



Volume 29, Issue 1 – January 2023 Celebrating 29 years – 1994 to 2023



## **President's Message**

Ken Hamer

But first, Reminders:

- Sam Frisby will happily accept your 2023 club dues
- Our January club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 8. It will be held at our usual location, the banquet room at Cactus Cantina restaurant in Riverside. 9am for breakfast with the meeting getting started as close to 10am as possible.

2022... That's a Wrap

Before anything else, I want to extend huge THANK YOUs for the recent Holiday activities!

- First to Mike Keller for another outstanding series of months of planning, scheduling, coordination and making happen in the collecting of donated toys for our annual Fort Irwin Toy Drive. Mike puts an incredible amount of time and effort into the annual Toy Drive. There is a great deal of time throughout the year involved in planning, coordination, and communication for all of the various cruise events and car shows where toys are collected. In addition, the same has to be done for the multitude of business locations where collection boxes are located for the final few months of the Toy Drive. Then there is the planning and coordination of the Toy Drive party and the all of the communication involved with hundreds of invitations sent out to the SoCal car enthusiast community. Just in the final couple of weeks prior to the final delivery of toys and bicycles to Fort Irwin, Mike drove a lot miles taking care of Toy Drive activities. THANK YOU is simply not enough. It wouldn't happen without all of Mike's time and hard work.
- Second; a lot of the toy collection wouldn't happen without Norma Johnston spending her time and energy doing toy shopping. Probably a quarter to half the toys are bought from monetary donations collected at Mopars in May, Champion Cooling Car Show, Ramona Tire Get Together, Mopars & Friends at MoTech, The Zimmerman's Christmas With The Clauses, Santa's Holiday Car Show, as well as personal donations from lots of individuals, club members and fellow car clubs.
- Don and Ann Long for again letting Inland Mopars use their truly outstanding "Party Garage" for our 2022 Fort Irwin Toy Drive Christmas Party.

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## January Birthdays

(From the 092022 roster)

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to:

> Judy Rowden BJ Hayden Kelly Roddy Norma Johnston Sil Brander Robin Clabaugh Rick Cook

\*dates have intentionally been removed

\*Cactus Cantina 9 am breakfast, <u>10:00</u> am meeting 151 Alessandro Blvd Riverside, CA 92508

> \*\* Cactus Cantina <u>10:00</u> am meeting outdoors, Masks & social distancing

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January 8 (CC)\* February 12 (CC)\* March 5 (CC)\* April 2 (CC)\* May 7 (CC)\* June 4 (CC)\* July 9 (CC)\* August 6 (CC)\* September 10 (CC)\* October 1 (?) November 5 (CC)\* December 3 (CC)\* Visitors Welcome Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of

Meeting 1<sup>ax</sup> Sunday of the month except as noted

## **Bits 'n Pieces: Club Cars Wanted**

We haven't had a club car in a while so here is the 1970 Road Runner of Gene Endo. He has owned the car since 1978. He will be installing a 426 Hemi with 695 HP, dyno tested at Westech, a 727 Torqueflite with manual reverse valve body, a Strange Dana rear end with Cal tracs





suspension. A Reilly Motorsports coilover front suspension will support the front end. Billet Magnum 500 style rims are planned. Original stripes on the exterior with original bucket seat interior. Lots of fun after getting the body back from paint one day.

## President's Message (cont)

- Lonnie and Robin Clabaugh, Jim Froelich, Bill Heckman, Mike Keller and Bill & Debbie Whitson for helping set up and decorate on Friday, December 9 for the party.
- To all of the club members who helped with the party and with the cleanup afterward. Your assistance was very much appreciated.
- Lonnie and Robin Clabaugh, B.J. Hayden and his daughter, and Bill & Debbie Whitson for distributing "Wreaths Across America" Christmas wreaths to club members family gravesites at Riverside National Cemetery on December 17
- Michael Harding and Mike Keller for making the drive to Fort Irwin on December 18 to make the final delivery of 24 ft. enclosed car trailer and van containing toys and bicycles for the soldier's kids

At the December club meeting, nomination and election of club officers for 2023 took place. Here are your 2023 Inland Mopars Car Club officers that comprise the Board of Directors:

- President Ken Hamer
- Vice-President Norma Johnston (Thank you for volunteering!)
- Secretary No nominations and no volunteers
- Treasurer Sam Frisby
- Editor Mike Keller
- Sergeant at Arms Bill Whitson

Congratulations and thank you for your service to Inland Mopars Car Club!

We still have the following work shifts available for the upcoming Grand National Roadster Show. You receive free show admission and free parking the day of your work shift. Your day is yours to see the show before/after your scheduled work shift. Please call/email me and let me know your preferred shift. First come, first served!

Thursday, Jan. 27	2:30pm-7:00pm	1 available
Friday, Jan. 28	4:00pm-9:00pm	1 available
Saturday, Jan. 29	9:00am-3:00pm	2 available
Sunday, Jan. 30	9:00am-2:00pm	1 available

As always, thank you to everyone for all you do to make Inland Mopars Car Club the very best it can be - the club's reputation - and both our annual car show and toy drive - is a direct reflection of the membership.//



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### **Meeting Minutes – December**

The December 4, 2022 meeting of Inland Mopars, held at Cactus Cantina in Riverside, was called to order at 10:00AM by our Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Whitson. Most of us arrived earlier to enjoy breakfast prior to the meeting. Club President Ken Hamer; presiding. Our meeting opened with Bill Whitson leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked all for attending.

