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MEMBER'S MOPARS

The Cream Dream



RIDDLE ME THIS... What is cream colored, heavy, old, yet new, has four doors and goes like stink??? You've got it! The "four door from hell"! (as the member's car of the month has been called)

The above pictured 1967 Dodge Coronet deluxe belongs to Donna Koopman and was given to her by your's truly, Rev. Mopar, for Christmas in 1994. This is a purpose built car to fill the void while the *Holy Roller II* was in disrepair. The purpose, of course, was to keep Donna pacified during racing season with a car that would be competitive yet streetable.

The Coronet came into our possession as a one owner 273 equipped grocery getter with 66,000 original miles. The only option was the deluxe package (which included an auto tranny and a piece of chrome along the side) and an AM radio. NOTHING ELSE... Forget power brakes or power steering... It did have a 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " rear end though. The car needed a metamorphosis and that is what it got.

Today the car remains without power steering and power brakes, but certainly not without power. The engine is a .030 over 440 that utilizes Keith Black Hypereutectic pistons, a Lunati "cheater" cam, comp cam's

valve springs on some obscure heads (I assure you they are not of the best casting), a Holley Street Dominator intake and 950 series competition series carburetor, hemi radiator, Derale electric cooling fan, Mopar Performance comp electronic ignition conversion, Hooker headers, 2 1/2" aluminized exhaust pipes and Walker Super Dyno Max Mufflers (thanks to Robert Vachunek). A NEW set of GTX leaf springs support the rear end along with Monroe Magnum Gas shocks and matching shocks up front to keep it under control. A turbo action valve body helps the fresh torqueflite do it duty and a 3000 stall converter and 3.55 sure grip complete the drive line.

The Cream Dream has run well at the strip and equally well on the local highways and byways. We only got race about 13 times last year, but in those outings we either won or came in the money six times. This is one fun street ride - the local Mustangs and Camaros know it well I assure you (at least they know the back of it well) .

As much as we love the car, if we ever want to get the *Holy Roller II* back on the strip, we have to sell it. If you want the ride of your life, a tight car that is super solid and ALL NEW, but old too, call Rev. Mopar, I'm sure we can work out something.-



Rev. Mopar's Grease Pit

"Chrysler is determined to see Wayne County come back and race, and they are now going to take an active role in engineering support, which hasn't been done up to this point because Wayne County had not previously asked for it." These are the words of Greg Pawlowski, spokesman for Mopar Performance, as reported in the Feb. 9, 1996 issue of National Dragster.

For those of you who remember the "glory days" of Chrysler at the strips across America, this could signal a whole new era in the direction of "you car company". But then again, it could be a sign of desperation.

Let's deal first with the desperation. Wayne County Speed Shop carries the Mopar Performance banner and have put Darrell Alderman and Scott Geoffrion in the two most feared pro stock racers ever to hit the strip. So dominant were these cars that last spring vandals (or should we say "henchmen"), broke into the team's garage and destroyed ever last engine... When Wayne County failed to return for the rest of the season, rumors flowed. The hardest to live down is the one dealing with nitrous oxide and the seeming evidence (those strange flames belching from the scoops of the avengers) of its use. Adding credence to the rumors is Wayne County's failure to make to the season opening Winter Nationals and their plans to skip the ATSCO Nationals in Phoenix. In testing the best time either Dodge could muster was a & 7.16 at 192 and change, pretty poor for a field that had a bump spot of about 7.06 or so. Add to that the efforts of engine builder/pro stock racer Steve Schmidt who has built two MOPAR engines for other pro stock teams not sponsored by "mother" and after only about a month of development they are already in the low 7.0's... HMMMM... Ma Mopar can't play second fiddle to an Oldsmobile guy...

The up side please! It was 1962 when factory engineers joined the ranks of the hot rodder and created the MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE WEDGE. This same involvement brought about the HEMI. What are the possibilities for Wayne County and Mopar fans alike now that the factory is getting involved. One immediate thought comes to mind. A new block... The merlin 4.900 block is a universal block used buy ALL Pro Stock racers. With the wizardry of the factory, improvements can be

made in this area. I think Wayne Counties heads are so far superior to those of their competitors that they are already seeing weaknesses in the Merlin block that other teams will have to face later on as they create the same cylinder filling abilities. The crank shaft and cam shaft numbers are not working the same as they did in the 4.84 block. Granted there isn't a lot of difference to the naked eye, but every little bit counts in the world of metallurgy.

