

Music City Mopar Club



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In the past year I have learned a lot about how a car club functions. I have learned you can't please everyone. No matter what you do someone always complains. So you do the best you can.

Every decision I have made, has been for the best of the club. I want to think that I helped make a difference in the direction the club has taken. You (the members) are the directing force for the club. The board can only do what you tell it to. Everytime you attend a meeting you make it a stronger club.

Enclosed is a copy of a flier about a clunker bill passed in New Jersey, read it carefully. It can happen here if we don't do something about it.

The January meeting will be at the Car-B-Que location in Music Valley Village, on Music Valley Drive, on January 28, eat and greet 12:30 meeting at 2 PM. This will be the election meeting, so your attendance is very important. The February meeting will be for by-law changes and also is an important meeting. You must renew your membership dues before you can vote. So get there early enough to take care of this before the meeting starts. If you are not at the meeting, and have not renewed your membership, you will be dropped from the membership list.

You new members may not know about the special deals we have with our sponsors. Hippo-

drome Dodge has special prices for new vehicles, service and parts to our club members. Present your membership card at the beginning of your negotiations for your discount. Regency Dodge has a discount on parts for you. Most of our sponsors, will give you a special price if you tell them Music City Mopar Club. The Car-B-Que people will give you a discount when you pay for your meal if you tell them car club.

Someone at the December meeting brought up the Idea of having a Recording Secretary. This person would keep the minutes of the Executive Board and Membership meetings. We would need a volunteer to finish out the '96 club year. If you are interested, please be at the February meeting. I personally feel the club has a need for this position. Records need to be kept of all the meetings.

Our club has a bright future if we continue the way we are now going. Our shows are getting the credit they deserve with the other clubs nation wide. I thank you for letting me be your President for 1995 and look forward to working with the new officers in the coming year.

Butch Price

TECH TALK

Hello Mopar Lovers. Baby Block Bob here. I just wanted to tell you about a new muffler on the market. It's called a FLOW WRIGHT and let me tell you, it really works! We put a set of these mufflers on my baby block powered 68 Valiant and picked the car up 4.5/10's in the 1/8 mile. Before the FLOW WRIGHTS it ran 8.50 to 8.60 and after, it ran 8.12 to 8.18. That's not half bad for a nearly stock 360 with a 3.91 gear. When the new mufflers went on I had to put bigger jets in the carb right away. It was then that I knew they had made a definite improvement. These mufflers are not as loud as a FLOW MASTER, but are louder than a regular turbo muffler. If this is not enough, these mufflers are super heavy duty. The outer shell is made of thick steel like a FLOW MASTER and they have flow tubes like a BORLA, so you really get two winners in one muffler! Mike Boer put a set of these mufflers on his 69 Dart. They sound great and have the really good, deep tone Mike wanted. Mike, Bill and I went to the track to try Mikes Dart out and boy did it surprise the devil out of us! This 318 monster ran a 9.51 on the brakes hard! We give part of the credit to the exhaust system he put on it. Just remember, when choosing a muffler for your Mopar, you should choose a winner and that's what I'm trying to help you find. So, when a new muffler comes out I like to try them on my car. When they're this good I like to get the word out. Besides, it doesn't hurt my business any to do so. If you have any questions you can call me at my shop at 650-8887. Ask for Robert and I will help you even if I don't do your work.

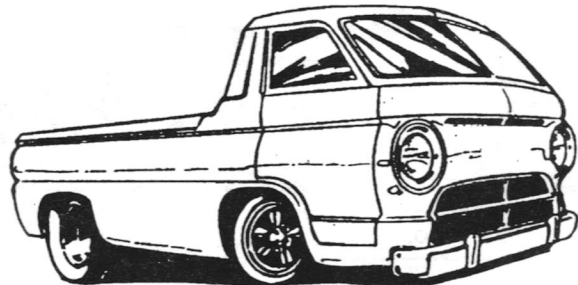
BABY BLOCK BOB

P.S. Don't forget this years drag race. I'll be giving away another legal dual exhaust system and there will be FLOW WRIGHTS on the ticket!



My name is Robert Vachunek. I am running for Events Director for 1996. I have been a life long Mopar Man and a club member for several years. Mopars are my life. I have written tech articles for the newsletter, been very involved in both club drag races and did a lot of work at this years car show. My interest in Events Director is genuine and I think I can bring some new blood to the job. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to working with all of you.

KIM'S KORNER



AKA Ladies Choice

Hello again!

Hope all of you had as great a holiday as we did. Sure was great seeing all of our family and friends. Once again, I ate too much. Ron has some kind of bug, so he's not a happy camper.

I usually don't make New Years resolutions, but I thought I might give it a try this year.. (Hmm- think, think, think.) First off, I better try to count to ten when I get mad. (a hundred if I'm really mad.) I will work on my patience,(of which I have none). I will try to say no to people a little more often. I tend to spread myself too too thin.) I resolve to attempt to be a bit more like Miss Susie Homemaker, instead of working outside or on my truck. (BUMMER!). Also I will quit putting things off until the last minute, (what's that laughter I hear?). The biggest resolution will be harder to keep. But I will try not to tell or ask Ron to work overtime so I can get more truck parts. (You can stop laughing now!!!)

