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EXHAUST NOTES

FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT:

Many of you will remember the two challenges I gave at our December 2014 meeting: for each member to recruit a new member and to have over 200 vehicles at our 26th Annual Music City Mopar Show. Well, at our July club meeting we reached a major milestone, the largest membership in our club history, with the addition of our 144th member – Jeremy Gallagher. Considering we started the year with 105 members, we are well on our way to meeting the first challenge. Do you know another Mopar enthusiast we should get to join the club?

We also have a good start on our second goal with 23 vehicles pre-registered for the September show. Please keep sharing the show flyers and being great ambassadors for the club at various car and truck events. In July our club members showed at Lawrenceburg's 37th Annual Open Car Show, Cars and Coffee in Franklin, Stacy David's Gearz Nation event in White House and others I am probably not aware. As I said last month, you continue to show and share your Mopars and represent the club well.

Our July club meeting was well attended by 40+ members and guests. Again, I appreciate your attendance and participation at club meetings. We introduced eight new members: Brian Daniels, Alex Gross, Terry Sandlin, Jeremy & April Chenault, Jack Jarvis, Pete Stobbs, Ron Radcliff and Jeremy Gallagher. Welcome to the Music City Mopar Club family!

For more information on topics covered in the meeting see Richard's meeting minutes.

Many of you purchased hats and decals at the meeting. Thank you! These items are also available on the Music City Mopar Store page along with license plates. Also, club dues and show registrations can be completed online and paid via PayPal. I continue making several updates to musiccitymoparclub.com so be patient if it is occasionally unavailable or you receive an error.

Donny

P.S. I still want to hear your thoughts on topics for our "how to" sessions and other ways we can help share information, skills, tools, etc. with members seeking to restore or maintain their Mopars.

THE JULY MEETING: Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 2:00PM



Donny Lippard called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.



New Members were introduced, which brings our membership total to a gross (144).



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- The proposed changes in sponsor level member status were reviewed, which made the membership eligibility for Silver = 1, for Gold = 2 and for Platinum = 3. A motion was made to adopt the changes, seconded and passed by a large majority.
- Due to a conflict with the clean up after the Wilson County Fair on the 4th Sunday, the August meeting will be on Sunday, August 30. Be sure to mark your calendar because the meeting will be preceded by a "Fish Fry", orchestrated by Master Chef, David Denney. Details about times and side dishes can be found under the heading "August Club Meeting" in this Newsletter.
- James Peach went over a list of upcoming events for August and beyond. Some of them are listed in this Newsletter under the "2015 Events Calendar" heading and more details are available on the Club's website, www.musiccitymoparclub.com. {When you attend any show, cruise-in or event, be sure to forward a few pictures to Richard {mopar727@bellsouth.net} for the next Newsletter.}
- Stan Hardcastle gave us an update on the judging opportunities at the Mopar Nationals {August 7 through 9}. Stan will be the Judge Chairman and hopes to have enough volunteers to cover the show. Contact Stan by phone or email if you have questions {615-948-4204 or hotshoe@bellsouth.net.}. A group of Club members are meeting at the Franklin Kentucky Cracker Barrel by 7:00 AM on Thursday, August 06 to convoy to the Nationals.
- Donny mentioned the availability of Club caps, new Club decals and license plates. Several items were purchased after the meeting.
- There is a possibility that a "Dynamometer" will be available at our Show to give participants an opportunity to see how much power their Mopar delivers to the ground.
- Mike Wilkins mentioned that our Dealer Sponsor, Nashville CDJR, is planning a display of new vehicles for our 26th Annual Mopar Car & Truck Show (Year of the Cat, September 26; James E. Ward Agricultural Center, Wilson County Fairgrounds).
- The final proof of Mike and Kevin's book, "How to Restore 1966 through 1970 Plymouth and Dodge B-Bodies" has been completed. More information is available on the website, www.directlyconnectedmagazine.com.
- The Club voted to approve the minutes from the July meeting.
- Class sponsors for our 26th Annual Show are needed. The fee is still only \$75.
- The motion was made for the meeting to adjourn, seconded and received a majority vote by attending members.

 The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 and everyone ventured into the parking lot to admire the scenery, take a few notes and tell some lies.

