Well, the income has been added up and the expenses have been deducted. All tolled, the All-American Car Show XVI can be called a success. It was a lot of planning. Many trips to file paperwork, pick up supplies, contracts to be signed, entry money to be deposited, checks to be written, well, that's what it takes to put on a car show. Not to mention all the man & woman hours by Club members. There are too many to list by name and I'd miss a few if I tried, but to all of you Clubmembers who entered your Mopar, donated 20 bucks or an equivalent raffle prize, ran errands, designed flyers, printed flyers, walked miles at car shows and cruises passing out flyers, lent equipment, spent hours on set-up and tear-down, worked the show in the raffle table, judged cars, added up the votes, or directed the parking, your combined efforts have resulted in a donation of $4000 each to USO of San Diego and Homefront of San Diego.

Well, you ask yourself, was all that hard work, time and money worth it? Seems to me it was. Coming up with 8 grand is not easy these days. Just ask the folks at USO and at Homefront.

And what of the fun of it? On the day of show, just as the show workers arrived and parked their personal show Mopars, it rained. In about 10 minutes, everyone's car that was polished the night before with hours of elbow grease, got drenched by a pretty hard downpour. Everybody laughed it off. Yeah, we had work to do without that happening. Tables to set up, forms and pens at the ready, parking teams to deploy. But griping was not done. Besides, what can you do about it? Well, I'll tell ya what was done: after the laugh, everyone went about their pre-show preparation. When done, those of us who had 'em, broke out their towels, dried off their rides, and loaned 'em to those that didn't have 'em. And on with the show.

That said, it amazes me to see all the car clubs and other types of groups support our military personnel. Many raise less than we do, some raise a lot more. Events that raise money include fancy evening balls, to gourmet dinners to golf tournaments are common in San Diego. And, of course, there are other car clubs who raise money for our troops with their car shows.

But for sixteen years we've put on our show, with the last six or to benefit USO and Homefront. A good job by all.

It makes me proud to know ya. -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr

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Sunshine & car shows

Picnic By The Bay, Sun Aug 17 Seven Clubmembers showed their rides, including Mike Mattern whose gorgeous custom Hemi Challenger trophied, Carolyn Mooney, Dan Harp, Tom Ferreira, Jeff & Julie Walker, Larry & Debbie Johnson, and Ben Giangiulio. Oh, and Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh was there with his Poncho. So we won't mention him in this newsletter.

Charger Steve's Wild Rides, Sun Aug 24, Pacific Beach Once again, a couple of main streets were closed off to provide room for the hedonistic gluttony and car show extravaganza that is this annual event. Attending were Jim Signorelli, Dave Russell, Dave Lancaster, Cliff Cunningham, Larry & Debbie Johnson, and Tom Ferreira. The Clubmembers were skunked.

Mike's Hemi Challenger

Ben & Mike check out Ben's Hemi Cuda

Jeff shows his 440/4 for the last time

Carolyn's 'Cuda

Tom's Valiant

Clubmembers Ralph Vagnone & Dan Harp at Dan's Satellite

Jim's Valiant
Tom Ferreira photo

Photo by Tom Ferreira

Tom Ferreira photo

Dave Lancaster's Charger
Tom Ferreira photo

Dave Russell's 'Cuda
Tom Ziarkowski photo

Above: The Johnson's Challenger that attended two shows
Left: Cliff's Challenger
Middle Left: Tom's Valiant never looked better

Oceanside Airport Car & Airshow, Sat Aug 30, Oceanside Jeff and Julie Walker were there, debuting their new 440/4-bbl engine from Viau Motorsports that was installed in their GTX. Jeff did a superb job of cleaning and painting the engine bay prior to installing the new mill. He claims a lot more horsepressure from the Viau-built engine, as compared to the old 440. Tom Ferreira attended also, and he and Jeff exchanged USN aviation stories during the airshow. Clubmembers were skunked again. **Carl Parrick's Rout 66 Cruise** Clubmember Aaron Bourdage saw off Carl and his daughter Leann, and Clubmember Holly "Hot Rod" Ansman at the start of their epic adventure to Chicago via Route 66. Bruce & Cathy Jamieson will join them in Arizona. Check their photos by "friending" Carl Parrick on Facebook.

