

# Music City Mopar Club



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## *Exhaust Notes*

Well, if you were not at the July meeting, you sure missed some great eats at David Denny's place. The weather was good, the attendance was great, and the food and the fellowship were outstanding! Several members drove their Mopars and David always has interesting cars and trucks to look at. Everyone noticed and complimented the appearance of the new chrome wheels on Jack Stone's Black Coronet. Due to the feast, the meeting actually started about 45 minutes late, and no one went to sleep, except for David's dog. David and Brenda Denny received a well deserved round of applause and thanks for their generous hospitality.

As the meeting started, John introduced a new member to the club, Allen Riezinger. Allen lives in White Bluff and owns two 1974 Dusters. Although not able to attend this meeting, Robert Vachunek, an old member and past officer sent his dues to re-join the club. Robert lives in Pleasant View and has a 1970 Chrysler New Yorker. Welcome to you both and it is great to have you with us.

Next, our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Car and Truck Show were discussed at length. Some of the things discussed include the following: Class sponsors are needed – a few members are sponsoring classes, but we still need to place about 20 more. Next, Stan Hardcastle explained that the 20th Show T-shirts are going to be designed and the first \$1,000.00 paid by Hunter's Automotive. The shirts will be done by ET graphics in Knoxville, the company that does all of Hunter's shirts, and they do great work! The club will probably have some club shirts {not show shirts} made for members. These shirts will be done by All-Star, the vendor the club has been using for several years. Chuck Vaughn suggested that the club have some bright colored "Event Staff" T-shirts for the workers for easy identification by attendees. The club voted to have these shirts made. Next it was suggested by Richard Price that "No Smoking" signs be displayed in the pavilion for improved air quality and nicer atmosphere during the show. Next, if we can come up with a suitable TV or projector and screen, we will have Mopar videos showing in the pavilion during the day and movies at night. Last, Stan Hardcastle said his sister is arranging for an "ad" for our show to run in the Lebanon paper during the week of the show. Thanks!

In other business, the membership agreed for David Denny to reserve the Wilson County Fairgrounds for next year's show, so that we will have a guaranteed location. Next, due to member interest, Lester Bentley is investigating the cost of reproducing our club license plate. He will report at the August meeting. Next Chuck Vaughn and Ken Martin shared information on the importance of "zinc" content in the oils used in some of our member's high performance engines. Lack of zinc can cause increased cam lobe wear in older vehicles that do not have roller lifters. Chuck Vaughn informed us that Chris Knight is selling all of his Mopars and accessories. If interested, call him at 615-969-2891.

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Lester and Pam Bentley on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet and greet starts at 12:00 noon and we will eat at 1:00 pm. The meeting starts at 2:00 pm. This will be another cook-out and members are asked to bring their favorite side dish and, of course, their Mopar.

See you on Sunday and the meeting and don't forget to bring your Mopar!



Let the Feast Begin!

## Mopar Nationals Update

Well, we are just back from the Mopar Nationals and I think we all had a great time. It was a little hot and it sprinkled on a couple of times but otherwise the weather was great. The roads in Kentucky had a lot of construction and plenty of potholes which made for an interesting trip. (LOOKOUT...WOW that was a big one!) Club members in attendance included David Bolinger, Jerry Dempsey, Lars Skroder and his brother Thor, Jerry Mann, Wayne Hall, Bill Cook, Stan Hardcastle, John Sanderson, David Denny, Ron Gillespie, Chuck Vaughn, Lester Bentley and his friends Robert, Gregg, Phil, and Anthony, and former member John Dodson.

Hopefully I didn't miss anyone. Although we stayed in different locations, we did get together and have a couple of great meals and several of us made it to the Heath Cruise as a group.

We had several club members that were involved in judging. Wayne Hall, Stan Hardcastle, and Bill Cook were all set to judge when they went up, but due to a shortage of judges due to some sudden illnesses, John Sanderson and Ron Gillespie were recruited to help out. Most were done by 2:00 pm on Friday, but Wayne's group didn't get done till about 4:00 pm. That's a long day, but I think we all enjoyed it!

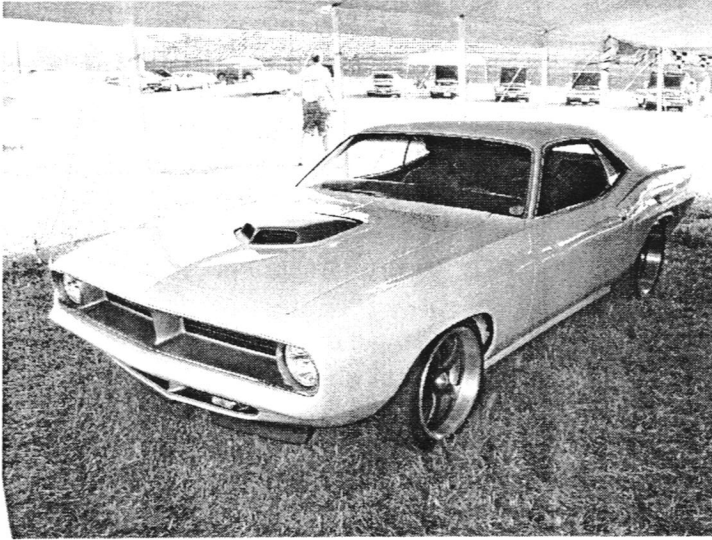
The show was good as always, but attendance was down, probably due to the economy. The Manufacturer's Midway was down with a noticeable downsizing of several of the long time sponsors; most evident being the area where the Chrysler Corporate display was usually at. It was empty! The Mopar Performance trailer was there but their display was smaller. The swap meet area had many more vendors than last year and the prices seemed to be more reasonable and most were negotiable. The same could be said for the car corral, which also seemed to have more vehicles than last year. At midday on Saturday, usually a peak time, Parts browsing was a breeze with no pushing and shoving due to the decreased attendance. You still had to watch out for the blame golf carts running up and down the aisles. The fun field and the drag races seemed full and the entries in the judged show and the tribute area were up.

