

MOPAR EXPRESS

Presidents report

Hi Everyone!

Well, 2025 marks the beginning of a new era—because you’ve got a car-crazy woman as your new President!



For those of you who may not know me, I’m Loré Arens. I’ve been a member of this club for many, many years. I’ve had the privilege of serving as newsletter editor (yep, I’m back in that role again!) and I was president around 12 years ago. Oh, and I was also your treasurer for a couple of years. So, as you can see, I’m not new to this—I’m just back with fresh ideas and a renewed passion to take this club to the next level!

I’m here to energize this club and really get things moving beyond just our regular executive and member meetings. I don’t want it to stop



there—I want to hear from YOU, the members. What would you like to see? I’ve got tons of ideas, but it’s important to me that we shape this together.

For starters, how about we get out and explore? Let’s go on some cruises and see more of what our beautiful province has to offer! I’ve lived here my whole life and still haven’t seen everything—like, how have I never been to the Britannia Mines or Hells Gate? Let’s fix that together!

How about we plan a cruise that ends with a picnic lunch? Or maybe even a poker run—because let’s face it, who doesn’t love those? I also think it would be amazing if we as a club could give back by helping out families who may need a little extra support—like volunteering to do oil changes for single parents who can’t afford them. More on that soon!

I’m open to all suggestions, and I want this to be an adventure we share. So, let’s get out there, have fun, and, most importantly, enjoy our cars!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Vanishing Point: 6 Fun Facts About the Car

“**Vanishing Point**” rings a bell for Mopar folks, though plenty still haven’t watched it. If that’s you, I recommend you stop reading and find a copy.

Released in 1971, it follows Kowalski, who bets he can get from Denver to San Francisco in 15 hours. Before long, every law officer on the west coast is on his tail. With help from a DJ named Super Soul, Kowalski takes part in one of the longest car chases on film. In fact, the chase dominates most of the movie.

Legend Lines

Graveyard Carz posted some cool facts about the movie car, and we’d like to share them along with a few extras of our own.

1. 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T

The star car is a ’70 Challenger R/T running a 440 four-barrel and an A-833 4-speed pistol grip. Contrary to rumours—and one magazine article—it wasn’t a 440 Six-Pack or a 426 HEMI. The 1997 remake with Viggo Mortensen did use a HEMI-powered Challenger.

2. A Studio Thank-You

20th Century Fox executive Richard Zanuck wanted to repay Chrysler for letting the studio rent cars at a dollar a day. Stunt Coordinator Carey Loftin specifically asked for the new 1970 Challenger R/T because of its torsion bar suspension and strong V8.

3. Painted Plain White

They chose white to make the Challenger pop against desert landscapes. Some people see hidden meaning in the colour choice, but that’s all there was to it. We figure they came from the factory in EW1 White, though rumour has it one might have been green initially.

4. Chrysler Loaned Four

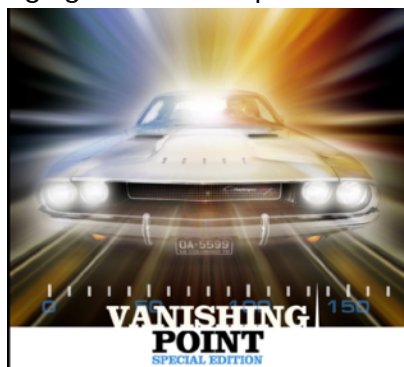
Chrysler gave the production four cars. Some say five, others say eight, but four is the common number. Three had 440 four-barrel 4-speeds and one was a 383 automatic. They were all beaten up during filming. Director Richard C. Sarafian said they took parts off the ruined cars to keep the last one going. Once the shoot ended, the cars went back to Chrysler and were supposedly crushed, thanks to the film’s drug use.

5. The Final Crash

For the big bulldozer collision, they didn’t actually smash a Challenger. A 1967 Camaro shell filled with explosives was rigged on a cable behind a 383-powered Challenger and pulled to its doom. That’s what bursts into flames at the end.

