

REVVING UP with Milton

The Newsletter of the Mopar Club / San Diego

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By: Milton Karahadian
MCSD President

They say the older you get, the faster the years go by. Here are some reasons. When you're young, each year is a large percentage of your life. At age 10, one year = 10% of your entire life. At age 60, one year = 1.6% of your life. So no wonder each year feels "smaller" in comparison, making it seem to pass more quickly. We have fewer new experiences. Our brains mark time by memories, not minutes.

When you're younger, life is full of firsts: new schools, new places, new milestones and new relationships. As we age, routines increase, and fewer novel experiences get recorded vividly. Fewer standout memories, and the past feels compressed. Routine speeds perception. Repetition makes time blur. When days look similar, your brain doesn't create many "time markers," so weeks and months feel like they flew by in hindsight. Our reflection changes.

We older adults tend to reflect more on the past than anticipate the future. Looking backward can make long stretches of time feel surprisingly short.

So how do we combat this sense of "time flying"? Well, you can't slow time itself, but you can slow how fast it feels:

- Seek new experiences (travel, learning, creative projects and car projects)
- Break routines intentionally
- Mark time with rituals, events or goals

While time feels faster, it's often paired with deeper perspective and appreciation for meaningful moments. This brings us to this next year and all the things we have planned to offer meaningful experiences within our Mopar Club world. But it will take *YOU* to get involved and make those new experiences.

Here are some of the events we have planned for our club this year:

• Cruising

This year we have developed a new strategy to encourage members to cruise their cars more often and explore more locations together. To support this, we have divided the county into three regions, each with dedicated coordinators: North County: Woody Widman, South County: Carl Parrick and East County: Jim Signorelli and Bob Mortello. Each coordinator has planned routes and dates within their region throughout the year, although any member can participate. This approach will allow for more cruising opportunities and more time together as a club.

• NASCAR in Coronado

The club has been invited to participate in the JBA Car Corral at this event. The plans are still being developed by the

Stand By . . .

NASCAR Leadership team. J Bittle says, "Stand By."

• Events and Service Projects

Sheri Hendrickson has done an outstanding job as our social director. She has organized beach and Santee Lakes picnics, which will continue this year. Sheri also has established our Santee Cars and Coffee event, now in its third year and proudly sponsored by the Mopar Club of San Diego.

In addition, she coordinated service projects with the San Diego Food Bank, which we will again support this year. Another event we will continue to support is the Swap Meet at the Sports Arena parking lot. Bob Mortello has successfully re-established club participation in this.

There is more to come. **Stand by!**

• Marketing and Sponsorships

To reach our financial goals this year, we will be increasing our focus on sponsorships. A Fundraising Committee has been established and is being led by Julie Licari, with support from Bob Mortello, Bob Gough and me.

As a note, Bob and I recently visited Perry Dodge in National City, and the dealership seems very open to collaborating with our club.

• Club Swag & More

Sheri will also be placing another order for club apparel, so keep an eye out for that. We are researching monogrammed club canopies for AACS, our Santee Cars & Coffee and other events to better promote our club locally. In addition, new club business cards are being printed, to hand out to prospective members.

• All American Car Show

This year's AACS will include live music, swag bags, and hopefully a local Dodge dealership display. As a teaser, there is also discussion about hosting an indoor car show at a local mall this winter. **Stand by!**

• Leadership Team

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our club board, Secretary Julie Walker, new Treasurer Chris Von Olinhausen, and new VP Mike Stumpo. Together with you, we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

One way to slow down time is by anticipating what's coming—and there is a lot to look forward to.

So once again... **Stand by!**

Mopars Forever
Milton

MOPAR CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

EST. July 1993

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Mopar News Links

<https://www.Stellpower.com>

<https://www.Motales.com>

<https://www.DodgeGarage.com/news/tag/mopar>

<https://MoparInsiders.com>

<https://www.Carscoops.com/tag/mopar>

<https://blog.Mopar.com>

<https://www.Autoblog.com/tag/mopar>

Mopar Online Connections

*Some options for connecting online with other
Mopar folks with Mopars like yours or for information,
suggestions and assistance regarding Mopars:*

A Bodies: www.ForABodiesOnly.com

B Bodies: www.ForBBodiesOnly.com

C Bodies: www.ForCBodiesOnly.com

E Bodies: www.ForEBodiesOnly.com

Modern Challengers: www.ChallengerForumz.com

separated by Hellcat, Scat Packs, etc., and

includes a section for classic Challengers

Chargers, modern+classic: www.ChargerForumz.com

*Note: You can read these online boards for free, but you must
join to post (free) — or pay the annual fee and lose the ads!*

For the A,B,C,E Boards: \$50 / year

For ForumZ Boards: Various levels

If you know of other helpful boards, do share!

