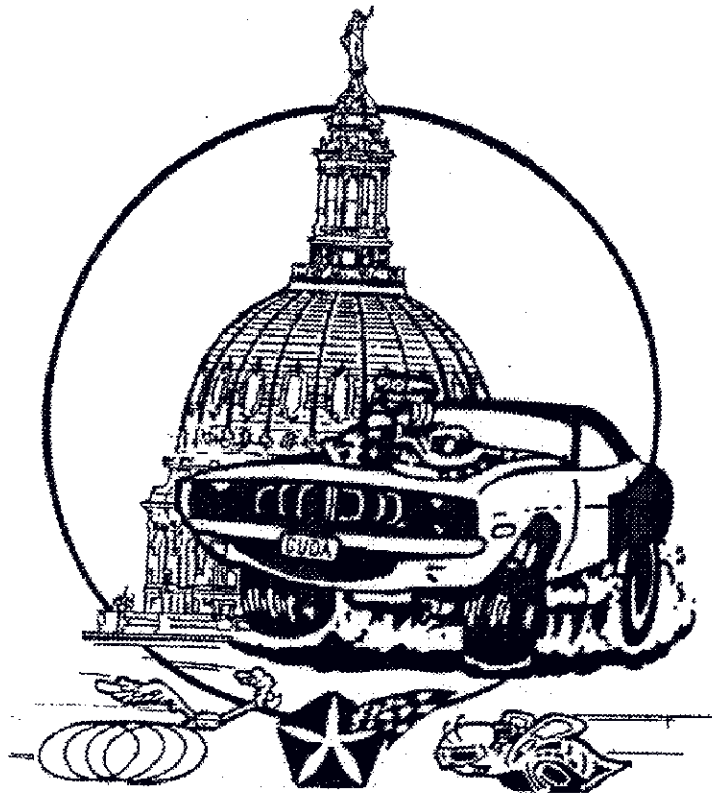


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of 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 \$15.00 per person. As a member, you receive a newsletter (Currently online at www.mopar.org) with free newsletter classifieds, a discount on parts at participating vendors, 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

I guess it is summer. The heat is coming. During this time of year remember to drink plenty of water. If you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated.

Also, sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses are your friend. Sun burns are not foreign to any of us, but we all tend to forget how much they suck. If your going to hit any junk yards, wear a cap and pack some Off™, some sun screen and at least a gallon of water along with your other tools.

Say safe in the sun!

Last Month

Last month was on the slow and wet side. The Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals were last month and reports from around the US said it was a blast even if parts prices were at the same level as Ebay.

Dues Blues

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

Larry Robinson
Steve Lacker
Steve McGuire
Willie Jeffries

Enrique Guerra
Craig Rowling
Ray Ewell

This Month

This month has a handful of Texas event happening. Most seem to be the same weekend as the Mopar Nationals. Plenty to keep you busy if your not spinning wrenches on your ride.

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

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 MMCA Meeting	4	5	6 Putt & Cruise Car Show	7 Fiesta Dodge Show and Shine
8	9	10	11	12	13 Mopar Nats	14 Mopar Nats
15 Mopar Nats	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

July 31 – Samuels Diamonds "SUMMER SIZZLE SHOW AND SHINE" Location: old Home Depot parking lot off Brodie Ln & 290W, in Sunset Valley (South Austin). Rain Date (Aug 7). [http:// www.samuelsjewelers.com](http://www.samuelsjewelers.com).

Aug 3 – MMCA Club Meeting @ 6:30.

