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Monthly Feature

MEMBER'S MOPARS



When I bought my 1973 Plymouth Road Runner, I had no intention of restoring it or showing it. I bought this car just to keep another person from buying it.

I work at a used car lot on the side, (my mad money). Every time we got an older Mopar in they would call this guy and he would come with a wrecker and haul it off. I found out he takes them to his house and parks them to rust down. Every time someone would ask him about selling one or some parts, he wouldn't even talk about it. So I wound up with it

The first thing I did was change the oil and transmission fluid. I soaked the carburetor down with WD-40. I installed a battery and that old 400 engine came to life with a few rattles here and there. She smoothed out, but both header gaskets were blown.

I took it to my brothers house and he helped talk me into fixing it up. I repaired the rust (new metal), and cleaned the inside. The inside was the only thing on the car that was really nice, except for the headliner. We installed new one (four hours of sweat and some words that can't be repeated).

The biggest mistake I made was a cheap paint job.

I showed it at last years Mopar show. I had no idea what they looked for when they judged. Guys came by and showed me things that they judge on.

I knew I had no chance as soon as the judge looked under my car. All that top side cleaning, I didn't even think about the chassis. After the show I took her home and climbed under it.

I showed it three more times last year and won three trophies. But I knew it wasn't good enough to win against some cars I saw.

I learned a lot last year about what I needed to do to make my car better.

So now my car is on stands, in boxes, hanging on nails, kinda all over the place in my garage (built it last winter). Hope I can find it all.

I would also like to say the nicest people I have been around in a while are at car show, kinda like race fans.

Thank You

Larry George

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TECH TALK With Bill Margraf

The terrible winter has finally passed and it looks like summer is just around the corner. If you haven't done so already, it shouldn't be long before you pull the show car out from under its winter blankets and shine it up for the summer show season. However, rather than discussing something else we could or should do to our show cars, I would like to dedicate this Tech Talk to "Old Reliable", that pickup truck that hauls your show car or that daily driver that gets you to and from work everyday, runs the kids to practice and just seems to be there for you when you need it.

This was an extremely tough winter and as a result, your car has endured a lot during these winter months. The extreme changes in temperature can be tough on your engine components. The many days of freeze and thaw created potholes which are tough on your suspension and tires. The freezing rain, ice and the salt used on the roads is hard on your cars finish. That is why I would like to talk about a few of the maintenance items we should perform to ensure our daily drivers are in top condition for the summer. After all, we wouldn't want to break down on our summer vacation on our way to the car show!

First let's start under the hood. After a long winter of hard starts in cold weather and plowing through snow and ice, your engine probably could use a tune up. Even if it still starts and run pretty well, it's a good idea to have the ignition system checked. Spark plugs can become eroded and worn over time, reducing your gas mileage and lessening performance. Some of the systems of weak or worn spark plugs are hard starting, hesitation, rough idle, misfiring or reduced gas mileage. Also, each plug wire should be inspected for cracks, improper fit, wear and/or to see if they are oil soaked. The timing should be checked. Timing which is off by even a little can cause premature wear of your spark plugs. Belts should be inspected for proper fit and for cracks. It is often difficult to tell if belts are worn out before the break.

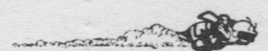
Therefore, I recommend they be changed every five years. The coolant should be checked for proper mixture and color. If the coolant needs changed, it's a good idea to flush the cooling system. And of course, change the oil and filter. Oil is about the cheapest maintenance item you can put in your car and one that can help your last the longest with regular changes.

Next the suspension. After hitting pothole after pothole, suspension components can become worn and/or knocked out of line. This can cause undue tire wear and handling problems. To be safe, all suspension components such as tie rod ends, ball joints, strut rods and springs should be inspected visually. The old gab and shake method work pretty good when trying to determine if these components have loosened up over time. Also, somewhat effective is the bounce test to determine if they are worn. Bounce the front/rear of the car, the bouncing should stop after two cycles if your shocks/struts are in good shape. More than two, consider replacing them. Check the brakes to ensure sufficient pads exist and the components are all intact and in good working order. Top off brake fluid if necessary and inspect brake lines for leaks. Ensure your tires are inflated properly and good tread exists.

Finally, the finish. Nothing protect the finish more than routine waxing. Give old reliable a good washing. Remove bugs, road film, tar, etc. Then apply a good coat of wax. Be sure you use a wax which is safe for clear coat and thus the paints' protection. It is also a good idea to give the undercarriage a good spray wash to remove any salt left in the cracks and on the frame of your car. Overtime, the salt will rust these surfaces.