<u>Members present</u>; Sil & Carol Brander, Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh, Gene & Susan Endo, Sam Frisby, Jim Froelich, Joey Garcia, Ken Hamer, Michael Harding, B.J. Hayden, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, Paul Roddy, John Smithson, Ken & Kim Strathman and Bill & Debbie Whitson.

Known Missing today; none documented.

Visitors: No new club members or visitors.

New Members; None documented.

<u>Happy Birthday wishes</u> to our dues paying club members with December birthdays: Linda Sobiecki, Ed Sobiecki, Eric Sandberg, and Honorary club member Mary Ann Gaspers.

<u>**Treasurer's Report</u>** - Sam Frisby gave the treasurer's report for December. Sam also reported we currently have 35 member families.</u>

#### <u>Club Social Media</u>

- <u>Club Website</u> Joey Garcia reported the latest club newsletter and club car show information was added to the club website.
- Facebook No report. We need a volunteer to take care of our Facebook internet site.
- **Instagram** No report. We need a volunteer to take care of our Instagram internet site.

Ken commented that both our Facebook and Instagram websites are vital for the attraction of new and younger club members.

#### Announcements/Prior Club Business or Activities

- <u>2023 Club Officer nominations and elections</u> Due to time constraints we were unable to have our annual club officer nominations and elections at the November club meeting. Ken asked for volunteers or nominations for the following offices:
  - > Sergeant At Arms: Bill Whitson was nominated and agreed to continue in this office
  - > Newsletter: Mike Keller was nominated and agreed to continue in this office
  - Secretary: No nominations or volunteer for this office. Ken will continue taking notes until this office is filled.
  - > Treasurer: Sam Frisby was nominated and agreed to continue in this office
  - > Vice-President: Norma Johnston volunteered to serve in this office
  - > President: Ken Hamer was nominated and agreed to continue in this office
- <u>2023 Grand National Roadster Show</u> fund raiser work schedule was passed around for club members to sign up for remaining open preferred work shifts.
- November Fort Irwin Toy Drive Events
  - November 10 Mike Keller reported on the delivery of 70 bicycles to Fort Irwin. The bicycles were donated by Hilton Vail's group in the San Diego area.

## **Meeting Minutes - December (cont)**

#### Announcements/Prior Club Business or Activities (cont)

- November Fort Irwin Toy Drive Events (cont)
  - November 12 Ramona Tire, Rancho Cucamonga. Mike Keller reported 35 cars participated in the car show. We collected 6 boxes of toys and \$42 in donations to purchase additional toys.
  - November 19 Mopars at Motech Performance, Murrieta. Mike Keller reported there were "lots of cars" in the car show. We collected 8 boxes of toys, 4 bicycles and \$342 in donations to purchase additional toys.
  - > November 20 Riverside Cars and Coffee, J&M Speed Center, Riverside. Lonnie Clabaugh reported there were approximately 250 cars in the car show. We collected 4 boxes of toys.
  - November 20 Heroes & Hot Rods, Anaheim. Mike Keller reported there were 80-100 cars in the car show. We collected 3 donation boxes full of toys.
  - Ken Hamer reported a donation check in the amount of \$50 was received from Christine Bolanis for toy purchases.
  - Mike Keller reported a donation check in the amount of approximately \$1800 for toy purchases is expected from Little Guys Street Rods Car Club.

#### Upcoming Club Business or Activities

- Future Fort Irwin Toy Drive Events:
  - > December 3: Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo
  - December 8: Mike Keller suggested those wishing to help load the delivery trailer with already-collected toys meet at Sil & Carol Brander's at 10am
  - > December 9: Set-up for the Toy Drive Party & Pot Luck, Don and Ann Long's, Corona
  - December 10: Toy Drive Party & Pot Luck, Don and Ann Long's, Corona. Mike Keller announced each club family attending should bring a 12-pack of sodas to donate for the party. Meeting time for club members is 3:30pm. Party hours are 5-8"ish"pm.
  - > December 17: Inglis Classics Santa's Holiday Car Show, Jess Ranch in Apple Valley
  - > December 18: Toy delivery to Fort Irwin
  - > December (TBA): 2<sup>nd</sup> toy delivery to Fort Irwin (if necessary)
  - January 7, 2023: Christmas in January toy distribution, Fort Irwin. Ken suggested club members that have not attended this event in past years put on their calendar. Several club members acknowledged this is a very rewarding experience.

#### Annual Club Activities

- 2023 Grand National Roadster Show, February 3-5, Fairplex, Pomona
  - > 2023 work schedule was passed around for club members to sign up for remaining open preferred work shifts.
  - Ken advised that Rich Mehas volunteered his 1966 Dodge Coronet to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> car to be in our club display.
- 2023 Mopars In May charity-benefit car show, May 21, 2023. Still no word from the Training Center.

