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## President's Message

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### *MATS'n'More*

Our club's annual pilgrimage to Las Vegas for MATS was an outstanding trip! You really missed a great time if you weren't able to make it this year. HUGE thanks go out to Norma Johnston for her always-outstanding work at the car show entrance gate and to everyone who helped with parking the show car field on Friday and Saturday: Carol Brander, Veronica Castro and her brother Tom, Bill Heckman, Jason Gibbons, Mike Keller, our Aussie club member Rob McLean, our honorary club member from Michigan Jerry Shory, and Bill and Debbie Whitson. As always, a great job done by all.

Our annual MATS Friday evening club gathering for dinner at Casa Cocina at the Cannery was a great time, fun and delicious as always. All shirts and pants were kept on.

The show car space problem we all feared with the inclusion of the "SOBs" (some other brands) turned out to be a non-issue since not too many attended this year. It also helped that, this year, all Judged cars were parked together regardless of body type. The same pertained to both Popular Choice and Fun Field. I'm sure it made it more difficult for the car show judges with the mix of A-body, B-body, C-body, E-body, etc.

There had been a backlash on various online message boards about the rename of MATS to "Muscle Cars At The Strip" and the inclusion of General Motors and Ford vehicles. At first, I was also disappointed that our beloved all-Mopar event was changing. But then I realized the change is an economic necessity if the event is to continue. Rental of The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, security costs, insurance and all the rest of the logistics involved with the event is a huge expense. It only makes sense to include all muscle car brands to increase the participation of car owners in both the car show and drag racing fields. It is also especially important in order to encourage more companies to participate and display in the Manufacturers Midway. Sure, companies like Layson's and Mr. Moparts will attend an all-Mopar show because that's who their customer

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*Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to ....*

	March
Ken Strathman	11
Kim Strathman	19
Josie Hernandez	19
Scott Whiteman	20
Jennie Frisby	22
	April
Linda Merken	18

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE
January 3
February 7
March 6
<b>April 3</b>
<b>May 1</b>
<b>June 5</b>
<b>July 3</b>
<b>August 7</b>
<b>September 4</b>
<b>October 2</b>
<b>November 6</b>
<b>December 4</b>

## Bits ‘n Pieces

### "Drug Test" submitted by Ken Hamer

Sometimes "Seniors" don't understand directions. I assume we are all "Seniors". This is why you (a "Senior") should listen to your Doctor's instructions. (Editorial comment: Does not apply to Jason or Tyler as well as Daemon and maybe a couple of others but will someday.)

I went to my nearby CVS Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacist's high counter is located. I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter.

The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me.

I said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me?"

Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing.

When he finally was finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked, "Now, does that taste sweet to you?"

The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, "HELL NO!!!"

I said, "Oh, thank God! That's a real relief! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!"

I can never go back to that CVS, but I really don't care, because they aren't very friendly there anymore!

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demographic is - the Mopar owner. But a company that markets products to all makes may not attend a Mopar-only show because the travel and show expense exceeds the reward of product sales to only one brand of vehicle.

And if we are as proud of our Mopars as I know we are, why not compete against the "SOBs" to show them how outstanding our Mopars are?

If we don't do all we can to get the word out about MATS and help it grow with all muscle car brands in attendance, then we run the very-real risk of this event going away.

And then we all lose.

Congratulations to Veronica Castro who took home a "Top Ten Modern Mopar" award for her beautiful Plum Crazy Challenger, Sil Brander who garnered both the "Hot Rod Magazine" award for his absolutely outstanding "ET" Cruiser and a "1<sup>st</sup> Place" award for his beautiful 1959 Plymouth race car, and to Bill and Debbie Whitson who took home a "2<sup>nd</sup> Place" award for their always immaculate and beautiful 1964 Plymouth Fury.



Now it's time to start planning for the 2017 "Muscle Cars At The Strip" event!

