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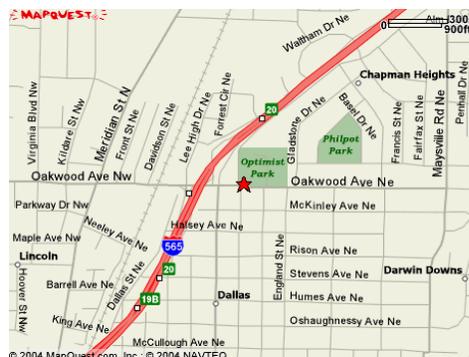
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Next Club Meeting

The next meeting is **17 November 2007 at The Optimist Club, from 0800-1000a.m.** Attached is a map showing where the club is located.

This month's club meeting will focus on planning for the 1 December WAAY Christmas Parade in which we hope to have a good club turn out. We need as many cars as possible to participate. We don't want the Chevrolet club to out gun us, do we? Look for details below. We will also be looking towards our annual Christmas dinner and there will be a presentation on plastic polishing made easy. Remember, this is your club, take the time to come out and be a part of it and forge its future.



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 2nd left past Andrew Jackson Way.

President's Message

As we are drawing the year to a close I am reminiscing about all the things we have done as a club this year. Our stated primary objective is to have FUN with our hobby and I hope you have had as much fun as I have. We have had good attendance at the monthly meetings, in fact record-breaking numbers considering the last four years. We have had as many as 20 in attendance at a couple of the meetings. We have learned, or had the opportunity to learn, about more technical topics that were presented at the meetings than ever before.

We have had fair attendance at our cruise-ins, but a lot of fun talking about our favorite Mopar subjects. We started the process to have "wrenching" sessions on select club meeting days. We had the first one at George and Marcia Snelling's house and learned how to adjust hoods by hands-on practice on George and Judson's B bodies. The Snellings provided burgers and dogs so we had some munching fellowship also. We hope to have more of these and look forward to initiating Bob Glover's new garage with one of the sessions. The sessions are dedicated to helping members do jobs that one or two people can't do very easily.

As the Officers plan activities for next year we need your input. We want to make club activities attractive to the largest number of members possible. This involves times and places and we realize we can't get all members at any one time or place. However, we can adjust to best match for the majority. We want to hear from you concerning times, places, wrenching needs and activities to do at our meetings. So, attend the meetings, call, E-mail or write to us with your ideas.

Our annual Christmas dinner is planned for December 8, 2007. All members are invited to attend. What a deal!, you more than get the cost your annual dues back in good food and a lot of good fun being with the members and their families. Put it on your calendars now. More specific information is included this month's newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed your time and energy to the Club. We hope we can continue to count on you for 2008 membership. We need additional new members so please recruit Mopar fans for the club!

Lennie Schrimsher
President

October Meeting

We had a great October meeting. We had a very good presentation by Lennie on air conditioning system conversions from R12 to R134a. It was very informative and spawned a good deal of discussions on the subject. Look for this and other Tech stuff on the TVMC web page under Tech Articles. We also had the pleasure of welcoming yet another new club member!

New Members

Please join me in welcoming TVMC's newest member, Dr. Bob Bentley. Bob and his wife live up in the Toney area and have a stable of old Chrysler products including an Airflow. Welcome to the club Bob. We look forward to having you join us in club events.

October Cruise-In

Well guys, I'm sorry to have to report that we did not have a very good turnout at the last Cruise-In. Jud and Lennie were the only two that showed up in October. The weather is cooling down and we should have some great fall weather to enjoy our cars over the next few months. You guys crank up your cars and drive them on down this month. Make plans now to join us.

Wrenching

There were not any opportunities to conduct a Wrenching this past month. If you have a project that needs more than one set of hands to work on it, give us a call and we will schedule a "Wrenching Session" for your project soon.

Cruise-In Corner

Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:
Saturday, November 17th



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 hang out and talk Mopar. Remember, we hold them on the **3rd Saturday at 7:00 PM.**

2007 TVMC Events

- 20 October 2007 7:00 p.m. Cruise-In at DQ on 72
- 17 November 8:00-10:00 a.m. TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 17 November 2007 7:00 p.m. Cruise-In at DQ on 72
- 1 December 2007 09:00 a.m. line-up WAAY Christmas Parade
- 8 December 2007 6:30 p.m. TVMC Christmas Dinner, at New Green Brier

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 1st 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

Hello, again. As all of you know by now our VP, George Snellen is still in the hospital and needs our support. He has been diagnosed with Leukemia and has been in the hospital for 52 days. I'm happy to pass on that George's progress is improving daily although I believe that Marcia may be a bigger concern for the hospital staff than George is!

There are several ways that we can help. 1. Pray daily for George and Marcia. 2. Call George and let him know that you're thinking of him. If you're thinking of visiting, call first. His immune system is down and he is very susceptible to anything. 3. Give blood to replace the supplies that George is using. Not sure of his type. Below is an email that Marcia sends out daily updating us on his progress.

Drum roll, please.....Ta Da!

