MOPAR EXPRESS

President's Report

Since our AGM and elections, your executive team has been hard at work planning for the upcoming season, and there is a lot of excitement ahead.

I'm pleased to share that we have secured **Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Langley** as the new venue for this year's **Mopar Madness**. With its prime location on a busy main street, we expect increased visibility and attendance as we continue building this event into a *must-attend show* held every second Sunday in July.

Sponsorship packages are now complete. You will notice an increase from previous years, reflecting our goal to elevate the show and create a stronger, more sustainable event for the future.
Progress is well underway:

- Posters are ready for distribution
- Show layout has been mapped out at KPU

A special thank you to **The Badass Garage** for creating a custom neon sign for our *Best of Show* award, **pending sponsorship**.

We are also grateful to KPU for waiving the parking lot rental fee, allowing all proceeds from the show to go to charity.
Thank you all for your continued support as we build momentum for an exciting year ahead.

Loré Arens
President, Mopars Unlimited 🚗

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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 CHARGER DRAG PAK AT GATORNATIONALS

Mark “The Cowboy” Pawuk rolled into Gainesville with something new under him, the all-new Dodge Charger Hustle Stuff Drag Pak, making his official debut with the platform at the NHRA Gatornationals.

The weekend served as a true shakedown for Pawuk and the factory-built Dodge drag machine. Facing the realities of a fresh program, the team worked through early-round challenges while gathering critical data and getting valuable laps behind the wheel.

For Pawuk, a seasoned competitor with deep roots in NHRA competition, the outing marked the beginning of dialing in a new combination. The focus now shifts to refining performance, building consistency, and unlocking the full potential of the new Drag Pak as the season progresses.

The debut underscores Dodge’s continued investment in Sportsman racing and its commitment to delivering purpose-built, factory-backed performance straight from Direct Connection to the drag strip.

DID YOU KNOW?

DODGE FUNNY CAR AND TOP FUEL TEAMS ROLL INTO ARIZONA FOR NHRA DESERT SHOWDOWN

Following an action-packed start to the 2026 NHRA Mission Foods Drag Racing Series season at the NHRA Gatornationals in Gainesville, Dodge-backed teams now head west for the FMP NHRA Arizona Nationals presented by NGK Spark Plugs at Firebird Motorsports Park in Chandler, Arizona, March 20-22.

The second event of the 2026 NHRA season brings the sport's top competitors to the desert for a weekend of nitro-powered competition as teams look to build momentum early in the championship chase.

Building on the Season Opener

The season-opening NHRA Gatornationals delivered plenty of excitement as the Dodge contingent opened the year battling against the best in the sport. With one race completed, teams now shift their focus to Arizona, where track conditions and desert temperatures will present a new set of challenges for drivers and crews.

For Dodge racers, the Arizona Nationals represent the next opportunity to turn early-season progress into strong qualifying performances and elimination-round success.

Pruett Continues Top Fuel Campaign

Leah Pruett returns to action in the Tony Stewart Racing Dodge//SRT® Top Fuel dragster, continuing her campaign in one of the NHRA's most competitive categories.

Pruett has consistently proven herself as one of the sport's top drivers, and she enters the Arizona Nationals focused on building momentum as the season begins to take shape. Firebird Motorsports Park has historically produced quick runs and dramatic racing, providing another opportunity for the TSR team to showcase the performance of its Dodge Direct Connection-powered machine.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hagan Leads Dodge Funny Car Effort

In Funny Car, three-time NHRA world champion Matt Hagan will once again pilot the Tony Stewart Racing Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat.

Hagan remains one of the most accomplished drivers in the category, and his experience makes him a constant threat on race day. As the season continues in Arizona, the veteran driver and his team will be looking to add another strong performance to their early-season results.

Pedregon, Green Represent Dodge in Funny Car

Dodge representation in the Funny Car ranks continues with two-time NHRA Funny Car world champion Cruz Pedregon, who brings decades of experience and a proven record of success to every race weekend.

Pedregon's ability to navigate the challenges of race day eliminations makes him a perennial contender whenever the Funny Car field takes to the track.

Also carrying the Dodge banner is Hunter Green, who continues to gain valuable experience competing at the highest level of NHRA Funny Car competition. Green represents the next generation of drivers in the category and will look to capitalize on every opportunity as the season progresses.

DID YOU KNOW?

Desert Action Awaits

With the Arizona Nationals set to deliver another weekend of high-speed action, Dodge drivers will look to turn the lessons learned in Gainesville into strong results in Arizona.

As the NHRA Mission Foods Drag Racing Series continues its early-season swing, the Dodge line-up will once again aim to demonstrate the performance and competitive spirit that have long defined the brand's presence in drag racing.

CAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 18th, 2026 @ Ricky's Walnut Grove

18 members in attendance

Called to order @ 6:59pm

President's Talk:
- Our first meeting since our AGM which was also elections
- We are hoping to move Mopar Madness to Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Langley however, we have hit a snag with getting food trucks & a DJ at our show.
- Executive met in January & mapped out the parking lots at KPU figuring out the layout for our show
- Awaiting final approval from KPU
- Last executive meeting we discussed the sponsorship levels
- The Badass Garage has already created a neon sign which will be the Best of Show award, if it is sponsored
- KPU has waived the fee for the rental of the parking lot because we will be giving our proceeds from the event to charity
- Loré has been using ChatGPT often for agendas, newsletters and other ideas

New Member Questions:
- New member asked if there are any restrictions for vehicle years - no
- Are AMC cars allowed to join? Yes, any Chrysler related cars are welcome to join

ChatGPT:
- Garry K put forth a motion for the club to pay for the ChatGPT subscription citing the savings from canceling our mailbox
- Seconded by Mark
- Vote passed unanimously
- Loré shared some of the output from ChatGPT

Raffle:
- Mark brought some items that he wanted to go to club members
- Tickets were handed out to everyone in attendance
- Thank you, Mark!

BREAK

Reports:
- Newsletter Editor - send any interesting stories and for sale" to Loré
- Secretary - nothing to report
- Membership Director - 2026 renewals are now due, forms are available on the website or from Scott, membership dues are $30
- Treasurer - we have some money in the bank
- Stores Director - brought shirts signs, etc to sell

Buy & Sell

50/50 raffle held

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05pm

Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

March 4th, 2026

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

Absent: Al

Meeting called to order @ 6:40pm @ Ricky's Walnut Grove

Mopar Madness

- Loré showed off what the sponsorship package could look like; discussed changes to be made
- To have sponsors in by May general meeting
- Loré would like to have our charities listed on a corrugated plastic poster board times 3 so we can post it at the show by registration, the merchandise tent & the MC and include a QR code in case anyone wants to check out the charity or donate to their cause.
- Loré to ask Amy for a contact number to Young Guns Garage to connect with them regarding helping at our show
- Garry will contact George Preston to get our deposit back from them.
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University is now confirmed, contract is signed
- Food trucks - Triple O's is available and willing to waive their usual minimum for the booking. Jaylene will confirm it.
- Loré has a lead on someone who has a couple of food trucks & will contact him
- Definitely want someone who has ice cream, potentially coffee & breakfast
- Received an email from Dynasty Glass who is interested in building a relationship with Mopar Unlimited. Jaylene will invite her to the next club meeting to speak

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38pm

INFORMATION WANTED

I have a 1995 Chrysler LeBaron that I have inherited. I have no idea of its value. Can you advise as to what value it may have or direct me where I can obtain this information?
Thank you
Nester Trafananko <trafanan@telus.net>

NEED HELP

Hi every body my nephew is looking for somebody to give a quote also can do suspension work and minor body repare on his 2019 dodge caravan the van is not drivable please let me know if any body can help or refure him to somebody thanks get back to me dale gan-gloff footballkidz2006@hotmail.com

I am looking for a 23 spline A-833 non overdrive. It's going into a 66 Barracuda. It could be late 60's or early 70's B or E body. It's for Prostreet so not looking for numbers matching. My number is 778-549-5776 and my email is drossiello73@gmail.com.

Thank you

Dennis Rossiello

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. 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:
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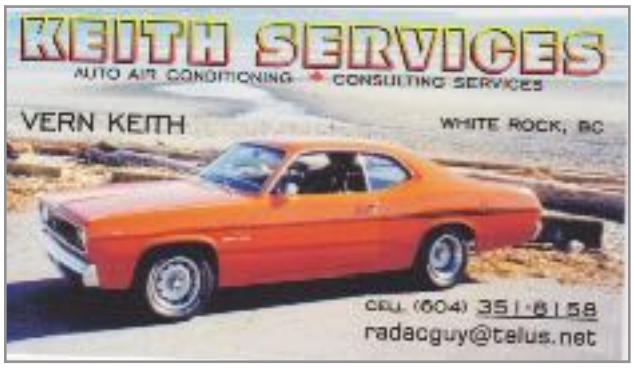
DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO MEMBERS

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



LATEST EMAIL

Dear Mopar Enthusiast,

My name is Lars K. Ericson, author and founder of eap2.se, a website dedicated to high-quality automotive books. I'm pleased to share our latest titles covering the full heritage of **Chrysler, Dodge, and Plymouth** — three legendary American marques that together form the heart of the Mopar tradition.

Our new book series documents the evolution of these brands from their earliest years to the modern era, with thoroughly researched content and hundreds of rare color images. Each volume offers a clear, decade-by-decade overview of styling, engineering, and performance development.

The series includes:

• Chrysler — 134 pages, 335 images, 29 chapters
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Whether your members are passionate about classic engineering, muscle-era icons, or modern Mopar performance, these books offer a comprehensive and visual celebration of the entire Mopar legacy.

All titles are available for **worldwide delivery through Amazon**, including Canada.

If your club would like to share this with members or include it in a newsletter, I would be happy to provide **sample pages, teasers, or high-resolution images** of the books.

Thank you for helping preserve the heritage of Chrysler, Dodge, and Plymouth — and the Mopar spirit that unites them.

Best regards,
Lars K. Ericson
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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