Music City Mopar Club

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Monthly Feature

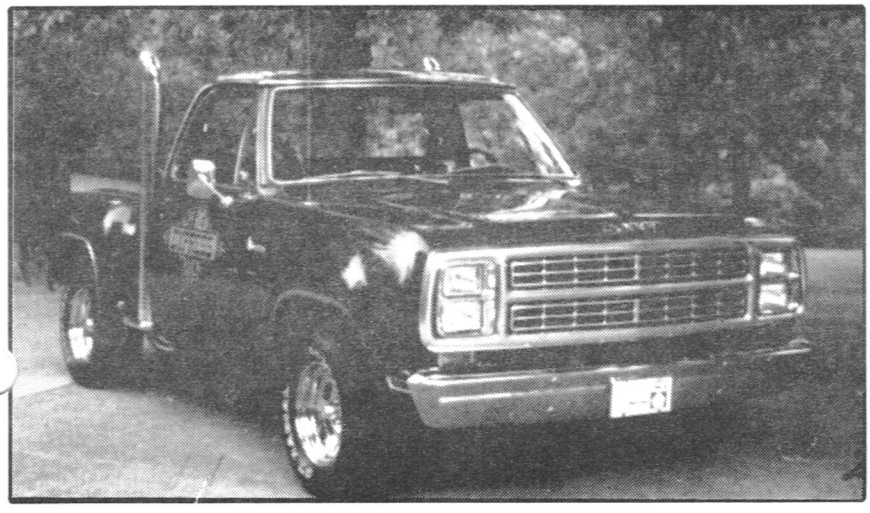
MEMBER'S MOPARS

Two 1979 Dodge "Little Rod Express" Trucks dwell in the Mopar Truck Family of Richard and Linda Price. One truck (with bumper guards and Ram's Head hood ornament) is a "Daily Driver." Optional equipment includes auxiliary transmission oil coolers, Mopar 727 shift improver kit, deep oil pan, anti-spin differential, tachometer, Mopar AM/FM cassette, Class IV receiver, trailer brake control and wiring. This "L.R.E." is often used to tow a 7,000 lb. horse trailer, 25 ft. travel trailer, or sometimes a "car Hauler" with the other "L.R.E." aboard.

The Second "L.R.E." is stock and all original, including the paint and tires. It has 1,759 actual miles on it. Needless to say it does not get out much. It was purchased used in 1982, but that is a long story! Hopefully, some day we will have the time and money to take it to a few shows.

Keep on Truckin!

Richard & Linda Price



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TECH TALK with John Dodson

Before I get started on this months tech talk. I need to make a little correction in last months article. There was a sentence that read. Just leave the tires hanging. It should have read Don't leave the tires hanging. This was in reference to storing your car.

This months tech talk is on car painting. One of the most difficult decisions I have had to make. Is choosing someone to paint my car. There are allot of paint and body shops in town. But few will give you a professional job. And it really depends on what kind of paint job you want. Do you want a looks good from 20 feet away, a looks good up close, or a "where did you get that paint job." Most of you are like me. You don't have the experience to do the job yourself. So you are at the mercy of others. And the biggest factor of all is how much you want to pay. Paint jobs range from the Earl Scheibs 295 Dollars to a restoration shops 3000 dollars. And that's with no body work.

But who do you choose, to do the work on the classic mopar. As the saying goes. A man's past dictates his future work. Im not saying improvement cant be made. But I know some body shop guys that couldn't paint 20 years ago and they still cant.

Just to give you an example. I have a Dodge Charger R.T. The car is ready for some paint and body work. The body just needs some fine tuning before painting. Body shops cant give you an estimate without looking at your car. So I decided to drive the old R.T. into work. Take off early and get some estimates. No problem. Wrong. I almost choked to death on the fumes coming from inside the trunk area. The tail lights were out for painting. I got off early and off I went. My first stop, was a friend of mine that I attend church with. I have seen his work and though he would do a good job. His estimate was 3000 dollars. I hope he didnt see the shock on my face. I liked to fell out. My feelings were hurt. 3000 dollars. Has it been that long since I got a car painted. My next stop was more in the price range. 1200 was his estimate. But his shop looked like a disaster area. He had a car he had just painted outside. One look at the work and I said, I'll think about it. That's what people say just to be nice. Even though they may never come back. The next stop was a fellow mopar painter. Ive seen his work and knew it to be good. But he wasnt at his shop. By now, I have had enough of the fumes. I stopped to buy some duck tape. I taped up the tail lights, side lights and deck lid. I smell like an exhaust pipe. The next estimate was 3300 dollars. Maybe my church buddy wasnt that far off. The professional restoration shop wanted 4500 and had a waiting period of 8 months. You may have guest, they wont be waiting for my car. To much for this country boy. I was looking for a 2000 dollar figure, that I didnt find that day. I drove the old R.T. home. Duck tape and all. Another general rule is you pay for what you get. Dont always go for the cheapest bid. That paint is hard to get off, after it's applied. I can report that I did find someone to paint the car and at a fare price.

I offer this advice.

1. Go to local car shows. Find the quality of paint you are looking for. Ask who painted it and the condition it was in. If you got a little more brass. Ask how much they charged.
2. Check out the shop. Does it look like a tornado has just left. Most shops are a little messy. But the area where the cars are painted needs to be very clean. A clean paint booth is very important. I have seen some show quality paint jobs that were pained in common house garage. But that is the exception and not the rule.
3. Ask for references. You want to see the quality of work. A man in the business should surly have references.
4. Decide in advance, how far you want to go. Do you want a patch panel installed, or half gallon of bondo. Do you want lacquer primer or epoxy primmer. Do you want acrylic or base coat clear. Do you want a 95+ point show car or a nice street restoration.
5. Ask him how long he has been in business. Where did he learn his trade?
6. Ask if insured.
7. Ask a club member, that has a paint job you like, Who did the work.
8. Get a general idea of how much you want to spend.
9. Pray about who does the job. God pays attention to details.

