



Hammer Drop

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Vice President's Message

This has been turning into quite the year. It started out as a Dream in our President's head and through the effort of some of our great members, we are making this happen. Not only are we working for one of the Biggest All Mopar show that the West has seen but also doing Meet and Greets at two of our Dodge Dealers that have sponsored WMM.

Need I say that Western Mopar Madness has far surpassed the SHOW status and is now in EVENT territory. I almost fear answering my phone when I see "Ed Holland" come up but when I am done talking, I really try to figure out how he has found some of the Mopar vehicles that will be coming to our Event. The line up is going to be awesome.

At this time, I would like to Thank Members that have made our job easier and hopefully they will step up next year in a bigger role or some other members come forward. Special Thanks to Ed Holland, Jeff Symic, Nicole Shermack, Warren and Lisa Dupuis and Cecil Perry that worked through the past year raising money to pay for our MADNESS. Next, I would like to Thank all of the Volunteers that will make WMM run smoothly and turn into something event participants and spectators will be talking about until next year.

With the line up we have coming to Western Mopar Madness it will be hard to top next year. However, I know a person that will come up with more and exciting things for next year.

I have tried to stay in the background and keep things going in the right direction and on track. The website is developing over time as items come in to keep everyone informed. If anyone sees something that needs attention, please let me know as quickly as possible.

This is the Greatest Mopar group that I have had the pleasure of working with and I see great things for us in the future. Many Thanks Everyone.



Events

First and most important event. Miranda is taking bookings for our 2020 EMA calendar. If you wish to have your vehicle featured in next years calendar please contact Miranda and make a date for your photo shoot. This is a first come first choice situation. Miranda Kurpe 587-982-0781
mnkphotography@hotmail.com

July 26 Blackjacks Roadhouse WMM Meet and Greet

July 27 Western Mopar Madness, **if you have not registered please do so as this is our show and we will not be hosting the EMA Iron Garage show this year.**

August 10 Central Alberta Mopar Association show and shine in Red Deer.

August 18 club meet at Crosstown, come out for a burger and chat with your fellow EMA members.

September 14 EMA Monthly meeting

October 12 EMA Monthly meeting

November 9 EMA Monthly meeting

Don't forget your weekly Cruise meetups

Tuesdays

- Classic car Tuesdays, Century Casino St. Albert
- Beaumont Dairy Queen, 6010 - 50 Street
- Safeway Sherwood Park Wye Road, 985 Fir Street

Wednesdays

- Rotary Park Stony Plain, 4815 - 44 Ave
- Wendy's Mainstreet Mall, 66 Street & 28 Ave

Thursdays

- PetroCan 137 Ave and Fort Road
- Classic Car night Blackjacks Roadhouse Nisku, 2110 Sparrow Drive
- Columbus Park Spruce Grove, 116 Main Street

Fridays

- A&W 122 Street & 137 Ave you can use your discount card

Saturdays

- A&W 111 Ave & 149 Street you can use your discount card
- Leduc Cruise, Leduc Common

Future Business

To help make our newsletter a success we are going to need help from all of you.

We want to have a Members Business section, but still have not received anything. If you or your spouse has a business that you would like mentioned in our future issues, please send a picture of your business card (if you have one) and contact info so we can support each other. This information will only be available to current paid members through the newsletter.

We have added membership section. If you wish **not** to have your name, phone number and email made available through the newsletter please email us and it will be removed. If you notice a mistake in a phone number or email please e-mail me and I will change it for you. This information will only be available to current paid members through the newsletter in hopes of connecting with each other and recognizing each other a bit more. Please respect this private information, please ask before passing on someone's information.

There is also going to be a Wanted/Needed section. If you have anything you would like to give our members first pick at, please send a detailed email with pictures, prices and your contact info. This can be yours or a friend's item, and it can be vehicles, parts, accessories, or anything you think we would be interested in.

In keeping with getting to know each other better, there will be a Members Ride/ Spotlight section. If you would like to be our featured member for an upcoming month please send pictures and a write up on your vehicle. It's

always nice to see what has been done to a vehicle as well as the history. We are going to share some of Edmonton's race car history in the next few issues, to get us excited about seeing these cars at Western Mopar Madness.

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Members Business



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Spotlight

We are taking a break from our series of stories about the OLD Trapper stories by Rod Hanner to tell a story about the late Jim Ronaghan.

