

# REVVING UP with Milton

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## Milton, we have a problem . . .

By: Milton Karahadian, MCSD President

A few years ago, I wrote about getting our Jeep Wrangler Hybrid 4xe. It is Chavonne's every-day driver. She loves it because she can make it to and from work only using the electric battery. It is also handy for carrying all her supplies. It has been a good vehicle, but in the last year, we started to get one recall notice after another. They all seemed insignificant. But this last one could be fatal. This is directly from the FCA recall website:

*"Safety recalls include any problem encountered with an FCA US LLC product related to the safe operation of the vehicle or the safety of the occupants. FCA US LLC will correct the problem, at no charge, even if the vehicle is out of warranty and you are not the original owner."*

### **Safety Defect/Non Compliance Description and Safety Risk**

*In rare circumstances, a battery pack may contain cells with separator damage. Separator damage, combined with other complex interactions within the cells, may lead to a vehicle fire. A vehicle fire can result in increased risk of occupant injury and/or injury to persons outside the vehicle, as well as property damage.*

### **Repair Description**

*FCA US will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles. Remedy is a software flash followed by a HV battery replacement if needed.*

### **Recall Status**

*Incomplete but repair parts are not available."*

Basically:

- Jeep is recalling about 154,000 Wrangler 4xe models (2020–2024) and Grand Cherokee 4xe models (2022–2024).

- The issue stems from the high-voltage battery internally failing and possibly causing a fire while the SUVs are driving or parked.

- Jeep is advising owners not to charge their

vehicles and to park them outside and away from buildings until the issue is fixed.

Our Jeep now qualifies for the California Lemon Law. A vehicle is considered a lemon if:

- It's still covered by the manufacturer's written warranty
- The defects impact its use, value, or safety
- The manufacturer has made a number of reasonable repair attempts without successfully repairing the defect.

Here are some examples of past winners in California:

- Toyota Corolla
- Ford Focus
- Dodge Grand Caravan
- Ford Expedition
- GMC Sierra
- Cadillac CTS
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Volvo XC60, XC90

So I called the Recall Help line on the Mopar Recall website. After 45 minutes on the phone, I finally spoke to a human and got a case number. They said they would call back in 24 hours to talk about my claim. No call back. After two days, I started calling during regular business hours, without success. One day the message said the "Offices are closed today." Then last Friday, I received a voice mail from a case manager who said they would call back Monday.

At this point I was just looking for a rental car in the meantime while they figure out the fix. Then I reached out to a Lemon Law attorney online. We have been playing phone tag, but what I have found out is one of the options is a car buy-

back! I told Chavonne: You need to be ready if we take this option. What vehicle would you want?

I left the room for a minute, and I came back and without prompting, to discover she was looking at Durangos. That is a Mopar girl!

Maybe there is an all-wheel-drive 392 SRT Durango out there, if the deal is right.

The problem may have turned into a possibility!

*Mopars Forever  
Milton*



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# Club Doings

## Caravan to Mopars at MoTech: Nov. 16

Club caravan leaves at 9:30am from the park-n-ride north of Escondido and near Welk Resort. Show, lunch and toy collection for Ft. Irwin (Army) kids, 10am-2pm. This is a fun event at MoTech Performance, 41715 Elm St. #301, Murrieta. Bring new, unwrapped toy or toys for the Inland Mopar Club's Ft. Irwin toy drive that is really in need of extra support this year. MUST RSVP because of the included lunch: limedust70@gmail.com.

## Reminder if you're signed up: Feeding San Diego: Nov. 16

Members who have signed up to help pack food items for the Feed the Hungry program are reminded they will be joining Sheri Hendrickson on **Sat., Nov. 16**, from 1-3pm at 9477 Waples St., SD. You must be signed up in advance to participate. For information, contact Sheri at 619-253-0534.

## Cars & Coffee: Nov. 23

Our next club-sponsored Cars & Coffee will be **Sat., Nov. 23**, 7-9am in Santee, in the parking lot in front of Pathways Church, at 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd.

