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Exhaust Notes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great start to 2015! The meeting at Barry Alexander's classic car showroom in Franklin was extremely well attended with 50 members and 20+ guests. This is the largest attendance I've seen at a club meeting and generated 7 new or returning members.

Welcome aboard to the new members!

And the venue ... what an outstanding collection of automobiles housed in an incredible showroom. I know I could have spent another hour or so trying to take in all of the details on these significant automobiles. A special thankyou goes to Barry Alexander for sharing his collection and to Tom Richmond for arranging our use of the facility.

I realize that the location played a part in the large turnout, but we also had very good participation during the meeting portion of the event. This is extremely important since this is your club and we should be discussing topics important to you in addition to conducting club business. Please feel free to contact any of the club officers to put topics on the meeting agenda.

March 24th marks the 25th anniversary of the first club meeting. I think a big celebration is in order and will be the theme of our March club meeting. Information on the founding of the club can be found on our website's front page by clicking on the "established" link under the picture.

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 Mopar.

Thanks again for your attendance and participation in the January meeting and please attend the February meeting as by-law approval is the primary business agenda item.

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THE JANUARY MEETING AND SPECIAL VIEWING IN FRANKLIN: Meeting Notes from Gary Garner

Club President Donny Lippard started the meeting with some exciting news concerning the new club website. Over 1800 pages have been added to the members only section covering the history of the club, past club documents (newsletters & by-laws) and events. All members are encouraged to take a look and see how the club started and all of the work that the founding members put into getting the club to where it is today. All members are encouraged to register on the website so that you may have full access to all that is available in the members section. Thanks to Donny for all of his hard work on this project.

James Peach reported that 107 of 129 members from last year have renewed membership for 2015 and we have gained 5 new members and have 2 returning members from a couple of years ago. Hopefully everyone will renew and help us to grow. The new membership information should be sent out soon. New/returning members were: Billy Higginbotham, Alan Jackson, Robert Jackson, Brett Morris, Rob Sipos, Jeff Roman and David Nelson.

Club VP Mike Wilkins gave us the good news that Nashville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram has renewed their sponsorship of our club for 2015. Everyone is encouraged to patronize the dealership and be sure to see Jack Jarvis, our club contact, to take advantage of the discounts available to club members.

James Peach reminded members of the upcoming Big Easy Mopar Club show in New Orleans on March 14. If you plan to attend, please contact James for info on getting together with other members who are making the trip. Also happening that same weekend is the annual Hunter's Custom Auto Show. They are a club sponsor and we need to have a great turn out to support this event. Last year we filled a room with 26 vehicles and the Club has almost reached that goal for this year. Please contact James Peach to participate or with any questions. The 20th Indy Cylinder Head trade show and swap meet will be held Mar.7-8 in





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Indianapolis. We have several members attending this event to sell parts that they don't need or to buy that hard to find item for their project. Contact Stan Hardcastle or Wayne Hall if you have questions.

As for our club's annual show, a vote was taken to keep the Sunday fun field open (no event or show on Sunday, but possibly have a cook-out and Club meeting to evaluate our Friday Cruise-In and 26th Annual Show}, and move the TV drawing to Saturday afternoon. These changes would also allow Show Entries and Vendors to pack up and leave for home on Sunday. The motion passed.

Since everyone enjoyed having Forrest Pitcock as our special guest and Grand Marshall at last year's show, a suggestion was made to contact Ben Jones, aka "Cooter" from the Dukes of Hazard TV show, to be this year's guest. We will let you know of any news on this possibility at the next meeting.

Another bit of good news was announced by Mike Wilkins. He and Kevin Shaw are working on a book that will be published about the restoration of B-body Mopars. As most of you know, this subject covers a lot of ground given all of the variations in those cars during their production. He also said that they will be starting an online Mopar magazine entitled "Directly Connected". Congratulations to Mike and Kevin.

February is the by-laws meeting. If you have any additions or changes that you would like to see made, please bring them up at this meeting. Club President Donny Lippard suggested having a junior membership for anyone under the age of 16 that would be half price and carry no voting rights. Stan Hardcastle brought up the idea of having a board of directors for the club. All ideas will be discussed at the Feb. 22nd meeting.

