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**Mopar  
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# Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Newsletter March 2009

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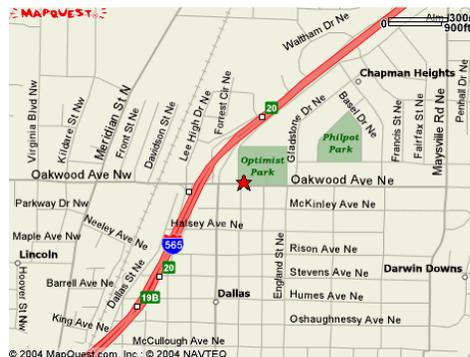
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## Hello! Mopar Fans!

The next meeting is Saturday, 21 March 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 March 21st for our monthly general membership meeting. This month we have a great topic to cover. Roy Gronau will be bringing us a presentation on his Pro Street Cuda project. 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. Roy has managed to turn this car into a real head-turner. Roy is almost done with his ride and you will soon see it at a cruise-in near you. Come on out and join us as we drool over Roy's new toy!



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.

## **February Meeting**

Folks, we had a good meeting last month and I'm sorry you missed it. We discussed the upcoming Cruise-In season. We decided that instead of having our own club Cruise-Ins, as we have had in the past, we plan to hop around and frequent events hosted by other clubs or organizations in the area. You will see postings in this newsletter detailing which events the club plans to attend during the current and next month. Stay tuned.

Additionally, Lennie gave a presentation on the top end work he did on the 440 in his Challenger. He gave us some very interesting ideas on plug indexing, flash removal and other topics. He has since reassembled the motor and I will not divulge any of the things that Lennie has learned since last months presentation, but I promise you that you will not want to miss the follow-up.

Lastly, we had a small election to replace our outgoing Vice President, George Zoller, as he travels to Detroit. See my column for more on this subject.

## **Cruise-In Corner**

### **Upcoming Cruise-In Dates:**



We have suspended our monthly Cruise-In for winter. As mentioned above, we have decided to attend other events this season instead of hosting our own. We feel that this will broaden our contact base and will allow us to influence a bigger draw to our summer show. We will resume cruising in the very near term, so stay tuned into to this section for upcoming sites and dates. They will be announced here!

## **Farewell George Zoller**

Please join me in offering a warm farewell to George and Jacklyn as he departs Huntsville and moves up to Detroit to finish his career with Chrysler. We look forward to George returning to us in a few years. George has been a dependable member of this club and did not hesitate to step forward accepting the Vice Presidents office when it became vacant. He was always eager to tackle any and all jobs during our show events. George, we hope that you reserve the Fathers Day weekend for your yearly vacation time. We have a spot for you! Farewell my friend and we are already looking forward to your return!

## **2009 TVMC Events**

- **21 March 2009 8:00 am General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **7 April 2009 5:30 pm Officer meeting at L/M**
- **18 April 2009 8:00 am General Membership Meeting at the Optimist Club**
- **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### **March 21, 2009**

8 am – 1 pm

Downtown Piedmont, AL

Piedmont Throttle Kings 3rd annual car show

Info: Steve Robertson, 256-447-3041

### **April 3-5, 2009**

Hunter's Auto Expo

TN State Fairgrounds

Nashville, Tennessee

Info: <http://www.hunterscustom.com/Hunters%20Expo.htm>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Mopar Nationals  
954-920-7096  
[floridamopar@bellsouth.net](mailto:floridamopar@bellsouth.net)

**25 April**

Mobile, AL  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopars at the Battleship  
Larry Jordan 251-653-5154

**20-22 March**

Las Vegas, NV  
Mopars at the Strip  
[www.moparsatthestrip.com](http://www.moparsatthestrip.com)

**7-9 August**

National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopar Nationals  
This year's theme, "Multiple Carburetor Tribute"  
Visit; <http://www.moparnats.org/index.htm> for more information

## A Touch of MOPAR History

One more photograph of Mopar History provided courtesy of Chris Loudon prior to his passing.



**TORQUE**  
No, your Honda cant do this

## Editor's Corner

Hello again folks!! Well, old man winter is finally releasing its hold on the Tennessee Valley and we are finally beginning to see flowers burst open, the birds are singing and the best sound of all is that big block Mopar with the loping idle in your driveway. I trust you have taken your ride off of the jacks, aired up the tires and given it a fresh wash and wax for the advent of the show and cruise season.

If you missed the last club meeting, you have some club business to catch up on. First, you should have heard by now that member and former Vice President, George Zoller, has been summoned to Detroit by Chrysler for a few years. That move opened up the VP position within your officer corp. As a result of the vacancy, I was nominated to occupy the VP chair for the remainder of the term. The nomination was put to a vote and I accepted the position. Secondly, my acceptance of the VP position opened up this officer seat, the Newsletter Editor. Mr. Roy Gronau graciously accepted the position as your new editor when a floor vote confirmed him to the new position. Please join me in congratulating Roy on willingly accepting this new and challenging opportunity.

Next, I would like to take a few moments to thank you all for allowing me to ramble and rant for the last 3 years in this small and humble forum. I know that I'm not a formally educated journalist and have never proclaimed to be. But I have had a blast trying to keep those of you that have not been able to join us on a regular basis, up-to-date with our club and its activities. Just between us, I have never released a newsletter to you folks without having it reviewed and edited by my best half, save one. That did not happen again! I do not believe that I have submitted one letter to her for review that did not have ANY mistakes. She has been instrumental in making sure that this letter was the best that I could make it. Thanks Daisy for your support and editorial expertise!

I would also like to remember George Snellen as he offered up countless suggestions and articles for me to include in this letter for the benefit of the club. If you keep your letters, go back to 2006 or 2007 and you will see many articles and project pictures submitted by George. It was also George that had the idea to start a Project Page and a Product Page and submitted articles to fill them. If I was successful in my tenure as your editor, George had a hand in it. Thanks George and God speed my friend.

I also plan to keep in touch with you guys and gals through this letter in the future as I will be periodically submitting articles from the VP Desk for Roy to publish. 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.

It's time again for membership renewals. Please send in your \$20.00 annual dues. If you missed the 31 January deadline, we have extended the renewal window for another month. Even in this time of a challenging economy, club membership for the entire family is a 'steal of a deal' at \$20.00. I will include a renewal form for you to update your membership information. Please try to send in your renewal as soon as you can. Address it to the P.O. Box listed in the header of this letter.

Until next time.....

V/r  
Bob

## **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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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!

Fran Cunningham –1973 Plymouth Volare 4-speed transmission with overdrive on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.)