

REVVING UP with Milton

The Newsletter of the Mopar Club/San Diego

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I Felt So Out of Place

By: Milton Karahadian
MCSD President

After the Pal Joey's Car Show, I made plans to attend another car show, at Montgomery Field: the Hangar Super Show II. It was a very different kind of car show. There were foreign cars, modern Mopars, a Corvette, and a modern Mustang. The flyer had invited Honda, Toyota, Nissan, Dodge, Lexus, Audi, BMW, Ford, VW, as well as lowriders and Euro, Itasha, JDM, DUB and VIP vehicles . . . you get the idea. It was extremely eclectic. The main requirement was that the cars be customized, primarily cosmetically. I wasn't sure what I was looking at in some of the engine bays, but there was plenty of shiny paint, chrome and customization.

As I walked into the show after paying my \$30 admission, I saw Adam Whitcomb, who is a member of both our club and the Synister SoCal San Diego modern Mopar club. Adam, who brought 12 Synister club members to our All-American Car Show this year, gave me the rundown on the show before I headed off to look around.

There were about 200 cars parked among airplane hangars and taxiways, with one large hangar reserved for some of the more expensive cars. Adam said admission to park your car was \$70 and displaying a car inside the hangar cost \$140. There were food trucks, juice trucks and vendors that appealed to a younger

crowd. And, to top it all off, there was live rap music from @JAYYKOE, @RICKY-SUAVEE and @KAIJASMUSIC.

There were 75 awards given, with categories such as Trunk Setup, Wrap, Bagged, Widebody, Female and, my favorite, "Deepest Crew," just to name a few.

Adam said this would probably be the last show because it was a tremendous amount of work, and the promoter only broke even. Hmm . . .

I walked around the show, feeling totally out of place.

I walked among the cars and honestly didn't even know what I was looking at. I found myself wondering about the modifications, the terminology, the culture and what made these cars special to the people who built them. Then it occurred to me: I'm sure this is exactly how many people feel when they walk into our show.

And that is why I am writing about all of this.

A Change Is Coming

The day is coming when we will need to find ways to bridge different car cultures if we are going to fulfill our financial goals and continue supporting our beneficiaries. I'm not exactly sure what that will look like, but there is a change coming.



As Bob Dylan famously sang, "The times they are a-changin'."

We can either adapt as

a club or slowly become

less relevant.

In the post-car-show survey from this year's AACS, some of our younger attendees were unhappy that categories where their modern cars could compete were limited. The AACS Steering Committee has been wrestling with this question: How do we incorporate younger enthusiasts without losing what makes our show and our club unique?

We have already started discussing some ideas:

- Adding more categories that recognize modern and customized vehicles.
- Offering discounted registration or admission for younger participants, perhaps ages 18–25.
- Visiting other car clubs and building relationships and inviting them to participate.
- Creating awards, such as Deepest Crew, which recognizes clubs and groups, not just individual cars.

• Looking at ways to make the AACS a place where



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MOPAR CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

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Carl Ashworth, Curt Bogdan, Bob Gough,
Sheri Hendrickson, Milton Karahadian,
Carl Parrick, Paul Polentz and Julie Walker

The deadline for the next issue is Monday, Nov. 2

Mopar News Sites

<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>

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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

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Modern Challengers: www.ChallengerForumz.com
separated by Hellcat, Scat Packs, etc., and

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*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!*

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For ForumZ Boards: Various levels

If you know of other helpful boards, do share!

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Matt Cantor preparing the grill



Mike Stumpo as the grill master



End-of-Summer Picnic at Santee Lakes: Sept. 26



Tom Ferreira and Debbie Gough

It was a beautiful day for the club's annual end-of-summer picnic, but it was in the middle of that big heat spell. Being beneath the trees was delightful most of the time, and the food was plentiful. But eventually, the humidity was a bit much for Chavonne Karahadian and Sheri Hendrickson, left, who felt the call of the cool and refreshing water jets spraying skywards opposite our picnic site and couldn't resist dashing through them a few times for a cool-down, fully clothed.

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different generations of car enthusiasts can feel welcome.

As your president, I need to keep casting a vision for the club. I have some other ideas I am developing that could help increase our car show attendance and broaden the demographics we reach.

Let's remember that one of our goals is to raise funds for our beneficiaries. If we want to continue doing that, the way we accomplish it may need to look differently moving forward, and I need your support.