The March meeting will be the 25th anniversary of the first MCMC meeting, so we need some good ideas on how we can mark this occasion. Please put your thinking caps on and bring your suggestions to the February meeting.

Stay warm and keep driving those Mopars.

February Club Meeting

February's meeting will be held at Jim 'N Nicks Community B-B-Q; 436 North Thompson Lane; Murfreesboro, TN on Sunday February 22, 2015. Thanks to Jim Peach and Lenny DiJoseph for making the arrangements. The meeting room is reserved from 1:00 until 3:30. They serve excellent food, so get there at 1:00 to eat and the meeting will begin at our usual 2:00 time. (Check out their menu at www.jimnnicks.com)



Directions to Jim 'N Nicks

- Take I-24 to Exit 78B {TN-96E / Old Fort Parkway}
- Go toward Murfreesboro on Old Fort Parkway to North Thompson Lane
- Turn Left on North Thompson Lane
- Jim 'N Nicks will be on your right {approx ½ mile}
- Look for Mopars

JUST IN: NEWS UPDATE FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT: Fellow Club Members,

I added a new feature to the members portion of our website for "Member Projects" where any member can share their project. I started it with my 1970 Charger R/T which will be caught up to current status and then updated as the project progresses.

Be sure to register on the site. We now have over a dozen members registered and a few subscribers.

I am also thinking about tuning the comments feature for these pages. That would allow questions or comments to be posted by anyone who views these pages.

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PICTURES FROM THE ALEXANDER COLLECTION L-25-15: A FEW OF MANY





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GRAND CHEROKEE HELLCAT SEEMS CLOSER

by **Daniel Bennett** • Posted on February 4, 2015

Hellcat Grand Cherokee.

The term sends shivers of revulsion or anticipation down people's spines. Revulsion if you are a hardcore <u>Jeep</u> offroad type or any executive at AMG, BMW's M, or Porsche's SUV division.

Anticipation if you are anyone else with a pulse.



Nothing official has been said about a Grand Cherokee coming with the already legendary Hellcat installed, and there is not likely to be any official confirmation any time soon. We do however have some information that we can use, along with some deductive logic, that seems to indicate that a Hellcat Grand Cherokee could very well be a future possibility. Even though we have been told officially "It won't ever happen."



First off, the <u>Grand Cherokee SRT</u> has been the most profitable SRT vehicle during its whole production run. This is hard to ignore, especially when the Hellcat Chargers and Challengers are pretty much selling at list price (or more) with little to no effort. From a sales standpoint, a Hellcat Grand Cherokee makes home-run type of sense.

Secondly, a good portion of the powertrain development is done. The engine system is there, the transmission is there if they stay with RWD. The <u>Ram</u> diesel uses the 8HP70 in 4wd configuration, so it may be possible to adapt it to the 8HP90 4WD variant that would be needed for a Hellcat AWD. On the other hand, the transfer case,



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along with front and rear axles, are question marks. Can something be adapted from other uses? Or will something new have to be developed?



The internal pressure to **not** build it has been removed. With the Maserati Levante being moved off of the WK architecture and onto what sources claim is a heavily modified LX architecture (LX -> Ghibli -> Levante), the pressure to not "out-do" the Maserati is gone. According to insiders, this is the reason the Hellcat Grand Cherokee was originally not considered — though others said it was because the Hellcat's noise would not be in character for the more luxurious Grand Cherokee (Hellcat turned out to be fairly quiet in ordinary use).

Aerodynamically, the SRT Grand Cherokee already has many of the features needed for a Hellcat, most notably the heat extractors in the hood. Adding a more aggressive fascia opening, replacing fog lamps with cooling tubes for the intercoolers, and possibly a full underbody shield would all help with the aero. Like Challenger, it would likely not be 200 mph capable, but it **could** become the king of the SUV top speed and acceleration pile.

The "Trackhawk" name has been trademarked. Some think it will be the name that is used to allow the SRT branding to come off of the top performing Grand Cherokee. However, another theory keeps SRT branding on the Jeep, and allows Trackhawk to be the Hellcat variant.



