

**Tennessee
Valley**



**Mopar
Club**

Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Newsletter April 2008

Tennessee Valley Mopar Club, P.O. Box 2042
Huntsville, AL 35804

E-mail: tvmoparclub@yahoo.com

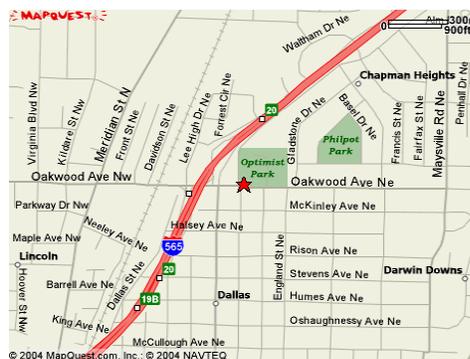
Website: <http://www.tvmoparclub.com>

Newsletter Editor: glover4350@bellsouth.net

Next Club Meeting

The next meeting is **19 April 2008 at The Optimist Club, from 0800-1000a.m.**
Attached is a map showing where the club is located.

We have an important meeting coming up this weekend and each and every one of you needs to attend. First, we will be having a presentation by our new Vice President, George Zoller on cam shaft installations on big block engines. The rest of the time will be spent covering show planning preparations. Time is getting short and before we know it our event will be here. We will need each and every one of you to lend a hand during the "Show & Go" to make our show come off without any hitches. Your volunteer efforts are what makes it happen and we will need each and every one of you!



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.

March Meeting

We had yet another great membership meeting in March. We were back at the Optimist Club and a good time was had by all. We had a lot of members last month and look forward to seeing more of you this month. We had a presentation by Bob Glover showing the progress of the new garage. The garage is coming along nicely, and should have lights on by the time you read this letter.

Wrenching

If you're working on your project car and need some assistance, let us know so we can get the word out ahead of time and schedule a "Wrenching" at your place.

Mopar Humor

My (blonde) wife proofs this letter and insists I disavow any knowledge of the following!

A few days ago I was having some work done at my local Dodge Dealer. A blonde came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten. We all looked at each other and another customer asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?" She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one.." She replied that she did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had its hood up and asked "is there a 710 on this car?" She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there."



Cruise-In Corner

Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:
Saturday, April 19th



TVMC would like to welcome all Mopar car owners to the Sonic Drive In, located on Wall Triana just off highway 20 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.**

2008 TVMC Events

- 8 April 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Adtran
- 19 April 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 19 April 2008 7:00 pm Cruise-In at Sonic in Madison
- 6 May 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Adtran
- 17 May 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 17 May 2008 7:00 pm Cruise-In at Sonic in Madison
- 3 June 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Adtran
- 14 June 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC 10th Annual "Show & Go" at Huntsville Dragway
- 14 June 2008 7:00 pm Cruise-In at Sonic in Madison, if your still standing!

Website

A huge "thank you" and "congratulations" to Judson Hudson for the tremendous work he has done over the last month moving our website to a new provider. If you have not visited the TVMC website lately, do so. It has a new look, new feel and lots of forums to participate in. If you have events or other things that need to go on the TVMC website, contact Jud and he will be happy to post it for you. Jud and John 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.

2008 Regional and National Events

April 12, Rockingham, NC

Come have fun at the Mopars at the Rock 2008 All-Mopar car and truck show held at Rockingham Dragway. This year there are more classes added, and all types of racing.
Info: www.rockinghamdragway.com; 910/582-3400

May 2-3, Atlanta, GA

6th Annual Landmark Mopar Southern Classic on the infield of the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Friday night is the "Hotlanta Mopar Street Challenge" 1/8 mile street racing, Mopar challenges all comers. Saturday is big day with four speedway cruises, pictures in Victory lane, and tons of door prizes. This year's Grand door prize is a brand new 18-foot Car hauler. You can Dyno your Mopar, find parts at the swap meet, and the Car Corral has it's own, huge parking lot. There's also a manufactures midway and Kids Plaza. A day for the whole family!
Info: Chris 770/401-6542; 2008moparshow@mindspring.com

