

# MOPAR EXPRESS

## Happy New Year

### Inaugural President Address for 2019



Happy New Year and welcome to your 2019 GFV Mopar Unlimited Car Club.

It has been written that confession is good for the soul. So, to start I need to make you aware that I am a neophyte relative to the knowledge of cars. While always interested in cars I only aspired to pumping gas (after graduating from High School), doing oil changes and eventually working at a Brake Shop. I do not have a “Red Seal” as many aspire to get today in the World of Trades. I am a graduate of BCIT under the disciple of “Civil and Structural Engineering”.

Therefore, many of you are and will continue to be invaluable to me as I seek to complete the restoration of my car; which is in its’ tenth year. It became an item on my ‘bucket list’ as I contemplated retirement and wanted a challenge to keep my mind active and learning. Many times, I have thought and have been told that I have bitten off more than I can chew. However, I do believe that as a Club there are sufficient Ray Myles, Gary Keays and Mark Fletchers PLUS others who have the talents to help me realize this bucket list dream. Every member has a

role to play in the success of this Club. Your role could be encouragement of other members.

I also believe in the need for this Club to come together, to support each other through the challenges we all are facing or will face; to act as it were as a family, to come along side one another as we seek to live life together and to promote MOPARS. All MOPARS, young and old.

Our Club needs to have some “tweaking” done to better enfold each other and to strengthen OUR Club and to reach out to new members. Many of the Executive are desirous to see defensible changes; not change for the sake of change. Informed change backed by the membership who will be routinely consulted.

There is no question in my mind that I need your ideas and suggestions. My one request is that you would assist me by bringing me well thought out Club oriented goals and ideas. We as your Executive will promise to review each for its potential to be incorporated. I personally will contact each author of the idea or suggestion with the Executives’ review outcomes.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!!**

John

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*Mopars Unlimited is a non-profit car club dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Mopar cars and trucks*

This years Christmas Party was filled with good food, terrific gifts, and a whole lot of Moparians. The sharing of smiles, laughter, and Mopar stories was the theme of the night.



A few more photos from our 2017 Christmas Party



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*Congratulations John Wilson  
2018 recipient of the GFV Mopars Unlimited Service Award*



# Mopars Unlimited Car Club Meeting Minutes

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Ricky's Walnut Grove, 23 Members in attendance

Called to order @ 7: 07pm

## Events:

- Christmas Party - November 24<sup>th</sup> at Clayton House. There will be door prizes & raffle
- Kruise for Kids - Great turn out, we donated \$500 on behalf of the club
- SEMA - Ray talked about SEMA & the Las Vegas drag races

## Executive for 2019:

- President – John Wilson
- Vice Presidents – Ray Myles & Glen Solly
- Treasurer – Patti Timms
- Secretary – Jaylene Smillie
- Membership Director – Sandy Raadschelders
- Newsletter Editor & Webmaster – Jim Miki
- Events Director – Ray Myles
- Stores Director – Rachelle Myles
- Sergeant at Arms: Rick Campbell
- Directors: Claudio Bandiera, Ron Parr & Bruce Johnston

## BREAK

Raffle held

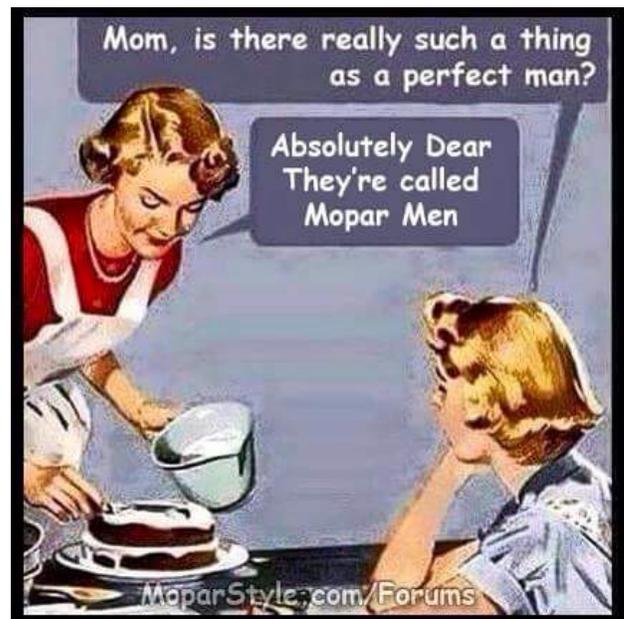
## Reports:

- Stores – hats available for \$15
- Secretary – nothing to report
- Newsletter Editor/Webmaster – looking for submissions, especially pictures and stories about the history of your car
- Treasurer – away tonight
- Membership Director – 1 new member, welcome Tony