But first, we have the following upcoming events during the month of April we need all club members to attend:

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- April 2 - Motech Performance Open House, Murrieta, with free food and drinks. We are meeting at 11AM in front of their complex. Please bring your Mopar if possible. Please read Mike Keller's email that he sent out on March 26 with all of the details. Motech Performance is a valued vendor at our "Mopars In May At CSDR" annual all-Mopar car shows and now we need to attend and support their event.
- April 3 - Our monthly club meeting will be at 10AM at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, 3044 Horace St, Riverside, CA 92506. We will be doing a review of our show site for the 2016 edition of "Mopars In May At CSDR" and going over final planning. Please be prepared to present updates if you have been given specific responsibilities concerning the logistics for this show. All club members need to attend so we can make the 2016 show even more successful than past years. Steve Backer volunteered to check out a pre-meeting breakfast spot location and will be sending out an email to everyone.
- April 10 - our April club activity, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Chaffey College Car Show on the campus at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. Gates will open at 7:00 AM. Club members plan on meeting at the McDonalds off Haven just north of the 210 Fwy at 6:45 AM. This will be the first signal after the freeway

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Steve Backer.

Present: Steve Backer, Sil Brander, Veronica Castro, Sam Frisby, Joey & Daemon Garcia, Ken Hamer, Bill Heckman, Norma Johnston, Mike Keller, Judy & Leo Rowden and Bill & Debbie Whitson. We had one guest: Valerie, Veronica Castro's sister.

Ken reported that Judy is home with the flu.

Club dues are now payable, if you haven't already paid them.

Ken expressed condolences to Steve & Beth Backer's family on the recent loss of Beth's brother, "Uncle Ray".

**2016 Street Machine and Muscle Car Nationals** - March 12-13 - Pomona. Early Bird registration ended March 4<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor cars can cruise the Fairplex, indoor cars stay indoors.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Diamond Car Show** - April 30 - Hemet. This event is 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM in conjunction with the annual Diamond Tamale Festival, held at the Diamond Valley Sports Complex. Entry fee is \$15; register by April 16th. Ken will give the flyer to Mike to be included in the next newsletter.

Ken received an email from the Ford Motor Co. inviting all club members to get behind the wheel of the 2016 Shelby GT350, 1:00-5:00 PM at Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow, CA on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free. If anyone is interested, let Ken know and he will send you the link. Deadline to submit your name and email is April 27<sup>th</sup>. A credit card number is required to hold your reservation. You can cancel up to 72 hours before; cancel after that and your card will be charged \$100, to be donated to the Carroll Shelby Foundation.

**Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom Tour"** - May 2-8 in Riverside and Santa Ana. Hours: Riverside: May 2: Noon - 5:00 PM, May 3: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, May 4: 9:00 AM - Noon. Santa Ana: May 4: 2:00 - 5:00 PM, May 5-8: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Flights are available:

Boeing B-17G	30 Minutes	\$450/person	
Consolidated B-24J	30 Minutes	\$450/person	
North American			
B-25 Mitchell	30 Minutes	\$400/person	
P-51C	30 Minutes	\$2200/person	This is the world's only dual control flight. You will get a chance to fly with controls.
	60 Minutes	\$3200/person	

**Treasurer's Report** - Sam reported that he purchased new checks for the club. We now have 21 club member families.

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**IECCC** - Norma reported the annual IECCC Car Show is Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Riverside Municipal Airport. She has already advised them Inland Mopars Car Club will not be participating because of the way we were slighted at a previous show. Norma also reported all awards for the event are being supplied by the airport.

**Grand National Roadster Show** - The \$1500 check was received from Rod Shows and was mailed to Sam; however, it evidently was lost in the postal system somewhere because Sam never received it. Ken left a voice mail and email to Laura asking for a replacement check. He sent a reminder email also but still hasn't received a reply.

We have received confirmation that the 2016 Club Liability insurance policy is in effect. Premium cost is \$390.

**Dr. George Show** - Feb. 13 - Indian Wells. Steve Backer and Bill Heckman both reported how good the show was and how much they enjoyed it.

No one attended the 'Big 3 Auto Parts Exchange and Car Corral' at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego on Feb. 26-28.

March 13<sup>th</sup> is Daylight Savings Time - change your clocks ahead one hour.

