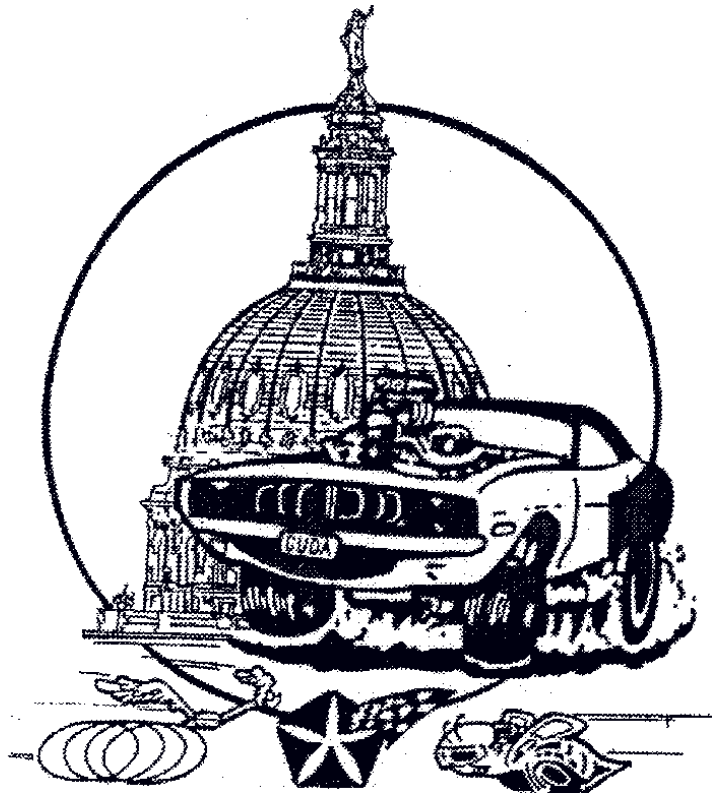


# MOPAR MUSCLE CARS OF AUSTIN

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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. This Month (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>) at the Owens N. I-35.

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**

Ever hear the term “you get out of it, what you put into it”? Well, it is true, especially with a club environment. Attending meeting and hanging out is a good start, but there is so much more! Everyone in our club has a skill of some type. Be it engine, bodywork, upholstery, writing, or just talking to people, we all have something to share. Enlist your talents to the club. If writing is your thing, submit an article to the newsletter. If your talents are more in line of automotive, offer to help other members. Maybe your good at sales, pitch the club to some local businesses to become sponsors. If your talking to a Mopar guy or gal at a show, tell them about the club and ask them to attend a meeting. Give a little back to the club. Every little bit you put into it makes it that much better.

## **New this Month**

The news for this month is our **MMCA Christmas Party!** Everyone and their family is invited, and it will be at the **Springhill Restaurant in Pflugerville, at 6:30 PM Friday Dec 7th.** Remember to bring a wrapped present for the “White Elephant” gift exchange. Special thanks to Dave Disckind for making the arrangements for this years party.

Also in this month newsletter, I have added two new sections. One is “the poor mans mechanic” which is cheap ways to upgrade or repair your vehicle. The other is a “help wanted/given” in the ad section. This section is to ask or offer help to our members. I hope this section will see some action.

## **In the last Month**

Last months meeting went smoothly. Owens was able to accommodate our large group even with the “American Idol” tryouts going on a few doors down.

Steve reported that the Rudy’s show did end up happening in the rain and cold.

I would like to welcome our two newest members... John Hoedeman and Aria Schienfelt. Both are B-body fans. Be sure to check out Arias website at <http://www.jwamopar.com/>

We are going to try to go out to the cruise spots as a club once a month. The first one was on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The showing was kind of small, but nice and the bar-b-que was great. We will alternate locations from month to month. If your not familiar with these or were unaware of them, the two locations are, Gatti land parking lot in Round Rock (North west corner of I-35 and 79) and the Albertson’s parking lot on 71 at the “Y” in Oak Hill.

