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President's Message

Ken Hamer

Bye-Bye 2024, Hello 2025

Reminder:

- *Sam Frisby will happily accept your 2025 club dues. Make Sam smile!*

Before we wave our last goodbye to 2024, I want to say "Thank You" to Jim & Anita Froelich and B.J. Hayden for meeting me at Riverside National Cemetery (RNC) on December 14 and doing the bulk of the "Wreaths Across America" distribution to the gravesites of our club family members. The event organizers did not allow the wreaths to be picked up from the several distribution points at RNC until after the opening ceremonies concluded about 9:30AM. In addition, there were not as many wreath distribution areas as there have been in previous years so the parking was very congested. There also seemed to be a larger quantity of volunteers to distribute the wreaths this year.

Another "Thank You" to David Castagno, Jim & Anita Froelich, and Norma Johnston for all of their time and work decorating for our recent Christmas party. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year but I understand everyone had a great time, some outstanding food, and a lot of fun with the gift exchange. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanup afterwards.

End of calendar year 2024 has to include a huge "Thank You" to our Fort Irwin Toy Drive Coordinator, Mike Keller, for another outstanding effort in organizing the efforts to collect toys and bicycles for the soldier's kids at Fort Irwin. I understand Fort Irwin has informed Mike there are approximately 1,800 kids on the post this year. We will have a more detailed report on our 2024 collection efforts at our January club meeting. For 2025, please be on the hunt for additional toy collection locations so we can increase the quantity of toys for the kids. We lost some prime toy collection locations in 2024 in addition to the loss of the venue for our season-ending Toy Drive potluck dinner and party.

Speaking of the toy drive and 2025, the Fort Irwin toy distribution known as *Christmas in January*, will take place the second Saturday of 2025, January 11th. This is after the soldiers return from their Christmas leave and is before their first training rotation arrives.

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January Birthdays

(From the 100724 roster)

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

BJ Hayden
Norma Johnston
Sil Brander
Robin Windhorst
Darrell Walper

*Birthday dates have intentionally been removed

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2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 5 (CC)*
February 9 (CC)*
March 2 (CC)*
April 6 (CC)*
May 4 (CC)*
June 1 (CC)*
July 6 (CC)*
August 3 (CC)*
September 7 (CC)*
October 5 (CC)*
November 2 (CC)*
December 7 (CC)*
January 4 (CC)

Visitors Welcome

Meeting 1st Sunday of the month except as noted

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Bits 'n Pieces: Chrysler Trivia Question of the Month

Chrysler Trivia Question of the month submitted by Jim Froelich:

Why did Chrysler have to buy back every 1970 Plymouth Superbird sold in the state of Maryland?

Answer on Page 14



Bits 'n Pieces: Do you have a 2025 New Years Resolution?

Email your 2025 resolutions to limedust70@gmail.com to be included in the February issue of Scat Pack News. Let me know whether or not you want your name used.

President's Message (cont)

Anyone who would like to attend will need to email a copy/photo of their driver license to Mike Keller (limedust70@gmail.com) prior to January 8th so he can forward them to Fort Irwin to get you cleared for entry onto the base.

The first "Thank You" for 2025 goes to our 2025 club officers. During the nomination process at our November club meeting there was a motion made and seconded for all of the 2024 officers to continue serving in 2025. The only change was the office of Secretary because of their request not to continue. Thank you D.C. for all of your time and work during 2024. Gene Endo volunteered to accept the responsibilities of the office and was immediately approved before he could change his mind. You can always find a list of club officers and their contact information on the front page of each monthly club newsletter.

The upcoming 2025 Grand National Roadster Show at the Fairplex in Pomona is our annual club fundraiser activity. The following work shifts are still available and need to be filled:

- Thursday, January 30, 10:00am-2:30pm 1 spot available
- Thursday, January 30, 2:30-7:00pm 2 spots available

You will receive both an entry pass and a parking pass for the day. These spots will be filled on a 'First Come, First Served' basis so please let me know ASAP.

We still 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.

The next club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, in the banquet room at Cactus Cantina restaurant in Riverside. Usual times: 9:00am for those wanting breakfast, with the meeting getting started as close to 10:00am as possible. As mentioned, we will have the final reports on our Fort Irwin Toy Drive efforts and also review both current and future club events and business so **please** make every effort to attend so you can make your voice heard in choosing the future direction of Inland Mopars. We will also be discussing and providing updates on club activities for 2025.

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 – December editor comments in red

The December 1, 2024 meeting of Inland Mopars, held at the Cactus Cantina in Riverside, was called to order at 10:00AM by Sergeant at Arms, Bill Whitson. Our meeting opened with Bill leading the Pledge of Allegiance. President Ken Hamer thanked all for attending.

