

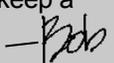
Those autonomous cars, I'm sure you're aware, are recently having a tough time proving that they are safe. Recent accidents involving self-driving cars designed by Uber and Tesla have ignited a firestorm among concerned citizens in the US. Other companies operating them in other countries are experiencing teething issues, as well. It's one thing for a Google car, say, to ding it's rubber bumper on a lamp pole. But when somebody is killed, well, angst about the safety of the concept ramps up. Uber has been kicked off Arizona roads by its governor, this after Uber itself volunteered to end its experiments in self driving cars there. But GM and Google's Waymo cars are still driving there in experimental mode. As for Tesla, there have been deaths in the Model S and Model X while drivers were in "Autopilot" mode. The owner's manual, which nobody reads, of course, specifically states that while in Autopilot, the driver must keep both hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and be ready to take control of the vehicle. This sounds like the driver should be, well, you know, driving. So why have this self-driving mode?

Many have ranted about these things in the past. Some because it's believed they are not safe. Some because driving is fun. But having seen the degradation in drivers' skills, their lack of attention, their downright inconsideration, and mostly, driving while under the influence, perhaps, if the software and hardware can be proven safe, it's time for self-driving cars. Just sayin'.

And speaking of Tesla, you no doubt followed with rapt attention the launch of the Space X Heavy Falcon rocket? Yeah, that one. The one that put Elon Musk's personal Tesla Sports Roadster, the 4th one ever built, into a wide elliptical orbit around Earth and Mars. I figure Elon probably tried to sell it. But nobody wanted to buy it. These things are ugly. They look like a mutant cross between a bedbug and a crab. So, why not launch it into the cosmos? The orbit calculators think it will come very close to the Red planet, and also Earth. It was accelerated to 25,500 mph to escape Earth's gravity and settle into this huge egg-shaped orbit. What could go wrong?

If Starman In The Sky, it's spacesuit-clad mannequin, is just along for the ride, while endlessly listening to David Bowie's "Space Oddity", and keeps both hands on the wheel, well, maybe we're ok. But if this thing is on Autopilot mode, and maybe Starman dozes off, texts on his iPhone, or takes a doobie, it could hit our planet.

I ain't it enough to watch for impaired drivers on I-5? Now we gotta keep a look out to the Heavens too?
 -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr.



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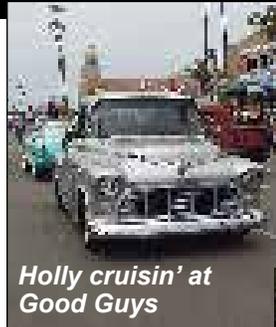
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The Season gets revved up!

Good Guys Car Show, Apr 6-8, Del Mat Fairgrounds At least three Clubmembers displayed their rides, including Holly Anzman with her pretty Chevy pick up truck, Ben and Ann Giangiulio, their '70 Hemi Cuda tribute,



Holly cruisin' at Good Guys



Ray's Charger SRT10

and Ray Garner with his '68 Charger SRT10 Viper-powered beauty. **Cars & Coffee on the Mesa, Sun Apr 8, JBA Speed Shop** The Good Guys Show kept attendance down this 2nd Sunday of the month gathering, but several Clubmembers were there, including Rick Bobick, Paul Polentz, Tom Ziarkowski, Zach Cirks, Melissa Haefner with Jonathan Gbenekama, and Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh. Zach, Bill and Jonathan applied copious amounts



Ben & Ann's Hemi Cuda

of tire rubber to the burnout box when leaving. J puts out donuts & coffee and it's a heap 'o fun. Y'all come next time, heah?

Zach burns out...



...as does Jonathan...



Mopar Club BBQ at Deer Park Winery & Museum, Sat Apr



Zach, Meliisa & Jonathan, and HemiBoy

21 Be sure to sign up with Julie Walker for this Club-sponsored BBQ at Deer Park Winery & Museum 11am-3pm



...and HemiBoy...

...and Shawn Ashby & Aaron Bourdage do theirs:*



Rick

on April 21. Mini-Mopar show! Club will have burgers, chicken and drinks. Bring a salad, cookies or cupcakes. Museum has classic cars and Americana: \$7 advance, \$10 day of. Contact Julie Walker: moparsdsectry@gmail.com or 760-591-9650. Deadline April 13.



Dawn over Paul's RR



Tommy Z

Need Club hats, sweatshirts or jackets? At our May meeting, we will be taking your orders. **All-American Car Show XX Update** We have a need for help from Clubmembers with the traffic control and car show parking. The task will start just before the gate opens at 7 am and lasts until 9 am. Sign up with Larry via email djalj@sbcglobal.net

*April Fool

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

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