## **Random Stuff**

Here is a neat site I stumbled upon. <http://www.rpmir.com/> This is soon to be Austin's first indoor race cart track. From what I have heard, there will be at least 2 courses to choose from. The carts are electric but offer all the thrills of a gas cart, but without the fumes.

## **Dues Blues**

Merry Christmas to all... No Dues Blues posted this month.

**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](mailto:mopar_muscle-subscribe@topica.com)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 2002

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 MMCA Meeting	4	5	6	7 MMCA X-mas party
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28
29 Rods and Classics Swap meet.	30	31				

11/28 – 12/01 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary AutoRama Collector Car Auction

At the Astro Arena, terrific car selection, 400 vehicles, consignments starting at \$125, great buys, 60% sale in 2001, low 4% buyer's premium, info: Daisy & Frank Barham, 281-496-1690, Houston, TX.

12/7 MMCA Christmas party.

Springhill Restaurant in Pflugerville, at 6:30 PM. See flyer for map.

12/29 Rods & Classics Auto Swap Meet, Pig Stand, 1508 Broadway, San Antonio, 7am-4pm. Truckload \$10. Trailers \$15 per space. ALL CLUBS WELCOME. For more information call (210) 733-0091.

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 will tell you how to make your own valve cover stud kit.

Items you will need:

1 piece of Althread or 4- 6 long galvanized carriage bolts.

Make sure they are the right size and thread.

12 stainless washers

12 stainless standard or nylon lock nuts

Loc-Tite

1) Using a factory bolt measure how far it goes into the engine head, measure the thickness of your valve cover and gasket and add a   . The    is what the nut will thread onto, so to much is always better than no enough. Add your measurements together and mark off your Althread or carriage bolt and cut them to size.

2) Take your lengths of Althread, using a bandsaw, cut a slit in one end of each length. This cut will allow you to tighten down the stud with a flat bladed screwdriver.

3) Once you have cut a slit in each piece, take a grinder and carefully taper and debur the ends. Run each piece through a die to clean up and bent threads.

4) Now your studs are complete. Add a little Loc-Tite to the threads on the un-slotted end of the stud and install it into the head. Use a screwdriver to tighten down the stud.

5) Once the Loc-Tite has cured, install your gasket and valve cover and place a washer and nut on each stud. Be sure not to over torque your nuts. You don t want to warp your valve covers. Good Luck, Dustin.

The SRT-10 has a sticker price of \$80,795, including destination. Dealers buy the car from the Chrysler group for at least \$7,000 less.

"They prostituted the whole distribution system with this deal," said Ken Zangara, chairman of the Dodge dealer advisory council and owner of Zangara Dodge in Albuquerque, N.M. "This program circumvents the dealership, although I suppose they claim it's legal because we're going to do the vehicle delivery."

Jim Arrigo, whose Arrigo Dodge in West Palm Beach, Fla., sold about 16 Vipers a month when the previous model was hot, says he has decided not to sell the 2003 model at all.

"I don't want to be in the position of saying to a customer, 'No, I won't sell you a Viper at that price,' " Arrigo said. "This program isn't fair to us dealers. It's not fair making me get into a bidding war with the dealer down the street." Some dealers charge that the certificates also are being traded in an unauthorized secondary market on the Web.

"The people with the vouchers (certificates) see this as a chance to make a profit. They want to make my profit, and Chrysler set this up," said Tom Moser, owner of Moser Dodge in Cincinnati, which sells two Vipers a year.

Dan Fitzgerald, owner of Fitzgerald Dodge in Laconia, N.H., says he has seen the vouchers sold on eBay for up to \$10,000.

"And that's just the right to buy a Viper, not a vehicle. No one has been delivered a Viper yet," said Fitzgerald, who has sold some 1,300 units since the car's 1992 launch.

