

MOPAR EXPRESS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season filled with family, friends, and a little time to recharge.

Now here we are 2026! A brand new year with exciting things ahead for our club.

Your Executive team has already met a couple of times and we are hard at work preparing for our July Car Show. There's a lot happening behind the scenes, and I'm happy to say things are coming together very well.



We're working closely with The BadAss Garage on the poster artwork, finalizing our sponsor packages, and organizing what we'll be offering for club T-shirts and merchandise. We're also planning signage for the charities we're proud to support this year and confirming which food trucks will be joining us to keep everyone fueled and happy.

There are many moving parts, but the energy is strong and the momentum is building.

It's going to be a fantastic year for our club. Thank you to the Executive team for their dedication and to all of you for your continued support. We couldn't do this without our amazing members.

Let's make 2026 our best show yet!

Respectfully,
Loré
President

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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?

FIRST LOOK: TONY STEWART RACING DRIVERS PRUETT, HAGAN SHARE SNEAK PEEK OF NEW DODGE LIVERY

[Tony Stewart Racing \(TSR\)](#) NHRA Dodge nitro drivers Leah Pruett and Matt Hagan are turning up the heat this off-season, dropping a sneak peek of their new Dodge race car graphics as they chomp at the bit to hit the strip in less than 30 days at the 2026 season-opening [NHRA Gatornationals](#), scheduled for March 5-8 in Gainesville, Florida.

After a two-year hiatus for the birth of her and husband Tony Stewart's son Dominic, Pruett returns to drag-racing competition with a new Dodge livery and an all-new TSR Dodge Top Fuel Dragster after the 12-time NHRA Top Fuel event winner just missed capturing the 2023 NHRA Mission Top Fuel championship.

"I'm very excited to get back in the car for the 2026 season," said California native Pruett. "Last year, I wanted to make sure I still had a passion to race after sitting out two years. After giving birth to Dominic and then being a mom for a year, I really wasn't sure if I had the competitive level or should I sit out another year. So, we had a handful of tests. It was really the first time I was out of a race car since I began Junior Dragsters at age 8. But I'm ready to go."

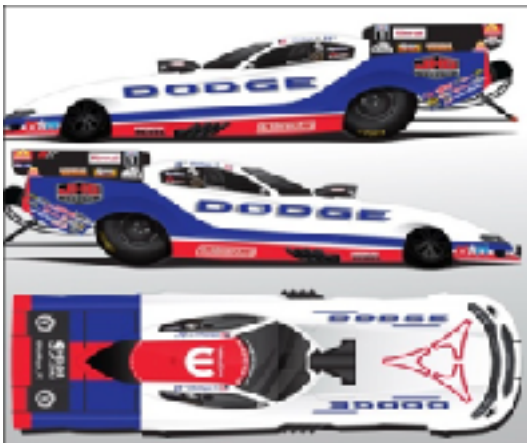
Stewart, the motorsports legend with series titles in NASCAR, IndyCar and USAC, replaced Pruett in the TSR Dodge dragster in 2024-2025, winning two events and capturing the 2025 Top Fuel regular season points championship. Stewart, the TSR team owner, will also be competing in the Top Fuel class in 2026, driving for Elite Motorsports.

Stewart will also return to the NASCAR stage at Daytona in 2026, teaming up with Ram Truck and Kaulig Racing in Ram's return to NASCAR. Stewart will be the [first competitor](#) in Ram's groundbreaking [Free Agent program](#) within the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series.

Hagan, winner of 55 NHRA national events in his career (all in Dodge Funny Cars), came close to his fifth NHRA Mission world championship last year by taking his 12,000-horsepower TSR Dodge//SRT® Hellcat Funny Car to second in the 2025 points standings. The Virginia driver won Funny Car races last year at Seattle, St. Louis and Las Vegas and prepares to enter his 19th campaign in a Dodge Funny Car.

"I have driven a Dodge Funny Car for my entire NHRA career, and I want to put the Dodge machine in the winner's circle and take another championship for them and all of our TSR sponsors," said Hagan, a four-time NHRA champion. "Without them we couldn't do what we love to do, and that is win races and championships. I know we'll be ready to go right out of the box at Gainesville."

