

My Neon's hit five years old a couple of months ago. Still gets 27/36 mpg on regular, which gets me 360 highway miles on the 10 gallon tank. And just passed smog, clean as a whistle. It seats five, has a huge trunk, it's very comfy, and when you're in it, it seems much larger than it is. Cost me \$15k, out the door, tax, license & a great deal on a maintenance package. I wonder why they killed it?

Maybe the Chrysler (Daimler?) brain trust saw the Volt and decided that they couldn't compete. The Volt is that new hybrid from Chevy now more than half owned by the US Gummint, so they offer a \$7500 subsidy on every one sold. It seems to be part of the Obama energy plan. Let's take a look at this breakthrough car, shall we?

Right off, it seats four. The interior consists of four bucket seats. Actually, it's pretty nice in the optional leather and the four buckets have a real sporty flair. But it's still one seat less than every sedan in America.

The outside looks nothing like the concept car, which made the Neon look like last month's bar of soap. Mind you, my Neon's looks are ok, but the car hardly stops traffic. But neither does the production Volt. Fact is, it is the same size & looks much like the Malibu. Which is not exactly ugly, either, but if you're going to make a statement car, why come up with a unique look? That's what Toyota & Nissan did. The looks of the Prius and Leaf say, "I am a responsible human, dedicated to personally saving the planet, and I drive a hideously styled car to prove it." Hard to believe, but the Leaf is even uglier than the Prius. So, Chevy, why'd you go with vanilla? Did your focus groups say they want to blend in their effort at planetary salvation?

According to the Chevy website, so it must be true, the Volt has a 35 mile city range, and 40 mpg on the highway on it's 150 hp electric motor. Those are equivalent to mpg's based on gas, derived by some tricky calculus. But the Volt does have a 1.4 liter, 80 hp *premium* gas engine. When the two powerplants sync together and recharge the Lithium-ion on board battery pack, you can get 400 combined highway miles out of the batteries and the fuel in the 9 gallon tank. Not bad.

But it costs 40 grand. Even with the Obama discount, I could buy two Neons. Hmmm. This sounds more like his economic plan. — Bob
 -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'r

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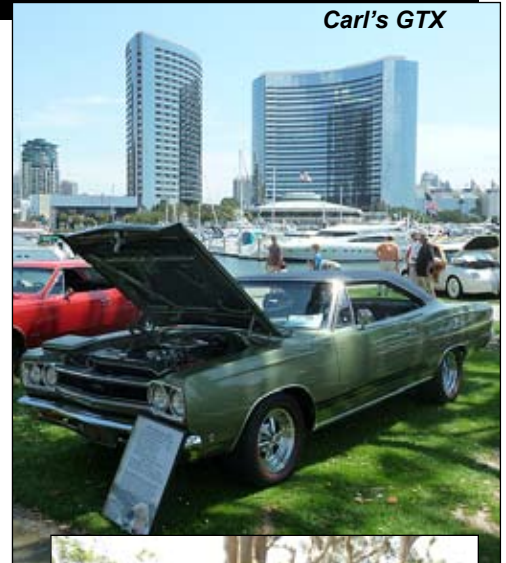
Back-to-Back At The Embarcadero!!!

Pontiac Club Pow Wow Sun July

31, the Embarcadero What a venue for a car show! But less than 100 cars were on hand to enjoy the spectacular scenery and weather. Representing the Mopar Club were Carl Parrick in his '68 GTX, Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh with his '66 Hemi Satellite, Terry Ulmer with his '70 Hemi Road Runner, and Larry and Debbie Johnson in their '72 Challenger 440/6. We must've intimidated the judging, because we got skunked.



*Above: The Challenger driven by Larry & Debbie
 Left: Red + Hemi + Chrome Wheels = No Trophy? Somebody must've added wrong.*



Carl's GTX



Terry's Hemi Road Runner

Main Street America Sat Aug 7 The following week, the Corvette Club of San Diego held their show at the Embarcadero and over 300 cars showed up. The scenery hadn't changed from the previous week, but the weather got a little toastier. Dan Harp attended in his '67 Dodge Coronet/440, Tom Ferreria was there in his '69 Plymouth Valiant, along with HemiBoy's Satellite which also did not change from it's spectacular presentation of the previous week, and Ben Giangiulio, in his '63 Plymouth Fury. The voters loved twin 4-barrel 426 Max Wedge under Ben's hood, his shiny wheels, and they apparently loved his fuchsia paint, too, as Ben took 2nd in class.