## **Meeting Minutes - December (cont)**

#### Additional new business

- Mike Keller advised of a rumor that the Veterans Show may be returning to the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda. The new show will be handled by a different car club/organization
- Jim Froelich advised the CPW 'Spring Fling' car show is scheduled for April 15/16 at Woodley
  Park in Van Nuys and already has 23 Dodge Daytonas and Plymouth Superbirds signed up to
  attend

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted Ken Hamer substituting for Leo & Barbara Tafoya, Recording Secretary

#### **Wreaths Across America**

Mentioned in Ken's President's message was the Ceremony and wreath placing as part of the Wreaths Across America celebration. This took place locally in the Riverside National Cemetery (RNC). The past few years the club has purchased wreaths for those relatives of club members buried at that cemetery. Club members then go out on that special day and place the wreaths at each grave site. This year wreaths were also purchased for a few who were not at RNC. The wreaths being green & closer to the ground, aren't quite as impressive as the 300,000 flags placed on the graves for Veteran's Day, but you still get a lump in your throat.

What is the purpose of Wreaths Across America? Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

#### Wreaths were placed for the following club member's relatives

Related	to Jim	& Anita	Froelich:
Donald	Ray Cla	rk (Anita	's son)

#### **Related to Daviid Miller:**

Elmer Sylvester (David's stepfather) George W Brazee (David's uncle)

#### **Related to Sam Frisby:** Samuel & Pauline Frisby (Sam's parents)

#### Related to B.J. Hayden: B.J. Hayden Sr. (BJ's dad) Kenneth Hayden (BJ's uncle)

**Related to Leo Rowden:** Gladys Rowden (Leo's mom)

**Related to Wayne Parris:** Patricia Ann Parris (Wayne's mom)

#### Former club members:

Chester "Chet" Harris Richard W. Gaspers Sr. Timothy J. Clein Jr.

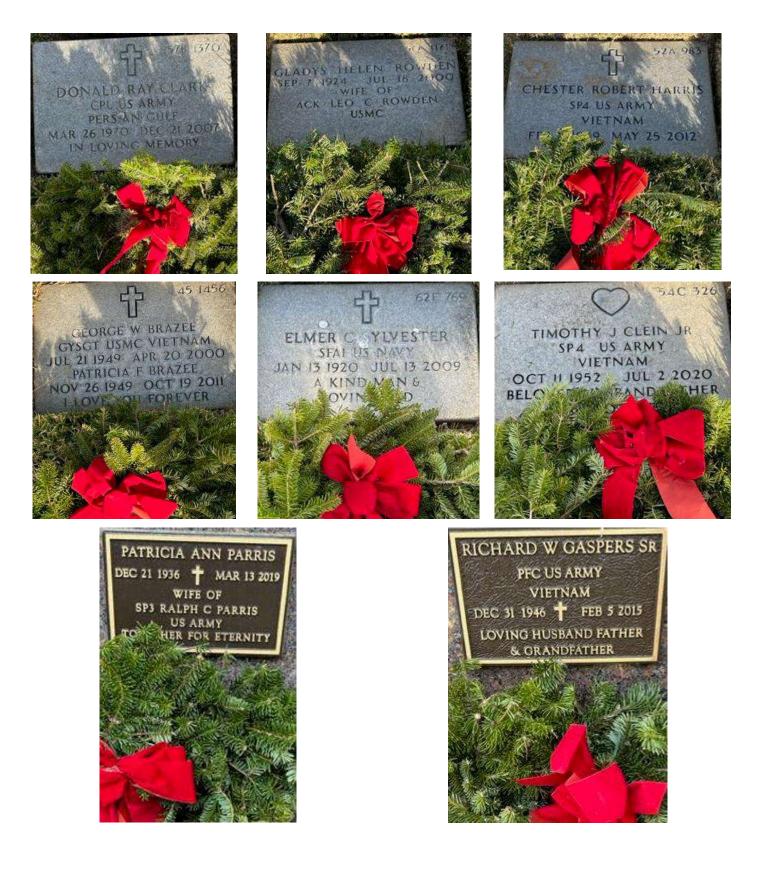
Unknown relationships: David & Nellie Pearson Howard & Ruby Hewitt

Wreaths were also placed for the following club member's relatives not at RNC

Related to Norma Johnston: Randy Haught (former club member Norma's father Continued on Page 7

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#### **RAM Trucks – the Good News**

The following is from the 11/21/22 Diesel Army online digital magazine



# OE Spotlight: Ram Limited Edition Heavy-Duty Honors "The Traveller"



By RANDY BOLIG | NOVEMBER 07, 2022

If you're a collector of one-off items and have a love of country music, then the latest <u>Ram</u> <u>Truck</u>, "Ram Traveller" should really get you excited. Ram and Chris Stapleton are collaborating to create a one-of-a-kind Ram "Traveller" truck designed specifically by the eight-time Grammy-winning artist in collaboration with the Ram Truck design team.

The 2500 Heavy Duty creation continues the collaborations between Ram and Stapleton which includes the 2016 <u>Ram Nation concert and instrument donation</u> for students at Stapleton's former high school in Paintsville, Kentucky, the multi-year campaign anchored by Stapleton's custom rendition of "I'm a Ram," and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum's current exhibit, <u>Chris Stapleton: Since 1978</u>, presented by Ram Trucks.

"Our relationship with Chris Stapleton is special because he is not just a partner, we consider him to be a friend. He represents our shared values of hard work, determination, and perseverance," says Mike Koval Jr., Ram brand CEO – Stellantis. "Our journey with Chris throughout his career is something we are extremely proud of and to see this Ram Truck collaboration come to fruition is an endeavor we will cherish for a long time."