Members present: David "DC" Castagno, Hollis & Bobbi Colleasure, Gene & Susan Endo, Sam Frisby, Jim Froelich, Ken Hamer, BJ Hayden, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Chris Kanyr, Mike Keller, John Smithson, Ken & Kim Strathman, and Bill & Debbie Whitson.

Members missing: Sil & Carol arriving back in port today; Daniel Richards.

New members: None.

Visitors: Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh.

Mike interrupted Ken Hamer at this point to present him with a surprise in a box. A custom appreciation trophy made by Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh was revealed for the many years Ken has served as President. A round of applause followed.

Happy Birthday wishes to our club members with December birthdays: Linda Sobiecki, Hollis Colleasure, Ed Sobiecki, Eric Sandberg, Sue Osterman, Bobbi Colleasure.

Nomination and election of club officers for 2025 (forgotten from November meeting). As nominations started, a motion was made to re-elect the existing club officers. Ken stated that DC would not be running again for secretary. The motion was amended to re-elect existing officers except secretary. Passed. Gene Endo volunteered to replace DC as 2025 secretary. Passed. 2025 officers are:

- **President** - Ken Hamer
- **Vice President** - Norma Johnston
- **Treasurer** - Sam Frisby
- **Secretary** - Gene Endo
- **Newsletter Editor** - Mike Keller
- **Sergeant at Arms** - Bill Whitson

Ken announced he had received an email from a club member concerned that we sometimes run out of time to discuss important items. The concern came with a meeting restructure suggestion that we are going to try this month to see how it works.

Prior/Future Club Business/Monthly Activities

- "Wreaths Across America", Saturday, December 14 - Riverside National Cemetery. Email previously sent to new club members asking for information on any family members interred at RNC. RNC gravesite location list was passed around for corrected or added information. Wreaths have been ordered for pickup at RNC.
- Ken once again passed around the sign-up sheet for club fundraiser GNRS work shifts.
- Ken asked Mike Keller to review the remaining Fort Irwin Toy Drive events for the remainder of 2024. Before he did he mentioned that Little Guys Street Rods sent us a check for \$3032.00.



Meeting Minutes – December (cont)

Prior/Future Club Business/Monthly Activities (cont)

- Fort Irwin Toy Drive events (cont):
 - Nov. 9 - Flabob Airport Veterans Celebration Parade, Festival, & Hornets SCTA Vintage Car Show, Jurupa Valley. Bill and his 1937 Dodge Bros. pickup joined Mike. Bed of the truck was filled plus toys on the tables. Filled nine boxes plus some oversize toys. Bill & Debbie brought their 1964 Plymouth Fury and Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh brought their 1969 Plymouth GTX.
 - Nov. 16 - Mopars & Friends at MoTech Performance, Murrieta. Event was a little smaller this year but still collected five boxes of toys and a couple of bikes from the West Coast AMC guys. The Mopar Club San Diego presented us with a check and cash totaling \$2500.00 for toys. Randy from West Coast AMC once again gave us ten special edition Hot Wheels customized with the Mopars & Friends lettering as well as the Inland Mopars logos. The last two were sold at the meeting with the funds going for more toys. Chris provided lunch and munchies as well as an open shop.
 - Nov. 16 - Classic Car, Boat & Travel Trailer Show & Open House at MoparMall, Murrieta. Two rows over in the same complex, Marc had his Moparmall.com/Atlas Obsolete Chrysler Parts open as well as having several of his Mopars on display. Another three boxes of toys were collected. More pizza was served and more cars showed.
 - Nov. 16 - Legends Burgers Toy Drive & Car Show, Rancho Cucamonga. While we were down in Murrieta Mark Barnett was holding the November Legends Burgers cruise & toy drive. I got there in time to load a couple of large trash bags full of toys onto the Murrieta items. All these items had to be unloaded that night so the truck would be empty for the next morning at Riverside Cars & Coffee.
 - Nov. 17 - Riverside Cars & Coffee & Toy Drive, Riverside Auto Center. Mike thecarguy (Mike Correr) hosts this cars & coffee in the Riverside Auto Center at the site of the old J&M Speed Center, where we used to have a toy box and collect toys. Bill Heckman joined me for the morning. We filled ten boxes which was once again more toys than we had collected at the In-N-Out 75th Anniversary Celebration at Pomona. The bed of the truck was full. Two hours and a couple of hundred cars with very generous people.
 - Nov. 27 - Delivered a couple of donation boxes to Bruster's Real Ice Cream, Rancho Cucamonga, to have in place for the start of Black Friday shopping. They would be there through December 15.
 - Dec. 7 - Ramona Tire Get Together, Rancho Cucamonga - rescheduled from Nov. 2.
 - Dec. 14 - Inglis Classics Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive, Apple Valley. This would be the fourth year.
 - Dec. tbd - need to pick up bikes and toys after La Mesa VFW event.
 - Dec. 20 - trailer loading, 10 am at the Branders.
 - Dec. 21 - Toy Delivery to Fort Irwin, anyone wanting to go for delivery would need to get a copy of their driver license to Mike by Dec. 16th.
 - Jan. 11, 2025 - Christmas in January toy distribution, anyone wanting to go for the distribution would need to get a copy of their driver license to Mike by Jan 8th at the latest. It looks like we have fewer toys than past years. Won't know until trailer is loaded.

