

Fellow club members, I am going to venture from the typical editor rant this month and provide a public service rant...

Apparently the paddle shifters on the new Chargers, Challengers and 300s have a slight glitch in their shift. Depressing the lower part of the upshift paddle in just the right way, might cause the transmission to downshift, rather than upshift, which certainly is depressing, and could put you up downshift river without a paddle.

I hate to be a paddle tail, but could this glitch truly translate to a totaled transmission transfusion? The quick fix is to just not use them, which frankly I never did in my Scat Pack anyway. I much preferred the old school console shifting, or just letting the ultra quick auto shifting of the 8spd ZF do its thing, while I focused on driving looking out the side window (big grin).

In all honesty, it will not ruin your transmission, as the electronics will not allow a downshift at too high of an RPM, displaying "shift not allowed" instead. The problem, if you use these a lot, are that the contacts for the paddles wear out resulting in the unexpected downshift. Embarrassing? Yes. Catastrophic? No.

One Demon owner that uses the paddles a lot, as I imagine using them in the Demon is more than just a suggestion, but a necessity, as both hands on the wheel are most certainly required at that power level, has replaced his and will do so yearly to compensate for the glitch.

Unfortunately, this is not covered by the warranty, nor is there a recall. In my 'umble opinion, FCA should be paddled on the backside for this problem until they shift to a better product.

-Valiant Fury

Club Cruise, LX Fest, Madison HS, True Line, Good Guys



The gang ready to depart on the club cruise



One of several stops for the 20 or so cruisers



It was a rough cruise for Mark Stoneking, breaking a rear U-Joint



Mark and Jim assess the damage of a failed U-joint on Jim's lift.



John, Rick, and Bill take home trophies at Madison HS



L to R: Carl Ashworth, Chris Von Olnhansen and Jeff Walker ready for the LX Show



DAVE Lancaster's RR at True Line



Kay, Jim and Hemi enjoy LX Fest in their Hellcat



John Joseph's Charger at Good Guys



Ben and Ann Giangiulio's '63 Plymouth Max Wedge at Good Guys

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