

# Music City Mopar Club

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Monthly Feature

## MEMBER'S MOPARS

*"Ole Yellor. . ."*



Hello Members, this is Robert Vachunek. I want to tell you about the car my son, Super Stock Shane, and I have. It is a little yellow 1968 Plymouth Valiant. When we bought the car about 7 years ago it was a white, 6 banger, gas mizing, granny getter. Soon we put a 360 and 8 3/4 w/ 3.55 and off to the races we went. The first pass was an 8.84 @ 82 mph. Not bad for a daily driver. Since then we've put about 20 motors in the car ranging from 273 ci to 360 ci. We always drive the car any where we can. If I asked Shane which one he wants to take he always says "ole yellor". After all, it was his first Mopar. The car now has a stock 360 out of a junk yard that was locked up when we got it. The rear end has been changed to a 3.23 single peg leg. The car still runs 9.0's all day. It just recently got a Blinding Yellow paint job and new door panels. It was entered last weekend in the Holley show at Car-B-Q's, had the first show spot and burned the retinas of everyone there. I take pride in what in what I drive and own. I intend to keep it for my kids, and don't plan to let any one take it away for any reason. It isn't a

clunker/junker, it's our car.

Happy Moparing,

Baby Block Bob and  
Super Stock Shane

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## Rev. Mopar's Grease Pit

His initials are B.W. and he is one of the hidden elements of motorsports - NASCAR, NHRA, boat racing, motorcross, you name it and ole B.W. is a factor. In some of these venues, B.W. is strictly controlled and monitored, while in others he is not inhibited. One place where B.W. is not inhibited is on the street. B.W. is so important that auto makers have for years had specific parts designed to counteract his forces. Can you guess who B.W. is?

Meet Bob Weight... The Magical factor in making many old engine combinations come alive. Yes, ole Bob is a HUGE factor in the overall performance and effeeciency of your engine. Simply put bob weight is the value used to balance your engine. It is the amount of weight your crank journal sees when rotated with your favorite piston/rod combination. Usually figured in grams, bob weight is the value used by the machine shop to determine where and how much weight must be removed from your crank shaft.

Most Mopars have long been plagued with heavy bob weight values. It is no wonder Chrysler used forged cranks for so long in there HP motors. If you've ever seen a six pack rod and piston you know what I am talking about. It has long been known that if you wanted a killer six pack car you had to lose the rods and opt for std issue and have the thing rebalnced. Diminishing the bob weight made the engine more responsive.

To digress abit, the rod and piston have to change direction twice per crank revolution. The rod piston assembly weighs about the same as a two pound hand maul! NOW TRY TO SWING THAT MAUL 5000 TIMES IN ONE MINUTE ANDEACH TIME MOVE FOUR INCHES. Get the picture? We're talking tons of force here. Would you beleive that every 100 grams you reduce the bob weight the effect is equal to that value cubed? Pretty impressive.

Case in point. Orville Coney's '68 Charger drag car. Orville had a 446 cid RB engine in his car during the '94 season. He was successful and won some money and his car ran consistant 12.40's w/ a best of 12.29 in the 1/4 mile. For 1995 he ran a 451 cid engine in the same car, using the same cam gearing and carb, and converter ect. He was again successful winning nearly \$18,000, and his carran consistant 11.80's w/ a best of 11.701 in the 1/4. What was the difference? Bob weight! To balance the 446 the machine shop had to affix bob weights to each crank hournal of 2860

grams, but to balance to 451 it only took 2340 grams per journal... The benefits are plain.No one can see inside your engine. If you are an enthusiasts and enjoy driving you pride and joy, or if you are a racer and are looking for that added punch, consider the pistons you have chosen. The day's o selecting TRW 2388's are just about over. By selecting light weight components and getting things balanced you can enjoy better milage, longer life, more performance, and the knowledge that no one except for your machinist and hair dresser will know for sure.

