

Did you see the article last month in the Business section of the San Diego Union/Tribune? The one that reported on the Consumer Reports survey of Car Customer Satisfaction and the 10 Most Satisfying Car Brands? Well, it seems that the Dodge Challenger came in at #10 against such high-priced models such as the Tesla S (came in at #1), the Corvette, Lincoln Continental and Porsche 911. On that list were less expensive cars, too, such as the Mazda Miata, Toyota Prius and Honda Odyssey. And the Ford F-350 pickup truck made the list, too.

But what does this mean? Well, the survey asked owners questions such as how satisfied they were with the driving experience, comfort, value, styling, audio and climate control systems.

Many in our Club own LX platform Dodge Challengers, Y'r 'umble Cor'spond'nt, included. It happens to be a five year old SRT, so it wasn't in the survey due to its age. But I gotta tell ya, in the category of Driving Experience, I love the car. It's roomy, quiet and smooth. In the categories of Comfort, and Audio and Climate Control Systems, I rate it with very high marks. And for Styling, well, that had as much to do with my lust to buy one as the power of the 392 Gen III Hemi. But that's just me, and I recognize that the V-6 model and 5.7 liter powered Challengers will not be the same, but the power of those engines is also very satisfactory, I'm sure. As for value, my Challenger is a CORE model, a strippy that's devoid of upscale features such as a sunroof, adjustable suspension, NAV, leather seats, automatic headlight switch or foglights. It came with the "core" of the SRT package, namely the engine, brakes and suspension, and not much else. Kinda like the '68 Road Runner, I found it to be a tremendous value. As Dodge has built the Challenger since 2008, I can assume that they've just gotten better and better at it. So it's no surprise that the Challenger made the Top 10 list.

And more interesting, Chrysler was rated in the Top 10 Most Satisfying Brands, along with Tesla, Porsche, Genesis, Audi, Lincoln, Honda, Subaru, Mazda and, perennial favorite, Toyota. So, things are good for Mopar enthusiasts all across the model lineup.

Well, except for the Dodge Grand Caravan and Dodge Journey. Along with the Fiat 500, Ford Transit, Infiniti QX60, Nissan Versa & Sentra, Chevrolet Trax,, Acura ILX, and Mercedes GLA, they were on the list of 10 Least Satisfying Cars.

Hey, you can't win 'em all.
-Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr.

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Rockin' Mopars!

KUSI with Dave Stall, Fri Jan 19

At the request of Clubmember Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh, Paul Polentz and y'r 'umble Ed'tr courageously faced down the threat of rain to represent the Mopar Club and promote the San Diego Car Club Council. Bill is not only the Club's rep to that august body, he's also the president.



Paul & his Road Runner and John with his Charger, winners at San Juan.

San Juan

Capistrano Car Show, Sat Feb 3

Julie Walker reports that she and Jeff were there ('68 GTX), along with Clubmembers Debbie & Larry Johnson ('73 Challenger 440/6), Glen & Barbara Kliskey (R/T 392 Challenger), John Joseph and Brad Heavey (in John's Buick GS), and Paul Polentz. Kudos to Paul who took Best Muscle Car and John who took one of 17 Best in Show trophies, breaking a 5 year skunking of Mopars.

Navy Hospital, Sat Feb 10

Gary Sinise led his terrific band in a two hour concert and a free lunch was served, hosted by celebrity chef Robert Devine, which was thoroughly enjoyed by Clubmembers Bob & Adelfa Martello, Elsa Kleinfeldt, Ray Garner, whose Charger took an award, and Mr. & Mrs. 'umble. Be sure to attend the next concert, you will not be disappointed!



Mr. Sinise signs Mrs 'umble's hat



Mrs 'umble, Elsa, George Thompson, & Bob



Elsa's R/T



Ray, his Charger with Lt Dan



Bob's Dart



Coffee & Cars On The Mesa, JBA

Race Shop, Sun

Feb 11

Cliff Cunningham and Craig Ellsworth were on hand in their vintage Challengers and HemiBoy treated the throng to a couple of burnouts in his '66 Satellite with its brand new stroker Hemi.



A boy plays with his new stroker Hemi



Craig's Challenger



Cliff's Challenger



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