

It's really interesting to travel to foreign countries, to see how folks live, what they do. And how they get around. Mrs. 'umble & I just returned from a Viking River Cruise (highly recommended by Yer Ed'tr) to celebrate her retirement. We visited Amsterdam and several cities in Germany along the Rhine. First off, the cities of Yurrop are very compact and dense, consisting of four or five story buildings completely covering city blocks. There's retail on the ground level, and apartments from the second level up. As these buildings are old, some built in the early 1500's, there are no elevators. In Amsterdam, the dominant architectural feature of these buildings is a six foot long horizontal beam at the rooftop extending over the sidewalk. The beam has a cable and hook for winching furniture from street level, which is then passed through an upstairs window. There are very few garages visible, and most cars are parked on the street. Got a car collection? Fagedabowdit.

But transportation is really different. There are electric trams in most cities, and one city featured a modern subway. These get tremendous use each day, in the hundreds of thousands of riders. Cars are plentiful, too, most being small like the Ford Focus or Fiat 500. Or really small 1 seaters. As you'd expect, bicycles are very popular, along with scooters and some motorcycles.

Amsterdam has a canal system that makes it unique. Below sea level, the city is very dense and dozens of canals drain water to the sea. There's a tram, water taxis in the canals, and cars. But for gettin' around, overwhelmingly they opt for a bicycle. And they are smart about it. On each side of a canal the streets are one car wide with (maybe) a row for parking. Next to that is a dedicated bike path, and next, a pedestrian sidewalk. If you're walking, you must be heads up for the bikes, as they really move along and give no quarter.

And the citizens of Yurrop have problems similar to ours. Immigration is an issue. Extreme politics prevail. England is pulling out of the EU and Catalonia wants to separate from Spain. Bad air. And housing? Very expensive. In Amsterdam a 1200 square foot apartment can run \$3000/month. The wealthy live in very large, very old detached homes that can cost \$13 million. These folks drive Audi's, Porsches, and of all things, Teslas. Lots of Teslas.

Hey! Ya think Jerry Brown is subsidizing those things over there, too? -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr.

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End of fall! Winter's here!



Dave's Cuda



John's Charger



Long Haul Lee's Ram



Jim's Duster



Rick's Hemi Dodge

Pal Joey's Best Damn Car Show, Sun Oct 15

Lee de Tro drove in from his new home in Arizona in his new Ram truck, and local residents

Dave Russell, John Joseph, Rick Bobick, and Jim Signorelli were there showing their vintage Mopars. **Cops & Rodders, Embarcadero**

Park, Sun Oct 22

The Club was present en

Mopar Club Row

force with 15 shiny Mopars owned by Dave Russell, Rick Bobick, John Joseph, Carl Par-



Paul's RR



Carl's GTX



Tommy F's Valiant



Larry's Challenger



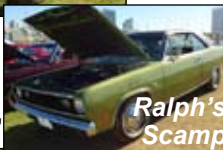
Bert



rick, Tom Ferriera, Larry Johnson, Dan Harp, Ralph Vagnone, Eric & Brenda Bense, Tom Ziarkowski, Ray Garner and Paul Polentz. Brad Heavy was there in his Porsche and Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh displayed his Gran Prix. Taking Best Convertible with his '66 Valiant was Bert Luna, and Jeff and Julie Walker scored Best Mopar with their '68 GTX. **Fall Fling, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, Sat Oct 28** The staff of the *PentaGram* had this week off, but intel from an anonymous source reports that many Clubmembers attended.



Dan's Coronet



Ralph's Scamp



Ray's Viper/Charger



Bense's Yellow Jacket



Tommy Z's Cuda



NHRA Museum Cruise, Pomona, Sun Nov 5

Julie Walker reports the caravan convened in misty weather and the group included Kristy & Jerry Keller, Bill & Barbara Baugh, Karen & Dick

Johnson, Jeff & Julie Walker, Larry Engel and Clark Menckes. On the way home the Sizzler in Norco



The Gang

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