**Muscle Cars at the Strip (formerly known as MATS)** - March 18-20<sup>th</sup> - Las Vegas. Congratulations to Mike Keller for having his 20-second Demon featured for the Slant Six drag racing class. Members (Steve Backer, Ken & Judy Hamer, Bill Heckman and Norma Johnston) will caravan to Vegas on March 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the McDonald's in Cajon Pass at 10:00 AM. Veronica Castro will meet the club in Vegas along with her brother, who helped us park cars last year. Mike Keller will be traveling earlier as he will be working in the Layson's booth. Sil & Carol Brander, Bill & Debbie Whitson and Jerry Shory will wave as they drive by McDonald's ... as it's too difficult to pull in and out when pulling a trailer. We may go straight to the track on Thursday with the hopes of previewing the show car parking area. Mike Keller will confirm with Phil Painter if we can get on the property without wrist bands and Ken Hamer will confirm with Phil Painter if we can have a spot on the Manufacturers' Midway. Parking meeting at The Cannery on Thursday night. Park cars on Friday and Saturday. With the restructuring of the parking area to include GMs and Fords this year, we are taking a "let's see how it goes" attitude before deciding if IM will continue to work this event in the future.

The April 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting will be held at CSDR to give us a chance to look over the show site for final layout discussions and decisions. Steve Backer offered to look for a place for members to meet for breakfast before the April meeting.

Mike Keller advised Motech Performance in Murrieta is having an Open House on Saturday, April 3, at their facility and it would be good for Inland Mopars to attend since Motech has supported our car show as a vendor over the past couple of years. Meeting time and place to be decided and info distributed to club members.

**Chaffey College Car Show** - April 10<sup>th</sup> - Rancho Cucamonga. \$20 pre-entry must be postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike Keller reported the gates will open at 7:00 AM. Club members plan on meeting at the McDonalds off Haven just north of the 210 Fwy at 6:45 AM. This will be the first signal after the freeway.

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**Mopars in May @ CSDR** - May 15<sup>th</sup> - Riverside. Mike Keller reported that we currently have six vehicles pre-registered, three food vendors, one product vendor and one swapper. The work assignment sign-up sheet was passed around; basically everyone will take care of the same thing as last year. Staff shirt T-shirt size list was made for all club members. Mike asked Jason Gibbons to take care of getting a tent like he did last year; he hasn't received confirmation yet from Jason so Steve Backer will check with Jason to make sure it's done. Mike asked Ken Hamer to take care of the porta-potty arrangements; same quantity as last year. A suggestion was made to either get porta-potties with hand sanitizers or a separate wash stand for the porta-potty area. Mike reported the dash plaques will be made by the same company that is printing the T-shirts at a cost savings. He requested that all trophy sponsor forms be turned in before the end of March. Norma Johnston reported that IECCC donated a \$50 check to use toward awards.

**A Flag for Every Hero** - May 28<sup>th</sup> - Riverside National Cemetery. Nothing has been posted yet, but the date will probably be Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. More details when known.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inland Valley Street Rods Rally & Cruise** - June 4 - Ontario.

### ROUND ROBIN

Ken Hamer - remaining transmission components finally shipped. Waiting for a spot at the fabricator for some chassis work and welding.

Veronica Castro - finally got her Challenger out of 'repair shop purgatory', is getting "Lambo" door conversion and sequential tail lights done prior to MATS.

Leo & Judy Rowden - celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently; Leo has pulled the engine from his Duster and is sending the cylinder heads out for some minor repair work. The Durango is back operating again.

Joey & Daemon Garcia - continuing work on the Duster - interior sound deadening, painted the dash, deciding whether to replace the dash pad or just put a cap over the existing dash pad.

Bill & Debbie Whitson - getting ready for MATS. Oh, almost forgot, they bought a new truck! A 2016 Ram (what other make of truck is there?), "Blue Streak Pearl", 5.7 Hemi. Bill wouldn't drive it to the meeting today because it was raining.

Mike Keller - met with Bill Whitson recently and took pictures of their '64 Fury for an upcoming club T-shirt.

Bill Heckman - Putzing around working on the Road Runner.

Norma Johnston - will be working on 'Baby' with Steve Backer, getting her ready for MATS. Recently got new shock absorbers installed.

Steve Backer - planning an upcoming trip to drive his Challenger back to the Mopar Nationals at National Trail Raceway in Columbus, OH in August; then go on to Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise.

## Meeting Minutes (cont)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamer  
Recording Secretary

## Nuts & Bolts

Wanted:

340-360 4-speed bell housing Leo 909 496-5214

For Sale

65 Dodge Dart Convertible, has running 273 & auto trans, most parts, clean pink, asking \$3000 Al 951 780-8392

