

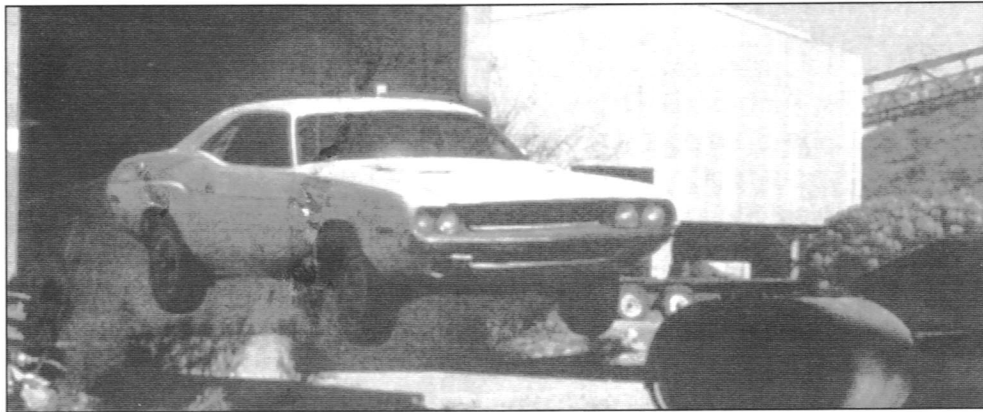
# Music City Mopar Club

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Hey Mopar Nuts! I just got back from watching one of the most awesome movies I have ever seen! Star Wars: The Phantom Menace. It has one of the most intense race scenes in cinematic history. It is called pod racing. The whole movie is amazing, but the pod racing scenes really get your blood pumpin'!

This kind of reminds me of my favorite car chase scenes. I'll have to say that "Bullitt" is my all time favorite. That '68 Charger gives me a charge every time I watch it. Then there is Vanishing Point. I'll have to say; I like the newer version better than the original classic. Oh and I can't forget those lovable Dukes and the Daisy. . . . Oh, I mean the General Lee. Sorry, I get a little carried away.

I am so finical about Mopars I can spot one in movies that you wouldn't normally guess. For instance, I spotted a '69 Charger in "Purple Rain." I also spotted the roofline of a '68 to '70 "B" body in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil". It is extremely hard to see to the untrained eye, but I caught it! My wife thinks I'm crazy, but she also knows how ate up I am with these cars.

Oh, well if you're up for some good action and are a sci-fi buff check out Star Wars. You won't be disappointed. If not just pop in a copy of Bullitt and fast forward to the car chase!

Mopar 2 ya  
Keith Petitt

# ***F Y I***

If you were unable to attend the May meeting you missed a good time. Two Rivers Park was a great place and those bright colored mopars were something to see! Dale and Pam McDaniel of S.R. Smith did a great job of supplying burgers, polish sausage, and hot dogs. The side dishes and deserts were delicious too. I want to thank everyone who brought something. It made a great picnic. The show in September will be here before you know it. We need items for the goody bags. If anyone can help us out, please let me know. We also need to sell sponsorships for each class. They are only \$75, which makes it possible to have such a great show. We also need workers for the show. We need help in parking cars, teching cars, Friday setup and Sunday teardown. Remember this is a club event, and the more members that are able to work will make it easier on everyone.

Junes meeting will be Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Tennessee Valley Mopar Show and Swap Meet in Huntsville, Alabama. This is the first show for them, and we are planning to go as a group. We will meet at the Shoney's on Highway 96 at the Franklin exit on I-65 (exit #65) South. We will leave Shoney's as a group at 7:00am. If you are unable to leave at that time there is a show flyer with a map enclosed in the newsletter. We will have the club meeting around 12:00pm. Remember there is construction on I-65 at Harding Place so get there early if you want to eat, as we will be leaving at 7:00am. I want to thank Doug Herd for the Tech Talk article this month. Please send in articles for the newsletter. We need anything we can get. Make plans if you can to attend this show. It will be a great way for the MCMC to support the Huntsville Mopar Club.

Club T-shirts are available for \$8.00. Hats are \$4.00 and license plates are \$3.00. Also very soon the club will have golf shirts available. Wendell (Cowboy) Marshall is checking on these. The club logo will be embroidered, and you can also have your name added. These shirts will also have a pocket. Cost will be around \$22.00. This is cheap for a shirt of this quality. Please let us know if you would like to buy some club items.

The club will also have a web page very soon. Thanks to Callum Davidson, son-in-law of Richard Price. The address will be available as soon as everything is set up.

