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EXHAUST NOTES

THE JUNE MEETING

SPECIAL THANKS TO GARY GARNER FOR PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT RECAP OF THE JUNE CLUB MEETING



The June meeting of the Music City Mopar Club was held in the cool air-conditioned show room of Nashville CDJR on June 22. Many thanks to Jack Jarvis for opening the Dealership on his only day off so our Club could have a comfortable and quiet place to conduct the business meeting.

There are always many shows and cruise-in events this time of year and several were brought to the club's attention during the meeting. The East Tennessee Mopar show will be in Knoxville on July 19. If you are interested in driving up with other club members, contact James Peach (see his note included in this newsletter on the Events page}.

The Mopar Nationals will be August 8-10 in Columbus, Ohio. If you are interested in being a judge at this Event, contact Stan Hardcastle {615-948-4204}. In addition to being educational and fun, Judging gets you free admission, lunch, and tower access during the drag racing.

The North Georgia Mopar Club has their event September 20 and 21, which is the week before our annual show.

If you cannot make it to one of these great events, try to get out and support one of the many local shows and cruise-ins in your area. Several club members attended the Tennessee Valley Mopar Show in Huntsville, Alabama and came away with trophies. Well done people!

Wayne Hall brought a copy of a new book celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dodge. It is a new detailed publication from Motorbooks and will be a great addition to your Mopar library. Wayne will be taking orders at the next meeting. The cost is \$22.50, which is 50% off retail and there is no shipping charge. You will not be able to beat that deal. If you cannot make the July meeting, contact Wayne {615-812-5274} before July 27 to place your order.

Club President John Sanderson is still working on the new club hats and t-shirts and Stan Hardcastle is working on the T-shirt for this years' show. He is trying to feature a Golden Commandoes car to honor our special guest and Grand Marshal, Forrest Pitcock, at the show. Forrest was a member of this famous drag racing team. - Thanks for your hard work on these projects guys.

It is hard to believe, but we only have two more meetings before our 25th annual show. There was some discussion of honoring some of the "founding fathers" of the Music City Mopar Club at this year's show. Club officers will be meeting with management of our Dealer sponsor, Nashville CDIR, to get the details of their involvement with our September 25th Anniversary Shows and Cruise-In. Hopefully the Dealership will be able to display some of their cars and trucks and get some good exposure to potential Mopar customers.

The possible sale of Snow White Drive-In in Lebanon is off, so we are full speed ahead for our cruise-in on Friday night before the Car and Truck Show on Saturday. The Friday night movie at the Pavilion will be "Snake and Mongoose". If you did not catch it at the theater, plan to watch it with us on the 26th ~ thanks to

On a very sad note, club member Lars Skroder lost his father June 17. Everyone will be thinking of Lars and his family during this tough time.

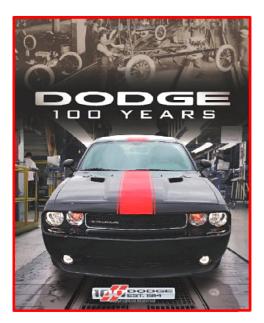
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Anyone interested in helping with the newsletter, please come to the next meeting. We need someone to help put it together and get it out to the members each month.

The next meeting will be at the site of our show, the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon. The meeting will also be a cookout thanks to grill-master and long time club member David Denney. The club will provide the meat to be grilled. All Club members planning to attend should contact our master Food coordinator Linda Price at 615-557-5214. We need to know how many people will be attending and what side dish you can bring to round out the meal. The "meet and greet" will begin at noon, "food" at 1PM, with the "meeting" starting at 2. Please be there, as this is an important organizational meeting to prepare for a smooth running and fun Cruise-In and Show weekend in September. The better prepared we are, the more fun the show will be for our guests and us. Remember, it is your club and your show, so we look forward to seeing everyone on July 27. It is almost SHOWTIME!



Directions to July Meeting James E. Ward Agricultural Center Wilson County Fairgrounds:

- From I-40 take Exit 239 from the East / Exit 239B from the West toward Lebanon
- Follow US 70 W / TN 26 toward Lebanon to Fairgrounds Entrance on Right { approximately 1 mile}
- The picnic and meeting will be in the Pavilion next to Fiddlers Grove
- Look for Mopars and Smoke.

See you there and thanks.