Technical tip of the month! Hurry out and buy lean burn equipped Chrysler cars.. Why? They are the only post 1975 cars that have been granted exemptions from federal and metro emmissions testing standards because there are no more lean burn computers available... How long this moratorium will last is anybody's guess, but it is worth the effort just ot poke fun at the establishment while it lasts. I saw one of these exemptions personally and was it ever pretty. So was the 1977 Cordoba 400 4bbl that was granted the prized certificate, repleat with duals and all the works including a METRO STICKER!

Peace, Rev.

Rev. Mopar is the new parts pro at Advance Auto Parts on Donelson Pike at Elm Hill Pike. They are a sponsor of the club drag race. Drop in and see him when you need parts help.

## DRAG RACE

NEXT MONTH ON MAY 26TH WILL BE OUR ANNUAL DRAG RACE. THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN A BIG SUCCESS. WE GAVE AWAY ALOT OF MONEY TO THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP AS WELL AS TO CHARITIES LIKE M.A.D. AND RONALD McDONALD HOUSE. THIS YEAR WE HAVE MORE SPONSHIP THAN BEFORE, BUT WE STILL NEED A BIG TURN OUT TO HELP THE CLUB MAKE MONEY FOR THINGS LIKE THE OLDIES 96.3 CHRISTMAS CHARITY. BRING YOUR FRIENDS WITH YOU TO WATCH OR RACE. IT IS THE \$5.00 GATE FEE THAT MAKES THIS WORK. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY DRIVE BRAND X OR F, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN. THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH THIS EVENT HAVE A GREAT TIME, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF US NEVER GET AROUND TO RACING. WITHOUT YOUR ATTENDENCE AND PARTICIPATION IT IS FOR NOTHING. SEE YOU THERE - HAVE FUN!!!

# TECH TALK

What do you do if you have a 6 cylinder car and the old leaning tower of power gives up the ghost. Drop a V-8 in it. More power, more rumble, more sexappeal. I know just about every one knows the K-frame is different, but do you know you can use it. You could swap in a V-8 K-frame, but it is not as easy to find one as it used to be and it isn't easy work. So on an A-body or B-body car you can use the 6 cylinder K-frame and sandwich type motor mounts. On the drivers side just use the stock mount. On the passenger side it gets tricky. If you look the pad on this side is way too low. You will need a taller mount on this side and a truck mount works just right. It costs a lot less, and you will also find that it is easier to put the motor in on the 6 cylinder K-frame anyway. If you have questions give me a call.

Baby Block Bob

## QUESTION?

Do you own a Hemi? Are you sure? Where do your spark plugs go? Which of these are cubic inch displacements for actual production Hemi engines?

241	276	301	396
259	291	331EB	426
271	330	331	440
315	341	354	
325	345	392	

All of the engines in the first column were commonly used in Dodge cars and trucks. Yes trucks. Both Dodge and Plymouth had poly-head versions of the same motors. Records show that Plymouth did not get old style Hemi engines from the factory.

All of the engines in the second column were commonly used in Desoto cars.

All of the engines in the third column were commonly used in Chryslers and Imperials and even marine and industrial applications.

In the fourth column the 426 was used in Dodge and Plymouth cars. Records show that none went in Chryslers, Imperials or Dodge trucks. The 396 was a race only version of the 426. And, contrary to what Chevy people tell you their uncle never owned a factory 440 Hemi.

Dodge, Desoto, and Chrysler used different blocks for the old style Hemis. Dodge old style Hemi heads will swap onto most Dodge or Plymouth blocks of Hemi displacement. The Dodge and Plymouth 426 was unique and not just a raised deck big block wedge with Hemi heads. Do you own a Hemi?

# FYI

Our meeting at Hippodrome Dodge was well attended with some very nice cars on display. We signed up several new members and had a good time. One new member has a big block convertible 4-speed Dart GTS. The people at Hippodrome were very happy and look forward to a future event.

