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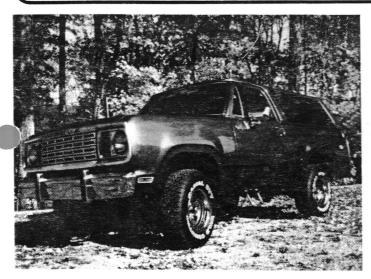
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Monthly Feature

MEMBER'S MOPARS



Hi, I'm Kim Litton, as most of you know, I have a '77 Dodge Ram Charger. What most of you don't know, is that it was my husbands. He had bought it for salvage to play with and use for a work truck. It had a severe rust problem from the doors back to the tail lights and it's 360 was totally shot. He had a 318 on hand, which he promptly set down in it. Then he started to "rebuild" the body. One day when we were working on it, he asked if I wanted it. I thought for a minute, then I said sure, but I didn't want it all greasy under the hood and the engine wasn't painted. And besides that, I wanted the 360 put back in it. He gave me one of those looks that said, picky. But did agree to pull the 318 out and put the 360 back in it, if I helped to rebuild the 360. So started the process of rebuilding the 360. We worked side by side on it for what seemed forever. I learned an awful lot about engines, though I wonder how he could explain the same thing over and over lagain. I do have to admit, even getting filthy dirty, we (especially me) had a blast. With the 360 rebuilt and the body work done, (learned an awful lot about that too), I had Ron and several friends begging me to pick a color so they could paint it. I said I would hurry, even promised I would hurry, but

do you know how many color chips there are in one book? And how many books there are? Ron and I were driving down the road one day, and lo and behold! I saw a truck the color I wanted. Ron pulled into the parking lot of the local F brand dealer and asked, are you sure? Got to have it! We went to three dealerships before we found the color name. The man that mixed the paint had to call the F brand company to get the mix number. Finally got it painted. The interior was finished up. I drove it to work daily (still do). Joe Johnson suggested I enter it into the Music City Mopar Club Show last September. I told him it was built as a work truck, not a show truck. He talked me into showing it any way. I got my first trophy, a first place trophy at that. I had always liked going to car shows, but this car show "showing" was something else. Addicting is more like it. It's a lot of fun and you meet so many terrific people at the shows.

I'd like to take just a minute and thank all of the people who have helped me with my truck. Without each of you, it would not look as sharp as it does. Thanks guys!

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TECH TALK with John Dodson

This months tech talk was written at 30,000 feet and 600 miles per hour. My watch says its 8:00 pm, but its 1:00 am in Nashville. We are somewhere between Hawaii and the mainland. For almost a week we have been cruising the Island of Maui. No matter where you go. The love for mopars goes with you. I found myself looking behind barns, houses, and even in the jungle for a diamond in the rough. It would be interesting to know how many were delivered to Hawaii. Im sure there still located on the Island. Theres nowhere to go. I did see a few. Even a 68 Roadrunner. I'll be glad when we get back home. There is no place that beats Tennessee.

This month's tech talk will be "winning the parts war". There is one problem that faces all Mopar restorers, finding the right part and being able to pay for it. I have discovered that most parts are not that hard to find, if you know where to look.

As time and years go by the parts cars will get more and more scarce. I would say in ten years an E Body Cuda or Challenger parts car will be very hard to come by. If a man had a large storage area, he could buy all the Mopar parts cars he could find, let them sit for 20 years and retire off the income received from the parts sold.

If you are restoring a car, regardless of what it is, buy the least expensive parts car you can get a hold of. Take off the parts you need and sell it again as a parts car, or better yet strip it down to the frame and sell the parts and use the profit to buy new parts. In the North, there is a great demand for body parts, because rust has literally destroyed major portions.

Last year I bought a 69 Dodge Charger for \$350 with no engine or transmission. I got everything I needed off and put an ad in Hemmings Motor News. A man called me from Chicago and wanted to buy the entire back half of the car. I had no way of cutting it off, so I asked him if he wanted the whole car. I sent him pictures for his approval, he drove down and bought the entire car for 700 dollars.

Get this, another man called and asked me if I knew where to find another car with good frame rails. Can you imagine. Rust had eaten through his cars rails. This is where us southern boys can help out. He was willing to pay \$500. for good frame rails. They have one big advantage, a cooler climate works well in preserving a cars interior. They need us and we need them.

Other than the rare parts, most used parts can be bought at reasonable prices, but that also depends on the individual. A \$150 fender may be reasonable for one guy while another not. The secret to successfully restoring a car is.

Here it is, Are you ready for such knowledge to come forth? Do a little everyday or two. That's it! That's my big advice! Last year I talked to a man at our car show, that had sold parts at the mopar nationals. I ask him how he did. He said he sold 5,000 dollars worth of parts. Man alive. Guess who is selling parts at the nationals this year.

You guessed it.

And last but not least, sell parts to buy parts.

The Lord Loves Ya
Have a blessed month

John Dodson

P.S. Next months tech talk (Paint Dads, why are they there).



