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# Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Newsletter March 2007

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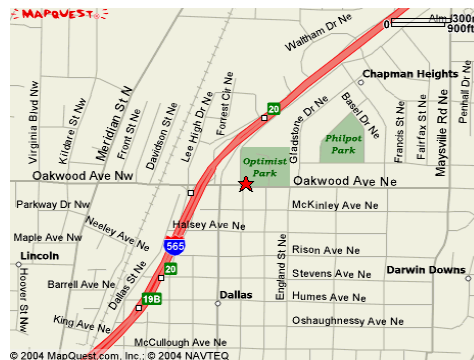
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## Next Club Meeting

The next meeting is **10 March 2007 at The Optimist Club, from 0800-1000a.m.**  
Attached is a map showing where the club is located.

This month's presentation will be presented by **Clif and Stella Broderick**. Last year they attended the Mopar Nationals and have some more good things to share with us. Don't miss this presentation. It will be a good one. Looking forward to April, George Zoller will be sharing tips and pictures of his 1955 Dodge Job Rated pickup restoration that was featured in last month's Project Page. If you have any ideas or expertise on Mopar subjects you would like to present, please bring it to our attention.



703 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, AL, 256-427-5775

If you are on the Memorial Parkway, exit on Oakwood going east. The Optimist Recreation Center is the 2<sup>nd</sup> left past Andrew Jackson Way.

## Of General Interest

Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to Mr. Robert Lewis of Huntsville. Robert is the newest member to TVMC and I'm proud that he has decided to join us. He brings a 1970 Plum Purple Super Bee to TVMC and wealth of Mopar knowledge. Robert cruises around town in a 3500 series Ram truck. Welcome to TVMC Robert!

## **From the President**

Hello Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Members,

DaimlerChrysler is very interested in selling the Chrysler division since it lost \$1,475,000,000.00 in 2006. That is almost as much as a '71 Hemi Cuda Convertible is worth!!!! The other divisions of DaimlerChrysler made \$4,260,000,000.00 in 2006. Small wonder the impatient German investors are pushing the DaimlerChrysler Board of Directors to dump the Chrysler division. Chrysler has announced plant closings and layoffs totaling more than 13,000 people. Chrysler has over 60 days inventory of unsold vehicles.

Several potential buyers are considering purchasing Chrysler. To date the Renault-Nissan alliance and Hyundai have said they were not interested; and a few hours ago Volkswagen said it was not interested. Imagine that!, we could have had a V8, not the juice, but a Hemi powered Beetle ---NOT!!!!!! So who knows what, if any, Chrysler vehicles we'll be driving in 2010.

I stopped by a service station this morning and Premium gasoline was \$2.42 at the station, which sits in front of the Sam's Club division of "Wally World". Down the street at the old "Only White Gas" (Amoco/BP for those too young to remember)" it was \$2.49. Anyone have any ideas which could stop the Oil companies from pillaging us? I mention this because this gets at the heart of the dilemma with Chrysler – and Ford and GM. When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005 the big oil companies got that gleam in their corporate eyes- you know, the one that accompanies the realization that you are about to get L U C K Y! Well, none of the big three automakers blinked an eye; they just kept the "Deer in the Headlights" stupid look on their faces. Apparently none of the top management was old enough to remember the oil crisis of 1973 and the aftermath that followed. EPA rules were already pushing for increased gas mileage and decreased emissions for vehicles. Hence the preceding death for the old Hemi and other High Performance engines and birth of the phoord Pinto and the shivvy Vega. Why?, because the price of Oil skyrocketed and Detroit went berserk trying to replace their money makers with fuel efficient vehicles. Plant closings followed, Catalytic converters in 1974, and a rush to drop large inefficient fuel burners.

