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Drive a vintage Mopar, do you? If so, you're to be congratulated for keeping the flame of Mopar's heritage burning bright. It's becoming harder and harder to do that. One reason is the new Mopars are generally such good cars, trucks and SUV's. One just gets in, presses a button to start the engine and drives off. Great air conditioning. Terrific sound system. Electronic interfaces that control speed, Bluetooth, and a myriad other things that I don't understand. I suspect GM and Ford drivers enjoy these, too. So, who wants an old car?

The second reason why it's harder to be a vintage Mopar enthusiast is quite obvious: these vehicles are getting old. In some cases, really old. Original parts are hard to find. Newly manufactured parts, although more plentiful than say ten years ago, generally can be found only for popular models, such as E-Body Barracudas and Challengers. If you have a unpopular model, and you need trim parts, well, as they say in Noo Yawk City, "Fahgedabowdit".

An example: My 1965 A-100 pick up truck. Like humans, vehicles fifty tears old or so develop, ummm, personality. They get cranky if they're not treated a certain way. And like humans, some parts just don't work like they used to.

Among my truck's parts that don't work well, if at all, are the instruments. The Speedo and Temp gauges don't work. The Fuel gauge, with some effort, I got to work the other day. Or so I thought, anyway. When I installed the repaired gauge and turned on the IGN, it showed 3/4 full. About right, I figured. So, last Thursday I boldly drove the truck to La Mesa Cruise Nite.

After the cruise, driving east on La Mesa Blvd at the trolley crossing to turn left onto Spring St, she slowly lost rpm's, coughed, and died. Out of gas. The gauge read 3/4's full. I alertly noticed I'm on a slight hill. Nobody's behind me. I skillfully put 'er in N and released the brake, backing west while making a south turn onto Nebo Drive and into an empty parking space along the curb. Ta da! It's pointed the wrong way on the one-way street, however.

Drive a vintage car? Better be a AAA member! Thirty minutes after I call, AAA shows up with 2 gallons of gas. She fires right up and I proceed to a gas station and pump in 10 gallons. The gauge ought to read 2 gal over 1/2 full. But no. It reads 3/4.

At least this little adventure didn't cost me a La Mesa a parking ticket.

See? That's what I'm talking about. Personality.

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

Richard Petty Wins!!!!

Mopar Club At The San Diego Fair, Sun June 22 OK, Richard didn't win anything because he wasn't there. But Dave Lancaster's Petty Tribute Charger was there! Took Best Of Show, it did! The Mopar Club displayed the show cars of Ben and Ann Giangiulio (Hemi Cuda), the Dart of Tiffany and Jordan Pier, Mr. & Mrs. 'umble's Cuda, Jim Signorelli's Valiant, and Kurt & Robin Brown's blown Hemi T-Bucket.

Right: Dave The King"

MCRD Car Show, Sun June 22 Before the Mopars of Club-members could be displayed, they were subjected to a full body-cavity search by base security. The new-generation Challengers of Julie Walker, Natale Adams & Eric & Brenda Bense looked good with the vintage Challengers of Cliff Cunningham and Larry and Debbie Johnson, along with Tom Ferreira's '69 Valiant, Dave Russell's '66 Cuda, the GTX's of Carl Parrick and Jeff Walker, the Hemi Satellite of Bill Baugh, and Rick Bobick's '65 Dodge. Against that very tough crowd, Best Muscle Car was awarded to Milton Karahadian's beautiful black E-body 'Cuda.

Front to back: Tom, Rick, & Jeff

Bill's Hemi

Milton's Cuda

Carl's GTX

Johnsons' Challenger

Benses' Challenger

Cliff's Challenger

Mopar Nite, Cruisin' Grand, Fri June 27 Y'r 'umble Ed'tr counted 25 Club cars on display this Mopar Nite at Cruisin' Grand. With non-Club members, there were 2 solid blocks of Mopars, vintage and new, filling the street. The Club displayed a wide range of rare and beautiful Mopars, but it was Rodger & Jean Webb that took best Mopar with their Chip Foose "Overhauled" '64 Plymouth.

Rodger's Plymouth

Keller's T-Shirt Dodge

2nd from Top: Harvey's Plymouth *Right: Woody's AAR*
Above: Jim's Duster, Steve's Challenger, Marv's S/S Cuda

Photos by Tom Ziarkowski & Julie Walker

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Remembering the All-American Car Show...

Photos by Gary Shadoan, Steve VanderSchaaf, Mary Signorelli, Dick Miner

ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW X

We held our show in Carlsbad at Westfield Plaza Camino Real for the second time in 2008. Attending were celebrities Roger Hedgecock and Bill Goldberg who helped us reach our biggest donation, ever.

