

Music City Mopar Club



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History of The Music City Mopar Club

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I have always been a Mopar nut ever since I bought my first one in 1972, when I was in high school. It was never easy to find anyone to talk to about Mopars. You could talk to anyone about brand X, but Mopar people were few and far between, at least I thought so.

One day Scott Wilburn and I were talking about Mopars and we came to the same conclusion; if we were ever going to have anyone to talk to about Mopars we would have to start a Mopar club. Well, a good deal of the credit has to go to Scott. In his travels he talked to several clubs in several different cities. After a few months of discussion we decided to start a club. We sat down in my living room and tried to figure out just what to do. We talked to every person we could about it and anyone owning a Mopar that we could contact. Scott went to the State and asked about profit and nonprofit, income tax and no income tax. The IRS being the usual government organization, gave us all the help that government organizations usually give. Information from them was hard to come by. Then there was the Chrysler Corporation, who was a little more cooperative with their information; however logos and other Mopar permission was harder to come by.

Enough about preclub work. We decided to hold the first meeting on March 24, 1990, at a local apartment club house. We called all the people we could and at the first meeting we had over 20 people in attendance, 17 of which joined that day to become the original members. We elected a President, Scott Wilburn, a Vice President, Charles Vuaghn, a Treasurer, myself, Pat McVay, a Secretary, Suzanne Wilburn, an Events Director, Ricky Richter, and a News Letter Editor, Joel Hausler. The meeting was short, but a lot of fun. Mopar people came in of every form and they all had something to contribute to

the club. From the person who had a show quality car to the drag racer, to the high school kid who owns his first car and drives it every day.

The second meeting, in April, grew to 34 people and not much changed, just a lot of fun and discussion about our cars. The third meeting, in May, we only grew by one to 35, more fun and refining rules.

It is hard to remember just when, but either at the May or June meeting having a car show came up and it was batted around several times, no one knowing how when or where. Finally it was decided. Scott had talked to several other clubs and on a wing and a prayer, with three months notice we had the First Annual Music City Mopar Club Car Show, on Saturday 29, 1990. At the first car show we had 31 pre-entries and a total of 81 entries. We also sold t-shirts and concessions. It was a trying time. We started with no cash on hand and had to wing every aspect of the show. Were it not for the dedication and hard work of its members the MCMC would be no more. However, thanks to Gods weather and everyones hard work we went from owing \$1425.76, to put on the show, to making \$2536, enough to settle our debts and keep the club going.

That is the humble beginning of the MCMC and today, as then, members made this club successful and members will continue to make it successful. I always wanted people to talk about Mopars, but I can truthfully say, had it not been for the effort and hard work of Scott Wilburn, there would not be a Music City Mopar Club. I have always enjoyed the meetings and camaraderie of this club and hope that we can continue to have fun., no matter which direction this club goes. I will say one thing. As one of the founders and as a previous officer, it is a hard, time consuming job and they need and deserve all of our help and support.

Thank you.