Meeting Minutes – December (cont)

Current/Future Club Business

- Holiday Party, Sunday December 15th at the American Legion Post #574 Service Club in Moreno Valley. Potluck from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Norma has the signup list. She will be providing a Christmas Ham. Sides and desserts needed. Small cover charge to pay for the room. There will be the Gift Exchange & steal. Jim Froelich volunteered a Christmas tree. DC volunteered to help with set up.
- Future event suggestions (from the newsletter):
 - January 18 - The last "Jeff's Fun Run". 17th annual, starts in Buena Park and goes to a half dozen shops. Usually finishes in Santa Ana and usually about 50 miles. Rain or shine.
 - February 22 - Mopar Ranch (Alpine, CA). Mike sent out email looking for the best date and then confirmed with Terry at Mopar Ranch. That date will be February 22nd. Tour will start at 11:00. Plan on arriving between 10:30 & 11:00. NOT a car event so drive whatever you want (as long as it is yours).
 - March 22 - Bonita HS Auto Shop Car Show, La Verne. We have been there before, even Sam & Ed Sobiecki. Benefits the Bonita HS Automotive Technology Program. \$40 Pre-reg., \$45 Day of Show. Bill Heckman is registered.
- Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025 - Updated discussion about the 2025 Grand National Roadster Show at the Fairplex in Pomona. Show start and end times are now the same for all three days. The show opens at 10:00 am and now closes at 6:00 pm. Early shift souvenir booth workers need to arrive at 9:00 am all three days.
- Nov. 30 - Ken & Gene met with Synister Mopars in Chula Vista for a Mopars in May meeting. Agreements on the following: location at the Carpenters Training Center in Ontario, type of music, price increase of \$5.00, trophies to be made by Eric Landeros with Best of Show trophies to be made by Lonnie Clabaugh, items for the flyer. Show proceeds to be split three ways, one third to each club and one third for Fort Irwin toy drive.
- Mike brought up the Hot August Nights Event Series info that was handed out last month. He explained that for \$40 the Mopars in May Car Show would be added to the Hot August Nights Event Series website and advertised. If we had someone enter, they would need to have a HAN Event Series Participant sticker on their vehicle. The pre-80 vehicle winner would be invited to Hot August Nights. A motion was made & seconded that we enter the HAN Event Series. Mike to get us registered.

Announcements:

- Advance Auto Parts is closing 727 of their stores across the country, including all of their stores in California.
- After a 20-year run as a stand-alone monthly print magazine, Hemmings Muscle Machines is being consolidated into Hemmings Motor News magazine starting with the March 2025 issue. No info on what might be included from Muscle Machines in the consolidated version.

Treasurer's Report: Sam gave the treasurer's report for November.

Meeting Minutes – December (cont)

Club Social Media:

- **Club website** -Webmaster Joey Garcia was not in 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 nothing has changed on the social media.

Round Table Discussion

- Jim F brought up a letter to Stellantis from Frank Rhoads, great-grandson of Walter P. Chrysler and the state of Chrysler. He gave a copy of part 1 of the letter to Mike for the newsletter. He also gave Mike a copy of an article on how California gasoline prices will skyrocket/
- Cost of membership to be increased was brought up by DC & Gene. Motion was made and passed to increase membership dues \$5.00 in 2026.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted, DC and Ken Hamer

Ramona Tire Get Together & Toy Drive photos by Editor

Saturday, December 7th, was the date of the rescheduled car show & toy drive at Ramona Tire in Rancho Cucamonga. Another cool but sunny morning turned into a nice & sunny day for a car show. Much better than the original November date.

With the Mooneyes show going on at Irwindale the same day, we were down a few cars but everyone seemed to have a good time. Ramona supplied the coffee & donuts and the band while the Rancho Cucamonga O'Reilly Auto Parts provided lunch and a few freebies at their booth.