6. Could He Make It?

Graveyard Carz did the math: if Kowalski stuck to Highway 50 from Denver to San Francisco—about 1,214 miles—he could’ve managed it by averaging around 81 mph. Of course, that assumes no sudden meeting with bulldozers.



DID YOU KNOW?



Understanding How to Read a Tire is crucial when selecting the right one for your vehicle. Let's break down tire markings like 205/55R16 91V:

1. Tire Width (205):-

Indicates the tire's width in millimetres.

In this example, the tire is 205 mm wide. Wider tires usually offer better grip.

2. Aspect Ratio (55):-

Represents the sidewall height as a percentage of the tire's width. Here, it's 55%, meaning shorter sidewalls for better handling but reduced comfort.

3. Construction (R):-

"R" stands for radial construction, the most common type. Radial tires are known for their durability and smooth performance.

4. Rim Diameter (16):-

This is the wheel diameter, measured in inches, that the tire fits. In this case, it's designed for a 16-inch rim.

5. Load Index (91):

Shows the maximum weight each tire can carry. For example, a "91" rating means it can hold up to 615 kg.

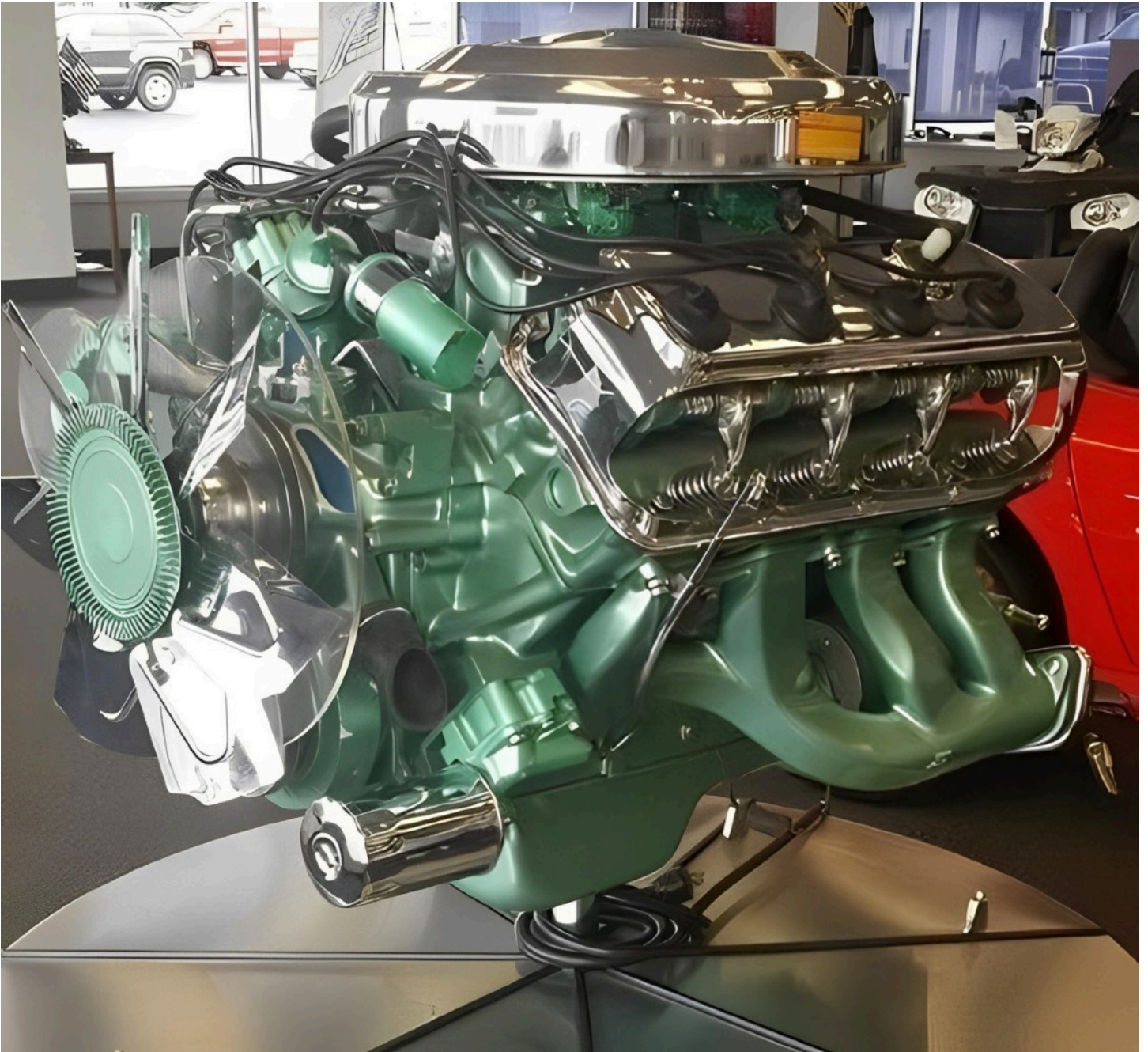
6. Speed Rating (V):

