

MOPAR EXPRESS



President's Report

Hi everyone,

The first of many car shows will be starting this month and I know I'm not the only one crossing my fingers as I check the weather forecast! On April 30th, Mopars Unlimited members will be headed to our first show of the year, "The Country Car Show". We will meet at 7:30a.m. in the Chevron parking lot on the corner of Fraser highway & 264th St. This is also a good spot to fill up with Chevron 94.

On May 7th, a week after the Country Car Show, is the DW Poppy Car Show. Last year there were over 700 cars that attended. Our club will be meeting up to cruise in together. Pre-registration is a must so we can avoid the long line and be guaranteed a spot.

On March 29th, I attended the SVABC meeting in Langley to represent the MUCC. There were representatives from about 8 other clubs as well as individuals interested in what the association is working on. There have been some updates for the Collector car program within ICBC. More info on this to come.

The deadline to order and pay for your club jacket is April 19. This is to give the supplier time to order them in and get the embroidery completed.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize club activities; cruises, garage tours, etc. Please let us know if you would like to help out.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Wednesday April 19th at 7p.m.

Keep on Cruising,

Jim

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

Last Call For Jackets

We will be placing the order for club jackets after the April 19th club meeting. If you haven't already placed your order, you can do so at the meeting or send an email to, mopars.vancouver@gmail.com Payment of \$127.00 can be made in cash at the meeting or e-transfer to the email above.

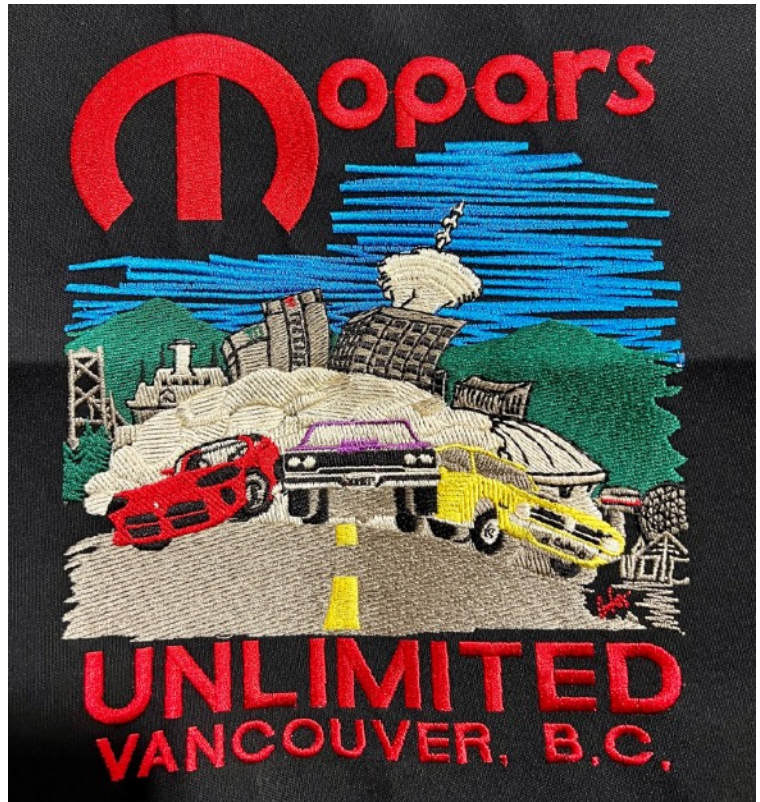
MUCC Jackets

Follow up to the discussion on getting club jackets with the embroidery on the back.

This is the back artwork for the jackets. The front will have the club logo on one side of the chest and as an option you can have your name on the other side.

Below are the size charts for both the men's and lady's sizes. This may assist you in locating your correct size. You can also use the link below to go to the Storm Tech website for a better view of the sizes.

<https://www.stormtech.ca/products/mens-axis-shell-gsx-1>



Size Chart

STORMTECH SIZE CHARTS

Men's, Women's and Youth size charts are based on body measurements. Follow these four steps for the perfect fit:

1. **Chest/Bust** – Measure total circumference of your chest at the fullest part, just under armpit.
2. **Waist** – Measure total circumference at the narrowest point around waistline.
3. **Hip** – Measure total circumference at the widest part of your body below the waistline.
4. **Sleeve Length** – With your elbow slightly bent, measure from the base of the neck, across your shoulder, to elbow and finish at wrist bone.