Ben takes home the hardware!



Yeah, it was tough duty...

ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW XIII

JULY 16, 2011

Profile

In spite of the economy, we had over 200 guests enter our car show, and with the raffle prizes and 50/50, we are able to donate approximately \$7000 to Homefront and USO. More importantly, Clubmembers donated cash, prizes and sponsorship. Not to mention considerable time!

Once again, our venue was Westfield Plaza in Carlsbad, where the weather was perfect.



Clubmember Winfield Wood took Best Engine



Best Of Show AACS XIII



Above: vote counters Gary Shadoan, Tom Bourdage, & Greg Mooney at work & under pressure



Above: The Aflac #99 NASCAR was a big hit



Debbie J. havin' fun

BEST OF SHOW
Barry Penn '54 Chevy Convertible

TOP 10
Robert Allen '51 Mercury
Michael Miller '72 Ford Ranchero
Joe Free '50 Ford Woodie
Chauncy Newlin '56 Plymouth Fury
Marcia Duncan '40 Willys Coupe
Mickey Gill '55 Pontiac Starchief
David Lewis '70 Chevelle SS
Dennius Jones '55 Chevy Cameo
Janet Wiegman '57 Chevy Bel Air
Larry Voir '64 Chrysler New Yorker Wagon

BEST MOPAR
Gary Carlson '69 Dodge Charger

BEST CHEVY
David Baker '66 Nova

BEST FORD
Ken & Mirleen Magers '35 3-Window

BEST GM THAT AIN'T A BOWTIE
'67 Pontiac GTO Convertible

BEST ENGINE
Winfield Wood '64 Plymouth Fury

BEST MODERN PONY CAR
Howard Gire '07 Shelby Mustang GT350

BEST TRUCK
Dwayne & Martha Richardson '53 F-100

BEST FOREIGN
Mel Taylor '58 Austin A35

BEST STREET ROD
Ray Lake '30 Ford "A" Coupe

BEST MODERN MUSCLE CAR
Bob Whistler '10 Dodge Challenger

BEST CONVERTIBLE
Mark Waldow '57 T-Bird

BEST SLEEPER
Tim Schmidt '65 Ford Falcon Futura

CORPSMAN'S PICK
John McNamara '89 Corvette

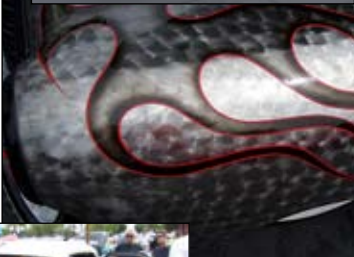
CLUB PARTICIPATION
Over The Hill Gang



Right: very unique flames on the raw sheetmetal of this Ford p/u. It has a rifle on the door and a bomb in the bed. Road rage, anyone?



Best Mopar, one-owner since new in '69



Right: old school drag car meets old school street rod
Below: the blown nitro Hemi Magicar, one of three vintage cacklefest diggers

Gravel n' Grit supplied us with the best car show stage in the county. Navy Corpsman were our guests.



Right: it was good to see this Best of Show winner from an AACS of years past



Corpsmen at the USO & Homefront booths



Above: Corpsman's Pick (to no one's surprise)



Right: the raffle table did a brisk business



The San Diego Mopars entered several modern and stylish Dodges



Best Truck



Best Foreign (ain't its engine, above, cute?)



Left: Tom Ferreria tracked the ticket numbers



Right: the early Hemi in the Willys coupe



Mike Miller's Ranchero, a Top 10



Takin' a break...



A big ol' Mopar Club Thank You to Carl Burger's Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep World, our Gold Sponsor, who brought some exciting new cars from their showroom.