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Mopar Club SD Leadership Team 2026

Milton Karahdian - President

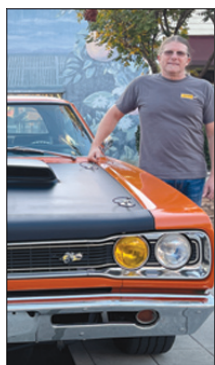


Milton, a 21-year member, comes from a family that has been involved in Mopars since the 1930s and grew up around his uncle's "letter cars." He got his '70 Cuda in pieces in 1979 by trading a '70 Road Runner that had no engine or transmission. He and a friend put it together: "just two teenagers figuring it out in the 80s." Those experiences "not only ignited my passion for

Mopars, but also shaped the sense of camaraderie and teamwork I value so much today." Milton, a minister working at Pt. Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), is a people person who loves people even more than cars. "That's why I always say, 'It's not all about the cars; it's about the people.'" Milton's Mopars: '39 Plymouth with a small-block blown Hemi; '63 Dodge Polara 440; '65 Chrysler 300L convertible with a 413; '70 Charger 572 that is in a million pieces; '70 Super Bird, '08 Magnum SRT8; '12 Ram 2500; and '16 Challenger R/T. Plus their little four-legged Cuda. He and Chavonne met while working at PLNU, and were married in 2006. He has a son and a daughter from a prior marriage.

Mike Stumpo - Vice President

Mike Stumpo, along with his son, fellow club member Makena, joined the club a year ago and both have been involved the get-go: All-American Car Show, Feeding San Diego, Santee Cars and Coffee, AACS Volunteers Dinner, Mopar Night at Cruisin' Grand, summer Picnic at Santee Lakes, the Christmas Party, culminating with Mike's election to vice president of the club, a position he feels quite honored to hold. Growing up in Massachusetts as a lifelong Mopar fanatic, his first car was a '68 Plymouth Satellite with a dual quad 383 and 727. He belonged to a great little car club (The Summer Knights) in his hometown which hosted cruise nights in the summer at an old-school drive-in restaurant. Like many of us, he regrets terribly his decision to let this car go and is searching for this car in the hopes of possibly reacquiring it. His current Mopar is an orange 1969 Coronet 440, inspired by the 69-1/2



Stellantis Photo

Dodge Charger nabs 2026 North American Car of the Year award

By Keith Laing

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The 2026 North American Car, Truck, and Utility Vehicles of the Year were revealed at the Detroit Auto Show on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

A jury of 50 professional automotive journalists from the United States and Canada decided on the winners among three nominees for each category.

"These winners represent the best in the auto industry," said Jeff Gilbert, president of North American Car of the Year and automotive reporter at WWJ Radio in Detroit, said in a statement. Gilbert added, "This award has great value because of the diverse backgrounds of our jurors."

The USA TODAY Cars Team took a look at the winners in each category and compiled some information for consumers about each model. Here are the winners:

2026 North American Car of the Year

Dodge Charger

MSRP: \$49,995

Total number of North American Car of the Year Votes: 195

What jurors said: Henry Payne, an auto columnist at *The Detroit News*, said the Dodge Charger is "a *tour de force* and welcome return to the brand's gas-fueled sweet spot after a detour down Electric Alley."

2026 North American Truck of the Year

Ford Maverick Lobo

2026 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year

Hyundai Palisade

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A12 Super Bee aesthetic. He considers it a running/driving project in need of extensive refinement and a 4-speed conversion, but he's in no hurry and very content to enjoy it as-is. Mike has worked for Hawthorne Caterpillar as a marine and electric power product support rep for almost 12 years. His and his wife Teri have been married for 25 years, and son and fellow club member Makena will be 17 in March.

Chris Von Olnhausen - Treasurer

Chris joined the club in 1999 and before then, he was a member of the Walter P. Chrysler Club in San Diego. His first Mopar was a '70 Challenger. He's owned three more



Challengers since then: a 2010, a 2015 and now, his current Challenger that he bought new in March 2023. That '23 Challenger Scat Pack already has 23,000 miles on it, with some 2,600+ from his 2025 on Route 66 to Chicago and back with fellow club members. He is married to Donna, and they live in East County.

Julie Walker - Secretary and PentaGram Editor

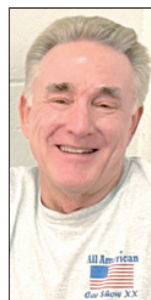


Julie Walker, a 16-year member of the club, has served as secretary for some 10 years. She has chaired the AACS raffles for many years and has been PentaGram editor since 2022. She and husband Jeff (a past MCSD president), own four Mopars: '68 GTX 440, '70 Challenger 440 Six-Pack, 2009 Challenger R/T and 2025 Durango SRT 392 Hemi (Plus

one other classic, their 1992 Toyota Supra turbo). Their first Mopar was the '68 GTX they owned from 1970-79; their current '68 GTX is it's 90% twin. Julie is a former journalist, a publication designer and member of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. She's a SD State alumni and an Aztecs football and SD Padres fan who also follows the Rams, 49ers and the Eagles. She and Jeff met at La Jolla High—and just celebrated 56 years married. The Caribbean for sailing is her favorite travel destination.

