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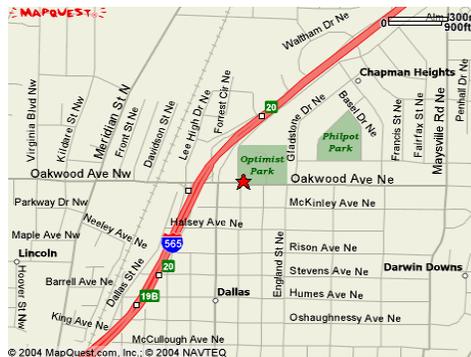
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Hello! Mopar Fans!

The next meeting is Saturday, 18 April 2009 at The Optimist Club, from 08:00-10:00a.m. Attached is a map showing the location of the club.

Come on out and join us on April 18th for our monthly general membership meeting. This month I will be telling some lies about the fun I had building my 74 Cuda. Those of you who are faithful newsletter readers will no doubt remember several Project Pages dedicated to this former race car turned Pro Street car. As with most builds it wasn't on time, within budget or without heart ache!



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 a good meeting last month despite the fact that I did not brief the status of my Cuda build (Lennie came to the rescue last month and updated us on the top end build of his 440 Challenger motor and what happened to that trusty 727 he had rebuilt not long ago) – the good news is that you will get a chance this Saturday to hear about the three year project from start through completion. Once again we discussed the upcoming Cruise-In season and decided that instead of having our own club Cruise-Ins, as we have had in the past, we will hop around and frequent events hosted by other clubs or organizations in the area. So, with that said our first cruise-in of the season will be at the Decatur Steak & Shake, off of Spring Ave, this Saturday night from 6-9pm.

Cruise-In Corner
Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:



2009 TVMC Events

- **18 April 2009 8:00am General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club and Decatur Cruise in at Steak & Shake**
- **5 May 2009 5:30 pm Officer meeting at L/M**
- **16 May 2009 8:00 am General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **9 June 2009 5:30 pm Officer meeting at L/M**
- **20 June 2009 8:00 am General Membership Meeting at Huntsville Dragway for the 11th Annual “Show & Go”**
- **7 July 2009 5:30 pm Officer meeting at L/M**
- **18 July 2009 8:00 am General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**

2009 Regional Events

For those of you who are ready for an early show year, here are some Regional Events for you to attend!

April 18, 2009

9 am to 3 pm

Cars and Camouflage Annual AER Charity car show

Benefiting Army Emergency Relief (AER) and Honor Flight

Sponsored by & at Bridge Street Town Center, Huntsville, Alabama - new location

Hosted by Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners

open to all special rides - all makes, models & years - and motorcycles

Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Motor and Mayor's Choice

50/50, silent auction, door prizes

Pre-registration by April 10th is \$15 / day of the show is \$20

to pre-register you may go to the website below & pay thru Paypal

www.vetswithvettes.us

or may send a check payable to Vets with Vettes to:

Richard Lambruschi

1102 Kelly Spring Road

Harvest, AL 35749

April 25, 2009

8 am to 3 pm

Athens on the Square event

Sponsored by Spirit of Athens

\$4,000 in cash and prizes

most stores & shops around the square to be open

Info: Bland Allen 256-603-1227

www.carsonthesquare.com

May 2, 2009

9 am to 2 pm

Pineview Baptist Church

4th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

5614 Highway 53 in Harvest

open to all special rides

\$10 registration fee

proceeds to Pineview Baptist Church Youth Ministries

Top 3 awards in each class, as well as a Pastor's pick, youth choice & best car club

participation

Info: Steve Burch 721-0557 or steve.patti@yahoo.com

(rain date May 30th)

May 2, 2009

10 am to 2 pm

2nd Annual Vibe Custom CTC

"Show It, Don't Blow It" car, truck & bike show

Limestone Flea Market, Madison, Alabama

Registration fee \$15

\$5 of each entry going to wounded soldiers; also collecting up-to-date magazines for the soldiers

Info: Ryan Bahney 256-972-6003; email nitez@vibecustomsctc.org

pre-registration: <http://www.vibecustomsctc.org/events>

May 2, 2009

10 am

Kruse 2nd Annual Classic Car Auction

Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Alabama

general admission \$10, parking \$5, bidders register free

www.kruse.com

May 2, 2009

8 am to 2 pm

Spring Fling VIII

Crossroads Cruisers Car Show

Downtown Oneonta, Alabama

Info: David Copeland 205-466-3596 or www.crossroads-cruisers.com

2009 National Events

8 March

Hollywood, FL

21st Annual Florida Mopar Nationals

954-920-7096

floridamopar@bellsouth.net

25 April

Mobile, AL

14th Annual Mopars at the Battleship
Larry Jordan 251-653-5154

20-22 March

Las Vegas, NV

Mopars at the Strip

www.moparsatthestrip.com

7-9 August

National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH

29th Annual Mopar Nationals

This year's theme, "Multiple Carburetor Tribute"

Visit; <http://www.moparnats.org/index.htm> for more information

Oh Yeah, My Car Is Finally Done!



