



Mopar Muscle Cars of Austin

Random Thoughts & Club Happenings

Another wild month here in my world, how about you? Luckily for me, Harry Amon submitted the following not about his search for a part and his discovery of a new and cooperative supplier for MP parts! Enjoy....

MP Parts Supplier

by Harry Amon

Over the Christmas holidays I got energetic and decided to look for the bell housing dust shield I need for my Valiant project car. Louis Jahn of Heart of Texas Dodge was kind enough to provide me with the part number for the bell housing dust shield. I looked the part number up on www.partsvoice.com, which showed it to be available at two locations. One of the locations was Ron Olsen Dodge in Omaha Nebraska, and since they had a toll free number I decided to give them a try.

I called and got in touch with John Cambridge, who confirmed that he had the part I was calling about. In our conversation he asked me if I was interested in any Mopar Performance parts

because he sells them at very good prices. I told him I was indeed interested and that I would email him a list of parts for a price quote. I had already received price quotes from three of the places that advertise in the Mopar magazines on these parts. Their quotes ranged from \$175 to \$205. John sent me a quote of \$161. He detailed out what he had in stock, what he had to get from the regional warehouse and what was on backorder.

Based on his prices I ordered the parts from him, in fact I ordered some additional items that wasn't on my list. The shipping was very reasonable too. The eleven items I ordered came in a 27 inch long, 15 inch high, 12 inch wide box weighing about 20 pounds and the shipping was only \$4.50. If your interested in buying Mopar Performance parts I suggest you give John a call at 1 (800) 397-8401 and let him give you a price quote.

Steve Lacker

Feature Article

FREEZE YOUR BUNS RUN 2000

By Dave Wolgast

Ok, first of all, we need to seriously consider changing the name of this event. Although a few flannel shirts showed up at the early morning meeting spot, they were soon discarded as another beautiful January day in central Texas unfolded. Well anyway, eight of us brave souls showed up to take on mother nature and a couple of Mopar boneyards. Unfortunately one of us had to bow out due to brand X car problems, (sorry about that Ron).

I had the pleasure of driving up in my new Dodge Ram and was greeted by fellow Ram drivers Jerry and Terry. The twins, Steve Lacker and his Dad, Dave Lacker rounded out the days crew. So off we went in Red, White & Blue Ram pickups and Steve's Dad's Dakota. It was quite a patriotic scene cruising down I35 towards John's salvage in Seguin. Maybe we need to think about another name change why we're at it. Mopar Muscle CARS of Austin seem to be outnumbered by trucks these days. However, by days end they proved their worth as parts haulers, anyone for MMTA?

Did I mention that Steve's regular ride was absent for this event? Unfortunately the worst had happened a few days earlier and Steve was now on the hunt for a new front clip for his '69 R/T conv. The good news is that Steve did very well in Seguin, picking up two fenders as well as most of the grill pieces. More good luck later in Niederwald where he found a nice front bumper. As for the toughest part (per my experience), Steve would be grateful if anyone could direct him to a '68/'69 power bulge hood. (Editor's note: I was referred a yard called "Mopar City" in Indiana or Illinois or one of those other midwestern states after hunting around the Web for a couple of days. They have a pair of hoods... now can anyone find me a *reasonably priced* hood? Oh well, insurance is paying....)

I can't recall what else was found in Seguin, since Steve had the biggest pile. I myself grabbed a window regulator and radiator for the Fury. Hopefully this will keep the old gunboat going for a while longer. I guess I'll keep her around a while, since she bailed me out last summer when the Stealth went AWOL. The good news is that I was able to get a good trade in value on the Stealth for the Ram, the bad news is that it also depleted my SuperBee resto fund. Oh well, it's gonna be MMTA anyway, right?

Ok, on to A-Z Auto Crushers in Niederwald, (don't worry, he only crushes brand X cars). After checking out some new additions as well as the old vehicles at Wendell's yard, we gathered around a couple of '66/'67 Plymouth B-bodies. Terry brought a new toy with him, and he was

dying to try out his cut off saw on a rear quarter. Actually, he found a couple of nice wheel wells to refurbish his GTX. We all pitched in to help Terry cut off the sheet metal. After a couple of broken blades and bloody knuckles, Terry had the pieces he sought. Now the real work begins.

Dave Wolgast

FREEZE YOUR BUNS 2000 EPILOGUE

By Steve Lacker

The only thing I have to add to Dave's tale is a story about John's Salvage in Seguin. I've been going down there, literally, since I was a little kid. Back then, the old building where miscellaneous grilles, steering columns, and other bits-and-pieces was the "office" (hard to call it that, since even then it was open to the winter air). Most times I've been there, John himself has been around, and every single time I've asked for help, he's provided it. In spades.

This time, I couldn't find a single '68/ '69 Coronet that was a worthy donor of *anything*, despite two walks thru the yard. On coming back to the front, I spotted John and got in line to ask him about it, and he immediately steered me to a complete '69 Coronet in the "complete cars" area. He explained that it was really a parts car that hadn't been moved yet. After looking at it, I found that there was way too much bondo in the front end. So I went back and talked to John again, and he showed me a rack of fenders inside his main building. BINGO! Found the pass-side fender and in great shape. Then he said, "Oh, I know where there's a 69. Its yellow-I think- lets get in my truck and I'll show it to you."