The Holley show at Car-B-Q's was a lot of fun. Ole Sol would peak out every now and then, but mostly it was pretty cool temp wise. The Mopar Club was well represented by names like Boer, Vachunek, Bradley, Salvati, Pusateri, Card, Koopman, and Litton. Kim Litton literally took over the show as she worked registration and goody bags while the Holley and Car-B-Q people attended to business. Somehow she won the door prize which was a Holley manifold. Seems like that wheel-stander has been needing one of those.

Thanks to all the show car, drag race, and daily driver members who supported these two good sponsors.

Our drag race is only one month away. Along with Hippodrome and Holley our sponsors include Meineke on Main St., Advance Auto Parts on Donelson Pike, and Jet Hot Coatings. Please get out and recruit your Mopar freinds and let's show the Ford and Chevy guys the tail lights.

Our next meeting is at Car-B-Q's. They are having a show of Highland Rim Super Gas cars. See you there.

Big Block Bill

## NEW MEMBERS

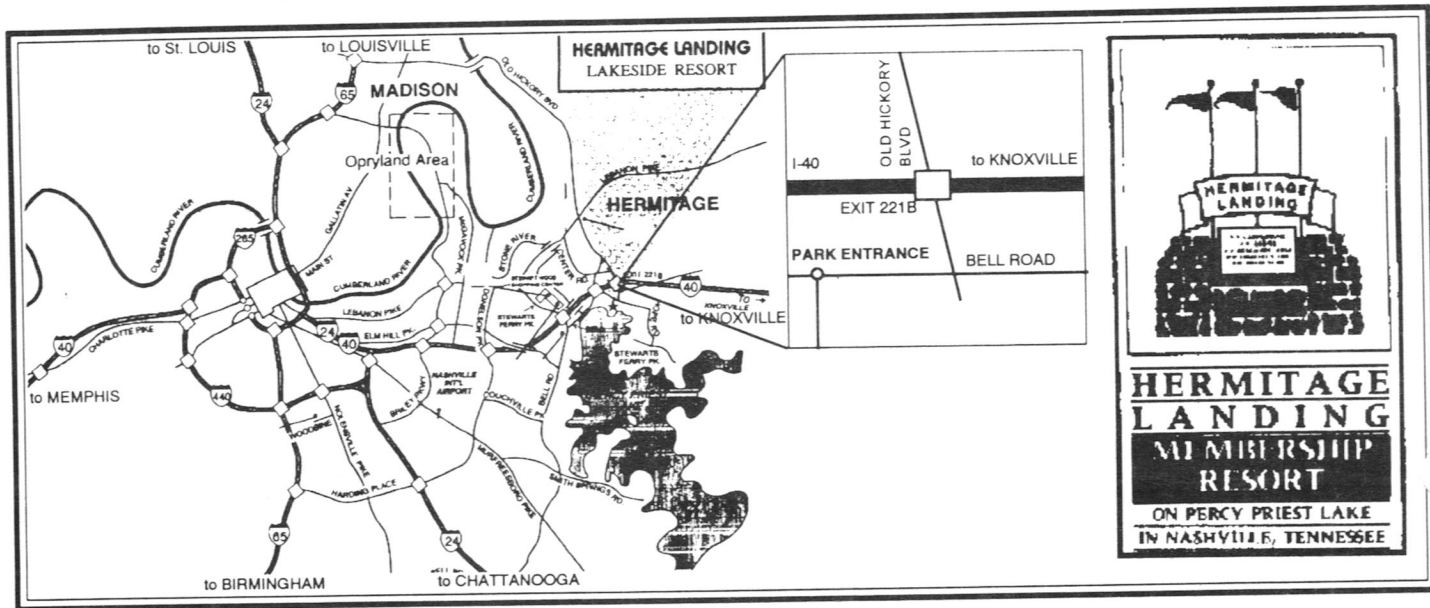
144 CRAIG SATTERFIELD 765 WALNUT ST MADISON, TN. 37115	149 MARK WHITE 4701 OLD HICKORY BLVD C-10 OLD HICKORY, TN. 37138
145 LEE TOMBERLAIN, JR. 270 TAMPA DR APTG-20 NASHVILLE, TN. 37211	150 ED McBRIDE 10675 CENTRAL PIKE MT. JULIET, TN. 37122
146 CORNELIUS VANDERBILT JOLLEY, III NASHVILLE, TN.	
147 THOMAS WILLIAMS 885 DRY ROCK RD WESTMORELAND, TN. 37186	
148 KEVIN ISENBERG 2056 WOODSIDE CT MURFREESBORO, TN. 37130	

