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Last month, if you recall, I did my rant on vintage Mopars and what it means to live with and drive them. The point was, no, they're not just old cars. They are cars that have developed personality.

The corollary to that shining bit of wisdom from y'rs tru'ly, was that although modern cars have advanced the state of motoring, (scientifically defined here as having a fun car), they tend to be without personality. Of course, mega-horsepower, great brakes, fantastic transmissions, air conditioning, sound and NAV systems all add up to fun, to be sure. And Ma Mopar is doing great things with her products across the board.

But where's the personality? Modern cars are easy to start. Shift. Steer and stop. In great comfort, I might add. But is that personality?

Maybe. It's entirely possible that cars of today are so advanced, that we of a certain age at first don't recognize the personality of modern cars because it's changed. A lot.

Take my '14 Dodge Challenger SRT. Well, you can't. It's got a security system on it that few can break. But if you did, the location device that I added from an after-market company will locate the car via GPS on my iPhone or desktop. Even if you hid it in your garage. And I can GoogleEarth a view of your garage where you hid it. On top of that, I can command the unit to establish a virtual "fence" around your garage that alerts my iPhone if you move the car. Say at two ayem. And since I've notified the cops, they'll be waiting across the street when you pull out. Sneaky personality.

*Uh-oh...*

And just a couple of weeks ago, guess what? The feared Check Engine light illuminated my dash. I carefully drove to Carl Burger so Clubmember Joe Bourdage could connect his computer to it for a full diagnosis: "DTC multiple cylinder misfire. Vehicle has no misfire symptoms. 6.4 L with manual transmission may exhibit check engine light due to location of crank/cam sensor(s). Factory to provide updated software when available." The car knew before the Dodge engineers?

*My fix.*

No problemo. I used an old-car trick to hide the light: electrician's tape. But then, and I am not making this up, the car softly spoke to me, "I'm sorry, Bob. I can't let you do that."

THAT's personality.

—Bob

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

# It never rains???

**Island In The Hills Car Show, Sat July 26** About 50 cars were on display in Tierrasanta on this beautiful sunny day. Tom Ferreria and Carolyn Mooney were there with their Plymouths.

*Carolyn's 'Cuda*

**Main Street America, Sun July 27** Attending in spite of the wet weather was Cliff Cunningham, Carl Parrick, Tom Ferreira and LJ Harlin, Larry & Debbie Johnson, Rick Bobick, Dave Russell, Milton Karahadian, new Club Treasurer Natalie Adams and John Joseph, whose '70 440/6 Charger took Best Mopar.

*Tom's Valiant*

*Milton, Larry & Dave stayin' dry*

*Natalie's Challenger*

*John's Charger*

*Stayin' Dry II: Dick Miner,Charlie, Brenda & Eric, Dave, and Jeff & Julie*

***Right:Dick Miner, Charlie, Brenda & Eric, Jeff & Julie, and Dave, stayin' dry Eric's Yellow Jacket sees rain for the first time.***

**Greatest Show On Turf, Sat Aug 2** For the second week in a row, rain showed up along with approximately 150 show cars, including Jeff & Julie Walker with two cars, Dave Russell, Rick Bobick, Charlie Shawl, and Eric and Brenda Bense. Fortunately, Jeff brought his pop-up. And his GTX brought home a trophy.

*Jeff's GTX & Dave's 'Cuda*

*Charlie & his Ram*

**Vista Rod Run, Sun Aug 3** The next day, Steve VanderSchaaf, Larry and Debbie Johnson, Rick Bobick, Woody Widman, Rodger & Jean Webb (2 cars) showed their Mopars.

*Rick's "Pisser" draws attention*

*Challengers of Steve & the Johnson's, and the B-Body Dodges of Rick & Woody*

*Jeff, trophy & Julie*

**50th Anniversary Vista Kiwanis, Sun Aug 10** Seven Club cars were on display, owned by Rodger & Jean Webb, Jeff and Julie Walker, Bob Wells, Brad Bigelow, and Rick Bobick. We all went out to dinner after the short afternoon show.

