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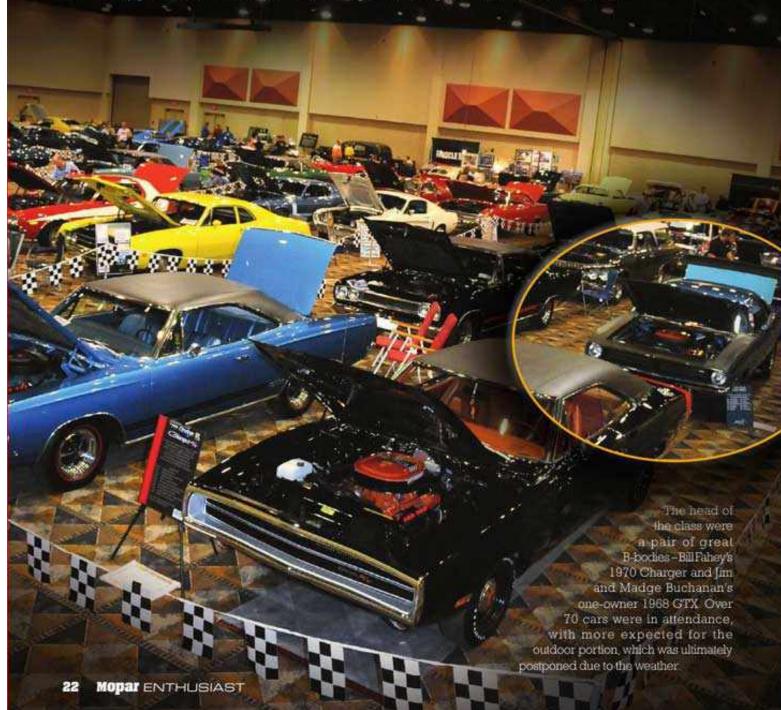
he all-invitational Forge Musclecar Classic in Kingsport, Tennessee,

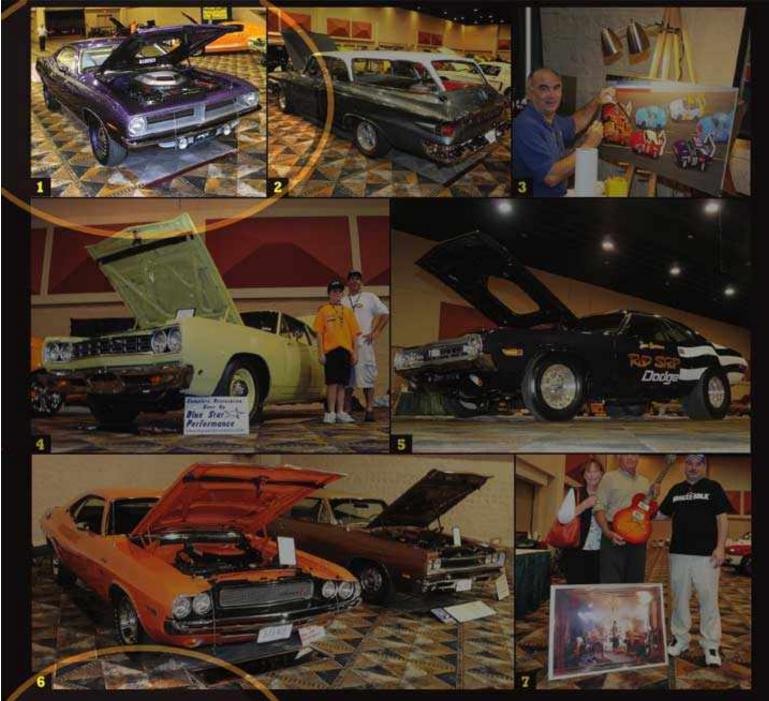
has become a must visit event for many serious car enthusiasts. Hosted in a carpeted indoor setting at the spacious Marriott Meadowview Convention Center and Resort in the hills near Bristol, promoter Tim Lopata and his family have continuously gone the distance to make

sure that this event is second to none. While the severe scutheastern weather and several cancellations due to family or transport issues meant that some attendees were forced to postpone their appearance on short notice, the building was filled some of the greatest musclecars in history.

For Mopar aficionados, there were two rows featuring almost nothing but the best.

Cars included Hemis, Six Packs in smalland big-block variants, wedge-motored street cruisers, and vintage racecars. Here are a sampling of photos from the event. Next year's event is slated for October 1-2, 2010, and Lopata continues to search for the very best in performance iron. If you think you have a car that would fit into the crown jewel of musclecar shows, contact them for more information.





- 1 Few cars can match the singular beauty of Dave Crawford's Plum Crazy 1970 Hemi 'Cuda. It was one of three built with this color and a white interior, and was done by Andrew White of Apex Autosports, who had an AAR on display as well.
- 2 Here is the coolest of the non-OEM restored Mopers on hand. Chuck Smith took a rare 1961 Plymouth wagon, gave it some paint and wheels, and stuffed a long-ram 413ci mill under the hood. He uses it to display as the tow car for his original 1968. Don Grotheer Dart restoration!
- 3 Dave Snyder was on hand supporting the event and working on another piece of artwork, a tribute to the wing car era.

- Seen here with his son, Tony Azzaro told us he had gone chasing a 1971 Hemi 'Cuda when he found this stripped-down Road Runner. The car was ordered ratio delete, with Y2 Sunfire Yellow paint, DAL interior, and the 426 Hemi under the hood.
- 5 Among the race cars this year was Dave Duff's former Rod Shop Challenger. This was Dave Boertman's final Mopar ride of the 1970s, and he had won the 1977 World Finals crown with this 383 combination, giving the trophy to the wife of the late Don Cariton and then stepping away from the sport for many years.
- Meanwhile, Blue Star Performance of LaSalle, Illinois, had four cars on hand,

- including Arrazo's Plymouth, an M-code Six Pack car owned by Joe Holtzclaw, and these two gems – Kevin Jenson's Go Mango Hemi Challenger and Chuck and Cindi Patula's super-nice Coronet R/T.
- 7 Tim Lopata (right) is the host in addition to a catered barbeque, charity auction, and free beverages from sponsor Muscle Milk, the Forge gave away a signed Jonas Brothers guitar as a door prize; Jerry Whitington was the winner.

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