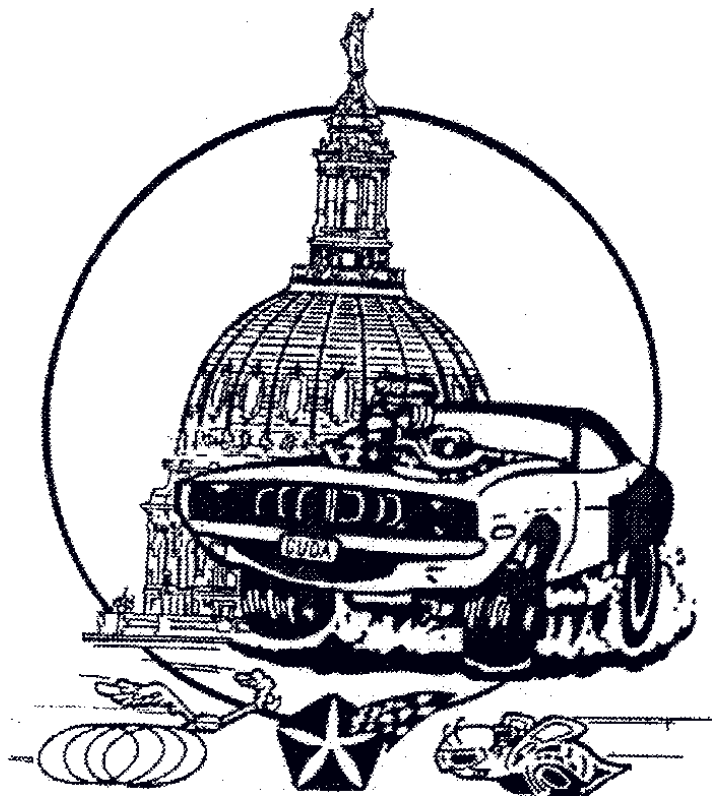


# MOPAR MUSCLE CARS OF AUSTIN

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<http://www.mopar.org>

Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM Gethsemane Lutheran church, Austin, Texas, located at 183 and Georgian Drive next door to the Humane Society.

The MMCA is open to all persons of good character. Yearly membership dues are \$25.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, obtain access to a network of Mopar parts and paraphernalia, and become eligible to attend club functions as well as show off your Mopar. Non-members may place an ad in the newsletter for a \$5.00 donation. Copies of the newsletter are available for a \$1.00 donation.

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## CUDA CONCEPT CAR

I thought this site is kind of cool. It is [www.360Cuda.com](http://www.360Cuda.com). The company has designed a few



Cuda concept cars for today's market. The designs are eye catching and thought out. The power plants will be a 385 hp 360 or a Hemi.



Options will include 17" Rallyes or mags, vinyl top and shaker hood.



Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the site. I for one would like to see this car go to production

## The Plymouth Duster / Twister and Dodge Dart Sport

(Because of our club's recent raffle car acquisition I thought a little A body history would be appropriate).

When the Valiant line was new, it spawned a sporty version called the Barracuda. After a few short years, the Barracuda was spun off onto its own body type (E), a short of chopped-off version of the large B-bodies. Some criticized it for its weight, others for its assembly quality; yet, few could argue with its aesthetics.

This left the Valiant line without sporty body style for a few years - until the Duster was dreamed up. The Duster was incredibly popular, quickly eclipsing the A-body (and, for that matter, the E-body) Barracuda's sales. Part of the appeal was the price: the Duster offered looks and power within the Valiant budget. Part was the lightweight and powerful engine in the 340 (and, to a lesser degree, the 318) option: the 340 Duster put many big-blocks to shame at the

stoplight and the track. Save for the front, the Duster was a car of curves, with few angles; its look has withstood the test of time, even if the actual cars generally have not (it's hard to justify putting hundreds of dollars in regular maintenance such as new shocks, brakes, and tires when the car itself sells for \$200).