## Buy & Sell

Meeting adjourned @ 7:53pm

*Next meeting to be held February 20, 2019*



# Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Meeting called to order @ 7:20pm

## New Society Act:

- We are under the new Society Act which came into effect in 2016
- We were given 2 years to comply. John and Patti filed the necessary paperwork in late November 2018

## Membership:

- Proposal to create name tags for executive to wear so we are more visible to members
- Potentially create name tags for all members to include name & car
- Suggestion to try a lanyard with tag
- We could have a supply of stick on tags for new members
- John will look into name tag options and pricing and report back to the Executive
- It would be a good idea to create a flyer advertising our club; include the website, club meeting address, etc
- We need to be more visible
- Claudio commented as to placing ads in Kijiji. Claudio will look into the frequency of renewal of the ad to keep it visible and how much a larger paid ad would cost
- A suggestion was made to print extra copies of Mopar Express and ask to leave copies at various parts departments in the Lower Mainland. [Unassigned]

## Website:

- We need to take advantage of our website
- John suggested payments but our current website does not support that, we would need to pay an increase for our web domain
- Jim was asked to check into what expenses we would incur if the Club moved to online payment methods
- Prospera* has indicated that we would not be charged for e-transfers since we are a non-profit so this might be a better option for us to use
- E-transfers could be used for Membership payments, Mopar Madness registration & even sponsorship
- Jim will update the contact info to include John's phone number for general club info and Ray's phone number for show related items

## Executive Meetings:

- Met at Sammy J's but it was a bit noisy at 7pm
- We will try Jimmy Mac's next month
- Suggestion to look into Boston Pizza, many of them have a separate meeting room
- John would like to map out the membership addresses to find out where the best location is to meet

## Mopar Madness:

- Planning process has begun
- Looking for suggestions for artwork
- John is going to draft a letter for last year's sponsors to say thank you and to remind them of this year's show

## Young Guns:

- There was an oversight made last year with our Young Guns award. After Mopar Madness concluded, Cody Cole, who has been a long time supporter of our show, is editor of *Mopar Connection* and a past Young Guns recipient, suggested we award it to Rob Allan who is a passionate owner of a 2007 Charger Daytona
- The Executive agreed to award the trophy to another Young Gun
- Jaylene will get in touch with the new recipient

Meeting adjourned @ 8:24pm

# Hangin' Out With The Cuban Car Guys

*Story and photos courtesy of Vern Keith:*

My trip to Havana Cuba is one I will never forget, and I owe a lot to a very lovely lady from Montreal, Heidi Hollinger. She is a photographer, a writer, and had a TV show, "Waterfront Cities of the World" on the Discovery Channel. She sent a message out on Twitter at the end of Nov. that she was in Havana Cuba enjoying the sunny weather. Well, I sent her a message that we were coming to Cuba on Friday Dec. 7, 2018, and if she could get me the phone # of Alberto, the president of the A LO Cubana car club. She answered me right back with his # and Email. Saturday morning, I got the desk to call Alberto; he does not speak English so he gave them his son Dayan's # and we called him. They picked us up and showed us all over west Havana, which is

where we were staying. We had a great time driving around in a 1955 Cadillac Convertible. They dropped us off, we had lunch, then Dayan and a friend picked us up in a 1958 Dodge Convertible. We had a suitcase full of car parts, and two bags full of T shirts for him...he did not know what to say except thank you. He took us to old Havana where he showed us around for 3 hours. We went to a cigar factory and bought some Cohibas, then to Lennon Park, where I had a nice talk with John.

It was getting late, and he asked us if we wanted to come to their Saturday night hangout. Well who would turn that down? We met some of the cast of "Cuban Chrome". Dayan introduced us to his dad Alberto, handed us Club tee shirts, and cold beer. Alberto has a 1959 Chrysler Convertible; in the show it was pink, now it is back to red. Fernando, from the show, brought his Model "A" which he had just finished.