The Friday night cruise before the show this year will be to the Music City Raceway. Thanks to Bill Bradley for his effort on this. I think you will be able to take your car or truck down the track. More info to come later.

Don't forget about the \$25 door prize at the next meeting. You have to be present to win.

Wayne Hall  
President

# Members Mopar

## *1964 Valiant Signet*

We have all probably, at one time or another, sat and thought to ourselves, “Why was I born too late?” For some reason we feel like we missed out on something that went on before our time. I personally love the era I grew up in for many reasons, but as far as the automobile goes, I really missed the glory years. If I could pick a year to have been born in, I would choose 1955. Cars were at their very best from 1955 to 1975, but that is just my opinion.

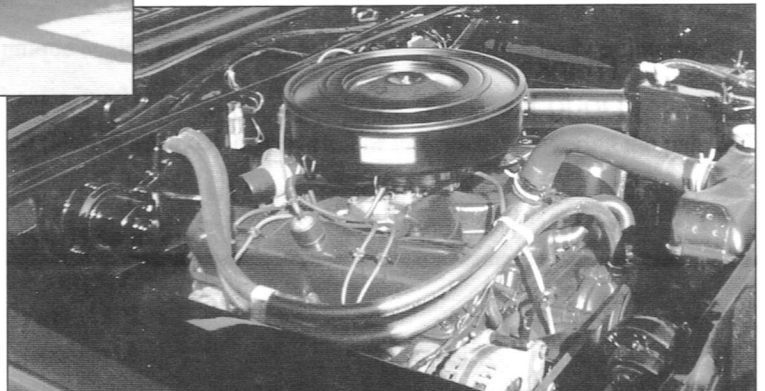
In 1964, the Beatles were England’s hottest export to the U.S. and L.B.J. was our “fearless leader”. Chrysler was celebrating fifty years and my mother was celebrating her high school graduation. I wasn’t even thought of yet!

On Halloween of 1964 Mr. and Mr. R.D Booten purchased the 1964 Plymouth Valiant Signet convertible from Parnell Chrysler, in Nashville, Tennessee, as a demo car. It led a sheltered life in the garage and rolled up very few miles. It is motivated by a 273 c.i.d. motor and backed up by a push button 727 Torqueflite tranny. According to the numbers “guru” Galen Govier, this is the #1 of 1 1964 273 2bbl. Convertibles registered.

Music City Mopar member Dwayne Deavers is now the proud owner of this black-on-black droptop. It has a mere 62,00 miles on the clock. When Dwayne got the car all that needed to be done was an engine overhaul and some cosmetic body massaging to return it to it’s former glory. The car has never been titled outside of Tennessee and is now in the safe confines of Dwayne’s garage in Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Even if you were born a little too late, at least you can still go back in time behind the wheel of your favorite ride. . . . Unless of course you preferred the wild, Wild West era. Hi-ho silver! Er. . . . uhh.

Mopar 2 ya!  
Keith Petitt/Editor



## Tech Talk

**Subject:** Improving cheap tech, through reduced engine friction

One fact of life is even a mopar engine waste more energy than it puts out, so why not eliminate any loses you can.

You may already be thinking about synthetic oil or windage trays, those are good ideas. If you happen to be contemplating rebuilding a street engine with mostly stock parts there is also moly rings to consider, but there is one very effective method that costs practically nothing, but is often ignored. Straight from the pages of the **Mopar Engine Modification Manual Vol. 1. . . .** Factory pistons have the piston offset to reduce piston slop. By reversing the offset (reversing the piston) engine friction can be reduced. In engines equipped with power pak (domed) pistons this can be accomplished by installing pistons from the right bank in the left bank and vice versa. This means the notch in the edge of the piston top will now be towards the rear of the engine. With 2-bbl, flat top pistons, it is only necessary to reverse the piston on the rod and not necessary to swap from bank to bank” This is mentioned for B & LA engines, the slant six section only mentions reversing the pistons on the rods and the hemi section only mentions an increase in piston to cylinder wall clearance.

You cannot build an engine for the most power/mileage with stock or stock replacement pistons without doing this modification. Piston stop only occurs after a cold start before the engine warms to it's operating range, and of course you always use a thermostat so this is a non-problem. The engine actually lasts longer without the piston cocking in it's bore and wearing the cylinder out of rounds, a nice bonus along with increased power/gas mileage that comes with this modification.

If you have floating wrists pins you can do this for free, if they're pressed you'll have to have your machine shop do it for you.