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## RAM Trucks - the Good News (cont)

Working with the Ram design team, the "Traveller" truck exudes a vintage vibe while carrying a modern theme. A first glance has you notice the custom exterior and interior design cues that nod to the vintage nature of Ram trucks from the late 1970s and 1980s combined with modern cues of today.

Exterior styling cues stem strongly from Stapleton's fondness for the 1979 Ram Palomino truck. This iteration evokes the essence of the iconic vehicle with Palomino-inspired exterior colors Linen Cream, Radar Red, Bison Brown, and Cashmere, which have been modernized to complement today's finishes. In addition, the iconic striped graphics featured on the Palomino are adapted to fit the more sculptured 2500 Heavy Duty body.





Modernized badging still remains true to the classic design

Retro-inspired Turbo Fin 18-inch wheels set the aesthetic tone of the truck blending the nostalgic classic '80s appearance and updating the style with a fully painted, deep-dished machined-face wheel with a bright chrome center cap. Influenced by the classic 1980s Ram badge fonts, the "Traveller" badging merges the past and the present to create a distinct look. Finishing the exterior is a multi-faceted, three-dimensional Ram hood ornament added to achieve a vintage, yet modern-day appearance.



The Ram Truck brand and Chris Stapleton create a one-of-a-kind Ram "Traveller" truck designed by the eighttime Grammy-winning artist in collaboration with the Ram Truck design team

The interior of the Ram "Traveller" features numerous personal design details, influenced by Stapleton's musical career while representing his individual style. These details also serve a practical purpose for an everyday lifestyle. A custom, monochromatic Bison Brown color is featured throughout the interior palette with a pop of color integrated into the headrests of buffalo plaid flannel material. The plaid is a nod to the material found in the jacket worn by Stapleton on the cover of his debut album, Traveller. Walnut Burl wood appears throughout the cabin along with tailored-cloth-wrapped seats, speaker grilles that draw inspiration from guitar amps, and a custom front-row bench seat. Completing the design is a customized Chris Stapleton signature inlaid into the wood of the instrument panel as another personal touch.







This latest partnership coincides with the official release of Stapleton's recording of "I'm a Ram" next Friday, Nov. 11. In addition to streaming everywhere for the first time, a limitededition 7-inch vinyl disc featuring the song as well as a special alternate live version of the classic AI Green tune will be available exclusively at Indie retail.

The debut of the Traveller occurred at the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame on 11/7/2022 and was aligned with the current exhibit, <u>Chris Stapleton: Since 1978</u>. The exhibit highlights Stapleton's contributions to American cultural history and runs through May 2023. It chronicles the course of Stapleton's multi-faceted musical career, from his Kentucky roots and success as a Nashville songwriter to his rise to stardom as one of music's most powerful and unique voices.

The following is from the 12/26/22 Diesel Army online digital magazine



## OE Spotlight: Ram 1500 EcoDiesel Earns 2023 Green Truck of the Year



By RANDY BOLIG | DECEMBER 23, 2022

Whether you are a fan of "going green" or not, congratulations are in order for <u>Ram Trucks</u>. I recently learned that the 2023 Ram 1500 EcoDiesel has earned the *Green Car Journal*'s award for 2023 Green Truck of the Year. The awards were presented at this month's annual San Antonio Auto & Truck Show in San Antonio, Texas.

The 2023 Green Truck of the Year, the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel, features a 3.0-liter V6 diesel engine that currently leads the half-ton pickup truck segment in torque by delivering 480 lb-ft. at 1,600 rpm. That torque, in conjunction with a high-strength steel frame, makes the Ram 1500 one tough light-duty cookie that offers a towing capability of 12,560 pounds. The 2023 Ram 1500 EcoDiesel also leads all trucks in fuel range. According to Ram, when paired with an available 33-gallon fuel tank, the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel's driving range exceeds 1,000 miles.



With a towing capability of 12,560 pounds, the 2023 Ram EcoDiesel is a truck to be reckoned with

"The Ram 1500 continues to be an undeniable force in the pickup field," says Ron Cogan, editor and publisher of *Green Car Journal* and <u>GreenCarJournal.com</u>. "It's stylish, comfortable, and connected in ways appreciated by those who drive their Ram pickups for everyday personal use. Yet it's also a workhorse with considerable hauling and towing capabilities. Importantly, the Ram 1500 offers power choices that include efficient eTorque hybrid technology for higher mpg and lower carbon emissions."

Ram 1500 offers a multitude of engine options that meet consumers' needs. These include the efficient 3.6-liter eTorque Pentastar V6, the powerful 5.7-liter eTorque HEMI V8, and the supercharged 6.2-liter HEMI V8 engines. Ram will introduce a Ram 1500 battery-electric vehicle in 2024.

Ram will offer electrified solutions in the majority of its segments by 2025 and in all of its segments no later than 2030. Ram electric vehicles will push past the competition as leaders in a combination of areas truck customers care about the most: range, towing, payload, and charge time.



The third generation of the turbocharged 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V6 delivers robust torque and horsepower, along with superb fuel economy and minimal levels of noise, vibration, and harshness (NVH) to meet the needs of Ram 1500 owners. In the 2023 Ram 1500, the 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V6 has a horsepower rating of 260 hp at 3,600 rpm. The 2023 Ram 1500 EcoDiesel is available in all models and configurations, including a first-time offering in the Ram Rebel.