Remembering Jim "Old Trapper" Ronaghan

Written by Jim Baraniuk

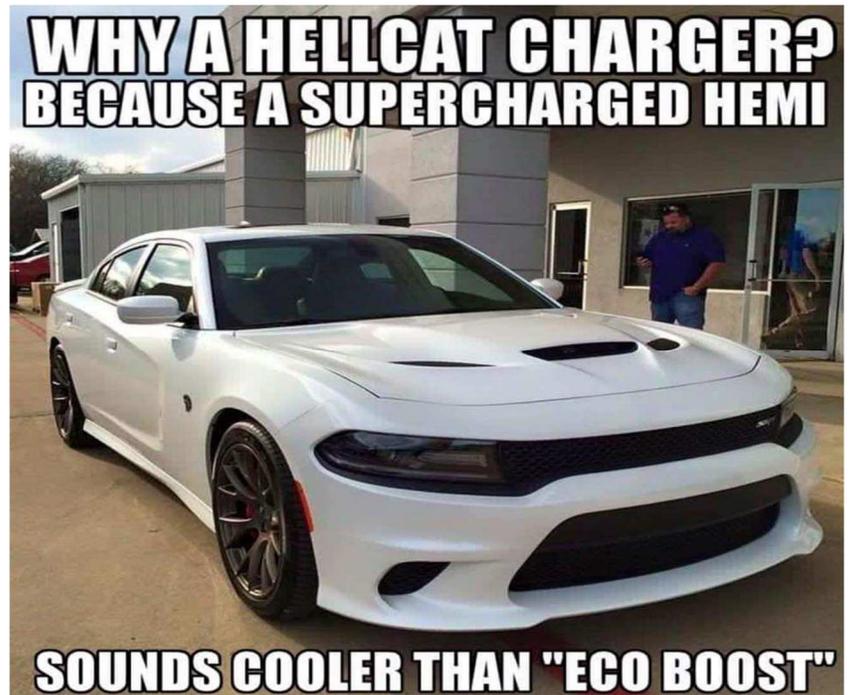


If you followed super stock drag racing in the late 1960's you are probably familiar with the Old Trapper Hemis owned by Sherwood Park's Jim Ronaghan. Sadly, Mr. Ronaghan passed away May 6th 2007. A respected builder and tuner Jim had few peers. His specialty was Chrysler's, his personal weapon of choice, the 426 Hemi. Jim's foray into drag racing began in 1967 while he was enjoying a successful stint in the trucking business. Jim ordered his new 1967 Hemi GTX with radio delete, no console, dish brakes, trac-pac code

393-4 speed transmission, A833 new process 18 spline, code 406-3:54 to 1, 9 3/4 rear axle, stage 1 solid lifter, code 73-426 Hemi. When Jim picked up the car he took it straight to the famous Ramchargers racing engine shop in Detroit Michigan. At the Ramchargers shop the suspension and engine were built to be state of the art super stock components. Jim debuted the car at Edmonton's brand-new Speedway park. Notoriety was quickly gained when racers came to town and experienced some of Jim's Hemi horseshpitality. Jim raced the car all across Western Canada and North West USA, California and even in the state of Texas. In May of 1968 the car set a National SS/D record in Arlington, WA. In August 1968 the car broke the National Hot Rod Association elapsed time record in super stock D division at Edmonton Speedway Park. Due to NHRA point standings, the 1967 Old Trapper earned a spot in both the 1968 & 1970 world finals. During it's time, the 1967 "OLD Trapper" became one of the most well-known super stock cars racing out of Canada. A lot of race cars are given a name and only a select few remain synonymous to that particular car or team. The "OLD Trapper" is one of those names that will always be remembered as Jim Ronaghan's Chrysler super stock race cars. I purchased the car from a friend in Edmonton and brought it to Drayton Valley on January 8th 2004, the night before my 55th birthday. The car was hauled home in various pieces. I checked over the original Ronaghan built engine and found it to be in amazing condition. All that was done to the engine was to change the oil, pick up and install the original deep sump oil pan. The engine still has the original super stock pistons, crane cam and lifters and hogged out intake manifold. Not only was the engine in good shape, the 11" clutch, steel fly wheel and RC scatter shield were in super condition. Also the body and paint are in original racing condition including the bulged out rear fenders to accommodate 10.5 slicks. Although the car is not perfect, I have tried to restore the car to it's original racing history. Here has been lots of talk about Jim Ronaghan, his Mopars and his accomplishments. There aren't too many iconic names in Canadian drag racing history. During this time in my life, my dear wife Irene and myself have decided to retire the car from drag racing.



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Thank you all for taking the time to read our newsletter, if there is something you would like added to this in the future please don't hesitate and send off an email to us at:

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Have a great month and see you all at the next meeting