Julie, Jeff & their new 440

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bucket list T...

Most hot rodders begin their automotive adventures in their teenage years. But Clubmember Kurt Brown is living his hot rod adventure that began when his parents gave him a T-bucket pedal car. Kurt's dad and later, his stepdad, are dyed in the wool hot rodders. They'd take young Kurt with them while they drag raced at the Temple Academy Dragway (now Little River Dragway), the Alamo Dragway and at the Cuddihy Field Dragway in Corpus Christi every weekend in the South Texas area. Heck, Kurt's dad still has the 1934 Ford 5-window coupe that he built during those days.

Although Kurt's first car was a '68 Camaro, he soon became intrigued with things Mopar. He just thought they were cool. One of Kurt's buddies had a '27 T Roadster with a Hemi and weed-burner headers. So, Kurt's idea for a T-bucket naturally evolved from there.

And what's cooler than a '23 T-bucket sporting a blown DeSoto Hemi? Well, not much. A fellow member of the Monday Nite Car Club owned just a rod. Kurt suggested that he sell the T to him as it had been stored and not used for the last ten years or so. It took years of negotiations, but he finally agreed to sell it to Kurt. When he got it into his garage Kurt spent a lot of hours cleaning the accumulation of dust and crud off its many shiny parts.

This T-bucket is a body and frame kit from Total Performance T and has the classic stance that we all drew in our notebooks during 6th grade geography class. The blower is a big 6-71 GM huffer, sporting twin Holley 4-barrels. The blower is 15% under-driven, but the set-up delivers around 600 horsepower with a mild cam. The automatic trans is a built Turbo 350, driving a Ford 9" rear diff with 4.11 gears. The rear tires are MT 31" diameter x 19.5" wide, and all four tires ride on Weld Racing wheels. For whoa power, Camaro front disks and Ford rear drums are employed. At around 2300 pounds total, good brakes are important. Those classic tubes are from Sanderson Headers.

To complete the look a chrome replica radiator leads the way for the leather button-diamond tufted interior. Flames that blend from red to purple have been painted from the firewall onto the sides.

Kurt's been chasing gremlins that come from a long storage, things like belts, fluids and hoses. But he's enjoying bringing this hot rod back to its former glory, and in spite of really bad gas mileage, he's been driving it to weekly cruises and even entering it in car shows, including our own All-American Car Show on July 19, this year.

Some hot rodders are enjoying their rides for the first time. Many hot rodders like to relive the greatest times of their lives, their teen years. But some of us, like Kurt, go back even farther.

And they are the luckiest hot rodders of all.

Nothing says hot rod better than a 6-71 blower atop a Gen I Hemi with dual quads in a well proportioned T-bucket. Clubmember Kurt Brown bought this flamed example that sports big rear meats and prom in ant headers, and lots of bling to keep polished. Right: Diamond tufted button leather interior seats two and has full instrumentation, including three behind the blower.

Far Left: the Gen I DeSoto Hemi, big blower, dual quads and headers are out in the open for all to admire.
Left: the engine generates enough horsepower to break loose those big rear tires even at speed.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting @ Casa Machado Oct 8 7p