If you do these things, not only should your car get you where you want to go, but it will look good doing it.

Live long and prosper,
Bill



Prez's Page

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

Well fellow members, we are only a couple of weeks away from an event that we have been wanting for four years. **Our Club Drag Race!!!** The Drag Race Committee has really done an lot of work putting all this together. Drag Race, Mini Show, Burn-Out Contest, Wheelstand Contest, Club Race, and THE BIG GRUDGE RACE! There is something for every one. It will be a fun family day, hope you all have planned to be there.

Remember we have a pavilion reserved at Cheatham Dam for our Official Meeting & Picnic Saturday, May 21st so we will go Rain or Shine (Hopefully Shine).

At the April Meeting you voted to make the Al Mench Temple's Open Car Show our Club event for June. We will have flyers at the May meeting. They put in classes for us and its for a worthy cause so I know we'll see you all there.

Thanks

Larry

MAY DOIN'S

Saturday, May 21st. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Our Club Meeting & Picnic at Cheatham Dam
See ad for info!!**

Sunday May 29th. Our Club Drag Race at Union Hill! Rain Date Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day). Rev. Mopar and the Drag Race Committee have put together a fun day for the whole family. Flyers at the May Meeting and Picnic!! see ad.

JUNE DOIN'S

Saturday June 11th; "Poor Boys Classic Chevy Club's 9th Annual Show" in Waverly, TN. This is an open show. They put in 4 Mopar Classes for US! Reg. 8 AM to Noon. Reg. Fee: \$15.00, For Info: Henry Bullington, Jr. (615) 582-3038 or William Travis (615) 789-5102.

Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th at Dragway 42 in West Salem Ohio! The Year One Inc. 1994 Muscle Car Shootout. For info: (216) 678-9988.

Saturday June 25th: East TN. Mopars "6th Annual Fun in the Sun" All Mopar Show in Knoxville, TN. For info: Mike & Judy Holman (615) 691-6002, Bill Hargis (615) 694-4692, David Derreberry (615) 689-4398, or John & Patty Hawkins (615) 932-1193.

Saturday June 25th: Al Mench Temple's 2nd Annual Open show! Held at Al Mench Temple, 1354 Brick Church Pike, Nahsville, TN. Reg. 8AM ~ Noon. Reg. Fee \$15.00 DOS. Pre-Reg. \$12.00! We will have flyers at our May Meeting! This event was voted to be our club event for June! They are putting in classes for us, so lets get out there! This is for a good cause also.

Sunday June 26th: Music City Mopar Club Meeting. _Location T.B.A.

See ya thar! *Big Lar* 

DON'T FORGET

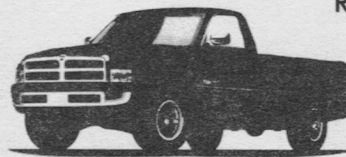
DESIGN THE SHOW SHIRT CONTEST

Entries are due at the June Meeting. There will be a Nice Prize for the Winner!!!

SOME IDEAS

In the past we have used; Line Drawing, Magazine Pictures, Comic Pictures, etc. So you do not have to be an artist to do this. You do not have to have a shirt made up either. Just Lay-Out what you would like our Show Shirts to be and bring to the June Meeting.

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Memorial Day Madness

Sunday: May 29th

(Rain Date - Monday, May 30th)

Drag Race & Mini-Show

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Music City Raceway

Ivy Point Road (Union Hill) -- Goodlettsville, TN

Gates Open at 11:30 am

Time Trials - 12:30 pm

Race and Show Program - 3:30 pm

General Admission - \$5.00 per person Under 12 - Free

CASH BRACKET
\$20/Car Entry

TROPHY BRACKET
\$10/Car Entry

BURNOUT Contest
\$5/Car Entry
NO LINE LOCKS ALLOWED

WHEELSSTAND Contest
\$5/Car Entry

PEOPLES CHOICE MINI SHOW

Trophies & Plaques

MOPAR - FOMOCO - GM Classes
Race Cars - Pro-Street - Trucks

\$5/Vehicle Entry

CLUB RACES

for Bragging Rights & Your Favorite Charity

Door Prizes & Special Awards

Special All Event Ticket

See Reverse Side for Entry Form and Fees



Activities Questionnaire

HELP!!! The Steering Committee needs your input! We want to know what you would like to do in 1994 as a club function. This includes picnics, cruises, shows, poker runs, or anything else the club members would enjoy doing together.

