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President's Message

Ken Hamer

New Member Info, GNRS News, and Other Stuff

Reminder:

- *Sam Frisby will happily accept your 2024 club dues. Make Sam smile!*

First, please join me in welcoming Daniel and Judy Richards as our newest members of Inland Mopars Car Club. Dan first contacted me via email advising his interest in joining Inland Mopars. If you were at our February club meeting, you were able to meet Dan and hear about his recent purchase of a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda convertible. The car is a restomod currently with a 440-Six Barrel. Dan is looking for recommendations/suggestions for a shop to complete some upgrades. Dan also owns a 2018 Dodge Challenger Demon (#1692 of 3000). Welcome Dan and Judy!

The 2024 Grand National Roadster Show was another outstanding event. Thank you to all club members who volunteered to work the show since this is the club's annual fundraiser.

Our check was recently received in the mail and is sure to put a smile on Sam's face! Our three-car club display included Bill Heckman's 1966 Dodge Coronet, Steve and Jennifer Ruiz' 1969 Dodge Dart, and Bill & Debbie Whitson's 1964 Plymouth Fury. Bill and Debbie's Fury won First Place for its class. Congratulations!



This is not Bill and Debbie's '64 Fury, but I wouldn't want to see this in my rearview mirror!

The expected dates for the 2025 GNRS are January 30 through February 2. Please keep the dates open. **Remember, you will receive free Grand National Roadster Show admission (\$30 value, 2024 price) and free parking for the day(s) you sign up to work. Your time is yours, either before or after your work shift to see this outstanding event.**

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March Birthdays

(From the 020724 roster)

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

Jennie Frisby
David "DC" Castagno
Ken Strathman
Kim Strathman
Scott Whiteman

*Birthday dates have intentionally been removed

*Cactus Cantina
9:00 am breakfast, 10:00 am meeting
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2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 7 (CC)*

February 11 (CC)*

March 3 (CC)*

April 7 (CC)*

May 5 (CC)*

June 2 (CC)*

July 7 (CC)*

August 4 (CC)*

September 8 (CC)*

October 6 (CC)*

November 3 (CC)*

December 1 (CC)*

Visitors Welcome

Meeting 1st Sunday of the month except as noted

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Bits 'n Pieces: Mopars in May Reminder

In case you hadn't heard, the 23rd Annual Mopars in May car show has been rescheduled from Sunday May 19, 2024 to Sunday May 18, 2025.. Instead of Mopars in May being the kickoff of the Toy Drive for the Military Kids at Fort Irwin, we will be collecting toys at the Mopars vs The World drags, swap meet & car show at Irwindale Dragstrip on Sunday May 19, 2024. So remind everyone you know to bring a toy to the Mopars vs The World event.



President's Message (cont)

Another upcoming club event date is "A Flag for Every Hero" at Riverside National Cemetery. Flag placement on the more than 300,000 graves for Memorial Day 2024 is scheduled to begin at 8:00am on Saturday, May 25, 2024. Flag retrieval is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28.



Bill & Debbie Whitson at the 2016 "A Flag for Every Hero"

The following are a couple of links you may find interesting:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyyqAlqiWPs&t=346s> (Factory Drag Cars Exposed! The Holy Grail from GM, Ford and Mopar)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzaTJa7enP4> ('Cudas and Challengers STACKED like wood!)

The next club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, in the banquet room at Cactus Cantina restaurant in Riverside. Usual times: 9am for those wanting breakfast, with the meeting getting started as close to 10am as possible.

As always, ***please*** bring some suggestions for monthly club activities so we can expand our activity calendar for 2024. We will discuss if we have time...and remember, monthly club activities ***DO NOT HAVE TO BE CAR RELATED!*** What do you really enjoy that you would like to share with club members? Research what your city may offer and bring the information to our club meeting.

Let's plan some fun activities!

We also have a continuing need for one or more individuals to maintain our club social media platforms on both Facebook and Instagram, and we should develop a presence on X (formerly Twitter). Please let me know if you may be interested in any of these opportunities.