Today, George's white blood cells number 930, just about doubled from yesterday. Let's all cheer;

White cells, white cells, Yea!

His platelets are now in the normal range and still climbing. It may be that they will once again be the naughty boys and needing medication to keep them in line, but that is not nearly as big a problem as the bad white cells. George can live with that medicine. He got quite used to that over the past four years.

His red count is high enough that he won't need any blood products today. So other than some antibiotics, he and Sam can get some away time. Sorry, Sam!

It's just amazing how getting one number can just make your day.

Have a great day. We intend to.

Marcia

Marcia Snellen
New Market, AL
256-379-5530

"Have a blessed day"

All you B body owners get ready for the January meeting. Tony Hill will be giving a presentation on how to convert drum to disc brakes on a B body Mopar. 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. I also invite you to send me any Swap Shop items.

v/r

Bob

Project Page

This month we address the Chrysler 8 3/4" differential tear down that was the focal point of the September general membership meeting. The chunk belongs to Lennie and he volunteered to have the growl diagnosed for the benefit of us members. Here is our rear end that we will be looking at. Visually it looks good but we know that it has a growl. We will have to check some things to see if we can figure out what is wrong.



Next we measured the back lash on the gears to see if it falls within the factory tolerances. They did.



Next we checked the mesh pattern on the gear teeth to see if they were riding in the correct locations. They were.





The problem ended up being worn bearings within the unit. Note the marks on the bearing race face.

Look for an expanded version of this presentation on the web at a later date.

WAAY Christmas Parade Information

To all TVMC Members,

WAAY 31 of Huntsville will be having their 31st Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st. I would like for the Tennessee Valley Mopar Club to attend it this year and hope to have a better turnout to help promote our club. I would like to welcome everyone to come join us!

If you would like to be entered in the Parade with your Mopar, then please tell me the following:

- 1.) What Vehicle do you plan to bring
- 2.) What is the length of that Vehicle

In hopes of making this a success, I will be offering a \$25 Dollar Gift Card from Advance Auto Parts for the most decorated Mopar - It's the best that I can do. So please, grab some ribbons, bows, and decorations to show your Christmas spirit!

Since the Parade Managers need this information ASAP, I will be putting a deadline on this email for Thursday, Nov. 15th. Of course, they said

that they will welcome late-comers, but I want to try to have this organized for them. If you are interested in attending, then email me your details.

For rules and more information on the parade, please check this page: <http://web.waaytv.com/parade/> (you don't have to fill out the Registration form, I'll take care of that for you)

If you can make it, then please contact me at Judhudson@knology.net
Let's have a better turnout than last year. If you know that you don't have plans on Dec. 1st, then please shoot me an email. Thanks,

Jud judhudson@knology.net

Swap Shop

For Sale

If you have items listed here, please shoot me an email to verify if it is still good.

Member John Bynum has a set of new reproduction lower door panel's front/rear for 1971-1974 B-bodies for sale. Parting out 69 Coronet 2 door, 66 Monaco 2dr 383, auto/console car, 71-72 Chargers, & have some 73-74 Road runner parts. Also an antique Home Comfort Wood Cook stove in excellent shape. He may be reached at 931-967-4499 or by email at johnwbynum@bellsouth.net

Member Rocky Rozelle has a 69 Barracuda hood - \$75, a 68 or 9 Road runner grille - \$75. Contact Rockey at 497-0110.

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

Member Pete Shreeves has a 1974 Ford 429 4bbl w/transmission, complete, will swap for used 440/auto or other big block. Pete 503-0902.

Pete also relays the following: This fellow stopped by the house and talked with my son. He is moving and needs to consolidate his car projects. This is one he would like to find a new home for. I didn't get a lot of details but it sounds like a mostly-there car with some new things like steering and transmission. 1968 Dart GT bucket seats, some missing parts, needs quarters, call Johnny (256) 520-6646

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

Member Jud Hudson has the following for sale. 2 Sets of 1968 Dodge Charger taillights. Chrome is pitted in various places, but the lenses are excellent. Needs to be cleaned up. \$20 a set. Need to get rid of them!

Member Roy Gronau: I have a 440 engine for sale that I was going to transplant into my Javelin. It came out of my 74 Cuda. I am asking \$3500 for it. Here are the specs that I was given when I purchased the car (I drove it around the block a few times before giving the car to Dixie Hot Rods in Athens to convert it into a prostreet and it ran fine).

It is a 440, 40 over with flat top pistons, 280-480 hydraulic cam, 2 carter 500 4 barrels, Drove it a couple of years and has been garage kept ever since, bought a dragster that's why I quit driving it. Everything was new when I put it in there. The compression ratio is 10 to 1. It will run on pump gas or the vp 110 at the race track. Oil is 20/50 Castrol.

Let me know if you are interested in it - thanks,
Roy 256-665-6387



Wanted

Member Paul Wright is looking for a shift linkage upgrade for my 1986 Omni GLH? I also need a front turn signal lense, a rear bumper, and a couple of other parts. Anyone that has one can contact me via <paul@bbenterprises.com>.

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
- 69 Tail panel
- 69 Hood Latch for Grill
- 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

(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.)