Ramona Tire picked the 1956 Chevy Nomad of Dana Parker as their favorite pick while Inland Moars picked the 1973 Dodge van of Sam Padilla as their favorite Mopar. Inland Mopars members Bill Heckman, 1969 Plymouth Road Runner, John Smithson, 1965 Plymouth Belvedere, & Chris Kanyr, 1972 Plymouth Satellite, were in attendance with their Mopars. Ken Hamer joined us with his 2009 Dodge Ram. Larry The Toy Man Rhea had his booth set up with lots of goodies.

Ramona donated a few Armor All Ultimate Car Care buckets and Norma Johnston put together a wine & cheese basket as part of the give aways.



Larry the Toy Man doing set up, not praying

Ramona Tire (cont)



Ramona Tire Assistant Manager Armando Avila accepting the appreciation plaque. They now have seven on their wall.



Everyone got a ticket for the give away items shown here. Red bags were full of goodies.



Toys and monetary contributions were collected



Band



Registration and toy collection booth

Ramona Tire (cont)



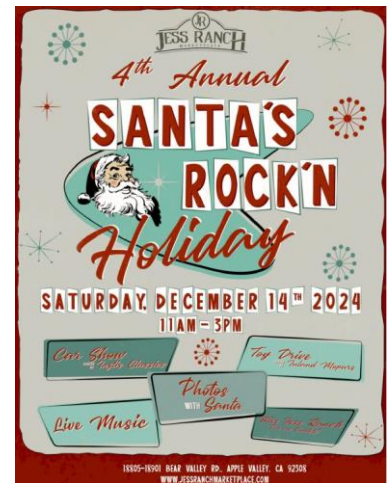
Santa's Rock'n Holiday photos by Editor

Saturday, December 14th, was the date of the last toy drive event of 2024. It almost doesn't matter what time I leave or plan on getting there, it seems like the high desert has been up for hours. The vendor area was almost filled but I did end up with an east facing spot. This was great because about the time the show officially started, so did the wind from the west. The Inland Mopars banner cut most of it but it was not a warm wind. Other than that, the show was great. Filled another ten boxes of toys. Tanya at Inglis Classics did another fantastic job of organizing this and the earlier events.

As with the previous shows, I was there by myself so I never did get out to check out the cars. The one I got to admire all day was the 1966 blown Barracuda just across from me. I have seen it before and love it.

This event, in addition to the car show, has Santa with photos, a magic show, a band (don't have the name) that plays soft stuff, rock, jazz, and just all-around fun music. Oh yes, there is also the pin up girl contest. Lots of local foot traffic.

Usually the second Saturday in December, you really need to drive up the hill for this one. Morning north bound traffic isn't bad. Going south in the afternoon sucks. It takes patience, which I no longer have. Till next year.



Toy booth with lots of toys. By the end of the day, the flyer rack had a few empty spots.



Blown small block 1966 Barracuda. This thing was clean.



Holiday Party photos by Carol Brander, Debbie Whitson, Gayle Keller, Gene Endo



A couple of months ago Jim Froelich suggested several venues for a Christmas party. A couple of them were big venues meant to replace the toy drive & pot luck at the Longs. But one seemed to be the right size & cost to be able to once again hold the club Holiday Party rather than the Un-Holiday Party which originated due to Covid.

Jim & Norma checked it out and the planning was started. To keep costs down and not upset Sam too much, Norma would supply a Christmas ham and club members would supply the side dishes & desserts. The location would be the American Legion Post #574 Service Club in Moreno Valley. Jim volunteered a Christmas tree (there were a few). DC volunteered to help with set up.

I believe Norma said 26 had RSVP'd. The only one I know who didn't make it was Ken, due to health. But we did have some visitors: former member Steve Backer from Nevada, Hilton Vail and Lenda from El Cajon (brought a Tahoe filled with toys), Dennis & his wife, also from El Cajon, and former members Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh. After dinner there was the gift exchange which had the option of taking from the table or from one of the earlier opened gifts. The highlight of the evening was when Chris stole a painting from John. John picked another gift and it was the exact painting Chris had just stolen. The kicker was it was the same painting John already had at home on the wall.

Overall, a good time was had by all and I am sure everyone is looking forward to next year. Well, not sure about John but I am sure he already has a painting to re-gift.



John (left) & Chris with the same paintings



Bikes delivered by Gene from a South Bay Mopars member



Holiday Party (cont)



DC & Mrs. Mike



Dennis & his wife from El Cajon



Hilton & Lenda from El Cajon



Kim & Ken



Susan & Gene



Norma's sister Wanda & Norma



Mike & Mrs. Mike (Gayle)



Bill & Debbie



Chris & Shelby

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Holiday Party (cont)



Sil (left) and Lonnie



Norma, happy 49's fan



Kim & Anita at the desserts

Wreaths Across America

Another thing that took place on Saturday December 14th, was the Wreaths Across America ceremony that took place at Riverside National Cemetery. Jim & Anita Froelich and B.J. Hayden for met Ken at Riverside National Cemetery (RNC) and did the bulk of the "Wreaths Across America" distribution to the gravesites of our club family members.