MEN'S BODY MEASUREMENTS

SIZE		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
CHEST	Imperial	32-35	35-38	38-41	41-44	44-47	47-50	50-53	53-56	56-59
	Metric	81-89	89-96.5	96.5-104	104-112	112-119.5	119.5-127	127-134.5	134.5-142	142-150
WAIST	Imperial	26-29	29-32	32-34.5	34.5-38.5	38.5-42.5	42.5-46.5	46.5-50.5	50.5-54.5	54.5-58.5
	Metric	66-73.5	73.5-81	81-87.5	87.5-98	98-108	108-118	118-128	128-138.5	138.5-148.5
HIPS	Imperial	31-34	34-37	37-40	40-43	43-45	45-47.5	47.5-50	50-52.5	52.5-55
	Metric	79-86	86-94	94-101.5	101.5-109	109-114	114-120.5	120.5-127	127-133	133-140
SLEEVE LENGTH	Imperial	32-33	33-35	33.5-35.5	34.5-36.5	35.5-37.5	36-38	36.5-38.5	36.75-38.75	37-39
	Metric	81.5-84	84-90	85-90	87.5-93	90-95.5	91.5-96.5	93-98	93.5-98.5	94-99
INSEAM	Imperial	30.5	31.5	31.5	32.5	32.5	33	33	33	33
	Metric	77.5	80	80	82.5	82.5	84	84	84	84

WOMEN'S BODY MEASUREMENTS

SIZE		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
CHEST	Imperial	31.5-33.5	33.5-35.5	35.5-38	38-41	41-44.5	44.5-48.5	48.5-52.5
	Metric	80-85	85-90	90-96.5	96.5-104	104-113	113-123	123-133.5
WAIST	Imperial	24.5-26.5	26.5-28.5	28.5-31	31-34	34-37.5	37.5-41.5	41.5-45.5
	Metric	62.5-67.5	67.5-72.5	72.5-79	79-86.5	86.5-95.5	95.5-105.5	105.5-115.5
HIPS	Imperial	34-36	36-38	38-40.5	40.5-43.5	43.5-47	47-51	51-55
	Metric	86.5-91.5	91.5-96.5	96.5-103	103-110.5	110.5-119.5	119.5-129.5	129.5-140
SLEEVE LENGTH	Imperial	30-30.5	31-31.5	32-32.5	33-33.5	33.5-34	34-34.5	34-34.5
	Metric	76.5-77.5	79-80	81.5-82.5	84-85	85-86.5	86.5-87.5	86.5-87.5

The Aldergrove Country Car Show

This will be a great opportunity for Mopars Unlimited to get together and show our support

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SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023

COUNTRY CAR SHOW

ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL



Reg 7a.m. till full
\$20 with \$5 going to the
School's automotive program.

Free admission
for spectators
Show: 9a.m. to 3p.m.
Raffle at 2:30p.m.



Special thanks to
our sponsors:
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Special Features: Students Displays
of Special Autos & Auto related
items, BC Vintage Truck Museum
Cloverdale.



Hosted by the Central Fraser Valley Chapter of VCCC

For Info - Regan Lewis 604-856-2755
Darren Jones Auto Teacher
604 999 8453

Food Available - Dash Plaques
Entertainment - & Much More!



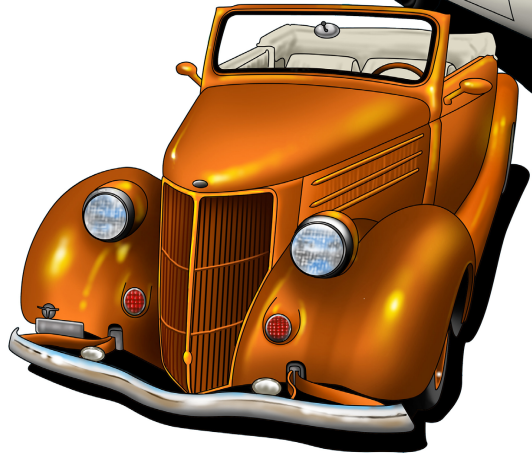
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the Automotive
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Aldergrove location

