



Tennessee Valley Mopar Club February 2010 Newsletter

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2010 General membership Meeting Schedule

Location: Optimist Club 703 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, Al

16 Jan	17 Jul
20 Feb	21 Aug
20 Mar	18 Sep
17 Apr	16 Oct
15 May	20 Nov
19 June Annual Show- <i>N</i> -Go	TBD Dec Xmas Dinner

On January 23rd the club supported an event at Fayetteville Dodge by bringing our cars out to the dealership from 10:am to 2:00pm. Lunch was provided and all had a great time. A “BIG” welcome to our newest members that made appearances with their cars Steve Stovall (66 Satellite) and Rickey Brown (70 Roadrunner.)

Shirts will be handed out Saturday, February 20th and you can pick up your hat as well if you missed the January meeting (please attend a meeting soon to get your hat and shirt, they will not be mailed out).

ROAD TRIP:

The club is in the planning stages of what we are hoping will be a great visit to the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum in Alexander City. We would like to do this in March or April and we need to know how many of you would be interested. We will do this in lieu of our monthly meeting. Please respond to one of the club officers if you would like to attend so we can figure out the logistics of pooling down there.

For our Buddy Cliff

[http://www.plumcrazychallenger.com/PlumCrazy/2010 Plum Crazy Challenger.html](http://www.plumcrazychallenger.com/PlumCrazy/2010_Plum_Crazy_Challenger.html)

2010 Show Events

7 Feb 2010

22nd Annual Nashville Automotive Swap Meet

Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Nashville, Tennessee

Info: Bruce Hickerson 615-890-1144

12-14 Feb 2010

39th Annual O'Reilly World of Wheels

Birmingham, AL Convention Complex

Info: http://www.worldofwheels.info/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

13 Feb 2010

Car Show & Auction

Cullman Moose Lodge Grounds

1729 Eva Road, Cullman, Al

Info: chapter1318@mooseunits.org or 256-287-1197

6 March 2010

East Limestone Quarterback Club's ELQBC Car Show

10649 Sanderson Road, Harvest, AL (Creekside Elementary School)

Info: James Partridge 256-990-6359

12-14 March 2010

Hunters Auto Expo

Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Nashville, Tennessee

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

30 Apr 2010

36th Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals South

Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, TN

Info: www.nsra-usa.com

15 May 2010

1st Annual Classic Car & Truck Round-up

Morgan County Sheriff's Posse Ground

Harselle, Al

Info: tjbj@centurytel.net or kyoung@woodment.org

21-23 May 2010

5th Nashville Goodguys Nationals

Titan Stadium, Nashville, TN

Info: <http://www.good-guys.com/events/eventsList.aspx?year=2010>

19 June 2010

12th Annual Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Show and Go

Huntsville Drag way

Quarter Mountain Road

Harvest, Al

19 June 2010

2nd Annual Rollin On The River Car Show

Decatur, Al

Info: www.morganhabitat.org

17 July 2010

Landers/McLarty Annual Car & Bike Show

Huntsville, Al

Info: Tonya Ricks 256-698-0681 or 256-830-6450

7 Aug 2010

12th Annual Snead Town Picnic & Car Show

Hwy 278 Snead, AL

Info: www.crossroads-cruisers.com

Editor's Rant

I mentioned that a road trip is being planned and with the opening of a new museum in our state I thought I would give you a little information to help in making a decision on whether or not you would be interested in attending. They say that it is almost like a 1969-70 time capsule. The Wellborns started with an old Chevrolet dealership and converted it into a wonderful museum. It is chucked full of expertly restored muscle cars (not all Dodges and Plymouths but who cares, muscle is muscle when it comes to cars)! They also have a large display of neon signs and memorabilia with a mindblowing parts room full of NOS parts from "back in the day".

Some history:

For many years, Tim and Pam Wellborn owned and mutually managed a fabulous kitchen cabinet manufacturing company in Alexander City Alabama. Their life has been spent working side by side running the day to day operations of the company and casually collection cars together. It was perfect until an unexpected turn of events changed everything.

The company started suffering. When the Wellborns pulled out all the stops to save their business, their plan included selling the majority of the cars they had collected. Most would see this as unfortunate, but the positive pair was thankful to have the resources that in the end did help save the cabinet business.

With a revitalized business, but an empty garage the Wellborns set out to reclaim their beloved cars. This series of events inspired them to own the cars of their dreams.

It is amazing to realize that the Wellborn's collection of the muscle cars has evolved in much of the same manner as the muscle car industry did in the 1960's and 1970's. Muscle cars were born to our generation ready to rumble. The Country was emerging from the Great Depression and World War II. We had seen bad times much like today and had reason to celebrate. When the Wellborns' livelihood was threatened and business was suffering, they turned things around. Now they had reason to celebrate. The quest began. Today, they rightfully own the largest collection of Dodge cars in the nation. The Wellborns have every color of the 1971 Dodge Chargers with the exception of two.

They are very sincere car enthusiasts, friendly to car people and know how to make each and every person feel special. Hours of operation on Saturdays (No reservation required) are 10am to 4pm – admission is \$10.

Oh, and if that isn't enough to "wet your whistle" the Alabama Tourism Department announced they would name the museum on its list of the top 10 places to visit the state this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gronau

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 next months newsletter.

For Sale

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

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 Price: Only \$1500
Comes with - 440 Engine (worked, pulled from a 74' Monaco from the Alabama Blue's Brothers), many, many parts (the same ones that came with the car when I bought it) - some already restored), new trunk pans, a useable 68' taillight panel, truck lock support and so on.

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

Ed Downing – One set of B-body door glass and rear quarter glass for sale (\$100)

Scott. Homolka - Needs a radiator for a 73 Dart. Not sure the interchangeability is the same for all “A” bodies. Also for sale for \$100, he has a 273, non HP, from a '66 barracuda. I have the block, heads (without valve train), crank, rods with pistons, and a few miscellaneous pieces. Phone number is 256-755-7131.