### Viper dealers bitten: Dodge pre-sells all '03s, and retailers bemoan lost profits

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

In a marketing goof that Dodge dealers say has robbed them of thousands of dollars in potential profits, the Chrysler group has pre-sold all 1,500 '03 Vipers by giving existing owners the exclusive rights to buy one.

The pre-sale late last year offered about 10,000 Viper owners a certificate guaranteeing them the right to purchase the 2003 model, the more powerful SRT-10 convertible. The 1,500 certificates were gobbled up within two weeks.

The action has hammered down transaction prices for the redesigned Viper by creating a closed, buyer's market for the supercar. Because buyers know that dealers can't sell to anyone not holding an official certificate, many are demanding prices barely over dealer invoice for a car that typically would generate at least a \$7,000 profit.

### Chrysler Historical Timeline

1875 Walter P. Chrysler is born in Wamego, Kansas on April 20.

1908 Walter Chrysler buys his first car, the Locomobile Phaeton, without knowing how to drive.

1920 Walter Chrysler retires from General Motors at age 45.

1920 Willys-Overland Co. woos Chrysler out of retirement within months to become executive vice president of the company.

1920 Maxwell Motor Car Co. Inc. persuades Walter Chrysler to become chairman of its Reorganization and Management Committee to revitalize the struggling company.

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

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### Chrysler showboats design talent

The Oakland Press  
October 23, 2002



DaimlerChrysler is showing off a trio of concept vehicles to put a spotlight on new technology during Convergence 2002 in Detroit this week.

Two of the vehicles, the Jeep Grand Cherokee Concierge and the 300M-IT edition, look like they came right out of a Chrysler-Jeep showroom but are equipped with new uses of technology that sets them apart from other vehicle on the road.

"Experience has shown us that our customers can't really evaluate a new technology until they experience it personally," said Bernard Robertson, senior vice president-engineering technology and regulatory affairs at the Chrysler Group. "That's why we build concept vehicles, such as the Concierge and the 300M-IT edition - so people can experience these new technologies first-hand."

The Grand Cherokee Concierge, for example, comes with several different technologies designed and engineered to increase "customer comfort, convenience and security," representatives from the Chrysler Group said.

The technology includes a voice-controlled key fob; a rearview mirror that doubles as a video screen when the vehicle is backing up and a center-high-mounted stoplight that can double as a message center to alert drivers to the rear if they creep too close.

Among the other features are a lane departure system that goes off if the vehicle comes too close to the other lane without using the turn indicator, and radar to help guide the

vehicle into a parking spot. There's also a radar that trips a warning if there is another vehicle in the driver's blind spots. It also comes with a heart defibrillator that will automatically call for medical assistance once it is removed from the vehicle.

The Concierge also comes with a capless fuel-filler valve that locks tight automatically and eliminates the need for a screw-in filler cap.

The 300M-IT edition, which was designed with help from the Media Labs at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) comes with multiple cameras to track the driver's eye, and will trip an alarm if the driver starts to fall asleep or is impaired. There are also ultrasonic sensors to indicate whether seats are occupied as well as a carbon monoxide sensor.

"We are looking for good ideas and interesting new technologies where we might find them," said Thomas Moore, vice president and head of DaimlerChrysler's advanced technology group in Rochester Hills.

"The DaimlerChrysler vehicles demonstrate the kinds of new technologies that are only made possible by computers," Robertson added. "Computing power continues to expand rapidly."

DaimlerChrysler also is showing off the futuristic-looking F400, which was developed by the Mercedes-Benz Group to demonstrate new stability controls that are just beginning to emerge from the lab.

The F400 is equipped with active camber control that changes the angle of the wheel in a turn and electronic controls that replace the standard mechanical control systems for steering and braking that have been found on cars for decades.

When the brake pedal is depressed, a computer electronically adjusts brake pressure for each wheel.





