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Newsletter

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Hello! Mopar Fans!

The TVMC Appreciation dinner was held at Greenbrier's last month to honor the volunteers that led to this years highly successful car show held at the Huntsville Dragway. In all there were 24 in attendance.

The next cruise in will be Saturday, August 15th at the Publics shopping center located on 231 (Huntsville Highway) and Patterson Lane in Meridianville – 7pm till?

2009 TVMC Events

- **04 August 2009 5:30pm** Officer meeting at L/M
- **15 August 2009 8:00** General membership Meeting at the Optimist Club
- **14 September 2009 5:30pm** Officer meeting at L/M
- **19 September 2009 8:00** General membership Meeting at the Optimist Club

2009 Regional Mopar Events

4-6 September

Thunder Valley Raceway
Bristol, TN

http://www.bristoldragway.com/events/mopar_thunder/

26-27 September

20th Annual Music City Mopar Club Car & Truck Show, Lebanon TN
Wilson County Fair Grounds

Visit, <http://www.musiccitymoparclub.com>

2009 Local Shows and Cruise Ins

August 15, 2009

6 pm to 10 pm

Annual Cruise-In

Veterans Park on Hwy 67

Priceville, Alabama

Info: 256-355-5476

(reminder: no Steak 'n Shake cruise-in this night)

August 15, 2009

9 am to 4 pm

3rd Annual Bikers & Hot Rodders for MDA

Civitan Park, Guntersville, Alabama

Info: Ron 256-683-0872 or bikersformda.blogspot.com

August 15, 2009

Franklin County Watermelon Festival Car Show

Russellville, Alabama

Info: 256-332-1760 or franklincountychamber.org

August 16, 2009 - Sunday

4 pm to 7 pm

3rd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show & Block Party

Southside Baptist Church

709 9th Street SE, Decatur, Alabama

Live music, door prizes, hotdogs, snacks, drinks and club/personal team chili cook-off

Open to all rides & motorcycles; free admission; Awards

pinewood derby car fabrication & races for the kids

Free hot-air balloon rides

Info: Justin Larsen 256-466-3443 or decaturmopars@gmail.com

August 22, 2009

10 am to 3 pm

Ardmore Quarterback Club 9th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show

John Barnes City Park

Ardmore, TN

\$25 entry fee (\$20 pre-entry - July 22 deadline); spectator \$3

cash prizes; over \$5,000 in door prizes; awards

plenty of shade & food

all proceeds to Ardmore High School Football Program

Info: Rodney Willoughby 205-908-2677 or rwilloughby@carolinahandling.com

August 22, 2009

8 am to 3 pm

Brooks High School car show

Brooks Scholar Bowl Team will be hosting this show

no judging, just door prizes and cash drawings

Info: 256-757-9183 or ayrest@bellsouth.net

August 22, 2009

8 am to 12 noon registration

Killen Founders Day Car & Truck Show

Brooks High School parking lot

proceeds to benefit Brooks High School Scholar Bowl Team

no judging; cash drawings and door prizes

Info: Tom Ayers 256-757-9183 or ayrest@bellsouth.net

August 22, 2009

11th Annual Founders Day Classic Car Show

Black Creek Park, Fultondale, Alabama

Info: Kim Powell 205-841-4481

August 29, 2009

10 am to 2 pm

UFO Car Show

City Park, Fyffe, Alabama

Info: Charles Gilbert 256-659-6143 or Danny Matthews 256-623-3135

September 5, 2009

8 am to 3 pm

Heart of Dixie Chevelle Club's 9th Annual Open Car Show

Dewey Barber Chevrolet, I-65 Exit 280, Warrior, Alabama

Info: 256-234-0284 or chevelle-ss.com

September 5, 2009

8 am registration; \$20 fee

4th Annual Car & Truck Show

Historic Main street

Pinson, Alabama

door prizes, 50/50, top 10 cars & top 10 trucks

hosted by Alabama Butterbean Festival

Info: www.butterbeanfestival.com or 256-750-2896

email: luvdisney4@yahoo.com

September 7, 2009

35th annual Section Labor Day Celebration Car Show
open to car, truck, motorcycle or tractor
\$10 registration fee; cash giveaways, no judging
food, games, entertainment
Info: 256-228-6170 or 256-228-3280 or 256-228-3767