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Lowering food prices

Aldergrove Community Secondary School 26850 29th Ave. Aldergrove

D.W. Poppy 2023 CAR SHOW



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SUNDAY
MAY
7 2023

BACK FIELD


**DW POPPY
SECONDARY**

23752 - 52nd Ave. Langley

7am - 10am PARTICIPANT ENTRY	9am - 3pm PUBLIC ENTRY	PROCEEDS SUPPORT SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Early Bird Registration\$15 per vehicle Public Entry\$5 / Children 12 & under free Participant Entry\$20 per vehicle (no prepaying for additional vehicles)		
CONCESSION By DW Poppy Secondary Basketball Teams	PANCAKE BREAKFAST By Fort Langley Lions	50/50 DRAW VENDORS RAFFLE FOOD

 DW Poppy Car Show

 @poppycarshow

 <http://poppycarshow.com>

Harrison's Event List

The list below has a few hi-lighted items. **Orange:** Shows that the MUCC will attend as a Club event.

Green: Shows that may be of interest to you.

If there are shows that you feel would be fun for us to attend as a club, let us know.

Date:	Event:	Type:	Phone:
April For more information call corresponding number		www.autoeventlist.com	
09	Kamloops V.C.C. Easter Drive, Kamloops, BC	Stock Vintage Vehicles	(250) 320-8369
09	Vancouver VCCC "Easter Gathering", Burnaby (Trev Deeley),	Open	(604) 433-3010
14-16	25th B.C. Classic & Custom Car Show , CANCELLED, BC	Show	(604) 539-7223
14-16	Edmonton Motor Show Collector Car Auction, Edmonton, AB		(888) 296-0528
16	Elites "Bunny Hop Run" at Hardware Sales, Bellingham , WA	Open	(360) 380-2733
23	15th Annual St. George's British Motoring Show, Fort Langley, BC	British	
23	Saratoga Motorsports Park Swap Meet & Market, Black Creek , BC		(250) 337-5024
29	South Okanagan VCCC Automotive Swap Meet, Oliver, BC		(250) 498-3727
29-30	SCCBC - CACC Road Race #1, Mission (Raceway Park), BC	Race	
30	Country Car Show , Aldergrove (Secondary School) , BC	Open- See Website	(604) 856-2755
30	Cars & Coffee Steveston - (last Sunday-April-Sept), Richmond (Garry Point), BC	Open - 8:30-10:00 Am	
30	33rd Classic/Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet /Show & Shine, Abbotsford (Ag-Rec bldg), BC	Motorcycles	(604) 299-0020
May For more information call corresponding number		www.autoeventlist.com	
04	DQ Summerland weekly cruise-ins begin, Summerland, BC	Open	(250) 494-0887
05-07	Annual Route 66 Fun Run, Seligman, AZ	Road Tour	(604) 341-6634
05-06	Annual CAVAC Red Deer Swap Meet, Red Deer, AB		(403) 588-1565
05-06	E. Wenatchee Classy Chassis Parade/Car Show, East Wenatchee, WA	Pre-Reg - Open	(509) 886-6108
05-06	Spring Roll 3 Day/2 Night Specialty Car tour , Langley, BC	Pre Reg Req'd	(604) 427-4167
06	Mt Vernon Swap Meet & Motorcycle Show, Mt Vernon (Fairgrounds), WA		(360) 296-6414
07	DW Poppy High School Car Show, Langley, BC	Open Or Pre-reg On Website	(604) 230-9040
07	W.C.C.A. Spring Rod Run, Ferndale, WA	Open	(360) 820-3124
07	Duncan Vintage Machinery Swap Meet, Duncan (Cowichan Exhibition), BC		(250) 746-7292
07	FH Dry Grad Cruisin' Crafts, Surrey (139040 77th Ave), BC	Open	
12-15	VCCC 63rd May Tour , Victoria, BC	Pre-reg	(250) 818-5310
13-14	B.C. Historic Motor Races, Mission (Raceway Park), BC	Motor Races	(604) 227-8798
13	White Post Auto Museum Spring Swap Meet , Tappen, BC		(250) 835-2224
13	CUPE 394 Robert Gonzalez Memorial Car Show, Richmond (Dover Park), BC	Open	(604) 519-6544
13-14	Field of Dreams Car Show, Mission (Raceway Park), BC	Open	(604) 809-6919
13	Peachland World of Wheels Swap Meet, Peachland (Cousins Park), BC		(604) 603-7224
14	Kennedy Sports Pub Mothers Day Show & Shine, Surrey, BC	Open	(604) 782-0364
17	Bubba's Caffeine n' Gas-o-Lean starts -(every 2nd Wed.), Abbotsford 1910 N.Parallel Rd, BC	Cruise-in	(604) 614-0061
20-21	Monroe Auto Swap Meet, Monroe, WA		(800) 645-4997
20	White River High School Motorsports Car Show, Buckley (Log show Grounds), WA	Open	(360) 829-5550
20	Vancouver All British Field Meet (Van Dusen), Vancouver, BC	British	(604) 644-9067
20-22	Knox Mountain Hill Climb, Kelowna, BC	Road Rally	(250) 764-0775
20	Apple Valley Cruisers Spring Fling, Summerland, BC	Open	(250) 494-0887
21	Peachland World of Wheels Show & Shine, Peachland, BC	Open	(604) 603-7224
21	Kaslo Car Show and Shine, Kaslo, BC	Open	(250) 353-2500
21	Holiday Trails 15th Annual Show & Shine, Rosedale, BC	Open	(604) 794-7876
21	ABR 2023 - All Brit Rally Vancouver-Harrison, Coquitlam , BC	British Car Tour	(604) 644-9067
26-27	53rd Coastal Swap Meet, Abbotsford (Tradex), BC		(604) 540-6141
27-28	Lakers Car Club 27th Spring Roundup , Williams Lake, BC	Open	(250) 302-1805
27-28	Sunshine Coast Drag Racing Assoc. Summer Race #1, Sechelt , BC	Races	(604) 230-5067
27-28	SCCBC - CACC Road Race #2, Mission (Raceway Park), BC	Races	
27-29	Cruzin 2 Colby, Everett , WA	Open	(425) 870-5606
28	GVMA's Spring Show , Surrey (Elements Casino), BC	Mustang. + Ford PwrD	(604) 539-0502
28	VI Cruises SPAMFEST & Rendezvous , Qualicum Bay , BC	Open	(250) 738-0928
28	Maple Ridge Senior Secondary Dry Grad Show & Shine, Maple Ridge, BC	Open	(604) 463-4175
28	West Coast Mopars Car Show, Coombs , BC	Mopar/AMC Only	(250) 927-5744
28	Brookwood Community Car Show (20902 37A ave.), Langley, BC	Open	(604) 319-5052
28	Fraser Valley Drag Boat Assoc. Races, Mission, BC	Drag Boat Races	(604) 857-2999

