

# CLASSIC LINES

I Couldn't Find The Car Of My Dreams So I Built it. [Ferdinand Porsche](#)

## BEWARE OF THE DODGE

by Bill Downs

Mopar unleashes the "Hellephant!" The Mopar camp announced the latest crate engine at the last SEMA show. It's a 1,000-horsepower Hellephant supercharged HEMI V-8, 426-cubic-inch, 950-foot pounds Torque. This changes everything! One of our BBLACC club members, Troy Honeycutt, is ready to order this monster to put in his 1967 Dodge Charger, so be careful! You never know what's under his hood. I sure hope Santa will bring him new rear tires for Christmas, as he will burn rubber from Big Bear City to the Big Bear Dam!



## A message from our President :

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a safe and joy filled holiday. A big thanks for all the donated toys to the Kiwanis toy drive. The Christmas Dinner at Nottingham's was filled with good food, good drinks and a few laughs. Thank you to Charlie Brewster and his attentive staff as well as Lynn for all her hard work. As the cold in





### **A message from the Phantom**

The Phantom would like to welcome Samuel DiBartolomeo to our club. We call him "Sammy," because we already have a Sam (Essex) in our club. Sammy is our club member Laurie Wolfe's younger brother, and has hit the ground running. He has kindly volunteered to edit and generate our "Classic Lines" newsletter. Sammy has been in the automotive business for a long time, both as a teacher and a business owner, so he KNOWS cars!

Please join me in welcoming Sammy to our club and thank him for taking over our newsletter duties!

--- *The Phantom*

Big Bear keeps our cars tucked warmly away in their homes, remember to keep those batteries charged. The wheels are turning during this off season for a new website for the club, as well as the initial plans for the 30th anniversary Fun Run. There will be a Board meeting Jan 9th 6pm at Denny's, otherwise Sam's Shop is officially closed for the time being.

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### **A message from the Editor**

I have a request for the membership. I would like to add a profile of a member vehicle each month. Please contact me to be the vehicle of the month. I also would like to include vehicles in progress. If you would like to submit an article about any automotive subject please send it to me in



time for the following month.

Please send me any upcoming shows, events etc... I will add them in the next newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

- 4 Gary Wolfe
- 5 Rick Donchi
- 5 Anita Miller
- 6 Carol Bremer
- 8 Joy Traylor
- 12 Marianne Grossman
- 18 Barbara Nadow
- 20 Jeff Pankratz
- 20 Clyde Chittenden
- 22 Creta DeVault-Ford
- 28 George Renshaw

## A Question from Lynn Fowler:

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. I'm thinking Valentine's party. We do most events at Nottingham's because it's so easy. How many people would like to do something either Feb 13 or 14? What would you like, where would you prefer? Please give me some ideas. Email me at [leezajen@aol.com](mailto:leezajen@aol.com) or call me on my cell at 909-239-7861. Look forward to hearing from you. Lynn Fowler, Social

## A message from membership:

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you have enjoyed the holidays and the beautiful snow. Thanks to all the members who paid their dues at the Christmas party or have mailed them in. If you haven't yet paid, I hope you will take a bit of time to write a check for \$35 and mail it to the club P.O Box. The address is: BBLACC

P.O. Box 6311  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
Thank you!

**Janet Dupre**  
**2018 Membership Chair**

## Restoration Forum:

### Don't be scared of water based paint.

Water based paint uses water as the largest ingredient to transfer the material to the vehicle surface. Water is not the only ingredient there is still solvent in a water based product it would not work without it. The water allows the material to be sprayed onto the vehicle. Traditional HVLP spray equipment works with water based paint. Guns with parts made of non corrosive materials are best due to water causing corrosion in guns using steel and aluminum. The water evaporates leaving the solvent, binder and pigment. The difference from prior paints is the solvent content is small allowing less Volatile Organic Vapors into the environment. Water based is not safer for the person spraying it. Always wear appropriate protective equipment. California has been a leader in this effort to reduce emissions for quite some time. The solvent also evaporates leaving the binder and pigments. In order for this paint to dry properly it must have irregular air flow, low humidity and high temperatures. Under those conditions it dries as fast or faster than traditional solvent based paints. Once dry it is not significantly different than other paints. Water based paint is very thin so the surface must be near perfect before application. Water based paints are used on almost every new car. Older cars are not an issue other than there may not be a formula to match older paint colors. Water based primer is an excellent product. There is no such thing as water based clear. All water based products are two stage and must be covered in a clear coat.

## A tech tip from Bill Bergen...

Its in the news but the question is...is it in my car or truck? For years, a company called Takata produced airbags for auto manufacturers with an inflation propellant that could absorb moisture over time and become dangerous. When energized, they could inflate so violently that pieces of its metal bracket could break off and be hurled at the occupant. Resulting deaths have occurred. All vehicle manufactures will replace these airbag inflators at no charge. So, what's in your dashboard?

There is now an easy way to tell. Just download an app on your phone called "Airbag Recall". With this app you can scan your (or a friend's) license plate and instantly know if your car is at risk. In addition, you can check for any open recalls on your car by going to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). Easy to do and no cost to protect you and your family members. What better New Year's resolution than that? For more info give Bill a call at 310-489-3073.

This is my first attempt it will get better from here. I promise Sam