# SCHEDULE of EVENTS

- Friday Night, September 27th --** Early Bird Registration & Cruise.  
 Registration: 5:00 PM till ??? • Cruise: 7:00 PM
- Saturday, September 28th --** Registration: 8:00 AM till 3:00 PM Display of Show Cars till 5:00 PM  
 Club Cook-Out "All Entries & Vendors Invited" at 6:00 PM
- Sunday, September 29th --** NO SUNDAY REGISTRATION Car Show Starting at 10:00 AM  
 (All show cars taken home Saturday Night  
 must be back by 10:00 AM Sunday)  
 Judging starts at Noon. Awards Presentation starts at 3:00 PM.

**24-Hour Security on Show Site Locked Gates after 12 Midnight**

Music City Mopar Club Members also on site continually from Noon Friday till Show ending Sunday



## Save Money & Pre-Register

Pre-Entry Fee: \$15.00 • Day of Show: \$20.00 • Swap Meet: \$10.00 • Car Corral: \$10.00  
 • Vendors: 10x20 Space - \$10.00 • 20x40 Space - \$20.00

Plus One Can of Non-Perishable Food

Return Entry Form with Entry Fee(s) to:

**Music City Mopar Club**

P.O. Box 625  
 Madison, Tn 37116

Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

Vendors Fee 10x20 Space - \$10.00; 20x40 Space - \$20.00

Phone No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Park, 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 beverage will not be allowed in or around the show area. Reckless driving will not be tolerated. The Music City Mopar Club reserves the right to evict violators of the above rules.  
 I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

## UPCOMING NEVENTS

**April 13-** Hoodlum Alley Cruise In- 2pm until ? Shelbyville,  
For more info call 615-684-8705. Trophies, door prizes,  
live music & more.

**April 27-28-** Midlands Mopars 5th Annual All-Star Auto  
Show- Columbia,S.C. , Reg. 9am-1pm Sat., Big Daddy Don  
Gartlits will be there.For more info call Perry Fernandez 803-  
739-6810.

**April 28-** 3rd Annual Pro Gas Association Car Show- Several  
classes from trucks to race cars. Call for more info 615- 758-  
2370. Location will be John Andrettis Car-B-Que.

**MAY 4 - MMCI Drag Race 12:00 @ Gleason track  
(901-644-9409 Fred) trails @ 3:00 eliminations @ 6:00**

**May 11-** 9th Annual Country Cruisers Auto Show- Open  
show, but does have Mopar classes. For more info call Don  
Cairns 615-381-7642.Columbia, Tn.

**May 18-** The Defeated Creek Auto Jam- Carthage, Tn. Lots  
of other events scheduled also. Call Jimmy Roark 615-699-  
3880 for more info.

**May 18-** Music City Late Great Chevy Club and John  
Andrettis Car-B-Cue will have an open car show at the Car-  
B-Cue. Call Randy Littlejohn at 615-871-4447 for info.

**June 18-** Summer 96 Open Car Show- Waverly,Tn. Mopar  
classes. Call Henry Bullington at 615-582-3038 for more  
info.

**June 15-** Southern Wheels in Motion Open Car and Truck  
Show- Tullahoma, Tn. Call Jerry Moore 615-393-4960 for  
info.

**June 22-** East Tennessee Mopars Fun In The Sun All Mopar  
Show- Knoxville,Tn. Call Mike & Judy Holman 423-691-  
6002 for info.