Mopars Unlimited Car Club Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2023 at Ricky's Walnut Grove 22 members in attendance. Called to order @ 7:04pm

Membership

- Membership dues are now due
- See Sandy or complete the form online

Jackets

- Unable to get samples unless we buy them
- Jackets will be \$127 including tax (also includes your name sewn on) as long as we order 12 jackets
- Fill out the form with your name & size, then you can e-transfer or bring cash next meeting
- What about having an option for a crest that you can sew onto whatever you want? Jim will ask about this

Events & Upcoming Shows

- Hastings Race Track has invited us to a race day. Bring out the cars & have a mini show
- Country Car Show April 30th in Aldergrove. Let's meet & cruise-in together.
- Poppy Show in May
- Focus on having a club presence at shows, a tent, banner & membership forms
- June 3rd RE Mountain show sponsored by Langley Chrysler. We are loaning them our tire
- Harrison list is online. If you see something that is worth attending, send an email so we can all go together

Mopar Madness

- Jim showed off the artwork for this year's show
- Posters & handouts will be available next meeting
- Greystone will no longer create our artwork
- Jim found an artist in Calgary who is also a Mopar guy who created the artwork for us
- Would like to bring back a DJ/announcer. Jim is trying to contact Scott who has done our music for the show in the past
- Cut off dates for Tshirts will be June 2nd for Greystone to complete the shirts in time. Sponsors need to be confirmed by then as well
- Last chance to pre-order & pre-purchase shirts will be our general meeting in May
- Pre-registration will be available by downloading the form online & using etransfer
- Looking into the option of having online tshirt orders, which may allow a pre-order of women's shirts and sizes we don't normally have at the show
- Show will be judged again this year. Suggestion to add 2 trophies: 1 for participant's choice and 1 for best club car

