

# MOPAR EXPRESS

**In memory of Ray Myles (July 18, 1948 - May 6, 2023)**

It's hard to believe that it's been over a week since Ray Myles passed away. As I write this message, I'm trying to find the words to express how much this loss has touched all those who knew and loved Ray. He was a good friend and mentor who gave me supportive guidance as I was restoring "Duke"...and I'm sure there were many others out there that shared the same experience.

As one of the founding MUCC members, Ray was president for many years and was instrumental in making the Mopar Madness show a success. I'd like to believe that Ray is up in Mopar heaven with Rachelle, helping us navigate through this and future Mopar Madness shows.

Sending heartfelt condolences to Ray's family...may you find comfort in the memories you shared.

Keep on Cruising Ray,

Jim



## President's Report



Hello everyone,  
 After a chilly start to car season, the weather has finally turned warm and dry. Together with a few club members we rolled into the Country Car Show which filled up with other car enthusiasts to enjoy the first show of the year. The rain threatened but held off for us. I wish I could say the same for the Poppy show in May. I think Mother Nature was having fun with us, it seemed like we would just get our cars wiped down, tops off the convertibles and there would be another shower. I'm sure this was great entertainment for those who came out to see the show. Still, it was a good show with a near capacity turnout.

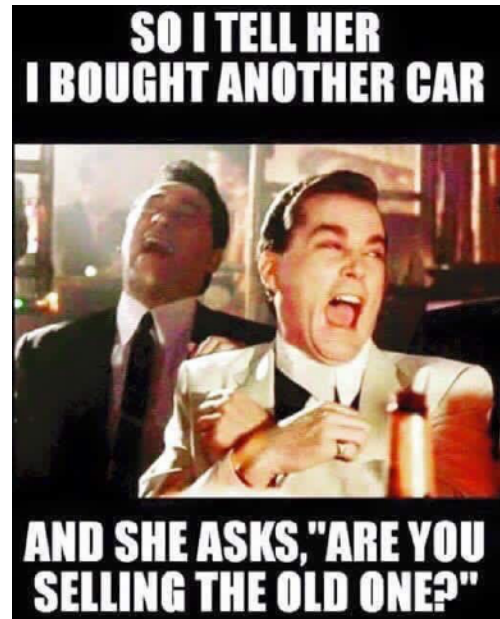
Your club has been invited to display our Mopars at the Cloverdale Truck Museum on May 27. The museum is open from 10am - 2pm. Please arrive a bit early to get set up. There will be coffee and the museum will be open to our members. Hope to see you all there.

June 3rd is the RE Mountain Cruise-in to Summer car show, presented by Langley Chrysler. Your club has reserved parking with a spot to set up a tent, so come on out and support the school. They will be using the clubs exhibit tire so I will be looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help set it up and take it down.

Meanwhile work is well under way for Mopar Madness with sponsors and vendors signing up for our 30th show. We need to have the sponsor list completed for the June 1st so the awards can be printed in time for the show. If you have sponsors that aren't able to get a form filled out in time, send their details in by email and Karin will follow up with them to ensure we get their name correct for the t-shirts.

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*



# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopar Spring Fling

**Story submitted by John Wilson.**

This was my first time to attend the Mopar Spring Fling located in Van Nuys. Van Nuys is in the central San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles. It is home to the Van Nuys airport and the Valley Municipal Building, and it is the most populous neighbourhood in the San Fernando Valley

The host for the show was the Chrysler Performance West So. Cal Car Club. The Spring Fling event was located at Woodley Park with access for the show located at 6350 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys California.

This year's trip was made by Gary Keay, Mark Fletcher, Ray Myles and Brent and Karen Stewart and me. The six of us headed South on April 10th and enjoyed three days of consistent driving to get to the main event (21 hours driving time) We then spent four days in that area.

Kareen elected to break away from the group midway through the state of Oregon as she had planned to visit with her aunt. Brent then hopped into Mark's car which already had Ray who was both navigating and helping with the driving.

