

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

WITH ROB WOLF

ON THE COVER:
MIKE MANCINI'S
DISPLAY AT THE
MCACN 2017 SHOW

I'm building an issue around the last big show of 2017, the MCACN (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals), that took place back in November. We are highlighting many of the phenomenal finds there that I hope will take your mind off freezing your ass off right now. More importantly though, is the fun that's getting ready to take place over the next year. As a preview of that, this issue also includes MCG's annual show planner, giving everyone a heads-up on all the upcoming Mopar action.

Regardless of what shows you plan on attending in 2018, they will be very likely highlighting the fifty-year anniversary of both the Road Runner and the Super Stock Dodges and Plymouths of 1968. No one can argue they're deserving milestones of Mopar history. The Chattanooga MoParty, Chryslers at Carlisle, the Mopar Hall of Fame, and MCACN, all have big celebrations planed around these anniversary vehicles.

SHOW CHANGES TO NOTE!

One of the first things you'll notice different on this year's show map is the long running WPC Winter Swap Meet in Detroit has been rescheduled for 2018. Traditionally held in late January, it's now been rescheduled for December 10, because of an issue with the venue. This show has always been a really solid swap meet, and I believe with the added build-up time, if marketed wisely, they could really turn this hiccup into a growth advantage. This show shuffle will also leave the Indy Winter Swap Meet in a terrific position to make even more gains and solidify its place as the biggest winter Mopar show going. The Mopars at the battleship show was in real jeopardy of going away in 2018. Thanks to the New Orleans show gang, it has been saved from extinction. Because of the quick timing of this change in leadership, you won't see any real differences for this year's show, but keep an eye on this one to rapidly evolve over the next few years.

GET YOUR CRUISE ON!

There are two Mopar-specific cruises planned for 2018, the first of which is the long running MoPowered Tour headed up by Mr. Barn Find himself, Ryan Brut. This week long jaunt across the country will be a tour within the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, as usual. The MoPowered Tour will make many Mopar-specific stops,

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SO READY FOR THE 2018 SHOW SEASON

This winter has been unusually brutal on most of the country. The flu is running rampant, bone-chilling temps have me wishing there was really some sort of global warming, and out west, if the earth's not on fire, then its literally sliding down on top of people. Even though I fully con-

sider myself a southerner, I was born in Detroit and spent my younger years in Cleveland, so I know what cold snowy weather is. That said, I think this winter will go down as one of the all-time worst I can remember. Two weeks before Christmas, we had six inches of snow on the ground here in Baton Rouge, with pipe bursting

temps to follow. On my way back to the airport in Seattle, after hanging out with the Graveyard Cars TV show cast and crew in December, I just missed getting toppled onto by an Amtrak train that derailed onto busy Interstate 5, and the following week, the power went out at the Atlanta airport, completely shutting it down. As I'm writing this, Louisiana is getting yet another unprecedented ice storm that shut down Interstates 10, 12, 49, and 55, paralyzing

the entire state. That's shut our office down for the second time this winter, and the Midwest hasn't thawed out in weeks. Can I tell you, I am done with this winter! I'm quite sure most of you are too! There is, however, good news just around the corner. A bevy of hot Mopar events are coming up in 2018!

In the magazine world, keeping up with what month it is can be a bit discombobulating. For instance, this month

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the pinnacle of which will be a brand-new museum that Herb McCandless's son, Mike, is opening in North Carolina. Mike is an avid fifties and sixties finned car collector, and for aficionados of those beauties, this collection is something special. Leaving from Columbus, Ohio after the the Mopar Nats this year will be The Rapid Transit Tour, headed up by Dave Ferro. While the exact stops along its route will be announced later on, it will finish up at the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit.

NO MORE ENGLISHTOWN!

Despite a valiant effort by Ralph Barbagallo to keep Mopars at Englishtown alive, the venue, Raceway Park, just announced they will be ceasing all racing activity immediately. Ralph tells me they

have signed a nine-year lease to the tune of seventy-nine million dollars with Copart to literally turn this legendary race track into a parking lot. This will also put an end to the Summernationals NHRA event, leaving a gaping hole in drag racing in that region.

OPEN SHOWS WORTHY OF MOPAR PATRONAGE

There are several shows so steeped in Mopar heritage that despite being what would be considered "open make" events, they definitely shouldn't be overlooked. The first is Phil Painter's Muscle Cars at the Strip Show in Las Vegas, formerly known as Mopars at the Strip. Several years ago, it became financially necessary for him to open the show up to all muscle cars, however, when it comes down to it, the show remains overwhelmingly Mopar heavy. Those familiar with The Cannery Casino and Resort as the host hotel and the events based around that property should take note. This year, everything changes! Rather than the same old same old, Phil has put together a deal to greatly amp up the after-hours portion of this event. The Grand Hotel and Casino in downtown Las

Vegas will be the new epicenter of the action at the MATS show. So, if you like to be where the action is and have rooms at The Cannery, cancel them immediately and make reservations at The Grand. Despite being downtown, the entrance and exits are just far enough from Freemont Street that the Las Vegas craziness won't hinder you, yet Vegas craziness is mere blocks away. The new party spot will be at The D's outdoor entertainment complex, which makes The Cannery's facility look like a high school auditorium. It sits a block away from The Grand Hotel. While it's not comfired, the hot rumor is, fresh off the Motley Crue final tour, the bands front man Vince Neil will bring the rock for the evening's entertainment. Also, there's no need to worry about getting your car into the after hours party, as this facility can hold five hundred cars! Add to that, the drag strip will be freshly four laned, just like Charlotte Motor Speedway, and you can see the dial has definatly been turned up for the MATS event for 2018.