We have no solid confirmation that any of this is even being considered at this point, but there are more pieces in place to complete the puzzle than was originally thought. To quote the movie "Build it, and they will come"

RAM ONE OF KBB'S "BEST FAMILY CARS"

by **Daniel Bennett** • Posted on February 6, 2015



Kelly Blue Book today named the 2015 Ram 1500 to its list of 15 Best Family Cars, stating that the Ram is "as comfortable as a sedan" and "the most comfortable ride of any pickup" while noting "That it can work hard as well makes this an impressive all-around truck, one that can do just about anything".

Since 2011, the Ram 1500 has won a plethora of awards, including unprecidented back to back *Motor Trend* Truck of the Year awards.

MOPAR TO DEBUT NEW CHARGER FUNNY CAR

by **Daniel Bennett** • Posted on February 6, 2015

2014 Funny Car world champion Matt Hagan, will start off his 2015 season driving the Don Schumacher Racing 2015 Dodge Charger R/T Funny Car.

This is a completely new body for 2015, with extensive wind-tunnel time to make the new shape even more competitive. In off-season testing, the car set an unofficial NHRA record pass at 3.954 seconds, at an amazing 323.97 miles per hour.



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There are seven Chargers in the Fuel Funny Car class. Four, two-time World Champion Matt Hagan, Tommy Johnson Jr., Ron Capps and 2012 World Champion Jack Beckman, represent Don Schumacher Racing. Jeff Arend, formerly with Jim Dunn Racing, has a 2014 Charger sponsored by Bucky Auto Service Center; John Hale has taken Arend's former seat with the Jim Dunn Racing 2015 Charger and Gary Densham is back with his 2010 Charger. With Jeg Coughlin Jr. sitting out the season to spend time with his brand-new daughter and take care of business, there are only three Dodges in a sea of Camaros in the Pro Stock field at this year's Winternationals. 2012 Champion Allen Johnson will begin his 20th season of Pro Stock competition in his **Dodge Dart** Pro Stocker. His enginetuning father, Roy Johnson, will also join him at the 20 year mark.

Joining Johnson in a Dart again this year is ten-year veteran V. Gaines. Mid-way through last year, a wreck destroyed his Dart Pro Stocker, and he had to revert to his older Avenger for the remainder of the season. Deric Kramer is the third member of the <u>Dodge</u> Squad; he's also running a 2015 Dart.

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2015 Events Calendar

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

- Feb 28: Winter Classic all Mopar swap meet at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fairgrounds
- March 06, 07 & 08: Indy Cylinder Head Mopar Swap Meet in Indianapolis, IN; contact Stan Hardcastle for additional information

- March 13 & 14: Big Easy Mopar's 14th Annual New Orleans Mopar Show; Kenner, Louisiana; BEMA {www.bigeasymopar.org}
- March 14 & 15: Hunters Custom Auto Show at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds; Nashville {www.hunterscustom.com}.
- May 15, 16 & 17: Good Guys Show at LP Field
- May 22 & 23: Mopar Mania; Somerset, Kentucky; 100th Show and it will be big.

MOPAR MARKET



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: 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: 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: '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: Hemi Challenger R/T SE, automatic. The car is located in Bakersfield, CA. It won Best-In-Show at the Mopar Spring Fling three years in a row (the only car to ever do so). Owner would like to receive \$190,000 USD for the car. Car is available for on-site inspection at any time. If interested, contact Steven Fawcette at 316 371-3000. Or email StevenFawcette@yahoo.com ASAP. He will set you up directly with the owner. The car will be sold within the next few days.



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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: 2005 Ram 1500 Quad-Cab Long Bed 4x4, 5.7 Hemi, Automatic, Leather, heated front seats, bedliner, tow package, 181,487 miles; asking \$10,500 Call Nancy 615-394-9951



4-SALE: 17" Year One Rally Wheels ~ Mounted on car {see picture below} but never driven. I found out the hard way that backspace will not work on Alterkation Suspension on my 71 Challenger. These wheels will work great on B or E cars with Chrysler Torsion Bar Suspension. Backspace is 4.25" and I had to have at least 5.5" to clear the front fenders. The rear ones fit fine. These are the complete wheel sets; 2 - 17x8 -4.25 backspace and 2- 17x 9 - 5" backspace; 4 acorn style caps, cap bolts and 20 long lug nuts. I paid Year One \$1235 for these and will sell for \$900. These wheels looked great on my car and it really hurt to not be able to use them. THIS IS A SUPER DEAL ON QUALITY WHEELS. Contact Club Morgan 256-239-3003 Member, Pete email skylane@me.com