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## **MMCA Christmas Bash 2002**

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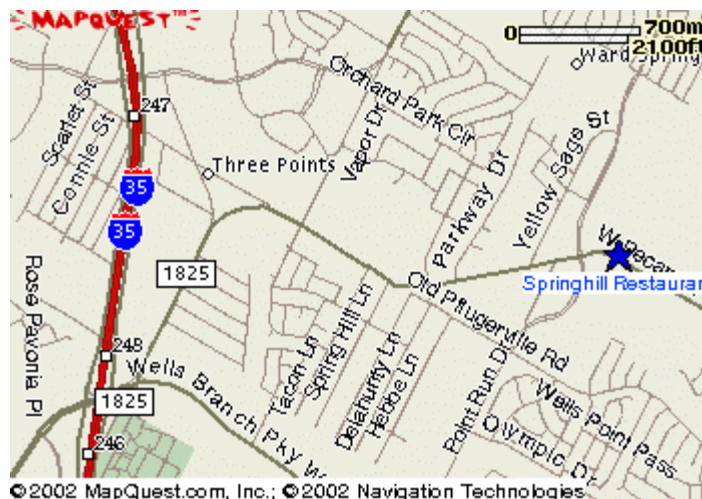
This years party will be at Springhill restaurant in Pflugerville. Start time is 6:30pm.

We will be having our annual “White Elephant” gift exchange. If you would like to join in please bring one wrapped gift for everyone in your family that would like to participate. Gifts can be anything you want them to be, but please keep in clean and under \$20 dollars.



### Driving Directions:

Take I-35 towards Pflugerville. Exit onto FM 1825 and head East. FM 1825 will become W. Pecan St. Springhill restaurant will be on your right hand side.



# 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).  
12/98

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**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](http://www.mopar.org) and click on "SHOP".  
10/02

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1985 Dodge Diplomat patrol car. No motor or transmission. Make offer.

**Contact Dustin Cloud at hell\_fish\_65@hotmail.com**  
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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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## 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 must have a push button automatic.

**03/01**  
**Call Dustin Cloud @ (512)836-9490**

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Looking for aluminum 360 intake manifold. Performer RPM preferred. Will trade Edelbrock 318 Performer. Also need a windage tray for a 318/340.

**11/02**  
**Contact Dustin Cloud at hell\_fish\_65@hotmail.com**

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Wanted: Hurst Competition 4 Shifter for E-body  
**Call Bryan Hall (512)-371-0389**

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Want to buy junk Mopars in Austin area  
**call Wendell at 512 376 6600 after 6 PM**  
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(1964 Plymouth Valiant  
**EMAIL bug123@ev1.net**  
(4/02)

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## Help Wanted/Given

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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**  
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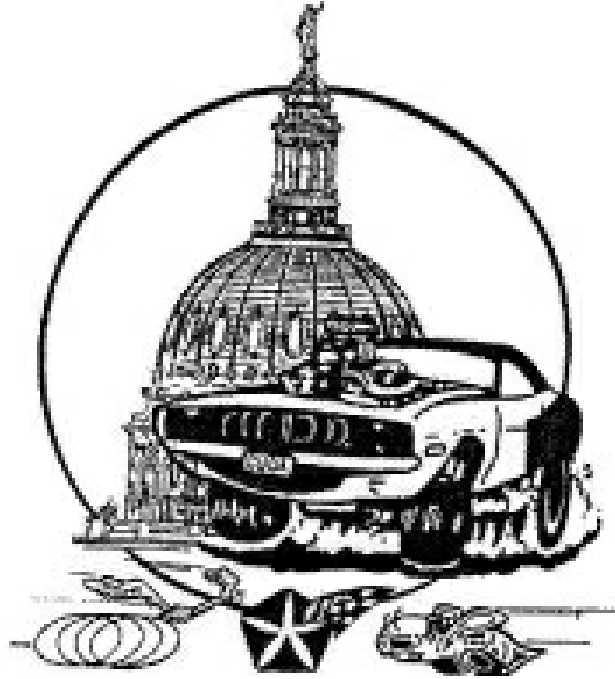
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