BREAK

50/50 draw was held

Executive Reports

- Treasurer – “we have money”
- Membership Director – up to 27 members plus spouses
- Secretary – nothing to report, needs to put the club email on her phone
- Website Director – nothing to report
- Newsletter - any buy & sell, pictures or stories can be sent to our club email address

Buy & Sell held

Welcome new member, James

Gary attended a really good car show in California in February. It was on a grass field, rare cars, well organized by Dr. George

Vern brought a variety of magazines his buddy had. If anyone wants them, please help yourself, otherwise they will be recycled.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:58pm

Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

April 5th, 2023

Attendees: Jaylene, Vern, Jim, Lawrence, Sandy, Lore, Gary, Garry, Rick & Bruce

Absent: Glen

Meeting called to order @ 7:10pm @ Ray's house

Jackets

- Cut off after April's club meeting
- Jackets will need to be paid that day to be ordered
- We are able to order jackets without the crest on the back at a reduced cost
- Rick looked into sew-on patches. Minimum order is 50 for \$300
- Suggested that they could be sold at shows, as well as to members
- Should we order them? Voted and passed

SVABC

- Jim attended the recent meeting
- The new president, Gordon, has agreed to attend the next club meeting to do a talk
- We haven't yet completed the membership application, Jaylene will complete

Country Car Show

- At Aldergrove Community Secondary School April 30th opens at 7am
- If we want to arrive together, we should meet at the Chevron at 264th & Fraser Hwy at 7:30am

Poppy Show

- Pre-register
- May 7th
- Trying to find a place to meet to cruise in together

Hastings Race Track

- Wants the club to bring cars out to park at the casino
- Voted & decided not to do this event

May Day Parade

- Organizers are looking for 10 cars to be in the parade
- Contact the organizer directly to register (check the email from Jim for details)

Mopar Madness

- Jim contacted Scott to DJ the show. His fee is \$400. Voted & agreed to hire him
- The Lodge Steakhouse
 - o We are unable to have any of our own food or beverage vendors
 - o They will provide breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs, burgers, beverages, ice cream, etc
 - o They have agreed to \$600 to contribute to the income of the show & \$500 in gift cards
 - o They want to set up a beer garden near the arena
 - o Suggestion to purchase a banner to be hung at the restaurant for advertising
 - o Jim is looking into a new banner to use for photos as cars roll into the show
- Vendors, sponsors, pre-registration & swap forms are on the website to be filled out. Jaylene will keep track of the forms as they come in
- Discussion about whether or not to offer tshirts as pre-sale online as well. Voted & passed

Meeting adjourned @ 8:06pm

1970 Challenger Dubbed the Black Ghost



No one knew when the Black Ghost might appear, but they certainly knew where.

It was the early 1970s, the height of the muscle car era, and if you had a hot car and something to prove, Woodward Avenue and the more secluded back streets of Detroit were the best places to do it.

And nobody did it better than a sinister Hemi-powered [1970 Challenger R/T SE](#) known as the Black Ghost. The nickname seems appropriate, considering the car's black exterior paint, Gator Grain black vinyl top, and black interior—although the Challenger never stuck around long enough for anyone to *see* that interior. It had a mysterious penchant for materializing, winning, and then vanishing.

“It would appear on Woodward, make a couple of passes, (and) then you wouldn't see it for a month or two,” Mopar collector and mechanic Dean Herron says in the latest video release from the [Historic Vehicle Association](#), which celebrates the car's addition to the [National Historic Vehicle Register](#). “Everybody knew the car existed, but nobody hardly saw it.”

The Ghost showed up on Woodward in the spring of 1970, blew the doors off every competitor, and then drove off into the darkness before anyone could answer the question, “Who was that?” Weeks would pass, and the menacing Challenger would reemerge from the shadows, dominate, and disappear once again. Its legend grew. And then it vanished for good. No one knew why. Well, not exactly no one. Godfrey Qualls knew, as did his best friend, Curtis Neal, and both had reason to keep quiet. Qualls was the one racing the Challenger, and he was a Detroit police officer.

Godfrey Qualls grew up in Nashville and moved north at age 12 when his family sought work in the automotive industry. Qualls served as a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and received a Purple Heart after being injured by a grenade in the mid-1960s.

