REVVING UP with Milton

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I'm Not Much into Halloween, but…

By: Milton Karahadian
MCSD President

Every October 31, millions of people celebrate Halloween. Children dress in costumes and venture out into neighborhoods decorated with ghosts, goblins and more as the evening becomes an occasion for candy, costumes, parties and entertainment.

Today, much of Halloween culture celebrates witches, demons, and occult imagery; death, skeletons, ghosts, and frightening experiences; horror movies and fascination with the supernatural. Much of the entertainment is built around fear and darkness.

What once pointed toward the hope of eternal life is often used to entertain us with images of death and evil. In fact, Halloween is second only to Christmas in consumer spending.

Yet beneath the modern celebration lies a much older Christian tradition with a considerably deeper spiritual meaning.

The name Halloween actually comes from *All Hallows' Eve*, meaning the evening before All Saints' Day. The word hallow means holy or sacred. What has largely become a cultural celebration has roots in a Christian understanding of the relationship between the living, the dead, the saints, and the hope of eternal life.

In western Christian tradition, November 1 became known as All Saints' Day, a day set aside to remember those who had faithfully followed Christ.

The evening before became known as All Hallows' Eve. It was a time of preparation for celebrating the saints and remembering their lives of faith.

Somewhere along the way, the focus shifted from honoring lives of faith to entertaining ourselves with images of death. Wow, that's a lot, Milton! This is a car club newsletter!

Yes, but every once in a while, it's worth looking beyond the things we celebrate and understanding what's behind them.

But that's not really the reason I'm writing about Halloween. Alan Krahenbuhl, one of our newest members and manager of the Uptown Car Wash in San Diego, wanted to host a charity event to benefit STEP, one of our club's AACS beneficiaries. With member Sheri Hendrickson's help, Uptown's Halloween Spooktacular was held Oct. 30, in the evening.

Chavonne and I, along with other Mopar Club members, participated by bringing our Mopars and decorating them. Alan had cleared out equipment, invited food vendors, held a 50/50 drawing and a raffle, and opened the event to the neighborhood. It was essentially a Trunk or Treat, with costumed children and their families participating in an evening of fun and goodies, while raising money for STEP—Support the Enlisted Project.



Sheri Hndrickson's spooky 2021 Charger Daytona at the Uptown Halloween Spooktacular. More photos, page 6.

And what a fun evening it was!

Club members enjoyed the opportunity to hang out, visit, catch up with one another and meet other car enthusiasts. As the kids came by, we handed out candy and other goodies from our trunks. There were decorated cars, cute kids in costumes, food, laughter, happy families, and plenty of conversations. More importantly, there was a community coming together for a good cause.

In last month's article, I wrote about how we need to become more relevant in our community. I think this is a great example of how we can do that.

By supporting local businesses that share our goals and priorities as a club, we create opportunities to do more than just show off our cars. We build relationships, support worthy causes, and become a positive presence in the communities where we live.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again:

"It's not all about the cars; it's about the people."

I'm hoping we can find more opportunities like this throughout San Diego County. There are businesses and organizations that share our commitment to community, military and giving back. We should be looking for ways to support them. When they succeed, our communities succeed, and we succeed right alongside them.

So, while I'm still not much into Halloween, I'm definitely up for it when this is what it's about!

Mopars Forever!
Milton

P.S. Alan and the team raised almost $900 for STEP that evening, to be matched by The Copley Foundation. That's something worth celebrating.

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NASCAR's Brad Keselowski Leaves the Door Open to Dodge and Ram

Truck Ownership Remains Possible

By Robert S. Miller
MoparInsiders.com

Brad Keselowski's next NASCAR chapter could include a familiar manufacturer, a return to truck ownership, or both. Speaking at Martinsville Speedway on Oct. 31, the 2012 Cup Series champion said he is free to explore opportunities outside RFK Racing for 2027—and Dodge and Ram are among the possibilities.