Just remember to take your time and check everything before assembly, make sure the oil holes point the right way and the rods are oriented correctly and you can perform this modification without fear. Just enjoy the extra performance/gas mileage without any external clues perfect for the street or in extremely restrictive race classes where nonstock parts are not allowed.

You shouldn't have to settle for less because you're not rich.

Thanks  
Doug Herd

# “Car/Truck Of The Month”

## We Want Your Car/Truck!!!

The Music City Mopar Club wants to **feature your vehicle** in a future newsletter. To do so, we obviously need some information (a Hemi crank fell on our crystal ball!!). We know there are many MCMC members out there who are very proud of their vehicles and want to tell the world about it. You may think this a good idea but you are shy about your writing talents. Initial comments we have heard is that people have no difficulty talking about their “rides” but writing is not always your strong point. This is where MCMC newsletter editors can offer some assistance.

While we would certainly prefer that you write the article in your own words, we have put together the enclosed questionnaire to get you/us started on an article. This asks some of the basic questions concerning your vehicle. If you are a proud of your vehicle as we think your are, fill out the questionnaire and we will try to help with the rest. Remember we also need **sharp** color or black & white pictures!

Fill out the enclosed information and return it to the MCMC at P.O. Box 625, Madison, TN 37116. If necessary, someone from the newsletter staff will contact you for additional details and we will do our best to assemble an article that will do you car/truck justice.

**Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Engine:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Transmission:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rear End:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Color Exterior:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Interior:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Options:**

**Special Features:**

**History**(humorous or not)

(attach Additional Pages if Necessary)

The Special Features should include any information such as unique engine or drivetrain components or unique body or interior features.

The History section should be used to talk about the background (always a Sunday driver, etc.) or information covering the pain & pleasure of a restoration.

To do this type of feature we need your assistance ( and **pictures**). **Help us out!**

# 1999 Events Calendar

**June 19 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Show & Swap Meet.** For info call Greg at (256) 852-0955 in Huntsville, AL.

**June 19 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Wheels 'N Motion Open Car and Truck Show** (Mopar Classes) at South Jackson Civic Center in Tullahoma, TN. For info contact Justin Damron at (931) 455-9952

**June 26 East TN Mopars 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fun in the Sun" Car Show.** For info call Randi Hare at (423) 691-4466 or Judy Holman at (423) 661-6002.

**July 9-11 Chryslers at Carlise** at Carlise, PA

**July 18 Bistate Mopars Annual Mopar Car Show** at Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Illinois. Just five minutes from downtown St. Louis. For info call Gary Shelton (314) 928-3587 or Joe Altevogt (618) 488-7646.

**August 13-15 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopar Nationals** at National Trail Raceway in Columbus, OH.

**August 21 Third Annual Open Car Show,** Tri-City Mopar Club, Home Depot, Johnson City, TN.

**September 11 Seventh Annual Mopars at the Drive-in,** by Hoosier Mopar Association. For info call Larry Richmond at 219-988-2493.

**September 25-26 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Music City Mopar Club Show** at Tennessee Speed Sport, 709 Two Mile Parkway, Goodlettsville, TN. For info call Wayne at (615) 444-1521 or Craig at (615) 860-8152.

**October 2 The South Georgia Mopar Association presents All Mopar Drag Race and Car Show** at U.S. 19 Dragway Albany, Georgia.

**October 16 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mopars** in Memphis at Halley Park in Memphis, TN. For info call Dennis Dodd at (901) 757-8149.

**October 16 Seven Hill Mopar Meet 7** at Bob Williams Dodge Rome, GA. For info call Wally and Jane Ross at (706) 232-0794.

**November 6-7 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Mopars with Big Daddy"** at Garlits Museum in Ocala, FL. For more info call (407) 729-6236.

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Reach hundreds of buyers and sellers with the  
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Each month over two hundred newsletters are printed and mailed to its members as well as to other Mopar enthusiasts and to other Mopar Clubs across the nation. To place an ad in this Classified Section mail it to Music City Mopar Club, Classified Ads, PO Box 625, Madison, TN 37116. Deadline is the first Wednesday following the previous months meeting.