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 is a direct reflection of the membership. //



Meeting Minutes – February

In the absence of Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Whitson, the February 11, 2024 meeting of Inland Mopars, held at the Cactus Cantina in Riverside, was called to order at 10:00AM by Sergeant-by club President Ken Hamer. Our meeting opened with Ken Hamer leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken thanked all for attending.

Members present: Gene & Susan Endo, Sam Frisby, Jim Froelich, Ken Hamer, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, and Harry Windhorst.

Members missing: DC Castagno, BJ Hayden, Sil & Carol Brander prepping for their super bowl watch party, John Smithson, Bill & Debbie Whitson (sick).

New members: Daniel and Judy Richards joined Inland Mopars immediately prior to this meeting.

Visitors: none.

Happy Birthday wishes to our club members with February birthdays: Bill Heckman, Diane Baer, Sam Frisby, and Gayle Keller.

Announcements

- **Sil & Carol Brander** - Ken reported Sil & Carol are having their annual Super Bowl get-together at their home in San Jacinto following the club meeting. All club members are invited. Those attending are asked to bring "finger foods". Sil will be doing hot dogs.
- **ARI Appraisal** - Ken received an email offer from a web-based auto appraisal service offering club members a 10% discount in exchange for placing a link to their service on our club website. The standard vehicle appraisal cost is \$249. The appraisal is 100% web-based and done online. The appraisal is acceptable for insurance claims and the company claims their appraisal has never been rejected by an insurance provider. The appraisals are available for daily drivers, customs.

Treasurer's Report: Sam gave the treasurer's report for January. Reported we had 20 paid members.

Club Social Media:

- **Club website** - No report. Webmaster Joey Garcia was not attendance.
- **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.
- **Twitter/X** - We need a volunteer to set up an account.

Ken commented that both our Facebook and Instagram websites are vital for the attraction of new and younger club members and asked for volunteers to help post club information to our Facebook and Instagram sites. We also need a volunteer to establish a Twitter/X account.

Prior Club Business or Activities

- 2024 Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS) - Ken expressed "Thank You" to all club members who volunteered to work at GNRS as our annual club fund raiser. Ken also expressed a special "Thank You" to Mike Keller for coordinating the distribution and mailing of GNRS show entry and parking passes to the club members who worked at GNRS. The 2024 Inland Mopars club display included Bill Heckman's 1966 Dodge Coronet, Steve and Jennifer Ruiz' 1969 Dodge Dart, and

Meeting Minutes – February (cont)

Prior Club Business or Activities (cont)

- GNRS (cont) - Bill & Debbie Whitson's 1964 Plymouth Fury. Bill and Debbie's Fury won the 1st Place award for its class. Ken asked the club members in attendance that worked GNRS for their review of the show. The consensus was the 2024 GNRS was another outstanding event with decent weather. Those working the show enjoyed meeting people from so many foreign countries that came to Southern California just for the GNRS.

Current/Future Club Business

- Ken suggested reviewing Mike Keller's email of January 30 for possible activities for the remainder of February.
- The traditional club activity for March was MATS in Las Vegas when we were parking show cars. Since only a few club members are attending the March 15-17, 2024 MATS, suggestions for an alternative club activity were requested. Mike Keller suggested either the Pickups Ltd. event in Fontana on Saturday March 9, or the Bonita High School car show on Saturday March 23. We will discuss further at the March club meeting. Bill Heckman stated if going to the Pickups Ltd. Show, that you register early because it was packed last year. He is planning on going if anyone would like to join him.
- The traditional club activity for April has been the Chaffey College car show, but there has not been any information available yet for a 2024 show. We will discuss further at future club meetings.
- Norma Johnston is still exploring options for our annual "Unholiday Party"
- Our annual "Mopars in May" car show is postponed from 2024 to 2025. However, we will be collecting toys at the "Mopars vs. The World" event scheduled for May 19 at Irwindale Dragstrip. This will be the kickoff of our 2024 Fort Irwin Toy Drive. Mike Keller provided details how this was scheduled.
- Ken reported information was not yet available regarding a date for "A Flag for Every Hero" flag placement at Riverside National Cemetery.
- Gene Endo advised he is trying to set up a planning meeting with Elite Mopars for our 2025 car show.
- Jim Froelich suggested club members write their story regarding "How I Came to Be a Mopar Enthusiast" and forward it to Mike Keller for the club newsletter. Jim would provide his written story to Mike.

