

Music City Mopar Club



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TECH TALK with John Dodson

Being a teen-ager in the 60's definately had its advantages. You could tell the difference between General Motors products, Fords, and best of all, MoPars. A Honda was a motorcycle.

In 1969, I was a junior in high school. My two major subjects were girls and cars. Hindsight is definately better than foresight and unbelievably so, we anxiously altered the originality of our cars as soon as we laid eyes on them. We first removed the original wheels, and in their place we put deep dish, chrome mag wheels with ten foot wide Mickey Thompsons in place of the original rubber. Those Mickey Thompsons awesome! You can bet I never let them get dirty! You know, I sure would like to have those Magnum 500's I gave to the garbage man. Along with the wheels went the entire exhaust system, including the original high performance exhaust manifolds. (It makes me sick to think about it!) Taking their place were headers backed by Thrush mufflers. I know you remember these mufflers; they're the ones with the little bird's head that looked like Woody Woodpecker. Add to the list of after-market parts traction bars and a hi-rise intake topped off with a dual line Holly and you just about had more car than a seventeen year old could handle. Such were the modifications that my '68 GTX went through. Don't forget the Bigfoot gas pedal!

The car really started to get a reputation around school; it just couldn't help showing itself off. Tires just didn't last very long. The back two were slick long before the front ones even showed wear. I was never one to drive fast but getting from 0-60 mph was a blast (literally).

One night, the GTX was challenged to a race by a 1956 Chevy powered by a 454, fed by dual-four barrels.

It was easily apparent that this engineered Chevrolet body was never intended for such a drivetrain; the whole car shook from the power within.

Due to my high respect to the law, I didn't like to street race, but he talked me into it by saying he, "just wanted to 'see how strong his car' was and needed 'something strong to run against.'" I told him that the road was not long enough, but the first one to hit 60 mph won. He agreed and we lined up. Some kid on the side dropped his arm and we were off. You've never heard such a noise. Through first, his front fender was even with mine, but when the GTX hit second, he was smelling my exhaust fumes. I shut it down (we were over 60 mph!) and then he passed me. He must not have had his speedometer hooked up. I must say that at this point I did some things that I'm not too proud to tell. Speed does kill. For the benefit of our younger readers if you want to race, meet Rev. Mopar at the track.

Now, for our subject this month, metal plating. Chrysler products have three types of plating, chrome, zinc clear, and zinc yellow. You will eventually want to rechrome a bumper, bumper guard, or a whole engine compartment if you haven't already done so.

It's not cheap to have parts rechromed. Bumpers will run you anywhere from \$150 to \$250. Surfaces must be smooth, pitted metal results in pitted chrome. It can, though, be filled with copper which results in a smooth finish. I'm going to stop right here on chrome because it's widely used and you should be fairly familiar with it.

If you should choose to have something chrome plated, I recommend Bumper Distributors of Nashville, 812-B South 5th St. See the owner, he is a fine Christian man and will treat you fairly. For smaller parts, I

recommend Leonard Plating Company, 1403 4th Ave. South. Make sure and get an estimate for your work first.

Next, lets talk about zinc. There are quite a few items that came with zinc plating, your gas tank, filler neck, hood and trunk latches, fan motor cover, some wiper motors, window regulators, etc. Zinc has the protection of chrome without the high gloss and shine. Parts to be zinc plated must be very clean. It will not plate over even the smallest particle of dirt or rust. it is much harder to find a company that does this type of work. The information you are about to read alone is worth the price of two years of dues. AAA Plating Industries, 3141 Ambrose Ave. does both clear and yellow zinc plating. They have a minimum \$35 charge, so it will save you money if you get all the parts, plated at the same time.

Thank the Lord, Spring is finally here.

Until next month
The Lord Loves You

John Dodson

P.S. Next month topic — Sand Blasting

Address for Tech Talk, Cars and Parts for Sale, Cars and Parts Wanted.

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Deadline for Ads will be the 12th of each month.



Monthly Feature MEMBER'S MOPARS



Hello Fellow Members,

My name is Leonard McBath, Jr. I was able to aquire recently a 1975 Plymouth Gold Duster. This car is still original. Original Paint - When manufactured paint was called "Mustard" - never wrecked or repainted! Original mileage 30,000. I couldn't believe it! But its true!!!

Powertrain - Original "318" with Lean Burn System, Auto Trans, Sure Grip Rear End, Options P/S, P/B. This car also has what they called the Fuel Pacer Systems. When you give too much gas the left turn indicator on top of the fender comes on. It still has the factory AM radio. Right now I am driving it every day to find any bugs or leaks from the car sitting so long. Once I have that worked out I will only drive it to Club Events or on real pretty days. So far I've only had to replace the fuel pump. I feel really lucky to have found a car like this and plan on enjoying it for a long time.

Leonard McBath, Jr.



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"REMEMBER" Club members Make the Club! Participating Members Make It BETTER!!!

You may have noticed this newsletter is a little early this month. This is because the April meeting has been moved up to Sunday, April 18th due to our first club event being April 24th in Paris, TN.

Our March meeting had a good attendance once again!! Your participation is really appreciated and needed.

At our April meeting we will once again have a pretty full agenda. The Labor Day Show in Hollow Rock! A fund raiser for our Show! Get together Spots for the run to Paris! Get together Spots for the run to Shelbyville, May 8th! Project Car reports! And a few other things so be there if you can.