September 11-12, 2009

13th Annual "British Gathering at the Shoals"
All British Event
Joe Wheeler State Park Resort
Rogersville, Alabama
Info: 256-247-5461 or shoalsbritishcars.org

September 12, 2009

8 am to 3 pm
Woody Anderson Ford & The Rocket City Mustang Club presents
Fall Cruise-In, An All Ford Show
2500 Jordan Lane, Huntsville, AL
\$10 per entry, door prizes, vendors, no judging
proceeds benefit the Madison County Veterans Memorial
Info: Jim Sigle 256-517-1359 or jsigle@woodyandersonford.com

September 12, 2009

8 am to 4 pm
Custom Creations Auto Club & Hellfighter's Christian Motorcycle Ministry presents
1st Annual VFW & Ladies Auxillary Auto & Bike Show
2900 N. Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Alabama
judging begins at noon; awards, 50/50 drawing & door prizes; music, food & beverages
\$10 pre-registration by 8/12/09; \$15 after 8/12/09
Info: Michael Harris 256-828-8921 or Barbara Usrey 256-859-0596

Editor's Corner

How did I get here? I have to thank Sean Walts for stepping up and allowing me to use his trailer to pull my Cuda up to the Nationals in Columbus last weekend. I had a great time considering that everything that could go wrong – did go wrong. I had a dually pickup reserved for the trip through Enterprise and when I got there the truck was in an accident two days earlier so I ended up with a Cargo van instead. Towing for the first time can be intimidating and backing up, well take a look at the pic and you'll see what happened – yep got stuck in the back yard and missed the entire show. I did manage to get it out late Saturday and drove 2 hours up to Brice Blvd for the Saturday night cruise and that brings me to the theme of this month's newsletter: Let the good times roll. I was twenty years old last Saturday – just had a great time and received a lot of attention – overwhelming in fact. My son's each sat in the passenger seat as I spent \$80 in fuel going back and forth on the Blvd. Every-time we went by the bandstand the announcer went berserk. I haven't had that much fun since cruising in my 68 Camaro on Van Nyes Blvd in CA.



Ummm



Nice Yard work.JPG

To my way of thinking, what's good about the past is not only its historical value, but also the fact that the look back is often sweeter than the reality of those times. This cruise enabled me to value the days when things were simpler and earlier generations did what they could to personalize their vehicles—they didn't have the advantage of a huge aftermarket. Those were creative times and it showed Saturday night because there weren't too many "high-cost" cars in attendance.

My memories are good, my tastes do change, and technology has a way of influencing what I do as far as cars are concerned—you only need to look on Brice Blvd (Local Cruise-in on Saturday night) to see that. Whether it's a modern approach or a retro influence, the collective engineering and design influence accumulated over time is what enables us to endure the test of time and build cars today that are as significant as any built over time, and I'm excluding the high-buck show cars. I'm talking about your cars—these are the very vehicles that will influence builds that have yet to take place. But as tantalizing as these wonderful cars are today, there had to be something that attracted our interest in the first place.

For some, it might be the uniqueness of exploring something truly different. For others it might be a well-done retro statement. But for the masses, I still think it's the desire to own an overwhelmingly popular make or model from a particular era, whatever that era might be. Certainly there's much to choose from, and so many ways you can build a car, and that's where confusion can set in. The one departure, driven by the whimsy of reliving the '60s or '70s, also impacts our lifestyle, which could well live on for some time to come.

Basically, it's about the dream. Our automotive dreams vary wildly, but that doesn't mean you must accomplish that dream all at once. And when the dream is finished I implore you to drive it as much as possible, even if you have to trailer it to a far away show – static displays are okay, but believe me driving at a cruise-in is way more rewarding because the crowd really, really gets into it.

Swap Shop

If you have items listed here that are no longer available or wanted, shoot me an email (roy.k.gronau@boeing.com) so I can 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.

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

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

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

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

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 –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

Roy Gronau still has that 440 for sale – only \$2300 with polished intake and two matching 4-barrel carbs – great engine for the price guys.

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”:

- 1 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

Something for you to read from Bob Glover:



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