For Mopar fans, that leaves two developments worth watching: whether Keselowski could help with Dodge's potential Cup Series comeback, and whether Brad Keselowski Racing (BKR) could return to the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series with Rams.

Neither is a done deal, but Keselowski left room for both.

Asked about helping Dodge build a Cup program, Keselowski made clear that he would consider working with the manufacturer again.

"I would say that everything is on the table," he said. "I have not had a meaningful discussion with Dodge or Ram. I'm certainly very open-minded to it, alongside all of the OEMs. I haven't given up on a relationship with Ford in the future as well, along with the other two OEMs of Chevrolet and Toyota. Everything is on the table right now for me."

That answer matters given his history. Keselowski delivered Dodge's most recent Cup championship in 2012, driving Team Penske's No. 2 Dodge Charger before the manufacturer left the series.

Reports have linked Dodge to a possible 2027 return, but Keselowski's comments should not be mistaken for confirmation that he is involved. He said those meaningful discussions have yet to happen. His release from RFK now allows him to explore opportunities that previously went little further than incoming phone calls.

The more immediate ownership possibility may be in the Truck Series, where Keselowski already knows what it takes to build a team.

Asked whether BKR could return even if he does not race trucks himself next season, he offered an encouraging answer.

"I would say there's a strong chance with no certainty."

Keselowski said he still has the assets needed to field a truck team and remains interested in doing so. He wants to evaluate the available opportunities before committing.



Brad Keselowski in his No. 3 Miller Lite Dodge Charger in 2011 (Mopar)



Keselowski in his 2011 Nationwide No. 22 Ruby Tuesday Dodge Challenger Stock Car (Dodge)

BKR competed from 2007 through 2017, earning 11 victories and helping develop drivers including Ryan Blaney, Tyler Reddick, Austin Cindric and Chase Briscoe. The organization also previously fielded Ram trucks, giving a possible reunion some history beyond Keselowski's Cup championship with Dodge.

A revived BKR would give him another opportunity to develop drivers while remaining involved in ownership.

Ram already has a presence in the Truck Series through its 2026 return with Kaulig Racing. That gives Keselowski a potential Stellantis route separate from whatever happens with Dodge's Cup discussions.

There is also a practical difference between starting a truck team and pursuing a chartered Cup operation: the Truck Series does not have charters.

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Club members helped sort and bag 2,144 lbs of kiwis

Above: Club Vice President Mike Stumpo and wife Terri



Right: Sheri Hendrickson and Julie Walker

Helping hands at Feeding San Diego October 17



Left: Bob and Debbie Gough



Above: Jeff and Julie Walker

Keselowski

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BKR would not need to purchase or lease one to enter the series. It would still need to meet NASCAR's entry and qualifying requirements, and a competitive operation would require funding, personnel, and equipment.

That makes a BKR Ram effort a possibility worth considering, although Keselowski did not announce a manufacturer choice or a Ram agreement Saturday. The absence of charters removes that particular expense; it does not establish a partnership.

For Ram, another experienced team owner could offer a way to expand its presence. Whether either side wants to pursue that opportunity remains unanswered.

Keselowski's immediate task is turning those possibilities into something he can race in 2027.

He said RFK granted his verbal release about an hour before the press conference, with a written agreement still to follow. He remains a passive investor while preparing to sell his 20% stake, and his existing agreement prevents him from taking RFK's sponsors with him.

An ownership stake in his next Cup team is not a requirement, he said, although he values having a role in running a team.

He remains interested in Cup, but a fulltime Truck Series effort has appeal, too. Having already won the 2010 championship in NASCAR's second-tier series and the 2012 Cup title, a Truck championship would make him the first driver to win titles in all three national series.

For now, Keselowski has freedom to negotiate, ownership experience, and an interest in continuing behind the wheel. He still needs a deal.

"I'm certainly not ready to retire or walk away in any means from this sport," he said.

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Robert S. Miller is a diehard Mopar enthusiast. The Michigander is not only the editor for MoparInsiders.com, 5thGenRams.com and HDRams.com but an automotive photographer.

