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President's Message

Ken Hamer

Thoughts' n' More

First of all, THANK YOU to all club members that helped out during the recent Grand National Roadster Show. Our work at the GNRS provides the bulk of the annual operating funds for the club. Your help during the GNRS is very much appreciated.

I don't remember who said it, but sometime on Friday during the GNRS while I was in the main souvenir booth someone made a comment about the age of most of the attendees at the show. I'm sure we've all noticed that there is an abundance of gray/graying hair on most of the guys - and lessening amounts of hair on some of the others. This isn't just at the GNRS, but at most of the car show events we all attend. And if you haven't noticed, just take a look around the room at one of our club meetings. But I never considered the effect that our hobby's demographics might have on event advertisers/sponsors until this years 'Dr. George' charity car show at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on February 11th. The show flyer didn't mention any show advertisers or sponsors, but the official show event shirt sports "Forest Lawn" on the right shirtsleeve!

If you missed our 2017 "Un-Holiday" club party at Marie Callender's on February 4th then you missed a good dinner and a lot of fun. Huge THANKS to Norma Johnston for another outstanding event! I was originally considering sending out an email to the club members that didn't attend. I was going to request their private replies with the reason they didn't attend so we could plan future events that may appeal to all club members. But the comments from those in attendance at both the "Un-Holiday" party and our club meeting the following day were so positive that I decided the email wasn't necessary. Just suffice it to say, if you chose not to attend then you missed out on a lot of fun.

Do you remember back in the October newsletter 'President's Message' where I mentioned the abundance of pictures, but lack of words, about Mopars in the December issue of "Chevy Craft" (*Car Craft*) magazine? Well, they really out did themselves in the May 2017

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(From the 100116 roster)
*Happy Birthday to you,
 Happy Birthday to you,
 Happy Birthday to
 March*

Ken Strathman	11
Kim Strathman	19
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Jennie Frisby	22

Carrows, except for * months
 10 am, 9 am for breakfast,
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2017 MEETING SCHEDULE
January 8*
February 5
March 5
April 2* (at CSDR)
May 7
June 4
July 2
August 6* (club picnic)
September 3
October 1* (Veterans)
November 5
December 3

Meeting 1st Sunday of the month

Bits 'n Pieces

Variation on what was overheard multiple times at the Unholiday Party....

GARFIELD: By Jim Davis



And who said broccoli is only good as a Christmas decoration?

President's Message (cont)

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issue. Not only are there a bunch of photos of Mopars, including the cover, there are also more feature articles on Mopars than you would normally find in a couple of years worth of the magazine. There's a 4-page spread on the 2016 Mopar Nationals, a 5-page article and pics of an AAR 'Cuda set up for autocross and road course handling, a 6-page Mopar big-block intake manifold test, a 5-page comparison and dyno test between carburetion and the Holley Sniper EFI on a Bob Mazzolini Racing-built small-block Mopar, a 3-page tech article on a Slant Six built for Bonneville, and also a 6-page feature on a Gen-III Hemi powered Duster (Jason, have you seen this?), a 5-page feature on a Max Wedge-headed 440-powered '65 Coronet, and a 4-page feature on a big-block '69 Charger R/T. Did the defunct *Mopar Action* morph into *Car Craft*? By the way, both the featured Duster and Charger are local SoCal vehicles. I hope we see both of them at our upcoming "Mopars In May @ CSDR" charity-benefit car show.

Reminders:

- The March 5th club meeting is at Carrow's as usual followed a trip to Randy's Drag Racing Museum in Lake Elsinore
- The April 2nd club meeting will be at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside so we can finalize our car show planning
- Show flyers, trophy sponsor forms, Opportunity Drawing item donation forms, etc. for our upcoming "Mopars In May @ CSDR" charity-benefit car show are available. Contact Mike Keller if you need either print or electronic versions (phone & e-mail on Page 1).
- The online registration option should be available on the club website by the time you read this. I followed up with our webmaster and he reported he was in process of: stripping out some of the unnecessary coding he'd previously done, setting up radio buttons to transfer participants from the main club website to the registration site, squaring away payment portal(s) and testing ease of use. He's working as fast as he can to get this all done in between the other "life" things (like his regular work that pays the bills) that he has going on. Remember, he's doing this for free.

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 members //



Meeting Minutes-February

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by the Sergeant-at Arms, Mike Counts

Present: Steve Backer, Mike Counts, Sam Frisby, Jason Gibbons, Ken & Judy Hamer, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, Leo & Judy Rowden, Ed & Linda Sobiecki, Ken & Kim Strathman, and Bill & Debbie Whitson, & our newest member, Rick Cook.

Treasurer's Report - Sam reported that we have 15 paid member families so far in 2017.