But I also want to make something clear. I don't want to simply complain about a changing car culture. I want to understand it. I want to learn about the cars I saw at the Hangar Super Show, not

because I don't want to feel out of place, not because the cars are wrong or our cars are better, but because I don't want my unfamiliarity to become negligence.

If these enthusiasts are going to become part of the future of the car hobby, I want to understand what they love about their cars and why. Maybe we don't have to choose between the old and the new. Maybe there is an opportunity to bring them together.

Mopars Forever,
Milton

Special Thank You

A special thank you goes out to all the club members who volunteered to judge a category at the Pal Joey's Eye Candy show that was a fundraiser for the Braille Institute of San Diego.

During the show, I talked with Mike Miller of Pal Joey's, expressing our club's gratitude for all of his financial support for our AACS. You will see a very kind thank-you letter from Gary Neuman of the Braille Institute in this newsletter. It reminded me once again that one of the things that makes our club special is our willingness to serve. I wish we could offer this kind of service to other shows that need judges. Perhaps someone could take on a research project to identify local shows and clubs that need judging assistance and then share that information with the club.

It could be another way for the San Diego Mopar Club to serve the larger car community.

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A very good reason to take a detour into Franklin, Indiana . . . other than a daughter

When Carl Ashworth was spending some time with his daughter in Franklin, Indiana, this summer, he also made a return visit to the Fletcher dealership he had discovered a few years ago, again drooling over cars the owner had collected. "He periodically sells them, and there were only about half still there from my first visit. The 2009 SRT8 Challenger has 180 miles on it. The Viper truck has 1,400 miles. The Demon has zero miles. I preferred the Road Runner collection."



Above: A vintage Plymouth and Dodge truck



Left: A Demon—with zero miles



'68 Charger



Plymouth Barracuda convertible and a Dodge Shelby V8



Viper truck and a '66 B Body



A bevy of Road Runners



1970 Cuda and a 2009 SRT8 Challenger with only 180 miles!



Left, Plymouth Prowler and an early SRT Charger



1970 Challenger R/T convertible

Club Calendar

OCTOBER

- 14: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 17: Feeding San Diego Food Packing
- 24: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

NOVEMBER

- 11: Mopar Club SD Meeting
with annual club election
- 12-15: NHRA Finals, Pomona
- 28: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee
- 29: Escondido Cars & Coffee Caravan
see Club Activities, at right

DECEMBER

- No club meeting in December
- TBA: Christmas Party
- 25: Hot Rod Holly's Christmas Cruise
taking warmies to Alpha Project SD
- 26: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

JANUARY

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

Mopar Mtgs: Casa Machado, Kearny Mesa,
2nd Wednesdays (Jan-Nov), meeting at 7pm,
come anytime after 5:30pm for greet & eat

MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffees: 7-10am,
4th Saturdays, Pathways Church parking lot,
9636 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee

SD Swap Meet: Pechanga Arena, SD
(formerly the Sports Arena)

CALL for CANDIDATES for 2027 OFFICERS

Annual elections for the club's officers will be during our Nov. 11 club meeting, with candidates introduced during the Oct. 14 meeting. The election will be for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Anyone interested in serving in any of these roles or wishing to nominate a member (with that member's ok) should contact Pres. Milton Karahadian: Mkarahad@pointloma.edu before the Oct. 14 club meeting.

The club already knows it will need a new treasurer for 2027. Anyone interested in this important role can contact Jeff Walker, 619-985-7481, or email him at treasurer@moparclubsandiego.net for information on the duties and responsibilities.

Club ACTIVITIES

NEXT MOPAR CLUB SD MEETING: Oct. 14

The next club meeting will be Oct. 14 in Kearny Mesa. Club meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, except December, at Casa Machado, 3750 John Montgomery Dr., SD, in the upstairs meeting room, 7pm. Come for meet, eat and greet anytime after 5:30pm. *Remember: No Goodie Auction-That was for our car show.*

FEEDING SD FOOD PACKING EVENT: Oct. 17

The club's next food packing event for Feeding San Diego will be from 1-3pm on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9477 Waples St., Suite 100, SD, 92121. **RSVP is REQUIRED** and each participant must register. Contact Sheri Hendrickson at 619-253-0524 and ask her to email you the registration link. The club has reserved 12 spots.