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All Ads must be submitted MONTHLY

Prez's Page

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

Recap on our May Meeting! The July 10th Show in Lawrenceburg was discussed. We did not get a good response so there will be only two Mopar Classes. Stock and Modified. This is for a good cause so attend if possible.

I have not received back up stories and pictures for Members Mopars! Remember that the first time I do not have anything for this feature, I will put in my Land Yacht!!! Get 'em to me!

We were asked to run the N.A.F. Show totally this year. A vote was taken and we will do it!! We need workers and cars! This means funds for the Club and you all know how badly we need it.

I have spoken further with Ted Craig who is in charge of the Hollow Rock Event September 4th and there will be 10 Mopar Classes. I hope to have flyers soon. We have about 15 Members committed for this show. I would really like some more. We have talked a lot about this event and it should be a lot of fun.

Please notice our *Beggars Corner* for the Project Car. If you have or can get any of the parts mentioned it will be greatly appreciated. The engine is now at Kirts being machined. The car is at Neil Johnson's being readied for painting. Progress is being made.

Kim Litton has been having a run of bad luck on her way to shows but has made it. She arrived at one last weekend with only 5 minutes to spare and would not have been able to get it cleaned up in time except for the help of Carl Harvey, Jr. and his brother H.D. A BIG Thank You from Kim. (This in my opinion is one of the things that makes a club, the Spirit of Help and Togetherness with Fellow Members.) My Thanks also Guys.

I would also like to mention Jerry Taylor's Mopar Parts Yard Sale, August 8th. I understand that he has more of our kind of parts than most Chrysler, Plymouth or Dodge Dealers! If you need anything be sure to check it out!!

June Doin's

Saturday, June 26th, 5th Annual "Fun in the Sun" Car Show (Present 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.

Sunday, June 27th, Our Club Meeting!!! at Rudy's Farm Restaurant on Music Valley Drive. 1:00 PM to Meet, Eat, & Greet. Meeting starts promptly at 2:00 PM.

July Doin's

Sunday, July 4th - Fourth of July Freedom Festival Car Show, Cottage Grove, TN. for the Cottage Grove Whitlock Volunteer Fire Dept. Six (6) Mopar Classes. Entry Fee \$5.00. Registration 10:00 AM.

Saturday, July 10th, 15th Annual Car Show & Flea Market for the Lawrence County Rescue Squad & Fire Dept.

Member Mike Frakes has asked as many fellow members as possible to attend. It's for a good cause.

Saturday, July 10th and Sunday July 11th, Muscle Car Super National Beech Bend Raceway Park, Bowling Green, KY. Car Show, Drag Racing, Etc. For info call Butch Hume (502) 448-7187. Hosted by the Falls City Corvette Club. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 16th, 17th, and 18th "Chryslers at Carlisle" Carlisle, PA.

Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th! Nashville Auto Fest!!! Our Club is EXTREMELY - HEAVILY - IN-VOLVED this year!!! We need your help!!!!!!! Sunday, July 25th, Our Club Meeting

August Doin's

Saturday, August 7th! "Mountain Mopar Classic IX" in Marion, VA. This is a great All Mopar Show. Pre-Reg.\$12.00 Day of Show \$15.00. For More Info, Call David Wyatt 703 646-8987, Teddy Sweat 703 783-4797, or Roger Pennington 703 783-8586.

Sunday, August 8th! An event of untold magnitude! Member Jerry Taylor "One of the All-Time Mopar Pack Rats" is finally going to give up parts that he had been hoarding for 30 years! Jerry Taylor's Mopar Parts Yard Sale! See ad for details. This is only open to readers of this newsletter!!!

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 13, 14, and 15 Mopar Nationals, Indianapolis, Ind.

Thursday, August 19th Thru Sunday August 22nd, Chrysler 300 Club Inc. 23rd National Meet in Nashville, TN. For info call Jack Lewis 801 254 6817.

Saturday, August 21st, "Sportsman's Lodge 2nd Annual Car Show", Fort Campbell, KY. Pre-Reg. \$15.00. Day of Show, \$18.00. Five Mopar Classes plus Race Cars. Lots of special awards! 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophys in all classes. Lots of other activities. Should be lots of fun. Member Bobby Mace is on of the Movers & Shakers of this show. Our Club voted to make this our August Event so lets jump on it. I will have entry forms at our June Meeting. This is a Club Event!!!

Sunday, August 22nd, Our Club Meeting!!

September Doin's

Saturday, Sept. 4th, Hollow Rock, TN. We have 15 members committed for this show. More at our meeting. Sunday, Sept. 12th, Mopar Mania '93, Reg. 9 AM to Noon. Pre-Entry \$8.00, Day of Show, \$10.00. For more info call Cumberland Valley Mopars. 606 758-4903, 606 379-2933. Sat. & Sun. Sept. 11th & 12th, Monster Mopar Weekend VIII at Gateway International Raceway. St. Louis Area, Collinsville, IL. Drag Racing, Car Show, Exhibition Cars & Much Morel For info call 314 938-6629 or 618 482-5501.

Sat. & Sun. Sept. 25th & 26th. 4th Annual MUSIC CITY MOPAR CLUB CAR SHOW

The Widow's Corner

My dear sweet Mopar Honey doesn't think I can write objectively about cars and their overwhelming influence on Mopar Maniacs. We shall see.

