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Exhaust Notes:

What a great turn out for the Chili Cookoff. We had 11 pots of Chili. It was not easy but the Judges chose Craig Wilkins Chili as the winner. After cleaning up the mess from the broken freezer before the meeting it all went well at the A.A.C.A. club house. Thanks Chris Maynard for opening up and helping me to clean up all the water. As always, there was a great bunch of desserts.

Gary Garner has documented the meeting very well in his meeting notes. Be sure and read them for important information about future events. I want to



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focus my Exhaust Notes on upcoming club activities that we need every member to participate in during this Summer.

All you guys who judge at the Mopar Nats in Columbus be sure and send in your request for a Judges pass this month. I talked to Joe Gilardi and all things are go, for this year's Nats. Also be sure and know about the date changes to July 31- August 2.

September is right around the corner and you will hear me constantly emphasizing The Triple Crown of Rodding, September 11-12, and our 37 th Annual Show, September 25-26, at Wilson County Fairgrounds. Both events will rely on our members stepping up and helping them both to be a huge success. Also sandwiched in between is the Holley Moparty in Bowling Green September 18-19.

Some of you may be aware that one of our beloved members, Forrest Pitcock, member #87, passed away, March 19, 2026. He was 94 years old. He was truly a pioneer of the Plymouth factory racing program, The Golden Commandos. I was so glad that we honored him at our 2014, 25 th annual show. I will include a shot I took of the T-shirt we did in his honor.

Our next meeting is May 16, at Donny and Jo Lippards, beginning at 12:00 with meet and great, 1:00 for the best brisket you have ever eaten followed by our combined April/May meeting at 2:00pm. Reservations need to be made with Jo by May 1,2026. I look forward to seeing a good group there for great food and fellowship. See Gary's notes for details.

