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So, by the time you read this, San Diego will likely have its new mayor. I try to stay out of politics in things Mopar Club, but this time, the politics of one candidate may affect your love of driving. I speak, of course, of candidate David Alvarez. He was on KUSI News on Monday, stating that "when I'm elected Mayor, I want to get everyone riding a bus, taking the trolley, or riding a bike." Presumably, he's going to save the planet, starting with San Diego. He then buzzed off on a bike with his numb skull ensconced in one of those stupid foam helmets.

Really? A bus? The trolley? A bike? I presume he's talking about commuting to work, as that's where the overwhelming majority of miles get racked up. When Mrs. 'umble and I moved here in '74, I used to take the bus to/from Clairemont to my boss' office in Hillcrest. Had to go all the way down to Horton Plaza and do a transfer. Took over an hour each way. And in those days, Horton Plaza was, well, interesting when the sun went down at 4:30 pm. OK, maybe the bus routes and passengers are better these days. But the trolley? A bike? I often have a load of stuff to schlep. How's that gonna work, David? And a bike? In the rain? Yeah, that doesn't happen much either, but when it does, what am I supposed to do, Mr. Prospective Mayor? Oh, and speaking of Mrs. 'umble, if you can get her to ride the bus or trolley, or especially ride a bike to work, Yer p'rspctve Hon'r, I'll wash your chauffer-driven, city-provided ***car*** every day for a year. Free. You know why she won't take up your post-WWII Europe transportation idea? It's simple. Cars are better. You have flexibility with a car. You have space for your stuff. You have the safety of airbags, and entertainment on the radio. You don't stand on the curb in the rain waiting to get mugged.

Nossir, Y'r Ho'nr. I ain't buying into your vote-getting, social engineering pablum about the advantages of alternative transportation. In fact, I just bought an SRT Challenger. Paid a 1000 buck gas-guzzler tax, too. With what I put down against the sale price, and the term of my loan on the balance, I pay $1/horsepower per month. With insurance and fuel on top of that, I'm at about 27 bucks per day. And that's based on 470 horsepower! If you don't want to spend that much/day, then get less horsepower! Say 150 or so! I mean, who really needs 470 hp to go to work?

Oops. That was dumb question, wasn't it? -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr

## Shinin' paint & burnin' rubber!!

**CaRE Car Show, San Juan Capistrano, Sat Feb 1** Lots of cars showed on this chilly day in Dana Point. It was a city event that actually charged walk-ins who just wanted to see the cars. And what cars they were! There was everything from hot rods to Gullwing Mercedes. There were six Clubmembers who made the trip up the coast. Y'r 'umble Ed'tr arrived in his carnivorous Cuda with his pooch, the standard French poodle, Misty, as dogs were invited since the charity was an animal shelter. Nobody got my joke, however. And Larry and Debbie Johnson's 440/6-Pack Challenger scored one of the few trophies that were handed out.

**JBA Coffee & Donuts on the Mesa, Sun Feb 9** This was a tribute to the life Tim Crain, who recently and suddenly passed away. Tim supported all the local car shows with his daily-driven Nassau Blue 427 Cobra, shown at left. Tim was also active in the Coronado Speed Festival for many years, running the Car Corral gate. Lots of friends came forward to speak, recalling his hilarious stories and jokes of the day. Tom Ziarkowski & Bill Baugh did nice burnouts in remembrance of Tim, a true car guy.

*Above: The Johnson's & my 'umble pooch, Misty. Left: the Challenger of Natalie Adams and Eric & Brenda Bense's Yellow Jacket. Left below: the Walkers GTX. Below: Rick Bobick and Linda drove up in his Gen III Hemi Dodge.*

*Top: Rick & Linda were there in his Hemi Dodge. Left above, Dave Lancaster's Gen II Hemi Plymouth. Above: Tom Ziarkowski's Cuda & Steve Ramos' Lil' Red Express. At left: HemiBeeBoy*

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# what goes around...

..sometimes comes around. Clubmember Rodger Webb is one of the good guys. Working construction in his long career, he's taken time to help folks when he can, often at the expense of the resto on his '64 Plymouth Fury. A few years ago, he helped out a friend and neighbor by building out a small beauty parlor for her. She was unable to fund the project herself, so Rodger stepped up and built it. He even provided much of the furniture and equipment. And he never charged her a dime. Not for the materials, or his labor.

But his daughter-in-law, Virginia, saw that the construction business had taken its toll on Rodger physically, just as time had worn on his 50 year old Fury project. Rodger kept up with the hobby, however, reading car magazines and faithfully watching the TV restoration show, "*Over-Haulin'*". That's when Virginia got an idea: Rodger's car would be a good restoration candidate on that show. And when Chip Foose read Virginia's application and saw that Rodger was a good guy, well, he agreed to "steal" Rodger's Fury and get it "OVER-HAULED"!

That's when Rodger's son, Rod, got involved. He came up with the ruse to get the Fury into Chip's hands by telling a white lie to Dad: he traded some work to Jake's Automotive in Orange County. Jake "agreed" to install the disk brake kit on the Fury. As such, Jake would take a few weeks to do this work, and he'd send his car hauler to Rodger's house to pick up the Fury. Well, Rodger, was suspicious and said "Roddy, don't go spending money like you do on some cheap paint job while the car's out. Just do the brakes." The caper was all about keeping Rodger in the dark while Chip Foose and his A-Team worked their magic. When it came time for the unveiling, Roddy cooked up another ruse to get Rodger the completed Plymouth: "Dad, a friend of yours wants you to look at a car at Corvette Mike's in Orange County and give him your opinion on it before he makes an offer." So, Roddy drove his dad up on the appointed day. When Rodger walked into the showroom, he spied the distinctive roofline of a '64 Mopar in a sea of Vettes. He beelined straight to it. "But Dad, this Vette next to it is the one you're to check out". "I don't give a (bleep) about that Vette", Rodger replied, true to his salty ex-Navy vocabulary. "I want to look at this beautiful '64 Plymouth, here."