### **MOCARS**

**1990 Chevy Starcraft Conversion Van**, ¾ ton, V8, auto, loaded. **1970 Dodge Dart Swinger**, 340, orange/black, rebuilt engine & auto trans. **1976 Plymouth Duster**, racecar, 340, reworked from one end to the other, too much to list must see. **1969 Dodge Charger**, 383HP, auto, PS, PB, new tires and wheels, black restored in and out. **1996 Dodge Dually**, V10, club cab sport, one owner, 24,000 miles, loaded, red, bought new, personal vehicle. **1994 Jeep Wrangler**, 2.5 liter, red, PS., PB. cass., alloy wheels, soft-top, bikini top, instant top, brushguard, etc. **1971 Dodge Charger 500**, Hemi orange, 383, PS. PB. Air. **1972 Dodge Demon Prostreet**, 340 show car, yellow, 61K. **1965 Dodge Coronet 500**, 2 door, 400 auto, PS. Red. **1971 Dodge Dart Swinger**, 360 auto, green. **1972 Dodge Charger**, 318 auto, green, 78K. **1976 Ford F100**, SWB, 410, 4BBL, Loaded, red/white. Trade IN's are welcome- Warranties available. We will sell your car on consignment. **1970 Plymouth Satellite**, 318, auto, hemi orange, w/440 auto. **1970 Plymouth Cuda**, 440 auto,

modified, lime green. **1973 Plymouth Cuda**, 318 P.S. P.B. Air, 340 Hockey Strips. **1972 Plymouth Cuda**, 340 auto, yellow/white, P.S. P.B. Air. **1995 Nissan XE**, P/U 5spd, P.S. P.B. Air, Cassette, black, 55K miles. **1977 Dodge Charger Daytona**, 2dr, auto, P.S. P.B. **1993 Dodge Viper RT/10**, Roadster, air, tilt, cassette. **1971 Dodge Charger SE**, 383 auto, air, green, 142K. **1967 Dodge Dart Conv.**, 273 Auto, PS, PB, Cold Air, Red and White, 33K, three owners. **1973 Plymouth Gold Duster**, 318 auto. **Contact Fred Turman at (901) 644-3080 or [mopar@aeneas.net](mailto:mopar@aeneas.net) or stop by at 180 Browning Drive, Paris, TN 38242.**

**1971 Satellite Drag Car**, 440, 12.5:1, Roller cam, Weiand Tunnel Ram with 6pak, 2" hooker Super Com Headers SS pan, 727 Manual Valve body, roll cage, MSD7AL-2, 8 gal cell, 2 Holley Race pumps, electric water pump. 4.88 Dana, 3" spring kit, fiberglass hood & bumpers, Turnkey, \$5,500/OBO. **1965 Dodge Coronet 500**, 318, auto, bucket seats with console, car runs, needs restoration, \$1,500 obo. **1963 Imperial Lebaron**, 413, Auto, PW, PDL, P/S, PB, cruise,

A/C front and rear, auto dim headlights, needs restoration, but complete, \$1,000/OBO. **Contact Richard Dale at (931) 381-6341.**

**1974 Plymouth Duster**, Completely stock, highly optioned, needs a lot of work, comes with 2-360 motors, \$1000, **Call Keith at 325-2899.**

**1964 Plymouth Barracuda Fastback**, gold with black interior, 68,00 original miles, 273 push buttons auto. PS., \$3500 OBO, **Call Mark at (615) 831-3620.**

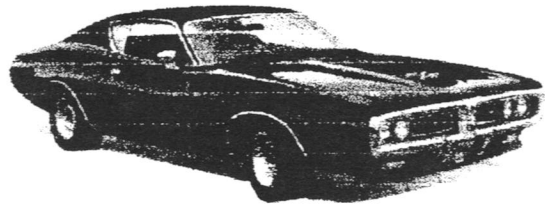
**1965 New Yorker**, 2door, gray with black, 413 auto, PS, PB, PW, AC, 116,000 miles, **Call Phil at (615-352-4513).**

**1967 Barracuda Fastback**, 360/727-manual reverse, 8 ¾ w/ 4:10 gear, new interior, must see. \$3,200/OBO. **Call Amy or Larry at 615-746-9510.**

**1965 Plymouth Barracuda**, 273 2BBL, w/103K miles, auto. Trans, air condition. Needs a good home. \$4,500 OBO. For more information call Sam at 615-754-7065.

# TENNESSEE VALLEY MOPAR CLUB

## FIRST ANNUAL SHOW & SWAP

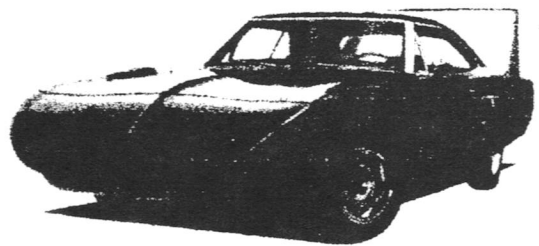


# Saturday

## JUNE 19th 1999

HUNTSVILLE DODGE  
6519 UNIVERSITY DR.  
HUNTSVILLE AL.