Green Car Journal editors consider all potential truck models in the U.S. market, weighing environmental attributes alongside traditional criteria that define what makes a great pickup, such as capability, versatility, safety, value, and style. The winner was selected from finalists by a Green Truck of the Year jury, comprised of automotive experts and Green Car Journal staff.

The following is from the 01/03/23 OffRoad Xtreme online digital magazine



# Enhanced Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition Offers Bold Upgrades And Styling



By DUSTIN SINGLETON | JANUARY 03, 2023

We have all been there, standing at the dealership, ready to drop six figures on the world's quickest, fastest most powerful pickup. Only to find out, it doesn't come in yellow. Well don't worry, the heads at <u>Stellantis</u> have solved this age-old struggle with the release of the <u>Ram</u>. <u>1500 TRX Havoc Edition</u>.



2023 Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition

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In all seriousness, whether you're in the <u>Raptor</u> camp or part of the <u>Mopar</u> crowd, no one can deny the TRX's appeal. Ridiculous power, bold styling, <u>Bilstein's Blackhawk e2 Shock</u> <u>Absorbers</u>, and over a foot of suspension travel all make the <u>RAM TRX</u> a true beast. With amazing capabilities both on and off the road, <u>the TRX is a serious truck</u>. Pouring on more options is always a welcome thing and we at Offroad Xtreme are excited to see the TRX family expand. We really liked what they did with the <u>TRX Sand Blast Edition</u>, now join us as we take a closer look at the new Havoc Edition that was just added to the lineup.

#### **TRX Havoc Edition: Outside**

The Havoc exterior takes the TRX's bold styling up a notch with a few changes over the other models. The Baja Yellow paint is the most obvious. That bright yellow is accented with the TRX black graphics included in the package. Keeping with the two-toned theme is Dodge's all-black bead-lock capable wheels wrapped in <u>35-inch Goodyear Wrangler</u>. DuraTrac® tires.



2023 Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition

Also included is a Mopar spray in bed liner and cargo tie-down rails as part of the package. Up top, the standard TRX solid roof is swapped out for a dual-pane panoramic sunroof. That Sunroof opens up the already spacious interior which also houses a few more Havoc edition goodies.

#### **TRX Havoc Edition: Inside**

The interior of the Havoc continues with the black and yellow scheme. The stitching is all color matched to the Baja Yellow paint as well as the TRX logos in the truck's heads-up display. Carbon fiber is also used as the accent material of choice around the cab. Some

of which are featured on the signature TRX flat-bottom steering wheel. Like previous <u>TRX</u> <u>special editions</u>, the Havoc will include a numbered plate on the center console.



2023 Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition

The Havoc Edition also comes equipped with the RAM TRX "Level 2 Options" package which simply means fully loaded. That said, you get a ton of tech and safety features as you would expect from a modern high-end "<u>super truck</u>". On top of the tech stuff, the truck is packed with in-the-cab luxuries such as fully heated leather seats, leather grab bars, and accented door panels. Overall, the Havoc is a great mix of sport and luxury everywhere in the cab.

In all, the Havoc is an awesome way to customize the TRX and make it your own. You can expect to see availability in early 2023. The production run for the Havoc edition will be limited. So, much like the Ignition and Sand Blast, you may have to act fast if you want one. With an MSRP of \$104,550, the Havoc comes in under what you would pay for a similarly equipped Raptor R. To build yours or check availability head over to <u>www.ramtrucks.com</u>.

## Enhanced Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition Offers Bold Upgrades and Styling

## Can you say "Cha Ching"?

### **RAM Trucks – the Bad News**

The following is from the 12/26/22 Diesel Army online digital magazine



# OE Spotlight: 2020 And Newer Ram Truck Recall In Effect



By RANDY BOLIG | DECEMBER 09, 2022

As much as we all love our diesel trucks, sometimes things can go wrong. Unfortunately for <u>Ram</u> owners, one thing that can go wrong could potentially cause a fire, so a Ram truck recall has been issued. The recall notice states that the company is recalling more than 248,000 2500 and 3500 heavy-duty pickup trucks from the 2020 through 2022 model years because a transmission fluid leak may cause a fire.

The Ram truck recall only affects trucks equipped with 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel engines and the 68RFE. According to the notice I saw, the automaker says it doesn't have a fix but is working on one. The problem arises if pressure builds up inside the transmission which can push transmission fluid out of the dipstick tube. If the fluid contacts an ignition source, the vehicle could catch fire.

In reports Ram provided to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Ram says that it has been investigating multiple reports of engine fires since June and that it's aware of one minor injury and 48 reports of fires, complaints, and/or warranty claims that may be related to this recall.



3500 HD pickup trucks with 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel engines and 68RFE automatic transmissions manufactured between Sept. 18, 2019, and Nov. 4, 2022, are affected

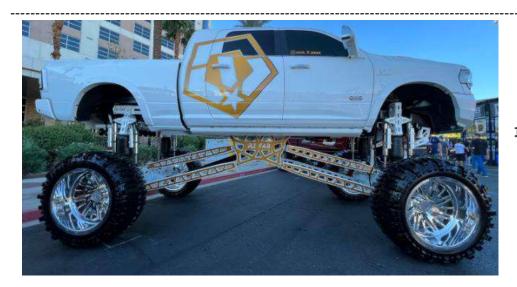
If you're wondering if your truck is part of the Ram truck recall, Ram owners will begin receiving recall notifications by mail starting on Dec. 30, 2022. It might take some time to make the repair, and Ram will send a second notification when an appropriate fix is available.