July 2014 Meeting Agenda:

- ❖ Judging Clinics Mike Wilkins & Wayne Hall
- September Show Week-end:
 - Show expenses Wayne Hall
 - Segments that need fine tuning Various Members
 - Friday "Kruzin at the Cruise-In" Timeline and Movie - Various Members + R. Price
 - Saturday 25th Anniversary Show Issues: Registration - Various Members / Pavilion Layout - Various Members / Timing - Various Members / Video Times - Richard Price and Others
 - Sunday Celebration Show: Registration for those who did not participate in Saturday's Show - Various members / Participant Judging Form - Various Members / Timeline for day - Various Members / Activities -Various Members
 - Sponsors for Classes / Contributions Wayne Hall and others
 - Workers and Judges needed Various Members and volunteers
- Club participation in Shows / Report on East Tennessee Mopar Show / Events for August through December / next year's Hunters Show - James Peach, Stan Hardcastle + others
- ❖ September "Goody-bag Stuffing Meeting" location possibilities - All members
- New Business All members
- ❖ August meeting location all members {if there is a location that you like, please check for availability and bring the information to our July meeting.}



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2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

July 19, 2014 – East Tennessee Mopar Club's 26th Annual "Fun in the Sun" All Mopar Car Show & Swap Meet / Chilhowie Park Fairgrounds / 3301 East Magnolia Ave / Knoxville, TN 37914.

Registration: 9:00AM - Noon Show: Noon – 4:00PM.

See the last page of this newsletter for entry

information and show classes.

A Note from Jim Peach {615-975-9188 / 615-325-0606}

The Music City Mopar Club will be well represented at the East TN Mopar Show on July 19. If you want to cruise to Knoxville with Club members early Saturday morning contact me for the time and location to meet the group.

A few members are driving up on Friday and will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express {865-824-9030}. Several are staying Saturday night to cruise back to Nashville on Sunday morning.

Remember that Knoxville is on Eastern Time. For additional show information contact Judy or Mike Holman at 865-691-6002. "Judy is the Club President and I have told her that we will have more members at their show than they will have at ours."

Thanks, Jim Peach



MOPAR NATIONALS August 8-10 National Trail Raceway Columbus, Ohio

www.mopars.org

Contact Stan Hardcastle if you are interested in being a Judge at the Nationals. Stan's contact number is 615-948-4204

2014 LOCAL CRUISE-INS:

West End School Association



July 26, 2014: Open Cruise-In at West High School / 3529 West End Avenue / Nashville 37205 from 11:00 till 2:00. Feast on some great food from Whitt's Barbecue Canteen that will be set up in the West Circle serving great pulled pork, turkey, baked beans, Cole slaw, potato salad, iced tea and lemonade ~ A plate is only \$12.00. Enjoy viewing some great cars and trucks, plus meet some new friends. For more information contact Burton Dietz. President. West End School Association @ 615-310-4682

THE HENDERSONVILLE FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE IN, 6pm until 9pm, THE STREETS OF INDIAN LAKE 300 Indian Lake Boulevard, Hendersonville, TN. 6-9 PM

MHRC CRUISE IN, The Avenues - Behind Belk, Murfreesboro. 5pm until 9pm, Just Off I 24, Runs Every Friday all summer.

GOODLETTSVILLE CRUISE IN. Saturday nights at 480 Long Hollow Pike at Publix Shopping Center. 6-9 PM

Mt. Juliet Cruise-In / Chick-Fil-A Market Place on South Mt. Juliet Road 5-9 PM each Saturday night.

MUSIC CITY MOPAR CLUB MEMBERS:

Our 2014 show is fast approaching. We are receiving calls about the show and have already received some pre-entries. As a club member, we need your help in getting ready for the show and during the show to make it a success. One way to do this is by selling class sponsorships; still only \$75.00. You can also contact any local businesses about sponsoring a class or contributing door prizes and goody bag stuffers.

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Mopar Market





For Sale: I have several engines for sale, one 318, one 383 1967 model complete runs, one 400 runs good, various prices for each or package deal. Contact Chris Clew for more details. 615-410-8717 or cruz400@aol.com. (10/12)

Mopar Parts: What do you need? Call James (615) 860-9691 (11/12)

For Sale: 1950's - 1980's Mopar parts, bodies, and engines for sale. Have many cars and trucks and a few vans. I have been here 35 years. Contact David Cato at 615-384-8903 or 615-513-9691 or e-mail at hemidodgetruck@aol.com . (10/12)

For Sale: '69 Plymouth Sport Satellite four-door parts car. Original 318 rebuilt needs some assembling; original rebuilt trans. Drive train out of car. Call Kyle @ 686-8934 with reasonable offer. Leave message.