For Sale: 2007 Ram 1500 Quad Cab {4x2}, 5.7 Hemi, Detonator Yellow, 47,500 miles, Factory Tow Pkg., Excellent condition, always serviced at Dodge Dealer. \$14,900 Call Lars Skroder 615-618-4800



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



Wanted: Dependable inexpensive 4-cylinder Chrysler, 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

Quote of the Day: Q.O.T.D. from Sam Milton, Director of Training and Associate Development sam@sammilton.com

"There is no revenge as complete as forgiveness." ~ Josh Billings

"I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done." ~ Henry Ford

"If thou art a man, admire those who attempt great things, even though they fail." ~ Seneca



As Amended and Approved By Membership Vote February 2014

Article I: Purpose

The Music City Mopar Club (Hereafter known as the club) is a non-profit Organization whose purpose is; "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler products."

Article II: Membership and Dues

- 1) Membership in the club shall be open to owners of Mopars and persons interested in acquiring Mopars. Vehicles must be Chrysler Powered.
- 2) Non-Mopar owners membership will be previewed by club officers upon renewal date.
- 3) Members cars can be in any stage of restoration and does not have to be "show quality".
- 4) Members must sign club liability release form.
- 5) Membership dues shall be determined annually, due and payable no later than the December meeting and is non-refundable. This fee includes the members' immediate family. Voting privileges are limited to one voter per membership. You must be at least 16 years old to officially join the Club.
 - a) Club dues are for a calendar year.
 - b) Club dues have been set @ \$24.00 per year and are pro-rated by \$2.00 per month.
- 6) Members are ineligible to vote if they join after the closing of the September meeting. (Car Show)
- 7) Members must complete an application form.
- 8) Suspension of membership status shall be for:
 - a) Non-payment of Dues.
 - b) Infraction of any club rule or any other cause as voted by a majority of the Club Membership.
 - i) The suspended member shall immediately be notified in writing.
 - ii) The suspended member shall thereafter be entitled to a reasonable opportunity to be heard (in person or through a representative of his / her choice) concerning the alleged misconduct or infraction.
 - iii) The decision of the membership vote shall be final.

Article III: Government

- A. The government of the club will be vested in a President, Vice President, Secretary, Events Director, Treasurer and Membership Director. Nominations for new officers will be at the October meeting.
- B. Elections will be held every November, with voting carried by majority rule. Term of office is one year. The new officers will take office in January.
- C. An election committee, made up of three volunteer members (not running for Office) will be responsible for over seeing the distribution of the secret paper Ballots and the tally of the vote. Only members whose dues are paid for the year are eligible to vote.
- D. The November club newsletter will contain a list of all candidates and the offices they are seeking. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to state his or her qualifications, in 150 words or less, in that newsletter. The club newsletter shall not be a vehicle for any election statements or endorsements.
- E. A quorum of the club consists of 10% of the club membership. Resolutions may be passed by a simple majority of the quorum. (Therefore, it is highly important that all members attend these meetings so as to be able to vote on club matters.)
- F. The club by-laws will be reviewed and approved at every February meeting. Changes or Amendments will be voted on at this time.
- G. There will be a quarterly financial report given by the treasurer.

Article IV: Meetings

Monthly meetings will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise designated by the officers and approved by the membership at the previous meeting.

Article V: Member Conduct at Meetings or Club Events

- A. Illegal substances, alcoholic beverages or use of profanity will not be allowed.
 - a. If a member shows up to a club event intoxicated he or she will be asked to leave.
- B. Reckless driving and burnouts at any official club function will not be tolerated.
- C. It is expected that members will conduct themselves responsibly at all club meetings and events.
- D. No smoking will be allowed during any club activity.

Article VI: Personal Liability

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having claim against the club or its officers or members shall look only to the funds and property of the club for payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree of any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the club or its membership, so that neither members of the club nor the officers present or future shall be personally liable therefore. Each member shall be responsible for reading and signing the release of liability form supplied by the club.

Article VII: Club Property

- **A.** Club property will only be used for official club events.
- B. In the event that MCMC folds the club property will be sold and the money donated to charities selected at that time.
- C. The cost to repair any damage to club property will be paid by person/persons responsible.

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