Chrysler Trivia Question Answer from Page 2:

Chrysler Trivia Question of the month submitted by Jim Froelich:

Why did Chrysler have to buy back every 1970 Plymouth Superbird sold in the state of Maryland?

Answer: Because the state of Maryland had a front bumper requirement, which Superbirds do not have. Then they were shipped and resold in Florida.

California Gasoline Prices Will Skyrocket submitted by Jim Froelich

By: www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/about/ier

California currently has the second-highest gasoline prices (<https://gasprices.aaa.com/todays-state-averages/>) in the United States, trailing only Hawaii, and is poised to increase them even further through a series of new policies and regulations. Next year, gas prices could rise by as much as \$1.15 per gallon (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) due to the state's new carbon credit system, higher taxes, stricter refinery regulations, and the planned closure of a Phillips 66 refinery in Los Angeles. According to a USC Marshall School of Business analysis, the average Californian would need to earn between \$600 and \$1,000 (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) more annually (before taxes) just to offset these price hikes — unless they switch to an electric vehicle, which comes with its challenges.

Following the November elections, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), a regulatory body almost entirely appointed by the governor, updated (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_3db607c0-9e00-11ef-87ff-27f64fe9659e.html) the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS). This new mandate requires producers of hydrocarbon-based fuels to buy more credits from non-hydrocarbon fuel producers. The revised LCFS is expected to generate an estimated \$105 billion in EV charging credits and \$8 billion (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) in hydrogen credits, primarily funded through fees on gasoline and diesel — costs that will ultimately be passed on to everyday consumers.

The LCFS changes will also impact California-grown food and goods, as higher diesel costs — driven by the new regulations — will raise transportation costs for trucks and trains moving goods within the state and across the country. Governors of Arizona and Nevada have warned (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_e8abec82-708b-11ef-99f3-8bce2bbc9e04.html) that their residents could face fuel shortages and price hikes as

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they rely on California for fuel. According to CARB, the new carbon standards are expected to add (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_b39ff2d2-9641-11ef-b08e-e75024defaaa.html) an additional 47 cents per gallon to gasoline prices and 59 cents per gallon to diesel prices by 2025.

This shift to a stricter LCFS follows new legislation requiring refiners to keep larger fuel inventories than the current two-week minimum (<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/opinion-gavin-newsom-raises-gas-prices-again/ar-AA1soyY?ocid=BingNewsSerp&cvid=e5ab8b7cbd2347c387d12cd2d90cd827&ei=26>). This is aimed at reducing supply shortages and price volatility, as well as curbing what the state sees as "higher profits for the industry. (<https://www.pacificresearch.org/gas-warfare-in-california/>)" To comply, refiners will need to invest heavily (<https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/fossil-fuels/gas-and-oil/first-casualty-after-newsom-signs-californias-minimum-refinery-fuel-requirement/>) in storage infrastructure, as gasoline has a limited shelf life. The result has been the closure of a Phillips 66 (<https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/fossil-fuels/gas-and-oil/first-casualty-after-newsom-signs-californias-minimum-refinery-fuel-requirement/>) refinery in Los Angeles, which accounted for 8% of the state's refining capacity. This shutdown will further strain fuel supplies, pushing prices higher and leaving California with just 16 refineries to produce 2 million barrels (<https://www.pacificresearch.org/gas-warfare-in-california/>) of its unique fuel blend — a product that is not made anywhere else.

Professor Michael A. Mische estimates

(https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) that the new carbon credit system will raise the price of regular gasoline by 40 to 65 cents per gallon by 2025. He also expects

(https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) that the governor's new refinery regulations

(<https://www.kcra.com/article/california-senate-approves-newsom-fuels-storage-proposal-oil-refiners/62581675>) will increase prices by another 5 to 27 cents per

California Gasoline Prices (cont)

gallon, while the Phillips 66 refinery shutdown will add another 8 to 14 cents.

Additionally, since California's gas taxes are tied to the state's price index, Mische forecasts a rise of 1 to 2 cents per gallon in 2025. Taken together, these changes could lead to a price hike of 55 to 90 cents per gallon for regular gas and 95 cents to \$1.15 for premium gas by 2025.

California Governor Newsom recently purchased

(https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a) a \$9.1 million mansion in Kentfield, a wealthy town that's 90 miles away from Sacramento, the state capitol. According to Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_55a18774-a6a2-11ef-a048-536825c3c018.html?a), "While regular Californians face tough choices between putting food on the table or gas in their cars, Newsom will be chauffeured to work from his luxury home in a taxpayer-funded car, running on taxpayer-funded gas, on the rare occasions he decides to show up."