- **RaceLegal** @ The Q, Sept 11, 25
- **Barona Drags** 47th Antique Drags Sun Oct 5, test & tune Renegade Series Oct 18
- **Picnic By The Bay**, Aug 17 Sun, E
- **2nd Warrior Foundation Car Show**, Sept 13 16945 Camino San Bernardo in RB, 619-698-7030
- **Fleetweek Coronado Speed Festival** Sept 20-21, vintage races, vendor alley, car show
- **15th Cruisin' for a Cure** Orange County Fair Grounds, Costa Mesa, 7am Sept 27 www.cruisinforacure.com
- **21st Annual Fall Classic**, Seaport Village, 9am Sept 27, Embarcadero North, 760-741-6058
- **Julian Cider Run** Sat Sept 27 Bikes/cars meet at Sweetwater Harley Davidson 3201 Hoover Ave at 9:30, end at Apple Lane Orchard, Julian, supports Aseltine School 619-296-2135x120 www.aseltine.org
- **5th Carl Burger Dodge Car Show**, La Mesa, 5pm, Fri Oct 3 http://www.carlburger.com
- **On The Bay** Sat Oct 4, Bayside Park, Chula Vista 8a-2p, $25, 619-993-5268
- **6th Car Lovers Show** Sat Oct 11 10-2, 2430 S Escondido Blvd, $30 pre 9-26/$35
- **5th Santee Car Show,** Oct 11, 8a, Trolley Station Town Center, www.santeecarshow.com
- **Cruisin' Grand, Escondido**, every Fri Broadway & Main, Nitro Nite 10/3
- **5th Ave Auto Showcase**, Gas lamp Quarter 11a, www.gaslamp.org/fifth-avenue-auto-show-case contact Larry 760-598-9809
- **Cajon Classic Cruise** starts Wed Apr 23
- **Clunkers & Dunkers,** ea. Sat 7a, Bonita Donuts on Bonita Rd
- **Fallbrook Rods & Relics**, 7a every Sat, Sunrise Cafe, Hwy 76 @ Mission, Bonsall
- **Cars & Coffee on the Mesa**, 2nd Sun, 5675 Kearny Villa Rd, www.jbaracing.com.
- **Rods & Woodies on the 101**, Encinitas, 5pm Ends Sept 18
- **Jack's La Jolla Classic Cruise**, every Sun 7am, 7300 Girard Ave
- **Cruisin' The Lakes** Santee 3pm Fridays Ends 10/24
- **In & Out Burger Poway** 11am 12890 Gregg Ct. (Kohl's Parking lot) 1st Sat
- **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 Ends 10/5
- **Gearhead Gathering**, 1st Sat 10-noon & 3rd Sat 6-8p behind Chevron & Foster's Freeze off Waring Rd, .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:'75 Plymouth Duster, $2,600 Solid /6 engine; straight frame; three speed on the floor. Runs good. Needs body work, upholstery, and new dash. Cragar chrome wheels, new motor mounts; new brakes, pads, and cylinders, 81,766 miles. Call Tom at 760.231.6494 or 760.660.3600

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For Sale: 727 Trans Mazzolini "Street/Race", shift kit, deep pan, race clutches, Cheetah reverse pattern, manual shift valve body. Less than a 12 runs $500.00. Paul 858-530-0533, ppolentz@san.rr.com

For Sale: daily driving Duster, color black, $9,000 transmission re-built by Rapid, less than 61,000 original miles original Build Sheet. Todd Reed, 858-382-2002

For Sale: '70 Road Runner 440/6, air grabber hood, Dana, auto, black, $29,999 obo John Kosich (928) 778-0378

For Sale: '67 440 block. std bore w/ main caps, cleaned & magged. $400.00
'66 to '71 B-Body rear HD leaf springs. Needs shackle bushings. $100.00
11" 727 converter w/ flexplate, needs to be be checked, $75.00 Prices negotiable
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For Sale: '66 Plymouth Fury dark blue/blue (5) Redline tires & Magnum 500's, 318 Poly, nice condition, $12,500 obo; Stainless Steel Brakes 4-wheel disk kit for '66 B-Body, new $1500 Rodger 760-724-1960

For Sale: 440 block, .030 over $175 needs repair, rods & TRW pistons, crank, pkg for $400, will separate; 906 heads $300 pr; BB 5 qt. oil pan $75; BB 727 valve body & pan, $100; 11" brake drums & kits $115; '74 E-bod rear axle & shafts w/ backing plates, $300; (3) 741 diff cases 3.23 open $250, 3.55 open $350, 4.56 gears spool $600; 58.5" drivesaft $125; Comp Engr'g adj. drag shocks for B-body $150/4; (2) BFG 245/60x15 $200 Larry 714-553-2971

For Sale: 5 cans of R-12 Freon. Rickjudi3@cox.net 858-395-5656

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