

MOPAR EXPRESS

President's report



Hi everybody,

This will be the last club meeting before Mopar Madness 2018. Many thanks to all the members who worked so hard getting trophy sponsors and raffle prizes. I think everything is now ready for Mopar Madness 2018! I would like to thank all the sponsors for their support; they make the show possible! And a special thank-you to **Langley Chrysler** for all the years of very generous sponsorship.

The continuous dedication of Mopars Unlimited club members in hosting the largest and best Mopar show in western Canada for 27 years is a heritage to be proud of! See you at June 20th's meeting, and at our Mopar Madness car show July 8th, 2018. We need all the members to help make this year's show another super success! See you there!

Don't forget, there will be a barbecue for all club members at Ray & Rachelle's house at around 5pm, July 8th, 2018. Bring your own chair and booze. 6818-207 Street. See you there.

Safe cruising,

Ray



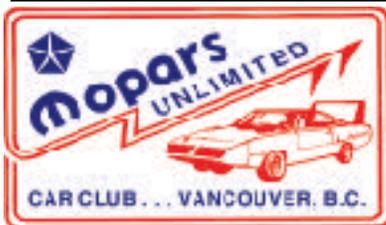
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Mopars Unlimited is a non-profit car club dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Mopar cars and trucks



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Western Canada's Largest MOPAR Only Car Show
MOPAR MADNESS

July 8, 2018 @ The George Preston Rec. Centre
20699 42 Ave, Langley, BC



Volunteer to help make the 27th annual Mopar Madness a success!
Sign up at the next MOPARS UNLIMITED Car Club Meeting or contact:

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Legendary Top Fuel and Funny Car racer Tom "the Mongoose" McEwen passes away

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Over a drag racing career that spanned nearly four decades, Tom "The Mongoose" McEwen won just five NHRA national events, yet still established himself as one of the best-known drivers in the sport's history. It's no exaggeration to say that his skill at promotion re-shaped drag racing, attracting high-dollar sponsorships and catapulting it from relative obscurity onto television screens across the United States. On Sunday, June 10, McEwen died at age 81.

McEwen's drag racing career began at age 16, when he first ran a '53 Oldsmobile at Santa Ana Dragstrip in Irvine, California. A steady progression of faster vehicles followed, including gas coupes, alteredds, gas and fuel dragsters, and later, Funny Cars and Top Fuel dragsters. His "Mongoose" nickname came in 1964, initially as a strategy to entice Don "The Snake" Prudhomme into a match race.



The trick worked, and in September 1964 McEwen bested Prudhomme in two straight sets at Lions Dragstrip in Los Angeles, inspiring a rivalry and partnership that would ultimately impact the entire sport. The duo raced just twice more in the 1960s – once in 1965 and again in 1966 – but in 1969 came together to form a corporation, Wildlife Racing, as a Mattel toys sponsored national touring team.

It was McEwen who came up with the idea to approach Mattel, his mother's employer, for sponsorship. The resulting deal put Snake and Mongoose Hot Wheels sets under Christmas trees from coast to coast, turning kids and pre-teens into fans of the sport. Sponsorship was lucrative enough to give McEwen and Prudhomme the best of equipment, at a time when few drivers earned a solid income from prize money alone.

As McEwen [once related to the NHRA](#),

"I was the [BS er] and Prudhomme was the racer," said McEwen. "I'd set up the deals, then we'd go out to the track, and he'd usually beat me. There were times when he was beating me so regularly that the only way I could have beaten him was if he got lost on the way to the track and I got to single. "We were a good team; we complemented each other. Don was the serious guy, spent a lot of time with his car, and I was more like the wrestlers today; saying how bad I was going to beat him to build interest in the deal."

McEwen went on to win four more national events, including his dramatic U.S. Nationals Funny Car victory over Prudhomme in 1978, following the death just a few days earlier of his son, Jaime. He also won the prestigious Big Bud Shootout in 1984 and won Top Fuel



at the 1991 Summer nationals to become one of a short of drivers to have won in both nitro classes. McEwen, a member of the International Drag racing Hall of Fame, the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, and many more, remained popular even in retirement, attending car shows and doing promotional work for a long line of admirers, and was a semi-regular presence at recent races. This year, he had a big hand in helping put together the NHRA Legends Tour and had already made appearances in Las Vegas and Houston as part of the program. "We are all saddened to learn the news of Mongoose's passing," said NHRA President Glen Cromwell. He was truly one of the most brilliant pioneers of NHRA Championship Drag Racing and continued to support the sport through a number of initiatives including our current NHRA Legends Tour in which he played an instrumental role. Everyone at NHRA will miss him deeply. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences are with the McEwen family at this difficult time."

WEST COAST MOPAR SHOW



The 3rd annual West Coast Mopar Show was once again held at the Coombs Fairgrounds, May 27th. Gary Burgess attended the show and sent in a few photos of some of the 140 cars that took part.

This is a family oriented, low key, show with the emphasis on car people getting together to talk about cars, enjoy the warm spring weather, and eat burgers served up by the Harrington Fire Fighters.