IECCC - Our activities were added to their calendar. Next meeting is next week.

Newsletter - Mike Keller reported the Club newsletter will now be published before the monthly meeting. It will include a new section, "Member Recommended" where members can post business cards or information about services, etc. that they recommend.

Car Club Insurance - Ken Hamer reported that he received the annual bill for the club's insurance. After some discussion, Norma Johnston moved that we pay the \$388 for the insurance. Bill Heckman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by the members present. (No insurance, no car show)

Past Events:

- **Grand National Roadster Show** - January 25-29 - Ken thanked everyone who worked the show and presented the check from Rod Shows to Sam Frisby. Ken asked for reviews on the show from those who were new to it:
 - **Mike Counts** - had a good time.
 - **Ed & Linda Sobiecki** - appreciates those who helped out in getting their car ready to show.
 - **Mike Keller** - reported that the 2019 GNRS will mark the 25th anniversary of Inland Mopars. As such, he suggested we have as many club member cars as possible on display instead of the usual 2-3. Something to think about with a half dozen in progress cars that should be ready by then.
- **2nd Annual Unholiday Party** - February 4 - It seemed those who attended had a good time. Ken asked if we wanted to continue with the same format and the members responded positively.

Upcoming Events:

- **NHRA Winternationals Friday Qualifying** - February 10 - Pomona Fairplex. Bill Heckman reported that he did not have any tickets left for this event.
- **15th Annual Dr. George car show** - February 11 - Indian Wells Tennis Center -Members planning to attend: Steve Backer, Bill Heckman, Sam Frisby and Ken & Judy Hamer.
- **32nd Annual H.E.M.I. Car Show** - February 19 - Glendale Community College, Glendale, Arizona. Members planning to attend: Steve Backer and Mike Keller.
- **March Club Event** - Following the March meeting we are going back to Randy's Drag Racing Museum in Lake Elsinore. Map & directions to be included in the March newsletter.
- **Daylight Savings Time** - March 12th - Just a reminder.
- **Bonita High School Auto Shop Car Show** - March 18 - La Verne. Pre-registration is \$25. Mike Keller said it might be nice for us to support this school.

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Meeting Minutes-February (cont)

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- **April** - A very busy month with the following events taking place:
 - April 1st - Ft. Irwin "Box Tour". Members attending: Sil and Carol Brander, Mike, Camille and Christy Counts and an additional friend, Ken & Judy Hamer, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, Larry & Franki Torres, and Bill & Debbie Whitson
 - April 2nd - Club meeting will be held at CSDR. Need a breakfast location - to be decided at the March meeting.
 - April 8 - 14th Annual Corn Feed Run Car Show, Chino
 - April 8-9 - Spring Fling, Woodley Park, Van Nuys
 - April 8-9 - 4th Annual Muscle Car & Street Machine Nationals, Fairplex, Pomona
 - April 9 - 9th Annual Chaffey College Car Show, Rancho Cucamonga (club event). This event provides a free lunch with pre-registration- with great food!
 - April 20-23 - Musclecars At The Strip, Las Vegas, NV (club event) - We will convoy to MATS on Thursday, April 20, and work the show as in past years April 21-23.
- **San Dimas High School Car Show** - May 6 - San Dimas. They support our show so we should support theirs. Registration is \$25 with a free T-shirt.
- **Mopars at CSDR** - May 20th - Car Show Prep day.
- **Mopars at CSDR** - May 21st - Car Show. This year it will be held in the front of the school. Mike reported that so far we have 3 cars registered and 2 food vendors. He will check with the school about a Trophy Girl.

Round Robin

Leo & Judy Rowden - house is in escrow for the fourth time ... here's hoping it closes!!

Norma Johnston - retirement is very busy!

Mike Counts - going to the Viet Vets Car Show at Ft. Irwin this Saturday.

Rick Cook - On April 1st there's a car show at the air show.

Ken Strathman - March 25-27 is the Sports Car racing at Rosemond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Counts, announced the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamer

Recording Secretary

Randy's Drag Racing Museum

Don't forget, March 5 after the club meeting, we have a reservation at Randy's Drag Racing Museum in Lake Elsinore. This is the largest privately owned drag racing museum with 17 funny cars, 103 fire suits, gobs of die cast vehicles, and walls covered with memorabilia. Separate area for Randy's toys in his own town. No cost but donations are encouraged. Plan on caravanning or join us there.



Randy's Drag Racing Museum
randysdragracingmuseum.com

Randy's Drag Racing Museum
Region Memorabilia Wanted
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Map labels: Hwy 74 / Central, Lake Elsinore, Dexter, El Toro, Lindell, 27560, 91, 15, To Orange Co.

