

Dear Friends,

WE DID IT! We won the club participation trophy at the Shelbyville show this year...

I guess the VW club couldn't muster enough support to retain the honor. A more detailed discussion of the show will be found in the president's letter. But, HEY, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THAT HONOR BACK WHERE IT BELONGS... Maybe NEXT year they will have more than two MOPAR classes (that might be one way to insure a larger attendance, our was nearly as large as theirs and ours was only MOPARS).

Mid Tenn Mopar Club has extended an invitation to members of our club to join them for a picnic at Shelby Park this coming Sunday. (That would be May 17, and that date will be past by the time you get this letter I'm sure). I plan to attend if at all possible. I think cooperation between our organizations is going to aid both clubs since we are structured so differently. I hope others of you get the word and attend.

On the MOPAR front, the 1993 Dodge Trucks (full sized at least) will be receiving their first major sheet metal change since 1973. Some say, it's about time, while others lament over the loss of a classic. Speaking of which, IF YOU ARE IN THE MARKET FOR A NEW VEHICLE WHICH MIGHT BECOME COLLECTABLE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, PURCHASE A DODGE RAMCHARGER WITH THE MAGNUM V8. IN 1991, ONLY 3316 WERE JILT AND EVEN FEWER ARE PROJECTED FOR 1992... That's my HOT tip for the month... In any event, rumor has it that the new truck has a 37% public acceptance factor whereas the current model

enjoys only a 17% public acceptance factor (as indicated by an electronic balloting display at Chicago's O'Hare Airport terminal). I have not even seen a concept drawing of the new design so I cannot comment, but I guess it must represent an improvement.

Thanks for the questions regarding the big block head story. I am trying to get more technical information on each combination so that I will make an informed purchase (in the near future I might add) when I upgrade the heads on the race car. When every other brand F and brand C car at the track has DART aluminum heads and the poor MOPAR racer can't even begin to afford B1's it gets frustrating. To make a MOPAR run with these more highly developed engines is a task, but not really all that tough - NOW, with good heads becoming available, the MOPARS should start kicking behind and collecting names once again....

Finally, if we do not start getting more ads, we are going to drop the classified section of the newsletter completely. Send your ad copy to:

Rev. MOPAR 7178 Lama Terra Dr. Goodlettsville, TN 37072

We want to provide you with opportunities to purchase things and sell stuff locally before resorting to the larger regional or national magazines.

Please understand that we have quite a bit of record

keeping to do involving classifieds, so keep you ads fresh and re-submit them each month.

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RUST -A Restorer's Problem

by John Dodson

Over the years I have had the opportunity of restoring several cars and the problem of rust even exceeds my fear of having an accident...

It amazes me that a car, garage kept and covered up would start rusting. I have learned of only one process that is said to be a permanent barrier to rust and that is the process of powder coating. This process actually puts a porcelainized coating over metal. I don't know any one locally who does it. I have used this process on suspensions parts. For purposes of this article, however, I would like to address two areas of rust treatment and prevention, one prior to and the other subsequent to restoration.

Since moisture is the main culprit, how can we, in this humid climate, reduce its destructive effects before and during restoration. If the car is sitting in "hold" waiting to be restored, keep it in a garage if at all possible, if not, keep is completely covered and on concrete or rock surface. The ground does not store cars well due to the fact that moisture migrates and rises. The ground also releases moisture through evaporation at a slower and more constant rate than does concrete. (Black top works nearly as well as cement). If you are storing your car for an extended period, wash it completely and on already rusted portions apply EXTEND by Permatex.

During restoration you must kill what is there or cut it out. Some restorers say cut out any and all rust and replace those panels with NEW, TREATED, panels. If you are able to do this yourself or know someone you can, this IS the best way to go. But for little places or if you must do a patch repair I recommend this process:

- 1. Clean to the metal as best you can.
- Spray with a metal cleaner and phosphate coating. Wash off and let dry.
- Coat area with EXTEND, a rust destroyer that can be purchased as nearly any auto parts store. Let dry one full day. If will turn the metal black when it dries. (The brush on kind works best.)
- Get both sides if possible. Coating only one side leaves exposed areas for rust to intrude from the other side.
- 5. You are now ready to patch, primer, and paint. Many prefer fiberglass repairs, after all, you don't see many rusty boats... Metal patch panels and bondo can be

used successfully.

I highly recommend a blasting cabinet for cleaning rusty parts. Big parts like fenders won't fit, but there are many parts that will. DO NOT BLAST INTERNAL ENGINE PARTS. I can recommend the following products since I have used them and can attest to their value.

- 1. A rust destroyer, as mentioned above, named EXTEND by Permatex.
- HAMMER RIGHT. A hard to find Aluminum Oxide Paint, can be applied right on bare rusty metal. Not recommended for outside of car as it is too thick and does not dry smooth. Can be purchased at Brentwood Hardware.
- 3. Rust cleaner and phosphate coatings sold at most parts houses.
- 4. Fluid-film is a great rust preventative to be used on parts you do not want painted. This product works great. Can only be purchased through the distributor. M & M Oil Co., S. 5th Street, Nashville, Tennessee. If you go here call first, it's not easy to find.

After restoration is complete, put in DOT 5 Silicone brake fluid. DOT 3, in time, will rust up all brake parts — master cylinder to wheel cylinders.

In order to maintain your restored car from rusting I would recommend the following:

- 1. Keep your "baby" stored in a dry area. Use a dehumidifier if necessary.
- 2. A car cover is good, but it must breathe. Plastic is NOT recommended.
- A freshly washed car nees to dry well before putting it up. Let it remain in the sun for a short while, but better yet, take it for a short drive on good paved roads. A couple of miles will do.
- 4. Make sure body drain holes are not obstructed.
- If you cover your car while storing it inside, keep windows down some as the moisture in cleaning fluids will start the process of mold or mildew.

