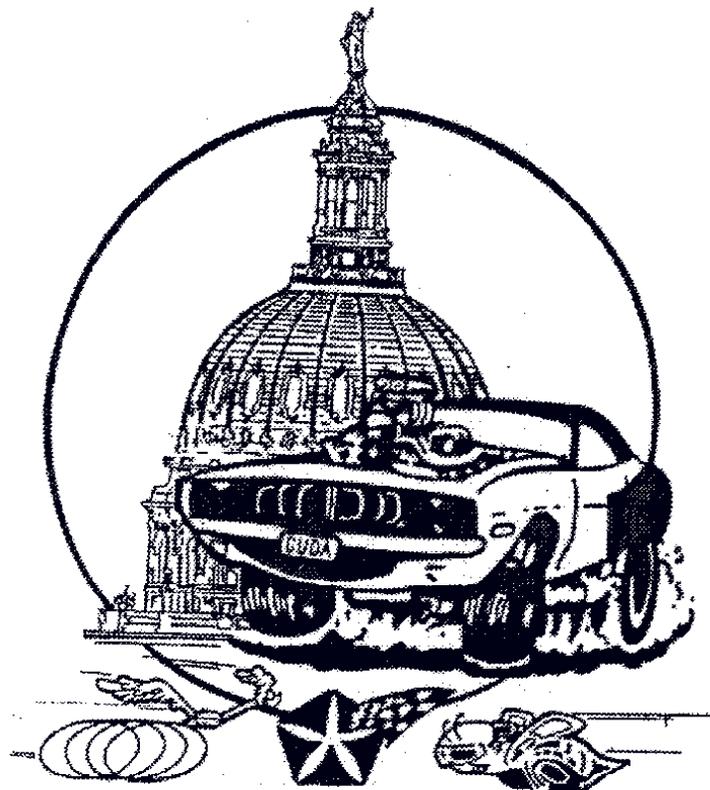


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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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Editorial

Our "American Classic & Muscle Car Show" was a hit. 21 vehicles showed up to show off and be judged. Even with the poor weather, attendance was good. Nine car owners walked away with trophies including Ken and Willie. Congrats guys.

MarketPlaceAustin has asked us to put on another show around October. If any one would like to lead the car show team, please let me know.

This Month

This month we had our annual Bastrop picnic on Saturday April 5th. Because of work, I was unable to get this newsletter out in time. Sorry about that, but it does allow me to mention that our anniversary picnic will be Saturday May 3rd. On top of that a computer crash whipped out some info from the Classifieds and Event Calendar and make further delays. If your info is missing, please email me at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com and I will get it in next months newsletter.

Dues Blues

Please remember to take a moment to send in your dues.

Amanda Presley	Joe Matush
Tim Josserand	Craig Rowling
Brian Hall	Robert Moseley
Mike Jones	Dave Wolgast
Issac Jackson	

Local Happenings

MoparStyle Racing Buys Texas Big Bird

Dave Schultz of Richmond, Texas buys the IHRA Pro Mod Superbird "Texas Big Bird" from Matt Tolbert of Austin, Texas. The sale included the 'Race Ready' Superbird, some spare parts, and the body molds.

Texas Big Bird has been one of the most recognizable Mopars in Drag Racing history. Dave Schultz is the owner and administrator of www.MoparStyle.com, which is the fastest growing Mopar community on the Internet. Texas Big Bird will fly the MoparStyle banner.

Intentions are to race the car in the Pro Outlaw Street division of NMCA and Pro/Street in the PRO series with Monte Smith of www.MonteSmithRacing.com handling the driving and crew chief duties.

Texas Big Bird has been transported to Alabama to be prepared for 2003 exhibitions and match races; and the 2004 racing season.

For more information, visit www.texasbigbird.com or contact Dave Schultz at (281) 344-1900 or dave@daveschultz.com

MMCA Discussion List is an easy way to contact club members, get technical advice, and find out about club events.

To join send an email to mopar_muscle-subscribe@topica.com



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2003

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 MMCA Picnic
4	5	6 MMCA Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Blanco Car Show
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May - Annual MMCA Club Picnic at Northwest Park.