Until next month
The LORD Loves you
John Dodson

P.S. Next month tech talk, car insurance for show cars.

Prez's Page

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

Sorry this Newsletter is so late this month! I plead inventory at work & 3 weeks of Jury Duty! Just a few things I would like to mention.

Our Dec. Meeting will be held one week early due to the Christmas holiday. Our Dec. Meeting will be Sunday Dec. 19th at Rudys Farm Restaurant. A reminder; dues for 1994 are due by Jan. 31st! I am bringing this up now because I'm sure a lot of you are like me and put things off until the last minute. Due to the fact that we have a lot of members and we need to publish our directory A.S.A.P. for all of you. We will purge our list the 1st week in February. So get your renewals in soon. Still only $20.00!!

Speaking of Membership Lists and Directories it is very important that we be informed if you change your address or phone # so that you can receive your newsletter and other information!

To our new members: I have received a few calls regarding membership cards and things. We have been running behind on this and will get them to you A.S.A.P. Also if you joined the club Sept. 25th 1993 or later your dues are paid thru 1994. We are out of the 1993 Window plaques if you do not have one you will get the 1994 Plague as soon as we have them made. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call either myself or one of your other officers.

As has been mentioned at our last couple of meetings we would appreciate suggestions as to places we could go to have a sort of Club Run & Lunch or Dinner Meeting during the Spring, Fall & Summer Months of 1994. This will be discussed further at the next few meetings. Also at the next couple of meetings we need to decide on and finalize plans for our 1994 show. As most of you are aware we need to get published in the Mopar Magazines. So if you have input or wish to vote on decisions made, plan to attend.

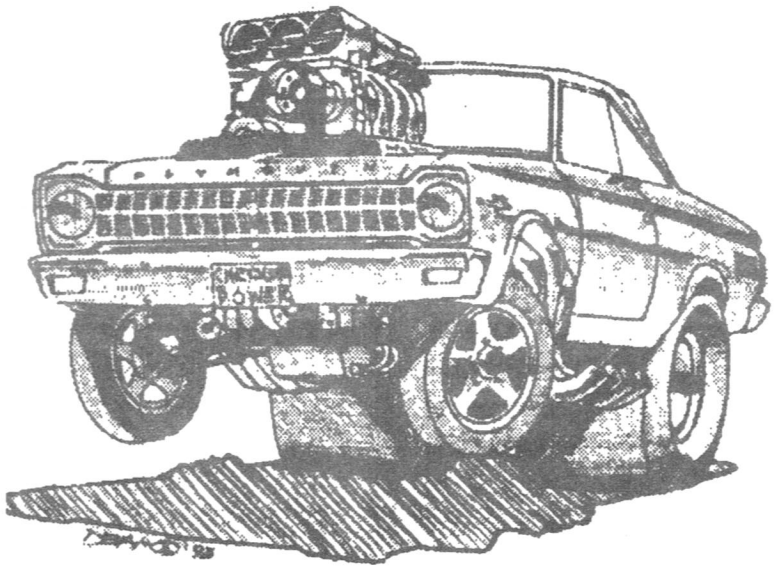
Don't forget - Elections of Your Club Officers take place at the Jan. meeting!! If you want to vote you must be there.

December Doin's

Sunday, December 19th. Music City Mopar Club Meeting at Rudy's Farm Restaurant on Music Valley Drive. 1:00 p.m. to Meet, Eat, and Greet. Meeting starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.

"See Ya Thar"

Big Lar



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Winning Ways for 1993

Missed last month in *Winning Ways* was **"Red Romine"** who won at the "Old Hickory Car Show" Sept. 18th. Sorry Red.

Winners at the "Wilson Bank and Trust Antique Car Show" were: **Jerry Taylor, Carl Harvey Jr.** and **Nick Willmore,** Oct. 17th in Lebanon, Tenn.

Winners at the "5th Annual Festival and Car Show" October 24th in Parsons, Tennessee were: **Scott Young, Carl Harvey Jr.,** and **Nick Willmore!** Nick won with both his truck and car and also won Mayor's Choice! M.C.M.C. won 2nd place for club participation.

Attending at the "1st Annual Exhibition" at Nashville Auto-Diesel College were: **Red Romine, Carl Harvey, Jr.,** and **Nick Willmore.** This was a charity event for underprivileged kids put on by the Police Youth Organization. All who attended were winners!

Way to Go!

Music City Mopar Club Welcomes its New Members

#115 Joe Bohacek
1101 Windsor Pike Lane
Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075

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There you were with your plug wrench
clenched in a set of badly battered knuckles,
wiping the other paw on the back of your jeans,
when this black maw of a grille attached to
a wingless Mach 2 jet throbs up.
"Ha," you scoff. "Bet he has to beat it with a whip
to even get it out of the garage."
With a snick that can only mean close-coupled
four-speed and a howl that says 440 cubes
of mean, it disappears. Charger R/T just arrived.
End of the road for the do-it-yourself kit, Charlie.

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Nov. 28	29	30	Nov. 1	2	3	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 CLUB MEETING @ Rudy's Farm - 2:00 PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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