AUGUST CLUB MEETING

The August Club Meeting and Fish Fry will be on August 30 at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Tennessee. We will have a "Fish Fry" Cookout thanks to the generosity of our Master Chef, David Denney. Meet and greet will begin at noon, the eating frenzy will begin at 1:00 and the meeting will begin after the food is consumed. The Fish will be furnished and all Club Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. **Linda Price** is coordinating the food, so all members are asked to contact her **{615-373-2785}** with the following information:

- 1. Number of people in your party bring some friends
- 2. Side dish that you plan to bring

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to Exit 139 {Lebanon-Watertown}
Travel east toward Lebanon approximately 1 mile to the Wilson County Fairgrounds Entrance on the right
The picnic will be in the Fiddlers Grove Pavilion.

Suggestion: "Call Linda now @ 615-373-2785"

PICTURES FROM THE JULY CLUB MEETING:

Inside: Before and during the meeting:



Socializing and food consumption took up the time from 1:00 until meeting time. The AC did not work properly in the porch area, which made the temperature on the warm side, but the big disappointment was the fact that Martin's "smoked bologna" {pronounced "below-knee"} was not available. Maybe, next time?



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Outside:

The parking lot was filled with Club member's Mopars, one member's new "Blue Oval" pickup and Bob Dukatz's "Harley".







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Out and About with Club Members:



Jack Stone and Mike Tanner share some of their pictures from Stacey David's GearZ Nation Event on July 25:













Jim Peach's Aspen RT earned the Maple Motor's "Show & Shine" Award in Hendersonville on Saturday night.





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Some Club Members attended the Saturday morning "Cars & Coffee" Cruise-In on August 01 in Cool Springs and Jack Stone sent some pictures. Here are a few:













Quotes of the Day: Q.O.T.D. from Sam Milton, Director of Training and Associate Development

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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Winston Churchill

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there." Yogi Berra



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There was an excellent showing of Mopars at the 8th Annual Classics in the Park Show in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, August 01 thanks to the recruiting efforts of Donny Lippard. A few pictures are included here, some of which were taken by Mike Tanner:









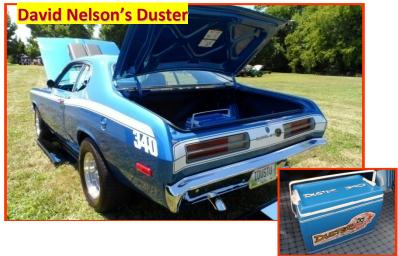




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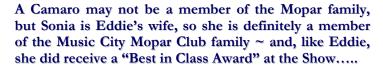
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Every Automobile and Truck displayed at the Show was a winner, but some of our Club members did take home a "Class Winner" Plaque. They were Sonia Crouch, Eddie Crouch, Don & Delores Wolf, Mike Tanner and Richard Price. Hopefully, no one is omitted.



2015 Events Calendar

Additional information on Event and Cruise-In choices is available at these sites: gvillecruisein.tripod.com, / nashvillecarshows.tripod.com/ gearheadgazzette.com and musiccitymoparclub.com.

In addition to the on-going Thursday evening, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday Cruise-Ins, you might want to consider the following events:

- Aug 07- 09: 35th Mopar Nationals / Columbus, Ohio 313-278-2240 / www.moparnats.org
- Aug 08-16: 4th Mopar Week at Myrtle Beach, SC / cruising, showing, racing / www.moparsatthebeach.com



 Aug 15: Ardmore Car Show; John Barnes Park; 30515
 Ardmore Ridge Road; Ardmore, AL 38449 / information: www.khanitech.com/ardmorecarshow