Since Newsom took office in 2019, California's oil production has dropped by approximately 35% ([https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/opinion-gavin-newsom-raises-gas-prices-again/ar-AA1soyuY?](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/opinion-gavin-newsom-raises-gas-prices-again/ar-AA1soyuY?ocid=BingNewsSerp&cvid=e5ab8b7cbd2347c387d12cd2d90cd827&ei=26)

[ocid=BingNewsSerp&cvid=e5ab8b7cbd2347c387d12cd2d90cd827&ei=26](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/opinion-gavin-newsom-raises-gas-prices-again/ar-AA1soyuY?ocid=BingNewsSerp&cvid=e5ab8b7cbd2347c387d12cd2d90cd827&ei=26)), while oil production has increased in other states. Newsom has also signed legislation allowing local governments to block new oil wells

(<https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/fossil-fuels/gas-and-oil/california-further-restricts-oil-production-with-three-new-bills/>) and has effectively halted (<https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/fossil-fuels/gas-and-oil/california-approves-few-new-oil-and-gas-drilling-permits/>) new drilling permits. These actions are part of California's broader goal to phase out petroleum-based internal combustion engines and gas-powered vehicles by 2035. The state's strategy appears to be to drive up oil and gas prices to the point where consumers have no choice but to switch to electric vehicles. As Cliff Rechtschaffen, a member of the California Air Resources Board (<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol->

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alert/article295227524.html), stated, "the goal of all of our transportation rules is to electrify all parts of our transportation system."

However, this push for electrification faces significant challenges. Despite its progressive energy policies, California imports more electricity from other states than any other state in the nation. The state's power grid is already overstretched, suffering from brownouts and blackouts, and the electricity demand is expected to grow as more people switch to electric vehicles.

Conclusion

The California Governor, Legislature, and State Air Resources Board are working in tandem to restrict the availability of oil and gas and increase the cost of gasoline at the pump so severely that middle-class and working-class drivers must choose between groceries and fuel for their vehicles. The state's policies and regulations are reducing oil and gasoline production, which will cost Californians more to fill up their vehicles. If California does not produce its own oil and gasoline, it will need to import fuels produced elsewhere—countries with far less environmental standards than the United States. While the United States has been closing refineries, China has been building them and most likely would be happy to supply California with its boutique fuel at a cost. If that were to happen, California would become dependent on a country with lax environmental standards (<https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/IER-EQI-2023.pdf>) that uses slave labor. China is already way ahead of the United States in producing low-cost electric vehicles and it dominates the supply chain for EV batteries.

Fort Irwin Toy Drive

The 2024 toy drive season has finished. A 2024 schedule of events is shown below so you know what you have missed. 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 for 2025. We need more. A list of 2024 donation sites is on the next page. FYI: This is the Inland Mopars toy drive, not the Mike toy drive..

- May 19 - Mopars vs The World, Irwindale (happened)
- June 23 - Cambra Speed Shop Good Times Block Party, Orange (happened)
- July 1-13 - Bruster's Real Ice Cream Christmas in July, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- September 1 - Fall Fest 2.0, Info Booth, Irwindale Speedway (happened)
- October 5 - Legends Burgers Toy Drive & Car Show, Upland (happened then canceled)
- October 19 - Legends Burgers Toy Drive & Car Show, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- November 2 - Ramona Tire Get Together & Toy Drive, Rancho Cucamonga (rescheduled to Dec 7)
- November 2 - Legends Burgers Toy Drive & Car Show, Upland (canceled)
- November 9 - Flabob Airport Veterans Celebration Parade, Festival, & Hornets SCTA Vintage Car Show, Jurupa Valley (happened)
- November 16 - Mopars & Friends at MoTech Performance, Murrieta (happened)
- November 16 - Classic Car, Boat & Travel Trailer Show & Open House at MoparMall, Murrieta (happened)
- November 16 - Legends Burgers Toy Drive & Car Show, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- November 17 - Riverside Cars & Coffee & Toy Drive, Riverside Auto Center (happened)
- Nov 27 to Dec 14 - Donation boxes at Bruster's Real Ice Cream, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- December 7 - Ramona Tire Get Together & Toy Drive, Rancho Cucamonga (rescheduled from Nov 2)
- December 14 - Inglis Classics Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive, Apple Valley (happened)
- December 16 -pick up bikes from El Cajon VFW (happened)
- December 21 - Toy Delivery to Fort Irwin (happened)
- January 11 - Christmas in January toy distribution at Fort Irwin

Norma Has Been Shopping Again

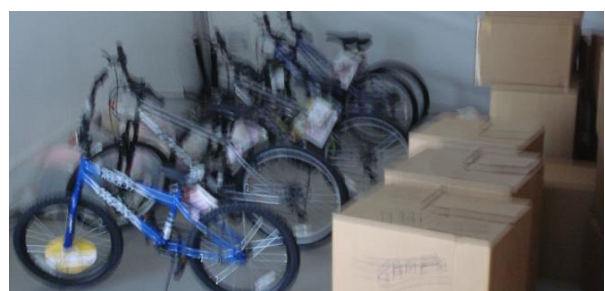
Another truck load of toys picked up from Norma before being re-boxed and delivered to Sils.