The Duster was created in 1969 for the 1970 model year; the name would, not surprisingly, outlast the Valiant itself. It came with the slant six (125 or 145 gross hp with the 198 or 225 cid versions), 318 "economy V-8" (230 gross hp), or a high-performance 340 (275 gross hp), a stunning engine for the times. The overall height was 52.6 inches, headroom (front) 37.2 inches, wheelbase 108 inches. The large trunk had nearly 16 cubic feet of space, hidden neatly by the styling. The interior was borrowed directly from the Valiant, as one might expect. The base price of \$2172 bought a very basic model with a three-speed column-shifted manual transmission and no power assistance, which made the brakes and steering into exercise equipment; few decided not to spring for power brakes and steering. This was only a little above the base price of the original (1960) Valiant.

The 340 Duster took advantage of the platform's light weight to make mincemeat of many cars with bigger engines (Mustang 351), particularly with the aid of its dual exhaust, four-barrel carburetor, floor-mounted manual (three speed!), and 3.23:1 rear axle ratio. Following Chrysler's practice of matching transmissions to cars, it had a heavy-duty suspension with larger diameter torsion bars, extra leaf springs, and a front stabilizer bar; it also had standard front discs, quite unusual at the time. The instrument panel was unique to the 340 Duster, and included a tachometer and 150 mph speedometer. All this for only \$400 over the base price - \$2547 in all! That was quite a bit less than the RoadRunner (\$2900) or Mustang Mach I (\$3300).

In 1973, new grilles were added to the Duster and its Dodge version, bringing their appearance in line with other A-bodies. The Space Duster was added, with over 50 cubic feet of cargo space. The next year, 1974, was the most popular for the Duster. Unfortunately, 1974 coincided with the loss of the 340, and its replacement with the heavier 360 - despite its 245 hp or higher torque than the 340.

Not quite word for word from [www.valiant.org](http://www.valiant.org) great website.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April 2002

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Picnic
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April 6, 2002 [Austin / Houston / San Antonio Mopar Clubs Spring Picnic](#)

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Fisherman s Park in Bastrop, Texas. Bring yourself, your Mopar, your family and food for BBQ lunch. Grills available, the fast food option is nearby also. See pictures from previous picnics at

<http://www.mopar.org/MMCA/Events/Bastrop2001/> . The Austin Club will meet at Callahan s General Store on South US 183 between 9:00 and 9:30 AM to drive to the picnic and meet with our fellow Mopar fanatics.

April 11-14, 2002 [Houston O Reilly Nationals](#)

NHRA at the Houston Raceway. 281-383-RACE [www.houstonraceway.com](http://www.houstonraceway.com).

April 19-21, 2002 [Tenth Annual Swap Meet and Car Show](#)

Sponsored by New Braunfels Area Car Club at Comal County Fairgrounds, 801 E Common St, swap meet space 12x25 and car corral space \$25 pre-registration, \$30 at gate (for one on all three days), car & truck show \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at gate, 24 hour security provided, info: Barney or Louise Calvert, 100 Bear Creek Dr, New Braunfels, TX 78132, PH: 830-620-5950; e-mail: cal@axs4u.net for swap meet; Chalmers or Cindy Gable, 830-420-2856 for car show.

[www.newbraunfelsswapmeet.com](http://www.newbraunfelsswapmeet.com) New Braunfels, TX.

April 20, 2002 [Cowtown Mopars Annual Car Show](#)

Huffines Dodge on I-35 at Hwy 121 in Lewisville, Texas. Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and awards at 3:00 p.m. It is open to all Mopar or Mopar powered vehicles. We also have a car corral, swap meet, and model car contest. If you need information contact [wedge65@charter.net](mailto:wedge65@charter.net).

June 8, 2002 [Twelfth Annual Southwest AMC Regional Car Show and Swap Meet](#)

Sponsored by Alamo AMC Car Club, benefiting San Antonio Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, raffle, goody bags, info: Mike Strawbridge, 210-473-4496, TX; e-mail: mestraw@satx.rr.com or Tom Garza, 210-490-3992; e-mail: [tamc@wireweb.net](mailto:tamc@wireweb.net) San Antonio, TX.