Denotes the maximum speed the tire can handle, with "V" indicating a limit of 240 km/h (149 mph).



DID YOU KNOW?

The Dodge 426 HEMI V8 engine, often referred to as the "Elephant Engine," is an engineering masterpiece celebrated for its unparalleled power and dominance in motorsports. Introduced in the mid-1960s, this 7.0-liter HEMI engine redefined performance standards, becoming an iconic symbol of Chrysler's engineering prowess. It gained legendary status both on the street and on the racetrack, particularly in drag racing and NASCAR events, cementing its place as one of the most revered engines in automotive history.



DID YOU KNOW?

A Brief History of Top Mopar Muscle Cars

When you hear the word “Mopar,” you probably associate it with muscle cars. But believe it or not, the term was first used way back in the 1930s **on a can of antifreeze** . Chrysler was preparing to release a new product called Chrysler Motor Parts Antifreeze, and they decided to stick the words “MoPar Antifreeze” on its can, with “MoPar” being a mashup of the words “motor” and “parts.” It was a term that Chrysler had used internally back then.

As the years went on, Mopar would turn into a word that Chrysler used to refer to all the original equipment manufacturer parts they made. Eventually, it transformed into a term that they used to refer to any **vehicles produced by Chrysler** . These included **Dodges**, Plymouths, **Rams**, and, in more recent years, even Jeeps. More specifically, Mopar would become synonymous with all the various Chrysler-built muscle cars that they put out over time. Here is a brief history of some of the very best Mopar muscle cars ever.

1955 Chrysler 300

When Chrysler created the 1955 Chrysler 300, the term “muscle car” hadn’t even been invented yet. But if the phrase had been around, this car definitely would have fit the description. Chrysler outfitted it with a Hemi V-8 engine that could produce up to 300 horsepower and help it go from zero to 90 mph in just 16.9 seconds. It could also reach speeds of up to 130 mph, which was a truly incredible accomplishment in the 1950s.



However, Chrysler never mass-produced the 1955 Chrysler 300 and only released about 1,100 of these vehicles to the public. It was instead primarily used as a homologation car, which is a type of car that’s created to help a manufacturer participate in motorsports. In this case, the Chrysler 300 helped put Chrysler in a position to get involved with NASCAR. Still, that didn’t stop it from earning a place in the hearts of Mopar enthusiasts everywhere, thanks to what it could do at a time when muscle cars were just entering their infancy stage.

1969 Dodge Charger Daytona

If you ask Mopar enthusiasts to name their favorite muscle car of all time, you’ll hear more than a few mention the 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona. Why? Well, where do we even start? It came with either a 7.2-liter Magnum engine that could produce up to 390 horsepower or a 7-liter Hemi V-8 engine that could generate up to 425 horsepower. And that engine allowed it to do some amazing things.

For example, in 1970, the 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona became the very first car in NASCAR history to eclipse the 200-mph mark. That alone was enough to help it become one of the most excellent Mopar muscle cars ever.

