

MOPAR EXPRESS

President's Report – October 2025

Can you believe it's already October? The cruising season has flown by, and as you'll see on the events page, there are just a few more opportunities to get out and enjoy your rides before the year wraps up.



I finally applied for collector plates for three of my cars , my **2006 SRT8 Dodge Magnum** (1 of only 2!), **1999 Mitsubishi Turbo Eclipse GST** (hard to believe she's 25 years old!), and my **2005 SRT6 Crossfire Roadster**. Now it's just a waiting game to see what happens next.

Now, on to club business! Our **Christmas Dinner** is set for **November 29**, and everyone needs to **RSVP by November 2**, that's when Garry returns from his cruise.

Menu: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, vegetable pasta, Caesar salad, dessert bars, tea, and coffee.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our **Car Show** such a success this year, your dinner is covered by the club as our way of showing appreciation. For those who weren't able to volunteer (or are bringing a guest), the cost is **\$40 per person**.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to this year's **executive team**. Each of you went above and beyond what was asked, and your dedication is what keeps this club running smoothly. I'm sad to see a few of you moving away next year, you'll be missed! I truly couldn't have done it without you. **Thank you!**

Our **charity efforts** this year were a little scattered, so we'll be tightening that up for next year. We've discussed a few familiar names we've supported in the past, along with one new organization. If all are selected, we'll divide our charitable funds among them.

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful **Thanksgiving**, we couldn't have asked for better weather! Brian and I will be celebrating on **October 26**, the only day the whole family could get together.

Finally, **nominations for next year's executive** are coming up soon. I encourage you to consider putting your name forward, we have a great group of people who make this club fun and rewarding to be part of. Give it a try!

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?

ETHANOL FREE GAS UPDATE..Ian Island SVABC Member

This is really great news, a HUGE thank You for tracking this down.

Our hope would be for others to confirm Ethanol Free 91OCT. with their local Esso and report to Bob e: bobsuek@shaw.ca

Ian Reporting:

I have learned that [Esso 91 Octane Gasoline in the Victoria area](#) is still all Ethanol Free. One of the tanker drivers relayed this information to one of our club members.

Being skeptical, I filled a Gerry-can with some 91 Octane from the Mt. Newton ESSO Station and did the simple test, with 1 part water to 3 parts gas in a clear beer bottle.

The driver was correct, and it was Ethanol free.

Most of the ESSO Pumps here are unmarked as to whether they contain Ethanol or not. One of our club members visited another ESSO Station (Esso Car Clinic) at Shelbourne and Hillside and asked the Attendant if their 91 octane was Ethanol free, he got an affirmative on it.

[Today](#) I asked the owner, Tom, from the Esso Car Clinic if he knew their 91 Octane was Ethanol Free, and he stated yes, emphatically.

I asked when that was going to change and his answer was that it would be left Ethanol free.... He also stated to me that he thinks that all of BC ESSO 91 Octane and possibly all 91 octane ESSO gas across Canada may be ethanol free, but I have no proof of that.

The onus would be on any individual to do the easy test. - here's a demo [Quickest Way To Test Your Gasoline For Ethanol - YouTube](#)

So my last 2 fill-ups on our [1960 Chrysler](#) have been done at ESSO.

The car runs better and I confirmed that my fuel economy has improved by doing the math. My car has a 383-4 barrel, and I drive it a lot, in fact have put 53,000 miles on it since 2008. My last tank with the pure gas confirmed 16 miles per Imperial gallon, combined city and highway driving. Prior to that it has been 14 miles per gallon combined city/highway. Back in [August 2024](#) driving back from a club meet in Woodburn Oregon, I filled up with Ethanol free gas and drove all the way to Blaine, WA before I filled up again, and the tank wasn't quite empty. That run gave me 22.5 MPG. This year coming back from a club meet in Centralia, WA, using Ethanol blended gas I only managed 19.5 MPG.

I know these figures sound incredible, but those old Chrysler B series big-block V-8 engines back in the 50s and early 60s were good on gas given the size of the cars if they were well tuned. Chrysler Products won the Mobil-Gas Economy Runs for years back in those days in their size and weight class.

Vancouver Island Region WPC Club.

DID YOU KNOW?