Upcoming Events

- Next Club meeting will be 7pm Wed., Sept 14 @ Casa Machado. For events: www.goodoleboyssandiego.com
- RaceLegal at The Q, Aug 12, Sep 9, 23 drags & concerts, \$30/race, \$8/watch
- Barona Drags Aug 13-14, 27-28, Sep 10 www.baronadrags.com
- Valhalla HS Car Show, Sat Aug 13, 1725 Hillside Rd, El Cajon 410 before 7/15, \$20 after, xcnoorsemen@gmail.com
- OAA Summer Fly-in Sat Aug 13, noon-3, Oceanside Airport, r/c planes, BBQ, \$6, 760/845-0209
- Charger Steve's Wild Rides Sun Aug 21, Pacific Beach, \$30 pre-reg, by 8/10, \$35 @ gate, 760/440-0896
- 12th Classic Car Show, Sat Aug 27, 9-2, faith Chapel 9400 Campo Rd, Spring Valley \$2115 by 8/5, \$20 after 619/660-9834
- Picnic By The Bay Sun Aug 28, 9-3, Embarcadero Park North, \$25 pre/\$30 @ gate 858/569-0738
- Orphan Car Show, Sun Sep 4, La Jolla (?), orphanisdunnebuggieshandcrafted@gmail.com
- 5th Overdrive Car Show/Chili Cook-Off, Sun Sep 4, 12-4, Manzanita Brewing Co, 9962 Prospect, Santee, \$20
- Cool Expo Mon Sep 5, Qualcomm Stadium, show/swap, \$10, 7-2p 858/484-9342
- Greatest Show On Turf Sun Sep 11, Liberty Station/Pt. Loma, \$20 by 9/4, \$25 gate, 619/398-0307
- 10th Motorhead Madness Sat Sep 17, 9-2, 13933 Poway Rd, \$25 pre/\$30 gate
- 18th Picnic By The Bay Sun Sep 18 9-2, Tidelands Park, Coronado, \$15 by 9/15; \$30 gate, 858/530-1652
- 6th Fleet Week Speed Festival NASNI, Sep 24-25, \$15 car show entry by 9/15 + gen adm, www.fleetweeksandiego.org
- Cars & Coffee on the Mesa, Sun Aug 14, Sep 11, 8am, JBA Auto Center 5675 Kearny Villa Rd, www.greenspeedoco.com
- Clairemont Cruisers, 4th Sat, 4-7p, 4821 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
- Santee Lakes ea Fri 3-7 thru Oct info www.MobileEventRadio.com
- Cruisin' Grand, Escondido each Fri, 4-8, spiderwaldron@yahoo.com
- Cajon Classic Cruise thru Oct 27, 4-8
- Jack's La Jolla Classic Cruise, every Sun 7am, 7300 Girard Ave
- East County Cruisers 6:30p Tuesdays, Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd, El Cajon
- Ramona Cruise, Sun 4p-8, on Main St in Albertson's pkg lot
- Cruisin' Italian Style, Pernicano's, 1588 E. Main, El Cajon, ea. Thur nite
- The Classic Malt Shop every Friday, 5p, 3615 Midway Dr.
- Home Town Buffet 1st Sat each month 9am, 2nd/4th Tues 5:30pm, Main St, E.C.
- Dalton's Roadhouse 1st Sunday each month 12-4p 775 Center Dr. San Marcos
- Good Ole Boys Breakfast 10am 2nd & 4th Wed, Denny's 2642 Jamacha
- Coco's Restaurant 11a-3p, 3rd Sun 16759 Bernardo Center Dr, R'cho B'rdo
- Ruby's Diner Carlsbad Company Stores 7-9:30am last Sat 5620 Paseo Del Norte
- Bonita Donuts, Bonita, Sat 8am, 4414 Bonita Rd. Vons Shop'g Cntr
- Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers Alpine, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 5pm

Classifieds

As a tangible benefit to being a member of The Mopar Club, you get free ads. Give Bob a fax 858/292-5344 or better e-mail bobgough@san.rr.com

Wanted: '70 Cuda project car, call John Signorelli 858/484-2421

For Sale: 1961 Plymouth Valiant - 225 slant six push button automatic - \$250
 1960 Dodge Seneca (Dart) 225 slant six three speed on the column - \$700
 Both are non-op
 William Ohlerich, 760-803-4031
 imperial_1959@yahoo.com

Wanted: Need to find a good cheap vehicle for youngest son, if you know of one please let me know.
 Thanks, Steve Berroth (310)864-4342.
 Steve.Berroth@ngc.com

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