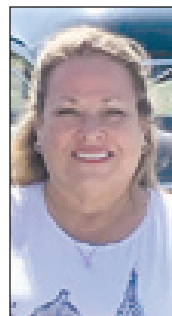
Jim Bowen - All-American Car Show (AACS) Chair

Jim, who has been a club member for 12 years, is part of one of the three father-son-son teams in the club. He and sons Jack and Kyle were part of the club's Dart restoration team for the family of the late John DePauw. Jim has owned many vehicles, now including a new Rivian R1S, but he has only had two Mopars: a '66 Dart Slant 6 that he had for a couple of years while he was rebuilding the 318 in his 1964 Barracuda that he got in 1971. In recent years, he painstakingly restored the Barracuda, including a 340 and a four-speed transmission, new brakes all around, and several weird customizations. Born and raised in SoCal, Jim attended middle and high schools in Poway, then attended San Diego State and UC Berkeley. He retired in December 2024 after a long IT career that was preceded by several careers, including as an elementary and middle-school teacher for eight years. He and his wife Susen have been married 12 years. In addition to Jack and Kyle, Jim has one stepson, Michael.



Julie Licari - Marketing & Fund-raising Chair

Julie and her husband, Brillo, are more recent members of the club. But they already have become quite active. Julie has a background in marketing and fundraising. She and Brillo have a '34 Chrysler Airflow.



Paul Polentz - Club Webmaster

Paul joined the club 22 years ago, and he set up and has been maintaining the club website for many years. Paul served as the club's vice president for four years, is a regular AACS volunteer (including several years coordinating registration) and has been and still is a club photographer. He and his wife, Paula, have three Mopars, including his 1969 Road Runner that he bought new in June 1969 and raced at Carlsbad Raceway for many years. In recent years, he restored the Road Runner (440 RB engine bored/stroked to 496ci 574hp at the flywheel, 632 lbs ft torque), completed in 2016. The other Mopars in his collection: a stock 1998 Ram 1500 (5.9L) and a stock 2022 Chrysler 300 Touring (3.6L), both purchased new. He got his BA in math at San Diego State in 1973 and his BS in computer science from Coleman College in 1981. He and Paula met in the late 70s while working at the old Fed Mart warehouse in SD, and they were married in 1981.



Bob Gough - Car Council Rep

Bob has been a club member since 1993, serving as president five times and as the club's first PentaGram editor for 25 years. He has been an enthusiastic AACS volunteer every year. Bob, whose career was as an architect, says that as a 12-year-old bored crazy in math class, "I drew a lot of hopped up cars, dragsters, trucks, coupes, and droptops like in Car Craft and Hot Rod. When I was 13, my Air Force family got transferred to a small town outside of Paris, France. One day we went to Paris. And there on the Champs-Élysées was a blood red fastback Ferrari parked at the curb. A beautiful mademoiselle emerged from the passenger side. At that very moment I became a sports car guy. Returning stateside, Plymouth was running ads for its new 1967 Barracuda fastback. To my eye, it looked like a poor man's Ferrari. I had to have one. And I did get one. After 22 years!" His is a 1967



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Barracuda Formula S that he bought in 1990 and restored in 2000 with original color scheme, “but I replaced the original 273 Commando with a 1968 340 engine. Recent updates a Tremec 5-speed and stroking the engine to 416 c.i./486 hp.” He and his wife, Debbie, have been on numerous vintage car rallies in the Cuda to northern CA, AZ and NV, putting many miles on the odometer. “I have raced it at Carlsbad, Barona and Las Vegas MATS. I am a lousy drag racer.” Bob also has a 2014 Challenger SRT 392/6 speed “that makes me wonder why I still fool around with my old Cuda.”

Sheri Hendrickson - Community Service & Social Director

Sheri is not new to Mopar or classic cars and has been following Mopar Club SD for years. She joined the club in early 2024 after breaking away from organizing Cajon Classic Cruises. Sheri immediately accepted the role of social director, initiating the club’s first-ever monthly Santee Cars & Coffee meet-ups as well as organizing an annual club family picnic at Santee Lakes, among other activities. She also has been spearheading club community service projects, including Feeding San Diego food packing teams. Sheri, who drives a 2021 Charger Daytona R/T Hemi, is a native San Diego surfer girl and skater who says she loves helping others and sharing smiles, noting her father nicknamed her “Smiley” when she was a child. Sheri has two children and three grandkids.