Aug 6 – Putt-Putt Golf on Burnet Rd. Miniature golf is buy one get one free if you bring a cool car. More info at <http://www.austinputtputt.com/Cruisenight.html>

Aug 7 – Fiesta Dodge Show and Shine, 10 am - 1 pm, 6320 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78238. For more info, contact Lee Zimmerman at lee45mopar@yahoo.com http://www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org/fiesta_show_n_shine.pdf

Aug 13 - 15 – Mopar Nationals - Columbus, Ohio <http://www.moparnats.org>

Aug 13 - 15 – Wolfe Auto Group would like to issue a special welcome to all you Mopar fans - join us for Summer's Last Blast Weekend in Vernon, Texas. <http://www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org/summerslastblast2004.htm>

Aug 13 - 15 – Texas Style Hot August Nights, Beaumont TX. Call 409-769-7599 for information

Aug 14 – Annual Martin Memorial Open Car Show, Junction, TX.

Sept 16 – Open Classic Car Show, Rolling Oaks Mall, 1604 & Nacogdoches, San Antonio, 830-438-2878

Sept 18 – 22nd Annual San Antonio Mopar Muscle and Classic Car Show, Biff Buzby's, Toepperwein Rd, San Antonio, TX. http://www.moparmuscleclub-sa.org/Car_Shows/MMCSA2004/Registration_Form_2004.doc

Weekly/Monthly events:

Van's Auto Parts parking lot (8701 Research Blvd) every Saturday night
Albertsons parking lot every Saturday night at the Y in Oak Hill.



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"Excuse Me Officer, That Thing Gotta HEMI®?"

Dodge to Unleash HEMI Power in Police Car Market

Auburn Hills, Mich., Jun 24, 2004 -Unlawful drivers will soon face a Dodge Magnum grille in their rear view mirror, along with a HEMI® under the hood. Dodge is upping the ante in the law enforcement market with a new rear-wheel-drive Dodge Magnum police car powered by the legendary HEMI V-8 engine.

With police requirements squarely on their radar, Dodge engineers integrated specific law enforcement vehicle features and functionality into the original design of the Dodge Magnum, minimizing the need for numerous aftermarket retrofits.

"Dodge Magnum is bold, powerful and capable," said Darryl Jackson, Vice President, Dodge Marketing. "Dodge Magnum offers affordable performance to those who patrol and protect our communities."

Electronic Stability Program (ESP), All-speed Traction Control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with emergency brake assist and improved tire design are standard equipment on the Dodge Magnum SXT for special service uses (as they are on all Magnum SXT models). Combined, these features provide balance and control for officers in a variety of surface and weather conditions. These same advanced technologies also are standard on the 2006 Dodge Magnum police package models.

"With rear-wheel drive and HEMI power at the pavement, the Dodge Magnum police unit will provide the optimum performance option," said Ray Fisher, Vice President - Fleet and Remarketing. "Dodge dominated the police car business throughout the 1960s, '70s and early '80s, and we're proud to continue our police car heritage with even more performance technology."

In addition to the enhanced performance and handling available with the Dodge Magnum, the spacious interior will provide officers a balance of cargo room and flexibility. With 27.2 cubic feet behind the rear seat (71.6 cubic feet with rear seats folded flat), the Dodge Magnum offers maximum functionality for law enforcement needs. The rear cargo area features an upper flat-load floor that expands the usable cargo area when the rear seats are folded forward. Additional storage is provided for smaller items below this load floor and in deep pockets on either side of the floor.

The Dodge Magnum's "extreme access" liftgate creates an unusually large cargo opening by allowing the gate to swing up rather than out from the vehicle. The 11.3 square foot opening swallows large items such as police emergency equipment, duffel bags, dog crates, traffic cones or barricades.

The 2005 Dodge Magnum SXT model will be available this fall to law enforcement agencies for special service use. For 2006, Dodge will introduce a police package, which will be offered on the Dodge Magnum model.

2005 Dodge Magnum SXT

The 2005 Dodge Magnum SXT features a 3.5-liter V-6 engine that provides high power and torque over the entire operating band for the perfect blend of performance and economy. Combined with standard advanced technologies,

flexible and functional cargo space and state-of-the-industry safety features, the Dodge Magnum SXT provides a bold, powerful and capable entry into the law enforcement Special Services car market.

