



## Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin

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### Random Thoughts & Club Happenings

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Hello again, time for another newsletter. The heat of summer has been doing a pretty good job of keeping me out of the garage lately, but I have had a few projects in the works. I've stripped and refinished 4 more 80's vintage "6 hole" copcar 15x7 wheels. This set will go on my 73 Satellite. I've enjoyed the set on my '66 Polara so much that I can't wait to see the improvement in the lighter B-body. To anyone who is contemplating new wheels/tires for their old Mopar, all I can say is that the copcar wheels and a set of P-255/60R15 Radial T/A tires was the single best upgrade I ever did to the old Polara.

I may not actually be doing much work right now, but plans are always afoot. I've got a full set of polygraphite bushings to re-do the front end of the Satellite, including newly introduced polygraphite isolator donuts for the isolated K-frame setup on the 73 and later B-bodies (Performance Suspension Components out of Arizona markets these). This should really help things, since unwanted movement of the K-frame relative to the unibody was always a problem on these later B-bodies. Mopar knew this and offered police cars with the rubber isolators replaced by iron spacers. The polygraphite should offer nearly the same rigidity as metal without much added harshness... or so I hope! Next up will be a rebuilt motor for the Polara. I'm always glad to be able to say the 383 in the car has "250,000 original miles," but when it gets to the point that Honda Accords can drive away from me, its time to do something! Current plans are for a stock refresh of a '72 "lo-po" 440. That should do the trick and not suck the petroleum reserves

completely dry in the process. I figure that by using a tame stock 440 built for torque, and retaining the 2.76 rear gears, I should at least equal the mileage that the worn-out 383 is getting and provide a huge boost in performance. Maybe I'll actually get around to doing this within the next 6 months...

I hope everyone enjoyed Steven Dykes' article on "junk cars" last month and will keep that sort of law in mind if they ever happen to bump into their state legislator. Just last week, the Hays County Free Press ran an article about a group of "junk cars" that neighbors want removed near Buda. The article implied that it would be almost impossible to get a new license to operate a wrecking yard, and that there is only one licensed wrecking yard in all of Hays county. Things are nice right now with internet sales a booming reproduction parts market, but its going to take a certain amount of vigilance on our part to make sure we don't go back to the days when the most basic of parts were impossible to find. I mention this because of something we observed at the Fredericksburg swap meet last weekend: a decline in attendance, a decline in the number of vendors, and especially a decline in the availability of "good" parts. A lot of people have blamed the decline in swap meet quality on the boom of internet sales and maybe thats so. But even the internet sellers need the legal ability to keep and dismantle parts cars, just like we as individuals need to guard our rights to keep, store, and restore our work-in-progress cars.

At last month's meeting, we briefly discussed picking one Saturday night in August to meet at the usual car gathering in Round Rock. No date has been set, but if anyone is interested, spread the word to other club members.

Other upcoming events include the Rosanky swap, the Mopar Nationals, the Houston Mopar Show, and the San Antonio Mopar Show. Check the calendar for details. Also check out the classified ads for updates and changes.

-Steve Lacker

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## Dues Blues

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The following folks have dues that are due. Please contact Harry Amon or mail your dues to the club mailbox (the return address on this newsletter).

Mike Cox, John Molly, Glenn Swaffield are due.

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## ---MMCA Website---

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We have a website! Its just a prototype, but for now check out <http://lonestar.texas.net/~sglacker/MMCA>. Carl Samos will be hosting the permanent version at <http://www.mopar.org> as soon as we get the files transferred. There are pictures from club events and an archive of club newsletters in Adobe PDF format.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000

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- Aug 4-6      Columbus, TX      10<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Swap Meet (713)-649-3330
- Aug.11-13      Garland, TX      Antique auto swap meet in Audubon Park (972)-276-1790
- Sept 2-3      Garland, TX      Southwest Mopar Mini Nationals sponsored by the Dallas Mopar Club (972-661-2545)
- Sep 16      Shreveport, LA      Louisiana mopar Nationals
- Sep 17      Ennis, TX      Muscle Car Club Challenge, 12 noon
- Sept 14-17      Rosanky, TX      3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Swap Meet, Car Corral, and Car Show presented by the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History (512)-258-7172
- Sept 23-24      Houston, TX      Houston Mopar Show and Race & 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Dakota Meet

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# Wanted

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Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area  
**call Wendell at 512 470 8484**

03/00

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(2) 15x8 inch Mopar Cop Car rims  
Rallye hood or Fiberglass 6-pack (T/A) hood for Challenger  
Sure-grip 3.23 or 3.55 for 8-3/4

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

5/99

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**Wanted:** "Tuff" steering wheel  
**Call Steven Dykes (512) 218-4752**

7/99

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## WANTED

1967 PLYMOUTH BODY SERVICE MANUAL  
RADIATOR #2785934

**TERRY 'E BODY' SIEGMUND (512)451-1454 11/99**

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B-body big yoke 3.23 SG rear end for a 73 Satellite, Rallye hood or 6-pack hood for a 73 Challenger, Console mount for cassette player. Call **Mike Cox, (512) 303-3100**

12/98

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Taillight Assemblies for 1968 Barracuda. Call **Mike Mosley, (512) 471-6490 8/00**

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# For Sale

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**Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Parting out '68 Plymouth Satellite.** Mostly sheet metal call **Glenn (512)-627-1414**

8/00

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## **FOR SALE**

1964 361 ENGINE, COMPLETE, NEEDS REBUILD

1968 318 ENGINE, COMPLETE, NEEDS REBUILD

1973 318 SHORTBLOCK, NEEDS REBUILD

M/T ALUMINUM 426 HEMI VALVE COVERS

2 NOS 1968 DART HEADLIGHT BEZELS

**Call Terry Siegmund (512)451-1454 (3/00)**

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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 guage w/ wiring, E-body, \$100

(2) 72-74 Challenger taillight assy., \$75 / pr

(3) Challenger doors w/ glass, \$100 each

(2) Standard guage 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 goold rear half),

\$1500 OBO

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

5/99

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- Hayes clutch and pressure plate (18-spline)
- 509 B/RB cam and lifters
- B roller timing chain
- 6 pack air cleaner
- Big block heads, 2 each 906, 915, 452, 346 castings

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

8/00

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**Parting out 400 mopars, 1953 to 1976, southeast of Austin. Open Saturday 10 AM-5 PM**

**Web: <http://www.drmpar.com>**

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