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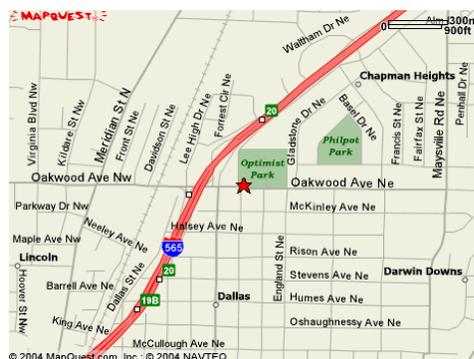
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Next Club Meeting

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

This month's club meeting will be brought to us by member Tony Hill. His presentation will be on replacing stock drum brakes with an aftermarket disc brake system. Tony is currently working on his 1970 Road runner and has made several presentations at past meetings. He has completed a lot of behind the scenes work on the car while it is at the body shop. This will be a very good presentation and discussion and you will not want to miss it.



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.

December Meeting

We had a great December meeting. We met at Green Briers Restaurant off I-565 for our annual TVMC Christmas Dinner and Mopar fellowship. We all had a great time. In fact, rumors are running rampant among our membership that Doug Eagan is in contract negotiations with the management at Green Briers to become the head ice tea waiter. Thanks Doug, you did a great job keeping up with the iced tea needs of those present. Jasmine Hudson gave away a very cool wood wall plaque of a guy working on his Mopar. She made it by burning the picture into the wood and member Paula Hill won the wall plaque. Thanks Jasmine and congratulations Paula. We missed those of you who were unable to attend and hope that you will be able to join us at our next club function.

December Cruise-In

I'm not sure if we had a December Cruise-In and I have not heard of anyone who attended if there was one held. We will start having them again this month. We are fortunate to live in an area that has milder winter weather than most of the rest of the country. So, get your Mopar out of the garage, dust it off and bring it on down this month for the Cruise-In.

Wrenching

We have not had a Wrenching event since our gathering at George's place back in August. I intend to start hosting some events at my place as soon as the garage is finished up and I get all the stuff moved into it. Hopefully that will be over the next month or so. In the mean time, 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.

Cruise-In Corner

Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:
Saturday, January 19th



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.**

2008 TVMC Events

- 8 January 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge
- 19 January 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 19 January 2008 7:00 pm Cruise-In at DQ on 72
- 12 February 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge
- 16 February 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 16 February 2008 7:00 Cruise-In at DQ on 72
- 11 March 2008 5:30 pm Officer meeting at Huntsville Dodge
- 15 March 2008 8:00-10:00am TVMC General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- 15 March 2008 7:00 Cruise-In at DQ on 72

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

14 June 2008, Tennessee Valley Mopar Club 10th Annual Show & Go.

Look for more event coverage here soon.

For additional event coverage, visit www.moparmuscle magazine.com

Editor's Corner

Hello again. Here we are charging off into a new year with a lot of issues on the table. There are several things I want to cover here and will do so with your indulgence. First, I will diverge from my normal ramblings to discuss a very important topic. With emergence of a new year comes the responsibility to update our membership roster and collect dues for 2008. Along with this letter you will receive a member renewal form. Please fill out the form and shoot it back to us, along with your \$20.00 check, by the end of February. It's your membership fees that help keep the club solvent and able to position ourselves to hold our car show every year. Additionally, your fee covers all of your immediate family members and enables all of you to attend TVMC functions without any additional charge.

Secondly, SEMA ads have appeared recently in most of the Mopar, and other car, magazines requesting those of us in the car restoration hobby to join the SEMA SAN network. This organization allows us to add our names to the list of thousands who have joined SEMA in the fight to restrict local, state and federal legislation efforts to send our hobby to the crusher forever. Your club officers voted in favor of TVMC joining as a club and are now calling for all club members to consider joining on your own. Please conduct your own research and act accordingly. You may check out and join SEMA at www.semasan.com/SAN/Join.aspx. It will only cost you a few minutes of your time to join.

Thirdly, make plans now to attend the February general membership meeting. Our guest speaker for February will be Richard from Eagle Collision. He will discuss topics directly related to restoring your car. Richard will cover collision repair, sheet metal and patch repairs, paint prep and painting. You do not want to miss this meeting.

Finally, lets all keep George Snellen and Marcia in our prayers. George is back in Huntsville Hospital undergoing another round of chemo while waiting for a suitable marrow donor. Marcia, I want you to know that we are all praying for you to make it through the roller coaster ride you and George are in the middle of.

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.

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

Product Page

What it is: XV Motorsport's new 3rd Generation Hemi swap kit. Allows you to transplant a new hemi into your old school muscle car.

Where you can get it: XV Motorsports at xvmotorsports.com.

How much do they cost? Around \$2000.00 for the complete kit.

How do you use them? Allows you to install a new hemi into your old car. They provide 3 levels of performance based on the 5.7 liter hemi. Depending on which Comp cam and carb you choose, you're looking at 360, 400 or 420 horsepower. Kit includes cam and springs, XV intake, Holley carb and plug and play XV/MSD ignition module and harness.

How well does it work? I can't speak for it myself, but check out the write up in the April 2008 edition of Mopar Action. Most of you should know of Richard Ehrenberg, SAE the technical editor of MA. He tested the 420hp version of this mod package which powered a 68 GTX to an average of 13.16 @ 107.5mph in the quarter mile through a full exhaust. He wrote a 5 page article on this setup and gave it a thumbs up.

What they don't tell you: You supply the engine, headers, exhaust and motor mounts.

Overall evaluation: Looks like a good economical swap for someone looking for great performance on a budget. These motors should be available in wrecking yards at this time. With another 2k you have a good dependable nearly new motor in your classic Mopar without having to worry about setting up fuel injection.

Mo Par to ya
Bob

Project Page

This month's Project Page will be a bit different from what has been presented in past issues. You're going to get a glimpse of what is ahead for Dodge in 2008.

Dodge will start delivering 2008 Challengers to dealers in April. This year will be limited in numbers so you may not see more than one per dealer. The MSRP is affordable but due to the limited numbers you will see dealer auctions on EBAY starting at 10k above MSRP. There will not be one in my garage this year!



Maybe next year.

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

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



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Wanted

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.)



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Dear TVMC member,

It's that time again. Yes, dues are due once again. Don't miss out on any of the upcoming events for this year or miss any of your friends in the club. Renew today. It is still only \$20.00 a year, a bargain at twice the price! Please update your information below so that our records will be complete whether anything has changed or not. Remember, your membership includes the entire family so please include the names of your spouse and children. This will let them attend many of our events free of charge and allow them to participate in all club activities that you deem appropriate.

Be sure to check our website www.tvmoparclub.com for upcoming events and club meetings. We will be having meetings at cruise-ins this year to hopefully get more people involved. Come on out and have fun.

For your planning purposes: Our 10th annual "Show & Go" car show is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2007. We need all the help that you can afford to give us. Please call one of your club officers and volunteer today!

We are trying to update our membership database so please fill out the form with your current information so our database will be current and correct, even if nothing has changed.

Please complete the form and return it with your \$20.00 dues to the club address above.

Please Print Clearly!

Primary Member Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Home _____

Work _____

Your Mopar(s) _____

Hobbies, job, etc. (optional but nice) _____

IMPORTANT: Even if you have paid your 2008 dues, please complete this form and mail it back. Thanks.