The NHRA Gatornationals are scheduled for March 5-8, with qualifying set for two runs on Friday (March 6) and Saturday (March 7). Final eliminations will take place on Sunday (March 8).



DID YOU KNOW?

Stellantis has issued several significant recalls, most notably for over 375,000 Jeep Wrangler 4xe and Grand Cherokee 4xe (2020-2026) hybrids due to battery fire risks, urging owners to park outdoors. Other major 2025-2026 recalls include 456,000+ Jeep/Ram vehicles for trailer module failure, and ~80,000 Grand Cherokees for detaching rear coil springs.

Key Recent Stellantis Recalls (2025-2026):

- **Jeep Plug-in Hybrid Fire Risk:** Over 375,000 Jeep Wrangler 4xe (2020-2025) and Jeep Grand Cherokee 4xe (2022-2026) models are recalled because the high-voltage battery can fail, posing a fire risk. 19 fires have been reported.
 - Action: Do not charge the vehicles and park them away from structures.
- **Jeep/Ram Trailer Module Failure:** Roughly 456,287 Jeep Compass, Wagoneer, Grand Cherokee, and Ram 1500/2500/3500 (2025-2026) models have a defect in the trailer tow module that can cause trailer lights and brakes to fail.
- **Jeep Grand Cherokee Rear Coil Springs:** Over 80,600 2021-2023 Grand Cherokee L and 2022-2023 Grand Cherokee vehicles are recalled because rear coil springs may detach while driving.
- **Jeep Hybrid Engine Failure:** Approximately 113,000 2023-2025 Grand Cherokee 4XE and 2024-2025 Wrangler 4XE units are under recall for potential engine failure or fire caused by debris in the engine.
- **Italian-Built Vehicle Seat Belt Sensors:** 332,000 vehicles are recalled due to a seat belt sensor issue.

Actions for Owners:

- Check your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the [Mopar website](#) or [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(.gov\)](#).
- Contact your local dealership for service, as these repairs are performed free of charge.

DID YOU KNOW

Kuniskis Sets Sights on Dodge's NASCAR Cup Return 2027 Daytona 500 Is the Target

Ram CEO Tim Kuniskis, who also serves as Head of the American Brands, SRT Performance, and Marketing and Retail Strategy for North America, isn't wasting any time now that [Ram is officially back in NASCAR's Truck Series](#). Even before the Kaulig Racing Ram trucks have turned a competitive lap, Kuniskis is already looking ahead to something much bigger: bringing Dodge back to the NASCAR Cup Series, potentially as soon as the 2027 Daytona 500.

Kuniskis' comments came during a Q&A session centered on Tony Stewart's upcoming NASCAR Truck Series appearance with [Kaulig Racing](#). Stewart will pilot the No. 25 Ram truck at Daytona as part of the team's rotating "Free Agent" driver lineup.

Kuniskis confirmed that internal work is underway toward a Cup Series return, even if the timeline is aggressive and far from guaranteed. He didn't sugarcoat how difficult the task will be, but he also made it clear that Dodge isn't backing down from the challenge.

"I told everybody our goal would be to get into Cup, Daytona next year, and so far, every single person has told me that's absolutely impossible, and I'm crazy, and it's never going to happen. I don't know. I'm not giving up yet," Kuniskis said.

That statement alone captures both the ambition and the uncertainty surrounding Dodge's potential return to NASCAR's top level.

Ram's return to the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series was relatively straightforward by modern NASCAR standards. The series relies on spec chassis and engines, allowing Ram to focus primarily on body design, branding, and assembling the right team. That partner is Kaulig Racing, which will campaign Ram 1500-branded trucks beginning this season.

The NASCAR Cup Series is a very different story.

Even with [NASCAR's Next Gen platform](#), where many components are standardized across manufacturers, a Dodge Cup entry would require far more investment and development. Dodge would need to engineer and build its own engines, validate performance and durability, and develop a competitive aerodynamic package around a Charger-based body. That level of effort typically takes years, not months.