For Sale: Brand new factory left front fender (still in original Mopar fender box), one-piece solid chrome front bumper, and grille with polished stainless steel bar grille inserts. "Package Deal" All 3 parts for \$600. Call Nick Willmore {615} 449-1210 theduke001@hotmail.com.

For Sale: 1983 Dodge RamCharger SUV, 2WD, all original no mods. Auto, PS, AC, alloy wheels. 150 Royal SE with a 318, 2 bbl engine. \$2200. Contact Chris Bielaczyc at 615-439-7326

For Sale: 1969 Plymouth Barracuda, one owner with 83,000 miles in need of restoration, car is complete and in Franklin, TN. Contact Don at dbcodymav2@gmail.com cell 615-804-3738

For Sale: 1972 Dodge Demon 340 project car; "340" body with title. Call Chris Bielaczyc at 615-439-7326

For Sale: '69 Plymouth Road Runner (clone). 383, auto, bucket seats. Dark blue paint, black interior. 3.91 8.75 rear end. New Edelbrock carb. \$18K. Call 615/330-6595

For Sale: Set of four (4) OEM wheels from 2009 Dodge Ram Pickup. Wheels in excellent shape; not bent or damaged in any way. Complete set with lung nuts included. Rodger Klein 615-478-0758."

For Sale: Set of 4 Factory Alloy Wheels from Jeep Cherokee ~ size 15 x 5 {Cosmetically fair to good} \$150 for all 4. Richard Price 615-973-2461



New ads for the Mopar Market, requests to extend an ad, or request to remove an old ad should be E-mailed to wayne.hall@tn.gov or call 615-812-5274.

J.D. Equipment Hauling 3470 Richmond Shop Rd / Lebanon, TN 27087 Joe Denney 615-453-8444

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7551 Cherokee Hill Rd / Fairview, TN 37062 David Dodoro 615-479-6076

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From allpar.com:

Dodge Hellcat: fastest muscle car ever

by David Zatz • Posted on July 11th, 2014



The National Hot Rod Association has certified a quarter-mile time of 11.2 seconds at 125 miles per hour (mph) for the stock supercharged **Dodge Challenger**, with stock Pirelli P275/40ZR20 P Zero tires. That makes it the fastest muscle car ever produced.

With drag radials, the run dropped to just 10.8 seconds at 126 mph.

"It wasn't long ago that a 10-second car, was a full-on race car. The new 2015 Dodge Challenger raises the bar to a level some of us never thought we'd see," said Tim Kuniskis, President and CEO, Dodge and SRT Brands.

The Challenger's Hellcat Hemi engine delivers an unprecedented 707 horsepower and 650 lb.-ft. of torque, and is the first factory supercharged Hemi V8. The new 2015 <u>Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat</u> has been redesigned with a TorqueFlite eight-speed automatic transmission or six-speed manual, and a new interior inspired by the 1971 Challenger and 1969 'Cuda. The car will start arriving in Dodge dealerships in the third quarter of 2014.

Horsepower wars: When is it too much?

by Michael Volkmann • Posted on July 11th, 2014

As the dust starts to settle on the excitement over the new Challenger Hellcat, I began to wonder about the American obsession for the "Horsepower Wars."

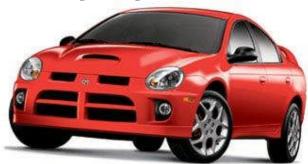
We live in a time where regulation is forcing big changes in gas mileage and emissions, yet we are in the golden age of super-efficient power. It is absolutely amazing, but let's take a step back.



By the end of the year, the Big Three will be producing no less than six vehicles that have over 550 horsepower:

- Camaro ZL1
- Mustang Shelby GT500
- Corvette Z06
- Challenger Hellcat (probably to be accompanied by a Charger Hellcat)
- Cadillac CTS-V
- Dodge Viper

But it gets better than that; worldwide, there are roughly **70 cars** on sale today that make over 500hp. When have we hit "horsepower" ceiling? When is enough, enough?