Club Calendar

NOVEMBER
- 11: Mopar Club SD Meeting with annual club election
- 12-15: NHRA Finals, Pomona
- 28: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee
- 29: Escondido Cars & Coffee Caravan

see Club Activities, at right

DECEMBER

No club meeting in December
- 13: Christmas Party
- 25: Hot Rod Holly's Christmas Cruise *taking warmies to Alpha Project SD*
- 26: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

JANUARY
- 13: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 23: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

FEBRUARY
- 10: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 15: SD Auto Swap & Car Show
- 27: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

MARCH
- 10: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 27: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

APRIL
- 14: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 24: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

MAY
- 12: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 22: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

JUNE
- 9: Mopar Club SD Meeting
- 26: MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee

Mopar Mtgs: *Casa Machado, Kearny Mesa, 2nd Wednesdays (Jan-Nov), meeting at 7pm, come anytime after 5:30pm for greet & eat*

MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffees: *7-10am, 4th Saturdays, Pathways Church parking lot, 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee*

SD Auto Swap & Show: *Pechanga Arena, SD (formerly the Sports Arena), 6am-1pm*

2027 MCSD Board Election at November 11 Meeting

The club's annual election of officers for the coming year will take place at the Nov. 11 club meeting at Casa Machado restaurant in Kearny Mesa. *The candidates are Milton Karahadian, president; Mike Stumpo, vice-president; Julie Walker, secretary; and Michael Montag, treasurer.* Anyone else interested in being on the ballot for any of these positions needs to contact Milton before Tuesday, Nov. 10, at mkarahad@pointloma.edu

Club ACTIVITIES

NEXT MOPAR CLUB SD MEETING: Nov. 11

The next club meeting will be Nov. 11 in Kearny Mesa. Club meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, except December, at Casa Machado, 3750 John Montgomery Dr., SD, in the upstairs meeting room, 7pm. Come for meet, eat and greet anytime after 5:30pm. *Remember: No Goodie Auction-That was for our car show.*

MCSD'S SANTEE CARS & COFFEE: Nov. 28

The club's next Santee Cars & Coffee will be Saturday, Nov. 28, in the Pathways Chuch parking lot, 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd., Santee, from 7-10am. There are options for coffee and donuts, etc, from other businesses sharing the parking lot.

* MOPARS vs FORDS vs CHEVYS: Nov. 29 *

Let's Go! Escondido Cars & Coffee is doing Mopar vs Ford vs Chevy Night Nov. 29 in Kit Carson Park. Mopar Club members invited to meet at 7am in the Escondido mall parking lot (*formerly North County Fair*), near Target, to caravan over at 7:15am.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Dec. 13

Our annual casual Christmas party, 1-7pm in Ramona, will take the place of a club December meeting. Potluck, Evil Sante gift exchange, 50/50, blanket collection for Hot Rod Holly's Christmas cruise. Families welcome. 1328 Welsh Way, Ramona.

** Kay and Jim Signorelli, our party hosts, need help getting their holiday decor from the attic and set up. Decorating assist is set for 2-5pm Saturday, Dec. 6 **

HOT ROD HOLLY'S CHRISTMAS CRUISE: Dec. 25

Hot Rod Holly will again host her annual Christmas Morning Cruise to deliver warm clothes, blankets and toiletries to the Alpha Project homeless shelter in downtown SD. All vehicles welcome; family members, too. More info to come.

Christmas Gift Idea?

A new "Graveyard Carz" teeshirt signed by the television show's cast will be auctioned during our Nov. 11 meeting

Bidding to start at $75

SHOWING & sharing

Uptown Car Wash Halloween Spooktacular - Oct. 30



WINNER!

Right: Stephanie & Adam Whitcomb with their 2022 Challenger that won Best Decorated honors at the Halloween Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat at Uptown.

Left: Adam and club Pres. Milton Karahadian in front of Milton's Dodge Magnun and Sheri Hendrickson's 2021 Charger Daytona R/T.