MCSD'S SANTEE CARS & COFFEE: Oct. 24

The club's next Santee Cars & Coffee will be Saturday, Oct. 24, in the Pathways Church parking lot, 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee, from 7-10am. There are options for coffee and donuts, etc, from other businesses sharing the parking lot.

* MOPARS vs FORDS vs CHEVYS: Nov. 29 *

Let's Go! Escondido Cars & Coffee is doing Mopar vs Ford vs Chevy Night Nov. 29 in Kit Carson Park. Mopar Club members invited to meet at 7pm in the Escondido mall parking lot (formerly North County Fair), near Target, to caravan over at 7:15pm.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER TBA

Our annual Christmas party will, as always, take the place of the club's December meeting. The date is still to be determined.

Thank You, Mopar Club Members

Dear Mopar Club Members,

The Braille Institute, in conjunction with Mike Miller and Pal Joey's Bar, just completed a very successful Braille Institute Eye Candy Car Show on Sunday, 27 September 2026 held at Pal Joey's Bar location in Allied Gardens. We had around 120 cars participating.

Making this a successful show was a direct result of the trophy judging team provided by the Mopar Club members. The judging process and completing that process could not have been accomplished without the judging expertise of the members. There were 23 categories to judge, and members had no problem judging two categories when needed.

The Mopar Club has assisted Mike in having successful car shows at Pal Joey's in the past. Again, that success could not have been accomplished without the assistance of the Mopar Club.

Therefore Mike, the Braille Institute, and myself want to express a big "Thank You" to the Mopar Club and its members for their judging help. We would also like to thank Bob Gough for his help contacting member volunteers.

Thanks again,

Gary Neuman / The Braille Institute of San Diego

MEMBER Doings



Sept. 4 Cruisin' Grand group: clockwise from left, Curt Bogan, Steve VanderSchaaf, Roy Simpson, Jeff & Julie Walker



Road Trip to Santa Fe, NM via Route 66

Left, Linda and Carl Parrick "Standin' on the Corner in Winslow, Arizona," and Carl below, astride a giant rabbit at another fun stop on Route 66. But they also got some tricks on 66, when trying to navigate a portion of the road after a rainstorm in their Challenger.



Makena Stumpo entertaining guests at his Alesmith Brewing fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House on Oct. 3, where he was so much sharper than this photo.

Travel Tip:

Kathy Silcott, on a 50-day see-the-USA trip in her Big Bad Mr. White Challenger, raves about Clines Corners Fudge Factory in New Mexico. "OMG. It was beyond yummy!... and all the old wisdom machines..." and so, so much more memorabilia.



SHOWING & sharing



WINNER! Julie and Brillo Licari's 1934 Chrysler Airflow received the trophy for Most Perfect Wiring at the Cops & Rodders show.

Cops & Rodders Car Show - Sept. 20



Paul Wake in his '69 Road Runner displayed at the JBA booth



Above, from left, Tom Ziarkowski's '67 Barracuda 340 convertible, Dan Harp's '67 Dodge Coronet 500, Julie & Jeff Walkers' '70 Challenger 440 Six Pack and Paul Polentz's '69 Road Runner



Right: Dan Harp, Tom Ziarkowski (in back), Paul Polentz and Jeff Walker



Halloween car-guy style

SHOWING & sharing



WINNER! Sheri Hendrickson's 2021 Charger Daytona won a trophy for Best Mopar (Post '85)



WINNER! John Campbell's '49 Chrysler Windsor was the Drop Top Gorgeous trophy winner



Pal Joey's Eye Candy Car Show - Sept. 27



Jeff Walker, Julie Walker, Sheri Hendrickson and Bob Martello

GNARLY STAND-OFF?!

Among the club cars at our September Santee Cars & Coffee were Milton Karahadian's '70 Super Bird and Julie & Jeff Walkers' '68 GTX 440, randomly parked but looking like a badass Plymouth showdown!



MCSD's Sept. 26 Santee Cars & Coffee



SHOWING & sharing



Above, from right to left, Tom Ziarkowski's '67 Barracuda convertible, Dave Russell's '66 Barracuda, Julie & Jeff Walkers' '68 GTX, Debbie Kane's '68 Charger, Bill Baugh's '68 Hemi Satellite and Paul Polentz's '69 Road Runner

SDACC's
Greatest Show
on Turf - Sept. 12

WINNER! Hot Rod Holly presents the Best Mopar trophy to Jeff Walker for the Walkers' '68 GTX 440



Debbie Kane gives her '68 Charger some love as the show gets under way.