Dr. George Show : top, partial group shot; below right, Hot Desert Mopars pick for Best Mopar, a 1929 Dodge Bros 5-window coupe of Mark Duchamp; below left, Steve Backer & his "new" 2013 Adrenaline Red Dodge Viper next to his 2014 Dodge Challenger



More GNRs...from the Hot Rod Network website

Traditional Hot Rods—and Good Taste— Return to the 68th Grand National Roadster Show

"Dreadful." "Incoherent." "Baroque." Detractors of America's Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) competition at the Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS) were not exactly sparing venomous adjectives to describe the vehicles that battled during the first decade of the century. Back then, judging revolved around the alterations performed on each entry, without much consideration for subjective criteria. It all changed in 2011, when judges were instructed to incorporate new guidelines, emphasizing the driving position, profile, proportions, wheel/tire ratios, theme of the build and more. Seen as controversial by some, this reform allowed smartly constructed and aesthetically balanced entries (and not necessarily the most exotic or perfect) to stand a chance of winning the show's ultimate accolade.

Here we are, seven years later with arguably one of the best selections of contestants to vie for the AMBR award. Tastefully done traditional/retro creations represented the bulk of the field; in fact, many would deserve being featured in Hot Rod Deluxe. We'll let you peruse through our pictures to discover a few of the nominees, as well as the ultimate champion, Bruce Wanta's terrific 1936 Packard, the Mulholland Speedster. His name will now grace the pedestal of the massive 9-plus-foot-tall AMBR trophy.

Yet, the three-day event had much more to offer, thanks to the neatly organized seven halls, which welcomed no less than 50,000 visitors. One of our favorite spots remained the Suede Palace, solely dedicated to traditional hot rods and customs, with several vintage drag cars thrown in for good measure. When inaugurated in 2006, the old tin building gathered a handful of rat rods; more than a decade later, they've been replaced by nicely finished and painted vehicles built with taste and a deep appreciation for history. Concerts and an assortment of vendors/artists contributed to the Palace's excellent vibe, too.



Mixing Art Deco styling and custom car traits, Bruce Wanta's Mulholland Speedster might not fit everybody's definition of a hot rod. Yet, Troy Ladd and his crew at Hollywood Hot Rods managed to create an amazing coachbuilt custom from a 1936 Packard, which wowed the crowd and AMBR judges, who declared it the 2017 winner. For motivation, Bruce selected a Lincoln V12 flathead hopped up with a Latham supercharger and Hogan heads. (Late breaking news: The Mulholland Speedster also won the Custom d'Elegance award at the Sacramento Autorama.)

More GNRS (cont)



So-Cal Speed Shop's Pete Chapouris passed away shortly before the GNRS, so it seemed appropriate to display two of his best known hot rods: Limefire, which graced the cover of Rod & Custom in December 1988, and The California Kid. The latter, also a R&C cover car, appeared in the made-for-TV movie of the same name starring Martin Sheen. Jason Slover of Peculiar, Missouri, has been the owner of the '34 coupe for years.

More Happenings at Pomona or Remember the Wheels Up WinterNationals?



Club Member Recommended Businesses



Chuck Merken says "He has a late model van with professional cleaning equipment, steam cleaning Etc. Brings his own pop-up and takes pride in his work...arrives on time and takes his time...cost \$100".



Recommended by Ken Hamer



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Bruce Somer
Mopar Performance Parts
Windshield Wiper Motors
Buy - Sell - Trade
Phone: (909) 986-9551
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Recommended by Bill Heckman



Mention Inland Mopars & get a 10% discount on parts



Recommended by Inland Mopars

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Recommended by Inland Mopars

More to come

Upcoming 2017 Events (Mopar & non-Mopar)

March

- 5: Club run to Randy's Drag Racing Museum in Lake Elsinore after the club meeting
- 11: Annual NSRA Safety Appreciation Day - Apple Valley - flyer available
- 18: Hot Desert Mopars Meet & Greet - Palm Desert
- 18: 6th Annual Bonita High School AutoShop Car Show - La Verne - flyer available
- 18: LX Fest Angel Stadium

April

- 1: Inland Mopars Ft Irwin Box Tour
- 8: Corn Feed Run - Chino - flyer available
- 8-9: 4th Annual Street Machine & Muscle Car Nationals - Pomona
- 8-9: Spring Fling, Woodley Park, Van Nuys - flyer available
- 9: Chaffey College Car Show - Rancho Cucamonga - flyer available
- 15: 32nd Annual Rotary Easter Car Show - Hurricane, UT
- 16: Easter
- 21-23: MATS - Las Vegas, NV - flyer available
- 22: Annual NSRA Safety Appreciation Day - Corona - flyer available
- 28-30: Western Street Rod Nationals - Bakersfield, NSRA
- 29: Mottes 5th Annual Big Barn Classic Car Show - Menifee - flyer available