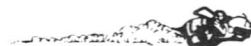
It looks like our club has another busy year ahead. Between meetings, shows, picnics, get together and the such. Let's all try to have fun, but also think safety. Sometimes we get so busy in getting ready for something, or get in a rush going somewhere, we get a little careless. Or someone else isn't paying attention, and fenders get dented. (As do bodies.) So please be careful.

Oh yeah, would the person who called me a month or so ago that said they had some mail for me please call me? I haven't received it yet and would like to get it.

That's all for now, see you soon. (Did I really say I wouldn't bug Ron about the overtime?)

Stay Safe and Be Aware!

Kim



THE ATTA BOY AWARD

At our meeting we will be having elections. This is an important meeting and I hope you all can attend. At this time last year the MCMC embarked on a new era with a totally new board for the first time in three years. Many people welcomed us warmly and helped a lot in the transition. Most members went on as usual. A few were nay sayers. I was scared. After a year of growth in membership and two successful events along with several fun picnics it would seem the year was a winner. The members on the board and committees worked hard to achieve this and there is plenty of credit to go around. But, I would like to take this opportunity to speak for Board and Committee members and give Butch Price the ATTA BOY he deserves for a job well done. For those who could not be with us at each event or meeting, take my word; Butch worked his tail off for this club in 1995. No event can go off without the help of many members, but Butch did a great job of organizing and general baby sitting. It was a fun year and we look forward to another even though Butch won't be on the board.

Come join us at the meeting and pat Butch on the back.

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The total man hours to put on the Drag Race is not high, but we are looking to increase our performance as a host club. Many of us attended the Ford Club Drag Race and know how unorganized it was (they did have bad weather). While we are not out to GROW the event there are improvements that can be made and we need enthusiastic help.

It seems early, but now is the time to start planning the car show. This is the event that needs attention of new members and old. Experience counts big in putting on the show. This is a great time for new members to get experience and old members to pass along what they have learned.

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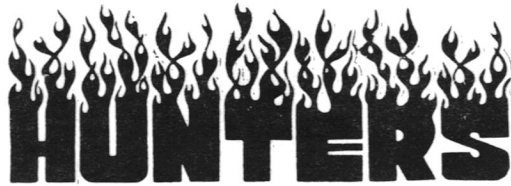
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This is going to be a new section. It won't be too much this month, due to the fact we have no one to take the minutes. It was brought before the club to have a Recording Secretary, if you would like to volunteer your time to take the minutes at the meetings, please let a board member know ASAP.

Next meeting will be January 28, 1996. 12:30 to eat- 2PM to meet. At John Andrettis Car-B-Que. WE WILL BE DONE IN TIME TO GET HOME TO WATCH THE SUPER BOWL!!! This is an important meeting. Elections!!!

As of the January newsletter, want ads will run for 2 months only. Advertisers will have a quarterly pull out.

Make sure the club has your correct address, phone number and current vehicle list. We continue to get newsletters returned by the post office.

January meeting is your last chance to renew your dues. No dues, no vote, and your name will be dropped from the directory.

Jan. 20 & 21, Nashville Auto Fest. Fairgrounds Nashville.

March 8, 9, 10 Hunter Auto Expo '96 Fairgrounds Nashville.

Need suggestions for show shirts.

No preliminary fliers. Official fliers out soon.

Need articles for newsletter.

Need members Mopars for newsletter.

Member of the year award. Will be given yearly to the member who has gone out and made the club more well known., club spirit type of thing. Helps other members etc..

\$500 to be split between 2 families at Christmas for '96.

Award for high point club member to be given at Jan. meeting.

Nominated for office. Pres. Bill Bradley, V. Pres. Kim Litton, Events Director Robert Vachunek & Gary Wilkerson, Financial Director Mike Boer.

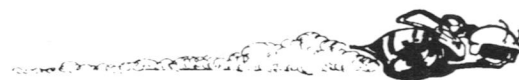
March display for Hippodrome Dodge, date to be set later..