In 2004, I purchased a new Neon SRT-4, and to this day it is still one of my favorite cars. I had a younger friend who purchased a 2004 Mustang Cobra at the same time. After a few mods, this car was legitimately making well over 500hp to the rear wheels. He was an okay driver, but young. The car was more than he needed, probably more than he could handle, but he had money in his pocket. I had a few opportunities to drive the car and I still vividly remember the night I was driving it and my friends were just amazed that I was able to handle the car in ways that owner was struggling with. The car ended up head-on in the concrete divider of the interstate after the owner lost control; thankfully, he was not injured.

What's the point of the story? Do we really need cars with well over 550hp? Heck, well over 400hp? Look, I'm a diehard Mopar fanatic. I love these cars. I have road raced, drag raced, and autocrossed Mopars. I'm all about performance, but 550+hp street cars??? For real?



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I remember when 350-400hp street cars were monsters with big lopey idles and traction problems. Even in the late 80s/early 90s, when the Fox-body Mustang was king, a high 13 second or faster car in the quarter was difficult to use as a street car. They had dim headlights from under drive pulleys and had to constantly be tinkered with. I'm having painful flash backs of burning EPROMs for Mustangs as you read this. Flash forward to today and I drive a mildly modified, mid 12 second Challenger R/T to work every day with the A/C on and the Boston Acoustics playing Def Leopard as if it was a docile family sedan. This car is easier to drive than my stone stock 1996 Neon ACR was when new.

Think I'm nuts? The horsepower war has really been going since the mid-1980s. Due to the gas crisis, the speed limit was lowered and the major auto companies downsized cars and engines starting in the late 1970s. In 1980 the average car did 0-60 right at about 13.0 seconds. If a car company offered a vehicle like that today, there would be riots in the street about how terribly slow and unsafe that is.

Starting about 1985, that average was moving slowly down as electronic fuel injection and other technologies became more widely used. Performance cars were starting to flourish with Corvettes, Mustangs, Camaros, turbo Dodges, and even a few performance imports getting popular. By the early 2000s, the average was around 10 seconds.

Then, not long after Dominic Toretto told Brian O'Connor that he owed Dom a 10 second car, the crazy acceleration of the "Horsepower Wars" ignited like a bomb going off. We are now in a world where 8 seconds is the average 0-60 time and the common mid-size family sedan and minivan now have 250-300hp (double the horsepower they had in the early 1990s and far above the average 1970s V8) with their *base* engines.



I just mentioned common mid-size family sedans... they are not muscle cars. How can they be part of the horsepower wars? Oh, but they are. As our addiction to horsepower has grown in our muscle cars, it has also grown in our bread and butter cars and trucks, even minivans (the Caravan does 0-60 in 8 seconds or less). The 180hp Dart has been criticized as being "too slow" (it isn't!) and we now have pickup trucks being sold with 850ft-lb of torque. I see it daily in Texas, big diesel Rams and Fords being used as "the family truckster." These turbocharged beasts can literally rip the asphalt, but rarely pull all of a few thousand pounds. Kids buy these trucks used and drive them as if they were muscle cars, with black smoke pouring out of them every time they mash the gas.

The truth is, the average owner will never, ever really use the power these cars have... at least not legally, on the street. For that matter, many of these cars will be sold to baby boomers reliving their youth, and that really is not a bad thing. But when does reality hit? When do we realize that this is getting a bit absurd?

The childish necessity to one-up each other and/or compare manhood is prevalent everywhere. It is also one of the reasons why we have eight, nine, and now ten speed transmissions either today or available soon. We do it all in the name of efficiency, right? Suuuuurrrre we do, wink wink. I won't lie; I'll probably be one of the first in line to pick up a "gently used" Hellcat from someone who got in over their head. Just remember, at the end of the day, we only need roughly 60-80hp to cruise up and down the highway at 65 mph.

Michael Volkmann, a mechanical engineer in the steel industry, has autocrossed, road-raced, and drag-raced his 1971 Duster 340, 2009 Challenger R/T, and Neons. He currently races sprint karts.

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Be sure to keep up to date by checking out the club's website at www.musiccitymoparclub.com. {Thanks to David Bernath, web-master}



26th Annual "FUN IN THE SUN" All Mopar Car Show and Swap Meet / Saturday July 19, 2014

ENTRY REGISTRATION

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