Jim Signorelli and Bob Martello - Cruise Directors/East County

• **Jim Signorelli** joined the club 1994 and active volunteer doesn’t seem to cover how much he and wife, Kay, have been

involved in this club. In addition to coordinating cruises, he hosts Mopar Club SD events, such as barbecues and the Christmas party with Kay, at their home. He has been one of the driving forces behind the All-American Car Show since its inception more than 25 years ago. He and Kay have or have had a herd of Mopars, among them a ’73 Duster racecar, ’74 Duster racecar (both raced many times at Carlsbad Raceway and now at Barona), ’74 Dodge Power Wagon, ’94 Viper, 2002 Dodge Dakota R/T, 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 2013 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon, 2015 Challenger Hellcat, a Dodge Ram – and Kay’s ’65 Plymouth Valiant 200 convertible.

• **Bob Martello, co-cruise director for East County**, joined the club in 2015 and has been spearheading club participation at the SD Swap Meets, among other club activities. Bob, who has several sons, has a ’62 Dodge Dart.



Woody Widman - Cruise Director/North County

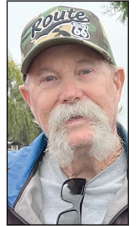
Woody, a member of the club since the 90s, has planned North County cruises for a small group of fellow members for several years, so he’s a natural for taking on the new role of heading up a North County cruise open to all members. Woody says he was “born into loving Mopars. My Dad owned several, and his father before him, as well.” Today, Woody owns his Dad’s pristine B-5 blue survivor



’69 Super Bee, inherited after his father passed in 2019. With fellow member Curt Bogdan, Woody owns a ’70 Cuda AAR, ’70 Charger R/T, ’70 Challenger 340, ’71 Challenger 340 project and a ’65 A100 van. His daily driver is a ’12 Charger Super Bee SRT8 392. He is a retired optician, living in San Marcos with Julie, his wife of 16 years. He said he’s looking forward to leading the club’s monthly North County cruises in 2026.

Carl Parrick - Cruise Director/South County

Carl has been a Mopar Club member for approximately 15 years. He purchased his 1968 Plymouth GTX in March of 2006, and immediately used the many resources in the club to bring it to show quality, notably Aaron Bourdage and Steve Williams. Carl and his GTX drove Route 66 to Chicago and back a number of years ago, on his own, but he also organized two club Route 66 trips, in 2022 and 2025, leading those tours in his modern Challenger. He’s a former teacher, and he spent 43 years coaching high school football. He was head coach for 31 of those years, 11 at Southwest HS, and 20 years at Bonita Vista HS. His 195 wins rank him in the top 15 in the history of San Diego County high school football. He retired from teaching in 2010, but continued to coach as an assistant for six years at area high schools in the South Bay. Carl lives in Bonita with his wife of 45 years, Linda, and their two babies: doggies Miss Cora and Mr. Bentley. He, too, is looking forward to helping with club cruises, in the South Bay area. Their daughter, LeAnn, has been a frequent MCSD participant since she was a child.



SOME INTERESTING LINKS

“What is Mopar?”

<https://www.motortrends.com/features/what-is-mopar>

Car Tech Auto Books and Manuals

“Isky: Ed Iskenderian and the History of Hot Rodding”- now in paperback
info@cartechbooks.ccsend.com

WARNING: San Diego police seize dozens of illegal modified license plates in a month, warn of hefty fines

From: CBS8.com

Author: Abbie Black

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SAN DIEGO — Driving around with a modified, customized license plate may look cool, but San Diego police say it's illegal and could cost drivers their cars.

San Diego Police Officer Anthony Carrasco pulled dozens of confiscated modified license plates from a basket at the department's traffic headquarters, representing just one month of enforcement.

"So these are all of the license plates that we've confiscated that are modified," Carrasco said. "This is just what traffic division has gotten in about a month, and that's with our motorcycle officers and traffic officers."

The modifications aren't immediately obvious. When Carrasco peeled back a sticker on one plate, the original white California license plate appeared underneath. In most cases, the number sequence remains the same and is not altered.

"You can see the plastic wrap that's on them, and if you peel it back, you can actually see the original white license plate. That's exactly how the DMV issued it," he said.

Police say drivers are buying license plate "wrap kits" online or from body shops for as little as \$10, wrapping them around their legitimate plates to change the appearance.

"You're never going to see this combination of colors. This is like a carbon fiber back with like red cursive 'California' on here. You're never going to see that actually issued by the DMV," Carrasco said.

The modified plates appear on all types of vehicles across San Diego, from luxury cars to family minivans.

"We see this on all types of cars, from a Lamborghini to jeeps and pickup trucks to soccer mom minivans and Toyota Corollas," Carrasco said.

Beyond being illegal, the modifications create public safety issues. Officers

say the altered plates lack proper contrast and reflectivity, making them difficult to read.

"It's difficult for us to read those license plates, especially at a distance, because there's no contrast regulations. There's no reflectivity to these license plates... and that makes it difficult to hold people accountable or to get stolen vehicles back to their rightful owners," Carrasco said.