Left: Alan Krahenbuhl's 2025 Jeep Gladiator Mohave, looking like it detoured through Area 51.

Below, Chavonne Karahadian at lower left, with



Below, with Julie & Jeff Walkers 2009 Challenger R/T "shark", Adam & Stephanie Whitcomb, Alan Krahenbuhl, Jeff & Julie, Chavonne & Milton Karahadian, Sheri Hendrickson and Bob Gough. No word on the shark victim's ID.



Below: Bob Gough's Challenger R/T Core





The club's October Cars & Coffee drew a special guest, Sheri's friend, motorcycle racer Manny Garcia, who trailered all of his motorcycles for display and let Sheri Hendrickson get up close and personal with one of them.



Also there that morning was a gal who must be starved!





Sheri Hendrickson and Jim Signorelli

MCSD's Santee Cars & Coffee - Oct. 24



MEMBER Doings



Above: Sheri Hendrickson, center, with Alan Krahenbuhl, general manager of Uptown Car Wash and a new MCSD member (left), and Laura White, president of Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) at KUSI last month to do an on-air promotion of the Halloween Spooktacular Car Show at Uptown Car Wash on Oct. 30. Proceeds from the show, organized by Alan and Sheri, were earmarked for STEP's programs, and the funds raised were doubled through a Copley Foundation match.

Below: On Oct. 17, Mary and John Signorelli, lower left beneath the birthday balloon, were treated to dinner by their "kids" in honor of Mary's 80th birthday that was Oct. 5; as well as John's 81st birthday, Oct. 21, and the couple's 60th wedding anniversary, Oct. 22. John and Mary began dating in high school.



MEMBER Doings

See the USA in your Mopar, day by day

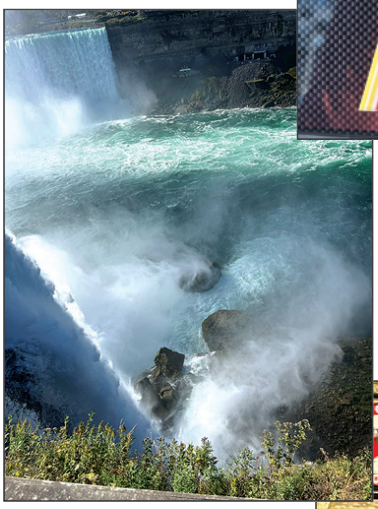
Kathy Silcott and her Challenger Hellcat have been exploring their way through the United States and even into a bit of eastern Canada for most of the past three months: all around the South and up into the Midwest; visiting the Plains states and the Great Northwest; on over to the northeasern US and into eastern Canada; then traveling down the Eastern Seaboard to Key West, Fla. Corner to corner, top to bottom, through the middle. Many sights, many experiences. Some of her most recent travels are highlighed below, including driving a NASCAR Toyota race car at Daytona that had her gleefully proclaiming, *"I did it! I did it!"*



