# MOPAR EXPRESS

#### **Presidents report**

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Mopar Madness is now only three weeks away. Thank you to all the members who went out and got trophy sponsors and vendors. I would also like



to thank all of our sponsors for their support. They make Mopar Madness possible, year after year. Also a special thank you to our top three sponsors, Langley Chrysler, White Rock Dodge, and GO Richmond Chrysler for their generous support. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our next club meeting, June 21. If you can't make it to the meeting to sign up, you can come out to George Preston where we will be happy to put you to work. Set up time is 6:30am.

Our next club event is the Downtown Chilliwack Classic Car Show, June 25. We will meet at Rona at 7:30am and cruise in together. More details further in the newsletter. LANGLEY CHRYSLER



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

# **2023 MOPAR MADNESS**

Show and Trophy Sponsors



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# Fortin's Village Classic Car Show

Mopars Unlimited Car Club will meet at the Rona on Yale road (45656 Yale Road West, Chilliwack BC) at 7:30am and roll into the show shortly after. Registration is \$10 and a food bank donation.

#### It's shaping up to be the downtown Chilliwack event of the summer.

More than 500 classic cars, collectibles, hot rods, muscle cars, and more are set to roll into town on Sunday, June 25 for the Fortin's Village Classic Car Show 2023. Last year more than 15,000 people showed up for the welcome-back event, said Trevor McDonald, executive director of the Downtown Chilliwack BIA.

"This year is going to be more than that," he said, estimating as many as 20,000 will attend.

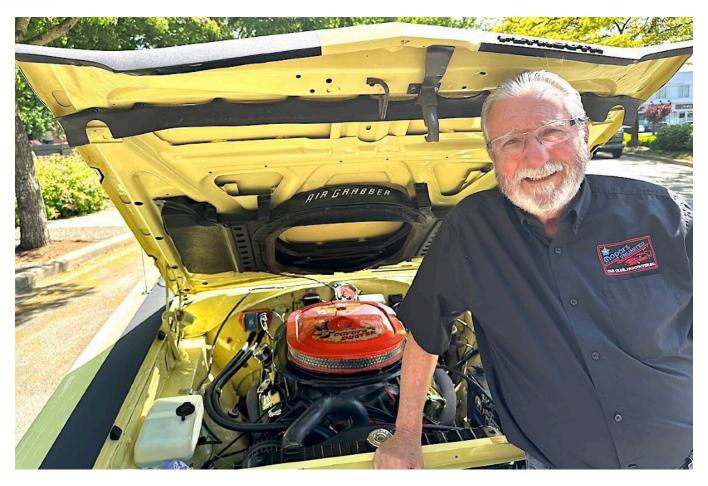
There will be a stunning array of shiny vehicles, live entertainment, kids' activities, food trucks and the Downtown Chilliwack Community Market – all at the same time.

One sharp car to look for is a 1969 Plymouth Road Runner, owned by Dennis Hupka, which he's had on the road for past 20 years.



The Road Runner decked out in "sunset yellow" paint was a labour of love for Hupka, who's painstakingly documented the work done on the vintage muscle car since purchased and started rebuilding it more than a quarter-century ago.

The "muscle" in a muscle car is actually found in its powerful engine. "Built with a large, quick engine in a bare bones body, the idea was to go a quarter mile down the drag strip," Hupka said about the muscle car in an interview with the Progress.



"A lot of them didn't come with power steering or power brakes. It was no frills just get me a quarter mile as quick as possible. So, Chevy had the muscle cars, Dodge had the muscle cars, Plymouth Ford, every manufacturer because that's where the money was coming in from the young guys in the U.S. It was those coming back from the Vietnam, they had money in the bank. "They were alive and they wanted to either buy a Corvette or a muscle car."What is Hupka himself looking forward to seeing at this year's show?

"I don't care what car or truck I see. I just like the workmanship." He can appreciate the lavish effort and finishing the owners put into their prized rides.



"You can tell by checking the fine details like the screws, nuts, or any over spray of paint. Did they put new rubber in the windows? You can just tell by the extra mile they go," Hupka said. The car show is returning to downtown Chilliwack for 2023 and the traffic-stopping vehicles on display will be spread out on closed streets from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for everyone's viewing pleasure.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and vehicle owners enter the lineup at Princess and Yale near the courthouse.

Entry fee is \$10 with a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army food bank that gives vehicle owners a chance to win a garage floor makeover.

# R.E. Mountain Secondary School Car Show

A few club members turned out to the R.E. Mountain Secondary School's 2nd Annual Car Show. Sponsored by Langley Chrysler with about 100 cars showing up to enjoy warm weather and visit with other car enthusiasts.

Your club was able to secure a spot to put up a tent to promote the MUCC and Mopar Madness. Having some shade was nice too!





Awards were picked up by Jim's Ramcharger and Dennis's Roadrunner Making the awards extra special is that they were made by the students.