Like all Dodge Magnum vehicles, the 2005 Dodge Magnum SXT for special service use will be manufactured at the Brampton Assembly Plant in Brampton, Ontario, Canada, and will be available to county, city and state police departments in the fall of 2004. Pricing will be announced at a later date.

2006 Dodge Magnum Police Package

The 2006 Dodge Magnum will be available with a police package in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The standard 3.5-liter High Output V-6 engine featured on the 2006 Dodge Magnum police package vehicle delivers 250 horsepower and 250 lb.-ft. of torque for great police performance.

A five-speed fully electronic transmission with steering column shifter, 18-inch V-rated tires and steel wheels, heavy-duty police brakes and linings and heavy-duty suspension will be included as standard equipment with the police package models.

For the ultimate in pursuit power, the Dodge Magnum police package also will offer an optional 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine with cylinder deactivation that produces 340 horsepower and 390 lb.-ft. of torque. Chrysler Group's Multiple Displacement System (MDS) seamlessly alternates between smooth, high fuel economy four-cylinder mode when less power is needed and V-8 mode when more power is in demand. Fuel efficiency is improved by up to 20 percent with cylinder deactivation, but not at the expense of performance.

The HEMI powertrain, mated to a fully electronic five-speed automatic transmission and high-performance suspension, will give officers in pursuit situations a balance of world-class performance, power and handling.

The 2006 Dodge Magnum police package will include the following specific package items: certified speedometer, column shifter, emergency rear door lock override, heavy-duty five-link suspension system, heavy-duty alternator, heavy-duty battery, heavy-duty brakes, inoperable rear door locks and rear windows, and special police electrical wiring. Optional equipment includes: daytime running lamps, dual spot lamp, police-type heavy-duty front seats with manual lumbar adjustment and full-size spare tire.

The 2006 Dodge Magnum police package will begin production in the fourth quarter of 2005. Pricing will be announced at that time.





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MSN Top Ten Cars

The most popular vehicles on MSN Autos, based on visits to the site's vehicle research pages.

"The Chrysler 300 is the all-new full-size sedan from Chrysler that has created quite a buzz. The 300 features bold exterior styling, luxurious interior, a long list of standard equipment, and rear-wheel drive. The top trim level 300C draws its name from the Chrysler "letter series" cars of 50 years ago, and is powered by the legendary HEMI: a 340-horsepower 5.7-liter HEMI V8 with Multi Displacement System cylinder deactivation for improved fuel economy." This is the quote from the number 8 spot on the MSN top ten list. Also mentioned was that dealers are having a hard time keeping the 300 in stock. Hopefully its success will continue and not almost dry up like the PT cruiser.

Rear-Wheel-Drive Revival

Rear-wheel drive is making a comeback.
<http://autos.msn.com/>

Some two decades after American automakers began switching their cars from rear-wheel drive, where rear wheels propel the car forward, to front-wheel drive, where front wheels get the engine power and pull the vehicle along the pavement, automakers are bringing new rear-wheel-drive models to showrooms.

Pontiac's new GTO is rear-wheel drive. So are the 2005 Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum cars and the planned Dodge sedan for next year. Even Cadillac's replacement for the Seville, the STS, has rear-wheel drive for the 2005 model year, and the upcoming Pontiac Solstice roadster has been displayed as a concept car using a rear-drive platform. Additionally, a premium Buick sedan planned for 2006 is reportedly rear drive as well, according to industry journal *Automotive News*.

"Rear-wheel drive offers the best vehicle balance and handling, and a performance-car experience without any compromises in performance or luxury," said Eric Ridenour, executive vice president of product development at DaimlerChrysler's Chrysler Group.

Added Chris Hopson, data analyst at Global Insight Inc.: "Rear-wheel drive equals power, rear-wheel drive equals handling stability . . . automakers are going after performance again."