Now, 32 years later, we see history repeating itself. SUV's and large Pickups have ruled the world for the past 15 years with about \$10,000.00 profit for the manufacturer in each large one. The race is on to build super fuel efficient vehicles. Very soon the auto makers will have to revise the window sticker mileage expectations on all vehicles. Seems ALL of them consistently never get the stated mileage because drivers don't use them in the same manner they are tested i.e. accelerate from zero to sixty MPH in less than 19 seconds, drive faster than the speed limit, jackrabbit starts, cold weather and etc etc etc. The Prius, according to reports, gets less than 40 MPG instead of the up to 60 MPG as advertised, due to the above conditions. Perhaps we'll all be driving these Hybrid cars before too long. When we get there I just hope none of us old Moparheads

gets confused and puts the electric cord in the gas tank or the gas nozzle in the generator- more fireworks than a Hemi on Nitro methane.

All this aside, we still need to continue to have fun with our hobby. We need as many volunteers as possible for the show. Please sign up for whatever you want to do at the show. I look forward to seeing you at the Saturday meetings.

Lennie Schrimsher, President  
Tennessee Valley Mopar Club

## **January Meeting**

We had a very well attended and productive February meeting. We had another great crowd this month. There were 17 members in attendance. Lennie opened the meeting and we covered planning and discussions of our annual "Show & Go" planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Please make plans to join us and volunteer your talents and services. The February meeting's presentations were brought to us by Tony Hill and Pete Shreeves. Tony gave a presentation on the progress of his 1970 Road runner restoration. He had many slides showing the condition of his runner as it went under the knife. He also showed us some of the things he did to preserve the car before it went to the body shop. Tony also brought in several items he sent off to SMS and Ssnake Oyl for restoration. Tony, that steering column looks factory fresh. I'm sure you have had several offers already! I was told that Pete would give a presentation on floor pan replacement. For those of you who attended, you know that is not quite the truth. For those of you who were unable to attend, Pete did show how he is replacing his floor pans but it went a bit further than that! Pete is actually back halving the entire lower frame of his 1970 Coronet with a whole back half of a 1972 Charger. Pete, other than the trunk floor being a bit short and the spring perches being welded in at a different position, it looks like a good fit to save your car. I learned a ton from that presentation. Pete is saving a car that most, if not all, of us would have walked away from. If you were not able to attend, you missed a great meeting. Thanks again guys for putting together great presentations for our club members.

## **January Cruise-In**

The January Cruise-in was a cold one. There were 4 members and their families present. We met at the DQ looking for something hot to warm us up from the cold weather. Unfortunately, there was no coffee or hot cocoa to be found in the DQ but we were able to find some coffee next door in the convenience store. My thanks to the Hill's, Hudson's, and Zoller's for braving the cold with Daisy and I. Next month will be warming up and we hope to have more Mopar faithful joining us for a good evening of cars and ice cream.

## *Cruise-In Corner*

**Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:**  
***Saturday, March 17***



TVMC would like to welcome all Mopar car owners to the Dairy Queen off Highway 72 located in Madison, Al. No prizes or trophies, it's just a fun get-together for us Mopar fans to just hang out.

Don't forget, the Cruise-In schedule for the winter months has changed. We will now hold them on the **3rd Saturday at 7:00 PM**. Please be there (it may be cold, so don't forget your favorite Mopar jacket).

## **2007 TVMC Events**

- **6 March 2007 5:30pm Club officers meeting at Huntsville Dodge. .**
- **10 March 2007 8:00-10:00am Don't forget this month is the second Saturday of the month, TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **17 March 2007 7:00pm till ? TVMC Cruise-In at the Dairy Queen on Highway 72 in Madison**
- **10 April 2007 5:30 pm Club officers meeting at Huntsville Dodge**
- **21 April 2007 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **Folks, we are already coordinating and making plans for the 2007 TVMC Show & Go. Please join us at the general membership meetings and let us make this year's event the best yet! We need volunteers, so don't be shy!**