Spring Fling activities started Thursday, at the Willow Springs International Raceway which is located at Rosamond, California, approximately 45 minutes from Woodley Park, in Van Nuys. The Raceway, founded in 1953, features substantial elevation changes and surprisingly high average speeds. The track is 2.5 miles long and includes nine turns. Willow Springs has become one of the fastest and most challenging tracks in the U.S.

After spending Thursday morning at the raceway, we continued onto the Airtel Plaza Hotel where we would spend the next four nights. The Hotel was approx. 5 minutes from Woodley Park.



# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopar Spring Fling

**Friday was the check-in day** for those participating in the show. Estimates for participants ranged from 600 to 800 cars; and the vendors to be in the magnitude of three thousand. The show and the swap meet commenced on Saturday and concluded Sunday afternoon after the results of the judging and presentation of awards finished. Our very own Garry Keay was awarded a second-place finish for his 1970 Superbird in the Superbird and Daytona class. We also learnt during the Awards session that there were two other gentlemen in attendance named Mark Fletcher and John Wilson. Go figure.

As we headed for home we left under clear skies and enjoyed sunny weather all the way home except for a period of rain that was just north of Vancouver, Washington.

For me, this trip was highly informative and fully enjoyable. If any of you have a chance to go and take part in the Mopar Spring Fling in Van Nuys California I would strongly recommend it. It was a pleasant time, and the driving was not too taxing in that we tackled it in seven-hour stints per day and took breaks for food and gas.

Next year I hope to be taking my own car down and would love to be part of a group that heads down to Van Nuys again. Plan now to attend.



**The four Amigos.  
Photo taken by John, the fifth Amigo**



# RE MOUNTAIN *Cruise-in to Summer*

Presented by Langley Chrysler



Scan for tickets & sponsorship/vendor info!

**03**  
**JUNE**

Supporting REMSS Breakfast and Automotive programs

**A DAY OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**50/50 DRAWS | GIVEAWAYS | PERFORMANCES**

**7633 202A ST, Langley BC | 7:30 AM - 3 PM**

## Mopars Unlimited Car Club Meeting Minutes

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Ricky's Walnut Grove**

**21 members in attendance**

**Called to order @ 7:01pm**

SVABC

- Jim attended their last meeting
- The president will come & have a talk but wasn't available this month
- Suggestion to remove expired decals off licence plates, especially if leaving BC

Involvement in a hit & run falls under comprehensive, not collision

Collector plates are now transferrable to family members if they file an affidavit stating it is still in the same condition

Events & Upcoming Shows

- Country Car Show April 30<sup>th</sup> in Aldergrove. Meeting at the Chevron & heading into the show at 7:30am
- Poppy Show in May. Pre-register & then the club will meet in the parking lot before cruising in together. Only 300 pre-reg will be accepted so register soon. Suggested to arrive at 6:30am because it is very busy

Mopar Madness

- Scott, from Creative DJ Services will be back
- Please get sponsors to fill out a sponsor form, they are available on the website & we will print some for the next meeting
- Forms have to be received by June 2<sup>nd</sup> to get the name on the Tshirt & trophies
- Flyers & handouts are available to hand out
- Looking at getting a few banners
  - One made to advertise the show that will hang outside of The Lodge Steakhouse at George Preston
  - One to use as cars drive in as a nice backdrop for pictures
- The Lodge will be providing all food & beverages. We are not permitted to bring in any food vendors. They will set up the night before & have security watch it so they are ready in the morning with coffee.
- Pre-paid pre-orders will be available for club members at a special rate

Jackets

- Last chance to order jackets tonight
- Hoping to have them for the car show season
- Rick talked to Greystone about sew-on/glue-on/iron-on crests that can be attached to whatever we want. They have been ordered and should be here by next meeting.

