

# MOPAR EXPRESS

## Presidents report

Hi Everyone!

Well the executive and I have been pretty busy getting things organized for the car show. We have contacted several businesses regarding t-shirts, goodie bags, stickers, art work, key chains, etc.



previous artwork, logos, etc from previous shows.

But the nice thing about working with Amy and her team, she has already reached out to Dirk from Road Rage (plaques and dash plaques) and Rob from outer limits (our show shirts) to get them the art work files when completed so everything is all co-ordinated.

Some of the executive took a drive out to Badass Garage in Mission to get more clarity on some of the projects we have been discussing for the Car Show. Amy is an amazing individual, and as we were talking with we realized a number of things. 1.No one knows where the art work files for our logo is. So we have to get that done. 2. If we work with her all files will be in one place, they are ours, we can get them and use them at any time no matter where we go to get the job done.....sorry guys this is a no brainer.

And in the future all artwork etc. is in one place.

So here is what is happening....We are going through her for our goodie bags - 150, which includes a 8' banner with our event on it, perfect for registration. Licence plate tags for goodie bags and for sale - MOPAR or NO CAR. Getting key tags for Sale. Art work for posters from Amy as she had purchased a file of Mopars to pick and choose cars (by the way, they can have the colours change to what ever we want). Getting larger stickers that say Mopar or No Car as well.

We are starting from SCRATCH. We have no

So as the weather is getting warmer, let's cruise

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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?

## Dodge's SEMA Build Could Be The Future Of Muscle

Dodge is rolling out a MoPar that is trying to answer a bigger question. Dodge is teasing what resembles a late 1960s Plymouth Satellite, Belvedere, or GTX ahead of the 2024 SEMA show. Dodge is trying to use this custom muscle machine to show that there is a future for high-profile muscle cars. This could be a sign that Dodge is rolling out an aftermarket battery-electric solution for vintage or custom builds.

If you're wondering what the future will be like for vintage iron, Dodge is too, apparently. The brand is gearing up to show off what it thinks could be the answer for muscle cars in the future. And they're doing that with what appears to be a late '60s Plymouth.

Of course, we don't yet have any details of this upcoming SEMA build outside of a drawing of the car's nose, but there are some assumptions to be made. With Dodge moving away from the Hemi V8 in its sedans and coupes and leaning toward electrification and six-cylinder power, it's a safe bet that the aftermarket arm of Stellantis would try to use the Specialty Equipment Market Association event in Las Vegas to show off its latest and greatest powertrain options that are available through its catalog.

In fact, we've already seen Dodge offering up its six-cylinder powertrains to the masses. [Dodge showed off its HurriCrate options a few years ago](#), which was ahead of the six-cylinder Charger's reveal. There's also a case to make that this new build could show off a [battery-electric retrofit solution](#) akin to what we've seen from [Ford](#) or [Chevrolet](#).

Or could this SEMA build carry the [battery-electric powertrain of the next-gen Dodge Charger](#)? That EV was delayed, but it still might go on sale before year's end.

This could also just be another rollout of potent, aftermarket Hemi engine options and other accessories thrown onto what appears to be a Plymouth Satellite, Belvedere, or GTX. We'll know more as we approach the 2024 SEMA show, which kicks off on November 5.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Hands-Free, Eyes-Off: Level 3 Self-Driving Coming to Ram, Jeep, Alfa Romeo

The Level 3 STLA AutoDrive system is only fit for certain conditions, at relatively slow speeds, for now.

Tesla, GM, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, and even Genesis have already established themselves in the Level 3 assisted driving market, and now it's time for the Stellantis group of automakers to catch up. That's the plan with the newly-announced STLA AutoDrive 1.0 system that promises hands-free, eyes-off assisted driving, but the catch is that it's so-far limited to relatively slow speeds. Here's what we know, and when to expect the system on your car.

The first version of AutoDrive is said to be good for hands-free, eyes-off driving, also referred to as a Level 3 system, up to speeds of 37 mph—for now. Stellantis says the system can be updated relatively soon for higher speeds closer to 60 mph, and also for off-road applications, so there could be rapid advancement of the tech in the short term. Stellantis is clear that it's not meant to let you get away with distracted driving or illegal phone use while driving, but instead to use the vehicle's systems in the time you're given back from the Level 3 driving system, which effectively acts as a more advanced adaptive cruise control. Those systems are through large interior screens and include games and movies.

