

So, this ayem's Union Tribune (that'd be Tues 9/11) in the Bidness section has an article on the GM (that'd be Gummint Motors) Volt, the hybrid built by Chevy. No, it's not about the things catching fire in crash tests. It says, and I quote from the U/T who quotes from Reuters News Service, "GM loses \$49,000 on every Volt it sells." Wow. Reuters' takes into account all the huge development costs that of any new car, but electric/gas hybrid motor systems ain't no easy thing to figure out. Toyota, for example, built the Prius for almost 10 years before the car got out of the red. The Nissan Leaf? Same boat.

But 49 large? The problem with the Volt, it seems, is that customers are not exactly flocking into the showrooms. You're no doubt aware that Chevy has shut down the assembly line for the second time to prevent excess inventory. And the sticker shock that comes with the MSRP of \$39,445 is of no help. Of course, you'll be as happy as I am to know that we get to subsidize this marvel of engineering with our income taxes in the form of a federal tax credit of \$7500 that goes to the proud new owners. Hey! The Prez, Big O, hisself, says the future of our country relies on this stuff!

If you believe the commercials, owners fill up about once per month. Chevy says to expect about a 380 mile range, so the math seems funny. But they are quiet. Which could help me out with my next-door neighbor. They just got a golden retriever puppy - cutest little fluff of fur with sad brown eyes you ever saw. And they put the pooch out on their backyard patio at around 1ayem when they go to bed. It mournfully howls for its momma until about 10 ayem when they get up. So, I knocked on their door to see what's up, and in a friendly, neighborly way, asked if we could figure out how to keep the pooch from howling so the neighborhood could get some sleep. Mrs neighbor told me that other neighbor dogs keep them awake & that this is the way it's gonna be. So, I said I hope the pup grows up quickly and I left. Coupla minutes go by & Mr Neighbor bangs on my door to rant that my "piece of s**t cars have woken us up I don't know how many times". Geeze, I hit a nerve.

So, in the interest of neighborly harmony, I'm selling my "pieces of s**t cars" (Heck, that didn't bother me. I've called them worse on many an occasion). I'm getting a Volt.

Nah. I'm gettin' a Harley with straight pipes.

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

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Car Show Season!!



Larry, do you need any help with that?

Charger Steve's Wild Rides Sun Aug 19 Larry Johnson's Challenger took home a trophy from this Pacific Beach event. It's doubtful that Debbie let him take home the trophy girl.

Oceanside Airport Car Show, Sat Aug 25 Jeff & Julie Walker entered their '69

GTX (aka "G2") that was last month's feature ride. Nice cars and we saw some cool jet powered r/c planes.

Picnic By The Bay, Sat Aug 26 The Embarcadero at Seaport Village was graced by 400 or so cars, including Club cars owned by John Boville, Ben and Ann

Giangiulio, Tom Ferreira, and taking Best Mopar was Debbie and Larry Johnson.

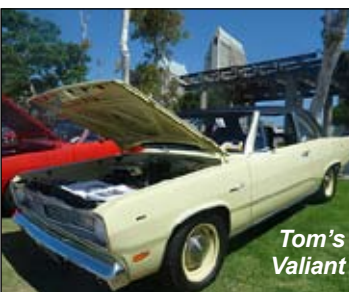
Tidelands Park Coronado Car Show, Sat Sept 8 The host Camaro Club had lots of vintage and new cars on display with Clubmember John Boville's Dart rounding out a field of 150 or so cars.

Greatest Show On Turf, Sun Sept 9 Diane Patterson showed her cop car Dodge, the Walkers showed their Hemi Challenger and their GTX, and Tom Ferreira was there with his Valiant. HemiBoy was there, too, as Big Chief PontiacBoy, with his Grand Prix droptop in a field of about 200 cars of all types.

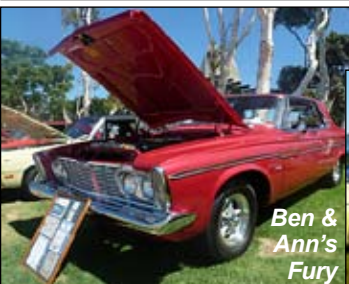
Below, Charlie Shawl, who was a Museum Car Show Staffer, tells Jeff that he can't be bribed.



The Walker's GTX, aka "G2"



Tom's Valiant



Ben & Ann's Fury



Larry & Debbie



John's '69 Dart



A 6' long Crusader



Julie & Jeff watchin' the airshow



The 340 in John's Dart



Liberty Station



thanks for the memories...

From time to time, it's good to take a look at some of the Club cars that've been featured in past *PentaGram* issues. Some of these owners are no longer in the Club. Some of the cars have been sold. Or will be. And some of the owners are still actively havin' fun with these Mopars that were featured in 2008-2009.



