
- **6th Overdrive Hot Rod News**, 10-3, Oct 28, 10151 Prospect, Santee
- **East County Cruisers**, Nov 3, Bates Nut Farm 15954 Woods Valley Rd, Valley Cntr
- **Cruisin' Grand Escondido** every Fri
- **Santee Lakes** every Fri beginning April 6
- **Chikin' Pie Diner** Poway every Wed
- **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.
- **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
- **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.



Just the thing for a hot rod family, like Clubmembers Milton and Chavonne Karahadian who enjoy their SRT/8 Dodge Magnum for hauling the kids and their stuff. And hauling parts for his project car.



Above: SRT/8 forged alloys and Brembo brakes. Left: upgrades include polished s/s trim and a Vortech supercharger.



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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Steve.Berroth@
ngc.com



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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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