## **2007 Regional and National Events**

### **March 4, Hollywood, FL**

- 19th Annual Florida Mopar Nationals. All Mopar and AMC car show, (No swap meet), Sponsored by Eddie Accardi Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge, and the Florida Mopar Connection.
- Info: Florida Mopar Car Club, P.O.Box 220083, Hollywood, FL, 33022; (954) 920-7096; [floridamopar@bellsouth.net](mailto:floridamopar@bellsouth.net)

### **April 28, Mobile, AL**

- The Southern Mopar Association and Mark Dodge bring you Mopars at the Battleship all Mopar show. Show held at 2701 Battleship Parkway.
- Trophies, vendors, car corral, and swap meet.
- Info: Larry Jordan (251) 653-5154; Wayne Hightower (251) 653-1071; Johnny Burge (251) 666-0080.

### **April 28, Morrow, GA**

- 5th Annual Landmark Mopar Classic presented by the North Georgia Mopar Club, Landmark Dodge, and Trailers for Less.
- Located at Landmark Dodge Dealership, 6823 Mt. Zion Blvd., Morrow, GA 30260.
- All Mopar show, grand prize is a new 18' car hauler
- Info: Christ Street (770) 401-6542

### **April 28, Hampton, GA**

- Landmark Mopar Southern Classic Car Show presented by Landmark Dodge, and Trailers for Less, Inc. In Association with The North Georgia Mopar Club.
- This year, the event will be held on The Atlanta Motor Speedway infield. There's a car show, swap meet, and the Dale Jarrett Racing adventure. This year's Grand Door Prize is a new 18-foot car hauler, Take your Mopar on the Speedway Cruise, test it on the Dyno, or show the crowd your rubber burning capabilities.
- Info: Chris (770) 401-6542; [2007moparshow@mindspring.com](mailto:2007moparshow@mindspring.com)

### **May 12, Kenner, LA**

- The Sixth Annual Mopar on Lake Pontchartrain presented by the Big Easy Mopar Association and Bergeron Chrysler Jeep, located at "The Point" Lake Pontchartrain at the end of Williams Blvd.
- Sponsor Plaques and awards, raffles, dash plaques, etc.
- Info: Big Easy Mopar Association 2516 Michigan Ave., Metairie, LA 70003; [www.bigeasymopar.org](http://www.bigeasymopar.org)

### **June 2-3, Boerne, TX**

- 19th Annual National Dodge Charger Meet, sponsored by The Dodge Charger Registry. No entry fee.
- Info: Wes Pieper (830) 981-5383 (Texas); or Wayne Wooten, The Dodge Charger Registry, P.O. Box 79, Meherrin, VA 23954, 434-223-1305, [www.dodgechargerregistry.com](http://www.dodgechargerregistry.com)

### **June 16, Huntsville, AL**

- The Tennessee Valley Mopar Club brings you the 9th annual TVMC "Show & Go", sponsored by Huntsville Dodge, R&R Speedshop and Hooters. The event will be held at the Huntsville Drag Way and will include a car show, bracket racing and swap meet. Mopars and Mopar powered vehicles only. Gates open at 8:00 am and awards presentation will begin at 2:00 pm. -Multiple class trophies, car corral, and swap meet.
- Info: [www.tvmoparclub.com](http://www.tvmoparclub.com); [curiousrr440@bellsouth.net](mailto:curiousrr440@bellsouth.net)

### **July 6-8, Carlisle, PA**

- The Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals will host another spectacular three-day Mopar show with Wing cars and convertibles on the center stage this year. Our goal is to have the largest gathering of these fabled wing cars ever. Convertibles will be the other featured vehicle. Make sure you're there to see this awesome display of ragtops! DaimlerChrysler will again display concept vehicles and the latest developments in the company. Celebrity guests will be on hand to sign autographs and answer questions. Special show cars, seminars, and exhibits will take place throughout the Chrysler weekend.
- Info: [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

### **August 10 - 12, Columbus, OH**

- It's time for the Mopar Nationals!
- Info: [www.moparnats.org](http://www.moparnats.org)

