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**Mopar  
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# Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Newsletter October 2007

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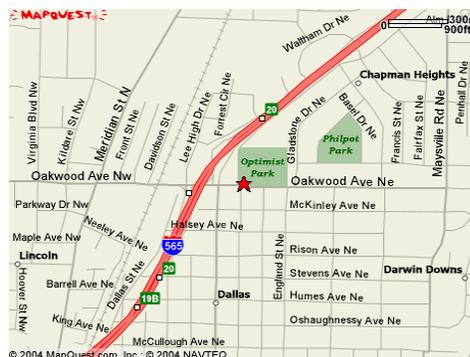
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## Next Club Meeting

The next meeting is 20 October 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 air conditioning conversions from R-12 to R-134a. We may even touch on theory of operations if interested. There are several members that have extensive training and operational experience in automotive and aircraft air conditioning systems. We will also dedicate some time to discuss any particular car topics you may have regarding your personal project.



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.

## September Meeting

We had a great September meeting, as we gathered at our usual location. We had a very good presentation of how to disassemble and identify growling problems in your 8 ¾ Chrysler differential. Lennie and George Snellen tagged teamed and brought a great presentation to us. Look for pictures of this tear down and inspection in future issues of this newsletter. Many thanks to Al Stokes for bringing in his excellent example of rivet repair. This month I will feature an almost lost art that Al figured out while restoring his 1946 Dodge pickup truck. Look for this and other Tech stuff in Power Point versions of the presentations on the TVMC web page under Tech Articles.

## September Cruise-In

We had another good turnout for the September cruise-in. The weather was warm and brought out a nice gathering of Mopar owners and fans. 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, October 15th***



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**

- **9 October 2007 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge**
- **20 October 2007 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **20 October 2007 7:00 Cruise-In at DQ on 72**
- **17 November 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **17 November 2007 7:00 Cruise-In at DQ on 72**
- **8 December 2007 Time: TBD TVMC Christmas Party located at Greenbrier's (New on I-565), private room reserved.**

## **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**

**Hello, again. I will diverge from my normal ramblings to discuss a very important topic. Elections! Last month our club voted to keep the current crop of officers intact. Congratulations to all.**

**Now on to a more serious issue. Our VP, George Snellen is seriously ill and needs our support in many ways. He has been diagnosed with Leukemia and has been in the hospital for 28 days and is now undergoing round two of chemo treatments. The tremendous news is that George is doing very well dealing with this illness and the prognosis seems to be good at this time.**

There are several ways that we can help. 1. Pray daily for George and Marcia. She has been his rock since this began. 2. Call George and let him know that you're thinking of him. He is taking calls and chit chatting with all who call 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.

“As of now, we have been in Huntsville Hospital four weeks. It seems more like a month. (Just a little humor there....I know....VERY LITTLE! At least I try)

In spite of the extreme soreness in the muscle of his tongue, George commented this morning that he felt better than he had in days, and this while chemotherapy is continuing to drip into his veins. Not bad!

Dr. Hon said that his platelets have come up nicely and his white blood count is way down which is what the chemo is supposed to do. So he has two more days of chemo and then we will begin the waiting game once more.

Always the Type A, George walked seven laps around the corridor today, commenting that it was a lot more than any of the other patients who rarely venture out of their rooms at all. I told him I would notify the Olympic committee so they could update the "world record" for hospital laps. He also suggested I contact the Guinness World Record folks.

As I said when I began these emails, no news would likely be good news and any day that he feels good is a terrific day.

We wish you all a great day.”

George and Marcia  
Marcia Snellen  
New Market, AL  
256-379-5530

"Have a blessed day"

Please check out the Swap Shop page. If you have items listed, please let me know if they are still good listings or if they need to go away. 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 I will print Al Stokes ingenious way of replicating rivet installation on the bumper brackets on his 46 truck. Al made the tooling (note the nut welded onto an air hammer shaft and rounded out), and developed the process (heat) he used in replacing the rivets and he did a super job doing it. Pictures do more justice to his work than I can describe. So, here they are.



Nut welded to air hammer shaft. Perfect tool for the job.

This tool supports the other end of the rivet.





Just add heat and let the hammering begin.

Beautiful work.



Al did an excellent job repairing the bumper brackets on his truck. If you have any rivet replacements in your future, get in touch with Al and get the low down on rivet replacement.

## **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](mailto:johnwbynum@bellsouth.net)

Member Rocky Rozelle has a 69 Barracuda hood - \$75, a 68 or 9 Road runner grille - \$75. Contact Rocky 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.)