May 4, Great Bend, KS

Come check out the 20th Annual Mid-America Mopars car show held at Brit Spaug Park.
Info: Gary 620/793-6742; Daryl 620/792-5105

May 10, New Orleans, LA

Big Easy Mopar Association & Bergeron Chrysler Present The 7th Annual Mopars On Lake Pontchartrain
Info: www.big easymopar.org; Scott 504-329-6131, Cajuncarnut@Cox.Net

May 15-18, St Louis, MO

World Race Events, Inc., is ready to make history as they introduce the 2008 World Street Challenge. Held at Gateway International Raceway, The World Street Challenge is a Monster six-market Auto Show that will include well over one thousand cars competing for hundreds of trophies, cash and prizes. There's a National cruise, where car clubs can hook up and travel from North, South, East, and West to the World Street Challenge, a bikini contest, entertainment, and drag racing.
Info: www.worldstreetchallenge.com

May 17, Omaha, NE

HI-PO Mopar Show presented by the High Impact Performance Mopar Auto Club. Event is located at Exit 442 on Interstate 80 in Omaha, NE, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The rain date is May 31st. This is a FREE event with 14 trophy classes including Best of Show, Stock, Modified, Truck, Convertible, and a Long Distance Award.
Info: Dan 402/593-6080; www.highimpactperformance.org

May 24, 25 Valdosta, GA

The Mopar Southern Nationals, held at the South Georgia Motorsports park. Racing, car show, and swap meet.

Info: info@allmoparsouthernnationals.com

May 31 - June 1, Boerne, TX

20th Annual Dodge Charger Meet will be held on the Boerne Town Square. This is a non-judged show, so come out and have a good time. There will be participants choice trophies and special awards given by The Charger Registry.

Info: Wes Pieper 830/981-5383; Wayne Wooten, 434/223-1305; www.dodgechargerregistry.com

June 6-7, Newport News, VA

The 13th Annual Li'l Red Express and Warlock Nationals will be held by the Hampton Roads branch of the LRT/WLK.

The 6th will feature a tail gate party and auction and the show will be held on the 7th.

Info: Skip Gibbs 757/875-5270, 757/286-6969; theadventurer@att.net

June 7, Sevierville, TN

19th Annual Smoky Mountain Mopar Show at Smokies Stadium, Exit 407 off I-40.

This is a Judged show with trophies, door prizes, music and fun at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains.

Info: scottdhall@chartertn.net

June 14, Harvest, AL

10th Annual Tennessee Valley Mopar Club "Show & Go" celebrating Mopar and related brands located at Huntsville Dragway, located at 502 Quarter Mountain Rd. Harvest, AL.

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Featuring car show, drag racing, swap meet, car corral, Hooters Girls and 50/50 drawing. Many show classes to choose from, awards given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Drag racing payouts; Pro win \$1000, runner up \$500, Foot brake win \$500, runner up \$250. Buy backs.

Racers are required to run with mufflers.

Sponsor: Huntsville Dodge, Hooters, R&R Speed Shop, Eagle Collision Center, Howard's Trophy Shop, Napa, Xtreme Machines, It's Not Paint

Info: George Zoller 256-971-9849; Lennie Schrimsher 256-881-6945; www.tvmoparclub.com

July 11-13, Carlisle, PA

The Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals will host another spectacular three-day Mopar show. There will be a special Challenger display to celebrate the upcoming '08 release of the new Challenger. Don't miss the 1968 Retro Dealership complete with authentic window dressings, posters, furniture, tools and of course '68 models. There will be a special indoor display featuring FM3 Panther Pink/Moulin Rouge cars. Look for the Young Guns Display featuring cars owned by licensed drivers between the ages of 16-25 sponsored by Mopar Muscle Magazine. Chrysler will again display concept vehicles and the latest developments in the company. Celebrity guests will be on hand to sign autographs and answer questions. See a great Survivors display, Drag Racing at South Mountain, SME judging, and a club challenge. Special show cars, seminars and exhibits will take place throughout the weekend. Don't miss Chrysler's popular [Test Drive](#) area, where you can drive the new car of your dreams. Admission is \$10 per day. Info: 717/243-7855; www.CarlisleEvents.com