Some modified plates are harder to detect than others. Carrasco can identify illegal plates by examining the sequencing of characters.

"With this license plate, the reason why I can tell that it's not a legacy plate through the DMV is because of the sequencing of it," he said.

Two California laws target license plate tampering. AB 2111 bans altering or tampering with plates themselves, while AB 1085 prohibits manufacturing any device designed to hide plates from cameras, with fines up to \$1,000 per item. Together, the laws target both physical tampering and products used to dodge toll readers and traffic cameras.

Most drivers stopped with modified plates are unaware they're breaking the law, according to Carrasco.

"Most of the people that we're stopping, this is the first [time] that they've heard of it. They don't realize it. And we feel bad, because ultimately your car gets towed, you're going to get a hefty ticket and your car getting impounded can affect your family," he said.

The consequences include vehicle impoundment, tickets range from \$150 to \$1,000, and the hassle of obtaining replacement plates from the DMV.

Police recommend drivers leave their plates as issued or obtain approved vanity plates through official DMV channels.

"There's legal ways to get customized plates through the DMV, so you can go onto their website and order those legacy plates or specialty plates. But going and buying a kit on eBay or Amazon isn't the right way to do it," Carrasco said.

Two California laws target license plate tampering

Woulda-Coulda-Shoulda!

Thank you to Don Bone who found these in packing materials in a newly acquired box of old LP records:

Sat., July 24, 1971
The Phoenix Gazette

'70 JAVELIN for bank payoff, \$1840. Have \$2500 in car, lost job. 4932 East Flower. 959-6888.

1970 PLYMOUTH super Bird, \$2750. 944-4907.

1969 RARE MGC, 263-8416. Evenings 967-1115.

1969 BARRACUDA

2-Door hardtop. Beautiful white sport coupe with 340 V8, automatic, power steering, factory air conditioning, bucket seats and console, tinted glass, full wheel covers. The interior has beautiful flower fabric design. Stock No. 1910.

\$1895

1969 CHARGER RT

2-Door hardtop. Might be the prettiest in town. Glorious in Hemi-Orange, white vinyl top, white bucket seats, console and drives like a dream. Stock No. 2044.

\$2395

1970 CHALLENGER

2-Door hardtop. Color it Plum Crazy and equip it with 383 V8, automatic, power steering, factory air conditioning, tinted glass, wide tires and full wheel covers. Top it with vinyl roof and Wow! Stock No. 1875.

\$2595

431—Plymouth

MUST sell, '70. GTX 934-9873.

'68 PLY. FURY III

\$1188.63

AUTORAMA AUTO SALES

1216 E. Camelback 264-7268

'65 FURY I. radio, heater, air, \$300.

922-5758.

1969 PLYMOUTH Roadrunner. One

owner. 383, V-8, four speed. \$1250

8849 North 7th Street.

1965 PLYMOUTH, air, good condi-

tion, \$550. 947-7161.

'70 DUSTER 340, excellent condition,

fully equiped, 267-8252.

REFRIGERATED 1966 Fury III. Ex-

cellent condition, \$955. P & M Mo-

tors, 3111 East McDowell.

1967 BELVEDERE, 2-door hardtop,

automatic, power steering, radio, ex-

tra mounted snow tires, excellent

condition, \$985. 316 East McLellan,

264-3092.

'68 Fury III, 2 dr. htdp. p.s., factory

air, perfect.

915 W. Haicher 944-3821 Dealer

'63 VALIANT, automatic, four door.

258-0591.

1960 PLYMOUTH 318, V-8, brake

work, 959-6486.

1966 FURY, air, \$495. 278-9458.

266-7756. Agent.

'69 ROADRUNNER, must sell. No

reasonable offer refused. 266-5008.