Well, John drove me around the yard for 45 minutes looking for that car, and NEVER found it ("they must have moved it to get to another car, I used to know where everything was..."). But we did spot a passenger-side fender in a non-descript pile down back! Score 2- and I would have missed it completely. It also saved me the effort of pulling fenders, since both were already "racked and stacked". We also crossed paths with the rest of the MMCA gang a few times, and John made prices and gave directions. We chatted about the history of the 'yard, how hard the EPA was starting to make things, and how he's had to start signing visitors into the yard due to vandalism (he showed me 3 smashed windshields as proof).

Finally, just as we were headed back up front, he said, "Hey, whats that?" It turned out to be a '69 Coronet wagon WELL hidden in a back row, and within minutes it had donated me its hood latch crossmember, grille, and vertical brace in front of the radiator. Basically, I got everything I needed (less the bumper and hood) thanks to John's willingness to lend a hand. I call that good customer service, and would recommend John's Salvage to *anyone* looking for parts. The prices are middle-of-the road to high, but you sometimes get what you pay for! Just don't break things when you get your parts (I know none of you would anyway), or we'll lose the right to walk into of the best "walk-in" yards left in Central Texas

Steve Lacker

Local Activities

Planning meetings for Kars for Kids began in October, and the show is scheduled for May 6th 2000. Kit Neal has been representing our club at the planning meetings. At the last meeting, the group selected this year's charity organization. It is the Royal Family Kids Camp, a camp where abused, neglected and abandoned children with special needs can go to acquire life changing memories. Call Denise or Sherri at 462-0393 for info.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 19-20 Conroe, TX 5th annual Winter Conroe Swap Meet at Montgomery county fairgrounds. Call Steven Dykes for info on meeting/driving together.

Feb 25-27 Decatur, TX 25th Decatur Swap Meet at Sheriff's Posse Grounds.

March 25 Bastrop, TX Joint club cruise and picnic with the San Antonio and Houston Mopar clubs. Bring your own food and drink. We'll meet at the Callahan's on highway 183 (near the new airport) in time to leave by 9:45 AM. We'll meet the other clubs at either the Wal Mart or HEB in Bastrop at approximately 10:30, and caravan to the park. For final details and info, call Steven Dykes

May 6 2000 Austin Texas Kars for Kids at the Sonic Drive-In at 134 E. Riverside.

Wanted

(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) 832-5270 12/98**

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).

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**Engines for sale:**

1964 361 engine, complete, needs rebuild

1968 318 engine, complete, needs rebuild

1973 318 shortblock, needs rebuild

**Call Terry Siegmund (512)451-1454 (2/00)**

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Unique Plymouth for sale by original owner:

Triple-black 1968 Plymouth Fury VIP 2-door, special-ordered with:

440 Super Commando engine

4-Speed manual transmission

Factory A/C

Factory installed "Auto Pilot" cruise control

Sure-Grip rear axle

Power disk brakes

6-way power driver's seat with headrest

4-way passenger's seat

power windows

tilt/telescoping steering wheel

Factory AM/FM

Unusual factory option combination was arranged with Chrysler factory representatives by Austin Chrysler/Plymouth dealer Jay Smith in 1968 for the original buyer, who is now selling the car. Car was garaged most of its life and has original paint, original vinyl top, and original vinyl/cloth interior- all in good condition (never wrecked, no tears in vinyl or fabric).

Approximately 70,000 original miles. All trim intact. Car runs and drives, needs new fuel tank (running with a temporary auxiliary tank). **Serious buyers please call Jack at (512)**

452-7165 to arrange to view car. (1/00)

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**For Sale:**

Upper Control arms, spindles, caliper adapters from '75 A-body direct replacement for 73-76 A-body - upgrade to larger ball joint and disk brake for 67-72 A-body. Includes new (less than 3000 miles) 10.5" rotors, studs, brake pads, bearings and seals. Also includes professionally rebuilt calipers w/ new seals and steel pistons. Asking \$250 for all. **Call Mike Mosley at 671-6490 evenings or leave message.**

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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 gauge w/ wiring, E-body, \$100
(2) 72-74 Challenger taillight assy., \$75 / pr
(3) Challenger doors w/ glass, \$100 each
(2) Standard gauge 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

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-1970 383 HP engine- \$300  
-18-spline 4-speed trans- \$400  
-23-spline 4-speed (close ratio), apart- \$200  
-Aluminum bellhousing- \$150  
-Big block heads, 2 each 906, 915, 452, 346 castings  
-Exhaust Manifolds for 70 E-body 383  
-MP parts, never used, call for prices (want to recover investment- less than what MP charges

now!): 509 cam, adjustable pushrods for 440, roller timing chain, MP distributor for 440, 933 valve springs.

-New Hayes street/strip clutch and pressure plate (BB/4-speed/coarse spline)

-New Year One 6-pack air cleaner base

Call **Isaac Jackson (512) 282-6261**

7/99

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1972 Plymouth Satellite. 360 CID 2-bbl, auto, complete, great interior, excellent chrome, road wheels, dual exhaust **Enrique Guerra, 512-388-7942**

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**Parting out 400 mopars, 1953 to 1976, southeast of Austin. Open Saturday and Sunday or call (512) 376-5321 (after 7 PM) and ask for Wendell. Web: <http://www.drmpar.com>**

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