September 27-28, Julian, NC

The McCandless Mopar Classic, will be held at Piedmont Dragway. This event will include: A Special Tribute to Ronnie Sox and Jake King at their "Home Track", Piedmont Dragway. Appearances by Buddy Martin, Herb McCandless, and Diane Sox. There will also be a Charity Raffle with proceeds going to: The Ronnie Sox Foundation and Jake King Scholarship Fund. See actual cars raced and driven by Ronnie Sox. Saturday will feature the Car Show, Swap Meet, Car Corral, Vendors, Burn Out contest, and Test and Tune racing. Saturday Night Cruise-In with a special tribute to Ronnie Sox and Jake King in their home town of Burlington, NC. Sunday Swap Meet, Vendors and race featuring Top Footbrake Street and Trophy classes. Gates Open at 9 am. Info: Marie McCandless 336/227-2156, moparclassic@bellsouth.net; www.piedmontdragway.com

Oct. 3-5, Clay City, KY

The Annual Mopar Southern Classic will be held again this year at Mountain Park Dragway. It's a Mopar only event with 1/8 and 1/4 mile drag racing, They have a car show, swap meet, and vendors row. Info: Joe Payne 502/ 868-0517, hemi472@bellsouth.net. Track phone 606/663-2344, mpdragway@snapp.net; web: www.mpdragway.com

October 26, Palmetto, FL

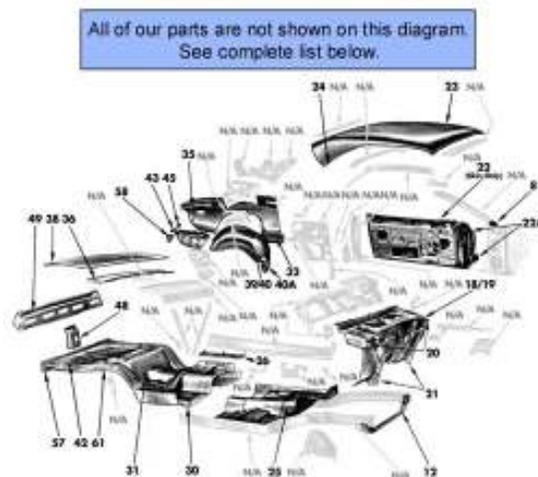
Manasota Mopar Club Car Show located at Lamb & Sutton Park, 10th Avenue W. and 7th Street W.
Manasota Mopar Club, 2919 39th Street East, Bradenton, FL 34208

PRODUCT PAGE

You E-body guys out there needing good fenders for your project take note. Goodmark, a leader in aftermarket sheet metal for car restoration, has announced that they are now manufacturing new fenders for 70-71 and 72-74 Cuda's and Challenger's. The new fenders are stamped from heavy gauge steel and are Electro Deposit Primer (EDP) coated for the ultimate in rust protection. These fenders are available now and are priced from \$599 to \$649 depending on model and year needed. For more information, check out www.goodmarkindustries.com.



The next item on the agenda for you E-body fans is a new roof. What? Yes, a new roof. As most of you E-body fans know, many a car has been left in the weeds because of a rotted, rusted-out roof. Many Cuda's and Challenger's were produced with vinyl roofs and over the decades, moisture penetration under the covering has caused enough damage to actually turn a coupe into a convertible. Now there is no need to leave that Challenger in the barn, just call up Auto Metal Direct and order your new E-body Roof Skin. They are just releasing new roof skins for 70-74 E-Bodies that provide excellent fit and finish. For more information, contact Auto Metal Direct at www.autometaldirect.com.



