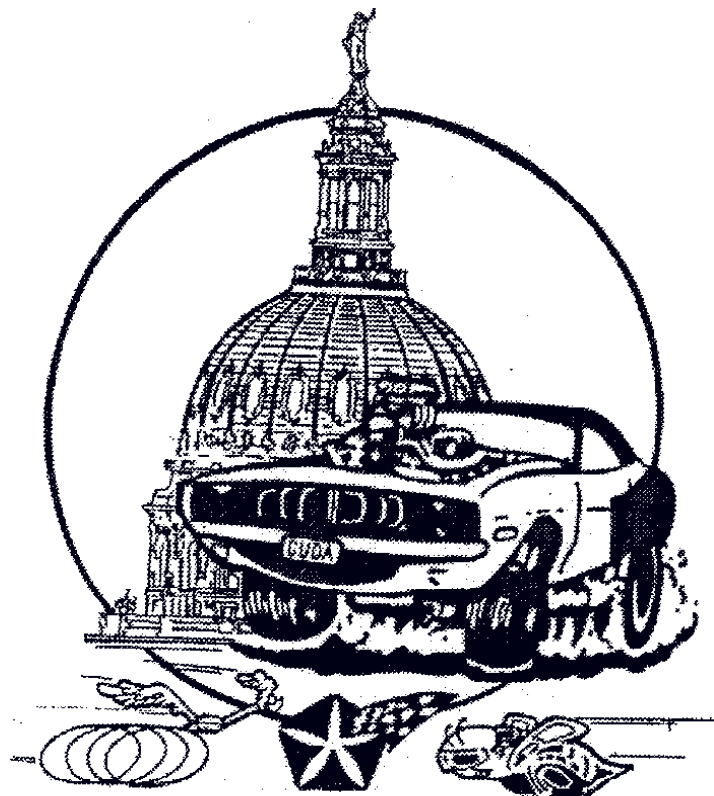


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Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin is a non-profit organization formed September 1986. The MMCA is "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and promotion of Chrysler built products." Monthly club meetings are currently being held the first Tuesday of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

As I'm sure you have noticed. Novembers issue was never published. The reason for this is a lack of time on my part and lack of another club member to take up the reins. If you would be interested in continuing the newsletter, please let one of the officers know. It is a fun role to fill, you get first bids on items in the "for sale" section, and your membership is free while you're in office. Please consider the role, especially any members that have not held an office position before.

## Dues Blues

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

Kenneth Ramoin	Ron Chinn
Amanda Presley	Joe Matush
Tim Josserand	Bryan Hall
Mike Jones	Dave Wolgast
Joe Hoppe	Ron Peroni
Robert Moseley	Larry Robinson

(This list is about 2 months old. Sorry)

## This Month

**MMCA Christmas party.** This will be at Spring Hill restaurant in Round Rock at 7pm. We will have a white elephant gift exchange as well this year. The gift cap is \$15. Gag gifts are more than welcome. Please bring your wrapped gift with you to the party. A map and directions are at: <http://austin.citysearch.com/profile/10195813>



## Last Month

Chris Ryon took up the position of Club President.

**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 2003

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

- ❖ Dec 6– MMCA Christmas Party at Springhill restaurant in Round Rock at 7:00pm.
- ❖ Dec 5-7 – 44th Annual O' Reilly Autoparts Autorama Auction, Swapmeet, and Car Show, Reliant Center, 8400 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX, 77054. For more info, go to: <http://www.autorama.com/casi/houston.htm>
- ❖ Every Saturday Night:
  - RPM Raceway parking lot. Take the Business 35 exit off I-35 N.
  - Albertsons parking lot at the Y in Oak Hill (junction of 290 W and 71 W).