The good Reverend will go out on a limb and predict the following:

1. Schmidt's motors will be in hunt sooner than Wayne County's.
2. Wayne County will be back in 1996 no later than the Spring Nationals in Columbus, June 20-23.
3. When they do run, one car will run the Merlin block and the other a different or "developmental" block.
4. The Merlin will have the early edge.
5. The developmental block will become dominant by the Western swing of the N.H.R.A. season.
6. 1997, WATCH OUT FOR THE MOPARS.
7. Mid 1997 N.H.R.A. will place restrictions of the block dimensions regarding cylinder angle, crank and cam placement, and bore spacing. In short they will penalize Mopar once again.

Heck, half the stuff probably won't come to pass, but I'd be willing to wager that much of it really will - though perhaps not on my time table. There should be a number 8. The return of the HEMI to Pro Stock competition, what with the new stuff coming out. Hey, SS/AA cars that weigh 3220# are running 8.90's at over 150 now... Think about a 500 inch HEMI with unlimited intake work and huge carburetion etc. It could happen...

PEACE, Rev.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 25: MCMC Meeting- John Andretti's Car-B-Que. 12:30 to eat, 2pm meet.

March: Display for Hippodrome Dodge. Date to be set later. Need volunteers to display.

March 8-10: Hunters Custom Automotive Car Show. For info call Hunter's at (615) 227-6584.

April 28: 3rd Annual Pro Gas Association Open Car Show. Will be at John Andretti's Car-B-Que. Call Dale Biggs for more info .(615) 758- 2370.

May 4: MOPAR NITE: Display at Race. For more info call Fred Turman, Pres.- (901) 644-9409.

TECH TALK

Hello Mopar Lovers. Baby Block Bob Here. I've heard a lot of people talking about an A-Body front drum to disc brake swap. I have done a few myself. First you have to find a disc brake car from which to get the parts. For my old yellow Valiant I found a '74 four door V-8 Valiant. Once I took all the parts off and cleaned them, I put in new bearings and pads and rebuilt the calipers. After doing all that work I found the spindle wouldn't work. So, back to the '74 Valiant I went. It seems the upper ball joint is bigger on disc brakes than on drums. I used the complete A arm, but you don't have to. Now I put A-frame bushings and ball joints in and installed all the chassis parts. Then on the top side I put a disc brake master cylinder. In case you haven't noticed I did not change the proportioning valve. I just adjusted the rear brakes and it works fine. There is about 15% difference in rear braking between the two valves and you can change yours if you like. After all this I had the front end aligned and went cruising.

Your Friend,
Robert Vachunek

F Y I

Once again every one on the new board wants to thank you for your support. We look forward to working with all of you and are open to and looking for suggestions.

MCCI in Paris, TN would like to announce their yearly outing "Mopar Nite" will be on May 4th at the Gleason Race Track. There will be Mopar versus all drag racing and a mini car show at this one day event. For further info contact Fred Turman at 901-644-9409.

Sign-ups for car show, drag race, and clunker committees will be at the next meeting on Feb. 25th at Car-B-Q's near Opryland. Your help and enthusiasm are needed and none of these committees will take over your life. It's fun and that's what the club is about.

If you have changes to make in the club directory contact Mike Boer at 615-384-3242. If you have not yet paid your dues you must do so now or you will be removed from the directory. You are fast running out of time to do this. The new directory will be handed out at the February Meeting.

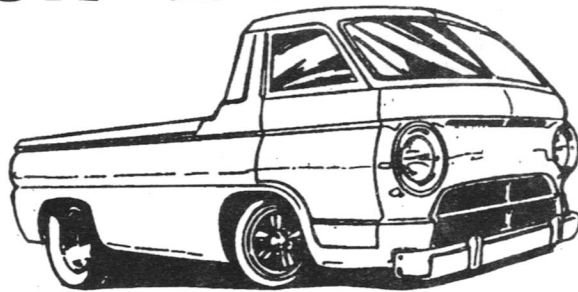
If you have info for "Winning Ways" or "Mostly Old Parts and Relics" Contact Kim Litton at 615 441-2953.