"It was an addiction. I loved my job," Qualls said in an interview filmed before he passed away in 2015. "I was dedicated to my job; they took care of me. I really wanted to stay in." But Qualls missed his adopted hometown of Detroit, and upon his release from the military he accepted a job there as a motorcycle cop. "The kids were fascinated ... And he was the kind of guy who took interest in the kids, raising them right," his best friend says. "Being a policeman, he got a lot of respect."

Godfrey's son, Gregory, says his father was perceptive, which made him a stronger police officer. "My dad was a very good judge of character. He had to be. When you pulled people over, it's the way you talked to (them). He'd get to know you. You didn't want enemies on the street. You had to relate to people in your community. I would say he was the definition of community policing." "You have to be fair," Godfrey explains in the video. "You have to be honest. And you have to make good judgments."

Qualls made a lot of them, and that included what car to buy and what options to add.

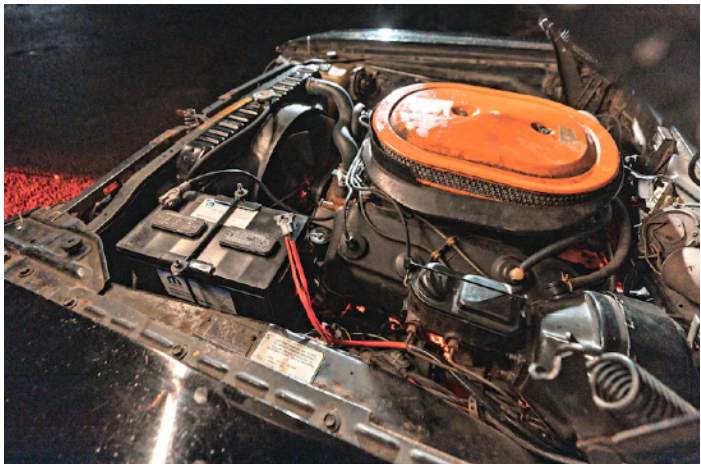
Chrysler developed its second-gen Hemi engine in the early 1960s, making it initially available only in race cars. By 1966, however, you could order one in a production model, and by 1970, the top-of-the-line Hemi was a 426-cubic-inch V-8 that produced a reported 425 horsepower (but was likely closer to 470 hp). Dodge put out a television commercial in which a police officer pulls over a new Challenger owner and begins writing the driver a ticket for operating a race car on a public street. "If you can handle the way people react to your 1970 Dodge Challenger," the ad concludes, "you could be Dodge material."

There's no telling if Qualls saw the ad before he ordered the Black Ghost, but it certainly summed up his attitude when it came time to buy it. He purchased practically every option available. Qualls not only ordered his dream car with the R/T and Special Edition (SE) packages and the monstrous 426—a 23 percent upcharge of \$778.75 (\$5522 today)—but he made sure to include the Super Track Pak with four-speed manual transmission and floor-mounted Hurst pistol grip, which sent power to a Sure-Grip Dana 60 with 4.10 gears. For style, he equipped the hardtop street bruiser with a "bumble bee" white stripe on the tail, hood pins, houndstooth interior, and the real conversation piece—the Gator Grain black vinyl top. Qualls' car is one of just 23 Hemi four-speed R/T SE Challengers sold in the model's debut year, and it is possibly the only car ever built with these performance and trim options.

His son jokes that the Gator Grain was a mistake. "He wanted (plain) black vinyl, but (Dodge) screwed it up royally," Gregory Qualls says. "He loved it and he didn't love it at the same time."

"And sure enough," Neal adds, "that's what makes the car unique."

Story taken from Hagerty.com



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.

2023 CLUB DIRECTORS

President: Jim Miki
Vice Presidents: Garry Keay
Garry Payne
Treasurer: Loré Arens
Secretary: Jaylene Smillie
Membership Director: Sandy Raadschelders
Sergeant at Arms: Rick Campbell
Newsletter Editor: vacant
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Stores: Rick Campbell
Events Director: Vacant
Directors at Large: Glen Solly
Vern Keith
Bruce Johnston

Club Mailing Address:

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Box 239, Suite 800, 15355 - 24 Avenue
Surrey, B.C. V4A 2H9

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$30.00

TREASURY REPORT: available to members by request to the Treasurer or attending the monthly meetings.

NEWSLETTER:

Please email your event photos / stories to:

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Scott will be back this year to DJ Mopar Madness