# **Mopars Unlimited Car Club Meeting Minutes**

May 17th, 2023 at Ricky's Walnut Grove

#### 29 members in attendance

#### Called to order @ 7:04pm

Members passing

- Randy passed away from health complications
- Ray Myles passed away unexpectedly on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- · We will dedicate Mopar Madness to Ray this year
- Mark, Garry, Gary, Vern, Jim & Richard spoke about Ray & shared some memories

#### Mopar Madness

- Pre-sales for show shirts will start tonight. Garry Payne will collect your name & size and Lore will collect money (cash/e-transfer)
- Ladies shirts are only available pre-sale, not available at the show
- Sponsorship info needs to be in by June 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure they get on the shirt
- Executive will meet May 31<sup>st</sup> to firm up sponsors
- Banner for the tire to take photos as they drive through
- Volunteer sign-up will take place at the next meeting. Looking for everyone to come out & help with set-up & clean-up
- This year we will have a Best Club car award voted on by participants
- Summit Racing will send us some goody bags. Looking for more items to put in the bags

#### Shows

- Truck Museum show & tour May 27th. Come out and show your vehicle
- RE Mountain Cruise-In June 3<sup>rd</sup> presented by Langley Chrysler. They have asked to borrow our tire and a few other things. Jim is looking for someone to help with set up.
- Fort Langley May Day parade & show is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Email directly to register or email the club email & Jim will forward it.
- Mopar Show May 28th in Coombs

#### Executive Reports

- Treasurer we have money in chequing and shares
- Membership Director 2 more members. Welcome.
- Secretary noting to report
- Website Director all good
- Newsletter any buy & sell, pictures or stories can be sent to our club email address. Business cards for members have been added.

Buy & Sell Meeting adjourned @ 7:48pm

#### Next meeting to be held June 21, 2023

# **Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting**

May 31st, 2023

Attendees: Jaylene, Jim, Lore, Gary, Garry, Rick & Bruce

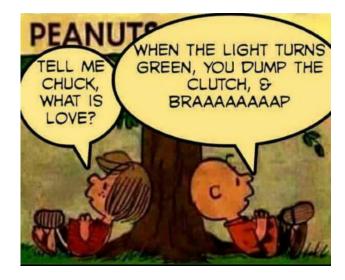
Absent: Glen, Sandy, Lawrence, Vern

Meeting called to order @ 7:04pm @ Ricky's

Mopar Madness

- Discussed going back to classes & decided to do so
- We have lots of sponsors, all trophies are accounted for
- Looked at the map and discussed where to put registration & the tire
- Created list of volunteers needed
- Looking for donation of pens
- The Lodge Steakhouse has offered to put together a special price for a burger & beverage after the show. After some discussion, it was decided to ask the general membership if we want to do this or just go home
- Need gaming licenses for raffle & 50/50
- Tee shirts are ordered
- Decided to put a roadrunner on the back with sponsors listed on either side

Meeting adjourned @ 8:26pm



**The week after Mopar Madness,** there will be a car show and family fun day at the Guildford Town Center. The money from this event will go towards the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Your club has been invited to set up a tent where we can showcase Mopars Unlimited. We will take this opportunity to present the organizer with a cheque for the monies collected from the 50/50 raffle at Mopar Madness. I hope to see some of you bringing your Mopar out for this.



# 7th Annual West Coast Mopar Show

Here are a few photos from the West Coast Mopar Show held in Coombs on May 28th. Mike Coplin stated; "it was a great day, the weather was perfect, and we had a great turnout. There were 130 registered cars, and I believe a total of 150 or so cars throughout the day.

Another huge thank you to the volunteers, including Paul Jackson, Brad Cook, Tom Milne, Matt Lay, Dave Bull, Wayne Burgess, Karin Cook, Emily Lay, and my wife Carmen. Another huge thank you to Dan Dertien, for once again photographing the entire show!"

You can see the show at this link.

https://www.flickr.com/photos/vihr/albums/72177720308652103









#### **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 Webmaster: Lawrence Raadschelders Stores: Rick Campbell Events Director: Vacant Directors at Large: Glen Solly Vern Keith Bruce Johnston

Club Mailing Address: Mopars Unlimited Car Club 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:

mopars.vancouver@gmail.com

Web Site: Mopars Unlimited, Vancouver

Club Email Address: mopars.vancouver@gmail.com

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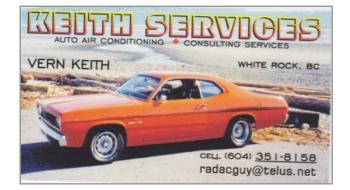
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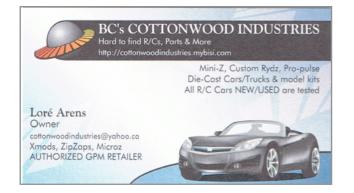
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# **Club Members Business Cards**













They say money can't buy happiness...But it can buy car parts...and car parts make me REALLY happy.