Editor's Corner

Hello again. Here we are working through the end of winter and approaching spring. Before you know it we will be bringing the Mopars out of hiding, going to cruise-ins, car shows and Sunday afternoon drives through the country in the warm sun. But for now the most important thing you need to do is renew your TVMC membership! This is the last request that will be made for you folks that are slow to renew your membership. If your renewal is not received by the end of the month, you will be removed from the active rolls of Tennessee Valley Mopar.

Did you guys notice? Well, did you? Go back up to the TVMC Events and note that there are only 5 officer and general membership meetings left before our club show on 14 June. That means that we will be devoting a good deal of time over the next month or so on show planning and assigning volunteers to work in various areas. Please take the time to meet with us this Saturday and get an idea of what we need you guys to do.

Wow, I have discovered a good deal of Mopar news that I would like to discuss with you here. Last month, I shared my excitement of the Daytona 500 finish and my hope that Chrysler will again be the car to beat every Sunday. This month I have more news from NASCAR to share. The bosses at NASCAR are having trouble securing good sponsorship for the junior series, formally Busch Series, and are now inclined to shake things up a bit. If the current talk becomes reality, NASAR will have the junior series drivers competing in musclecars. Yes, you read that correctly, they may be driving new generation Challenger's, Camaro's, Mustang's and a yet to be named Toyota model. That would be very cool in my book.

In other news, mother Mopar has released some more numbers concerning the new Challenger. These numbers are weeks old but the latest I could find. To date, there are over 9,000 confirmed orders for the new car and Chrysler has announced that they will deliver 6,400 for the 2008 model year. That means that there are already over 2,600 orders for 2009 models. It certainly seems that the new Challenger will be a smashing hit.

Mother has also announced through Mopar Performance, that they will be marketing a new small block crate engine. The 410 Magnum Six-Pack crate engine will be based on a brand new 340 block with 4 bolt mains, high flow Magnum R/T heads, high lift hydraulic cam and has a 4" stroker crank. It's rated at 450 hp and has 475 lb-ft of torque out of the box. Anyone planning an engine swap soon?

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

Until next time.....

v/r
Bob

Project Page

This months Project Page features a few shots of Roy's Pro Street Cuda in primer. The first picture is a full body picture of the car.



The second shot of Roy's car is down the passenger side quarter panel. Things are starting to take shape and I'm sure Roy is itching to get it back home and reassemble.



Swap Shop

For Sale

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

Updated: Thanks John, Member John Bynum is parting out 69 Coronet 2 door(not a lot left, good rear glass, some trim good rear bumper core with guards) 66 Monaco 2dr 383, auto/console car, 71-72 Chargers, 80's RWD Fifth Avenues, other cars & have some 73-74 Road runner parts. 1980 VW Diesel Pickup for sale & 3 diesel rabbits included for spare parts. Also, for sale a Ludwig Hollywood Blue Oyster Pearl Drum set circa 1970, good shape with cases. 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 Rocky at 497-0110.

Member George Zoller passes on the following: A good friend of mine Mike Masters has a 89 or 91 (I can't remember the year) Dodge turbo shadow. Runs and drives great, typical paint fade, interior is in good shape, great gas mileage. \$1500 OBO.

You can get Mike on his cell 256-603-1700. If you can't reach him, call me 256-679-1316 and I will hunt him down for ya.

Contact George at 256-679-1316 or gz11@chrysler.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

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 Lyle Palmer is selling a 1968 Coronet R/T, originally red with white interior, buckets, console shift, p/s, rusty, needs total restoration, will trade for 1969 Coronet R/T 4 speed car in similar condition.
Northport, 205-339-4870.

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



Continued next page.

Wanted

Member Wade Balch forwards this request: A guy I know needs a dual point distributor for a 1970 440 4 speed, Let me know what you have & I will put him in contact with you.

Thanks

Contact Wade at bethb58@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
- 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.)