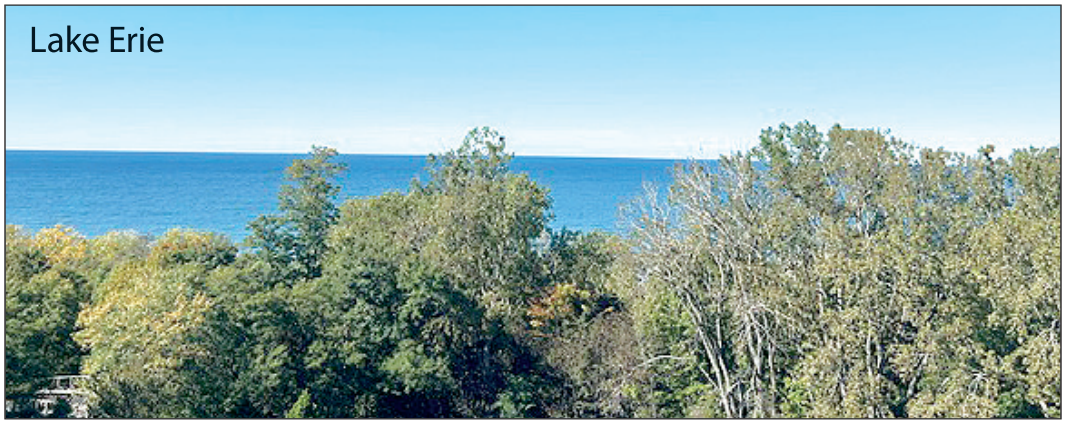








Left: Hershey, PA; Myrtle Beach, and Niagara Falls from the Canadian side



Lake Erie



South Carolina

LET'S GO &Show

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www.socalcarculture.com/events.html
NEW: www.MoparEventsCalendar.com
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CAR SHOWS

SAT, Nov. 15: Mopars & Friends at MoTech, 10am-2pm
MoTech Performance, 41715 Eln St #301, Murrieta 92562
Open House & Toy Drive for Fort Irwin / Shop Tours also.
Hosted by Inland Mopars and Mo-Tech Performance
Please donate at least one new unwrapped toy, at least $20 value, for the kids at Ft. Irwin.
Refreshments from noon-1pm. **Please confirm attendance for food purposes!** Mike: 951-212-0817 / limedust70@gmail.com
*** MCSD caravan to be set up, if enough interest*

SAT, Dec. 5: Spirit of Christmas Car Show, 3-7pm
9817 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-390-9735

SUN, Feb. 7: Briken Yolks for Car Show Folks, 8am-2pm
2963 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon. 619-201-8207

SAT, Mar. 13: Summer Fling in Spring, 9am-1pm
3605 Clairemont Dr., SD, 92117. 619-201-8207

SAT, Mar. 20: Mt. Miguel HS Car Show, 9am-2pm
8585 Blossom Ln., Spring Valley. 619-469-7350

FRI/SAT/SUN Apr. 2-4, Del Mar Nationals, 8am-3pm
Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., 800-777-1258

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SAT. Aug. 7: Mopar Club SD's All-American Car Show
8am-3pm, Seaport Village Embarcadero North

CARS & COFFEE

WEEKLY

Saturdays
Bonita: 7-9am, Bonita Donuts, 4414 Bonita Rd
Carlsbad: 7-9am, 7130 Avenida Encinitas

Sundays:
Escondido: 8-11am, Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy

TWICE A MONTH

Second & Fourth Saturdays
Pt. Loma: 7:30a-10am, 2562 Laning Rd., Liberty Station

MONTHLY

Second Wednesdays
*Oceanside***:** 6-9pm, South O Brewing, 1575 So. Pac. Coast Hwy

First Saturday
Clairemont: 10am-1pm, STP Bar & Grill, 5467 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
Poway: 11am-2pm, In-n-Out Burger, 12890 Gregg Ct.
San Diego: 11am, Classics at the Pub, 2415 Morena Blvd.

wThird Saturday
Jamul: 8-10am, TSC Tractor Supply, 3018 Jefferson Rd.
San Diego: 3-8pm, Evening Gearhead Rendezvous, Classics Malt Shop, 3625 Midway Dr, San Diego

Fourth Saturday
Santee: 7-10am, **Mopar Club SD's Santee Cars & Coffee,** 9636 Carlton Hills Blvd. / Pathways Church pkg lot

Second Sunday
Oceanside: 4-7pm, In-n-Out Burger, 5605 Frazee Rd.

Third Sunday
Balboa Park: 7:30-9:30am, SD Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza
La Mesa: 7-9am, La Mesa Blvd, between Spring and 4th Sts

Fourth Sunday
Chula Vista: 11:30am-2pm, Black Angus, 707 E St.

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Club member Tony D'Agostino

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John Prall: 619-767-0029 / jkprall@cox.net



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Club Member has Mopar Engine Parts:
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With notice, I can bring to a club meeting