Editor's Corner

I would like to thank Bob for a job well done keeping our membership informed of TVMC happenings and Mopar news events over the past couple years. I don't pretend to be a great writer nor do I have a solid MOPAR background, but I do love cars and enjoy the lifestyle that comes with the hobby.

So, who is this new guy anyways? I was born and raised in Phoenix, NY (no, it's not in Arizona like you were taught). After graduating from high school and working a few years in the construction business I joined the Marine Corps. I was stationed in El Toro, CA and ended up staying out there for 28 years. I was introduced to the car hobby by accident. During one of my tours overseas a friend was having his 69 Camaro restored and we returned back to the states he gave me a ride in it. I immediately went out the next weekend and purchased my first hotrod at the age of 24, a 68 Camaro for \$700 with a great paint job and nice running 350 and turbo 400 transmission. On weekends I would drive up to Van Nyes and cruise the blvd for hours. I wish I had a camcorder back then!

Jump ahead a few years, marriage, 3 kids, a couple of houses and my next purchase was a 69 Camaro that I paid \$12k for. It was in perfect condition with a color-sanded black cherry paint job and a 350/400 running train in it as well. During that time I also purchased a 66 Fairlane and a 53 Dodge pickup that I wanted to work on with my boys. Over an 18-month time span we dropped in a Volare front end and a 440 with a 727 tranny and made a great rat rod out of it.

Fast forward again to when we moved to Alabama. My company would only pay to ship three cars so I sold the Camaro, Fairlane, and pickup and purchased my first mopar, a 74 Cuda. I rebuilt the 440, added A/C and a paint job over 12 months but my cruising days didn't last too long because I lost it in a fire. Right before the loss I purchased another Cuda with plans to make it into a pro street car. That project is finally complete after three years as seen in the pics on the previous page. So that's a little bit of history regarding your new Editor.

I'm going to risk getting fired after only one newsletter but I gotta tell ya I'm very disappointed with the turn out at our monthly club meetings. I've pondered some of the reasons this occurs and I would like to hear from each of you regarding what we may be doing wrong so that we can provide a better product to our membership. Is it the time or location? Are our presentations lacking informative dialog? Let me know and I will share your thoughts anonymously through this forum.

I want to encourage each of you to call or write if you have issues or suggestions for TVMC. Again, thanks to all of you for your support.

Get on board folks,

Roy

One more thought, how much do you spend on magazines each month? Check these websites out and save some cash!

<http://www.moparmusclemagazine.com/>

<http://www.moparaction.com/>

<http://www.moparenthusiast.com/>

Swap Shop

If you have items listed here that are no longer available or wanted, shoot me an email to update.

For Sale

Member Ed Downing has 2 Dodge Darts bodies for sale, a 71 & 74. He is asking \$1,200.00 for both of them. You can reach Ed at 256-651-9175.

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 Rockey Rozell has the following 69 Barracuda hood - \$50 (will fit 72 Dart); 68 Roadrunner grille - \$75; 68/69 deck led and hood for Roadrunner/Satellite \$50 each, Contact Rockey at 497-0110 or email: rrrgtx4404@aol.com

Member Pete Shreeves has a 78 Aspen, 70 Coronet, 68 Coronet, 74 Dodge truck and a General product which will remain a mystery, For Sale. For information, call or email Pete. Pete 503-0902. Pete.Shreeves@tbe.com

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!

Fran Cunningham –1973 Plymouth Volare 4-speed transmission with overdrive on the 4th gear, with shifter, yoke & flywheel & bell housing. \$475.00
4-speed transmission for “A” body with shifter. \$475.00
Eight pallets of Valiant, Dart, & Barracuda “A” body parts for 63 thru 66 Slant Six engine & body parts. Also, three parts cars.
Contact Fran at 920 Toney Dr SE, Huntsville, AL 35802-1121 Home 256-881-5980 Cell 256-651-9461

Paul Wright- 1979 Dodge Ramcharger 4x4. This is a "work in progress" prepped to be painted. It has a rebuilt 360 and rebuilt 727 transmission. It runs and I've driven it around quite a bit. It doesn't look pretty with the bumpers off and the basic interior, but isn't that what a truck is for? I've got all the parts and a bunch of replacement parts, like window seals and a couple of patch panels. (It has a couple rust spots on the wheel wells) Its full-time 4WD, and is the last year for a removable top. I had planned to paint it, replace the hard top with a Jeep-style canvas top, and set it up as a camping trip/hunting vehicle. I just want what I've put into the trans, engine, and parts; \$1800 - or come look at it and make an offer.

1986 Dodge Omni GLH Turbo. I drove this to the last meeting I was able to attend. It is stock, with everything intact on it. The only flaw is that you have to double-clutch to get it into fifth gear. \$1200 - or make an offer.
Contact Paul at Paul@bbenterprises.com

Wanted

Member Lennie Schrimsher is in need of a driver side Hi-Po big block (70-71) exhaust manifold. Call Lennie if you have one for sale.

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 Grille
- Grille Trim
- Middle Section of Grille
- 69 Tail panel
- 69 Hood Latch for Grille
- I'm willing to trade too! Great Mint Condition complete 68 Charger Grille for a Mint 69 Grille. 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.)