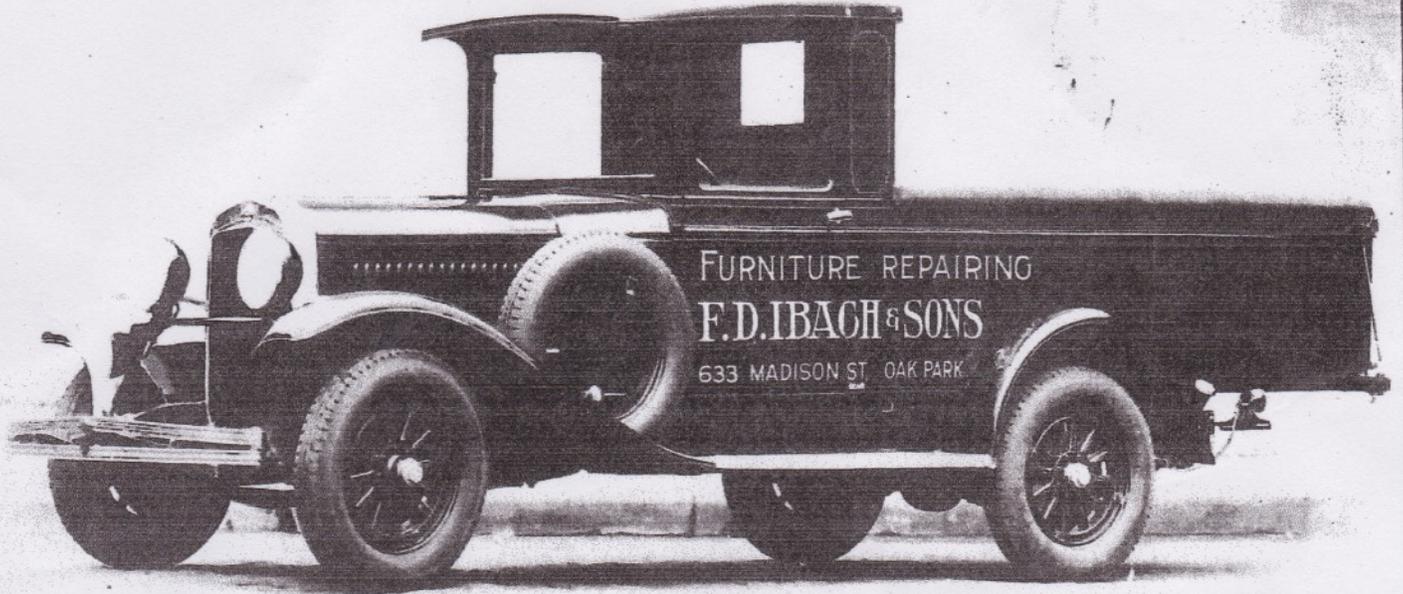
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Dayan picked me up Sunday morning and took me to Ferando's shop where he showed me the cars he is working on; a 1954 Mercedes Convertible and the 1935 Chev. street rod, 350 / 350 turbo he is building. Then he said, "let's go for a ride"; he started up his Model "T" and away we went. Later, Dayan took me back to the hotel where we hopped on a bus and looked around all afternoon. Monday morning it was off to Varadero for 4 days of laying around a pool and some of the best beaches you will find.

The people are very friendly. If anyone is planning to go to Havana I have all the information so you can meet the guys and gals from the "A Lo Cubana" car club.





*With the Depression shrinking car and truck sales, Chrysler dissolved its Fargo truck line in 1930. The name would re-*

*emerge in 1933 on Dodge trucks built for export. The Fargo example shown here is a 1929 express.*

### **Chrysler in Canada**

Chrysler Corporation's presence in Canada is as old as the parent company. Walter Chrysler's great-great-grandfather was the first settler in what is now Chatham, Ontario. It has been said that Walter Chrysler, therefore, always had an affection for Canada, and chose to build a factory there the same year as he introduced the first car bearing his name in the United States. It's possible, however, that Walter Chrysler moved into Canada simply due to sound business planning.

Chrysler chose to start his Canadian company in Windsor, Ontario, a growing industrial city across the river from Detroit. Chrysler Canada began in 1924 as the Maxwell-Chrysler Company of Canada. Maxwell's Canadian roots actually stretch back to 1916 when its Canadian operation built a new car plant on Tecumseh Road East in Windsor. On June 17, 1925, only eleven days after the incorporation of Chrysler Corporation, Maxwell-Chrysler of Canada was reorganized and incorporated as the Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited.

In the early years, Chrysler built only cars in Canada. In 1928, when Chrysler purchased Dodge Brothers, it also acquired Dodge Brothers Canada and Graham Brothers Canada, a truck manufacturer. The first Canadian-built Dodge trucks rolled out of the Tecumseh Road plant in 1931. In the early years, interestingly enough, Chrysler Corporation of Canada built Dodge trucks ranging in size from half-ton all the way up to three-tons. Production figures for the earliest years were combined with US production figures, so only estimates can be made as to the total number of trucks built based on serial number charts. The best estimate is that 5,683 trucks

of all sizes were built between 1931 and 1935, the first year production records were maintained for both cars and trucks.