Thank You to those who provided  
news and information for this issue

Members John Campbell, Tony D'Agostino,  
Mike Fish, Bob Gough, Sheri Hendrickson, Milton  
Karahadian, Mick Schullo, Kathy Silcott,  
Chris Von Olhhausen, Paul Wake, Jeff Walker

Also:

James Maxwell / Dodge Garage  
and El Cajon Police Department

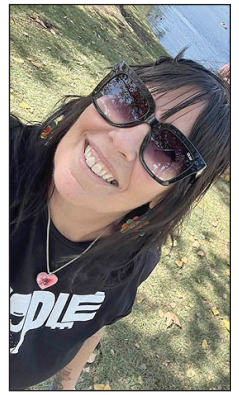
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# Club Picnic at Santee Lakes October 19

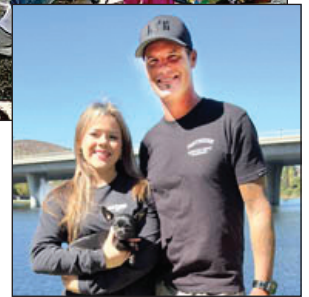


Sheri Hendrickson



Matt Cantor makes friends with a visiting goose

Below, from left: Shawn Rover, Milton Karahadian, and Paul and Paula Polentz



Peter Dahlke and his daughter



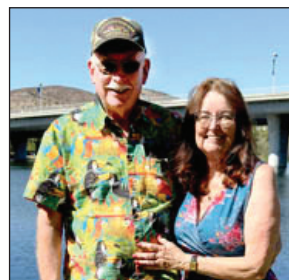
Bob and Debbie Gough



Front, Chavonne Karahadian, and back from left, Rhonda Pardue, Debbie Gough, Barbara Baugh



Kay Signorelli and Hemi



Bill and Barbara Baugh



Kay and Jim Signorelli

# SHOWING & Sharing

## Cajon Cruises' Best of Show Night October 23

The 2024 Cajon Cruise Night season wrapped up by spotlighting the rides that won Best of Show during the season, including Don Bone's '70 Hemi Challenger, right, with Don using an "interior duster" to detail the engine bay of his magnificent Mopar.



# LET'S GO & show

### Check for event updates & additions:

[www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org](http://www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org)

Facebook: @San Diego Association of Car Clubs

[www.socalcarculture.com/events.html](http://www.socalcarculture.com/events.html)

<https://goodoleboysandiego.com/current-event-calendar>

### Sat. Nov 16: Mopars & Friends at MoTech, 10am-2pm

MoTech Performance, 41715 Elm St., #301, Murrieta  
Hosted by Inland Mopars and includes Ft. Irwin toy drive  
Refreshments provided: *RSVP required because lunch is to be provided: [limedust70@gmail.com](mailto:limedust70@gmail.com)*

**NOTE: Club caravan from I-15 park'n'ride north of Escondido to leave at 9:30am.**

### CARS & COFFEE EVENTS

#### WEEKLY:

##### Sundays

**Escondido:** 8-11am, Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy

#### BI-MONTHLY & MONTHLY:

##### Second Wednesday:

**Oceanside:** 6-9pm, South O Cruise Night  
South O Brewing, 1775 South Pacific Coast Hwy

##### First Saturday:

**Clairemont:** STP Bar & Grill, 10am-1pm, 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

**Poway:** In-n-Out Burger, 11am-2pm, 12890 Gregg Court

##### Third Saturday:

**Midway District:** Classic Malt Shop, 3-8pm, 3625 Midway Dr., Suite B

##### Fourth Saturday:

**Santee:** Mopar Club SD Cars & Coffee, 7-9am  
9626 Carlton Hills Blvd. / Pathways Church parking lot

##### First Sunday:

**Perris:** Perris Airport, 4-7pm (thru Dec), 2091 Goetz Rd  
**Santee:** 7-9am Mary's Donuts, 8959 Carlton Hills Blvd.

##### Third Sunday:

**Balboa Park:** 7:30-9:30am, SD Automotive Museum,  
2080 Pan American Plaza

**Carlsbad:** noon-4pm, Spar Customs, 890 Palomar Airport Rd.  
[Dabbles@sparcustoms.com](mailto:Dabbles@sparcustoms.com) to reserve a spot

