



**BEAUX TIGERS!** WE SPIED THIS PURPLE "TIGER DART" AT THE LSU COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP PARADE THAT TOOK PLACE ON CAMPUS SHORTLY AFTER THEY WON THE BIG GAME!

Mopars at the Marina. What began as a designated parking lot for all the Mopars to meet up has turned into quite the happening. On the Thursday morning of Cruising the Coast, about 300 Mopars cruise in everybody eats a jambalaya lunch, and then heads out. It's gotten so big now that just showing up in a parking lot is holding the show back! For 2020, the town of Bay St. Louis stepped up and has given the Mopars a home. Right in the center of town is an old railway museum park that will become Mopar Central for the Cruising the Coast event. Eric's show will now be dubbed "Mopars in Da' Bay", and as in the past, there will be no cost for attending.

The Wellborns are planning a

1970 Mopar celebration by throwing a party honoring everything that was 1970. This will take place at their home and museum the first weekend of October. After the enormous success of the 50th anniversary aero cars event they hosted last year, Tim and Pam decided they just had to host another event for all those who wanted to come to be at that event but couldn't get in because of a car number cap. The Wellborn's 50th anniversary of 1970 Mopars will no doubt be the event not to miss in 2020, and having been there last year, I will tell you that if you want to get your car in, you better get on the phone the minute you're done reading this and get on the list! There is no way all who want to attend this show will be

able to, simply because the car capacity on the property will fall well short of the demand.

The final all-Mopar show of the year has long been Mopars with Big Daddy. Thirty two years ago, it all started as a marketing partnership between the Florida Mopar clubs and the Ocala, Florida-based Don Garlits' Museum of Drag Racing. Over the years, it steadily grew to become Florida's premier Mopar event, attracting snowbirds from all over the country. As the show grew, so did Ocala, and as suburbia often does, it slowly crept into once wide-open areas. The museum and adjacent property slowly became overtaken by commercial businesses which put a choke hold on the area surrounding the museum. While there was plenty of room for the show cars and vendors, spectator parking became a major issue. Several years ago, it was decided to move this annual show to a nearby horse park. Unfortunately, this past year, there was a fracturing within the clubs regarding the direction, which in turn, resulted in Jim Marrone announcing he was leaving the club in favor of bringing a show back to the Don Garlits' Museum. So, for 2020, there will be two Mopar shows in Ocala in November! The Mopars with Big Daddy show will be November 7th and 8th and the FMA show will be the following weekend, just five miles away! I can't imagine how this plan is going to work well for either show because it will inevitably divide up the Florida Mopar hobbyists. Only time will tell which show will win this battle for the

Sunshine State.

Finishing out the celebrations for 2020 will be the always-spectacular MCACN show in Chicago. They're planning an E-body T/A and AAR exhibition, where they hope to have one of each and every color combination on display! Another highlight this year will be a gathering of Pro Stock cars, which, while not exclusively Mopar, will be very heavily weighted towards Mopars.

Regardless of what month you're looking to get into some Mopar fun, 2020 has a plethora of great Mopar events planned. Check out MCG's 2020 event planner on the next page for details, and don't miss out on all the great celebrations that are being planned. Mopars will live on long after these 50th anniversaries have come and gone, but you will only have one chance to say you were there for it all, and that chance for everyone who loves 1970 Mopars is this year!

For a reminder of why we all go to shows, and as a way to shake everyone out of their winter doldrums, this month we've created a complete issue around the Mopar hardware found at last year's MCACN show. Until next month, Mopar to ya! ☺



**UP FRONT!** ON THE COVER THIS MONTH IS THE BEAUTIFUL BROOKLYN STRAUB, STRIKING A POSE FOR MCG PHOTOGRAPHER TIM COSTELLO IN FRONT OF BILL SEPTON'S MOD TOP '69 BARRACUDA AT LAST YEAR'S MCACN SHOW IN CHICAGO. 2020 MOPAR SHOW PLANNER INSIDE!



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