DID YOU KNOW?

1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda

In the early 1970s, many automakers started to scale back their engines due to the oil crisis that was playing out at the time. But right before they began to make this push, the 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda came out and wowed those who loved muscle cars that could really push things to the limit. It had a monstrous 7-liter Hemi V-8 engine that could produce up to 475 horsepower. This engine allowed it to go from zero to 60 mph in just 5.8 seconds. It also enabled it to top the 155-mph mark with ease.

Unfortunately, the Plymouth Hemi Cuda would die a slow, painful death in the end, in large part because of the lingering oil crisis. But it still managed to earn a place in muscle car history in spite of its relatively short tenure.

1978 Dodge Lil' Red Express

Yes, this is a list of Mopar muscle cars , but it's worth bringing up this truck that embarrassed quite a few of them when it first came out. The 1978 Dodge Lil' Red Express had a 5.9-liter 360 cubic-inch V-8 engine that produced up to 225 horsepower. It could go from zero to 60 mph in a mere 7.5 seconds, which was quicker than a lot of the smaller muscle cars back then. At the time, it also earned the distinction of being named the fastest American-made vehicle to go from zero to 100 mph by Car and Driver .

1996 Dodge Viper GTS

The 1996 Dodge Viper had a powerful 8-liter V-10 engine under the hood that could produce up to 450 horsepower. Not surprisingly, that engine made it one of the fastest cars manufactured in the 1990s. This vehicle could go from zero to 60 mph in just four seconds and reach up to 177 mph. But only about 1,100 of these Dodge Vipers were made, which has made them increasingly hard to find in this day and age.

2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat and 2015 Dodge Charger Hellcat

Dodge treated Mopar muscle car fanatics to not one but two special treats in 2015 by releasing the 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat and the 2015 Dodge Charger Hellcat. The Challenger had a 6.2-liter V-8 engine that could produce up to 707 horsepower and go from zero to 60 mph in just 3.6 seconds. It was even able to reach 199 mph. That would have been impressive enough in and of itself, but Dodge topped that with the Charger, which also had a 6.2-liter V-8 engine that produced up to 707 horsepower and maxed out at an impressive 204 mph.

Car Club Meeting Minutes

November 20th, 2024 at Ricky's Walnut Grove

20 members in attendance

Called to order @ 7:04pm

Kruise for Kids

- Jim took our cheque of \$700
- they raised the highest amount ever, over \$41,000

AGM

- tonight is our annual general meeting where we vote on the budget and elect executive
- we decided to keep the membership dues the same for 2025 as last year
- Loré presented the proposed budget for 2025
 - discussed
 - vote passed unanimously
- Jim is stepping down as president
 - Jim nominated Loré as President, seconded by Gary, accepted
- Vice Presidents - Bruce Johnston & Garry Keay
- Treasurer - Gary Burgess
- Secretary - Jaylene Smillie
- Sergeant at Arms - Garry Payne
- Directors - Vern Keith, Emanuele Porra & Brian Simmons
- Newsletter Editor - Loré Arens
- Membership Director - Scott Hampton
- Webmaster, Events Coordinator & Stores are still vacant. Jim asked for volunteers
 - Jim nominated Al Grohman for Events Coordinator, seconded by Loré, accepted
 - Jim Miki agreed to continue as Webmaster
 - Jim nominated Karin Miki as Stores, seconded by Jaylene, accepted

BREAK

50/50 draw held

Executive Reports

- Secretary – will be filing the Society Report soon after tonight's AGM
- Treasurer – we are in good standing
- Membership Director – away
- Stores - fuel additive, show shirts, club shirts & patches available
- Newsletter - is having difficulty sending the newsletter, will try again

Buy & Sell

Meeting adjourned @ 8:04pm

Executive Meeting Minutes

Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

February 5th, 2025

Attendees: Jaylene, Brian, Loré, Scott, Vern, Garry P, Bruce, Gary B.