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- Aug 15: Braydon's Battle Car Show and Benefit Auction / Snow White Drive In / Lebanon, TN 10 am -4 pm / information: jholly2+@yahoo.com
- Aug 16: Wilson County Fair Car Show / Wilson County Fairgrounds / Lebanon, TN / Mid. TN AACA /
- Aug 22-23: Mopars on the Mississippi Show & Swap Meet / Dubuque, IA / 563-590-4290 / www.chicagolandmopar.com
- Aug 28-29: Mopar Thunder / Bristol, TN / information: 423-274-7865 or www.bristoldragway.com
- Aug 30 {new date}: Music City Mopar Club Meeting / Fiddlers Grove Pavilion / Wilson County Fairgrounds / see details on page 02 of this Newsletter.
- Sept 25: "4th Annual Kruzin' at the Cruise-In" / Wilson County Fairgrounds / made possible by Nashville CDJR, Music City Mopar Club and Meme's Country Cookin . more information is available on the Music City Mopar Club website.
- Sept 26: "26th Annual Music City Mopar Club Car & Truck Show" / All things Mopar one day show / this year's theme: "Year of the Cat" / Wilson County Fairgrounds / more information on the Club's Website

MOPAR MARKET



REMINDER: PLEASE NOTIFY DONNY, WAYNE OR RICHARD AS SOON AS YOUR MERCHANDISE SELLS OR YOU PROCURE THE "WANTED" ITEMS. THANK YOU.

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: 1983 Dodge Ram Charger 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 615-439-7{new date}326

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: 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, 383 engine, automatic, new tires, new white on red interior, new red paint, rebuilt transmission. Clean title, very good condition. \$19,000. Call 931-307-8174

For Sale: 1967 Plymouth Satellite, 383 cid, AT, 4.10 Dana – cut down 2', new brake and gas lines, gas tank, shocks and rear springs, new floor pan, frame tied, plus 426 Wedge block, Ross pistons – Melling Oil pump, Total seal rings – Comp springs and lifters, Clevite coated rod bearings – 540 Comp cam, ARP head and rod bolts, Water pump & housing – Manley 2.14 & 1.81 valves, 3,000 stall converter – 8 qt. Pan & Pickup and more parts not listed ~ \$8500.00 OBO for all. Call James ~ 615-403-7454 or 615-876-3341



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driver powered by a 383 V8 with a automatic transmission. This beauty is gold on gold and has a great paint job; interior is in good shape but could use a little TLC. I have many spare parts for the car including the factory fender skirts. This car has been one of the more fun cars I have ever owned, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or to set up a time to come take a look at it. \$15,000 obo {special price for Club Members ~ call for details ~robertalan.jackson@yahoo.com or 615-478-5534}



For Sale: There are 2 of these for sale. The compass is the old military style....it has a gel type liquid inside the compass. The ones online are listed for \$50 and \$25....I will sell this one for \$35. It has never seen daylight/never been used. No scratches, etc. Thanks, Sam Milton 813-406-1040 / smilton@jimbrowneauto.com



Wanted: Dependable inexpensive 4-cylinder Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge or Jeep / contact Lynn Isenberg {615-289-7366, lynn@volunteerwelding.com }

Wanted: Young Motor Co. 231 S. Cumberland Ave. in Lebanon, Tn. closed in the 80's. I am looking for any dealer items such as ice scrapers, key chains, sewing kits, promo cars, flags, displays or anything in general with their name and logos on it. Please e mail me if you can help. Or email cd4334@yahoo.com

Wanted

1970 Roadrunner, Satellite, or GTX deck lid in good condition. Please call John at 618-357-3412. Or email Linda.hartsock@frontier.com

Wanted:



Looking for these magnum 500 wheels for 1969 Plymouth Satellite. Looking (2) 15×10 rears and (2) 15×8 fronts or (4) 15×8. Can be used only if in excellent condition. You can contact Jay Tucker at 931-409-8929. Or email irenearthur34@yahoo.com



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Wanted

8 1/4 axle for a 76 Plymouth Duster, A body. Email cd4334@yahoo.com

Wanted: WinCh

I own a Speed Shop in Portland Maine, and we are painting W300 for а а customer. He has most of the parts for the truck, but he is missing an original winch. Wondering if you may have know of one or Anv help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks - Scott Pitcock Member #0129 / contact me @ 207-807-6598 or scottpitcock@gmail.com

Wanted: I have a 1973 Dodge D100 club cab with a 400 and loadflite with power steering and need a set of used or new headers that will fit at a low price. The ones I've found at a low price say they will not work with power steering. The ones for the truck are Hookers for \$575, thats too much. I've been told that "B" body headers for a 383 will work, but don't know about the PS issue. Any guidance would be appreciated! Thanks, Phil Patterson, pbpfishin@att.net

Wanted: 1970 Plymouth B-Body Driver's side Door; must be completely rust free with none to minimal dings or dents. Contact: Lars @ 615-618-4800

Wanted ~ Parts Truck Driver:

Nashville CDJR, 5800 Crossings Blvd, Antioch is taking applications for a full-time delivery driver / counter person. In addition to delivering and picking up items in and around Nashville area, some heavy lifting loading and unloading truck. Must have drivers license, a good driving record and at least one year of automotive experience is helpful. Will be required to work every other Saturday.