Kaulig Racing CEO [Chris Rice](#) has previously suggested the team could handle engine development in-house, but even with existing infrastructure, [launching a brand-new engine program](#) is a massive undertaking, especially on a compressed timeline aimed at Daytona in 2027.

At the moment, Kaulig Racing continues to compete with Chevrolet in the Cup Series while preparing for Ram's Truck Series debut. While unusual on the surface, the arrangement reflects where Dodge's Cup ambitions currently stand: in development, not yet execution.

That said, Kaulig's growing involvement with Ram signals a deeper relationship with Stellantis that could eventually extend beyond trucks. While traditional factory support hasn't yet materialized on the Cup side, the groundwork is clearly being laid.

Dodge has not fielded a factory-backed Cup Series program since 2012, when Brad Keselowski won the championship with Team Penske. Penske switched to Ford the following season, leaving Dodge without a competitive Cup partner.

A Dodge return to the NASCAR Cup Series by the 2027 Daytona 500 is far from guaranteed. The technical challenges, financial commitment, and accelerated timeline make it one of the most ambitious manufacturer efforts NASCAR has seen in years.

Still, if there's one thing Mopar fans know about Tim Kuniskis, it's that he doesn't shy away from bold goals. Whether Dodge makes the grid in 2027 or not, the message is clear: Dodge's return to NASCAR's top tier is being actively explored—and the door is officially open.

WHAT IF? I WANT ONE!!

Is the era of the factory built race truck about to return? The idea just became very real after the CEO of Ram Trucks teased the possibility of a Hellcat powered street truck, instantly igniting excitement across the performance world.

For years, enthusiasts have asked for a modern pickup that feels unapologetically fast, loud, and built purely for fun. A truck that prioritizes attitude as much as utility. Dropping a Hellcat V8 into a street focused Ram would do exactly that. It would turn a familiar workhorse into a muscle machine with serious presence.

The appeal is easy to understand. Hellcat power is not subtle. It delivers instant drama, brutal acceleration, and a soundtrack that announces itself long before the truck comes into view. In a pickup platform, that energy feels even more outrageous. Big body. Big power. Big personality. Everything amplified.

This would not be about towing records or off road credentials. It would be about street dominance and emotional driving. A lowered stance. Wide tires. Aggressive aero touches. A truck designed to make every on ramp feel like an event. Technology would work behind the scenes to keep control predictable, turning massive power into usable excitement.

What makes the tease important is timing. As the industry shifts toward electrification and efficiency, a Hellcat street truck feels like a celebration of mechanical excess before the chapter fully closes. Not as a step backward, but as a reminder of what made performance trucks exciting in the first place.

If Ram brings this concept to life, it would stand as more than a novelty. It would be a statement. Proof that performance culture still matters, even in a changing landscape. A modern race truck built for the street would show that progress does not always mean quieter or calmer.

Sometimes, progress is about keeping passion alive. And a Hellcat powered Ram street truck would do exactly that.



DID YOU KNOW



Kaulig Racing joins Ram in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series in 2026. (Ram).



FOR SALE

Ryan Parrell has an ad for sale regarding a hemi truck and a hemi car. If anyone is interested just click the link.

<https://www.kijiji.ca/v-cars-trucks/kamloops/two-hemis-in-custom-built-red-modern-mopars/1729558869>



Hi, I am looking for an A body A-833 4 speed non overdrive. I have a 76 A-833 that I don't need. I am open for a trade or selling it. Let me know if anyone has anything or is interested.

Thanks,

Dennis Rossiello

Port Coquitlam

778-549-5776

drossiello73@gmail.com

NEED HELP

I'm looking for a 1971 Hemi cuda and you might be able to help me out. I have been looking for the owner of this car for a few years now. The story is ,he worked in the lumber mill in the early 1970's, and then raced the 1971 Plymouth Hemi Cuda on the weekends. He did this until 1974, and then parked the car at his home, and that is where it's been ever since. The car has a purple exterior, black interior, 4-speed, and it has been tubbed. If someone in the hotrod organization could help me out , it would be much appreciated. Somebody that watched a lot of racing at Mission Raceway back in the early 1970's, might remember this car. It had to have stuck out like a sore thumb. Anyway, I'm just reaching out, and hopefully somebody will have some info, or a contact number.