In closing I would like to say. Everything we have and enjoy will someday pass away. There is only one constant, and that is the Lord. Maybe He's a MOPAR man too.....

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First of all Neil Johnson thanks you all for making the Picnic/Meeting, April 26th, a success despite the weather. We had a good turn out and a really nice time.

Thanks Again!

The Shelbyville Show has come and gone. Your response as a Club thing was GREAT!!! Our Club entered 16 cars. Some members who did not show their cars came out just for the fun of it and to see some really nice cars. Even some that weren't MOPARS!

THANKS TO YOU ALL

Shelbyville Show Results Music City Mopar Club Trophy Winners were: Carl Harvey, Jr., Roger Hendrick, David Hite, John Dodson, Jamie Bruce and Brian Johnson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

ur Club won the Club Participation Trophy!
will bring it to the Meeting/Cruise/Dinner
May 30th for all to see!

MAY DOIN'S

Saturday, May 30th

Our official meeting will be combined with a cruise and dinner. We will gather at K & C Motors, 5409 Murfreesboro Road in LaVergne at 3:00 p.m. We will leave K & C at 3:30 p.m. and cruise to Manuel's Cajun Restaurant in Milton, Tennessee as a group. We'll have our meeting and dinner there. The food is GOOD!!! The cajun band plays out on the front porch, so bring your lawn chairs to sit. It will be a fun afternoon and evening. If your MOPAR is not running come any how! Neil Johnson will be setting up the show committee among other business. This is an official meeting! BE THERE...

"REMEMBER"

Club Members Make the Club!
Participating Members Make It BETTER!!!

JUNE DOIN'S

Saturday, June 6th - Sevierville, Tennessee Smokey Mountain Mopar Club - All Mopar Show Contact David Barnes (615) 453-1624

Saturday, June 13th - Knoxville, Tennessee East TN Mopars - All Mopar Show at West Town Mall

Contact Bill Hargis (615) 694-4692

Saturday, June 20th

Our club will be having a Mini-Show at Hansen Chrysler Plymouth. Once again this is for one of our sponsors so we need a big turn out!!!

Saturday, June 27th

Meeting/Cruise/Dinner
This will be our Official June Meeting. We will be going to Stratton's Diner in Ashland City. More details later.

On a more serious note. John Schmidt was kind enough to have club shirts made up to order and get them for us at cost, AND bring them to us from Evansville, Ind. So far John has made the trip twice and many of our members who ordered shirts from him have not picked them up yet.

This is not nice. John needs to recoup his money. He will come early (2:30 P.M.) May 30th and bring the shirts again! P L E A S E, If you can't make the meeting contact someone who can and send your shirt money with them or contact John Schmidt at 812-423-8154.

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"'Nuff said about that."

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P.S. A Personal Note! It has been extremely gratifying to see the increased participation at our meetings and club doin's these last few months. I know that everyone can't be at everything but I see more and more members participating whenever they can. Thank you all!!!

P.P.S. The Music City Mopar Club's Favorite Non-Mopar Trophy we gave at Shelbyville went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole in their 1956 Lincoln Capri. They were very surprised and very, very pleased!

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Set of 5, Wide Track Radial Baja's 31x10.50x15. Like New - Less than 8,000 miles. Cost new \$625.00, will sell for \$200.00. Call: Robert Gambill, 865-8697, after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: Windshield for '68-70 Charger in Good Condition. \$45.00. Call: Johnny Leonard at 364-2044. FOR SALE: 1966 Plymouth Fury, 383 Factory 4-Speed. \$3600.00 Call: 615 422-4254

FOR SALE: 1972 Dodge Polara 2 dr., 360 c.i.d., 58,000 original miles, new brakes, new shocks, fuel pump and battery, recent tune-up, good tires, good body. Call: Randy at 895-7099

FOR SALE: Dual snortiel air cleaner for 400 c.i.d., 1970 Duster front buckets and rear seat. Call: Randy at 895-7099

FOR SALE: 1965 Dodge Coronet, .030" over 383 (1969 Road Runer engine with late model unleaded heads), fresh torqueflite, 3.55 sure grip axle, Holley street Dominator intake, 600 CFM Holley Carb, Mickey Tompson Valve covers, MOROSO air breather, Electronic ignition with Super Coil and Chrome Box, Disc brakes (front), and much more. This car is a strong B Body Modified con-

tender in local shows and with a little work could be competitive on a national level, NO RUST, red with black interior, car is fast and reliable. Contact David (Rev. Mopar) at 876-8903 evenings.

FOR SALE: FREE 360 Headers (left side has a dent on bottom, but air will flow). Call: John at 790-2998 evenings.

WANTED

WANTED: 340 Valve covers, Disc brake backing plates, disc brake front suspension for E Body (suspension and K frame down). Call: John at 790-2998 evenings.

WANTED: Rock solid 1977-1980 Aspen or Volare, 2 door, El Cheapo... Must be 318-360 with automatic and in very good condition. (Engine can be dead though). Contact David at 876-8903 evenings.

WANTED: '67 - '72 Plymouth or Dodge A-Body car. Need good body and interior. Must be a V-8 car. Prefer engine not running or gone. Call: Randy at 895-7099.

WANTED: B Body 6 way adjustable seats, '69 Charger AM/FM radio, Woodgrain dash and radio panels for same. Hurst shifter, black buckets seats, and 15x7 or 14x7 all chrome Magnum 500 wheels and interior pieces. Call: Randy at 895-7099.



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