Round Table discussion

No notes were taken regarding discussions during the Round Table.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hamer (Recording Secretary David Castagna was absent)

GNRS photos submitted by DC, Debbie, Gene, Mike, & Norma

As you should know by now, the 2024 Inland Mopars club display included Bill Heckman's 1966 Dodge Coronet, Steve and Jennifer Ruiz' 1969 Dodge Dart GT, and Bill & Debbie Whitson's 1964 Plymouth Fury. Bill and Debbie's Fury won the 1st Place award for its class while Bill's Coronet & Steve's Dart each came home with a Class award. A few photos follow of the Inland Mopars' entries, along with a few other things that caught the photographer's eye. DC caught some of the souvenir booth action.



1969 Dodge Dart GT before the ropes & stanchions went up



Original mighty 225 Slant 6 with over 446,000 miles. Family owned since new.



1966 Dodge Coronet & flyer racks before the ropes & stanchions went up



Non-original 440 in Bill's Coronet clean engine bay



1964 Plymouth Fury before the ropes & stanchions went up



Dual quads on the big block 383 in another clean engine bay



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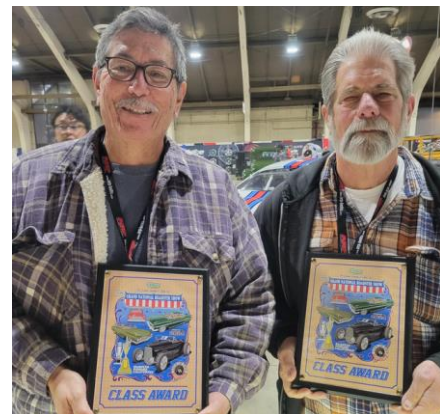
GNRS (cont)



Bill & Debbie with their award



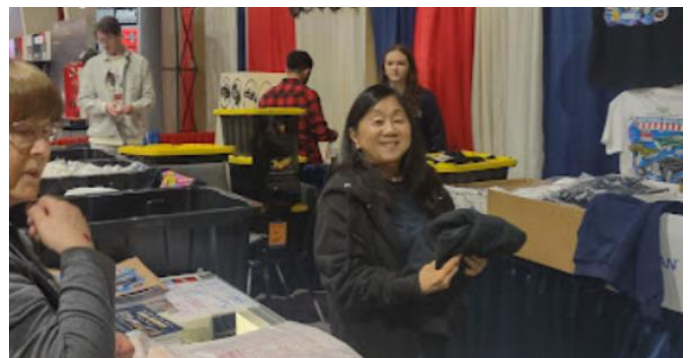
GNRS awards have changed from the multi-foot dust collectors to a custom shaped award showing the event artwork, similar to the Grand National Truck Show awards



Steve on left and Bill on the right with their class awards



RodShows' Nate and Bella and a smiling Inland Mopars' Sam Frisby



Inland Mopars' Susan Endo hard at work

GNRS (cont)



GNRS (cont)