May 17 – Blanco Classic Car Show. Registration 9-11, show noon-4 (there's usually a parade in there about 11:00 also which all the registered cars may enter) Location- Blanco State Park in Blanco, TX (about 40 miles west of Oak Hill- REALLY nice drive, and the park is on the river with lots of shade) Pre-registration (\$22.00) until May 1, Day-of-show is \$25 Info numbers: 830-833-4706 or 830-833-5348

Monthly events:

River City Raceway, Marion, 2nd Friday of every month, Open Car Show for pre-1970 cars, car and driver free if in show, \$5 to pass car down the track after show. <http://www.rivercityracewayinc.com/>



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Poor Mans Mechanic

This month I want to go over some cool tools to help in repairing and restoring your automobiles.

Craftsman Bolt-Out™ Damaged Bolt/Nut Remover Set:
This is one of many nice set that Sears carries. This set is made to remove rounded and rust nuts and bolts. The spiral flute design grabs and removes the damaged nuts and bolts and gives you less headaches. This set goes for \$19.99.

Rechargeable portable power source: This little guy can be your best friend on a cold wet night, when your car won't start. This is a portable car battery, a jump in a box. It will even charge a battery given some time. Mine even has hazard lights, a spot light, and cigarette lighter outlet(when your cell phone dies at the worse time. Every one should carry one with them. It's very handy.

Good Luck,
Dustin C

passenger seats can be folded flat. Godshall says the front seat feature "was something unseen in America. That gave us a lot of flexibility. You can put an 8-foot stepladder inside." Also, rear seats are removable.

A blow-molded plastic shelf panel, made by Lear Corp., is designed to lock into place like an oven rack. There are five positions for storage or support. One position allows a plastic leg to swing down to serve as a waist-high table for tailgating.

Godshall says designers looked at a Renault Megane Senic for inspiration: "It had a shelf that concealed things. We started to wonder, what happens if we could move (the shelf) around?"

Chrysler Historical Timeline

1976 U.S. Army awards Chrysler a \$4 billion contract for building XM-1 tanks.

1979 The Chrysler board of directors elects Iacocca as chairman on September 20.

1980 Chrysler sells Marine Division.

1980 Iacocca first appears in Chrysler advertising in July.

1987 Chrysler acquires American Motors Corp., the fourth largest domestic automotive company, for \$800 million.

Chrysler acquires Jeep®, three auto assembly plants,

1987 Eagle brand is launched, the first new Chrysler brand name since 1928.

Taken from <http://users.erinet.com/30561/timeline.htm>

Dufflemobile: Chrysler designed its PT Cruiser to hold stuff ... and more stuff

<http://www.autonews.com/>

**By CHAZ OSBURN
Automotive News**

The man who led the team that designed the interior of Chrysler's PT Cruiser says functionality was at the heart of the effort.

"We wanted the Cruiser to be a duffle bag," says Jeffrey Godshall, a senior design manager for DaimlerChrysler. "A duffle bag can hold one Teddy bear. Or it can hold 50."

The vehicle seats four adults or five children. For long objects - from skis to 2-by-4s -the rear as well as the front

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A Few Shots from the American Classic & Muscle Car Show



Thanks to all that attended. Special thanks to MarketPlaceAustin, Summit Racing, O'Reilly Auto Parts, The Paddock and Moparstyle.com

Member Advertisement Section

Items For Sale

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). 12/98

Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin gift store

Check out the many item in our new gift store. From T-shirts to beer mugs to lunch boxes. Its got it all. Go to www.mopar.org and click on "SHOP". 10/02

1968 Coronet project. 440 model with #'s matching 318 & column shift AT. 8-3/4, PS, bench seat. Treated with POR15, needs bodywork. Primered, originally PP1red, factory air (equipment is missing). Also missing driveshaft and front windshield. Completely taken apart, all trim and other parts are labeled. **Call Aria 512-323-5679 or email aria@jwamopar.com**. Photos available to email. Located near 45th & Duval. 01/03