### **September 28-30, Bristol, TN**

- 8th Annual Mopar Thunder car show and race held at Bristol Dragway. It's three big days of drag racing, car show, swap meet, and Manufacturers Midway.
- Info: [www.bristolmotorspeedway.com](http://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com)

For additional event coverage, visit [www.moparmuscle magazine.com](http://www.moparmuscle magazine.com)

## Website

If you have events or other things that need to go on the TVMC website, contact John Burnham and Jud Hudson to have it inserted. They have done an outstanding job with the TVMC Website and are in need of information to post. Don't forget that we are looking for club members to post pictures of their cars on the website. Send those car pictures to Jud today. We are also looking for tech information to post. If you have 1<sup>st</sup> hand experience with any Mopar subject, please write it up and send it to Jud for posting. Discuss the things that went well and the things you wished you had done differently.

## Editor's Corner

### Greetings

Hello again. Last month I began by stating "Holy smokes, its cold in my garage." Well it is beginning to warm up now and I intend to start working on my own project very soon. I have a long way to go on my Road runner and I will need your support and encouragement to keep me going.

I have an opportunity to add another car to my meager Mopar collection and I intend to jump on it. As some of you may remember, last year my father brought his 66 Sport Fury up to Huntsville for our "Show & Go." Sadly, he passed away this past November and will be missed terribly around this house but the things he taught me will live on within my family. His Mopar roots go way back and I intend to continue fueling my passion with his last Mopar. With his passing, I have arranged to purchase his Fury for sentimental reasons and to keep it in the family. It is a nice 60k mile car that has been well taken care and will make a nice cruiser to take out to our cruise-in events. I will write more about my Dad's Mopar history in future editions of this column and share the wonderful world of Mopars he revealed to me at an early age. I wish I only had pictures to share with you.

Your club officers are making great strides in the show planning for this year's "Show & Go." I want to personally ask each of you to think about donating some of your time this year to assist in the planning and execution of this years show.

If you have any items or issues you would like to bring before the general membership, please email me and I will include it in this newsletter. We are currently looking for Tech issues and presentations to present at the general membership meetings. Poor George is going to run out of material if we keep tapping him for tech classes. If you have had experience with tech issues or would like to discuss your personal Mopar restoration, we are looking for you. Don't be shy! I also invite you to send me any Swap Shop items.

I'm looking for other member project photos to go in future issues of the Newsletter Project Page. Send me yours today!

*\*Please remember to let me know when items sell so I can remove them from the shop. I will run them indefinitely as long as the section does not grow too large.\**

V/r  
Bob

## Project Page

This month's edition of the Project Page features our TVMC VP George Snellens' 1972 Plymouth Satellite 2+2. George has been busy stripping the car and this month is sharing pictures of his engine bay restoration with us. He is considering sending me more pictures of his Satellite as he progresses. Send them on George. We all can glean a great deal from the great work your doing.



Here is the engine bay of Georges 1972 Plymouth Satellite, stripped of major assemblies. He has degreased the entire engine bay and lightly sanded it in preparation for re-painted. Those of you with a keen eye may notice that the factory installed the hood springs, battery tray and fender tag before painting in the engine bay area. Consequently, there was bare metal under these items 35 years ago when it rolled off the assembly line and now there is rust under these items. The assumption is that every unrestored Mopar you encounter will be in the same condition.

George will also be working up presentations for club meeting based on the work he is accomplishing on this Satellite. I'm sure these are meeting none of will want to miss.





Here is the engine bay after shooting it with primer. It's looking 100% better already. This car is obviously in good shape with little rust, at least in the engine bay area.



And finally there is Paint! Now that is what I'm talking about.



And more paint. I'm not sure about you guys, but I for one cannot wait to see this one completed.



And finally the motivation, a 440 overhauled by R & R Speed Shop, with 9 to 1 compression and Comp Cams cam 268/268 duration and .454/.454 lift. The cam was selected for strong torque in the mid range and good drivability. Awesome work George!! Next month's project page will feature some more pictures of George Zollers Job Rated Pickup.