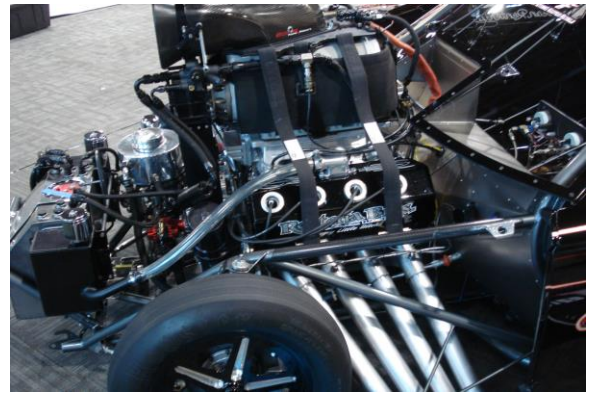
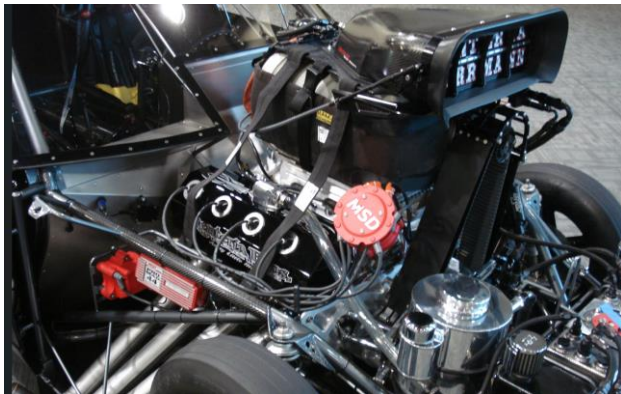
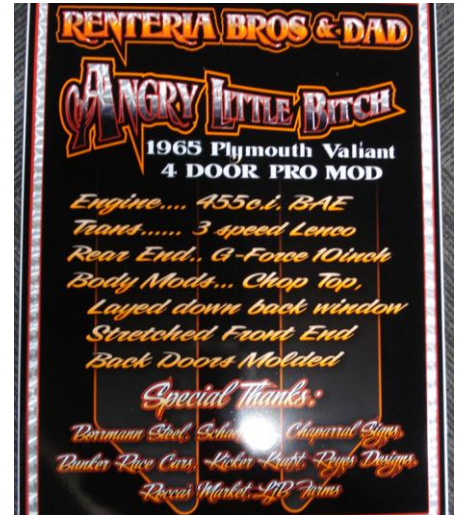
Left & below: Uncertain-T: Wild '60s Custom Car Uncovered.

"Uncertain-T," a wildly proportioned hot rod that made the car show rounds for several years before falling off the map in the 1970s. Debuting in 1965, Uncertain-T was an immediate show-winner. Show promoters paid to have the wild car on display at shows, knowing that it could draw a crowd. Its forward-canted cab looked like a cartoon come to life and its absurdity resonated with custom-car fans of all ages. It was on magazine covers, spawned tribute cars, and even became a Monogram 1/24-scale plastic model. The restoration process will kick off this spring by Galpin Speed Shop.



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GNRS (cont)



Can you guess what my favorite vehicle was? The 2,000-horsepower, 6-second, 4-door, Pro-Mod 1965 Plymouth Valiant race car of the Renteria Brothers from Northern Cal.



Fort Irwin Toy Drive article reformatted to fit

Inland MOPARS and MWR Volunteers Bring Christmas in January to Fort Irwin

By Elizabeth O. Bryson

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The Inland Mopars, a group of car enthusiasts from in and around the California Inland Empire, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, brought a bit of extended Christmas joy to Fort Irwin families January 6, 2024, as they partnered with the Fort Irwin and the local community to deliver hundreds of toys to children, here.

Brandi Crist, Department of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) director, helped organize the event and was there with her team unloading, processing, and handing out toys.

"This event is an excellent opportunity for us to give something back to the community and demonstrates a fantastic community-wide effort," Crist said. "We are so grateful to Mopars and all of our volunteers out here for helping to give Fort Irwin kids Christmas in January."

Mike Keller, Inland Mopars toy drive co-ordinator, said the organization collects sports equipment, bicycles, books, dolls, skateboards and more at car shows and events throughout the year to bring joy to military families living on and near Fort Irwin each January.

According to Keller, this year he drove a 24-foot trailer loaded "end-to-end" with gifts and toys, representing a value of nearly \$50,000 which was collected by Mopars over the past twelve months.

"Every year we start collecting [donations] heavily in May at various car shows and events

we do just so we can make this event happen and help give families here a great Christmas," Keller said. "It means so much to be able to do this... we want to make sure every child gets a toy."

A volunteer dressed as the Grinch was on hand to oversee the event, displaying uncharacteristic holiday cheer as he directed traffic and merrily waved at families as their vehicles were guided through the drive-in donation area by Fort Irwin Military Police.

Families turned in wish lists to "Santa's helpers" consisting of volunteers from all over post, including Fort Irwin garrison headquarters,



Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS), 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 916th Sustainment Brigade, Operations Group, and the Fort Irwin Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) and family members, who delivered basketballs, skates, dolls, and bikes to the grinning children in cars and trucks waiting to take them home.