**June 10-** Holly/Toots Cruise-Bowling Green,Ky. Brian Salvati  
502-782-2900 for more info.

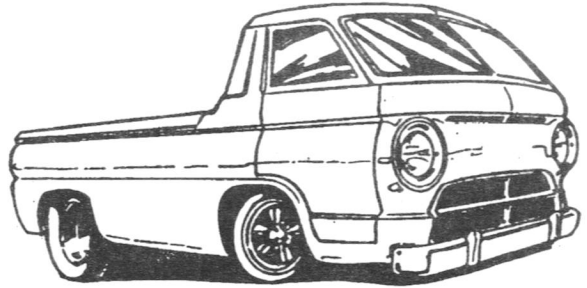
## WINNING WAYS

**HUNTERS CUSTOM AUTOMOTIVE CARSHOW ON  
MARCH 8-10 PRODUCED SEVERAL WINNERS:  
CRAIG SATTERFIELD, GARY WILKERSON, JOHN  
DODSON, AND SCOTT YOUNG. ALSO, THERE  
WERE SPECIAL AWARDS HANDED OUT TO CRAIG  
SATTERFIELD, JOHN DODSON AND GARY  
WILKERSON. WAY TO GO GUYS!!!**

***WE NEED COVER PICTURES AND STORIES. IF YOUR  
CAR HAS NOT HAD THIS HONOR PLEASE CONTACT  
BILL BRADLEY OR KIM LITTON.***

**THANKS**

# KIM'S KORNER



## AKA Ladies Choice

Hello again!

Okay okay, so I welcomed Spring just a little bit  
early. So we had 6" of the white, wet, fluffy stuff at my  
house. And we were without power for 14 hours, 29  
minutes and 45 seconds. I'll be the first to admit I was a bit  
hasty. Now they are saying chances of mixed precipitation  
on Easter Sunday. I think that I may hold off a little longer  
saying " Hello to Spring ".

It was so pretty and warm today, Ron and I made  
our 2nd round about Junkyard search. Once again we  
covered 5-7 counties and around 200 miles. ( West of us  
this time ). I know I don't have to tell you how scarce  
Chrysler products are in Salvage yards. I have come to the  
conclusion that the answer can only be one of two things.  
Either our Chrysler products are indestructible, or there are  
some real inconsiderate Salvage yard owners out there. I'd  
really like to think that Chryslers are out there and Not  
being crushed ALL the time. But from what we have  
learned over the years, Mopars are usually the first to get  
crushed. Which is really a shame. All one has to do is look  
around , and not just in our Club, but elsewhere to see some  
exquisite pieces of machinery. We have found one Salvage  
yard that rarely if ever crushes Mopars, that's because the  
son is " one of us ". So there's hope yet. If we find anything,  
we'll let you know.

I would like to ask if any of our members may have  
VHS video tapes of our 90, 91 and 92 shows. If so, I'd like  
to borrow them for a little while.

Also, during our last "blizzard", having no power,  
I got to think alot. (Which, as you know can be dangerous.)  
I have tossed this idea around in my head for a month or so,  
But finally rearranged it to suit me. Anyway, I'd like to put  
together "The Music City Mopar Club Family Cookbook".  
I'd appreciate it if our members would send me 2 favorite  
recipes. I'll compile the books, and copy them, then we can  
sell them for x amount of  
dollars for the club.

Stay Safe!!! Kim

**WANTED:** Would like to borrow VHS tapes of 90,91 & 92 MCMC

shows. Call Kim after noon daily 615-441-2953.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 71 Dodge Polara. 73K 2 owner miles. Excellent, original condition. \$1400 obo. 822-7831.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 60 Belvedere, 2 dr hardtop, parts. 6am-9pm. Call Tim Skoropat for info 849-7530.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 8 3/4 housing, 391 pos unit. \$250. Also 72 standard 340 block only. Does have main caps. Chris Knott 449-5339.(4)

**WANTED:** 60 Ply Savoy chrome pieces for right rear door, 60 rear fin arrows, and 60 Ply Belvedere signature. 6am-9pm Tim Skoropat 849-7530.(4)