But it remains to be seen how consumers will take to the new models when, for decades, automotive marketing has sought to convince them that front-wheel drive provides the best driving capability in slippery conditions.

At the spring 2004 launch of the 300 and Magnum, DaimlerChrysler officials were undertaking a "very involved and thorough effort at dealerships to explain to the customer why they want rear-wheel drive," said Alan Baum, auto analyst at The Planning Edge in Farmington Hills, Mich. In the mainstream market that the new DaimlerChrysler vehicles compete, "automakers have for years said that front-wheel drive is the best thing," Baum said. "Now, they're saying there are times when rear-wheel drive is good."

New Technology Helps

Chrysler officials, whose sole rear-drive cars in recent years have been the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler, said they aren't particularly worried.

Technology has advanced to the point that there are several electronic systems that can help manage wheel spin and slip during driving, as well as wheel lockup during braking in rear-wheel-drive models.

For example, the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum include a combined anti-lock brake system (ABS) and all-speed traction control on models with the up-level 3.5-liter V6 and 5.7-liter HEMI V8.

ABS allows a driver to continue to have steering capability during braking because the system works to reduce wheel lockup. Traction control helps a driver get started from a stop on slippery surfaces by managing the power delivery to the wheels. In "winter mode," the traction control on the 300 and Magnum selects lower transmission speeds for upshifting to help the vehicle maintain control.

Also standard on the 300 and Magnum cars with the larger engines is Electronic Stability Program (ESP). This electronically operated system provides directional stability in turns, even when the pavement is covered by patchy ice and gravel. ESP works by comparing the steering angle, where the driver is pointing the car, to the direction the car is taking and, when necessary, can use selective braking and throttle inputs to put the car onto the driver's intended path. One caveat, however, is that none of these systems can overcome the rules of physics. In other words, if someone drives the car to a situation where the ESP or the traction control can't compensate, the vehicle systems won't be able to stop a skid or loss of control.

How NOT to complete a muscle car project to a few easy steps:

- 1) While experience is not a true excuse, lack of proper tools can be.
- 2) No spare cash for those hard to find expensive parts.
- 3) Occupy your time with TV and video games.
- 4) Buy a running car to help keep you focused, which will break and you will spend time and money fixing it.
- 5) Have your wife buy a car and refer to #4.
- 6) Own a GMC product. (Sorry Ron)
- 7) Decide you want a classic hot rod verses the muscle car you own.
- 8) Have your wife get pregnant.
- 9) Sell each project car unfinished and at a loss.
- 10) Go over the top with your planning. Does the car need a nice paint job or a show quality \$15K job?
- 11) Move to a different city or state, but leave your project with a family member.
- 12) Break both of your hands
- 13) Make every piece fit with a sledge hammer.
- 14) Don't read any how-to articles or instructions
- 15) Put the project on blocks and plan to restore it "some day" after it has rusted some more.

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

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Chris Ryon 512-699-0629 07/03

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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 with good vinyl, needs new backing) \$50 pair
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65 blue Barracuda fold down rear seat(needs recovering) \$65
Tuff Wheel horn button. A few small cracks. \$10
1985 Dodge Diplomat patrol car. No motor. Make offer.
Contact Dustin Cloud at hell_fish_65@hotmail.com
1/03

-97 Ram SST 5.9 engine, The parts on the 5.9 engine are RT heads P5007141, Intake Valve Stainless P5249878, Exhaust Valve stainless P5249876, Valve Springs .520 lift P 5249464, Retainer P4452032, , Roller Rockers 1.7 P5007404, Valve Covers-Black P5249343, Intake manifold 2bb Single plane P5007398, RT Cam P5249549, Headers P5249963. The Comp Cam is a custom and is new never installed. The engine made 220 rear wheel HP and 260 ft lbs. torque. would like to go as a package. The engine is complete with water pump, damper and flexplate.

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10/02

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