Fort Irwin Toy Drive (cont)



"This is a special event for us," said Keller. "We love being here every year to see the kids' faces... and to be a part of giving back to Soldiers and their families... and when we leave here, we'll be ready to start collecting for next year!"

Planning has started for the 2024 toy drive. A tentative schedule of events is shown below. If you know of any other event that we might be able to partner with, please let me know. Same for toy donation box locations. A list of the 2023 donation sites is on the next page.

Tentative
2024
Toy Drive
Event
Schedule:












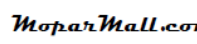
















May 19 - Mopars vs The World, Irwindale
June tbd - Cambra Speed Shop Good Times Block Party, Orange
July tbd - Bruster's Real Ice Cream Christmas in July, Rancho Cucamonga
October 5 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Upland
October 19 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Rancho Cucamonga
November 2 - Ramona Tire, Rancho Cucamonga
November 2 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Upland
November 9 - Flabob Airport Veterans Celebration Parade, Festival, & Hornets SCTA Vintage Car Show, Jurupa Valley
November 16 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Rancho Cucamonga
November 16 - Mopars at MoTech Performance, Murrieta
November 17 - Riverside Cars & Coffee, Riverside Auto Center
November tbd - Detail Garage, Montclair
December tbd - Inglis Classics Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive, Apple Valley
December tbd - Toy Delivery to Fort Irwin
January tbd - Christmas in January toy distribution at Fort Irwin



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Please support the businesses & events below that were supporting the Fort Irwin toy drive with a toy donation box on their premises or with us as the event charity.

	3D Detailing Products of Montclair	4702 Holt Blvd, Montclair, CA 91763 (909) 624-5550 3dchemicalsequipment.com/3dmontclair		Legends Burgers-Rancho Cucamonga	8775 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 727-8220 thelegendsburgers.com
	Advance Auto Parts-Rancho Cucamonga	9292 Foothill Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 244-1064 stores.advanceautoparts.com/ca/rancho-cucamonga		Legends Burgers-Upland	1645 N. Mountain Ave, Upland, CA 91784 (909) 920-5800 thelegendsburgers.com
	Audio Shoppe	6760 Central Ave Unit A, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 687-0550 audioshoppe.com		MAC Speed and Custom	500 S Raymond Ave Suite B, Fullerton, CA 92831 (714) 580-7848 macspeedandcustom.com
	Big Wednesdays Car Show	2001 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA 92870 (714) 580-7848 macspeedandcustom.com		Modern Auto Service	2350 W. Main St, Alhambra, CA 91801 (626) 281-4772
	Blue Diamond Entertainment	Mark Barnett (909)-874-0846 bluediamondentertainment.net		MoparMall.com	41745 Elm Street Suite 103, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 461-9005 moparmall.com
	Bruster's Real Ice Cream	10570 Foothill Blvd, Ste 100, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 481-7575 brusters.com		MoTech Performance	41715 Elm St #301, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 813-3550 motechperformance.com
	Cambra Speed Shop	726 W Angus Ave, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 538-5396 cambraspeedshop.com		New Image Salon	1481 Foothill Blvd, La Verne, CA 91750 (909) 596-8292
	Champion Cooling Systems	41725 Elm St #201, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 757-4441 championcooling.com		Overdriven Performance	41725 Elm St #201, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 757-4441
	Curtis Speed Equipment	504 W Chapman Ave, Unit P, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 538-8752 mikecurtisdesign.com		Riverside Cars & Coffee	Riverside Auto Center, old J&M Speed Center location (909) 213-5475 Monthly, 3rd Sunday riversidecarsandcoffee.com
	Detail Garage-Montclair	5108 Holt Blvd, Montclair, CA 91763 (909) 626-0103 detailgarage.com		R&R Automotive	8800 Onyx Ave A, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 980-6308 M-F 8-5 randrautomotiverancho.com
	Flabob Airport	4130 Mennes Ave #24, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509 (951) 683-2309 flabobairport.org		Ramona Tire & Service Center - Rancho Cucamonga	11836 Foothill Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 944-9394 ramonatire.com/locations/rancho-cucamonga-ca
	Hornets SCTA	Joe Buffardi joeshifter10@aol.com		The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum	610 Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 909-0950 theadm.org
	Inglis Classics	17229 Lemon St Suite A-2, Hesperia, CA 92345 (281) 601-2713 inglisclassics.com			