### An Import Christmas Carol

"Twas the night before Christmas and caught at the light,  
 was a domestic V10 and no cops in sight,  
 I will try, I will try, I will try with this small motor,  
 To beat this damn Dodge, even with it's stock motor,  
 As the light goes green and I pull like no joke,  
 The Viper erupts in clouds of tire smoke

Now Smasher, now Rev-ver, now Stroker, now Blitzin,  
 These are the names of my four VTEC pistons,  
 Racing ahead I'm the Star of the action,  
 But I know I'm in trouble when that V10 gets traction,  
 Grabbing second, I hear the RPM sing,  
 My mirror is blocked by my Shopping Kart Wing,  
 I now hear the roar, of that big monster gaining,  
 All I can do is keep that four-banger straining,  
 In a second, the shockwave hits with a blast,  
 And my stickers go flying now, a thing of the past,  
 Don't bother with third, cause now it's too late,  
 Just try to act cool, like you can relate,  
 Looking up at the taillights as they get smaller,

The driver backs off just to give me a holler,  
 "You can't win them all," he says in fling,  
 "You may not win any in that silly thing"  
 I smiled and revved as he pulled out of sight,  
 With my new mods tomorrow...it will be a better night."





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## **Poor Mans Mechanic**

When painting chrome people have the problem of the paint and usually primer peeling off. Well, here's a tip, use PVC PURPLE PRIMER as your base coat on the chrome surface (use acetone to clean surface first), then prime ,and finally your paint. This has proven to be a way to cover chrome without removing it and with out the peeling of your paint. PVC purple primer works well on most surfaces. Just thought I'd pass along this tip to you "Do it yourselfers".

Good Luck,  
Dustin C.

## **Member Profile:**

### **Mike Moseley, 1968 Barracuda Coupe 440**

My parents first "new" car was a '67 Coronet 500 to replace their '58 Dodge when my dad returned from his tour in Thailand with the air force. I am a '68 model. My parents have also owned a Dodge van, a 5th Avenue, a turbo Daytona, a Dakota, an Intrepid and a 3/4 ton Ram w/ a turbo diesel. My grandparents owned some various 50's models, a '64 Barracuda commando, a '65 Barracuda, '68 383 Charger and a few others I remember.

In '86 I was working a Summer job after graduating from high school and had saved a reasonable amount to purchase a used car. I went to see a '67 GTO w/ 389 3x2, 4spd, 4:10 car w/ factory ladder bars and a extremely clean high gloss black paint job. I went to the bank to fetch \$1500 and came back to an empty parking space - sold. I went and looked at a '70 range w/ black vinyl top Monte Carlo with a 454 for \$800 - next day it was gone. Then, on the way home from work one day I saw a baby blue '72 Satellite Sebring Plus with a 318 for \$600. The next day I drove it to work.

After returning from my reserve training as a light wheel vehicle mechanic in early '88 I took a job at MSD and started hanging out with all the local street racers in El Paso. I then decided to make my car fast. First was the intake, 4bbl carb, headers and, of course, chrome valve covers. I started going to vocational school and working on my associates in automotive technology. The old 318 was nearly dead so I needed an engine to put in the car to get to school for the first day of class. So, the Saturday before school started, I visited a friend in the valley who knew someone who had run over a downed telephone pole and ruined the suspension in his station wagon. Of course this station wagon just happened to have the VIN code that designated a 383 magnum! I took the engine and trans for \$100 bucks, dropped it in my Satellite along with my Holley off my 318, a new set of \$89 headers, plugs, points, cap, rotor, wires... done on Sunday and off to school on Monday. The instructor asked if anyone had a car we could look at, I volunteered, and he made the mistake of asking why the engine paint looked so fresh. "I put this engine in yesterday". I also instantly had the fastest car at school, which, considering the number of Camaros and Mustangs in the parking lot didn't exactly make me the most popular guy (in school).