See you at Car-B-Q's
Big Block Bill

Winning Ways

Winners at the January 20th & 21st, Nashville Auto Fest were **Bobby Mace, Mike Cunningham, Dale McDaniel, Terry Carter, and Ricky Richter.**

KIM'S KORNER



AKA Ladies Choice

Hello again!

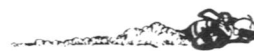
Boy oh boy has it been cold!!! I don't think I'll ever thaw out. My feet got cold awhile back and I don't think I've been warm since! My inside dog doesn't want to spend much time at all out there. And my outside dog really wants to move inside. (Yes, she does come in... Often.) I don't blame either one!

Ron and I went to an interesting Trade Show and Swap Meet February 3rd. We left home about 6:30 am headed to Indy. And about 5 hours later walked into a heated building. One half was manufacturers, and the other half was swap meet. Between both sides, you name it, they had it. (I even found a couple of things for A-100's!) In spite of the bitterly cold weather, (-5 degrees, wind chill -25 degrees) a lot of people showed up. We over heard how some peoples flights got delayed. It took one manufacturer 18 hours to get from North Carolina to Indy. (Bad weather) One man came all the way from Sweden! Now that's a MOPAR man!!! We wandered around for a couple of hours, talked to lots of people, and got lots of ideas and suggestions. Then decided that home sounded awfully good. So we piled in the old Ramcharger and headed home. The only bad thing that happened, was when we got around Bowling Green the truck said FEED ME!!! I thought about asking Ron if he wanted to flip a coin to see who pumped and who paid. But bless his heart, he offered to pump. So I ran in and paid. He said he had never seen a slower pump! We made it home by 9:30 pm. What a day! The sunrise was beautiful. As was the sunset. Company was excellent. We not only talked a lot about my truck, but of the wildlife we saw. (15 Hawks, 12 Kestrels, and 20 Whitetail deer) After dark I saw a pair of eyes in the ditch next to the interstate. I have NO idea what they belonged to!

We really enjoy impromptu one day trips. Whether its car related or otherwise. Like I have said before, quality time is so important. I wouldn't trade it for all the world!

Stay Safe and Be Aware!

Kim



MOSTLY OLD PARTS AND RELICS

FOR SALE: 71 mod 360 motor, \$200.00. 2- 904 transmissions, \$100.00 each. 1- 727 transmission, \$150.00. Must sell call Scott, 791-0739 after PM.

FOR SALE: Tires & steelspoke wheel for late Dodge truck. 31x10.50R15LT tire size also fits jeep, \$125.00. Call Larry George at 862-8690 after 3pm Monday thru Thursday.

FOR SALE: 4 cyl. Engine, trans & transfer case for a 63 C-J 5 Jeep, \$250.00. Call Larry George at 862-8690 after 3pm Monday thru Thursday.

PARTING OUT: 68 Ply Sat., 2 door hardtop and a 69 Roadrunner. Call Larry George at 862-8690 after 3pm Monday thru Thursday.

FOR SALE: Beautiful 1966 Dodge Coronet 500 361 V-8, 727, 8 3/4- red metallic paint, black interior, documented 4th owner- 67,000 miles- Numerous show wins. Phone 615-746-3390 after 6 PM CDT. Serious inquiries only please. \$5000

FOR SALE: 1975 Monaco, 440 auto, P/S, P/B, A/C, AM/FM, 86,000 miles. \$500.00 phone 746-9510.

FOR SALE: 76 Dodge D 100 Warlock PU, 318 4 bbl., 727, P/S, P/B, AM/FM cassette, short stepside, \$3000 phone 746-3390 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: Small block Holly SDtreet Dominator 4 bbl. intake manifold & Holly aluminum valve covers. \$100, call 746-3390 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: 86 Dodge Daytona front suspension w/rack & pinion, struts, axles and X members. \$100. call 746-3390 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: 86 Dodge Daytona Auto trans axle \$100 call 746-3390 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: 89 Chrysler 2.2 engine. Ran good. Needs head. \$100. Call 746-3390 after 6pm.

