

It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen. Jerry Keller, his chin nuzzled into his breast to escape the vile wind, arrived at the gritty, dusty, rutted remains of Barona Dragway\*. There to meet him were Jim Signorelli, Marv Reiser, and Dick Johnson. They slowly untrailer their race cars. Jim has help from Bill Baugh, as all of them are in their early nineties, except Dick, who is not far behind. The year is 2040 and the racers are there for the last hurrah. Gasoline is now outlawed in the Peoples' Republic of California.

They pour the cherished 110 octane into their tanks, careful not to spill a drop. They have only 10 gallons amongst them, secretly hoarding the elixir for several years. They draw lots and first off is Jim against Dick. Jim stows his walker aside and straps himself in. He fires his engine and pulls up to the line. Dick does the same and it's going to be two big block A-bodies in the first elimination. Bill is the starter. He drops the tattered checkered flag, and they're off with a roar not heard since e-cars have dominated the roadways. Jim takes the win. Marv, with Kathy's help, buckles up and lights off. He pulls alongside Jim as Bill raises the flag. Jimmy hole shots Marv with a 2.6 second rt, but loses by a half a fender. It's Marv and Jerry in the final to determine who is the last top eliminator in the PRC. Marv pulls up to the line first. Kristy has trouble waking Jerry from his nap, but he comes around and painfully gets into his race suit, straps in and faces off with Marv. At the line, Bill raises the flag, and... suddenly sirens are wailing atop assault vehicles, electric hovercraft descend from the skies, and bullhorns are blaring "THIS IS THE PRC GAS POLICE! TURN OFF THOSE ENGINES NOW! YOU ARE ALL UNDER ARREST!"

The geriatric racers are roughly accosted by black garbed, jack booted, helmeted riot squads, brandishing electric prods. Bill protests, says he knows a lawyer. 10,000 volts of blue arcs from a prod and brings him to his knees. Everyone is then thrown face down in the grit and their hands are looped with wire ties behind them. They're loaded into hovercraft and whisked away. They're not seen for five years. Torture and brainwashing make them believe the mantra of Guv Moonbeam (aka Big Brother), whose live head and brain have been preserved since his body had died, and they wander the streets mumbling "Gasoline engines are the Peoples' enemy. Big Brother is our friend."

Can't happen, you say? Take a read on the bill to be proposed by CA legislator, Phil Ting, Democrat, San Francisco.

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

(\*Apologies to George Orwell, 1984)



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## 'Tis the Season!

### Mopar Club Xmas Party Sun Dec 17

Jim & Kay once again opened Casa Signorelli to the Clubmembers, of whom at least 90 showed for the gathering. All brought pot-luck dishes to go with the Club-supplied baked ham. As usual the Ramona



*Casa Signorelli. At left, reveler Eric Bense in full Xmas regalia. Below, Jim gets Xmas cheer with the 50/50 win.*



weather was gorgeous and the Evil Santa Gift Exchange was

chaos. As usual. Hot Rod Holley's Xmas Cruise #7 Mon Dec 25 Several Club-



members, Gigi & Zack Cirks, Ray Cirks, Melissa Haefner & Jonathan Gbenekama at left with their Darts, Leanne and Carl Parrick, and Jeff & Julie Walker donated blankets to Holley's designated charity Alpha Project for their good work. The



cruise began at KUSI studio and ended with breakfast at the All American Diner in El Cajon. Clubmember Steve Ramos drove a fire truck amongst the 100 or so cars.



**JBA Race Shop at San Diego International Auto Show Dec 29-Jan 1**

On display were vintage customer cars of the shop and also J's vintage Trans Am Mustang. A petition was on hand to resurrect the vintage car races that Fleet Week abandoned. Clubmember Bill Baugh & Y'r 'umble Ed'r were there to get signatures. The booth had a lot of traffic and most comments were that folks wished car makers would bring back the character of these vintage cars.



J at his booth



The 1000 hp Hellcat was prominently displayed.



Todd Hoffman's A/FX drag car got a lot of interest

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