'94 Dakota SWB V-6, dark blue, gray leather, Mark III conversion, auto, A/C, PS, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/Cassette, bed rails, sliding rear window, fender flares w/integrated running boards, bedliner, extended range fuel tank, alloy wheels, good set of 265/50x15 TAs, 115K miles, Clear title. Kelley Blue Book value is \$3305 in fair condition, MMCA price \$2750. Known mechanical flaw is electrical with rear ABS. Price reflects discount for this problem. **Steven Dykes jsdykes@swbell.net** 10/02

Parts for sale: 66 black A-body bucket seat backs. \$20 each
66 black A-body door panels(rough shape with good vinyl, needs new backing) \$50 pair
65 Barracuda drivers side rear wheel molding. \$15
65 blue Barracuda fold down rear seat(needs recovering) \$65
67 black Dart GT drivers side door panel \$30
E-body 2 spoke steering wheel (some rust, and chrome peel, near the center. No cracks) \$25
1985 Dodge Diplomat patrol car. No motor. Make offer.
Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
1/03

-6 pack air cleaner
-Big block heads, 2 each. Casting:
915(\$300), 906(\$250), 452, 346 (\$200)
Call Isaac Jackson (512) 251-8999 8/00

Parting out 400 Mopars, 1953 to 1976, southeast of Austin. Email your parts request to **DrMopar440@aol.com**
Web: <http://www.drmopar.com> 10/02

early-to mid 70's 318 long block, disassembled, with 360 4bbl heads for sale. Make reasonable offer.
Wayne O'Neill 512-385-7950 Home, 512-627-8646 Cell

62 Dodge _ ton (typewriter transmission), 64 Valiant (body altered), 65 Valiant (body/cassis altered), 66 Barracuda(Factory A/C, auto, console)
Mopar tech. library- Shop manuals and magazines
225 /6 & 318 V8; Disassembled, shop work done, new parts
Larry Robinson (254)770-9952 05/03

Items Wanted

1964 Dodge Dart GT convertible. Must be running/drivable and have a straight body. Preferred with a 273 engine and must have a push button automatic.
Call Dustin Cloud @ (512)836-9490 03/01

Looking for aluminum 360 intake manifold. Performer RPM preferred. Will trade Edelbrock 318 Performer.
Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
11/02

Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area
call Wendell at 512 376 6600 after 6 PM 10/02

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

Help Wanted/Given

Need help rebuilding 273 engine. Also, need help with minor bodywork to fix a few rust spots on a 65 Barracuda.
Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
10/02

Computer and some HTML help given. I will be glad to help any club members that need a hand.
Contact Dustin Cloud at 680-9958 12/02

General auto help available, looking to gain mechanical experience. I'll try to work around my busy schedule.
Joe Hoppe 452-6400 01/03

Frustrated with 68 Coronet project; need help finishing body work (bondo). I only have time to work on it on weekends and would love the help.
Aria 512-323-5679 or aria@jwamopar.com
01/03

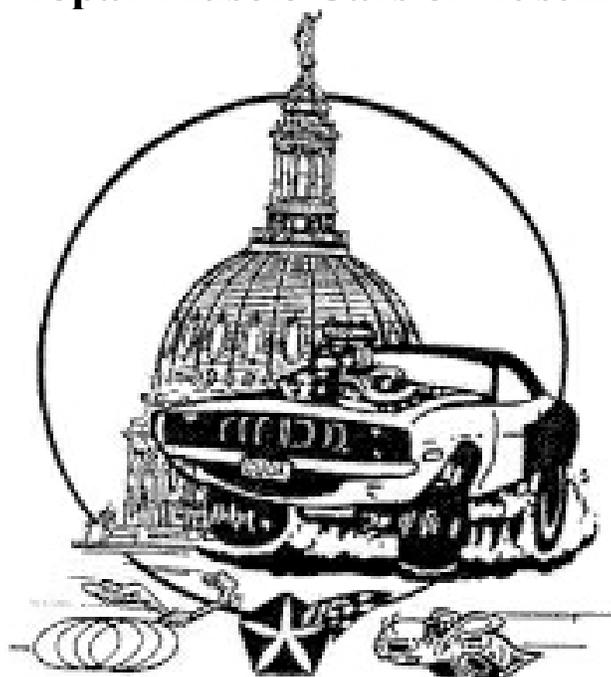
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