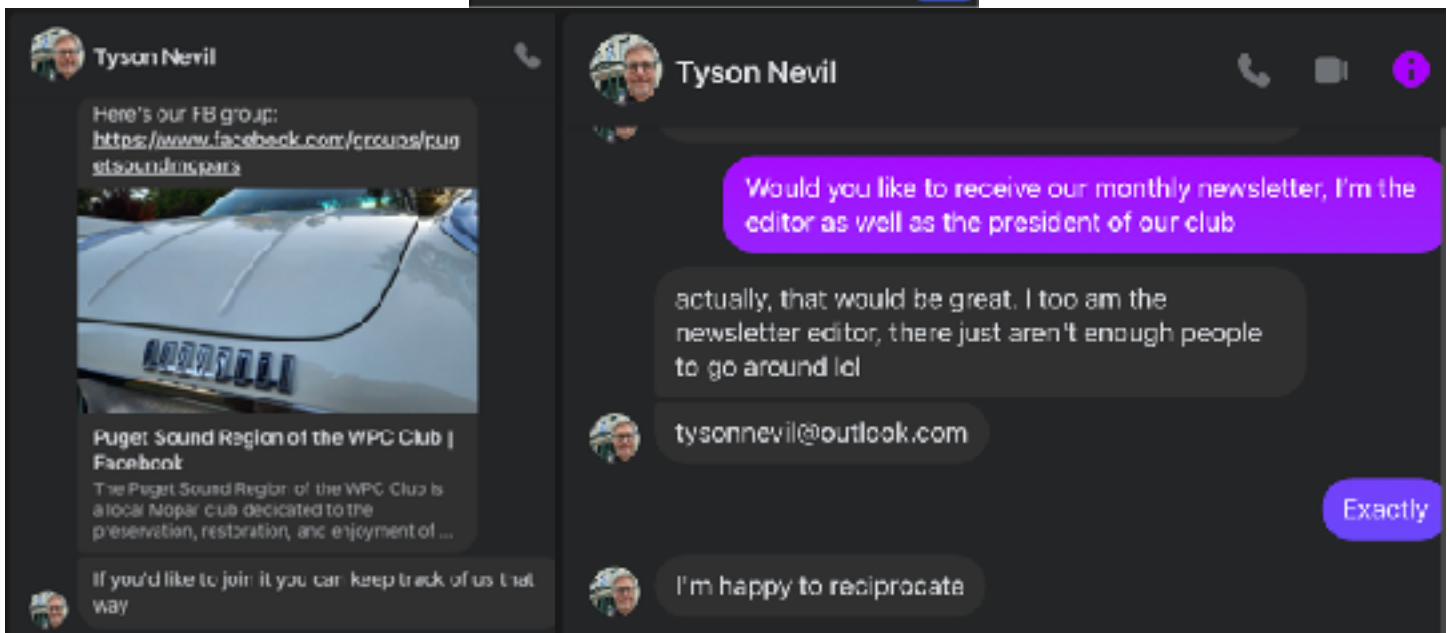
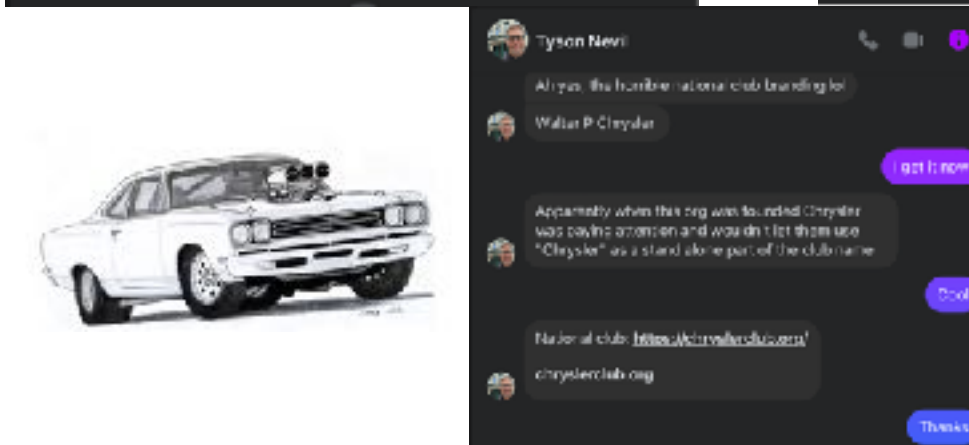
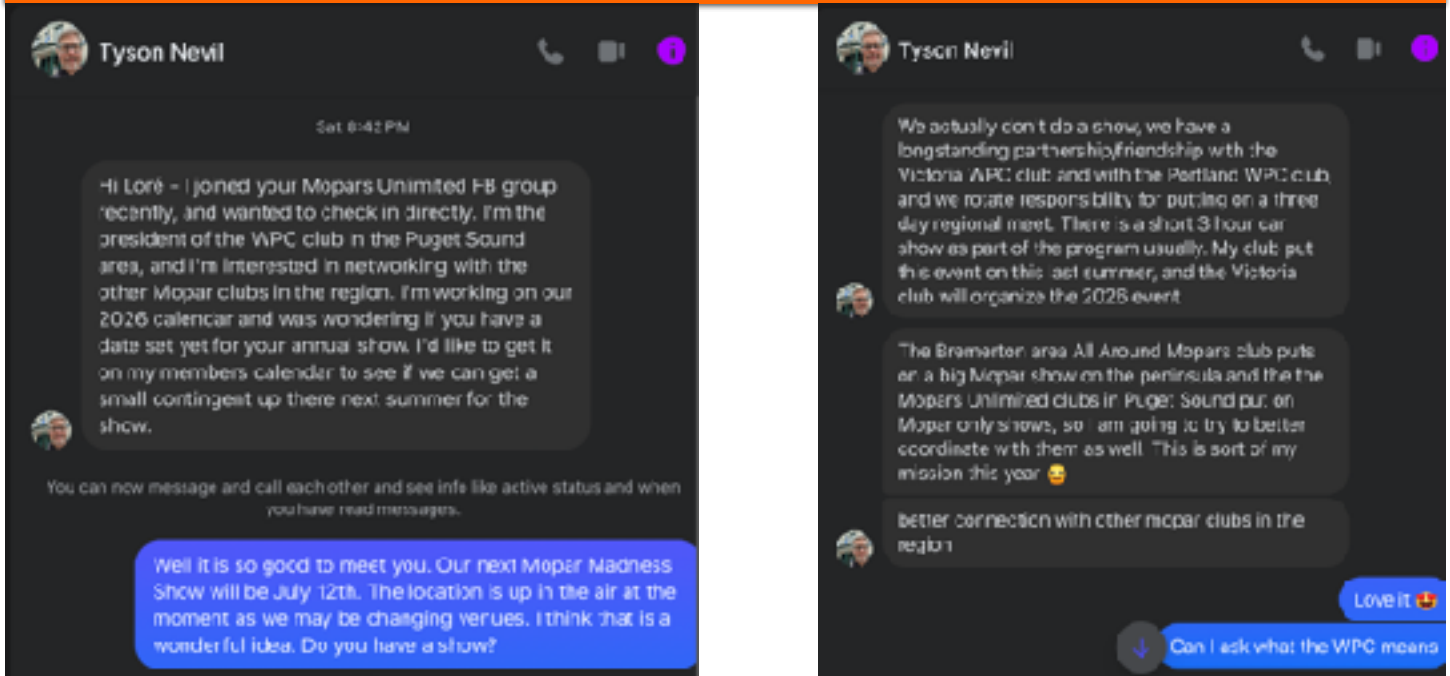
Hagan Takes Runner-up in TSR Dodge//SRT Funny Car, Moves to Second in Points

