

On 28 Feb. RaceLegal closed its doors due to lack of funding, and a rumor there may be dorms on that spot in the future. It was a program est. in '98 by a Dr. at the SDSU School of Public Health, and supported by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety, to curb the epidemic of street racing related accidents and fatalities. It made an immediate impact, eventually reducing incidents by 94%. It was the first venue in the country to run two tracks side by side, providing the ability to run 250 cars an hour, further increasing its desirability to the street racers.

Street racing, of course, is very dangerous, but is nothing new. It has been around as a counterculture since the late 40s early 50s. It has inspired songs such as "Shutdown"; depicted in movies like "American Graffiti"; and for reality TV show fodder like "Street Outlaws." In the '60s, it was even covertly sponsored by Ma Mopar... enter the Silver Bullet '67 Hemi GTX. With the increase in population, streets have become more congested, and young drivers seem to have less regard for public safety (did they ever?). Over the years, heftier fines for engaging in a "Speed Contest" (street race) or "Exhibition of Speed" (think burnout leaving the car show) have done little to quell this activity.

So, with the end of an era, I had to reflect back on my own street racing experiences. Street racing, for me, began when I was growing up in Milwaukee. My earliest recollections of childhood were watching neighborhood kids racing their muscle cars up and down the residential street in front of our house. I was hooked! Suffice it to say, over the years I have had more than my fair share of street racing transgressions, fortunately without incident, and with the majority of them ahead of the other guy. Despite that, I feel grateful that as the fines got steeper, and the danger greater, there was RaceLegal to turn to as an alternative. I would frequent "The Q" with my Duster & Coronet from '04 to '09, often leaving with the fastest time slip of the night. Today, however, street racing for me is virtually nonexistent ... although just the other day I got lined up with an old lady in aisle 9 at the grocery store. There we were, cart to cart, both eyeing the available express lane checkout. She pulled the hole shot on me when she hit me in the shins with her cane, but I finally got around her at the canned goods with a little help from an elbow, skidding up to the register victorious, where Cecilia, the cashier, high fived me! I'm not sure, but I think the old lady was hiding a "Sneaky Pete" nitrous bottle in her purse...

--Valiant Fury

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The club offers its condolences to club member George Griffin for the passing of his wife, Helen, on the 18th of February. Services will be held Mar. 30th at 10:30am, Church of Latter Day Saints, 1634 Hillside Rd. El Cajon, Ca. 92019



Cruisin Grand, Big 3, and Motors for Music



Bill Baugh's Satellite



Julie & Jeff Walker's Chally



Mark Stoneking's RR



Glen Adams' RR



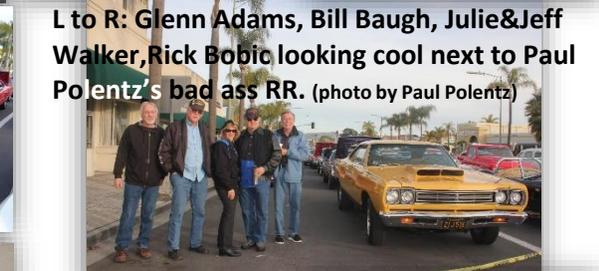
Marv Riser's Cuda



Jim Bowen's Cuda



Rick Bobick's Coronet



L to R: Glenn Adams, Bill Baugh, Julie&Jeff Walker, Rick Bobick looking cool next to Paul Polentz's bad ass RR. (photo by Paul Polentz)



Jim Signorelli's Duster



L to R: Lee Meyer, Bob Gough and Jack Henton



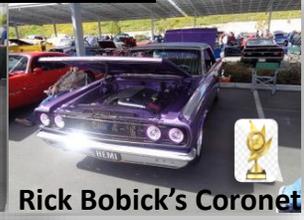
Grill (and beer) meister Joe Bourdage

Van "the Man" Goff and Jim Signorelli at Big 3

Motors for Music



Julie&Jeff's Supra



Rick Bobick's Coronet



Neon with a Crate Hemi spotted at Walmart! (photo courtesy of Ann Giangulio)



John Joseph's Charger



Julie & Jeff's Chally

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