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**Mopar
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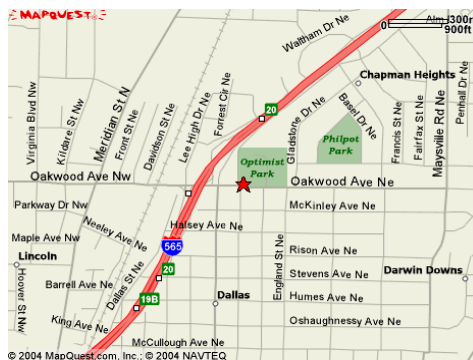
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Hello! Mopar Fans!

The next meeting is Saturday, 16 May2009 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 May 16th for our monthly general membership meeting. This months meeting will center on the best car show offered in Alabama, the TVMC 11th annual Mopar Show & Go at the Huntsville Drag way. We need all that can attend to please do so.

“Flex Your Mopar Muscle”



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.

May Meeting

We had a good meeting last month centered around the 74 Cuda build of yours truly. 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.



2009 TVMC Events

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

2009 Regional Mopar Events

22-24 May

South Georgia Motor Sports Park, Valdosta, GA
Memorial Day Weekend "All Mopar Southern Nationals"
Visit, <http://www.moparsouthernnationals.com/>

6 June

20th Annual Smokey Mountain Mopar Car Show, Smokies Stadium, I-40, Sevierville, TN

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

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

16 May

NAR Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, Historic Huntsville Depot
320 Church St, Downtown, Huntsville, AL
Visit, <http://www.naraaca.org/show.html>

23 May

Point Mallard Auto Expo, Point Mallard Park, Decatur, AL

30 May

4th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show, Pineview Baptist Church, 5614 Highway 53, Harvest, AL

13 June

Alabama Street Muscle 2nd Annual Car Show, Scottsboro, AL

20 June

Roillin on the River Car Show, Decatur, AL
For more info: Dchittam@myprogressbank.com

18 July

Landers McLarty Dodge Chrysler Jeep 1st Annual Charity Car & Bike Show
Huntsville, AL
Contact Tonya Ricks: 256-694-1894

Editor's Corner

Cars and movies go together like peanut butter and jelly, and for as long as I can remember Hollywood has commingled cars with cinema, each time forcing guys and gals like me to flock to theaters like the obedient lemmings we are. So, when affordably priced DVDs started showing up, I started collecting car movies that might rival some of your road signs, die casts, or other automobilia.

There are hundreds of films that could fit into a loose definition of "car movie," so I pared a list of must haves down to 40 indispensable titles that you can currently buy on DVD. There are other forms of media (VHS for one) but DVD usually package extras along side the featured attraction so you really get your moneys worth.

For me the perfect car movie should first and foremost feature hotrods. But not every movie does that and some have the compensating virtues of compelling storylines and amazing car chases. The films I recommend below range from car-centered to just good action; from cars obsessed to cars incidental; from blockbuster to never-heard-of-it. Some of them are really good movies while others are on my list because strong elements amid the muck, strong historic significance, or just curiosity factor. And I must admit that some are pure garbage, but garbage seems to be loved by everyone these days. Five of my DVDs feature Dodge Chargers in prominent roles and there are other mopars featured as well. Some of these have fantastic looking women in them (did I say that?) so I've noted those movies as well. And what's the most popular city for filming car chase? Long Beach, CA. Disagree with my ideal collection? Fine, just don't tell me that Stroker Ace, Driven, Days of Thunder, Cannonball Run 2, Smokey and the Bandit (2&3), The Car, 2 Fast – 2 Furious, or Blues Brothers 2000 are not on my list because in my mind they stink!

Ranked by my favorites:

1. American Graffiti (1973)
2. Two Lane Blacktop (1971)
3. Vanishing Point (1971)
4. Bullitt (1968)
5. Heart Like a Wheel (1983)
6. Thunder Road (1958)
7. Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry (1974)
8. Smokey and The Bandit (1977)
9. The Blues Brothers (1980)
10. Hollywood Knights (1980)
11. Mad Max (1979)
12. The Road Warrior (1981)
13. Le Mans (1971)
14. Gone in 60 Seconds (1974)
15. Corvette Summer (1978)
16. More American Graffiti (1979)
17. Funny Car Summer (1974)
18. The California Kid (1974)
19. White Lightning (1973)
20. Death Race 2000 (1975)
21. Eat My Dust (1976)
22. The Lively Set (1964)
23. The French Connection
24. to Live and Die in L.A. (1985)
25. Viva Las Vegas
26. Ronin (1998)
27. Against All Odds (1984)
28. Christine (1983)
29. Cobra (1996)
30. Hot Rod (1950)
31. Hot Rod Girl (1956)
32. The Cannonball Run (1981)
33. The Driver (1978)
34. Used Cars ((1980)
35. Gone In Sixty Seconds (2000)
36. Hot Rods to Hell (1967)
37. Tucker, The Man & His Dream (1985)
38. Goldfinger (1964)
39. The Italian Job (1969)
40. The Last American Hero (1973)

So, what's your fav?

Let me know and I will compile the results in next months newsletter,
Roy

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.

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