September 22, 2025 - Matt Hagan was close to his second 2025 NHRA Mission Funny Car win at the NHRA Four-Wide Carolina Nationals with a runner-up placing in his TSR Direct Connection Dodge//SRT Hellcat, while teammate Tony Stewart took his Dodge//SRT Top Fuel dragster to the semifinals.

Hagan Drives TSR Dodge//SRT Hellcat Funny Car to 54th Career Win

September 29, 2025 - Matt Hagan, four-time NHRA world champion, continued his trek to a fifth Funny Car championship Sunday by driving the TSR Dodge//SRT Hellcat to his 54th career NHRA national event victory at the NHRA Midwest Nationals.

HAD A GREAT CONVERSATION



DID YOU KNOW

Dodge Charger Daytona Earns 2025 Wards 10 Best Engines & Propulsion Systems Award

September 23, 2025 - The 670-horsepower electric propulsion system in the world's first and only electric muscle car, the Dodge Charger Daytona, has earned a 2025 Wards 10 Best Engines & Propulsion Systems award.

Kevin Kidd Named North America Motorsports Competition Director for Stellantis

October 2, 2025 - Kidd will lead motorsports activities for NHRA and Ram's upcoming return to the NASCAR Truck Series. Kidd's position marks a key milestone in the company's commitment to racing and high-performance products.

Mopar Sneak Peek No.1: Gearing Up for SEMA 2025

October 8, 2025 - Mopar offers an early look at a new concept for the 2025 SEMA Show in Las Vegas, Nov. 4-7. Mopar has prepared a wide and wild array of customized vehicles and hundreds of quality-tested, factory-backed performance parts and accessories for its display.

WHEN HUSBAND VS. WIFE BECOMES A DRAG RACING MATCHUP

Leah Pruett is officially returning to the Top Fuel cockpit in 2026 – after a season off to start a family – and that means she and Tony Stewart may be lining up against each other on the strip. During her hiatus, Leah stayed deeply involved behind the scenes, taking on a tuning optimization project and contributing to team operations. Meanwhile, Stewart filled her seat for the 2024 & 2025 campaigns and has now shifted his own focus toward NHRA competition. What makes this different from usual rivals is the personal bond: on race day, both drivers plan to bring the same ruthless competitiveness they'd bring against any opponent. "We're lining up like any competitor – she wants to rip my head off, I want to turn that win light on," Stewart says. But once the race is over? It's hugs, high fives and a reset for home life.