The language is very careful to not call this a roll-out of the technology, but rather that the tech is now apparently ready for deployment whenever the marketplace demands it, or whenever Stellantis and its suppliers become ready. A video demonstration showed the system being used on a Jeep model, so it's likely we'll see AutoDrive in the U.S. via that brand sometime soon. Stellantis has yet to officially announce when it will be deployed in the U.S.; materials show vehicle screen references in kilometers and Celsius temperatures, so it's possible the tech doesn't land in the U.S. first. Other brands that could see the tech are Alfa Romeo, Ram, Dodge, Maserati, and Fiat, possibly with an early roll-out in Europe or Canada first.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Rumour: Dodge Wants to Do a Cheap, Hardcore Sports Car

Want a \$30K mini-Viper? Dodge's CEO wants to do one, but won't compromise on performance

The Dodge Charger Daytona launch hasn't gone quite as we—or, probably, Dodge—expected, as we recently discussed with Dodge CEO Matt McAlear on our InEVitable podcast, asking him about the car's heft and bewildering inability to do burnouts. For better or worse, the Charger Daytona controversy has put a spotlight on Dodge's performance plans, and when The Drive spoke to McAlear recently, his responses were revealing.

Per that interview, McAlear is open to a halo car, a Viper successor of sorts. He acknowledged there's a market for something on the high end of price and performance, a true halo car. But he also told The Drive that a market for an "entry-level halo" exists. That's a rare and arguably dying breed, the affordable sports car—a role that has previously been filled with cult classic but departed vehicles like the Nissan 240SX, Toyota Celica and MR2, and even the hotter Dodge Neon variants like the SRT4. Perhaps the purest entry-level halo car, to use McAlear's words, on the market today is the Mazda MX-5 Miata, a relatively inexpensive but universally praised roadster that gives the entire Mazda lineup a sheen of sportiness.

McAlear's vision for this car reveals a desire to set itself apart from both the MX-5's past and the rare few contemporaries, like the Subaru BRZ and Toyota GR86. Pointing to the unconventional quasi-cars from companies like Polaris (the Slingshot) and Can-Am (the Spyder), which offer a lot of attitude and presence, vehicles purely built for entertainment but more accessible than a motorcycle. It seems unlikely Dodge is going to get into (or rebrand) a three-wheeled, ATV-like trike, but it could point to an idea gestating within the company for something truly raw, basic, and pure. It's part of McAlear's vision for something that finds white space, not simply Dodge's version of a vehicle genre—as he put it to The Drive, "not a Corvette fighter, not a Mustang fighter." McAlear continues, wishing for a sports car that avoids the cost and complexity of frills like heated seats or advanced safety features, instead focusing on cost—and performance. Whatever the brand makes, if it makes something, McAlear is claiming it'll perform—and the company won't do it if it won't.

What could said affordable sports car look like? We looked at past concepts, current products, and did some educated guesswork and came up with a possible low-buck Dodge roadster. It's got a bit of Dodge Demon, Dodge Copperhead, and Dodge Razor flavour with a fascia that riffs on the company's most aggressive lower-cost vehicle, the Dodge Hornet. Is this the direction Dodge will go? At the moment, only McAlear knows for sure.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Ram CEO Tim Kuniskis Makes Dramatic Return After 7-Month Retirement

The chief exec of Dodge and Ram retired back in June. Now he's back at Ram.

Tim Kuniskis, one-time host of MT's Last Call drag racing event celebrating the Hemi V-8, and CEO of Dodge and Ram in the U.S., initially announced his retirement from executive roles at Stellantis effective June 2024. The shuffle at the top came amid a shift in corporate strategy to downsized internal combustion and electrified powertrains going forward, and his replacement had been announced, but now he's back at just Ram after the CEO of Stellantis made a dramatic departure.

Nobody should envy the person at Dodge that has to convince a sales base of high-horsepower V-8 muscle car owners to eventually switch to electric power, but that person won't be Tim Kuniskis, who initially retired from his roles at Dodge and Ram on June 1 this year. He was replaced at Dodge by Matt McAlear, who already lead the automaker's sales operations at the time. Kuniskis' leadership at Ram was to be taken over by Chris Feuell, who is also the current CEO of Chrysler, but that's been reversed with a dramatic return by Kuniskis confirmed by CNBC.

Stellantis confirmed the move to CNBC in a statement: "Today's changes will enable us to operate in a structure that will drive the best outcomes for the region, unlock significant potential and win in the market. A main lever is for the Ram brand to have its CEO singularly focused on that brand." Chrysler CEO Chris Feuell is now also in charge of Alfa Romeo, replacing Larry Dominique, as she is no longer in lead of Ram.

Kuniskis hopped around within the Stellantis stable of brands, serving a brief stint overseeing Jeep and Alfa Romeo in 2018 between jobs at Dodge, where he returned in 2021 and then added the Ram brand to his duties in 2023. He kept the Dodge brand focused on performance, even as it introduces its first Dodge Charger Daytona EV muscle car. Now, he will lead the introduction of electrified Ram products, as well as defend the decision to nix the V-8 in favour of a high-power inline-six cylinder engine.

