

Courtney's Corner

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Mopars at the Strip

What an awesome experience! Mopars as far as the eye can see, drag racing, friendly faces, what more could you ask for? As some of you may know, I'm a big Mopar fan and I was thrilled that we were able to make it to this event. It was a blast and everywhere we went we had the most phenomenal customer service. From the clerk at 7-11 to the guy who sold us giant corndogs at the track, everyone was just as cheery as could be. The biggest thank you goes out to Steve Hinckley and Mopars of Utah for getting us down there and making sure we had everything we needed to get some great photos to pass on to you.



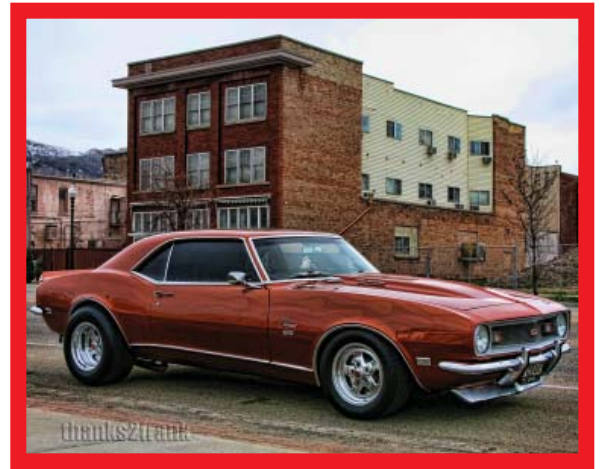
Scott and I were definitely hopping at the Mopar event. There were Mopars racing all afternoon down at the track and then there was a car show in the parking lot with hundreds of cars. The weather was not too hot, not too cold and I finally got some much needed sunshine on my shoulders. In addition to all of this, Ed "the Outlaw" Jones and his lovely wife Wendy were there with the Jelly Belly Wheelstander Stagecoach. If you've never seen Ed in action you are missing out! It was so cool! However, Ed Jones is a hard one to keep up with! I was trying to shoot him as he was throwing candy out to the audience and in my effort to keep up I lost my shoe on the track! Also at the show was the famous "Hemi under Glass." It was so windy he had a hard time getting it up on two wheels but it was still really neat to see.

At night there was a huge party at the Cannery Casino where a Led Zeppelin tribute band played. They had some beautiful cars parked all along the patio and we ran into some friends and had an overall great time. One of my favorite quirky things about these shows are seeing how people can actually look like their cars. One very nice lady had a whole outfit complete with hat that matched her car. I'm also amazed that people can find "car show" chairs that exactly match the color of their paint. Where do you find these things?!

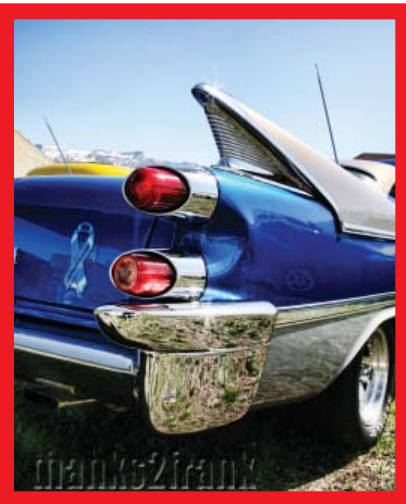
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Bigger and better than ever!

Elmer's & Breakout Breakfast

Woohoo we're back in full swing! We went to Elmer's car show and he was blessed with cooperative weather. It was so nice to see everyone again. You could smell spring in the air and fresh cut grass and rock out to JC Hackett's tunes. After Scott and I got our photos taken care of, we started discussing our ideas for this seasons "59 Frank Tank" projects. Both Elmer's Auto and Auto Inc of Clearfield have gotten their fingers in the Frank Tank. Alas Scott and I take photos, we're not car experts, so we like to wander around and get professional opinions and it was great to hear everyone's ideas. The Frank Tank is, after all, a part of the whole cruising community!



Breakout Breakfast was in a new location this year at the Union Station in Ogden. The downside was that it was rather windy and cold (that's April in Utah for ya) but the upside is that the Union Station makes for a stunning backdrop for photos. Some of our favorite photos so far this year came out of that shoot so take a look!



Jelsco

Jelsco had a huge turnout this year and thankfully their new location made it so everyone could fit nicely. It was a beautiful day and Jelsco was on hand selling treats (mmmm cookies)! I must also point out that I am a proud member of the Jelsco family. I recently graduated with a Masters in Accounting degree and I was very touched when Dad (Jim) presented me with a special award plaque with my graduation announcement on it. It was very sweet and thoughtful. I love ya guys!

Ben from Auto Inc of Clearfield decided to get a new look while at the Jelsco show. Jelsco is next door to a hair salon and he stopped in for a haircut. Ben had quite the audience looking on while he got his hair shaved into a festive heart on the back of his head. I thought it looked quite nice on him but unfortunately he didn't keep it for long. But one thing to keep in mind, your fellow cruisers are very quick to rat you out to someone with a camera if you're doing anything that involves silliness/sleeping/distasteful attire/missing personal belongings/etc. So I was quick to be on hand while this haircut was unfolding.



Moab April Action

I don't know what it is about this show that it always manages to have some bizarre conflict with it but I'm hoping this is the last time that it does. This is a show that you want to be there for the whole thing. It is a nonstop party from Thursday to Sunday. This year we weren't able to get there until Friday night because I graduated Friday morning. There are a lot of things I'm willing to drop for a cool car show but my graduation isn't one of them. So I walked across the stage,

threw my cap, had a lovely lunch with family and friends and hopped in the car and drove like a maniac to Moab. And wow did we drive into a party! Friday and Saturday nights the whole town turns out and lines the street like a parade route and the cars cruise up and down the main drag for hours. We walked around and everywhere we went we heard everyone talking cars, it was like music to our ears.

The show itself was huge (as usual) and everyone was in a jovial mood. The weather couldn't have been more perfect and people came from all around. Dennis Gage from My Classic Car was also there and he is an incredibly nice guy. It's always nice to meet people that are just kind, down-to-earth people and Dennis Gage is definitely one of those people.

For a nice change of pace I didn't have to rush back and do homework so we cruised up to Dead Horse Point and snapped some nice photos of the cars up there. It was beautiful and if you've never been it is a breathtaking view. We just love the April Action car show and we're hoping hoping hoping that next year I won't have some bizarre conflict of interest so we can actually be there for the whole weekend!



I would like to share with you a secret of the inner workings of Thanks2Frank. The secret is this: email. We're coming up on busy season (some days we're at between 5-7 shows) and I don't always even know my own mother and if you need something done or a show posted, please send us an email. It is the best way we've found to be able to coordinate and that way we know if one of us has gotten back to you.

I want to throw out a thank you to our sponsors! Because of them, we're able to go out farther and farther to get the shows that you want to see. Many thanks to them and if you like what we do and would like to sponsor Thanks2Frank, please visit our homepage!

On a last note, I would like to make a threat. A threat to Mother Nature: **I DO NOT WANT ANOTHER RAINY JUNE LIKE LAST YEAR!** It's already starting off as a rainy/snowy/sleety May but I'm hoping it's just getting it all out of its system and then June will be a lovely 85 degrees with puffy little clouds. Not too much to ask for I don't think.

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