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Fort Irwin Toy Drive (cont)

Toys in bags delivered from La Mesa VFW event by Hilton Vail at Christmas party, then transferred to Whitson's Jeep. Twentynine bikes picked up from the La Mesa VFW by Mike the day after Christmas party. Toys in wrapped boxes delivered from Grand Terrace Cars & Coffee trailer loading day. Toys and bikes delivered to Fort Irwin Field House Dec. 21.



Fort Irwin Toy Drive (cont)

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

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	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
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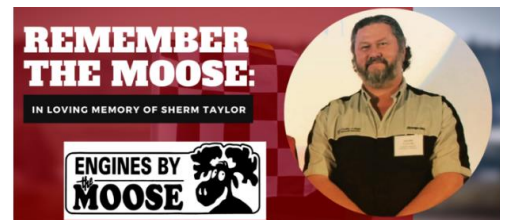
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Some of you will remember Sherm Taylor as the big guy at the Chaffey College Car Show. He was an automotive instructor and ended up wearing many different hats at Chaffey. Last year he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and had started treatment. He passed away in March. Sherm had a 440 engine he was selling before his passing. It has been sold to Lonnie Clabaugh for use in the new 1968 Dodge Charger project. Sherm's 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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- Mallory HyFire 6 Electronic Ignition P/N 6853M, Summit price, \$215.99, make offer

Contact Mike Keller at 951-212-0817 or email limedust70@gmail.com

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- Pair of 1972 Dodge Charger bucket seats.
 - Set of four small bolt pattern rallye wheels, center caps, lugs, trim rings, & 215/60R14 BF Goodrich tires.

Call or text Steve Ruiz 310-508-1327



Nuts & Bolts (cont)

For Sale - California

For any of the items below call Bill Heckman at 909-593-4431 (leave name & phone number if no answer, he will return calls, no email). No shipping, must pick up.

- 1973 Dodge Charger SE, 400 Cu. In. w/thermoquad 4-bbl, 727 trans. Complete car w/some extra parts, needs paint & assembly. Was running when parked. Has clear title.
- 1936 Chrysler Airstream (NOT Airflo) 4-door sedan. Car is complete but not assembled. Original running gear including mechanical overdrive. Has clear title.
- Various complete Mopar rear ends from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's.
- Various early Mopar 3-speed transmissions.
- "Push Button" 727 transmissions.
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- 1965-'69 B-body spindles, hubs, drums, backing plates, etc.
- 1975 318 Cu. In. "LA" motor.
- 1972(?) 400 Cu. In. "B" motor - complete from air cleaner nut to oil drain plug.
- 1967 383 Cu. In. motor - complete long block assembly.
- 1965 727 trans - push button w/sliding yoke from 426 Cu. In. "street wedge".
- Various small block & big block cast iron heads.
- 1965 "poly" 318 Cu. In. motor - complete from air cleaner nut to oil drain plug as it came out of the car. Transmission may still be on it also.
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Nuts & Bolts (cont)

For Sale - California

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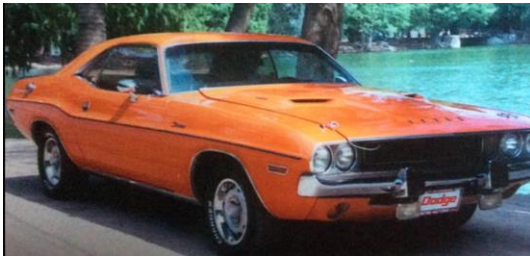
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For Sale - California

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Nuts & Bolts (cont)

For Sale - California

- 1964 Dodge Polara wagon. Original owner. Big block, auto trans. All new floors and spare tire well. Helping sell for a friend. More pics available. \$10,000/obro.

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- 1968 Dodge Charger R/T. New paint, bright work & vinyl top. Not restored. Helping sell for a friend. More pics available. Make offer.