My objective is to inform and advise Mopar enthusiasts and their spouses (be they Widow's or Widower's). Being a Mopar Widow can be a little discouraging but it also has many advantages. Some of the advantages I see include freedom from being drug to numerous car shows. These Mopar Honeys go to so many shows, my Mopar Sweetie would never expect me to go to all of them. I really enjoy going to one occasionally. Our Mopar baby loves them. She is very put out when she thinks she has missed one. Alas, I see a Mopar Widower in her future. Of course our Mopar Honeys spend so much time with their cars that it is easy to talk him into doing a few of the things I would like to do. I will admit to an occasional bit of bad temper when I feel the car rates a 15 and I get a 3 on a scale from one to ten. It is very upsetting to be jealous of a car. You Mopar Honeys should realize that and at least be a little more attentive.

Another major advantage is that I always know just where to find my Mopar Sweetheart. He is in love with a car. I know this sounds insane but it is true. When he turns up missing, I don't search the local drinking places, or cruise past friends' homes. I especially don't have to worry about him wasting any money, gambling, drinking, or running around. He is the most faithful of Honeys. (Not very considerate at times but very faithful.) I made sure my name was on the title of his beloved car, so whither thou goest so do I. I'm not hard to get along

with but I do like equal time. There are many thing we have to compromise on. I do try to understand this overwhelming compassion to worship a car. I know or at least hope that one day this thing my Mopar Honey adores will at least be in one piece. (There are several thousand pieces of it scattered around our home and place of business.)

I personally have trouble loving inanimate objects, except for my Santa Claus collection. Every Mopar Widow or Widower needs a hobby. Mine is not a consuming passion at the moment but I have seen the time that I would almost kill to own a particular Santa. I guess we are not all that different after all. We need a lot of love to develop a tolerance for our Mopar Mates. I remember a song I learned as a child that explains how I feel about cars.

I'm a little piece of tin,
Nobody knows what shape I'm in,
I'm a four door,
I'm a Ford.
Honk Honk Battle Battle Crash Bee

Honk, Honk, Rattle, Rattle, Crash, Beep, Beer Honk, Honk, Rattle, Rattle, Crash, Beep, Beep.

I'm sure this was not offensive since I only bad mouthed Fords. Good luck with your Mopar Honeys, Widows and Widowers. Mopar Honeys - try to be a little more patience with us. We love all of you. We just want a little more attention.

Happy Moparing to You,

Mopar Widow

We would like to hear from other Mopar's Widows (or Widowers) or even a Mopar Honey.

Send your story to: The Widow's Corner %Music City Mopar Club P.O. Box 130 LaVergne, TN 37086 support

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More of Music City Mopar Club Winning Ways for 1993

"Forgotten in last month's edition was the fact that besides the other trophys won at the Show & Shine Car Show in Lafayette, TN May 8th. Two Special Trophys were also awarded to members of Our Club!

"Best Mopar Special Trophy" to Ronny Holland's '70 Challenger R/T Hemi" and "Merchants Choice Special Trophy" went to Nick Willmore's '70 Road Runner" Sorry Guys!"

Nick Willmore took home two trophys at the Gallatin, TN "5th Annual High School Car Show" May 15th.

Ronnie Holland, Butch Price, Nick Willmore, Carl Harvey, Jr. Kim Litton, Roger Hendrick, & Paul Julian all went home with trophys from the 2nd Annual Acuff & Rose Collector Car Show in Lebanon, TN May 29th. Our Club also tooke the Club Participation Trophy!!! Carl Harvey, Jr. and Nick Willmore took home trophys from the "Smokey Mountain Mopar Car Show in Sevierville, TN June 5th.

Kim Litton, Butch Price, Bobby Mace, Danny Deavers, and Paul Julian went home with trophys from the Poor Boys Classic Chevy Club's 8th Annual Show in Waverly, TN June 12th.

Kim Litton, Nick Willmore, and Carl Harvey, Jr. went home from the Red Boiling Springs Auto Jam with trophys Sunday, June 13th.

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Member #70 Wm L. Bradley, Jr.

His address should read Callis Lane.

Sorry about that.

Beggar's Corner for Project Car



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Door Weatherstrip
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JUNE ²⁷	28	29	30	JULY 1	2	Mid-West
CLUB MEETING						Auto Fest Bloomington 3rd - 4th
Freedom Festival Car Show Cottage Grove, TN	5	6	7	8	9	Muscle Car Super Nationals Bowling Green 10th - 11th 15th Annual Car Show Lawrence Co. 10th
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Muscle Car South - Memphis 10th - 11th					Chryslers @ Carlisle Carlisle, PA 16th - 18th	Nashville _ Auto Fest Nashville, TN 17th - 18th
Nashville Auto Fest Nashville, TN	19	20	21	22	23	24
17th - 18th	26	27	28	29	30	31
CLUB MEETING						
AUG ¹	2	3	4	5	6	7 Mountain Mopar Classic IX, Marion, VA 7th



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