#### Vehicles Recalled

- Ram 2500 HD pickup trucks with 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel engines and 68RFE automatic transmissions manufactured between Sept. 4, 2019, and Nov. 4, 2022.
- Ram 3500 HD pickup trucks with 6.7-liter Cummins turbodiesel engines and 68RFE automatic transmissions manufactured between Sept. 18, 2019, and Nov. 4, 2022.

How to contact the manufacturer: Owners can call Ram at (800) 853-1403.

NHTSA campaign number: 22V835. The automaker's own number for this recall is ZA3.



Would you do this to your truck? It has a custom 38inch air ride lift that was designed by <u>Ri Fab</u> out of Idaho. Try to actually use the bed, or the truck in general.

## Fort Irwin Toy Drive & Pot Luck

photos by party goers Andy Mathias, Barbara Whittington, Brett Harrell, Catherine Kantor, Debbie Whitson, Gene Endo, Richard Martin, Robert Wong

The 2022 toy drive was winding down with two events to go. The second to last was the toy drive party & pot luck to be held at the Longs. We usually had a 24 foot trailer at the Longs partially filled with toys we had been collecting since May so it could be filled at the party. Two days before the party seven of us got together to transfer toys and bikes from our storage to the trailer prior to transport to the Longs. Michael Harding towed the trailer from



From the left: Jim Froelich, Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh, Bill & Debbie Whitson, Mike Keller. Michael Harding was behind the camera.



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All the boxes filled with toys moved from storage to the trailer. A little light compared to the last couple of years. A few of the bikes are shown.

storage to the Longs where Don would place it prior to the party.

Friday morning we were back at the Longs to do set up. Tables, chairs, table cloths, runners & center pieces were added. Tables in the diner were rearranged in preparation for food delivery. Don had already rearranged his vehicles that were usualy parked in the eating area. The hardest part was getting the Jack Beckman firesuit on the mannequin to protect the Speed Shop.



Centerpieces made by Robin Clabaugh were given away at the party



Looks a little different when not filled with bodies





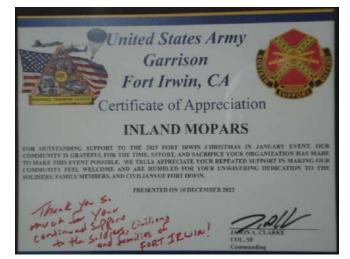
Lonnie with Molly & the "puppy"

Left: How many men does it take to put a firesuit on a mannequin? At least 3; Mike Keller, Don Long & Bill Heckman. Right: Firesuited mannequin did an excellent job guarding the door to Don's Speed Shop during the party. Saturday was party day so Inland Mopars members showed up a little early to finish prep. I didn't arrive until 4:30 since I had been at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo for another toy drive event. By then the place was starting to get packed. The color guard from Fort Irwin was there ready to go. The sound system worked this year. Thanks Brent. Toys and food were coming in. The Long's "Party Barn" was highly decorated.

The color guard from Fort Irwin presented the colors to get the party started. Fort Irwin Garrison Commander Col. Jason Clarke presented appreciation plaques to Hilton Vail & Friends from El Cajon for their over 400 bike donations, and to Inland Mopars for their support with the toy drive.



Color guard returning to their seats, were wearing their Calvary uniforms, didn't bring horses this year. I didn't receive any good photos of the flags being presented.



Appreciation plaque presented to Inland Mopars.

Food was served but didn't go as originally planned. Instructions need to be clearer to all for next year. After most had eaten a few more appreciation plaques were handed out; Don & Ann Long for the use of their "Party Barn", Phil & Mary Leatherman, in from Texas, for originating the Fort Irwin toy drive, Hilton Vail & Friends for their continuing support with bikes & toys, Mark Barnett & Blue Diamond Entertainment for his toy drive car cruises at Legends Burgers, Little Guys Street Rods for their large donation, & the color guard from Fort Irwin for their time getting to & from the party as well as their presence at the party.

The following photos, in no particular order, of the "Party Barn", cars, and attedees were supplied by fellow party goers. Lots to see and take in, inside and out.













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The reason we were here; collect toys, sports equipment and bikes to be delivered to the military kids at Fort Irwin. Left: Bill Whitson & John Smithson. Right Barry & Bill Whitson.







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Phil & Mary Leatherman accepting their appreciation plaque for starting the toy drive for Fort Irwin



Mark Barnett of Blue Diamond Entertainment getting ready to accept his appreciation plaque for his toy drive car cruises at Legends Burgers



Above: Little Guys Street Rods accepting their appreciation plaque. Below: Alan and Joann Miyamoto from the South Bay Mustang Owners car club. I have known them for almost 50 years.