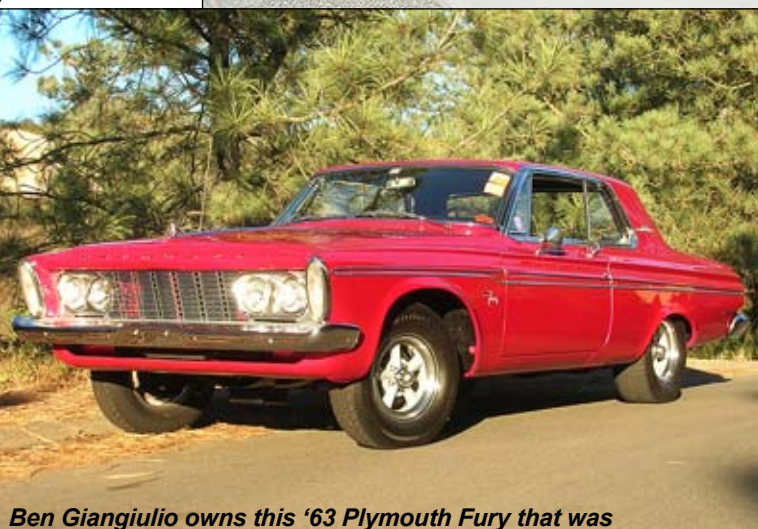
Above: the '71 Charger SE of Steve Voelker was painted "Citron Yella", a High Impact color from the height of the muscle car era.

The white vinyl roof car is powered by a 383 and sports factory a/c, a Slap Stick 727 transmission, power everything and the original black bucket seat interior. (May '08)

Left: Marc Viau built this '71 Dodge Demon as a road machine. He ran the 340/4-speed A-Body on the Car Craft magazine Anti-Tour in 2011. He plans on dropping in a stroked 340 and a Tremec 5-speed. (July '09)



Dale Gallup owns this Burnt Orange '70 Charger 440 R/T. It came with a matching vinyl interior and a rare Satin Black-Out package on the hood and flanks to go with the white vinyl roof. (Dec '09)



Ben Giangulio owns this '63 Plymouth Fury that was transformed into a dual quad 426 Wedge Stage II Super Stocker. Ben added Torque Thrust D wheels, and the original builder had flawless paint applied in Hot Pink Pearl from the House of Color. (Nov '08)



Above: Dave Pacific has a thing for Road Runners and owns several, including this example from 1971. It's powered by a 383 and features Sassy Grass green paint with black strobe decals on the C-pillars. Those were the days, weren't they? (March '09)



Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh made his living for a lot of years selling cars, but his favorites were from Mopar. He's owned a '68 Hemi 4/speed Road Runner and currently owns a '66 Hemi Satellite, both of which see some time on the track. But Bill also likes to cruise in comfort in his '65 Chrysler New Yorker 2-door coupe. It's in aqua blue metallic with black leather, and has the original 413 under the hood. (June '08)

Upcoming Events

- Next Club meeting will be at Casa Machado, 7pm Wed Oct 10 For events: www.goodoleboyssandiego.com
- RaceLegal at The Q, Sept 21, Oct 5 drags, \$30/race, \$8/watch, racelegal.com
- Barona Drags Sept 23 Antique Drags, Oct 6 www.baronadrags.com
- 10th 50's Rock'n Car Show Sept 15, Ramona Oaks Park, 25341 Pappas Rd, 4p 760-440-3239
- 31st Wavecrest Woodie Show, Sept 15, Moonlight Beach, Encinitas
- 20th Harbor Days Car Show, Sept 15, 10a, Bayside Park, 619-428-3515
- Overdrive Hot Rod News Dragster Show, Santee, Sept 16, noon, Manzanita Brewing, 10151 Prospect 619-987-5385
- Cruisin' 4 A Cause @ 7-11 on Los Coches, Lakeside, Sept 16 9a, 619-847-6992
- Rods & Woodies on 101 between D & Lumber Yard, Encinitas, Sept 20 5p
- Fleet Week Coronado Speed Festival Car Show, Sept 22-23, NASNI
- 50th Birthday Rancho Bernardo Sept 22, 10a-3p, RB's Webb Park, pre-reg req'd
- 4th Touch A Truck Sept 29, The Q, 10a-3p, free, 858-621-3473
- 4th Crower Car Show, Sept 29, 10-4p, 6180 Business center Ct, 619-661-6477
- 5th Avenue Showcase Sat Oct 5, call Larry or Debbie Johnson to enter your show car 760-598-9809
- 4th Car Show Rancho Buena Vista HS, Sun Oct 7 10-2, 1601 longhorn Dr, Vista, \$20/\$25, 760-295-3128
- Carl Burger Car Show Oct 12, 4p-8p, free, go to car show link @ www.carlburger.com
- 4th Pal Joey's Oct 14, 8a-2:30, 5147 Waring Rd \$30
- 2nd Ramona HS Auto Shop Show Oct 20, 10a-2p, 760-789-2473
- 17th Fall Fling Oct 20, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, meet @ Camp Pendleton rest stop, depart at 6:30
- All American Pow Wow, Sun Oct 21, hosted by Mopar & Pontiac Clubs at Embarcadero @ Seaport Village. Be there!
- Cruisin' Grand Escondido every Fri
- Santee Lakes every Fri beginning April 6
- Chikin' Pie Diner Poway every Wed
- El Cajon Cruise every Wed begins April 25
- Back To The 50's, La Mesa, ea. Thur
- Bonita Donuts Cruise, 8a, 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! 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
- 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, El Cajon
- 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.
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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.Berroth@
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: 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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