**La Mesa:** 7-9am, La Mesa Blvd, between Spring and 4th streets

##### Fourth Sunday:

**Chula Vista:** 11:30am-2pm, Black Angus, 707 E St. BB

## Links to check out:

### Review of the new Durango SRT Hellcat Brass Monkey:

<https://www.motortrend.com/news/2025-dodge-durango-srt-hellcat-brass-monkey-first-look-review/>

### Plymouth Road Runner and GTX commercials 1967-1971:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldF8lwDswtM>

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# SHOWING & Sharing

## El Cajon's Halloween Theme Night



## Hot Rod Power Tour West Oct. 4-6



Above: Club members participating in this year's Power Tour West included Jim and Kay Signorelli, Don Bone, Paul Wake, Kathy Silcott and Jonathan, Melissa and Ruby Gbenekama and a few friends.

*Photo by James Maxwell / Dodge Garage*

Above left and left: Sheri Hendricksen and her grandkids participated in El Cajon's Halloween event, and her cool Charger Daytona RT, properly decorated for the event, drew the attention of a couple of El Cajon's finest—the good kind of attention.

Right: Milton Karahadian (at far right) chats with car enthusiast Joe Norton at the club's October Cars & Coffee in Santee. Below, some of the many who shared coffee and talked cars that morning.



## Mopar Club SD's Cars & Coffee Oct. 26



# MEMBER *News Bits*



Club members cruising the back roads from Vista to Fallbrook were Roy Stinson ('72 Challenger), Woody Widman ('70 AAR Cuda), Tony D'Agostino ('94 Viper), Steve Vander-Schaaf ('15 Challenger Hellcat) and Curt Bogdan ('70 Challenger). After stopping for lunch in Fallbrook, it was back to Roy's home to hang out for awhile.



Kathy Silcott with Tom Hufford and Jim Signorelli with Hufford's Cobra 427 at JBA Speed Shop Oct. 13, and with J Bittle, below. And of course, she couldn't say no to a ride in the Cobra!



Photos by James Maxwell / Dodge Garage



Paul Wake autographed one of his '68 Road Runner's posterboards for David, a young fan who said he goes to car shows with his Dad and is always on the lookout for Paul's car, which David says is his favorite. Paul says: probably one and only request for his signature.



Ok, not a Mopar, but pretty cool. Mick Schullo spent a lot of time and money restoring his '72 Dart Swinger only to discover he couldn't get insurance. He tried to sell it before he traded it for this '70 Monte Carlo in like-new condition - "even the clock works!" And he was able to insure it for \$120,000. "My Covid project paid off!" he said.

# Introducing These New Club Cars ... and Their Owners



**Above: 1934 Chrysler Airflow**, owned by Julie Licari. She and Brillo Licari also own a '44 Willys Jeep and a '58 Willys Jeep.



**Left: 1949 Chrysler Windsor Convertible** at Sunset Cliffs with owners Crissa and John Campbell loving the ride.



Tee and Mike Fish

**Right: 1964 Dodge Dart convertible** (slant six, 4-speed) owned by Tee and Mike Fish (pictured below the car, right). Tee has owned the car since 1988. It was in real need of some maintenance, paint and interior so during the Covid shutdown, they hired an acquaintance to contract the work, which didn't go so well.

Mike said that after "three years of waiting and a whole of money, we picked our car up from the upholstery shop to find the Dart was not complete, not operational and missing rare trim pieces. It is now sitting in our garage as we try to get everything back in place. Hopefully, we can get the car back on the road and join the club for an event in the near future. And we'd like to thank Jonathan Gbenekama for being a friendly and helpful resource!"