Apply in person for application. Ask for Jack Jarvis "Retired person and/or Military welcome"



FAUXPAR: RETURN OF THE **DODGE RAMCHARGER**

BY PATRICK RALL

Since a popular trucking magazine issued an especially foolish April Fool's Day report that insisted that the <u>Ramcharger</u> was coming back, there have been a handful of other unscrupulous automotive "news sites" reporting that same false information.



Even though the initial piece stated that it wasn't real, the fact that they included realistic looking images and full specs led many to believe that Chrysler Group was reincarnating the mighty Ramcharger. Sadly, there is no Ramcharger based on the Ram 2500 Power Wagon and really, there is almost no chance of seeing a real Ramcharger anytime soon.



The root of the reason that we will not see a Ramcharger based on the Ram 2500 Power Wagon is that body-on-frame sport utility vehicles are all but gone. The vast majority of the top selling SUVs in America are unibody vehicles, including the Dodge Durango and the Jeep Grand Cherokee. The advantages of the unibody construction combined with advancements in chassis technology have allowed unibody vehicles to offer the same towing and hauling advantages as the light duty trucks and SUVs, so using a body-on-frame SUV just doesn't make sense in today's automotive climate.

In short, technology has moved the automakers away from large body-on-frame SUVs like the old school Ramcharger and they simply aren't going to revert to the old style any time soon. In the long run, a modern Ramcharger wouldn't be able to do a whole lot more than the Durango and Grand Cherokee, while the body-on-frame construction would make the Ramcharger heavier, less efficient and less capable.



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The GM SUVs (Suburban, Tahoe, Yukon, and Escalade) are the only body-on-frame, full-size SUVs that are selling in reasonable numbers. Toyota and Ford's models have failed even among their own loyal buyers. GM is the default choice in full-size body-on-frame SUVs, thanks to a history of sturdy, reliable, capable vehicles.

GM's volume (254,578 US sales in 2014, vs 55,065 for Ford and 11,806 for Toyota) also makes it difficult for competitors, since GM has economies of scale and can easily amortize their investments among a huge number of trucks.

If Ford, with years behind Expedition/Navigator, can't even manage 56,000 sales, and Toyota can't break 12,000, what would Ram be able to achieve? (This is probably the same reason why we have yet to see competition for the Wrangler.) — DZ

Sure, a Ramcharger based on the Ram 2500 Power Wagon would be cool, but it would be very expensive for Chrysler to build, since that shortened wheelbase 2500 chassis doesn't exist, forcing them to create a new chassis. On top of the high cost, the sales for a vehicle of that size and with a price like the Power Wagon Ram would be incredibly low, so the company would incur a whole lot of cost with no real chance of making that money back.

While the fake Ramcharger would make for a very cool concept vehicle, the steady industry shift to unibody vehicles will prevent the company from building any kind of large body-on-frame Ramcharger while the astronomical cost of Ramcharger built with Ram 2500 Power Wagon underpinnings guarantee that we will never see the Ram SUV that surfaced on April 1st this year.

Fortunately, the Dodge Durango and Jeep Grand Cherokee both offer most of the advantages of the old Ramcharger, with more power, a vastly more comfortable interior, and a lightweight design that makes these modern SUVs far more efficient than my beloved 1983 Dodge Ramcharger.

As much as I would absolutely love to see a new Ramcharger, having owned and loved an original Ramcharger, there is just no place for a profitable vehicle like that in the current American auto industry.

Good News

Club member Wade Joiner is feeling better and he received a good report from his Doctor earlier this week. The new medication is working.

From the Past:

Here is another print ad that Ron Gillespie found in the August 10, 1972 "Courier" Newspaper:





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