May

- 4-6: 21st Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show - Morro Bay - flyer available
- 6: 4th Annual San Dimas High School PTSA Car Show - San Dimas - flyer available
- 6: 12th Annual Edelbrock Car Show - Torrance
- 6: 4th Annual Motech Performance Open House - 10-3, 41715 Elm St, Suite 301, Murrieta, CA 92562
- 13: The American Car, Truck & Bike Show - Bakersfield, Mopars of Bakersfield - flyer available
- 14: Mother's Day
- 21: Mopars in May at CSDR - Riverside, Inland Mopars - flyer available

June

- 3: 23rd Annual Inland Valley Street Rods Rally & Cruise - Ontario - flyer available
- 4: 7th Annual Cruise for Kids - Rancho Cucamonga - flyer available
- 17: 22nd Annual Mopar Fest Car Show - Rio Rancho, NM, Mopar Muscle Club of NM - flyer available

July

- 15: All American Car Show XIX - Encinitas - flyer available

Nuts & Bolts-

Ads will run until I hear they are no longer needed.

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

For Sale

- 1968 Hurst Hemi Dart replica. Double magazine show car. Frame off(?) rotisserie, black w/ candy apple red lace paint job. Absolute show stopper. Authentic orig details. Asking \$115,000/obo.

Call Mark 702-596-1399 or e-mail niteghardian@aol.com



Nuts & Bolts-(cont)

For Sale

- 1937 Dodge Pickup, all Mopar, 318, Volare running gear, adjustable torque front end, new tires, all metal, runs smooth. Located in Chino. Asking \$25,000/obo.

Call Dianna 909-627-8718 or e-mail bndhuls@gmail.com



- 400CI engine - \$600.

Call Rick 591-394-3447 or e-mail huntshotrods@msn.com

- 1973 Plymouth Fury III 2dr coupe (C-body), 360 CI with Edelbrock Fuel Injection, 727 trans, dual exhaust. One family owned. 110,000 miles, original light beige paint with some road rash, new off white vinyl top. Registration current, inside storage, covered. Located in Rancho Cucamonga. No reasonable offer refused. Pictures below to show color only, not actual car.



Call Don Driftmier at 951-206-5731 or e-mail ddriftmier@nhepictures.com for info or to view the car. Pictures above to show color only, not actual car.

Nuts & Bolts-(cont)

- 1947 Dodge (Swoopy), 392 CI Hemi, 727 trans. Swoopy is available for viewing at Extreme Automotive in Corona, Calif. Includes Swoopy, deluxe 31' triple axle enclosed trailer with full custom wrap, custom indoor show display with carpet, rails, signage, and lighting, and website. Transportation of vehicle, trailer, and display is available. Delivery schedule and associated fees will be determined during final negotiations. Serious inquiries only are being solicited.

Attn Philip Leatherman at 951-371-9730 or www.extremeautomotive.org



- '66 Barracuda rocker moldings, used - \$200

Call Smilin' Ed 702-807-1408 or e-mail moparsoflasvegas@cox.net



- Mopars at Extreme Automotive 2016 t-shirts, sizes; large thru 3X, \$20 with \$3 going to the toy drive fund.

Call Mike 951 212-0817 or e mail limesdust70@gmail.com



Nuts & Bolts-(cont)

- '70 Plymouth Road Runner. Selling my 1970 Roadrunner hardtop (rear windows roll down), Original 383 engine, about 425 hp, cam, B&M 727 transmission, 3.55 gears, rear spring re-location kit made room for meats, oil cooler, tranny cooler, Moser axles, air grabber hood, Classic Air AC, killer stereo, 150 miles since full rotisserie restoration, everything is new, runs amazing, paint is a 9 out of 10, interior is perfect, have \$55,000 in receipts not including the car, original bill of sale, build sheet, box of receipts, Odometer reads 150 miles, previous title read 47,800 actual miles.

Contact Robert 817-240-0041 or e-mail Heeman40@aol.com



- '67 Dodge Dart door panels, light blue, have no need for them, make an offer.

Call Mike 951-212-0817 or e-mail limedust70@gmail.com



Free

- Poly 318 motor that hasn't started in many years but it's still free, took it out of a 55-56 F100. Ran 111 mph at El Mirage back in the day.

Call Bill Heckman at 909-593-4431 for info

Wanted

- Looking for a '69 Dodge Charger, motor not important. Sergeant Major at Ft. Irwin looking to replace his car.

Contact Mary Leatherman: e-mail leatherman.mary@gmail.com

- Looking for a '70-74 B-body console lid door in good condition for Rob in Australia.

Contact Ken Hamer: e-mail khamer3@roadrunner.com