Interesting web sites

<http://www.moparstyle.com>

<http://www.daveschultz.com/besthomepage/cars.htm>

<http://www.valiant.org>

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The annual picnic at Fisherman s Park (at the end of Farm Street) in Bastrop, TX is coming up on April 6<sup>th</sup> . That will be this Saturday. Everyone bring your own eats, drinks and (of course the stars of the show) your cars. Everyone who can make it is sure encouraged to come. We ll get to see some of our old friends and meet new ones from the Austin, Houston and San Antonio area clubs. Alcohol is not allowed in the park. Please see the map below.



# Member Advertisement Section

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## Items For Sale

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**Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin 10th Anniversary License Plate Frames.**

These are metal frames with black-on-white lettering. Frames are now officially real cheap!. **Contact Harry Amon (512) 345-5832** and he might just give you a pair (or charge \$5 each, \$8 for a pair).  
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1973 Plymouth Duster, red, 2-door hardtop fresh 318, 144,000 miles, VIN: VL29G3B368432, Has original paint. Interior is perfect. Engine and transmission are new. Car is daily driver. Power steering and brakes and factory air. All new performance exhaust. \$3900, negotiable. **Contact: Bob Dormois, 3026 Gabriel View, Georgetown, Texas 78628- (512)-869-2619; e-mail bob.dormois@hypertherm.com**  
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FREE!!! 1965 361 block, someone please take it away!!!

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(5/01)

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Cragar SS mags (2) 15x7, (2) 15x10- good shape, \$175  
340 cast iron intake, \$100  
X-heads, \$250/pair  
LA purple cam .284 (NIB) \$100  
LA single plane intake, \$100  
LA six-pack intake, \$200  
A-833 4-speed w/ pistol-grip E-body, \$500  
4-speed console, \$100  
Rallye gauge w/ wiring, E-body, \$100  
(2) 72-74 Challenger taillight assy., \$75 / pr  
(3) Challenger doors w/ glass, \$100 each  
(2) Standard gauge sets, E-body, \$50 each  
MAKE AN OFFER, Wife says all must go!  
73 Satellite Sebring 2-door hardtop, 318, auto, right rear quarter damage (have good rear half), \$1500 OBO

**Call Mike Cox (512) 303-3100**

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-6 pack air cleaner  
-Big block heads, 2 each 906, 915, 452, 346 castings  
70 383 short block

**Call Isaac Jackson (512) 251-8999**

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**Wayne O'Neill 512-385-7950 Home, 512-627-8646 Cell**

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## Items Wanted

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1964 Dodge Dart GT convertible. Must be running/drivable and have a straight body. Preferred with a 273 engine and push button automatic.

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340 Swinger hood scoops with trim. Drivers side rear armrest, uncracked pad in black with ashtray for a 1970 Swinger.

**12/01**

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Radiator 2785934  
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1964 Plymouth Valiant  
**EMAIL bug123@ev1.net**  
(4/02)

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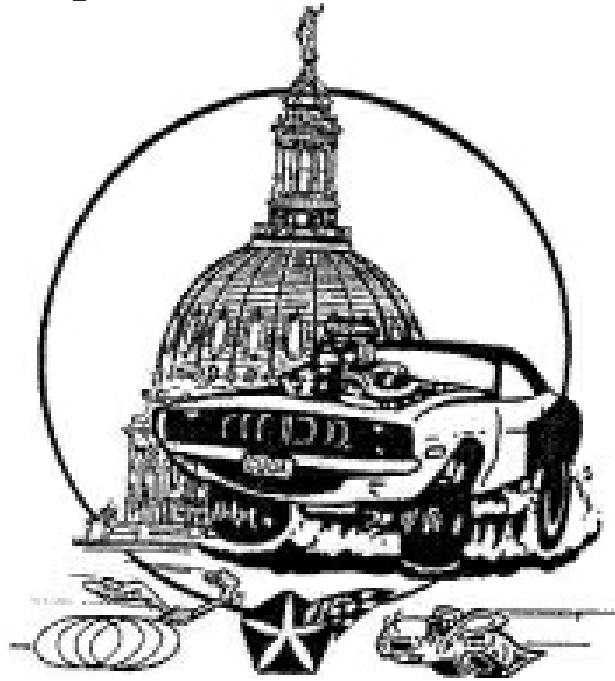
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