Phil & Mary Leatherman looking on as Don Long accepts the appreciation plaque for him & Ann



Sgt Lopez from Fort Irwin accepting the color guard appreciation plaque





The dance floor was open



Hilton Vail accepting the appreciation plaque for all the bikes & toys donated by him and his friends





Fort Irwin Garrison Commander Col. Jason Clarke



Above in no particular order: Kerry Morris, Frank Bonifaci, Jeannie Vanzant, Ray and Catherine Kantor



Color guard coming out of the dark

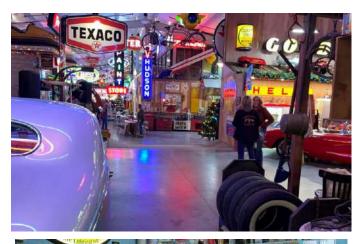




Bill Whitson making his way back to one of the Inland Mopars tables



Susan Endo at the Pennzoil garage











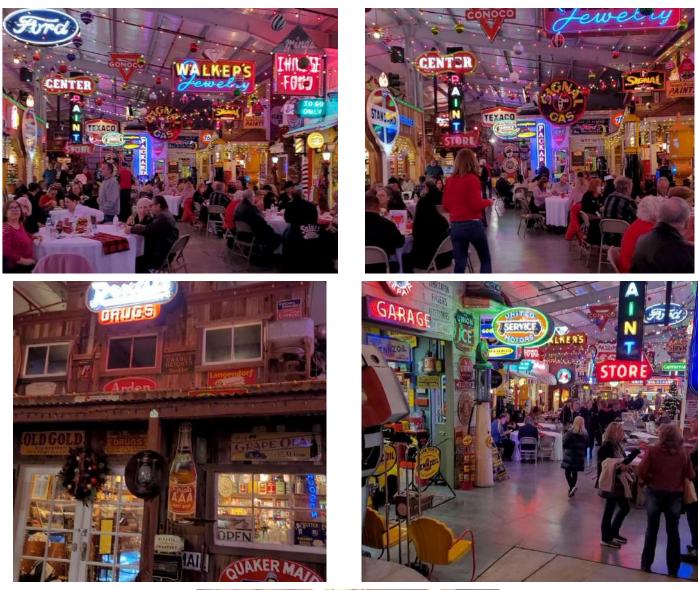






Don has been working on his western town for a few years now. Next year arrive in daylight & check it out.

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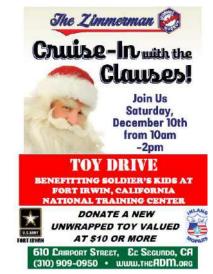


Can you guess what the most photographed car was?

Thank you to all who have made the toy drive for the kids at Fort Irwin possible!

## **Toy Drive Events You Didn't Go To** Cruise–In With the Clauses

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Cruise-In with the Clauses at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. The Zimmerman is a little different from other car shows or cruises in that they can't block off the street for car show parking, so unless their couple of parking lots fill up, you aren't sure how many vehicles show up. They have had a toy donation box at the museum for a couple of months so anyone going to the museum would be aware of the toy drive. The Vette Set Corvette club meets there and had donated a bunch of toys prior to the event. We had a couple of guys show up with four big plastic bags filled with toys & stuffed animals. Bill Clark brought a big box of toys donated by his niece who works at Mattel. We collected about the same amount as last year plus there



were some monetary donations to keep Norma busy. Santa & Mrs. Clause were busy with kids.





#### Santa's Rock'n Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive

Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Inglis Classics hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa's Rock'n Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive in Jess Ranch, Apple Valley. When I got there, the car show area was beginning to fill up, as was the vendor area. Not sure what the car count was, but it was more than the 90 from last year. The vendors doubled in quantity compared to last year. Larry the Toy Man was in attendance again. There was quite a selection of vehicles and lots of spectators, many of whom went shopping in that center and brought back toys. I completely filled up the car with toys plus we had more monetary donations.







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### Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022

The 2022 toy drive portion has ended. Toys and bikes have been delivered to Fort Irwin. The actual toy distribution will take place Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at their Christmas in January event once troops and their families are back from their Christmas leave.

As you can see from the schedule below, the toy drive consumes months of planning and coordination between clubs, businesses, toy donation box locations, as well as Fort Irwin. Planning started a while ago for 2022 and we are already thinking about the 2023 toy drive, how to make it better, getting more people & businesses involved. Please contact me with your thoughts and ideas on how to grow this.

Not sure who Inland Empire Mopars of Southern California are. Maybe we should team up with them.



2022	May 15 – Mopars in May, Inland Mopars, Ontario <mark>(happened)</mark>
Toy Drive	August 20 – Heroes & Hot Rods, Anaheim (rescheduled to November 20)
Event	October 15 - Champion Cooling Systems, Lake Elsinore (happened)
Schedule:	October 15 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
	November 10 – Bike Delivery to Fort Irwin (happened)
NLANO	November 12 - Ramona Tire, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
Second 2	November 19 - Mopars at MoTech Performance, Murrieta (happened)
	November 20 – Riverside Cars & Coffee at J&M Speed Center (happened)
	November 20 – Heroes & Hot Rods, Anaheim (happened)
MOPARS	December 9 - Set up for the Toy Drive & Pot Luck at the Longs (happened)
	December 10 - The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo (happened)
	December 10 - Toy Drive & Pot Luck at the Longs (happened)
	December 17 – Inglis Classics Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive, Apple Valley (happened)
	December 18 - Toy Delivery to Fort Irwin (happened)
	January 7 – Christmas in January toy distribution at Fort Irwin
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## Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 (cont)

Toy delivery took place on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Michael Harding picked up the toy trailer from the Longs and headed to Fort Irwin while I returned home to pick up Ken Hamer, a couple more bags of toys from Duke's Café, and the U-haul van loaded with toys from the Apple Valley show plus toys purchased that week by Norma with funds from the Little Guys Street Rods Car Club.