Please list your suggestions, be specific, on a sheet of paper and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to one of the following addresses. Signature is optional.

Thanks!

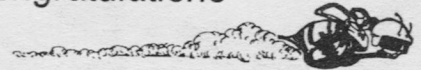
Butch Price	Peggy Haynes
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Pleasant View, TN 37146	Antioch, TN 37013



More of Music City Mopar Club Winning Ways for 1994

Winners at the 5th Annual Paris, TN ALL MOPAR SHOW & DRAG RACE were: **Gary Shrum, Jerry Taylor, Randel Mickle, Butch Price, Bobby Mace, Carl Harvey, Jr. and Donna Koopman.**

*****Congratulations*****



MAY PICNIC & MEETING

Saturday, May 21st, 1994

11:00 AM -- 5:00 PM

CHEATHAM DAM

Meeting: 2:00 PM

This is our Club's Official May Meeting! This will be a FUN afternoon!

The Club is supplying the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Charcoal! Bring side dishes and ice! So that we do not have a million pounds of potatoe salad or something. Kim Litton is co-ordinating the side dishes. Please call her and she will let you know what's needed. (615) 441-2953. If you have called Peggy Haynes already, please call Kim as Peggy has been out of pocket for awhile! Thanks.

Butch Price has reserved a pavilion for us so we go rain or shine. This will be a good family day! Direction to Cheatham Dam!!! If none of these help you Call Butch Price at 615 746-3390 and he'll put you on the right road!

See You There

DIRECTIONS

Take Briley Parkway to Ashland City Highway or in Bordeaux take Highway 12. Proceed through Ashland City to the Cheap Hill Community. Turn left on Cheatham Dam Road at the Cheap Hill Church of Christ. Go to the end of the road. Turn right to last covered picnic area on the right.

Take Interstate 24W toward Clarksville. Get off at Exit 24 (Highway 49). Turn left over the interstate. Proceed through the 4-Way Stop at Highway 41A for 3 miles. Turn right at Sweethome Road and follow signs to Lock 4 Campground.

All Roads are very curvy and with hills. Please drive carefully. No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed in Campground



Music City Mopar Club and Hermitage Landing Resort



5th Annual All-Mopar Show

2 BIG DAYS -- SATURDAY and SUNDAY

September 24th & 25th

MOPARS ONLY - ALL VEHICLES MUST BE MOPAR POWERED

Early Bird Reception - Friday, Sept. 23rd, 6:00 thru ????

Registration Saturday Only! No Sunday Registration

27 Classes plus Special Awards

FREE T-Shirts to First 75 Pre-Entries

\$15.00 Pre-Entry / Day of Show \$20.00

Dash Plaque to all Entries - FREE Admission to Public

Hermitage Landing Resort - 1001 Bell Rd. - Nashville, TN

For More Information Contact:

Larry Forrest @ 615 391-3912 / Neil Johnson @ 615 791-0043

Roger Hendrick @ 615 865-0299 / Ron Gillespie @ 615 459-7199

Return Entry Form with Entry Fee(s) to: Music City Mopar Club, P.O. Box 130, LaVergne, TN 37086-0130

Phone No.: _____ Vendor _____
Vendors Fee \$10.00, 20x40 Space \$20.00 (Pre-Entry Only)

Name: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Club Affiliations: _____ Miles Driven to Show: _____

LIABILITY: By entering this show and completing the entry form, I understand the Music City Mopar Club, and Hermitage Landing Resort will not be liable or responsible for damage, theft, loss of life, or accidents to and from the show and during the 2-day-long event. Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed in or around the show area. Reckless driving will not be tolerated. The Music City Mopar Club reserve the right to evict violators of the above rules.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS.

Signature _____ Date _____ (If under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign)

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 15	16	17	18	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING MCMC Picnic and Meeting Cheatam Dam
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4
MCMC Sponsored Drag Race at Nashville Raceway. Rain Date Monday the 30th						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 "Poor Boys Classic Chevy Club Show - Waverly, TN
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 6th Annual FUN IN THE SUN - Knoxville, TN <hr/> 2nd Annual AL MENEH TEMPLE Open Show - Nashville
26 25th, 26th - '94 Muscle Car Shootout - West Salem, Ohio CLUB MEETING	27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2

TO ALL CONCERNED

A number of months ago Our Club had a
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

While we tried to contact everyone with whom we correspond, maybe we missed you. If so, please accept our apologies and note our new address.

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