**Left: 1986 Dodge Omni Shelby GLH-S** owned by Jesse Wolfe. He recently acquired this #125 of 500, which his wife calls his "midlife crisis car." The Shelby GLH-S is a limited production series of sport compact automobiles from the mid-80s, based on the Dodge Omni and modified by Shelby American. GLH stood for Goes Like Hell and GLH-S stood for Goes Like Hell S'more. , Per Muscle Car Museum: the 2.2 liter, 4 cylinder got help from a turbo which made for 175hp, and the car could go 0-60 in 6.5 seconds, faster than the Camaros and Firebirds with 305 V8s from the same year. This is Jesse's second Omni. His first was a base-level version he drove into the ground in high school. He says he's looking forward to "challenging Mustangs and tuner cars on the streets of SD soon; legally, of course, wink, wink!"

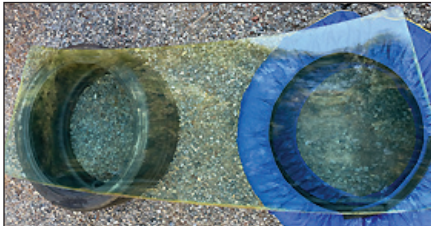
# MARKET *Place*

PENTAGRAM AD INFORMATION:  
 Free to club members / \$25 per issue for non-members  
 Published monthly / Deadline is the 25th of each month  
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## FOR SALE



Mopar 8-3/4 pumpkin—includes 489 case, sure grip, 4:30 gears (43-tooth ring/10-tooth pinion), large U-joint yoke (I think ID measures 1-1/8in). Purchased at the Van Nuys show and used briefly in our Barracuda. 4:30s are just more than we need at this point. There is a bit of whine when letting off the gas. \$650 OBO



1969 Barracuda FB windshield, likely fits 67-69 Barracudas. Good condition, no cracks, but few light scratches. I don't see any Mopar part numbers or other identities so it might be aftermarket. \$25

Member Craig Fenstermaker  
 craigfen@gmail.com (located in Vista)

## FOR SALE

'72 Dart Swinger parts available: new in box 360 chrome air cleaner, many upper & lower shifterlinkage rods, wood-grain center top, NOS seat latches for '70 bucket seats, 1 pair of NOS in box, tail light lenses with red center lens with gaskets, working gauge cluster, lots of 7/16 lug nuts for Cragar SS rims. Asking \$1k for all (tail light lenses and seat latches cost me \$700).

Mick Schullo: mschullo@att.net / 619-569-7093

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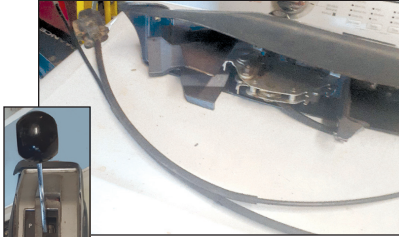
**Club Member has Mopar Engine Parts:**

- 440 standard crankshaft \$100
- RB 'LY' - MS3049 connecting rods (8), resized, balanced, Moly rod bolts: \$75/all
- B/RB exhaust manifolds (not hi-perfmncr): \$50/both
- B/RB exhaust manifolds 2806000 & 2843992 (hi-performance): \$200/both
- 8-bolt steel billet (RB) 143-tooth flywheel: new \$150
- 1970 440 6-barrel cast-iron intake manifold: \$375

Email: Greeniron32@aim.com

**With notice, I can bring to a club meeting**

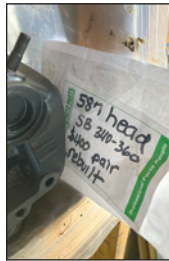
## FOR SALE ...



65 slip Yoke button tranny console shifter, possible torque converter and brand new reverse manual valve body, b/o will be taken. Text only: 619-750-8377

## FOR SALE:

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