Above: Some of the Mopar SD gang at the show
Left, Bob Gough's SRT Core Challenger and Paul Polentz's '69 Road Runner



LET'S GO & show

Check for event updates & additions:

www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org

Facebook: @San Diego Association of Car Clubs

www.socalcarrculture.com/events.html

NEW: www.MoparEventsCalendar.com

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

CAR SHOWS

SUN. Oct. 25: Belmont Park Fall Show, 3-6pm

Halloween Spectacular. 619-201-8207 / socalcarrculture.com

SUN, Oct. 25: Muscles on Main, 9am-2pm

Main Street-Vista Village Shopping Center, Vista

<https://musclesonmain.square.site>

SUN, Nov. 8: The Kool Gang Veterans Car Show, Noon-5pm

Perris Valley Airport, 2091 Goetz Rd., Perris, 92570

\$35 before Oct.10 includes t-shirt / \$40 after and no t-shirt

Info: Alex at 909-841-6133 (text preferred)

THUR, Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat at Santee Lakes, 3-6pm

9310 Fanita Parkway. 619-2018207

FRI., Oct. 20: Halloween Spectacular Trunk or Treat

5-8pm, Uptown Car Wash, 4157 Normal St., San Diego

Sheri Hendrickson: 619-253-0525

FRI., Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat in Coronado, 6pm

1820 Coronado Ave.

SAT., Nov. 7: Holiday Toy Drive & Car Show, 9am-2pm

Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Walley Rd., 619-201-8207

SAT, Dec. 5: Spirit of Christmas Car Show, 3-7pm

9817 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-390-9735

SAT. Aug. 7: Mopar Club SD's All-American Car Show

8am-3pm, Seaport Village Embarcadero North

CARS & COFFEE

WEEKLY

Saturdays

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

Carlsbad: 7-9am, 7130 Avenida Encinitas

Sundays:

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

TWICE A MONTH

Second & Fourth Saturdays

Pt. Loma: 7:30a-10am, 2562 Laning Rd., Liberty Station

MONTHLY

Second Wednesdays

Oceanside: 6-9pm, South O Brewing, 1575 So. Pac. Coast Hwy

First Saturday

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

5467 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

Poway: 11am-2pm, In-n-Out Burger, 12890 Gregg Ct.

San Diego: 11am, Classics at the Pub, 2415 Morena Blvd.

wThird Saturday

Jamul: 8-10am, TSC Tractor Supply, 3018 Jefferson Rd.

San Diego: 3-8pm, Evening Gearhead Rendezvous,

Classics Malt Shop, 3625 Midway Dr, San Diego

Fourth Saturday

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

9636 Carlton Hills Blvd. / Pathways Church pkg lot

Second Sunday

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.

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Club member Tony D'Agostino

FOR SALE

2003 Dodge Dakota: quad cab, runs, new tires, 5-spd, trans lost 1st 3 gears. Approx. 170k miles.
For details: Bob, 619-750-2954

FOR SALE

'66 Plymouth Barracuda



'66 rebuilt 273 eng (bored .30 over); Edelbrock performer intake mani & 600 cfm 4-bl carb; custom torque converter; newer Torqueflite 904 auto trans; alum radiator; black Edelbrock air cleaner ltr; black crinkle Mopar Perf. valve covers; new Automaker sport comp gauges; after-mkt Grant wood grain steering wheel; Loker throttle cable & bracket; all exterior chrome blacked out; orig 5"x4" bolt pattern w/Mopar Rallye wheels; orig carpet kit recently replaced. 2nd owner, purchased in xxxx; high vol. oil pump & Mild Crower crankshaft; stock heads & valves; cam specific valve spgs & stock shaft-mounted rocker arms. 904 trans is out of a '68 w/ custom torque converter. Car was used as daily driver briefly; been in several car shows in SD County. Paint redone in 2015; some rust has since resurfaced & has been touched up. Asking \$12k or OBO.
John Prall: 619-767-0029 / jkprall@cox.net



FOR SALE:

Club Member has Mopar Engine Parts:

- 440 standard crankshaft \$100
- B/RB exhaust manifolds (not hi-perfmncr): \$50/both
- 8-bolt steel billet (RB) 143-tooth flywheel: new \$150

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With notice, I can bring to a club meeting