Up to 1937, all the engines used in building Canadian cars and trucks were shipped to Canada from Chrysler engine plants in the United States. On June 30, 1937, ground was broken for a new Windsor engine manufacturing plant, and production of Chrysler's L-head six-cylinder engines began the following year.

During World War II, Chrysler of Canada built 180,816 military trucks for service on all fronts.

Production of the first Canadian-built V-8 engines began in 1955 after the completion of a \$29 million addition to the Windsor engine plant.

In 1963, the company's name was shortened to Chrysler Canada, Limited. The Pentastar corporate logo was adopted at this same time.

A historic agreement went into effect in 1965, joining the automotive industries of Canada and the United States together into a North American entity under the Canada-United States Automotive Trade Agreement, more commonly called the Autopact. This agreement permits duty-free trade in new motor vehicles between the two countries. Chrysler immediately began to ship large quantities of Canadian-built vehicles to the United States in exchange for models not built in Canada.

Prior to this agreement, Chrysler had built in Canada all the vehicles it sold in Canada. Before the agreement came into existence, Canadian-built vehicles were not exported to the United States. Over the years, this unique, bilateral trade agreement has worked beautifully to the mutual advantage of both countries.

## GFV MOPARS UNLIMITED CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Our purpose is to promote the preservation and restoration of motor vehicles produced by the Chrysler Corporation and to provide a common meeting place to accomplish the purpose of the organization and promote goodwill among themselves and their sport.

### 2018 CLUB DIRECTORS

President: John Wilson  
Vice Presidents: Ray Myles  
Glen Solly  
Treasurer: Patti Timms  
Secretary: Jaylene Smillie  
Membership Director: Sandy Raadschelders  
Sergeant at Arms: Rick Campbell  
Newsletter Editor: Jim Miki  
Webmaster: Jim Miki  
Store Director: Rachele Myles  
Events Director: Ray Myles  
Directors at Large: Ron Parr  
Claudio Bandiera  
Bruce Johnston

#### **Club Mailing Address:**

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#### **CLUB STORES:**

Club shirts, hats, dash plaques, show shirts

**CLUB MEETS** every 3rd Wednesday of the month  
except for December at Ricky's Restaurant in Walnut  
Grove (8720 202 st. Langley, BC) @ 7:00 PM

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Single: \$30.00  
Couple: \$35.00  
Family: \$45.00

**TREASURY REPORT:** available to members by re-  
quest to the Treasurer or attending the monthly  
meetings.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

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**Member's Business Cards:** If you would like to have  
your business card displayed in the Newsletter at  
no charge, drop a card off with the Editor (Jim  
Miki).

**Web Site:** [Mopars Unlimited, Vancouver](http://Mopars Unlimited, Vancouver)

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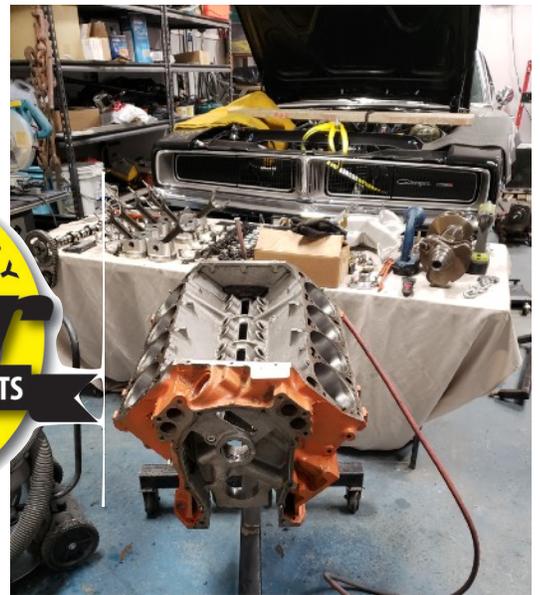
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# Duke Gets A Little TLC Before Car Show Season

With car show season fast approaching, it's time to get Duke freshened up and do something about that oil drinking problem. Duke has been burning a litre of oil about every 300 km since we put him on the road 3 years ago. After 10,000 km and no improvement in sight it's time to stop procrastinating and pull the engine apart to check it out.

This was my first time taking an engine out the bottom and there was a little stress while lifting the body almost 4 feet in the air to roll the engine out the side. This proved to be about the same amount of work as taking it out the top except I didn't have to remove the hood or disconnect the AC system... and it makes for some pretty cool photos.

After disassembly, the block was taken over to Ron Parr's where it was determined to have a bad case of glazed cylinders. Ron put a fresh hone on the cylinders and the block is now back in my garage getting reassembled. Once Duke's Heart is back together, it will be another trip back to Ron's where it will be tuned and broke in on the Dyno.



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