BREAK

50/50 draw was held

Executive Reports

- Treasurer – we have money to spend for the show & we are gaining interest on our term deposit
- Membership Director – up to 32 members plus spouses
- Secretary – received 1 vendor form so far
- Website Director – all good
- Newsletter - any buy & sell, pictures or stories can be sent to our club email address

A&W in White Rock on King George is moving their Hot Rod nights to Tuesdays starting

***Next meeting to be held May 17, 2023***

# Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

**Absent:** Glen

Meeting called to order @ 7:07pm @ Ray's house

## Mopar Madness

- Need sponsorship names no later than 30 days prior to the show
- Jim got a quote from Super Save for port-a-potties at \$250 each but last year Sunrise was less so Jim will contact them for a quote
- We will have 5 big trophies this year – 3 for sponsors, 1 for participant's choice & 1 for best club car
- We will have 200 dash plaques
- Planning to get 60 trophies
- Summit will provide 100 goody bags with swag for free to clubs and we can purchase another 100 for \$19.99
- Jim provided banner drafts for all to look at. There is an opportunity to sell space on the large banner to sponsors
- Langley Chrysler is asking what they can get for a premium sponsorship (above \$100). Discussion around what the options could be.
- Levels decided on are:
  - Platinum - \$4000 to receive name and logo on the banner, name at the top of the tshirt & sponsor board, 10 stalls, 10 trophy plaques and a large trophy to award to car of their choice
  - Gold - \$2000 to receive name on the dash plaques, name on the tshirt at the bottom & sponsor board in larger font, a large trophy to award to a car of their choice, 5 stalls & 5 trophy plaques
  - Silver - \$1000 for your name on the shirt, large trophy to award to a car of your choice and name on the dash registration card & 3 trophy plaques & vendor space
  - Bronze - \$100 or 3 for \$200 for your name a trophy plaque, on the shirt & sponsor board
- Tshirt prices will be:
  - Mens - for members pre-sale \$18 for up to XL, \$22 for 2XL to 5XL and \$25 and \$30 at the show
  - Women's - for members pre-sale \$20 for up to XL, \$23 for up to 4XL, \$25 & \$30 at the show
- We need to get Raffle & 50/50 licenses and choose a charity for the funds to go to. Raffle will go to the Langley Food Bank & 50/50 will go to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We will ask the North Surrey Lions Club if we could present the cheque at their car show the week after our show.
- Langley Chrysler is interested in hosting our show next year. We will think about it after this year

## Garage Tour

- SoCal & Wicked Customs is suggesting a garage tour

## Excess Tshirts from last year

- Lore will offer shirts & hats to the Cheam band members she is working with

Meeting adjourned @ 8:36pm



# The Country Car Show

A few MUCC members got together to attend the first car show of the season at the Aldergrove Community Secondary School. A little cool and although the rain threatened, it held off. It was great to see so everyone with their pride and joy, polished and looking pretty.





## 34th D.W. Poppy Car Show

**Despite a few rain bursts**, the event organizers calculated approximately 500 stunning vehicles were on the backfield & over 2000 spectators came out to enjoy the 34th Poppy Car Show! Early calculations indicate they raised approximately \$30,000 for their school! Shops and Tech Ed, Athletics, Basketball teams, Foods, Library, Environmental Club, & Dry Grad will all benefit from the generous support.



## 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](mailto:mopars.vancouver@gmail.com)

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

#### **Club Email Address:**

[mopars.vancouver@gmail.com](mailto:mopars.vancouver@gmail.com)

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### DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO MEMBERS

ABBOTSFORD CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM (20%)	30285 Automat Dr. Abbotsford	(604) 857-1000
JOURNEY CHRYSLER (15%)	Christmas Tree Way. Coquitlam	(604) 469-5600
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YEAR ONE		1-800-932-7663
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DETAIL GARAGE LANGLEY (10%)	8948 202 St. Unit 8 Langley	(604) 371-3242
DETAIL GARAGE SURREY (10%)	7488 King George Blvd. Surrey	(604) 593-7330

To be revised as other vendors offer discount.



## Club Members Business Cards




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