1968 VALIANT Signet. Four door se-

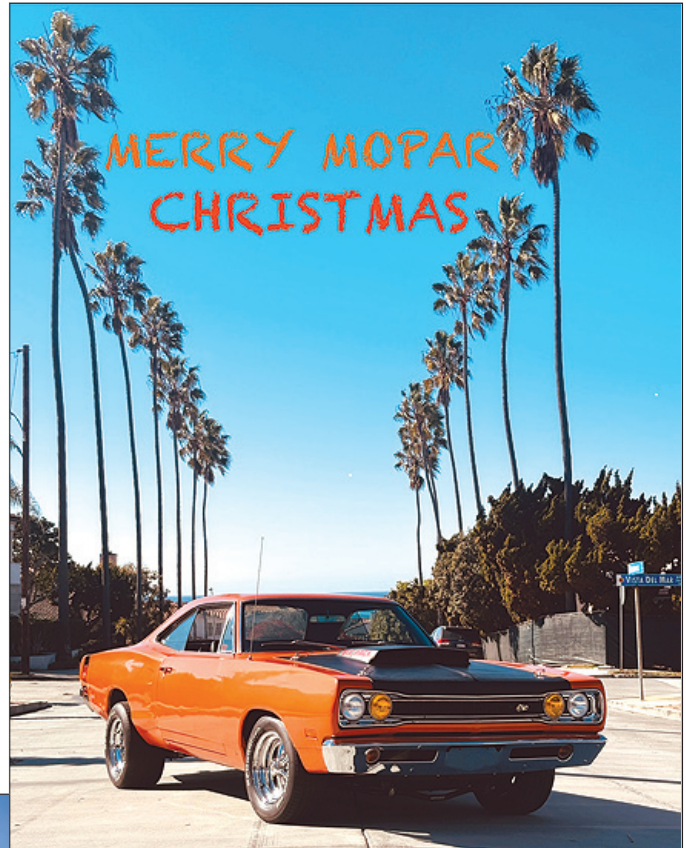
dan, bucket seats, big 6, automatic,

clean. 931-2773.

MEMBER *News Bits*



Waiting for Santa to bring his special buddy back: Bill Baugh's dog, Jesi, spent several weeks with Debbie and Bob Gough while Bill was in the hospital during the holidays. Both Bill and Jesi are back home and happy together again.



Mike Stumpo's 2025 Christmas card

Below: Only three of the regular North County cruisers were out and about on Dec. 6, attending a Toys for Tots event at Hidden Meadows in Escondido: Woody Widman (Charger, center) and Tony D'Agostino (Challenger, right).

**** Woody has scheduled a North County cruise for the club on Feb. 22, leaving at 10am from the park-n-ride at the west end of Hwy 78, just after it crosses Interstate 5. Any and all club members welcome. The cruise will be up I-5 to the Ortega Hwy, east to Lake Elsinore, with a lunch stop at Jack's BBQ.



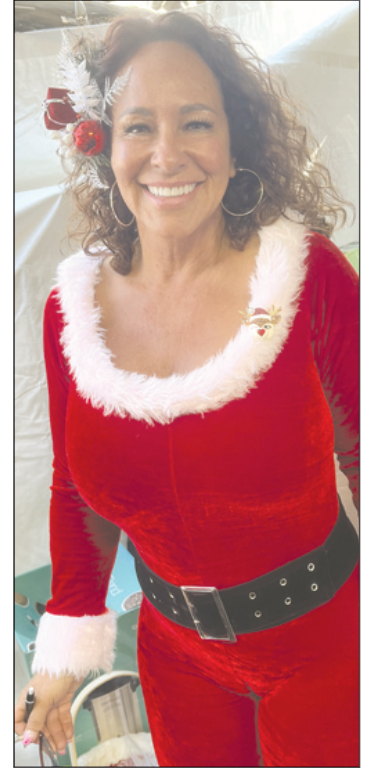
Carl Parrick found a perfect San Diego backdrop for this photograph of his '68 GTX.

At left in the photo at right is non-member John LeFevre's 100% custom-built car based on an early 70's Cadillac platform, joining Woody and Tony on the Dec. 6 cruise.



MCSO GIVING & Caring

Hot Rod Holly's Christmas Cruise to Alpha Project



Above left, Jonathan, Melissa and Ruby Gbenekama were among the more than 70 vehicles that took part in Holly's 15th annual Christmas morning cruise to deliver warmies, toiletries and clothing to the Alpha Project Bridge Shelter in downtown San Diego. Above center, Jeff Walker preps his Challenger, pre-cruise; and Hot Rod Holly, right.



Immediate right: Debbie Gough

The cruise included a stop, above, where Holly's Mom lives, with sweet goodies were provided, then a stop at Chicano Park before heading to Alpha Project, where participants filled tables and tables with donations, far right. A buffet breakfast followed.

Club Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 11: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 16: SD Swap Meet
- 20: North County Cruise
- 28: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

MARCH

- 7: Feeding SD Food Packing
- 11: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 21: South County Cruise
- 28: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee
- 27-29: MATS Las Vegas

APRIL

- 8: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 9-12: WinterNationals, Pomona
- 10-12: Good Guys, Del Mar
- 18-19: CPW Spring Fling. Van Nuys
- 25: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

MAY

- 13: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 23: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

JUNE

- 10: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 19-21: NASCAR, San Diego
- 27: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

JULY

- 8: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 25: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

AUGUST

- 8: Our All-American Car Show
- 12: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 22: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

SEPTEMBER

- 9: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 26: MCSD's Cars & Coffee, plus
Santee Lakes Picnic

OCTOBER

- 14: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 24: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

NOVEMBER

- 11: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 12-15: NHRA Finals, Pomona
- 28: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

DECEMBER

- TBA: Christmas Party
- 26: MCSD's Cars & Coffee

Mopar Mtgs: Casa Machado, Kearny Mesa,
Mtg at 7pm, come any time after 5:30pm

Santee Cars & Coffees: 7-10am, Pathways
Church lot, 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd.