## Swap Shop

### For Sale

Member John Bynum has a 1980 VW diesel pickup for sale and 3 Rabbits for parts cars. This month he added the following. Parting out 69 Coronet 2 door, 66 Monaco 2dr 383, auto/console car, 71-72 Chargers, & have some 73-74 Road runner parts. He may be reached at 931-967-4499 or by email at [johnwbynum@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnwbynum@bellsouth.net)

Member George Zoller has the following items for sale.

- 1985 2.2 T1 engine (G HEAD) ran great when pulled, wiring harness, logic (hot chip) & power modules. Auto and Stick flywheels, good clutch and pressure plate \$400.
- 2 ea. 535 Trans one set up for linkage the other for cable shift \$50 ea. And other stuff let me know what you need, I might have it somewhere.
- 1990 Jeep Wrangler 93000 miles runs great, brush bars etc. \$3500
- Contact George at 256-679-1316 or [gz11@dcx.com](mailto:gz11@dcx.com)

Member Chris Loudon has a 2000 Intrepid 2.7 V6 automatic, 135,000 miles. A/C, P/S, CD, P/W tilt cruise. Good brakes, drives pretty good and runs good, GOOD MPG. Could use a set of tires and has a loose spot in the steering. Has an oil leak from the front seal. Pretty clean tight and solid. Asking price is \$1850.00 or best offer.

Chris is also parting out a 68 Coronet 2 door Sedan and a 1978 Cordoba and can be reached at (256) 420-4027 or [pettyfan43@ardmore.net](mailto:pettyfan43@ardmore.net)

New member Robert Lewis has a 1967 440 with 727 Torqflite. The engine and transmission are a numbers matching set. The engine is date coded 10-66 for any of you looking for a date correct power train set up for your project. The engine still has standard bores and is complete minus the carburetor, distributor, and valve covers. Price is \$1500.00 negotiable. Robert can be reached at 256-603-5134 or [robert.g.lewis@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.g.lewis@us.army.mil)

Member Grant Glover (Bob's son) has a 1971 Phoord Torino 500 for sale. Car has a 302 with auto transmission. This car is a good daily driver and starts every turn of the key. Asking \$3,200 OBO. Car is a very good candidate for a restoration if you know any Phoord phanatics. Grant can be reached at 256-443-9103. He also has a 1993 Chevy PU for sale. Asking \$2,500 for truck. Call for details.



## Wanted

Member Roy Gronau is in need of a limited slip 8 3/4 rear end that you might want to part with. He needs to replace the spool that is currently in his pro street Cuda. Ok guys, go out to the garage and kick the blankets off your stash of stuff and see if you can hook Roy up. Roy can be reached at 256-551-0778 or [roygronau@bellsouth.net](mailto:roygronau@bellsouth.net).

Member Judson Hudson is looking for the following items:

“I'm looking for parts to convert my 68 Charger to a 69, and need the following”:

- I Piece for Grill
- Grill Trim
- Middle Section of Grill
- Drivers Side Headlight Door (with emblem)
- 69 Tail lights
- 69 Tail panel
- 69 Hood Latch for Grill
- 69 Side marker Lights - both front and Rear
- 69 Side marker Light Holes - See yellow square in the picture for what I need.

Need one for fender and 2 for quarter panels. Please check your junk fenders to see if they are okay. Any 69 B body with 2 or 4 doors will work.

I'm willing to trade too! Great Mint Condition complete 68 Charger Grill for a Mint 69 Grill. Rust free 68 tail panel already drilled out from car, will trade for a workable 69 tail panel. Judson can be reached at [judhudson@knology.net](mailto:judhudson@knology.net)



(The club does not accept responsibility for typographical errors, incorrect prices and other claims as to condition, or owner claims. Direct contact with the seller is required for confirmation of the above.)