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Nuts & Bolts (cont)

For Sale - California

- "Hellcat" long block--6.2 SRT-- less than 7000 miles-- ran perfect-- I used the outside parts for my new 411 stroker motor--\$5,500.
- "Hellcat" supercharger--less than 7,000 miles--ran perfect--has 2.75 greip-tec front pulley ("Hell raiser")-- high flow fuel rails--1300 cc injectors (set up for E85) had 21+ pounds of boost-- \$2,500

Contact Sil at 916-716-8049

-- located near Hemet, Ca-- fork lift available for loading



Suggestion for February

Join Us on February 22, 2025

To Explore Terry Ulmer's Mopar Ranch

Located at 483 Peutz Valley Rd, Alpine, CA 91901-2007

Plan on arriving between 10:30 and 11:00 am

Tour starts at 11:00 am - takes about 2 hours

You do not need to be a car person to attend

Vets have been especially interested so invite them

If you look for Mopar Ranch on the web, there are some videos that will give you an idea of what is there. Here is one of them.

[MOPAR RANCH: Crazy Collection of 60s-70s Dodge and Plymouth Classics Plus... A Battleship?! | EP2](#)

Info: Mike Keller (951)-212-0817 or email timedust70@gmail.com

MOPAR RANCH - Mopars & Missiles

Page 1 is from the Alpine Historical Society. Page 2 is from the web.

If you've ever looked north on I-8 while crossing the Peutz Valley Bridge, you may have noticed a red, white and blue missile emblazoned with "USA" next to a rotating missile launcher and wondered... what in the world is that place??

Terry Ulmer's Mopar Ranch is a combination of Naval Museum and Muscle Car collection.

Terry has a passion for honoring our Pearl Harbor survivors and has brought together an incredible collection of artifacts and photographs as well as creating exact replicas of not only the wheelhouse of a WW2 Fletcher Class Destroyer, but an ICBM Rocket, Twin-Arm Missile Launcher and a Nuclear Submarine. As a 37-year Naval engineer, his career started in Weapons; then as a Pipe Fitter; Machinist and finally Waterfront Design.



Suggestion for March

*Bonita High School
Auto Shop Car Show*



March 22, 2025
9a.m. - 1p.m.



3102 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

FREE General Admission!

Proceeds Benefit the Bonita High School Automotive Technology Program

All Welcome! Classics, Hot Rods, Kustoms, Motorcycles, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Late Model Domestics and Imports/Sport Compact - Top 10 vehicles of the show will be awarded.

Gates open at 6:00am. Judging starts at 10:30am and the award presentation at 12:30 pm.

Both breakfast and lunch provided by the Bonita High School Culinary program.

Music, 50/50 raffle and BHS Auto t-shirt sales! Discounted t-shirt with a registered vehicle.

Vehicle registration - \$40 Day-Of Registration \$45

REGISTRATION FORM:

(Check one) () Car () Motorcycle () Truck () Sponsorship/Donation

Name: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Vehicle: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Checks payable to: Bonita High School and mail to Mr. Zamboni, 3102 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Contact: rzamboni@bonita.k12.ca.us or (909) 971-8220

Signature _____ Date _____

Suggestion for April



Inland Empire Driveline Tour

Sat. 10 am April 5, 2025

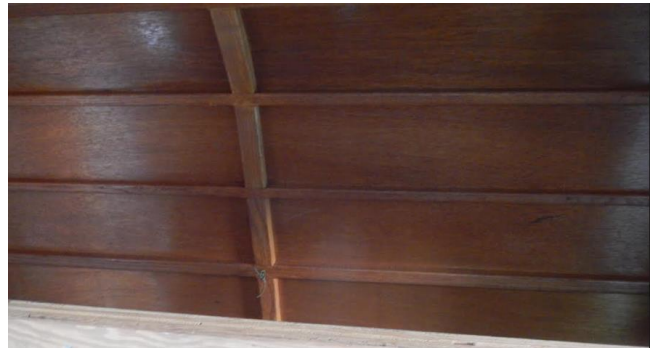
**4035 Guasti Rd suite 301,
Ontario, Ca 91761**

Coffee and donuts served
RSVP Hollis 626 975 4865

Nuts & Bolts (cont) **For Sale - California**

- Camper shell for 1938-1941 pick-up. Custom made wood and fiberglass camper shell in great condition. 58" wide x 79" long x 28" tall. Currently hanging in garage. - \$500/make offer (Chino).

Contact Donna at email dmarchesi@aol.com



**SAVE THE
DATE**



MOPARS IN MAY

**INLAND MOPARS & SYNISTER SOCAL
WILL BE CO-HOSTING THE**

**23RD ANNUAL ALL CHRYSLER CAR &
TRUCK SHOW, SWAP MEET & TOY DRIVE**

**SOUTHWEST CARPENTERS TRAINING CENTER 3250
SHELBY STREET, ONTARIO, CA 91764**

MAY 18, 2025