*Brad's BB 'Cuda*

*Bob's Coronet R/T*

*Left: our venue for the second year was the Miracosta College San Elijo Campus. We had an ocean breeze, lots of shade trees, and a five minute heavy sprinkle of rain at 0600 that drenched our early arrival Club cars.*
*Above: Top 10 Winner '32 Pierce Arrow of Grant Pierano.*

*Left: Our Raffle tent did a brisk business.*

*Above & Right: Plenty of eye candy in Mopar Row.*

*Above: Clubmember Michael McDonald brought his gorgeous '57 Howe Fire Engine and his Mopar cop car.*

*Below: Best Custom award went to this '71 Buick Riviera owned by Kyle Jackson-Croft.*

*Right: With 209 paid entries it was a show that was difficult to judge. But 34 trophies went to ten Top 10's, two Clubmembers Top Picks, and 21 special categories. Best Chevy went to the '63 Impala of Elias Gallegos, Best Ford was claimed by Mike Loftus with his '64 Falcon, and Best Mopar went to the '36 Plymouth Sedan of Joseph & Rita Gyomber. Mike Miller took Best of Show with his '75 Ford Ranchero Squire.*

# ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW
# XVI
## July 19, 2014

*Left: Clubmember Marv Reiser took a Top 10 with his '68 S/S Cuda, as did Winfield Wood with his '64 Plymouth Gasser, Milton Karahadian with his '70 Cuda, and the '70 Hemi Challenger of Mike Mattern. Clubmember Jim Collins' '47 Pontiac Woody was a Top 10 winner also.*
*Above: The charming staff of USO of San Diego and Homefront of San Diego were on hand to help with the 50/50 raffle.*

*Right: Clubmembers who staffed the show arrived at 0600 and got parked in the front row.*

*Left: Clubmember Harvey Williamson's '48 Plymouth Club Coupe*

*Left: Elsa Kleinfeldt took 1 of 2 Clubmembers Top Pick awards with her '13 Challenger. Carolyn Mooney's '71 Cuda took the other.*

*Below: one Bad Caddy.*

*Left: Thanks to Michael Harding of StreetLegalTV.com who drove his modified '65 Plymouth Fury to cover our show.*

*Right: Again, Gravel n' Grit lent us the coolest car show stage in the county where our DJ's spun tunes & our trophy ceremony was held.*

*Right: A highly customized '54 F-100 ...*

*...and at Left: A highly customized Plymouth...*

*...and at Right a custom '60 Ford Is this a trend?*

*Be sure to check out our Club website, moparclubsandiego.net, for more photos and a complete list of the winners.*

## Upcoming Events

**Next meeting @ Casa Machado Sep 10 7p**
- **RaceLegal** @ The Q, Aug 22, Sept 11, 25
- **Barona Drags** Aug 23-24, Sept 6, 20
- **Picnic By The Bay**, Aug 17 Sun, Embarcadero, $30 day of, the Club will meet at the Sta of Indai at 7:30 am
- **Charger Steve's Wild Rides** Aug 24 Sun, Garnet at Mission, $30 by 9-15/$38
- **OAA Fly-In & Car Show** Sat Aug 30, Oceanside Airfield, noon-3p
- **15th Christian Car & Bike Show** Aug 30, 9400 campo Rd, Spring Valley
- Escondido Car Show, Aug 31, 330 W. felecita Ave, Escondido 760-520-3698
- **Cool Expo Swap Meet @ Q** Mon Sept 1 $5 admission w/ 2 fer1: sandiefoswap.com
- **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, contact Bob @ 858-292-5344 for volunteer sign up & free admission
- **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
- **On The Bay** Sat Oct 4, Bayside Park, Chula Vista 8a-2p, $25
- **Cruisin' Grand, Escondido**, every Fri Broadway & Main
- **Cajon Classic Cruise** starts Wed Apr 23
- **Back To The 50's**, La Mesa 8/28 last day
- **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, $2,600 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

**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


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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
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Pat at sixpack3@cox.net


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**For Sale:** '64 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 '64 B-Body, new in box $!500
Rodger 760-724-1960

**For Sale:** 70 Roadrunner post, project. Orig 383 & automatic avail upon request. Needs front floor pans, trunk floor, (extensions good) 1/4 patches & rocker work. Needs windshield. Upholstery done but needs passenger seat back. Car + shelf of goodies, asking $5900, as is. Tyler 619-504-6123 tylertremble@yahoo.com

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


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