16 Mopar Musclicar Facts Every Enthusiast Should Know

The following article was submitted by Jim Froelich

This article originally appeared on Hagerty.com on February 19, 2020.

by Scott Oldham

The Hellcat's Horsepower Secret

For the first few years of the Hellcat production the super-charged 6.2-liter Hemi V8 was rated at 707 horsepower at 6000 rpm and 650 pound-feet of torque at 4800 rpm. And it still is, in the current Dodge Challenger Hellcat Widebody and Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk. But, here's a little secret. At 6100 rpm the engine produces 717 horsepower. Although the eight-speed automatic is programmed to upshift at 6000 rpm and the cars all have a 6200 rpm fuel cutoff, if you shift manually and hold the gears a big longer, you get 10 extra ponies.

The Daytona Was Faster Than The Superbird

Homologation specials created to legalize their aerodynamic shapes for NASCAR for competition, just 503 Dodge Charger Daytonas were sold and Plymouth built only 1,935 examples of the Roadrunner Superbird. Some say that number is lower. Although the two big winged cars look similar, their shapes, nosecones and huge rear spoilers are actually quite different and the Daytona proved more aerodynamically efficient. A Superbird had a .31 coefficient of drag while a Daytona's Cd is .29. On the high banks of Daytona and Talladega, this gave the Daytona 1-3 more mph, a significant advantage during a 500-mile race.

Rarest Hemi Car

It's been reported that 10,904 426 Hemi-powered street Mopars left Dodge and Plymouth assembly plants between 1966-1971. The engine was available in a litany of models and body styles over the years, including fan favorites like Plymouth 'Cuda and Dodge Charger. Tied for the rarest are the 1970 Dodge Coronet R/T convertible and the 1966 Dodge Coronet 4-door sedan. Only two of each were built and all four cars survive today.

First Torsion Bar Suspension

Anyone who has ever crawled underneath a Mopar muscle car from the 1960s is familiar with the torsion-bar front suspension, a unique design used extensively at the time. The first Mopar to get this setup was the 1957 Plymouth Fury, the car that won *Motor Trend's* Car of the Year.

First Muscle Car

Most consider the 1964 Pontiac GTO to be the first "muscle car", while many in the Mopar camp champion the 1967 Plymouth GTX and Dodge Coronet R/T. Jim Wangers, considered the godfather of the GTO, disagrees with both assessments. He considers the 260-hp 1956 Dodge D-500 and the even hotter 1957 Plymouth Fury V-800 to be the first true muscle cars.

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These models weren't Hemi-powered. The 318-cubic-inch engine V-8 used Chrysler's polyspherical cylinder head, and the V-800 was packing a dual-quad version with 290 hp.

First Mopar With 400 "Net" Horsepower

In 1972, with pressure from the insurance industry and the U.S. government, the automakers changed the way they rated an engine's horsepower from "gross" to "net". The revised system dropped power ratings across the industry. Although the wedge cars of the early 1960s and the 426 Hemi were rated over 400 hp, they were rated with the "gross" system. The first Mopar to produce 400 hp from the factory under the "net" system was the 1992 Dodge Viper. Its 488-cubic-in V-10 was rated at 400 hp and 450 lb-ft of torque.

The First Pony Car

Ford's Mustang is incorrectly titled the first "pony car;" Plymouth actually beat the Mustang to market with the Barracuda by two weeks. The first Barracuda was introduced on April 1, 1964, the Mustang on April 17. Basically a Valiant with a sexy fastback body—as the original Mustang was basically a rebodied Falcon—the Barracuda sold well, but the Mustang was a sensation. The rest is history.

The Differences Between 1970 Barracuda and Challenger

The third-generation of the Plymouth Barracuda and its sister car, the first Dodge Challenger, debuted for 1970. Although the two cars share platforms, track widths, engines, and proportions, they're not exactly the same. The Challenger's 110-inch wheelbase is two inches longer than the Plymouth's and its overall length of 191.5 is three inches longer. That first year performance buyers preferred the Dodge by a slim margin. Americans bought the 20,750 Challenger R/Ts and T/As that year, compared to roughly 17,250 'Cudas (AAR models included).