Of course, this is all being secretly videoed. And some 20 of Rodger's friends and relatives are hiding and laughing in the next room with Chip, getting ready for "The Reveal". That's when Chip and Rodger's friends and family came out. And when Rod said, "So,Dad, is this paint job good enough for you?". And that's when Rodger's jaw hit the floor.

Words are hard to come by for anyone at a time like that. And Rodger was understandably overwhelmed when he realized that he and his prize Plymouth had been OverHauled.

And although the Fury was done tastefully to a very high level (translation: very expensive), Rodger's been driving it. In fact, he just got home from a run to Lake Havasu Classic Car Show. The car drove beautifully, and even took an award.

So, if you missed it, watch for the rerun of this "*Over-Haulin*" episode. You'll see first class parts and phenomenal workmanship by Chip and his A-Team. And keep an eye out for Rodger's Plymouth at shows and cruises around town. Rodger's easy to spot.

He's guy with the big grin.

*The '64 Plymouth Fury hardtop owned by Clubmember Rodger Webb is one of 100 built with a 383 c.i. V-8 and 4-speed shifter. With its original drivetrain, Chip Foose decided to go with a modern but tasteful update, which took eight weeks to complete. Right: Rodger had a Legendary interior in two-tones of rich brown with mylar piping. Chip liked this combo, so he suggested the original turquoise color be changed to a champagne color with a white roof and burnt orange in the side spear trim. Below: the original 383 c.i. V-8 was rebuilt with upgraded parts for more power and durability. The block in the burnt orange to match the side trim.*

***Left: Rodger and his wife, Jean. Below: Chip Foose, hosts Chris and Jessi, & members of the A-Team. Below left: the world's greatest daughter-in-law, Virginia, with Rodger.***

***Above: all the stainless trim was straightened and polished, and the aluminum trim was repaired and chrome plated. The wheels are a one-off Foose design, 19" up front and 20" out back, sporting big Pirelli P-Zero's all around.***

## Upcoming Events

**Next meeting @ Casa Machado Feb 12, 7p**

- **RaceLegal** at The Q, Jan 10, 24, Feb 7, 28(tentative), Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, racelegal.com
- **Barona Drags** Jan 25, Feb 1-2, 8-9, 22, Mar 1-2, 8, www.baronadrags.com
- **Cruisin'Grande Fund Raiser**, Feb 16 Suin, Broadway & Main, Escondido, get there early, buy a T-shirt & support the best cruise in SoCal!
- **Big 3 Swap Meet**, Feb 21-23, The Mopar Club has our swap spot reserved, SA-6 under the trolley tracks, just west of the station. Convert some of those old greasy parts in your garage into folding bills. They're a lot easier to store. Gourmet Lunch Menu hosted by the Club: dogs/burgers/sodas to order
- **Oil/Batteries/Coolant/Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Event**, Sat Feb 22, 9-1pm, Morse HS, 6905 Skyline Dr.
- **Temecula Rod Run**, Mar 7-8, get there early, http://www.rodruntemecula.com
- **2nd South O Rat Rod – Hot Rod Car & Bike Show**, 9am, Mar 15, South Oceanside Elementary School 1806 S. Horne St. Info 760-802-3811 diacovino@rocketfarms.com
- **4th Phi Theta Kappa Car Show**, Mar 22, 9am, Southwestern College 900 Otay Lakes Rd., C.V. Info 619-274-7101
- **30th Sunrunners Car Club Carne Asada Run**, Imperial, Mar 22,10am 760-356-2173 mike5@beamspeed.net http://www.sunrunnerscarclub.com
- **Oil/Batteries/Coolant/Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Event,** Sat Mar 22, 9-1pm, Mira Mesa HS, 3250 Palm Ave @ Hawaii Ave
- **Clunkers & Dunkers,** ea. Sat 7a, Bonita Donuts on Bonita Rd
- **Fallbrook Rods & Relics**, 7a every Sat, Sunrise Cafe, Hwy 76 @ Mission Rd, 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,
- **Chikin Pie Diner**, every Wed, 14727 Pomerado Rd, starts Apr 24
- **In & Out Burger Poway** 11am 12890 Gregg Ct. (Kohl's Parking lot) 1st Sat ea month
- **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

## 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:** OEM parts from '71 Dodge Challenger: Complete A/C Heater box w/blower motor, excellent used condition, no cracks $300 Front bucket seats, white w/tracks, good condition $300 Joe saxman318@hotmail.com 619-764-3121

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**For Sale:** 2 sets of Accel spark plug (8mm) wire harnesses for a small block, with chrome bolt on routers $20 ea., 2 Mopar electronic distributors for a small block $25 ea, Mopar ignition boxes: Gold (1), Silver (1), Orange (1), Stock (3 new), $10.00 each, 2 mechanical voltage regulators $10 ea, 4 trim rings for 14 in wheels, $10 the set Tom 619-449-9167

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

**For Sale:** original '09 Challenger RT shocks and springs (13k miles), $100. Jeff Walker: 619-985-7481, jc.walker16@gmail.com

**For Sale:** (6) Rallye wheels Two in the shop have trim rings & center caps & Rick believes the others also have the rings & caps. Contact Rick @ Ramona Weld and Rod, 760-705-7781, or email 69datsunricker@gmail.com.

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