SD Swap Meet: Pechanga Arena, SD.

Club ACTIVITIES

MOPAR CLUB SD MEETING: FEB. 11

The February meeting will include the year's first **Goodie Auction**, to raise money to buy raffle items for our All-American Car Show. Bring something we can auction: premium candy/alcohol, Mopar branded items, home-baked or store-bought yummys, etc. And bring money to bid on them. Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, except December, when the club holds its Christmas Party. Meetings are at the Casa Machado, 3750 John Montgomery Dr., SD, in the meeting room upstairs. They begin at 7pm, but come for meet, eat and greet anytime after 5:30pm.

MOPARS at SWAP MEET & SHOW: FEB. 16

These are usually scheduled on Monday holidays, and our club often hosts a location where members can sell items or just meet up. Location is the Pechanga Arena parking lot (former Sports Arena). Contact Bob Martello: 619-750-2954.

NORTH COUNTY CRUISE: FEB. 20

Woody Widman has scheduled the first North County Cruise for Feb. 27. Meet-up spot is the park-n-ride at the west end of Hwy 78, just after 78 crosses over I-5. Time is 10am. No RSVP needed. The cruise will go up the I-5 to Ortega Highway, east to Lake Elsinore...with lunch (on your own) at Jack's BBQ. Cruise ends after lunch.

MCSD's SANTEE CARS & COFFEE: FEB. 28

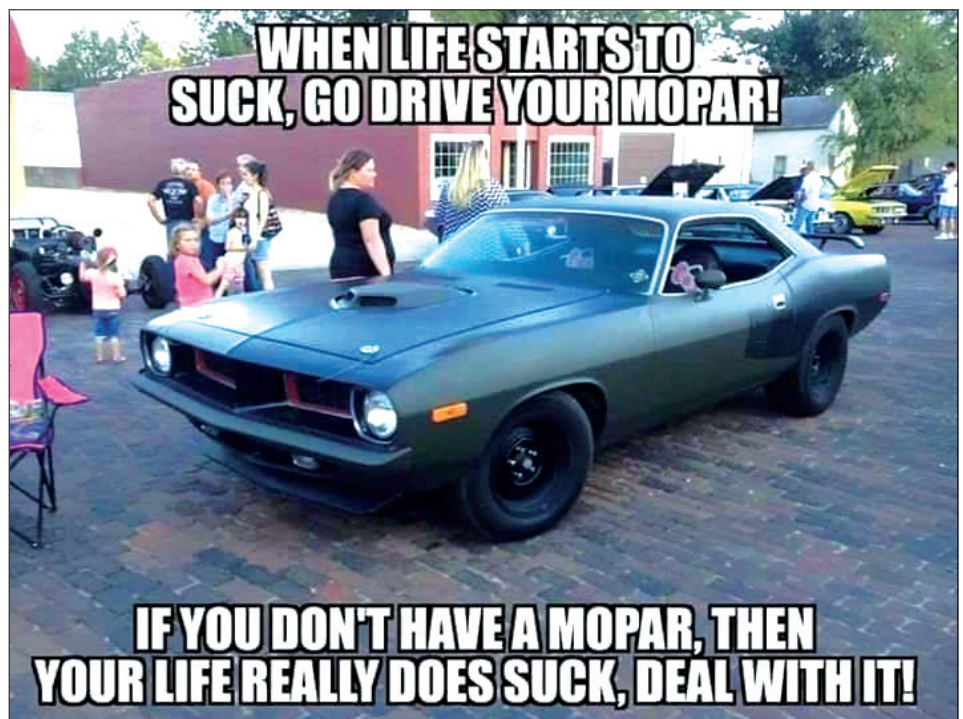
Our club-sponsored Santee Cars & Coffees continue the fourth Saturday of each month in the Pathways Church parking lot, 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd, Santee, 7-10am. The next one will be Feb. 28. The rest of the dates for 2026: Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27, Jul. 25, Aug. 22, Sep. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26. Contact: Sheri Hendrickson: fineridesandfriendscarshos@yahoo.com.

FEEDING SD VOLS NEEDED: MAR. 7

Sheri Hendrickson is looking for nine volunteers to help pack food at the Feeding SD facility from 1-3pm on Mar. 7. The location is 9477 Waples St., Unit 100, SD, 92121. Contact her at fineridesandfriendscarshows.com.

SOUTH COUNTY CRUISE: MAR. 21

Carl Parrick is working on South County cruise, with info to come. Contact him at 30cp30@gmail.com.