It's a rare and fascinating mix: two drivers who love each other, but also love the win. [The stakes may be personal – but the respect and story are universal to any racing fan.](#)

Susan Wade | Dragzine.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 26	Elites "Punkin Run" Halloween Car Show	Open
	Bellingham (Hdwr Sales), WA (360) 380-2733	
Oct 26	Trunk 'N' Treat	Open
	Fort Coquitlam (Cat & Fiddle), BC (604) 318-0924	
Nov.		DOWNLOAD Current Event List
Nov 02	Kruise for Kids 2025	Open
	Langley (Kwantien U.), BC (604) 521-3021	
Nov 09	Elites Project Santa Claus	Open
	Bellingham (4255 Meridian), WA (360) 380-2733	
December		DOWNLOAD Current Event List
Dec 26	Vancouver V.C.C. Boxing Day Run	Vintage, Antique
	Vancouver (Planetarium), BC (604) 519-4627	



KRUISE FOR KIDS
toys toys toys

SUNDAY-November-2nd-2025

The Kruise route to be announced on website/facebook!!
 Meetup will be Sun, leaving at 10am! Get your registration form when you get there!! Only the first 150 get an event shirt!! We will go to the KPU Langley L1/L2 parking lots and into the KPU auditorium for all the ceremonies

- The Greater Vancouver Car Club Council invites one and all to attend the 2025 KRUISE FOR KIDS! Decorate your car, decorate yourself!!
- T-shirts for the first 150 registrations only! E4K decals for all! Trophies for Best Decorated Vehicle, and Best Club Turnout, and Best Driver & Crew !!

ALL work of yours... is to donate at least ONE brand new toy (unwrapped) per entrant (NO stuffed pls), and we encourage all Car Clubs and individuals to make cash/cheque donations. All toys and donations go directly to The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, at the event for distribution.

For more information: Rick @ 604-308-4319, or www.Anticoinhibits.com for further info

CAR CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2025 at Ricky's Walnut Grove

12 members in attendance

Called to order @ 7:00pm

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks (President)

- Introduction of any new members/guests - 0

2. Club Business

- Financial Report (Treasurer) – Full disclosure at each meeting - No Report
- Membership Update - unfortunately not available
- Secretary - Not available, but Jaylene was able to get Young Guns Garage - is a registered charity

3. Events & Activities

- Planning for Next Year's Car Show (update from Amy's meeting - shown a picture for the new show shirt/grey - initial ideas, committees, volunteers - seeing if the Young Guns would be volunteers at the show)
- Looking into Kwantlen for Car Show, Loré will get in touch with Stephanie from the Falcon club.
- Upcoming Events & Cruises - Al asks if the club would be interested in checking out Jellybeans, available club members all agreed they would love to go
- Community Involvement / Charities Discussion (plans, participation, volunteers)
- Valley Therapeutic Riding Association (support for developmental disabilities & PTSD first responders) - is one charity for this year.
- Other charitable opportunities - looking at the Young Guns Garage as a charity for us to help fund, but will wait until Amy from The Badass Garage arranges a greet and meet with them.

4. Member Engagement

- Member Marketplace (buying/selling cars or parts)
- Open Floor: Questions, ideas, and suggestions

5. Break & 50/50 Draw

6. Christmas Party - Still waiting for a response from the lodge to what the menu is

- Announcements / Reminders
- Next Meeting Date - October 15, 2025

8. Adjournment 7:35pm

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Mopars Unlimited Executive Meeting

October 1st, 2025

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

Absent: Karin

Meeting called to order @ 6:45pm @ Ricky's

2026 Madness

- Amy at The Badass Garage has all of our artwork and the orders for products ready to go

2025 Madness Recap

- Gary B provided a financial report
 - we gained over \$400 just in interest from our term deposits last month
 - show netted \$16,000

Charities

- we need to choose 2 charities that we will sponsor this year
- suggestions: Tydel Foods, Valley Therapeutic Riding Association, Young Guns Garage, Cloverdale Community Kitchen (Storehouse Regional Food Bank)
- decided to bring to the general meeting the suggestion of supporting all 4 of these charities and divide the total amount among them

Christmas Dinner

- Garry K spoke to Jeremy at The Lodge
- presented the proposed menu, will inquire about changing the protein
- discussion about gifts/prizes to give away at the dinner
- decided to buy gift certificates instead of physical gifts

Meeting adjourned @ 7:36pm

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
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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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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
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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
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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