Cathy & Bruce Jamieson brought their Challenger, the first one in San Diego.

The big guy is Bill Goldberg

Debbie Johnson at the raffle table

Carolyn Mooney works the raffle

ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW IX

As we grew, we held our show in Carlsbad at Westfield Plaza Camino Real for the first time in 2007. Over 250 cars attended, including foreign cars and even a motorcycle.

Jack Parra & his Hemi 'Cuda

The Mopar Club's cars

Clubmembers Dan & Paula Smith, originators of the All-American Car Show, made the trek from Lake Havasu City to show their T/A.

Nice bug.

Right: The Grit n' Gravel flatbed hauler gives us the coolest car show stage in the county
Below: Julie Walker, Larry & Debbie Johnson

Countin' the votes

Julie & Kay Signorelli at work

ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW XI

Back in 2009, we held our show again at Westfield Plaza Camino Real for the third time. The economy was down but that didn't stop car owners from donating to our cause.

Nice bike.

ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW XVI

July 19, 2014

We need your support for USO & Homefront. Can we count on you to enter your Mopar?

Upcoming Events

Next meeting @ Casa Machado Aug 13 7p

- **RaceLegal** @ The Q, Jul 10, 19, 25, 8/8
- **Barona Drags** July 12, 25-26, Aug 9-10
- **Nitro Old School Crower Cavalcade**, Barona Drag Strip Lakeside, July 12, 4pm www.baronadrags.com 619-607-5449
- **Cars & Coffee on the Mesa** July 13 8am JBA 5675 Kearney Villa Rd.
- **Vets Cruzin for a Cause** July 13 8:30am Dave & Buster's 2931 Camino Del Rio North 619-548-5678
- **Mopar Club'sAll American Car Show XVI** July 19 8am Mira Costa College's San Elijo campus: 3333 Manchester, Cardiff, CA Info: moparsdpres@gmail.com **BE THERE!!!**
- **10th Annual Thanksgiving in July** July 26 8am Elks Lodge #1561 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside http://www.ncws.
- **Main Street America**, Embarcadero Park North (Seaport Village), July 26 10am 619-723-2020 http://www.cocsd.com
- **The Greatest Show on Turf & 25th Clairemont Family Day Celebration**, San Diego, Aug 2, 9am 760-440-0896
- **23rd National City Automobile Heritage Day**, National City, Aug 9, 9am Kimball Park www.automobileheritageday.com
- **Al Bahr Shrine Car Show**, San Diego, Aug 10, 9am Scottish Rite Event Center 1895 Camino Del Rio South 858-292-0092
- **Cruisin' Grand, Escondido**, every Wed Broadway & Main
- **Cajon Classic Cruise** starts Wed Apr 23
- **Back To The 50's**, La Mesa every Thur
- **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.
- **Jack's La Jolla Classic Cruise**, every Sun 7am, 7300 Girard Ave
- **Cruisin' The Lakes** Santee 3pm Fridays
- **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
- **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

CARL PARRICK'S EPIC ROUTE 66 CRUISE TBA in September, San Diego to Chicago. Route book w/ mileage, food, motels, E-mail Carl at crp30@cox.net

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, $2,850 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

For Sale: '71 Charger practically new parts Firm Feel springs, sway bars, Bilstein shocks, Magnum Force upper cntrl arms. 440 Source deep oil pan, many stock parts also Call for details 410-212-1336, email ajohnson04usna@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1973 Plymouth Duster New Paint & Graphics Rebuilt motor 340 pumped up to 360 (less than 1000 mi) Rebuilt Tranny (same) New tires front & rear New gas shocks front & rear Sway bars front & rear New Autometer gauges & tach New battery New alt. New stereo/CD player w/ amp. & 4 speakers New 3.55 gears "Only" if you feel the NEED for SPEED.....619-857-7272 for info pics.

For Sale: Accel spark plug (8mm) red wire harnesses for a small block, with chrome bolt on routers $20 Tom 619-449-9167

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 8-3/4" 489 case w/ big yoke, good 3.55 gears, worn out cone sure grip. $150.00 Prices negotiable
Pat at sixpack3@cox.net 619-504-6123

For Sale: '70 Road Runner bucket seats w/ tracks, new legendary covers, black Brad relax455@aol.com 703-850-3734

For Sale: daily driving Duster. color black. $9,750 transmission re-built by Rapid less than 61,000 original miles original Build Sheet. Todd Reed, 858-382-2002 619-504-6123

For Sale: '76 True Spirit pickup craigslist link: http://sandiego.craigslist.org/esd/cto/4530841590.html 619-504-6123

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

Wanted by friend: '71 Charger (base model - SE- 500 - RT or Sbee) please email. Steve.Berroth@ngc.com

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