Kuniskis is well-known for introducing high-horsepower, fan-favourite models often featuring the corporate Hemi V-8 engine, which is no longer going to be offered in any model for any brand going forward. Instead, Kuniskis oversaw development of its more efficient replacement, the Hurricane family of inline-cylinder engines, currently offered in SO and HO versions, both being turbocharged, with an I-4 version rumoured to be just around the corner. This engine is now in the latest generation of the 2025 Ram 1500, as well as upcoming two- and four-door versions of the new Dodge Charger.



# FOR SALE

Hi, any members looking for an all original numbers matching 1969 Dodge Dart Custom, bought from same owners since 1970. Engine is 273 cu inch v8, no accidents, all original down to 1969 gas cap key. Asking \$27,500. Thank You Shawn Dearden deardenshawn68@gmail.com



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Hello Vancouver Chapter,

I hope this message finds you well. We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves as a new facility in the heart of Richmond, B.C. that specializes in vintage and classic car repairs.

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hesitate to reach out. You can learn more about us on our website: <https://www.carttechclassics.com/>

Looking forward to connecting with you!

Best regards,

Glenn & Nav

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# Car Club Meeting Minutes

**February 19th, 2025 at Ricky's Walnut Grove**

**17 members in attendance. Called to order @ 7:00pm**

## Membership

- now due for 2025
- Gary suggested a 3 year membership

## President's Address

- would like to see more events between Executive meetings & regular meetings
- took this position only if she had help so will delegate to the Vice Presidents to organize & run Mopar Madness, as stated in our constitution
- Loré belongs to a church who provides free oil changes for single moms. Would the club be interested in volunteering that day?

## Mopar Madness

- Gary B & Loré went to see a few t-shirt vendors, very impressed with one of them.
  - Fewer minimums
  - can find someone to create the artwork if we provide the cars/prints
  - Loré brought prints for us to look at and give some suggestions
  - could be printed on sweatshirts, or whatever we want
  - artwork would be about \$300 to \$400 which is what we paid last year
  - artwork will be available to take to the trophy shop
- Loré has 4 boxes of blank plaques that can be used for the sponsorship thank yous
- would like to print signs to put in goodie bags that say "don't touch" or something
- can we have a link on Harrison's List to our website? Our show is listed but we would probably have to pay for a link

## Club Events

- Al is excited to come up with new ideas
- suggestions for drives, picnics, garage tours, etc

## Merchandise

- suggestion for a license plate frame
- Loré will get more info

**BREAK**

50/50 draw held

## Executive Reports

- Secretary – completed the society report & application for club insurance
- Treasurer – renewed our term deposit & added another \$5000
- Membership Director – 1 new member & a bunch of renewals
- Stores - absent
- Newsletter - would like to feature a club member each month in the newsletter & the story of their car(s)
- Events Director - working on some great ideas

Meeting adjourned @ 8:02pm

# Executive Meeting Minutes

Executive Meeting March 5th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:58

## **Mopar Madness**

- samples for shirt designs shared with executive
- discussion about which designs we liked or didn't
- Loré will ask the artist to mix a few cars together to present to the club at the next meeting
- ideas for stickers in the goody bags
- discussion about creating plaques for previous sponsors using the club logo and "thank you for continued support"
- suggested to have some classes and have cars park in their classes. Jaylene will come up with some suggestions to discuss

## **BadAss Garage**

- does custom items we could add to the goody bags
- also creates goody bags
- we can do a garage tour & then also have a club picnic there

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Dan Wells, takes photographs for Collectible Automobile Magazine.

And is looking for any of the vehicles mentioned below.  
They would have to be stock, non-modified cars.

Any 1967 Plymouths (except GTX and Barracuda)  
1971-1974 Dodge Coronet four door sedan or station wagon

Any referrals would be much appreciated.

For now,  
Dan

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# WEST COAST Swap Meet



**Back to Cloverdale**  
**May 30 & 31 2025**  
 email: [swapmeet@bchra.ca](mailto:swapmeet@bchra.ca)

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 Inside 10'x10' Outside 10'x20'  
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Friday 7am -1230 Set up  
 Friday 1 pm - 9 pm  
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Parking: By donation to the  
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# CARS & CRAFTS



Cars and Crafts is back! After a couple years of hiatus, the time has come to reboot all the fun! Whether you're a car enthusiast, a collector, or just someone who appreciates the beauty of finely crafted automobiles, this event is for you. Cars and Crafts will have something for all, fabulous vehicles, crafter and their wears, music, and good food. Please join us on May 10th from 10-3. Gates for parking and registration will open at 8:30. Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep updated on things we have planned.

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### 2025 CLUB DIRECTORS

President: Loré Arens  
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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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