

I've owned my '67 Barracuda for a couple of decades and I've always thought that the design was one of Detroit's best from that era. But having wrenched on it it's no wonder to me why Plymouth went out business. Yasee, my 51 year old headliner finally fell apart six months ago. Technically, the cloth headliner did not fall apart. It was the thread that was used to stitch the five panels together that rotted. And only after 51 years! Having been the brunt of numerous "Hey, I see you got the optional Air Grabber headliner there!" jokes, I decided to replace it. M Cuda's interior color is not found in the usual dozen or so colors carried by distributors of vintage car parts. When I told the salesperson that I need a Medium Copper color, the answer is "You have to order that from SMS Auto Interiors." It seems they have cornered the market on vintage auto upholstery. So back in February, I placed an order request on their website. No response. For about three weeks. In early March I phoned and left a message with my number. Finally on March 12, somebody returned my call, and yes, they have exactly the fabric I need and they can make up a headliner, properly stitched to factory specs, for \$275 + shipping. "Great, go ahead", I say and gave them my card number. March 20, I get a sample sheet to approve. Yep, that's the one! But on the sheet the price is now \$300. OK, whatever, I approve the sample & cost. On March 27, they bill me for 50 bucks more. I call, and I'm told that the boss said he wanted more money. What am I gonna do?. Finally, on May 4 it arrives. Beautifully made, the color is great, but the fabric is wrong. I stew on this over the weekend and call on Monday. "Yeah, well it's been a while, and the correct fabric would take another six weeks, so we made it out of this fabric. Thanks for calling", and she hung up. I tried saving my old headliner by having it re-stitched. But it ripped. Hey! That's restoration.

So, proceeded to install the new one in reverse order of assembly by removing the aluminum floor trim at the back seat, armrest, window crank, "door" panel, stainless trim, rear courtesy light, giant sheetmetal C pillar cover, interior roof rail, rubber weatherstrip, stainless weatherstrip channel, A-pillar cover, rear view mirror and sun visor. Times two, as those parts are on both sides on the car. The Plymouth designers layered the headliner under parts that took me most of a day to remove. After a week, it's all back together. It even looks ok.

I'm straring to like modern cars more and more. -Bob Gough, Y'r 'umble Ed'tr.

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'Cats & Demons from Hell!!!

Mopars In May, Riverside, Sun May 20 12 Clubmembers made the event and 8 trophies were earned: Dave Russell, 3rd A-Body Stock, Rick Bobick 1st 62-67 B-Body Modified, Paul Polentz 1st 68-79 B Body Modified, Cliff Cunningham 1st E-Body Restified, Larry & Debbie Johnson 2nd E-Body Restified, Bill Baugh 3rd Truck, Jeff & Julie Walker 1st E-Body Stock + first ever Armed Services Award.

Demon/Hellcat Track Day, Barona Raceway, Sunday June 3 New Clubmember Lloyd Schwartz invited other Demon owners and members of the Mopar Club to the 1/8th mile strip for a private track day to gain some seat time.

In attendance were Eric & Brenda Bense, and Larry & Margaret Engle who appreciated the hospitality of Hal & Carolyn Sullivan and their motorhome with its cool a/c. Eric did not race his SRT Yellow Jacket, but Hal, Larry and Steve VanderSchaaf made passes in their Hellcats. Most were closed mouthed about their times, but Hal's time slip shows 7.36 seconds at 96 mph. Steve and Larry went at it best 2 of 3 passes, Steve taking the deciding third race.



Lloyd heats his tires.



Steve's 6-speed Hellcat



Two non-Club Demons



The Bense's Yellow Jacket



3RD ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER FOR GARDEN OF INNOCENCE

El Camino Memorial Park Car Show, Sunday June 3 This car show, held at the cemetery, raised funds for dignified burials of abandoned babies, a worthy cause, indeed. Clubmembers Bert & Renee Luna were there with their pretty '66 droptop Valiant. The 340 powered cruiser made it into a video of the show on KUSI Channel 9 news.

Pure eye candy! **Mopar Club at the San Diego County Fair, Sunday June 3** Speaking of candy, the theme of the fair this year is "How Sweet It Is!" Signing up for this year Clubmembers Rick Bobick, Bill "HemiBoy" Baugh with his sleeper '66 Hemi Satellite, Yuri Ayub and his survivor '66 New Yorker, Ray Garner and his drop-dead gorgeous '68 Charger SRT10 with its Viper engine/6-speed, and Dave Russell with his pretty 1966 Barracuda. Eye candy indeed! The Club shared space with the Corvette Club. Best of Show went to a worthy vintage Vette.



Rick's custom Dodge



Mopar Row

Steve VanderSchaaf fotos

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