SHOWING & Sharing

Dixieline South Bay Car Show - Jan. 22



Among club members participating in the Dixieline South Bay Show on Jan. 22 were Carl Parrick and Dave Russell, second and third from left, with Carl's GTX at left, Dave's yellow '66 Barracuda and Bob Gough's brown '67 Barracuda. In straw hat is Mike Miller of Pal Joey's. Top right, the Son uva Digger monster truck, with Sheri Hendrickson. Sheri, who organized the show for Dixieline, also is at near right, with a dog in shades on a big bike.



Our Santee Cars & Coffees - Dec. 27 (top) & Jan. 24





Christmas Party 2025

Thank you to our hosts, Kay & Jim Signorelli



Casa Signorelli again was the site of our annual Christmas party, held Dec. 13, which happened to also be Kay Signorelli's birthday.

Kay, at right with Hot Rod Holly Ansman, got to enjoy at least two cakes! More than 60 members attended the event with most taking part in the Evil Santa pick-and-grab gift exchange, including Jerry Keller, at left, with his prize.

The potluck was plentiful and varied, and the member gift raffle was a lot of fun. The team of Woody Widman and Curt Bogdan won the 50/50 (*I think!?*). As everyone there knows: a lot of laughs, good food and holiday fun.



LET'S GO *& show*

Check for event updates & additions:

www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org

Facebook: @San Diego Association of Car Clubs

www.socalcarculture.com/events.html

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

CAR SHOWS

FEB. 28: Broken Yolks for Car Show Folks, 8am-2pm

Broken Yolk: 2983 Jamacja Rd., El Cajon

Music, trophies, raffles / Carshowcalifornia.com

MAR. 15: San Marcos High's Motors4Music Car Show

9am-12:30pm., San Marcos High: 1615 San Marcos Blvd

www.sanmarcosbands.org/motors-for-music

Music, food trucks, vendor market, and custom trophies

MAR. 27-29: Musclecars at the Strip (MATS)

Las Vegas Motor Speedway / Racing, Car Corral, Swap Meet,

etc. Dates only / registration info still to come

MAR. 28: Summer Fling in Spring, 9am-21pm

South Clairemont Park: 3605 Clairemont Dr., San Diego

Hosted by East County Cruisers/All years, models

\$25 if pre-reg by Mar. 21/\$30 after

No entry before 8am. Parking on the grass.

Eastcountycruisers.com

APR. 9-12: NHRA Winter Nationals at Pomona

APR. 10-12: Goodguys Del Mar Nationals

Del Mar Fairgrounds / Info: good-guys.com/dmn

APR. 11-30: Route 66 Centennial along the Mother Road

Sat-Sun APR. 18-19

Chrysler Performance West's Spring Fling

APR. 26: Heartbeat Happening, 9am-2pm

Bates Nut Farm, hosted by Heartbeat Classics

15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center

All years, makes, models/trophies, craft show, dashpallques

\$30 pre-reg prior to April 22/\$35 after and no dash plaque

Carshowcalifornia.com

JUN. 19-21: NASCAR in San Diego

AUG. 8: MCSD's All-American Car Show

at Seaport Village

CARS & COFFEES

WEEKLY:

Saturdays

Bonita: 7-9am, Bonita Donuts, 4414 Bonita Rd

Carlsbad: 7-9am, 7130 Avenida Encinitas

Pt. Loma: 7:30-10am, 2230 Shelter Island Drive

Sundays:

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

Lakeside: 7-10am, 9760 Wintergardens Blvd.

BI-MONTHLY & MONTHLY

Second Wednesday

Oceanside: South O Brewery, 1575 South Pac. Coast Hwy

First Saturday

Clairemont: STP Bar & Grill, 10am-1pm,

5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

San Diego: The Pub's Classic BBQ, 11am

The Pub in Bay Park, 2415 Morena 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

Jamul: TSC Tractor Supply, 8-10am

3018 Jefferson Rd.

Fourth Saturday

Santee: Mopar Club SD's Santee Cars & Coffee, 7-10am

9636 Carlton Hills Blvd. / Pathways Church pkg lot

First & Third Saturdays

San Diego: The Pub's Classic Car Gathering,

2415 Morena Blvd, 11am-1pm

First Sunday

Santee: Mary's Donuts, 8959 Carlton Hills Blvd, 7-9am

Second Sunday

Kearny Mesa: dawn-9:30am, JBA Speed Shop,

5675 Kearny Villa Rd

Oceanside: 4-7pm, In-n-Out Burger,

5605 Frazee Rd.

Third Sunday

Balboa Park: 7:30-9:30am, SD Automotive Museum,

2080 Pan American Plaza

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

Fourth Sunday

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

MARKET *Place*

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FOR SALE:

Club Member has Mopar Engine Parts:

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- B/RB exhaust manifolds (not hi-performance): \$50/both
- 8-bolt steel billet (RB) 143-tooth flywheel: new: \$150

Email: Greeniron32@aim.com

With notice, I can bring to a club meeting

FOR SALE:

340-360 Small block 587 heads
Rebuilt — \$250
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Club member Tony D'Agostino

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