Contact;

Colleen Schick

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colleenis@hotmail.ca

CAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Mopars Unlimited Car Club Annual General Meeting

November 19th, 2025 at Ricky's Walnut Grove

18 members in attendance

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Christmas Dinner

- please pay Gary B for your dinner if you haven't already
- Loré & Garry P brought in gifts for Jaylene to create a game to play at the party
- please bring a non-perishable food item

Elections

- nominations were held last month but we are still looking for someone to fill a few positions
- Jaylene reviewed the nominations and asked for any additional nominations:
 - President - Loré Arens, no further nominations
 - Vice-President (2 positions) - Garry Keay & Bruce Johnston, no further nominations
 - Treasurer - Gary Burgess, no further nominations
 - Secretary - Jaylene Smillie, no further nominations
 - Sergeant at Arms - Garry Payne, no further nominations
 - Membership Director - Scott Hampton, no further nominations
 - Newsletter Editor - Loré Arens, no further nominations
 - Stores - Judy Burgess was nominated in October but wasn't present to accept. She accepted & there were no further nominations
 - Web Master - no nominations at this time
 - Events Director - no nominations at this time. Al Grohmann is moving to the Okanagan but has said he will try to help out with events if no one else is willing
 - Directors at Large (3 positions) - Emanuele Porra, Vern Keith & Brian Simmons, no further nominations

Kruise for Kids

- we raised \$580 for Kruise for Kids this year, decided to write a cheque for \$600
- we missed the event so we will need to send the cheque to them

Budget

- we have been able to eliminate some costs due to cancelling the post office box and no longer printing/mailling the newsletter
- Lore circulated the proposed budget for 2026 for everyone to take a look at
- Mark put forth a motion to accept the proposed budget, Garry 2nd the motion
- no discussion was required
- motion passed unanimously

CAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Charities

- Loré presented the 4 charities that the executive had chosen to support for 2026:
 - Young Guns Garage
 - Community Angels Food & Housing Support Society
 - Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association
 - Storehouse Society (Cloverdale Community Kitchen)
- Loré put forth a motion to accept these 4 charities to support, 2nd by Scott
- discussion about whether the club will continue supporting Kruse for Kids as well as these charities
- Loré amended her motion - to support Young Guns Garage, Community Angels, Valley Therapeutic & Cloverdale Kitchen with the net proceeds from Mopar Madness and to support Kruse for Kids with the 50/50 proceeds and the “loonie bag” at monthly meetings, 2nded by Garry P
- voted & passed unanimously

BREAK

50/50 draw held

Executive Reports

- Secretary – in talks with Kwantlen to see if the fee can be waived for their parking lot rental to potentially move our show there, working on submitting the application for the insurance and NAACC renewal
- Treasurer – has written cheques for our charity donations
- Membership Director – renewals will be due at the next meeting in February
- Stores - club shirts, Mopar Madness shirts, fuel additives & crests available
- Newsletter - will update the newsletter to remove the mailing address, some people expressed that the writing under pictures is difficult to read. There is a mock-up of our show artwork in the newsletter
- Events Director - nothing right now

BUY & SELL

Meeting adjourned @ 8:01pm



EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

December 3rd, 2025

Attendees: Jaylene, Brian, Loré, Scott, Vern, Garry P, Bruce, Gary B., Garry K, Emmanuel & Al (by FaceTime)

