

I came across a couple of free magazines recently. One, Car & Driver, Jan 2018 issue, had an interesting article on some new automobile technologies coming our way. One of 'em is a new shock absorber that adjusts its rebound rate at a fantastic rate in nanoseconds. Kinda like the very expensive shocks that come with pricey Cadillacs and Corvettes. Only these are supposed to be cheap. What's not to like about that? Other technologies include a new internal combustion engine that ignites fuel without a spark plug. And its not a diesel. It keeps the fuel/air ratio in the ultimate sweet spot for efficient power and emissions. And there's a new LED headlight design that turns the light beams as the car turns by illuminating bulbs that would be otherwise be dark. No moving parts. And from Bosch, a new fuel-injection system for boosted engines is coming. It utilizes water injection to keep the charge cool, increasing power and lowering emissions.

Another mag, Automobile, December 2017, (Hey! Free mags are often old mags!) came to me from a car guy buddy. There's an article about a special edition Challenger. These are in 2-tone paint, black with blue, or Billet Silver or Pitch Black. There will be only 80 editions of these specials made, and beyond custom touches like emblems and a shaker hood, but they are all 392 Challengers. Anyhoo, the writer drives the car, a 6-speed manual, over a long distance journey and absolutely raved about its power, cornering ability, and comfort. He quotes an industry analyst who says of the 10 year old design, "It's hard to say a bad thing about Mopar. They're just damn good at what they do."

Which brings me to vintage cars. My '67 Cuda, namely. It seems my 50 year old headliner has finally fallen apart. So, I called Legendary, Classic Industries, Year 1, all the places for a correct headliner. Nobody had it in my color, Medium Copper. It was recommended by them that I contact their source, SMS Auto Fabrics to get one in correct color and fabric. So, I did. They tell me they have what I need, takes a month, and the price is \$275+shipping. I give 'em my card number. My account gets billed 2 weeks later for 300 bucks. A week later, another 50. I call, "what's up?" "Well the price we quoted was too low, so..." Ok, I'll take it anyway. It finally arrives after 2-1/2 months. Right color, wrong fabric. I call. "Well. the fabric was going to take another six weeks, so, we made it out of what we had..."

I'm beginning to like new cars better than old cars.

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

Bob

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Showin' & racin'!!!



Steve's Valiant

Spring Fling, Apr 14-15, Woodley Park, Van Nuys Clubmembers Brad Bigelow, Larry Dewees, and Steve VanderSchaaf had swap meet spaces to clear out their garages. Steve unloaded his Aussie Valiant and came the trailer on which it was towed. **Mopar Club BBQ, Sat Apr 21, Deer Springs Winery**

& Museum Some 50 Clubmembers attended, bringing not only their Mopars, but pot-luck dishes, as well. Jerry Keller and Jeff Walker manned the grille.



Jerry, GrilleMeister at left & overall of view of Club cars



MATS, Apr 27-29, Las Vegas Motorplex Clubmembers showing cars were Jim Collins with his '65 Belvedere tribute and Milton Karahadian with his '70 Cuda. Milton had a harrowing trip, his Ram diesel spitting its water pump et al near Victorville. He repaired the truck alongside the road, by flashlight, with Clubmember Joe Bourdage on the phone talking him thru the repair. That's real MoparManship! Milton arrived in Las Vegas well after midnight. But he was



Adam Ye fotos



Jim's Belvedere



Milton's trophy getter

rewarded with Best Restified. Racers on the 1/4 mile track included Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh in his Rumble Bee, Marv Reiser in Nostalgia S/S, and Steve VanderSchaaf in his 6-speed Hellcat. **Antique Drags, Apr 28, Barona Raceway** Jerry Keller got in some laps in his '63 Dodge.



The VanderSchaaf's, Steve, Fran & Ryan



Marv launchin'



Bill



Jerry drove to 2nd place



Steve in near lane



Winners, Rick Carlson & Bill



Bill

Eye Candy Show, May 6, Pal Joey's Lounge, San Diego Clubmembers Rick Bobick and Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh showed their Mopars, with Bill's stroked Hemi Satellite taking Best Mopar.



Rick

Julie Walker fotos



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