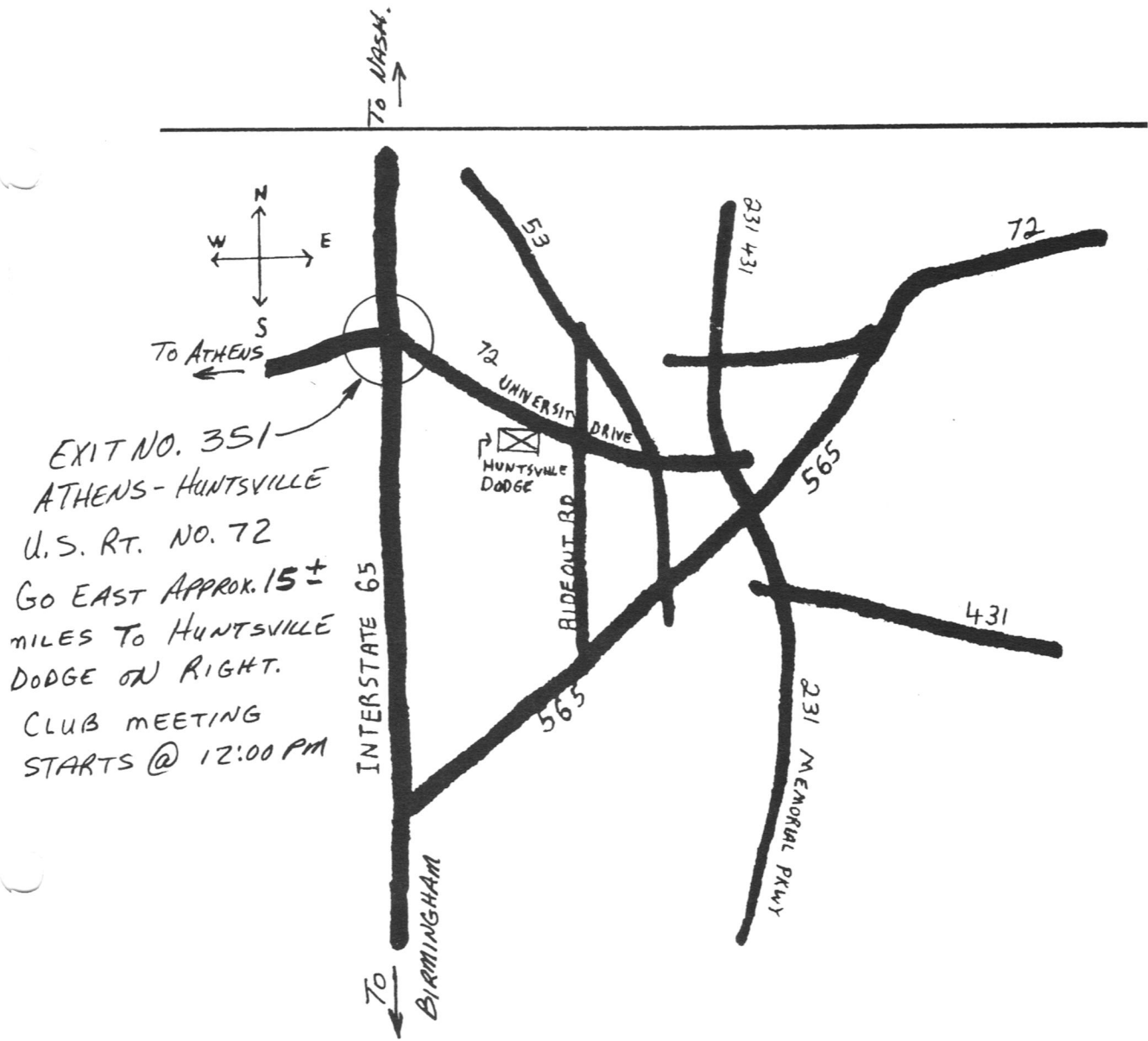
Trophies  
Door Prizes  
Swap Meet  
Refreshments  
Model Car  
Contest & vendors