Absent: Emmanuel, Garry K, Al, Jim, Karin

Meeting called to order @ 6:54pm @ Ricky's

Shirts

- Loré & Gary have looked at a new supplier (Outer Limits) for t-shirts
- impressed by his knowledge
- suggested to have 2xl & above pre-paid
- he can source an artist to create the artwork

Ideas for 2025

- create some fun merchandise to sell or give away at the show
- suggestions for drives to Porteau Cove, Deroche, drive for ice cream/milkshakes, poker run, garage tours, cruise to a park for picnic, etc
- suggestion to reach out to members who don't attend meetings & ask why
- community events like oil change for single moms, etc
- suggestion to have a members only section to our website for a members roster
- suggestion to support more seniors with donations
- suggestion to offer a 3 year membership
- feature a members car each month in our newsletter

Meeting adjourned @ 7:36pm

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WEST COAST Swap Meet

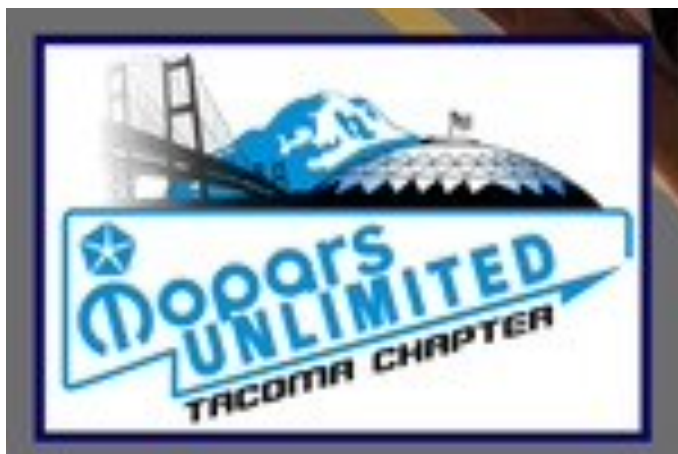


Back to Cloverdale
May 30 & 31 2025
 email: swapmeet@bchra.ca

Vendor Booths \$55
 Inside 10'x10' Outside 10'x20'
 Public Entry \$12

Friday 7am -1230 Set up
 Friday 1 pm - 9 pm
 Saturday 8 am -3 pm

Parking: By donation to the
 Surrey Firefighter Volunteer Society



Car warning lights

 Starting Car System Abnormal	 Car Boot is Open	 Engine Oil level is Low	 Power Steering Loss Of Power
 Car Battery is Low	 Traction control	 Low Fuel	 Driver's Airbag Got Problem
 Wiper Washer Out Of Water	 Brake System Failure	 Engine Temperature Too High/On	 Tyre Pressure Warning
 Recirculate air in the Car	 High Beam Light is On	 Door is Open	 Handbrake is Pulling
 Please Wear Seatbelt	 Problem With the Pre-Warmed Before Start the Car	 Parking Sensor is On	 SECURITY

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.

2025 CLUB DIRECTORS

President: Loré Arens
Vice Presidents: Garry Keay
Bruce Johnston
Treasurer: Gary Burgess
Secretary: Jaylene Smillie
Membership Director: Scott Hampton
Sergeant at Arms: Garry Payne
Newsletter Editor: Loré Arens
Stores: Karin Miki
Events Director: Al Grohmann
Web Master: Jim Miki
Directors at Large: Brian Simmons
Vern Keith
Emanuele Porra

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CLUB MEETS every 3rd Wednesday of the month
except for December & January at Ricky's
Restaurant in Walnut Grove (8720 202 st. Lang-
ley, 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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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
WESTCAN AUTO PARTS PLUS	Use "Cuda Automotive".	All Stores
LANGLEY CHRYSLER JEEP (20%)	19418 Langley By-Pass	(604) 530-2104
LORDCO	Present Discount Card Account # 66727	All Stores
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YEAR ONE		1-800-932-7663
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GO Richmond Chrysler - Talk to Graeme Gillespie.	5491 Parkwood Way (Richmond Auto Mall)	(604) 273-9621

To be revised as other vendors offer discount.

Club Members Business Cards




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