Then, between Spring '88 and Summer '91 I went on something of a hunt / buying spree. It was easy to do, no one wanted these cars and they were still relatively plentiful. I bought a '68 440, 4spd, 4.10 Dana, Charger R/T (rust bucket-project car), a '78 police car (parts for the Satellite), '74 Duster (with 413, fenderwell headers, 4500 stall), a '70 Coronet (it received 383 from the Satellite and a 4 speed), a '69 Road Runner, a '58 Suburban (parts hauler), and a few other cars that were purchased, fixed, and turned for some quick cash. Somewhere along the way I purchased a '68 Barracuda Coupe for \$350 and a '68 Barracuda Convertible for \$1500, I then sold or parted out the rest. The Coronet had grown in power over the years and had garnered some hesitation from other racers because everyone thought I was running "the bottle". I wasn't. A 383 with a 557 purple cam, ported heads, 18 spline 4 speed, and 4.88 gears in a '70 Coronet is dangerous enough without any more help

The '68 fish was at least 600 lbs lighter than the Coronet. So, the coupe inherited a certain 383, a 4500 stall, and a stray set of 4:10 gears. One trip down to the local track netted one traction limited pass (11.80 sec 1/4 mile) and an invitation to return when I had a cage, a driveshaft safety loop, etc.

In the Summer 1994 I returned to El Paso, sold the convertible, sold the tired old 383 and placed a bone stock 440 in the Barracuda one Saturday evening. Sunday night we drove back to Austin and broke in the 440 on I-10. In 2001 the camshaft exited the rear of the 440. The next Spring I built the 440 I've always wanted, but couldn't afford, and slid it into the fish.

December 26, 2002 my son Alec and daughter Eva where born. The Barracuda has been resting quietly in the garage since last November. I am currently working at UT teaching dynamic systems lab and working on my Master's in Mechanical Engineering.



# 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

### 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, it's got it all. Go to [www.mopar.org](http://www.mopar.org) and click on "SHOP".

**1966 Dodge Coronet 500**, 383 4bbl, 400 not running yet, 727, 8 3/4, headers and duels, auto on the floor, Red/White. It's a straight, solid, west Texas car, doors and glass all operate smooth and tight, it has a small rust spot (baseball size) on the pass rear 1/4, Complete new white/black interior, all chrome and stainless trim intact, 70's American Racing rims (BBS like, honeycomb), new tires. Very complete car. Comes with a low mile '65 HP 383. Currently being restored, \$3500 OBO or trade for what I really want, a 67-72 Dart with a V8 and hopefully a manual trans. email me at [chris.ryon@parsons.com](mailto:chris.ryon@parsons.com) for photos.

**Chris Ryon 512-699-0629** 07/03

'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](mailto: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

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

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

-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

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**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

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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.

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

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)

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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**  
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

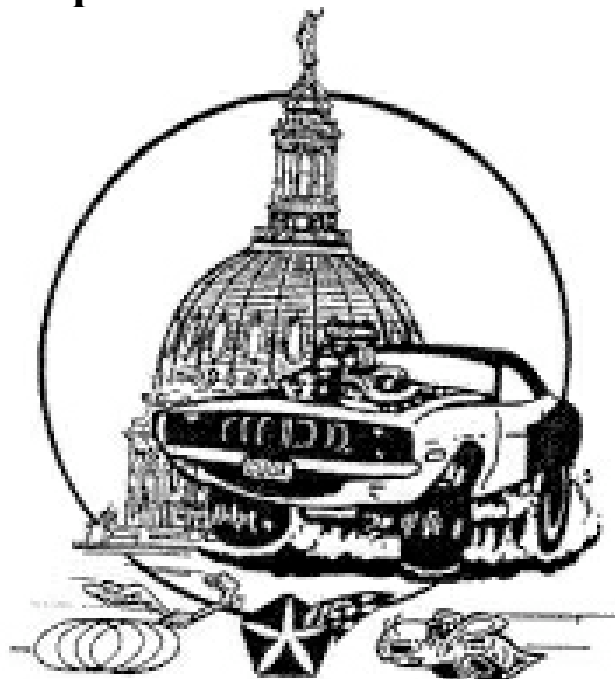
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