Peachland

WORLD OF WHEELS

May 20, 2018

Although there was a little rain driving down to Peachland, the weather was perfect for Duke's first camping trip and the "World of Wheels" car show. There were hundreds of beautiful cars lining the streets and parked along the Okanagan lakefront. It was great to chat with other car enthusiasts and listen to the live bands playing out on the pier. Best of all, the monies raised go to local charities & projects.

Karin Miki



Mopars Unlimited Car Show - Yakima - June 10, 2018



Despite the variable weather and traffic, the cruise down to Yakima in our 49 year old Charger was an exhilarating experience. It was a warm, sunny day for for the "Mopars At The Park" car show. It was nice to see so many different cars, trucks, and custom Rat Rods with their owners. On top of an already fabulous day, Duke won a trophy for 1st place, B body modified.

Thanks to the Mopars Unlimited Car Club of Yakima for making us feel so welcome!
Karin Miki



Mopars Unlimited Car Show - Yakima



Mopars Unlimited Car Club Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2018 at Ricky's Walnut Grove, 19 Members in attendance

Called to order @ 7: 09pm

Mopar Madness:

- July 11th, 2018
- Artwork is complete for posters, T-shirts & trophies and has been posted to our website
- Please get a sponsor sheet from Rachelle and approach any businesses you regularly visit, we need sponsors for trophies and for raffle prizes, etc
- Please sign up to volunteer at Mopar Madness, we need people to work for the show to go smoothly
- Please take a handful of small flyers to pass out to Mopar drivers, drop them into windows at shows, etc
- John has confirmed 4 food vendors
- Names of sponsors need to be in to Rachelle by June 13th for them to be included on the T-shirt

Shows:

- Ray announced that we finally received the cheque for our club display prize from the Abbotsford Collector Car Show from last year and members who received cash prizes for their cars have also received their cheques
- Brent spoke about Muscle Cars at the Strip (what used to be Mopars at the Strip) which he attended recently
- Ray spoke about his trip to Van Nuys car show

Website:

- Check out our new website! Thank you to Jim & Patti for all of their hard work

BREAK

Reports:

- Secretary – nothing to report
- There will be a Father's Day Celebration on June 16th at Rosemary Heights Seniors Village, where I work and we would love to have some cars come out again. I will email the info to Jim to send to members. Thanks in advance!
- Newsletter Editor/Webmaster - Send info to Jim or the club email about shows and cars to feature on our website
- Treasurer – all is good
- Membership Director – up to 42 main members, new member tonight, welcome Louis!
- Stores – dash plaques & hats available

Buy & Sell

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20pm

[Click to view Harrisons Auto Events List for BC & NW Washington](#)

Next Meeting: June 20, 2018

Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

June 5th, 2018

Meeting called to order @ 7:16pm

Mopar Madness:

- Sponsorship cut off is June 13th to be on the T-shirts
- Claudio will oversee parking
- John will oversee the food vendors
- Club cars will be along 208th this year because there are now concrete barriers where we used to park
- Rachelle will oversee raffle & T-shirt sales
- Richard will put up the arch
- Jaylene will oversee the registration
- Club BBQ at Ray & Rachelle's after the show, bring your own drinks & chairs

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52pm

For any Mopars Unlimited Car Club members attending the Chilliwack show, there is room reserved to line up beside the "Triple Play Pub" (as we have done in the past) Joanne will have a table set up inside the Pub for the club members to enjoy Breakfast before the show starts. This should be a good show, hope to see everyone there!

Glen Solly

Gates open at 7:30am and the show ends at 3:00.

(No early departures please – roads are closed with thousands of pedestrians on the streets.)

All vehicles are to enter

[via Yale Road at Princess Avenue.](#)

This is the main gate and all other entrances will be closed. Vehicle entry is \$10 cash.

Please have payment ready when entering the main gate.

There are prize draws and gift bags for all registered vehicles!

Fortin's Village Classic 2018 CAR SHOW

SUNDAY JUNE 24 11-3

2018 People's Choice Winner 197 Chevrolet Bel Air

EAT Here

FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE

chances ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

Growth with Trevor

new this year! 70's Trevor McDonald

NEW THIS YEAR! Vintage Trailers

5 Corners, Downtown

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

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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 request to the Treasurer or attending the monthly meetings.

NEWSLETTER:

Please email your event photos / stories to:

mopars.vancouver@gmail.com

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

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This was displayed on Vic Porcher's '68 Charger (Okanagan Mopars Car Club) at the World of Wheels Car Show in Peachland. We thought it was very cleverly written and worth sharing for all the car enthusiasts that have a special bond with their cars.

Hi,

I just turned fifty years old in April. My last and only facelift was nineteen years ago. I know I've got a few scars and age lines, but at fifty, who doesn't? I've had a heart transplant and a few pairs of new shoes over the years, but I can still run a quarter mile in under 12 seconds and I can get from Vernon to Vancouver without stopping to drink. Not too bad for an old girl, right?

My family takes pretty good care of me because I'm out on the road every day all summer, picking up groceries and car parts and helping out my ailing friends who aren't quite as healthy as I am.

I hope you enjoy looking at me and maybe talking to my family today. Please don't touch or tickle me, I'm very sensitive.

My name is Pat's Charger and I'm pleased to meet you.



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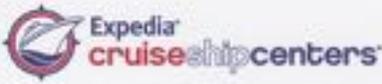
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