I hope you noticed the first of our articles on Member's Mopars. If you would like your Mopar featured in our newsletter please send me a picture (preferably black and white - it will be returned) and a short article about your Mopar. We will feature one each month on a first submitted basis. If you have any questions please contact me.

Included in this mailing is your copy of the club's by-laws. For those of you who were unable to be at the meeting, the phone directory for members was passed out. If you are at either of our next two club functions, April 24th in Paris, TN or May 8th in Shelbyville, TN or one of our next couple meetings we will be happy to give you your copy.

Personal Notes

It looks like our club members will continue their winning ways in 1993!!!

Member **Roger Hendrick**, Trophy Winner at Nashville Auto Fest. January, 1993.

Member **Carl Harvey, Jr.**, Trophy Winner, March 27, '93, All Truck Show in McMinnville.

If any of you have attended a show or attend a show and take home a prize or trophy, please let me know so that we can let all of your fellow members know!

Our **V.P. Bill Cook** is being sent by Nissan to Japan for 8 fun filled weeks. He leaves April 23rd. Need someone to carry your luggage Bill?

April Doin's

Sunday, April 18th - Our Club Meeting! Rudy's Farm Restaurant on Music Valley Drive. 1:00 pm to Eat and Greet. Meeting starts at 2:00 pm.

Saturday, April 24th - Paris, TN. Our First Club Function of 1993. Details and meeting times and places for the trip down will be discussed at our April 18th meeting.

May Doin's

Saturday, May 8th - Shelbyville, TN. Our 2nd Club Function of "93". Lets get the Club Participation Trophy again this year.

May 14th, 15th, & 16th. National Trail Raceway in Hebron, Ohio. The 1993 Chrysler Classic! For info call Ben Roder (614) 587-1005

Sunday, May 23rd, Our Club Meeting.

Saturday, May 29th, Acuff & Rose 2nd Annual Car Show, Lebanon, TN. Two Mopar Classes. For info call 449-3674 or 444-1177.

June Doin's

Saturday, June 5th, Smoky Mountain Mopar Club Show, Sevierville, TN. Pre-Entry \$12.00 after May 15th, \$15.00. Registration 8:00 am to Noon. For info call David Barnes (615) 453-1624, Gary Sonner (615) 531-2415, or Andy Hixon (615) 753-6200.

Saturday, June 12th, Poor Boy's Classic Chevy Club's 8th Annual Open Show, Waverly, TN. 2 Mopar Classes. Entry \$15.00. Registration 8:00 am to Noon. For info: Henry Bullington (615) 582-3038, William Travis (615) 789-5102.

Saturday, June 26th, 5th Annual Fun in the Sun Car Show (Presented by East Tennessee Mopars) Knoxville, TN. Pre-Entry \$12.00. Day of Show \$15.00. For info call Mike & Judy Holman (615) 691-6002, Bo Lusby (615) 690-6236, Dave Micheletta (615) 693-4943, Bill Hargis (615) 694-4692.

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For Sale

1968 Plymouth Satellite, Call Neil Johnson - 791-0043
1970 Challenger Body, Lime Green, VIN JH23HOE, Call Neil Emerson - Home: 895-8581, Work: 893-9422
1958 Dodge Coronet Sport Coupe, 318 Poly, Push Button Auto, One Owner, 61,000 original miles, Butter-scotch and Bronze, Call Larry - 615 391-3912.
1964 Dodge Polara 2 Dr. HT, 318 Auto, Red w/Red Interior. Engine has knowk - extra engine runs good, goes with car. Call Larry - 615 391-3912.
318 Challenger - Restored. Call Scott - 615 242-5857 or 791-0739.
Parting 1970 Challenger. Call Scott - 615 242-5857 or 791-0739.
1968 Fury III, Fast Top Hard Top, 383 - 2 bbl. auto, air, black vinyl roof, white body. Call Larry - 615 391-3912.
'79 Dodge Colt parts car. Call Randy - 731-4862.
A-Body 8 3/4" rear-end, 3.23 gear. Call Randy - 731-3912.
'69 Charger, grill assembly, right door, fenders, hood, wipers assembly, front suspension, 383 K-Frame, rear glass, rear panel, trunk lid, etc. Call 790-2998.
'71 Cuda Gas Tank \$75.00. Call 790-2998.
Small Differential for small block Barracuda. \$50.00. Call 790-2998.
'72 Cuda right door - mint, door glass, front and rear bumbers, rear glass, header panel, misc. trim, etc. Call 790-2998.

Wanted

B-Body 6-way adjustable seat, '69 Charger woodgrain steering wheel, black '69 Charger low back bucket seats. Call Randy - 731-4862.
'69 Charger back Uni-Body section for parts, prefer 4-speed Car. Call Randy - 731-4862.
'71 Shaker Hood for Challenger. Call Scott - 242-5857.
'68 Road Runner trunk lid, right front fender, hood. Call John 1-484-6853.
Unstamped 440 Engine, Prefer 1969. Call Gary - 759-7778.
'68-69 Charger front and back interior top panels(the piece that one the top part of the door) Call Lynn Isenbers - 373-1315.
Challenger rear end, misc. stainless pieces. Steven Hurst.
Ralley Wheels for '73 Cuda. Call Clyde Smith - 790-2468.
'77-80 Dodge Truck, Ramcharger or Plymouth Trail Duster, prefer 4X4, dependable and rust free. Call Richard Price - 373-2785.
'68-69 Road Runner, Satellite Gas Tank. Call John - 790-2998.
'69 Charger Good Gas Tank, Intake and 4-bbl Carb. for '69 383 engine. Call John - 790-2998.



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