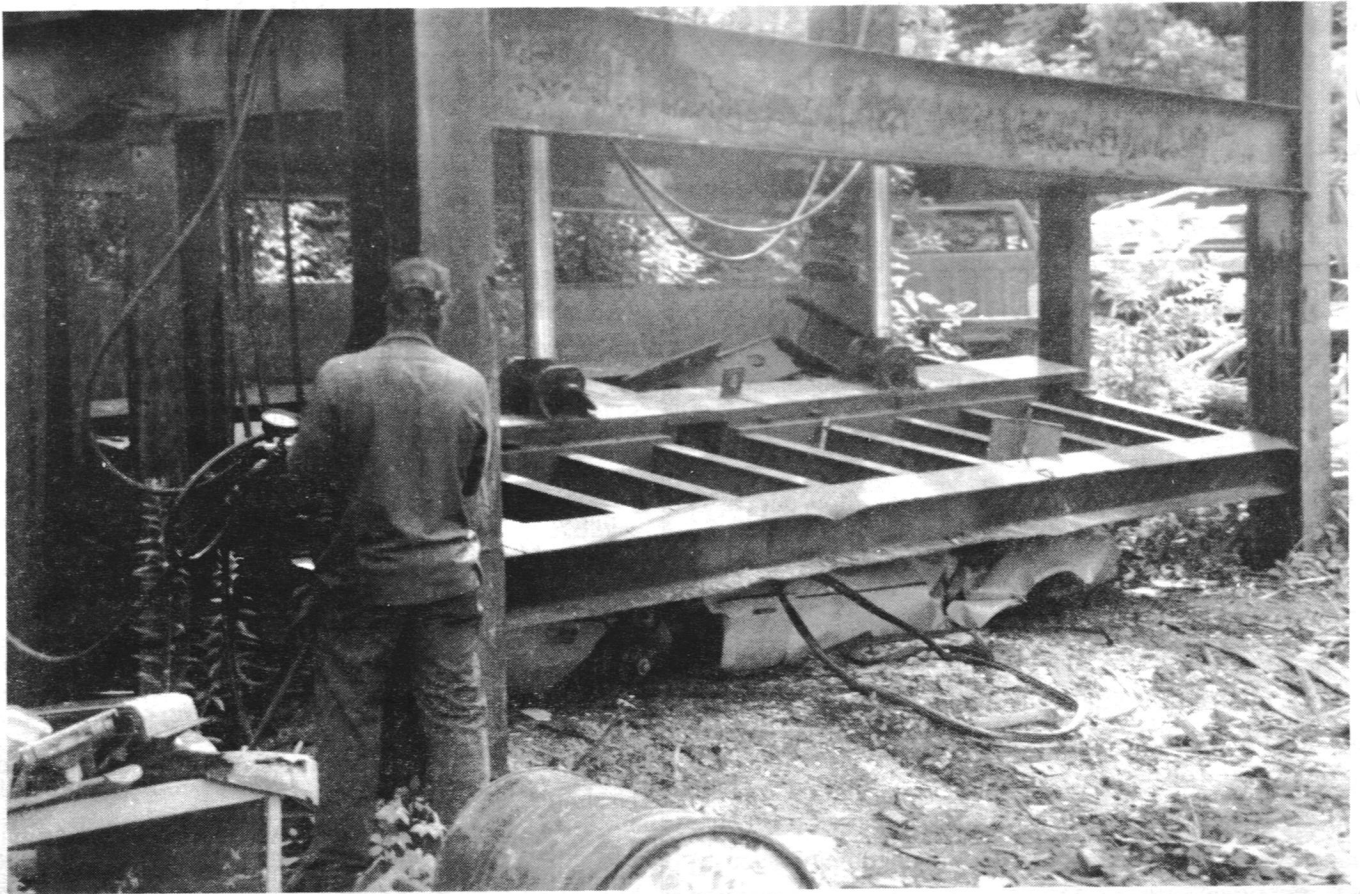
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Do you see a tow truck in your future? No, not to transport that \$1000 16,000 mile Hemi 'Cuda or Hurst Olds that has been sitting in the original owner's garage since 1970. Unless you do something NOW, the tow truck in your future could be sent to you by your federal, state or local government to take away your car!

If you haven't been paying attention for the last couple of years, it's time you wake up. Your right to own property is being threatened and you're being hit in a vulnerable place -- your cars! How?

1. The "Cash for Clunkers" program has been endorsed and strongly encouraged by the federal and many state governments. What started as a publicity gimmick by Unocal in California, quickly turned into crushing 8371 vehicles in 1991 and several hundred again this September. The publicity generated by the 1991 event soon had people in the federal

government endorsing a "Cash for Clunkers" program which allows "stationary polluters" to buy and dispose of "mobile polluters" in exchange for "pollution credits". In other words, a factory that spews noxious chemicals can get around cleaning up their plant by buying your pre-1981 vehicle for a few hundred dollars to get "pollution credits". These programs are currently voluntary, but for how long?

So who gets hurt in this deal? How about people that can't afford a newer car or car collectors? Eventually, factories are going to have to be cleaned up. The cost of doing it five years from now is going to be much higher than it is today!

2. Taxes. Various county and state governments have hit upon the bright idea of assessing collector cars arbitrarily to get more money. For example, your 1969 Ram Air IV Judge is worth \$5000 in #4 condition and has had a tax assess-

ment of \$100 for several years. Suddenly, your bill jumps to \$1500! When you check with your best friend who owns an absolutely flawless 1969 Ram AIR IV Judge, you find his tax assessment also jumped to \$1500! No one ever asked about condition or assessed your car. You are paying the same price regardless of condition. If you have a couple of cars, can you afford to pay unfair assessments or will you have to get rid of some of your automobiles?

3. Zoning. You have a car which you have been working on in your garage or you have stored behind a privacy fence in your yard. One day you get a letter telling you to get the car off of your property or it will be removed for you. If you are lucky enough to live in some parts of Kentucky, they will take that "non-roadworthy vehicle" and tow it away for free. Oh yeah, they will keep all of the auction proceeds from the sale of the car