Absent: Judy

Meeting called to order @ 6:50pm @ Ricky's

2026 Mopar Madness

- Will be at Kwantlen Langley this year on July 12th
- Need to get the deposit back from George Preston
- Set up the parking lots so that each class has their own row to ease parking
- Discussion about having money paid when they arrive & bring registration back
- Gary B will get the raffle licences
- Can have food trucks
- Better location for traffic
- Kwantlen has waived the rental fee
- Need to get more help for parking
- Club cars to be in the 1st row
- Promote the pre-registration & have the opportunity to pre-order your shirt at the same time
- Need flyers to have a bright banner stating "NEW LOCATION"
- Advertise in Coffee News, Harrisons List, look into radio & news stations, newspapers
- Need maps of Kwantlen parking lot
- To meet at Kwantlen for the next meeting
- Loré will meet with Young Guns
- Need to have additional outhouses, probably 4

Meeting adjourned @ 7:43pm

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 18th, 2026

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

Absent: Emmanuel, Al

Meeting called to order @ 11:30am @ KPU Langley

Mopar Madness

- We have confirmation of using KPU Langley parking lots for our show, though no contract yet, it should arrive this month
- Discussed where to set up registration - decided at the end of the round about to allow for the most cars to be in the line
- Discussed having registration in 2 areas - 1 at the entrance & another near the club tents for participants to bring their forms back but Jaylene expressed that this would require more volunteers
- Planning to set up club tents backed onto the grassy area part way down the lot & have club cars on the opposite side
- Discussed where to put the tire; mention of the time it takes to snap pictures of each car & that it can create a backlog but Jaylene pointed out that it isn't necessary to take a picture of each car. It is nice to have on the website but if this causes an issue, people can take their own photos, and we can take photos once the cars are parked
- Will plan to have each row with stock & modified back to back, where possible
- Discussed having food trucks & washrooms along the road but identified that we will likely need those spaces for show cars so decided to put food trucks along the through lane, closest to the school
- Loré will be getting a clearer map from Stehanie that we can use to properly design our layout
- Loré has been in touch with someone who has food trucks, though she will need to follow up & confirm how many trucks we will have. We feel we need approximately 4 trucks

Meeting adjourned @ 12:30pm

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

February 4th, 2026

Attendees: Jaylene, Brian, Loré, Bruce, Emmanuel, Al, Gary B, Vern

Absent: Garry P., Scott, Garry K.

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

Mopar Madness

- Loré got a new map of KPU from Stephanie that we can use for planning
- KPU needs to re-approve our application because we hadn't mentioned the food trucks and DJ that we had planned for the event
- Stephanie from the Ford Club who has used KPU said that they have a similar set-up with no issues
- Loré is working on getting some food trucks
- Loré shared the mock up of the show artwork
 - Will ask for wing car to be straightened
 - Lettering in Mopar to be changed
 - Suggestion to make "new location" larger on the poster
 - To take "no tents" off the poster
- Amy from Bad Ass Garage has provided a show sponsorship package for us to take to potential sponsors
 - We discussed the different levels and all agreed there were too many tiers.
 - We also didn't like the idea of giving out stickers, air fresheners & key chains.
 - Will have tiers start at \$200 instead of the \$100 previously.
 - Loré will go back to Amy for more clarification, especially find out how much each of these perks we offer will cost us.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38pm

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: Judy Burgess

Events Director: Al Grohmann

Web Master:

Directors at Large: Brian Simmons
Vern Keith
Emanuele Porra

Club Mailing Address:

No longer available

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:

mopars.vancouver@gmail.com

Web Site: Mopars Unlimited, Vancouver

Club Email Address:

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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
UAP / NAPA	20053 B Industrial Ave. Langley, BC	"Preferred Customer"
YEAR ONE		1-800-932-7663
KMS C.A.R.S PARTS	933 Upper Ave. Coquitlam	(604) 522-5593
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
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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Neon Sign Created by The BadAss Garage



Here a picture Amy just sent me of the Neon Sign for the Car Show, she created

ANY INTEREST?

Thought this might be of interest to your members.

If someone is interested, send me a name a contact number and the owner will contact them.

Cheers

Bob Kelly

SVABC

bobsuek@shaw.ca

My friend Don got the Imperial out of the shed and took these pictures and video on the weekend.

Car is in Langley.

Any interest let me know.

Thanks

Terry

