

YET ANOTHER NATS DEPT

LATE BLOOMERS

The first annual LX and Beyond Nationals.

New vs. old Hemi Challengers, where 40 years of technology equates to a second in the quarter-mile.



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When Ma Mopar brought back their rear drive passcars (LX) with 3G Hemi power under the hood, it opened a whole new chapter in Mopar performance. And it created a new niche of Mo'fan. Because of their relatively few numbers in the grand scheme of the Mopar hobby, these Mopes tended to be socked away in a small corner of the big Mo'shows, and their owners would hang out



Wall-to-wall Challengers, Magnums and 300s packed the National Trail showfield. And nary a HemiCuda in sight.



More radical than a shiny brake pedal was the Dr. Kevorkian suicide-door conversion.