Six 1965 Street Hemi Prototypes

Mopar started racing the 426 Hemi in 1964 but didn't release it in street cars until 1966. It did, however, build six "prototypes" in 1965 and let the media drive a couple of them, including a Coronet 500 hardtop with a Torqueflite and a Coronet post coupe with a four-speed. In his book *Day One*, Marty Schorr chronicles his time in both cars and says the Dodge engineers told him the hardtop ran consistent mid-13-second quarter-miles at 100-102 mph.

Only Factory Lift-off Hood

Throughout the muscle car era many cars were sold with fiberglass hoods, but Mopar was the only manufacturer willing to sell you a car without hood hinges. To save weight and improve engine access, the A12-optioned 1969 ½ Dodge Super Bee and Plymouth Roadrunner were powered by the triple-carbureted 440 and had a race-style, lift-off fiberglass hood with no hinges, just four hood pins.

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First Hemi Barracuda

In 1968 Dodge and Plymouth decided to sell factory-built race cars for NHRA Super/Stock competition. For racers only, the company built 80 Barracuda Fastbacks (code BO29) and 80 Dart Super/Stocks (code LO23), fitted with race Hemis with 12.5:1 compression, headers and dual Holley carbs on a special cross-ram manifold. The cars were not street legal and featured fiberglass front fenders and hoods, lighter front bumpers, thinner glass, deleted back seats and light front seats from a Dodge van. Some are still racing today.

First Functional Hood Scoop

Although 1960s muscle cars and hood scoops have become synonymous, true functional hood scoops didn't come into vogue on factory stock machines until the later half of the decade. The first Mopars sold off the showroom floor with such a device to feed fresher, cooler air into the engine were the Hemi Darts and Barracudas sold in 1968, but they weren't street-legal machines. The first street-legal Mopars with factory-installed functional hood scoops were equipped with the N96 cold-air induction system in 1969. Better known as Ram Charger on Dodges and Air Grabber on Plymouths, it remained an option through 1972. It was first offered on the Super Bee, Roadrunner, Coronet R/T and GTX with 383 or 440 engines and was standard with the Hemi.

First Muscle Car With Staggered Tires

Another homologation special, this time for Trans Am racing, the 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A and 1970 Plymouth AAR 'Cuda were the first American muscle cars with staggered tires—wider rubber in the back than the front. In March and April of 1979, 2,400 T/As and 2,724 AARs were built, each wearing 15-inch E60 white-letter Goodyears up front and wider G60s in back.

First Triple Carburetion

Mopar jumped on the multiple-carburetion trend of themed-1950s when it installed dual quads on the 1955 Chrysler C-300. Although three carbs became popular with Pontiac in 1959 and Ford in the early 1960s, and the trend expanded to others like Oldsmobile in the middle of the decade, and to Chevy's Corvette as of 1967, Mopars didn't get triple carburetion until the A12 optioned 440-powered 1969 1/2 Dodge Super Bee and Plymouth Roadrunner. While the triple carb setup was called Sixpack by Dodge, the 390 hp engines were identical. A year later, the 340 small block in the Challenger T/A and AAR Cuda also got three deuces.

The Stock 440 Was Quicker Than The Stock Hemi....Sorta

In 1969, *High-Performance Cars* magazine tested a 425-hp Hemi Roadrunner with a Torqueflite automatic, one of just 162 built that year. On its factory installed 14-inch F70 street tires and with its Air Grabber cold air induction system open,

16 Mopar Musclicar Facts (cont)

it ran a best quarter-mile time of 13.32 seconds at 107.65 mph. It also managed a 13.28 second run on slicks, all equipped with a 4.10 rearend.

That same year, the magazine's editors tested a 375-hp 440-powered Plymouth GTX. That car also had a Torqueflite but sported 3.91 gears and was saddled with the added weight of air conditioning. It ran a 13.98 at 103.80 mph on street tires and a 13.57 on slicks. Then they tested a 440 six-barrel equipped Plymouth Roadrunner with a four-speed, 15-inch tires and 4.10 gearing. That car's best run was 13.79 on street rubber and 13.18 seconds at 107.01 mph on slicks.