## *Rain or shine*

For more info contact Greg Ward  
256-852-0955





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SHOW LOCATION ..... HUNTSVILLE DODGE  
 6519 UNIVERSITY DR.  
 HUNTSVILLE, AL

MCMC: JUNE MEETING WILL BE AT THIS SHOW.  
 WE ARE PLANING TO GO AS A GROUP. WE  
 WILL MEET AT SHONEY'S ON HIGHWAY 96, AT THE  
 FRANKLIN EXIT OFF ~~INTERSTATE~~ INTERSTATE 65. (EXIT NO 65)  
 WE WILL LEAVE SHONEY'S AT 7:00 AM. GET THERE  
 EARLY IF YOU PLAN TO EAT. I'LL SEE YOU THERE.  
 WAYNE HALL/PRES.

## **MOWANTED**

**1970 Dodge Truck hood and driver side fender. 1965 Dodge Coronet Hood Chrome Contact Richard Dale at (931) 381-6341.**

**1959 Chrysler Gas Tank. 1964 Plymouth Sat. Left Plastic Post Cover (blue). Call Larry Fowler at 859-7507.**

**Heavy Duty 503 Transmission, for 1995 D1500 Dodge, with 318-2WD, Call Dennis at (615) 896-3326 or page at 1-888-256-0755.**

**Chrome Moulding for passenger side of 1972 Dodge truck D100 Adventure moulding is last section of chrome on left side of the bed 20 3/8 lgth. 1" wide. - NOS or good used. Call Roy at 931-388-4510.**

**Moulding or trim for 1973 Dodge Truck D200. Left front fender and the left door (part#3837921). Used trim will work. Call John 423-472-4976 EST.**

**Seat cloth covered w/ console for 1994 Dodge Ram Truck. Call Carl at 423-577-3782 between 6-10 EST**

**Good Rust Free Trunk Lid for 1937 Plymouth Coupe. Call 885-5708.**

## **MOPARTS**

**1968-1970 B-body automatic-new carpet still in box. \$70.**

**1968-1970 B-body dash pad, black, good condition, \$75.**

**1968-1970 RoadRunner Satellite rear glass, \$40. Rear glass trim \$40 a set. 1970 Satellite Right Front fender, no rust holes, \$225. 1968-1970 B-body front to rear wiring harness, good original condition, \$40. 1970 E-body, power booster for front disc brakes car-new-still in box, \$100. 8 3/4 E-body rear-end less chunk \$20. 1973 Cuda front bumper and brackets, \$20. Call John Dodson at 790-2998, Franklin, TN.**

**New Mopar Truck Cover, Cost new-\$214, Sell for \$150. 440 HP Manifolds \$150. Call Nick Willmore at (615) 449-1210 in the mornings.**

**4-15" Charger wheels, for the "General Lee", call James at (256) 659-6688, after 5:30pm(ALA)**

**Driver side door with glass, came off of 1972 Cuda \$125, E-body 8 3/4 rear end/complete, 2.76:1-open \$125, E-body Bucket seats, with rear seats-\$100, E-Body Interior Panels-Cuda (gold)\$60. E-body Console, auto, gold, \$40. Call Wayne at (615) 444-1521 after 5:30pm.**

**1985 2.2 Turbo 4cyl. Engine, in 1985 Daytona, 120K miles. Hear it run. \$150 call Robert at 264-2400 days or 888-2162 at night.**

**Upper and Lower Ball joints for A-body. All four for \$125 call Jay at 237-9316.**

**Magnum exhaust manifolds for \$125, New Heavy Duty leaf springs for '66-'70 B-body \$150, New Carter electric fuel pump \$40, Drive shaft for A-body with 727 trans for \$30. I have other misc. parts on hand Call Robert at 615-228-2166. I will consider trade for 383 Alum. Intake and 750 carb.**

**904 Push Button Trans. for 6cyl. Recent overhaul \$150. 1964 Dart GT Grill \$75, Tail lamps: 64 Dart, 65 Dart, 69 Coronet, 70 Duster, \$50 each. Call Chris at 615-368-7085.**

**New Wiper motor for B-body \$100. 1970 RoadRunner or GTX hood \$100. Rebuilt alternator-date code 1973 \$25. A/C compressor off of 1973 E-body \$25. New Master Cylinder for E-body \$40. Call David Bolinger at 502-475-4086.**

**1985 Dodge Truck Hood \$50. Call Ronny at 444-3362 after 7:00pm.**

## **Moservices**

**Powder Coating, \$120 for four Rallye Wheels for details call John Dodson 790-2998 Franklin, TN.**