For Sale: 85 Dodge 225 slant 6 engine, runs good, many new parts. \$250. Call 746-3390 after 6pm.

WANTED: Good complete underhood harness for 66 Barracuda with V8 automatic. Call Butch 746-3390 after 6pm.

FOR SALE: Belvedere Parts. Call Roger Trimble 449-3631.

FOR SALE: 69 Ply. GTX tail light assembly, fair shape, \$50 for the pair. Joey 444-7170.

FOR SALE: 4200-4500 stall converter for 727 Torqueflite trans. \$250. Joey 444-7170.

FOR SALE: 68-69 Satellite grille \$50 Joey 444-7170.

WANTED: 69 GTX bucket seats. Joey 444-7170.

WANTED: 1 small bolt pattern wheel. Joey 444-7170.

WANTED: Pre 71 Dodge PU to put my engine in. Robert.650-8887.

FOR SALE: B or E Body, 3 spd. complete w/shifters and E Body linkage. good shape, \$200. 4 magnum 500 rims, 14x7, complete w/trim rings, centers & 4 tires, good shape, \$400. 4 aluminium 5 slot rims Mopar or Ford bolt pattern, looks rough, will clean up, \$75. 4 aluminum western style wheels, unilug bolt pattern with centers, real good shape, \$75. Call Chris 360-6215.

FOR SALE: 2 V8 E Body K frames, \$50 each. Used E body small block torsion bars, \$50, call Chris 306-6215.

FOR SALE: 70 Duster tail light assembly \$25 pair, rear adjustable Koni drag shocks, \$50 pair, Aluminum radiator, new for racing, \$90, double roller timing chain new in pkg, single bolt big block \$35, 3.8 gal Aluminum Moon fuel tank w/brackets \$40, 1 pr HP exhaust manifolds from 67 440 magnum \$50, 1 pr stamped Direct Connection valve covers, blue annadized \$40, 8 3/4 bare chunk, 1 7/8 pinion \$25. Call Roger after 6:30 pm & before 10 pm 865-0299 or days 254-5922.

WANTED: 70 B Body seat belts black. 68-70 B Body radio cover SE or RT style wood grain, dial radio. 70 Barracuda seat belts for the rear & center front. John Dodson 790-2998.

FREE: 73 318 short block has good oil pan, crank, harmonic balancer, timing cover and other internals. John Dodson 790-2998.

SALE: MOPAR WINTER PARTS SALE! Call John Dodson for details. 790-2998.

MELISSA'S MINUTES

JANUARY 1996 MEETING

THE 1996 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

BILL BRADLEY - PRESIDENT
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ROBERT VACHUNEK - EVENTS DIRECTOR
MELISSA BOER - SECRETARY

COMMITTEES:

CAR SHOW, DRAG RACE, AND CLUNKER
COMMITTEES TO BE FORMED
A CHAIRPERSON AND INTERESTED
MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH
COMMITTEE

SPONSORSHIP:

THE CLUB HAS THREE SPONSORS FOR THE
CAR SHOW: REGENT, HALLMARK,
AND FRENSELY
THE CLUB HAS ONE SPONSOR FOR THE
DRAG RACE: HIPPODROME.

AWARDS:

THE 1995 CLUB SPIRIT AWARD WAS PRE
SENTED TO CARL HARVEY, JR. FOR
HIS DEDICATION IN SPREADING THE
NEWS ABOUT OUR CLUB.
THE 1995 POINT LEADER AWARD WENT TO
NICK WILLMORE FOR HIS OBSES
SION/DEDICATION IN ATTENDING
CAR SHOWS.

CHARITY:

THE CLUB WILL DONATE \$250 EACH FOR
TWO FAMILIES THROUGH THE
OLDIES 96.3 CHRISTMAS WISHES.
CAR SHOW WILL HAVE A CAN FOOD DRIVE
CAR SHOW UPDATE:

MOPAR ONLY MODEL CONTEST FOR KIDS.
TWO CLASSES: 10 & UNDER AND
11-15. NO ENTRY FEE.

THE SHOW SHIRT WILL HAVE THE THREE
SPONSORS ON THE BACK.

The new Club mailing address is:

PO BOX 625

MADISON, TN 37116

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.