Why Mopar Never Built Four-Speed 1969 440 Darts or Barracudas

Ever wonder why Mopar built exactly 640 440-powered Dodge Darts and 360 440-powered Plymouth Barracudas in 1969? Because the NHRA rulebook required 1,000 cars to be built with that A13 option before the big-block RB-powered A-bodies would be legal for competition. Ever wonder why they were all built with the 727 Torqueflite three-speed automatic? It's because Dodge and Plymouth paired that transmission with the company's 8 3/4-inch rear end. A four-speed manual would have required a stronger Dana 60l, which was too wide for a Dart with stock rear wheel wells. The Hemi-powered LO23 Darts were available with either transmission, and they all got the Dana 60, but their rear wheel wells were cut out to fit the wider rear end and larger tires.

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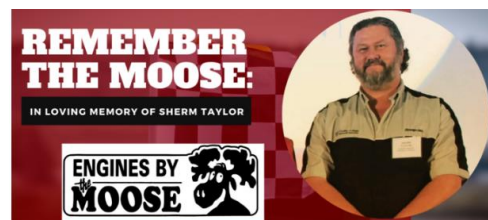
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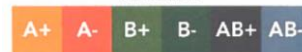
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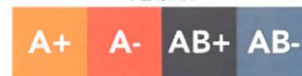
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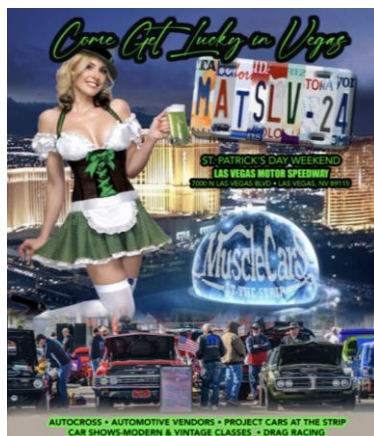
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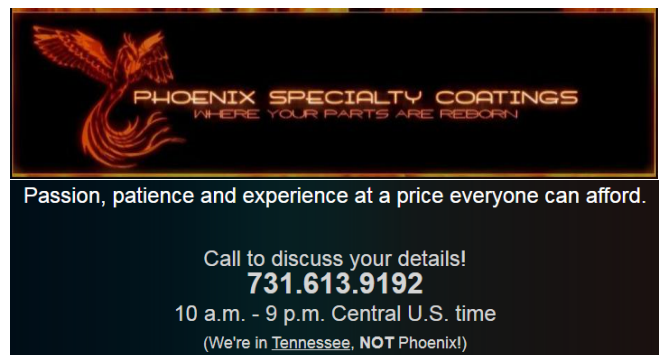
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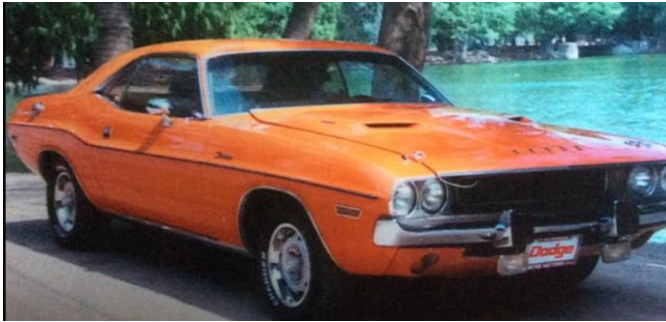


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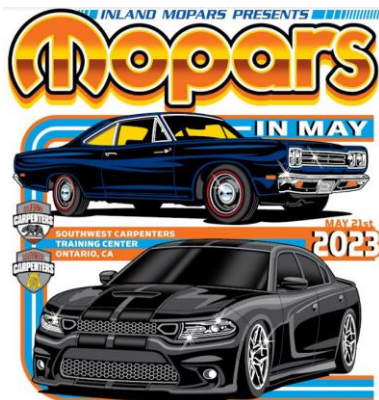
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