**WANTED:** 8 3/4 chunk (pref. 355 gear). Also, B Body dash pad 67 Coronet. Larry 781-0693, leave message.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 89 Ply Sundance. 4 dr, 2.2 auto. P/S, P/B, AM\_FM, 77K miles. \$3800, Butch after 6pm 615-746-3390.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 6 cyl, push button auto trans. \$50, 662-5815 or beeper 951-3191. (4)

**FOR SALE:** 2-15x7 polished Centerlines on 2 brand new Modifier GT white letter radial tires. W/lug nus and center caps. For small bolt pattern A Body. \$325, Chris Knott 449-5339.(4)

**FOR SALE:** Mopar parts. 64-72, mostly A Body stuff. James WEST 860-9691 AFTER 6PM.(4)

**FOR SALE:** 94 Dodge Ram 8x16 rims. \$300 obo. Craig 860-8152 after 4pm.(4)

**FOR SALE: MOPAR WINTER PARTS SALE!** E Body, Challenger, Cuda, Roadrunner, Baracuda, Charger items. Also sandblaster \$275. John Dodson 790-2998.

**FOR SALE:** 67 Barracuda Fastback, 340 engine, 4 spd, 8 3/4 with 3.23 sure grip and Mosher axles, AC, DB, big bolt pattern wheel conversion, Magnum 500 rims, #2 car, multiple show winner, \$7995 obo, Randy 770-935-8794 6pm-10pm eastern, 770-641-2938 anytime, voice mail.

**WANTED:** 69 Charger "rust free" Unibody or complete running car, Prefer non AC 3/8 or 383 car. I do not want a 440 car because it will be used as a donor car for a R/T restoration and I will not cut up a factory Hi-po car Will drive within 300 miles of Atlanta to view car. Pictures and fender tag numbers will be requested prior to viewing car. Also wanted 69 B-body 6 way adjustable drivers seat. Randy 770-935-8794 EDT, or 770-641-2938 voice mail.

**FOR SALE:** 50 Dodge 6 cyl and 4 speed from 1 ton truck \$200, Buck home 615-458-6412.

**FOR SALE:** Jiffy Jet Windshield Washer Bag with bracket. NOS part number 2076216. Hard to find item, call 615-896-3599, \$55 will trade.

**FOR SALE:** Parting out Mopar cars and trucks. Mostly 50's-80. Also early Hemi's. David 615-384-8903.

**FOR SALE:** Buy, sell and reproduce parts. A, B, C, or E body. NOS, used, reproduction items from sheet metal to carpeting. Access to over 350 cars, Also reproduce door jam serial # decals and VIN rivits. Ron Johnson 603-352-0821.

**FOR SALE:** 50 Chrysler Windsor, 100% all original. Michael McDowell 615-449-3900. \$2900.

**FOR SALE:** 74 Dodge Dart, 2 door hardtop. Small block auto car, power disc brakes, good project car. No engine or transmission. Butch 746-3390 after 6pm.

**WANTED:** NEED A 318 CAM. Call Larry's Automotive. 789-5929

**FOR SALE:** 1980 Volare coupe. K-frame for big or small block. 8 3/4" rear w/ 3.23, super stock springs, manual breaks & steering, new front suspension, new breaks. A drag racers dream. Drop in your motor and trans and tear up the track. \$750.00 Call Bill 449-1260.

March 1996 Minutes

Charity Update

Robert Vachunek contacted Second Harvest Food Bank. Club members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to each meeting. Also, the club discussed the ADOPT-A-MILE program. A vote to accept the program will taken at the next meeting.

Car Show Update

Hermitage Landing is having financial trouble, but has assured us all is well with the car show in September.

Committee update

We still need a chairperson for the Clunker Committee.

Next Meeting

John Andretti's Car-B-Q

April 28th, 1996

Eat and Greet at 1:00. Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

21 - T  
 22 W  
 23 T  
 24 F  
 25 S  
 26 Sun