Another open show that shouldn't be missed is MCACN. Taking place completely indoors, this one-of-a-kind muscle car show is an invitation-only event that

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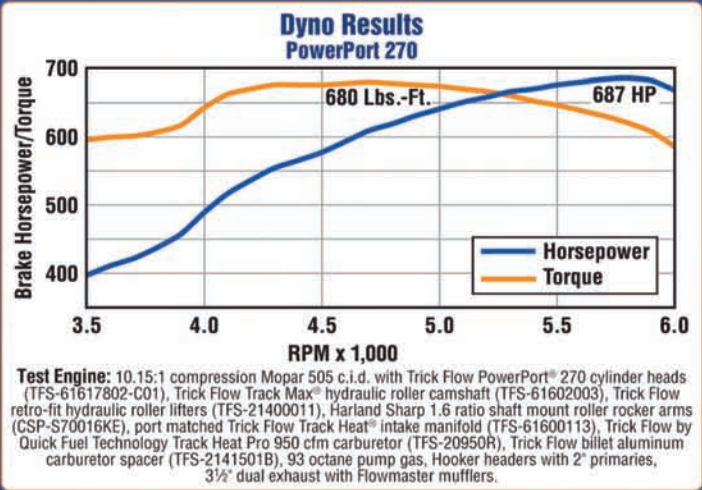


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continually highlights the best muscle cars in the world, as highlighted in this issue. Because of the ultra-controlled environment, many mega collectors choose this one show to display ultra-rare cars from their otherwise locked away collections. For 2018, this show will be especially Mopar heavy, highlighting the fiftieth anniversary of both the Road Runner and the Hurst Hemi Dart and Barracuda Super Stock cars. Add to that, two big displays celebrating Mopar's Scat Pack and Rapid Transit System cars, and you can see why this one is a must-see for the Mopar faithful this year.

Expanding his brand for 2018, Phil Painter's bringing his west coast Muscle Cars at the Strip concept to St.

Louis's Gateway International Raceway this year. Picking up the shattered pieces of the once phenomenal Monster Mopar show forged out at that track, Phil has grabbed a September date for this revived event and brought over the gang that has been putting together the O'Fallon Missouri Mopar show in October to run the car show side of things. That means there will be no O'Fallon Mopar show for 2018.

WARM WEATHER AWAITS YOU DOWN SOUTH!

For anyone who wants to shake off the winter's bite sooner than later, the New Orleans show in March is the first chance you'll have for that. If you truly want to escape the crappy winter weather, then this is your retreat. The weather is usually pris-

tine down here in Louisiana in March, and the New Orleans Mopar Club puts together two days of non-stop southern fun, the likes of which is not duplicated anywhere - more food, drink, and soul, than any other Mopar event, guaranteed. This happening can only be explained as a vacation weekend in New Orleans that just so happens to have a Mopar show going on within it. Sign up for the club's New Orleans Experience, bring your wife to this one, and she'll beg you to come back every year.

As I put the finishing touches on this month's magazine from 30,000 feet in the air, I'm off to auction week in sunny Scottsdale, Arizona to escape the winter weather. Next month, I'll bring you all the auction action, and here's hoping a little of that Arizona weather finds you all by then! Until next month, Mopar to ya! ✖

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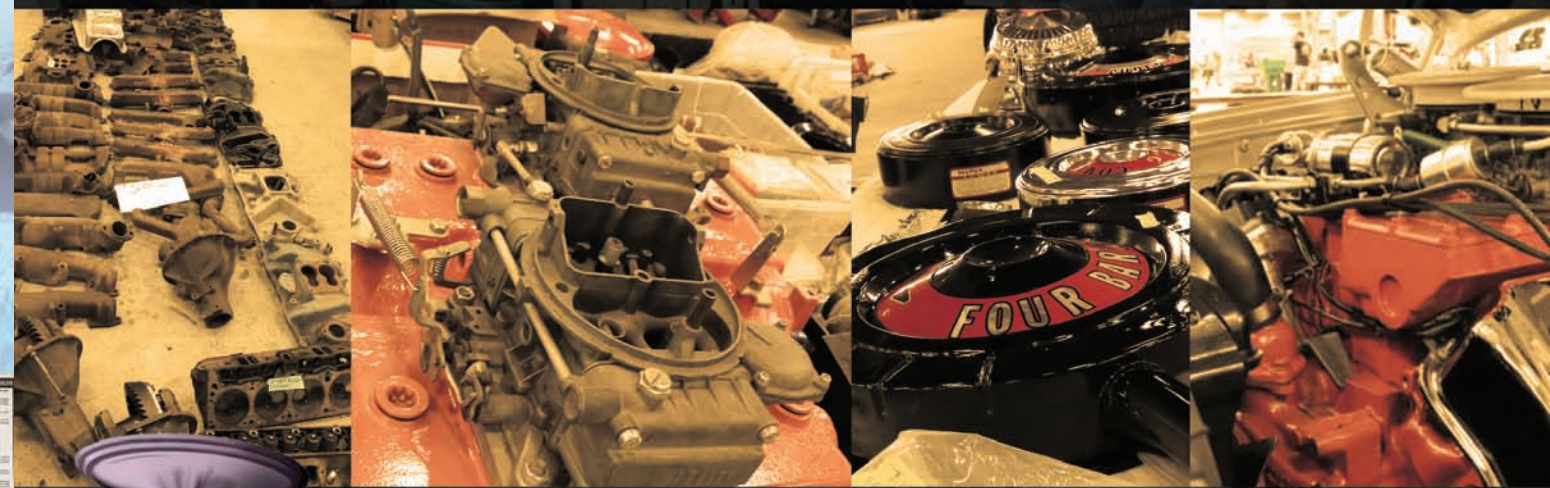
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