Mopar Mike

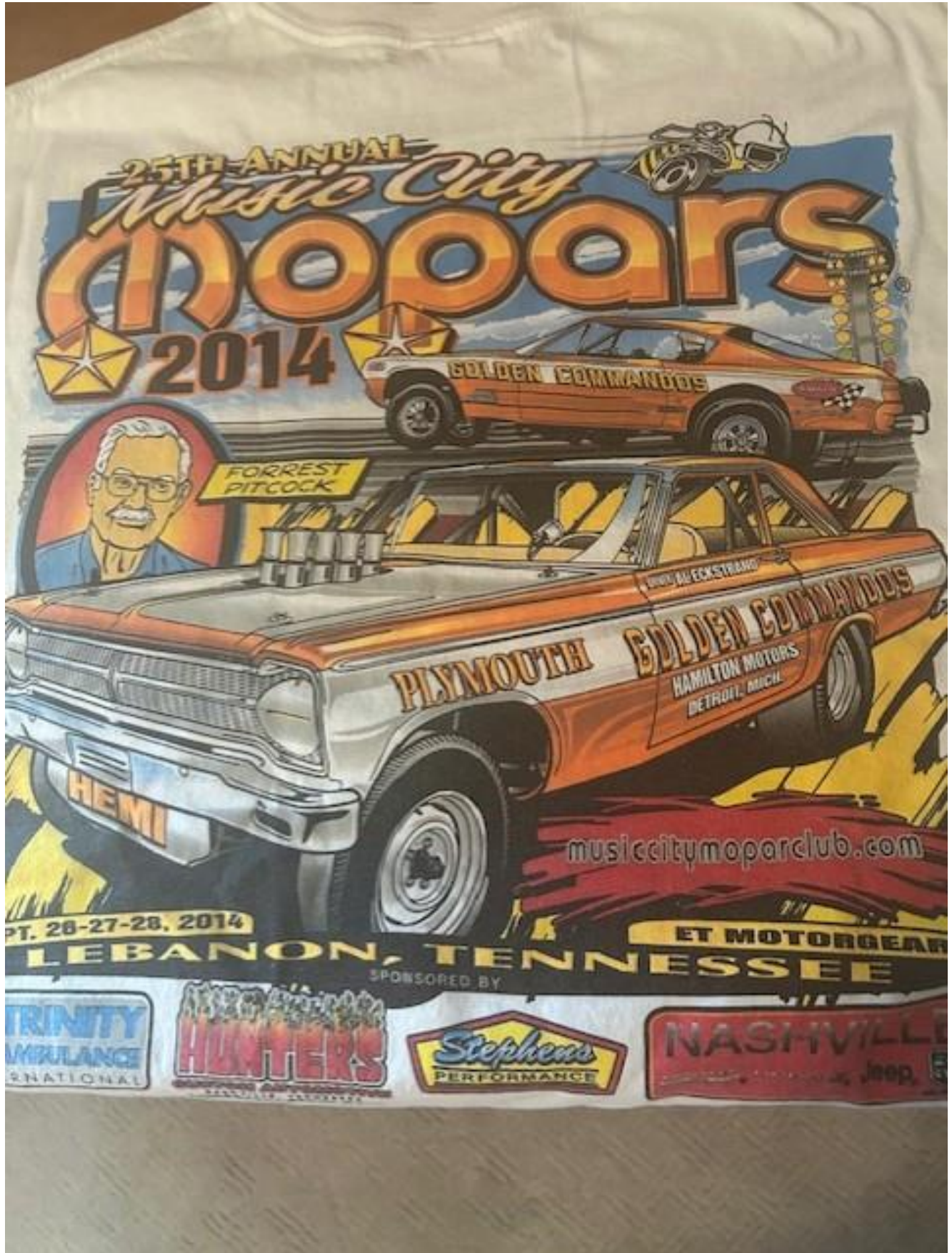


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Gary's/Meeting notes

The March meeting of the Music City Mopar Club was held March 22nd at the AACA clubhouse at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. Thanks to Chris Maynard for opening up the clubhouse for us. His wife Lisa has been ill lately, so keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Bob Dukatz has also been dealing with some health issues, so please remember him as well.

The club held the annual chili cookoff at this meeting and there were 11 entries. All of entries were very good, but the winning entry was from Craig Wilkins. He and his wife took home the \$100 first prize. Thanks to everyone who entered and also to the members who brought the great desserts.

After the members approved the minutes of the February meeting, club treasurer Wayne Hall gave a financial update. The club continues to be in good financial condition with all of our bills being paid. 2026 membership dues are due, so please see Wayne to renew if you haven't yet. VIM show entries are coming in. If you want to be in the building you need to enter soon. Registration and other links should be up and running on the club's website.

If you haven't heard, Mecum Auctions is going to have an auction at the superspeedway the same weekend as our show. It will be a 4 day event starting Wednesday September 23rd. We will try to work with them to help our show. If you were thinking of getting a hotel room on Friday, you should act quickly as rooms will become scarce quickly. We are also on the lookout for things to do during the week for people who will be staying in the area after Moparty who will be coming to our show.

Club President Mike Wilkins has been doing a great job nailing down as many details about our show as possible. He will be meeting with Wilson County Fairgrounds officials and contacting our vendors to be sure that everyone is ready to go. Be sure to pick up some show flyers to distribute at the shows and cruise ins that will be going full speed this summer.

Events Director Steve Yeldell reported on some of the up coming area shows. April events include Kars for Kids at Brentwood High School April 18th and Mopars at the Battleship in Mobile April 24th and 25th. The Wilson County



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Bank Show in Mt. Juliet is on May 3rd. The Mopar show in Cullman is on June 13th and the East Tennessee Mopar Club Show is on June 27th.

The combined April and May club meeting will be at the home of Jo and Donny Lippard on Saturday May 16th. This is always one of the best meetings of the year. Jo and Donny will be providing the great brisket meal with all of the trimmings. Club members are asked to bring dessert. Please let them know how many will be attending by May 1st so they can place the order for the food.

Show and cruise in season are in full swing, so break out those Mopars and enjoy the spring. Be careful and stay healthy and we will see you May 16th.



For Sale: 1973 Roadrunner, original 318 motor, now a 360, bored 60

over w/9:1 compression pistons and a mild cam. New Edelbrock

Avs carburetor, new master cylinder, new brakes, all around,

new brake lines in back. Front end mostly rebuilt and aligned,

new tires, has a rear main seal leak but I have all the parts.

Custom paint was done in 17, asking 30k, reasonable offers will

be considered. Call Charles Allen 919-390-4791



For sale: 1969 Dodge Superbee, 383CI, 4 Spd, power brakes and power steering, car has been converted to FAST fuel injection.

I have new dash bezel and gauges that go with the car along with many other parts. Car is believed to be a clone but is titled, registered and insured as a Superbee. Car is in Crawford, 12 miles north of Monterey. I can deliver in Middle Tn. \$32K firm
Jim Marrone
813-493-2970





For Sale: 2006 Dodge 2500 Heavy Duty Quad Cab Automatic (48RE Transmission).

4x4 manual transfer case.

5.9 Cummins Diesel. Edge EFI chip performance monitor.

Banks High Ram Intake upgraded air filter and intercooler.

Dual exhaust.

New seat padding and covers in front driver and passenger seats.

The majority of work and maintenance over the years has been performed by Down Home Diesel in Franklin, TN. I have ALL the receipts including dealer maintenance.

I am the 2nd owner but have put most of the miles (242,000) on this garage kept truck.

More info available call Gary Taylor 615-714-9903. Leave a message and I will call you back.

Asking \$23,000 OBO.





Wanted: Wanted HEMI engine prefer a 1969 that is complete but will consider all offers

Private Party call Brent at 414-788-9423 or email RED99PROWLER@YAHOO.COM

Wanted: My son and I are looking for a 1966 Dodge Coronet (440 trim) passenger front fender-it is an original paint

car so we are looking for an "original paint" dark green poly fender. We also need a rear bumper for the same car.

Tegan Johnson 615-785-9521 or Trent Johnson 615-439-5079

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