David Denny cooked burgers and dogs for us on Saturday and tried to cook for us on Friday but many of us were involved in judging and couldn't get over there! As always, the food was great! Thanks David! While I was visiting David, I had the opportunity to meet Chuck and his son Chip, from Tri-City Plating. Tri-City specializes in replating bumpers, offers a lifetime warranty on their work, and does many Mopar pieces.

Chuck has been kind enough to provide David and the club a place to park in the vendor area for the past several years and we appreciate it. Chuck said if we are ever in his area, to stop by and visit his operation. David told me he has been using Chuck's bumpers on his cars for years and has been pleased and never had a problem. To me, that's a great recommendation. You can contact Tri-City Plating at 1-800-251-7536 or e-mail at [tcpbumpers@charterinternet.com](mailto:tcpbumpers@charterinternet.com).

For those members with e-mail, watch for some pictures from the Mopar Nationals soon.

Note from the Newsletter Editor: I would like to thank Richard Price and Jack Stone for all their help in providing notes, pictures, and additional input from the July meeting for the newsletter. Thanks Guys!



Harold Baker's Cuda



John Sanderson, Diane Sox, and Stan Hardcastle

Thought you guys would like to know that I took Harold Baker's 1970 Hemi Cuda to the Mopar Nationals this past weekend. Harold could not go. Please keep his health issues in your prayers. He has been unable to attend events lately and he needs to be there.

His Cuda won "Best Ride on BFGs" from BF Goodrich at Nashville Goodguys. We were invited by one of Goodguy's chief Judges to come to Columbus, Ohio for the Goodguy's Nationals. He felt Harold's car was a contender to be "Street Machine of the Year". Harold's health issues kept us from going.

At the Mopar nationals, the Cuda won "Best E Body Modified"!!! Pretty good to have the Best in the country. I have to thank the Music City Mopar Club members who attended the show for their help. Ron Gillespie, Bill Cook and John Sanderson helped me clean, prepare and get the car to the show. I would also like to thank Mike and Jeremy Goodstein for building the bad Hemi, Carl and Shane Carey for their Body Work and Assembly, and David Lewellin for the Upholstery.

I couldn't take my own picture at the awards ceremony, but I think I can get one soon.

We were pleased to help Ronnie Sox's widow, Diane with her Raffle for St Jude Hospital. Diane reached her goal of \$80,000 for Cancer Research to be given in Ronnie's Name. (Anybody who has ever followed NHRA Drag Racing will know who Ronnie Sox is) Darrell Waltrip, Gibson Guitar and Alan Jackson helped the Music City Mopar Club with prizes for her Raffle. She had the drawing Sunday at Noon there at The Mopar Nationals. Her Grand Prize was a 426 Hemi built by Indy Cylinder Head.

The way the awards ceremony is done, we come through the staging area for the Dragstrip and are recognized at the starting line there at National Trail Raceway. Most of the cars just ease down the Track like they are on Parade. They do give us the option of hammering the cars if we want to. We just have to wait until the car in front of us gets on down out of the way. I nailed Harold's 530 inch Hemi and had the speedometer buried at 75% of the 1/4 mile. I thought I had better let off so I did not run over the car in front of me. The Cuda should run between 140 and 150 in the 1/4 mile. Pretty sporty for a street car! We will work on a few bugs and maybe take it to Beech Bend Raceway Park at Bowling Green, KY before the season is over.

We had a big time!!!

Thanks,

Stan  
Stan Hardcastle  
Music City Mopar Club, Events Director

**Directions to the August Meeting**  
**And Cookout**  
**at**  
**Lester Bentley's House**

***3526 Hobson Pike***

***Hermitage, TN***

From Nashville, take I-40 East to the Mt. Juliet Rd/TN-171 exit, 226-A. Exit onto Mt. Juliet Rd/TN-171 and continue on TN-171 for approximately 4.5 miles. The house sets back off the road on the left, and there is a church across from the driveway on the right.

**Mopar Market**

**For Sale:** 1987 Dodge short wheelbase pickup truck, red on red, Slant 6 with 4 speed Overdrive transmission, 2WD, with PB and PS. Contact Wallace Whitaker at 615-643-7778. (03/09)

**For Sale:** 1985 Dodge RAM W-150 4X4. 318, A/T, Non Working A/C, Standard Cab, Long Bed. Many new parts. Needs some minor TLC. \$1000.00 FIRM. Call Dale @ 615-210-9301. (07/09)

**PARTS**

**For Sale:** 360 engine, bored .030" over with SRP pistons, forged Eagle rods, Ingle cam, aluminum roller rockers, Mahle Valves, Comp Cam double roller timing chain set, Speed Pro oil pump, high volume water pump, and aluminum Mopar Performance intake manifold. All for \$ 2000.00. For more information please contact Scott at 615-519-9751. (05/09)

**For Sale:** 440 cu in engine with Automatic transmission. Engine was running when removed from vehicle. \$450.00 takes all! For more info call 615-574-3249 or e-mail at [m.pendley@att.net](mailto:m.pendley@att.net). (05/09)

**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](mailto:hemidodgetruck@aol.com) . (07/09)

**All new ads for the Mopar Market, requests to extend an ad, or request to remove an ad should be E-mailed to [gillespierj@comcast.net](mailto:gillespierj@comcast.net) or to [wayne.hall@state.tn.us](mailto:wayne.hall@state.tn.us) or call 615-812-5274.**

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