Michael got to the Fort Irwin visitor center a little before me where he was met by SGM Killea, who escorted us in. When we arrived at the Field House we were met by the firemen and military police of Fort Irwin.

The Field House was completely empty so the few bikes we just brought and the boxes of toys looked lost. The other 70 bikes would be brought over for assembly a few days before the toy distribution, while the toys were getting sorted.

It didn't take long to have the trailer & van emptied as these guys & gals knew how to work together to get it done. Thank you .



Michael Harding has a video of the toy delivery. It can be found on Facebook and You Tube. FB: <u>https://fb.watch/hx-53-Y44D/</u> YT: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnlr39P050M

## Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 (cont)

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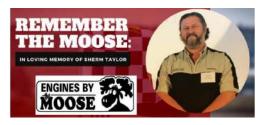
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## **Sherm Taylor Scholarship Endowment**

Some of you will remember Sherm Taylor as the big guy at the Chaffey College Car Show. He was an automotive instructor and ended up wearing many different hats at Chaffey. Last year he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and had started treatment. He passed away in March. Sherm had a 440 engine he was selling before his passing. It is still listed in the Nuts &



Bolts section of this newsletter. His sister decided to leave it to Chaffey College after his passing so Chaffey will be using the funds raised towards the scholarship endowment under his name. If you haven't heard about the endowment in his name yet, you can make a donation either on-line or checks can be made out to the Chaffey College Foundation & mailed to the address below:

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Snail mail to Chaffey College Foundation 5885 Haven Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Please note Sherm Taylor scholarship in the memo section.

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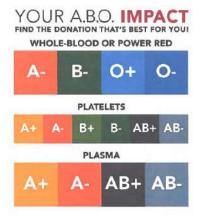
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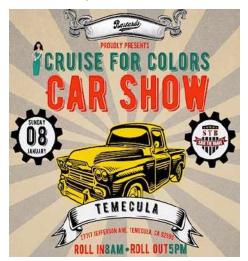
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## **Upcoming Events (Mopar & non-Mopar)**

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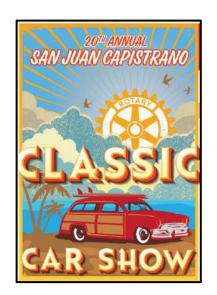
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#### **February Events**







Saturday February 11, 2023 Indian Wells Tennis Garden



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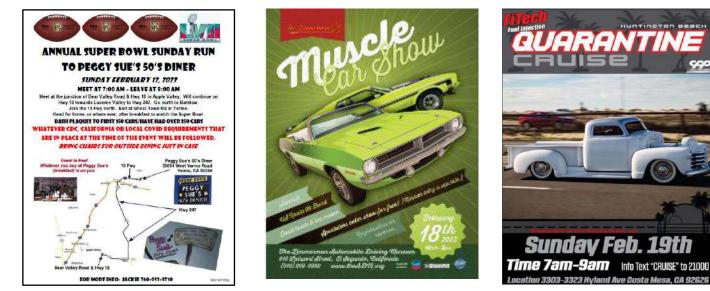


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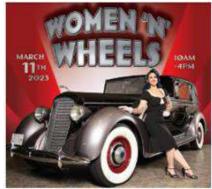


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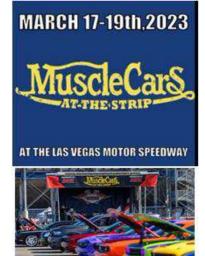


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The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum







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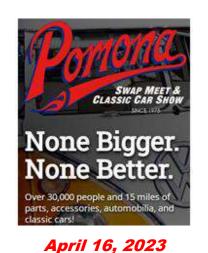






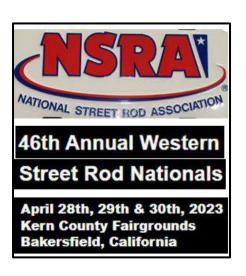














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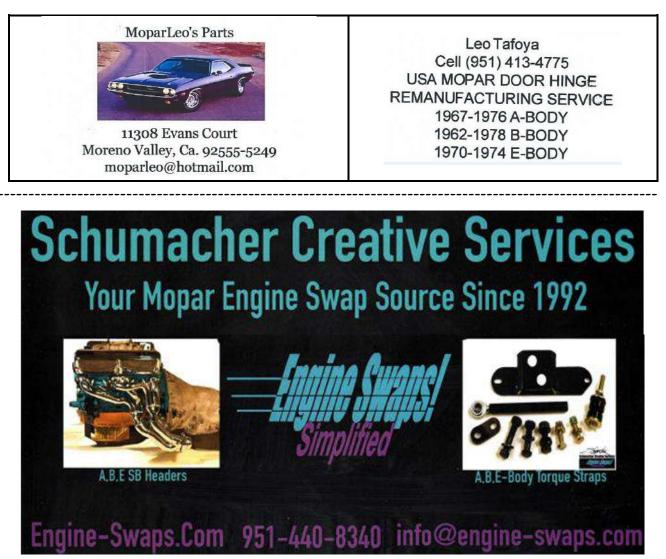
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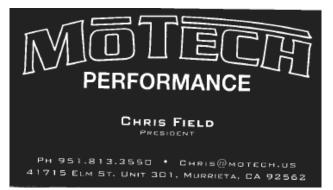
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Please contact me with any changes, additions or deletions. Phone & e-mail are on Page 1.

#### <u>Wanted</u>

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